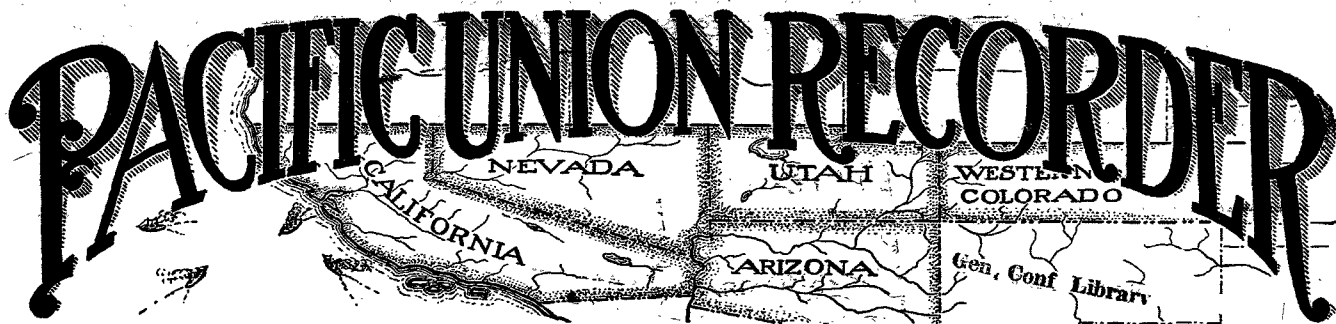


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## Religious Liberty Day, Feb. 23

Christ is the light of the world. John 1:1-9. The church is appointed to reflect His light to the world. "Ye are the light of the world." Matt. 5:14. The great commission to the church from her Lord is, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

Just before the end of probation, three angels are commissioned to take charge of giving the gospel light to the world, and bring out a people prepared to meet the Lord at His coming. Rev. 14:6-12. The message of the third angel is a warning against the "worship of the beast" or "receiving his mark," which the previous chapter points out as the observance of Sunday, the first day of the week, for the Sabbath, thereby following the commandment of men, while God calls them to keep His holy day, the seventh day, and so obey God.

God has given the light upon this matter to the Seventh-day Adventist people to give to the world. This message has been laid upon no other people. They have recognized the call to warn the world against receiving this "mark," and against making laws to

enforce it upon others, and in their organization have a department known as the Religious Liberty Department, for this very purpose. I quote the following from Testimony 33, page 241, 242: "We as a people, have not accomplished the work which God has committed to us. We are not ready for the issue which the enforcement of the Sunday law will bring us. It is our duty, as we see the signs of approaching peril, to arouse to action. Let none sit in calm expectation of the evil, comforting themselves with the belief that this work must go on because prophecy has foretold it, and that the Lord will shelter His people. We are not doing the will of God if we sit in quietude, doing nothing to preserve liberty of conscience."

Again I quote from Testimony 33, page 240: "When God has given us light showing the dangers before us, how can we stand clear in His sight if we neglect to put forth every effort in our power to bring it before the people? Can we be content to leave them to meet this momentous issue unwarned?"

Our journal, "Liberty," together with other literature on this subject, should be in every home in the land.

Let all who are interested in this matter remember that other departments of the work have the Sabbath contributions for 51 Sabbaths in the year, while the Liberty Department has only one Sabbath collection, the fourth Sabbath in February. Please remember the date, February 23, and contribute according to your ability, and love of liberty.

W. M. Healey.

"Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first-fruits of all thine increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." Prov. 3:9-10.

## Sending Literature to the Soldier Boys

Are we wasting our postage? The January issue of the United States Official Postal Guide has the following to say regarding magazines for soldiers and sailors:

"Magazines for soldiers and sailors should be **current** and **clean**. It has come to attention that many of the unwrapped, unaddressed magazines mailed by the public at the one-cent postage rate for soldiers and sailors are useless for the purpose intended, some being so old as no longer to be of any interest, some are torn and soiled and unfit for further use while others are of such character as to be wholly unsuited for reading matter for soldiers and sailors.

"Postmasters are requested to give this matter publicity and impress upon their patrons that the publications mailed under the arrangement referred to should consist of clean copies of current or comparatively recent issues of magazines devoted to literature or containing matter of general interest."

We are informed (by men who know) that large quantities of literature, secular and religious, sent in the manner indicated in the above statement, have been hauled to a convenient spot on the camp and burned, or disposed of in other ways. Our periodicals deserve better care and attention.

Is there a better way of getting our literature into the great cantonments of the country?—Yes. Urgent calls come for extra supplies of the "Signs of the Times," both weekly and magazine, and we are very glad to send them to the workers to help in their splendid service among the soldier boys. But our "Soldiers' Literature Fund" has frequent sinking

spells, and needs constant treatment and attention. We believe you would like to help. Send your "bit" through your conference treasurer. mention the 'Soldiers' Literature Fund," and give the name of the camp to which you desire literature to go, if you have a preference.

The February "Signs Magazine"—the Soldier Number—contains some gripping articles that our soldier boys need **just now**. At this writing orders for the February "Signs Magazine" are coming in from all sections of the country. We ought to place at least 25,000 copies in the hands of soldier lads in American camps before the month closes. What will you do to help accomplish it? As stated above, kindly send your donations to the "Signs Soldiers' Literature Fund" through your conference treasurer. Thank you.

Ernest Lloyd.

## FIELD TIDINGS

### INTER-MOUNTAIN

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### Items

The writer met with the Delta church Sabbath, February 2, speaking morning and evening, and also to the young people in the afternoon.

We are very sorry to hear that Elder W. M. Address is ill with smallpox. Let us remember our brother and his family at the throne of grace, that God may sustain them in this hour of trial.

We understand that new Sabbath-keepers are still coming in under the efforts of Elder C. L. Snodgrass, the number now being close to 40. Continue to remember, in prayer, our brethren on the firing line.

Word from Brethren F. S. Chollar and F. A. Lashier states that since presenting the Sabbath question, their attendance has fallen off quite perceptibly. However, a number are interested, and they expect several to take their stand for the truth.

A very welcome letter with a check

enclosed of \$683 title was received at our office a few days ago. May the spirit of honesty, uprightness, and loyalty to God so fill the lives of His children, that He will be recognized as the owner and giver of all earthly, as well as heavenly blessings.

H. E. Lysinger.

### Harvest Ingathering Drive on White River

Undaunted by being hindered several times from extending its Harvest Ingathering campaign work over the mountain divide and into the White River country, the Cache Creek church finally succeeded in launching a successful expedition.

December 30 Elbert Winn, Mrs. N. A. Johnson, Mrs. S. Robertson and the writer were taken by Frank Vance, in his Ford car, from Rulison to Meeker, a distance of fifty-four miles. The sisters were welcomed by Sisters Mary Johnson and Mrs. E. Arnold, and accompanied with Sister M. J. Farris, started to work the town. We brethren went on about thirty miles above Meeker on White River to the home of Brother and Sister W. L. Pattison, where, with Brother Will Rehme, who is stopping with them, enjoyed a Bible study. They entertained us very cordially and contributed liberally.

New Year's day we worked down White River to within seven miles of Meeker, and then drove on into town, the writer being entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Legg and her mother, Sister Farris. Dear old Sister Farris has long loved and worked in the interest of the third angel's message, and is still doing all she can. She told Sister Johnson that she believed our coming to the valley was a direct answer to her prayers, for she had been pleading with God all Fall to send Harvest Ingathering workers there. She gave me a couple of watches to be sold and turned into mission funds, and told of the wonderful success she had in selling magazines in Denver last summer, talking in such a way as to encourage me to hope that she may be counted on for work of the same kind in Salt Lake City.

January 2 our party, with the exception of the writer, worked up White River to where we had stopped the night before, and then back over

the mesa south of the river. I visited and held a Bible study with Brother J. C. Sullivan, and a man who had purchased "United States in Prophecy" from me in 1915. He thought a great deal of the book, and had loaned it to a number of friends. In the afternoon we went to the Powell Park section, and had a splendid visit with Brother and Sister Ira Dunham, who made a nice donation to the Rulison school. We called upon their neighbors with the Ingathering "Watchman" and then drove back to town and had a Bible study with the Meeker believers and others at Sister Arnold's.

Thursday, while I called on other acquaintances made in 1915, our party worked the Beaver Creek neighborhood. In the evening we all went to the home of Brother and Sister J. L. Ford, in Josephine Basin, where another lengthy Bible study was held. We were most hospitably entertained.

Friday, while snow was falling, we worked back along the government road between Meeker and Rifle, stopping at Rifle to dispose of produce; for we had received butter, eggs, chickens, potatoes and wheat as well as cash, totaling for Harvest Ingathering, \$55.00, and for the Rulison school \$11.40. We had also received two subscriptions for the "Review and Herald" and three for the "Recorder," and sold a \$3.25 Bible. Besides this a man had promised to send \$1.00 for the "Signs" weekly. When this is in, it will make a grand total of collections, and business amounting to \$75.95, not including the watches. son.

Friday night we were back at Rulison.

A prominent feature of the meeting in the Cache Creek church Sabbath morning was a testimonial and praise service in which not only those who had taken part in this drive, but also those who "stayed by the stuff" participated. We thanked God for having so abundantly blessed as to enable the Cache Creek church to more than quadruple its goal, and the Inter-Mountain Conference to more than pass hers. Enthusiasm ran so high as to be manifested in the suggestion of plans for the 1918 Ingathering campaign and other lines of missionary effort.

J. L. Humbert.

**ARIZONA**

J. E. Bond, Pres. Orley J. Bond, Sec.  
615 North 10th St., Phoenix, Arizona.

**Experiences That Pay**

If I were to recount the many rich experiences that have been mine as I have gone to the homes of the people in Phoenix with our truth-filled books, it would be synonymous to recounting God's blessing every step of the way.

Tuesday morning, January 22, I started to my territory at a reasonably early hour, praying as I journeyed that God would direct me to homes that could be helped with the message I bear. It was my plan to commence work on Eighth Avenue, but almost unconsciously I found myself passing the avenue. I also passed the next avenue, and the next, and even the next, making my first stop on West Taylor Street. The man, the wife and two children were at home, apparently waiting my coming. I had with me four books of the World Series, as I am selling them in sets. No sooner had I mentioned the first of the set, "World's Crisis," that the man said to me: "That is Seventh-day Adventist literature, is it not?" When given assurance in the affirmative, he briefly related his story to me.

"My mother is a Seventh-day Adventist," said he, "and lives in Texas. My wife and I likewise used to be identified with that people, and had even gone so far as to make plans to attend the Loma Linda medical school, where I was to prepare for medical work, and my wife was to take the nurses' course. But reverses came, and here we are, in a back-slidden condition just at a time when the crisis of the world is upon us."

You can no doubt imagine how I plead with those souls to again take up the work where they had laid it down, and to atone, in part at least, for the sins of the past by double diligence.

They bought five books, and paid for them in advance. The wife agreed to attend our church the next Sabbath, while the husband—well, brethren, let your prayers ascend to the throne in his behalf, for he knows the truth, and really wants to obey.

In four days' work in this city I have succeeded in finding ten people who believe in the truth we hold so

dear, and have written their names and addresses in my loose-leaf book, promising to notify them personally when the special down-town protracted effort, which is planned, is to commence, as they signified a desire to know, and a willingness to attend.

True, I often become fatigued and footsore as I pace the streets in an effort to search out the honest in heart, but the joy of service adds increased momentum, and the journey, instead of being one of hardship and self-denial, is freighted with multiplied blessings and rich experiences every step of the way.

E. R. Button.

**CENTRAL CALIFORNIA**

N. P. Neilsen, Pres. G. A. Wheeler, Sec.  
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**Dedication at Madera**

About a year ago a series of meetings was begun at Madera, and a number of persons accepted the truth. Connected with this effort, were Brethren A. S. Kellogg, E. A. Brown, R. R. Breitigam and Sister Ada Bond. On April 21, a church of 33 members was organized. Brother Breitigam remained to follow up the interest there while the other workers were transferred to different places of labor.

During the fall, a neat little bungalow church building was erected as a monument for the truth of God, and on Sabbath, February 2, 1918, we gathered for its dedication. There was a large attendance, many of our people coming in from surrounding churches. Elder E. W. Farnsworth delivered the dedicatory address. The spirit of the Lord was present, and all felt thankful to Him for what He has done. The present membership of the Madera church is 41. Others will doubtless unite soon with their number. A spirit of harmony and union prevails in this church, and we pray that they may indeed be as a "light set upon a hill which cannot be hid."

A meeting of the conference committee was held in Fresno last Monday to plan for the work in our field. Among other plans laid, the whole conference territory was districted to different churches for home missionary work. We desire to see the work so thoroughly organized that

every home in the conference may be visited from time to time by some of our people with our literature. We were glad to have Elder E. W. Farnsworth with us.

Our meetings at Delano had to be discontinued for a few days on account of an epidemic of measles. The high school and grammar schools have also been closed. Elder B. L. Howe writes: "We decided that it would be much better for our work to close until school re-opens. We left word with the people that the meeting would be resumed as soon as school opens. . . . Quite a number expressed their regret that we must close, and said they would be back as soon as we returned."

February 8.

N. P. Neilsen.

**Colporteurs' Institute**

It has been planned to hold a colporteurs' institute at Fresno, February 16 to 25. Brethren H. H. Hall, F. E. Painter, C. L. Davis and others will be present a part or all of the time to give the instruction.

We would urge all who are especially interested in the book work, and those who have been impressed that they should take up the work of selling our message-filled books, to attend this institute. It has been planned for Brother Hall to speak in the Fresno church, Sabbath forenoon, February 16, and in the evening he will deliver a stereopticon lecture on his trip in Central America, and the progress of the work in those Spanish fields. It may be well for you to write to Brother C. L. Davis, if you plan to attend the institute. With the blessing of God, we expect to have a profitable time.

February 8.

N. P. Neilsen.

**Siftings**

One person was baptized at Hanford recently by Elder F. E. Brown.

Elder E. W. Farnsworth spoke at the Fresno church last Sunday evening.

We must win souls to Christ one by one. Hand-picked fruit is best. Let us all endeavor to do our part.

A German branch Sabbath school

of the Barstow Colony German church has recently been organized in Fresno.

Elder G. A. Grauer met with the Merced church last Sabbath and Sunday. There was an excellent attendance at the meeting Sunday evening.

Brethren B. M. Emerson and James Howarth, from the union conference office, were at Fresno last week auditing the conference and Bible House books.

A colporteurs' institute will be held at Fresno, February 16 to 25. All who are especially interested in the sale of our message-filled books should plan to attend.

Brother David Black, elder of the Winton church, writes that two persons have recently commenced to keep the Sabbath there. Others have moved into the neighborhood, so their church is rapidly growing.

Plans have been laid for Elder E. W. Farnsworth and the writer to visit a number of our churches in the interest of our conference-wide home missionary campaign. But we are sorry that Elder Farnsworth was called home on account of the illness of his wife. We hope she may soon recover, and that he may be able to join us again in the near future.

### Pencilgrams

The writer visited the Selma school, February 7, which is more comfortably situated since moving into the rear room of the church. We hope that more pupils will move in before next year so that it will not be necessary to discontinue the school work.

It is time to engage our teachers for another year. We should know very soon just how many will be needed, and be on the lookout for them, as it will be difficult to secure teachers this year. School boards please take note of this, and do not delay. It is easier to secure what you want when you start in early.

During the year 1917 the young peoples' societies of this conference gave \$1981.14 to foreign missions. Our goal was \$952.50. So we surely

went "over the top" this time. We only wish that we had done as well in all things. Our goal in the Standard of Attainment was not quite reached, but more than quadrupled in the Reading Course. In 1918 we hope to more than reach each goal, and we can easily do it.

Letters coming in from various societies bring most encouraging reports. Nearly every one reports a prayer band formed. This will be a source of great spiritual help to the work. More are reading the Bible through this year than ever before, while large classes are studying for Standard of Attainment. There is an enthusiasm that will accomplish things if kept up. We now have 19 senior and 16 junior societies.

Alice Mina Mann.

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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### Liberty In Peril

While true liberty can never be lost, there are always agencies at work to curtail its free exercise. Our only safety therefore, lies in eternal vigilance.

"Oh; not yet  
May'st thou embrace thy corslet or  
lay by  
Thy sword! nor yet, O Freedom,  
close thy lids  
In slumber; for thine enemy never  
sleeps;  
And thou must watch and combat, till  
the day  
Of the new earth and heaven."  
—Bryant.

There are subtle agencies at work in this conference, and especially in the city and county of Los Angeles. Suffice to say that Revelation 13:17 seems about to be fulfilled in a manner little dreamed of by our people, even a year ago.

Do not fail to read Elder W. M. Healy's article in this issue of the "Recorder," and do not fail to make a real sacrifice in the interests of that true liberty so little understood to-day, even by many of its supposed advocates. Let us all come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty with an offering worthy of the cause of liberty, and of the memory of Lincoln and Washington.

Remember the date, Sabbath, February 23, Religious Liberty Day.

Geo. A. Snyder,  
Rel. Lib. Secretary.

### SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA

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### Work in the Palo Verde Valley

It was my privilege to spend last Sabbath with the church at Blythe. Only a short time ago there were no Seventh-day Adventists in this region. Now I find a nice little church building, suitable to the work in that section of the country, and on Sabbath it was well filled. There must have been in the neighborhood of 50 people in the building.

In the morning we had an interesting Sabbath school, and it was my privilege to speak to these people assembled, and in the afternoon celebrate the ordinances with them. This was the first time that some who were there had ever engaged in this service, and it was the first time that the church as a whole had ever celebrated the ordinances. The Lord came very near, and His people enjoyed much of the blessing of the Holy Spirit. I feel that it was a time of encouragement to the brethren and sisters in that field.

Brother Harry McWhinny is at present holding a meeting in the church, and Brother Gilbert Schaffner will join him in a few days. They will work up until time to go to the General Conference.

The new church at Blythe paid more than its quota on the twenty-cent-a-week fund last year, and are starting out with good hopes of more than reaching 25 cents for the year 1918. Also we are expecting a good, substantial tithe from this church.

The brethren and sisters are alive to missionary work. The names of all the families in the valley have been secured, and the missionary society is sending the "Present Truth" to each home. I am sure that this will result in very much good.

Cotton is largely raised there, and as the prices are good, it makes plenty of work for our brethren and sisters who have ventured out from the cities and have taken up work there.

We look for the work to prosper in the Palo Verde Valley, as it has in Imperial. For myself I can say I much enjoyed my visit with the brethren and sisters there, and trust that the Lord may continue to bless and prosper them both financially and spiritually, and that we may see many others yet brought to a knowledge of the truth.

February 6.

W. F. Martin.

Here and There

Brother L. M. Hesseltine, the principal of New River school, writes that the school garden is prospering under the care of their garden superintendent, Curtis Oliver.

A missionary volunteer society has been organized among the "valley" young people at Loma Linda. The members, 35 in number, are in the main younger than those of the society at the college, whose meetings are held once a month. This new society is planning active study and work.

A number of the Loma Linda brethren and sisters meet one evening each week at the home of Brother Jason Powers to study the Testimonies. Different phases of truth have been taken up, and all who attend feel encouraged and helped. Full knowledge of God's will, and strength to obey, will be the certain reward for such efforts.

"I am late" was the legend of a card suspended from a little clock on the stand at the Santa Ana Sabbath school. Brother H. A. Hebard and I were both guilty, the card proclaimed. At the close of the session, the superintendent, Mrs. Ida Webber, said she hoped all would be early enough the next Sabbath to see what was on the other side of the card. I want to know, and I shall go early next time.

Mrs. W. F. Martin, conference Sabbath school superintendent, and her daughter, Nellie, have made a tour by automobile to visit Sabbath schools and officers. The Orange County schools were visited first, then those down in San Diego and vicinity, and Escondido and San Pasqual on the homeward trip. Sister Martin always visits the boys at Camp Kearny. The

Sabbath school work prospers under her personal direction and help.

School boards, are your schools supplied with clocks, brooms, erasers, dictionaries of recent date, and good blackboards? A few cents spent for new dressing for the blackboards will often be greatly appreciated. For our homes we buy what is needed; for our schools we sometimes neglect to supply things necessary for good work.

Max Hill.

HOME MISSIONARY

At a meeting of the workers of the California Conference held yesterday, the home missionary campaign for the union was presented to them. All present promised their hearty cooperation and agreed to open the services of their churches to a missionary program every fourth Sabbath in the month.

Some 15,000 copies of the first issue of Present Truth have already been ordered by this office for use among our churches.—and so the good work goes on.

H. B. Thomas.

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Arizona Conference Corporation

The annual meeting of the Arizona Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Seventh-day Adventist church, third and Pierce Streets, Phoenix, Arizona, at 10 A. M. the first Tuesday after the first Monday, April 2, 1918. All Seventh-day Adventist churches in the Arizona Conference are invited to select delegates on the usual basis to attend this legal meeting.

J. Ernest Bond, President.

Orley J. Bond, Secretary.

Book Report, Week Ending February 1, 1918

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|--------------------------------|--------|------------|------------|----------------|-----------------|------|
| <b>Northern California</b>     |        |            |            |                |                 |      |
| L. A. Reynolds                 | B.R.   | 24½        | 8          | \$ 4.25        | \$43.75         |      |
| James Sims                     | D.R.   | 24         | 1          | 8.75           | 13.25           |      |
| 2 Agents                       |        | 48½        | 9          | \$13.00        | \$57.00         |      |
| <b>Central California *</b>    |        |            |            |                |                 |      |
| G. H. Reess                    | C.E.S. | 46         | 89         |                | \$ 23.70        |      |
| M. O. Adams                    | C.K.   | 33         | 9          | 1.75           | 19.75           |      |
| C. L. Davis                    | Misc.  | 6          | 6          |                | 15.00           |      |
| Misses Phillips and Winterberg | Misc.  | 34         | 13         | 11.45          | 47.95           |      |
| 5 Agents *2 Weeks              |        | 119        | 117        | \$13.20        | \$106.40        |      |
| <b>Southern California</b>     |        |            |            |                |                 |      |
| F. B. Desmarests               | ElRey  | 31         | 20         | \$ .85         | \$52.85         |      |
| 1 Agent                        |        |            |            |                |                 |      |
| <b>Southeastern California</b> |        |            |            |                |                 |      |
| H. E. Farmer                   | B.R.   | 21         | 3          | \$14.75        | \$26.75         |      |
| 1 Agent                        |        |            |            |                |                 |      |
| <b>Inter-Mountain</b>          |        |            |            |                |                 |      |
| J. L. Sauder *                 | B.R.   | 84         | 42         | \$16.00        | \$223.50        |      |
| C. L. Roberts *                | B.R.   | 60         | 18         | 21.35          | 103.35          |      |
| F. H. Jenks *                  | B.R.   | 61         | 34         | 2.75           | 159.25          |      |
| A. J. Hagerman                 | B.R.   | 25         | 5          |                | 20.00           |      |
| 4 Agents *2 Weeks              |        | 230        | 99         | \$40.10        | \$506.10        |      |
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Our people who have heretofore been sending dried fruit to the Sanitarium Food Company for shipment to our missionaries in India or other parts of the Orient, should take notice that government regulations now prohibit the shipment of dried or other fruit from this country. Until conditions change, therefore, no more fruit will be sent abroad.

### "General Conference Bulletin"

Place your order early for the "General Conference Bulletin" if you desire a complete record of the proceedings of the important meetings of the General and North American Division conferences, to be held in San Francisco March 29 to April 14. Price 50 cents. Order through your tract society office.

### The General Conference Important Notice

At the Minneapolis council last fall, a standing committee was appointed to secure rooms for those planning to attend the General Conference, and to help in such other ways in the preliminary preparations for the conference as the executive committee may instruct from time to time.

The members of this standing committee are as follows: C. H. Jones, J. L. McElhany, E. E. Andross, H. S. Shaw, R. S. Fries.

This committee, in organizing, has elected C. H. Jones, chairman, and Elder J. L. McElhany, secretary. All who are planning to attend the General and Division conferences, and who are not delegates, but desire this committee to secure rooms for them, should write at once to Elder J. L. McElhany, 537 Twenty-fifth St., Oakland, Cal.

No cafeteria will be operated by ourselves, but there are many restaurants and cafeterias near the Auditorium, and it is planned that the visiting brethren will supply all their needs in these restaurants, or board themselves, as they prefer.

In writing the secretary, you should state whether you wish a room, with all modern conveniences, or cheaper accommodations; whether the room must be near the meeting place or can be several squares distant. There will be opportunity for some to rent kitchenettes, where they can board themselves if they wish, but all your wants should be specified in your letter to Brother McElhany.

The meetings will be held in Exposition Auditorium, in San Francisco. It is just off Market Street, corner Haynes and Larkin.

Those who do not inform Elder McElhany concerning their wants, must not be disappointed if they arrive in San Francisco and find no accommodations provided for them.

I. H. Evans.

### An Impending Crisis

In these momentous times, when a cataract of stupendous events is pouring in upon us, it is easy to forget the need for continued vigilance lest the principles of religious liberty, upon which the American government was founded, and for which we, as loyal Seventh-day Adventists, stand, be forgotten. Sabbath, February 23, has been set apart as Religious Liberty Day, when we may consider again these grand principles of truth and contribute of our means that this part of the third angel's message may be given to the world.

Just at this time there is special need on the Pacific Coast of a large contribution for this work. Strenuous efforts are being put forth by advocates of enforced Sunday observance to force through laws and ordinances compelling all to rest on the first day of the week. Just now a special agitation among this line is in progress in Southern California. The Los Angeles daily newspapers recently printed a note saying that compulsory Sunday closing of stores by law is to be brought about in that city if possible.

In other cities of California Sunday ordinances already have been secured.

In Arizona cities, compulsory Sunday closing by ordinance also is in force. The Nevada Legislature, at its last session, enacted a Sunday-closing law for Reno barber shops, and the Sunday-law agitators tried to force several Sunday laws through the Utah Legislature, although that State already has a Sunday-closing statute.

God holds us responsible for giving to others the grand principles of religious freedom which He has made known to us in His Word. These principles are being attacked by those who would have religious laws enacted throughout our land. Had they the power they would tear these noble sentiments from the bosom of that grand document, the Constitution of the United States, thus opening the flood-gates to religio-political despotism. Let us do all in our power to hold in check the satanic agencies which would turn us backward to the experiences of the Dark Ages. By giving liberally of our means, let us make it possible to enlighten thousands upon the issues now before us that they may know how to meet the crisis.

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"The light of the gospel shining from the cross of Christ rebukes selfishness, and encourages liberality and benevolence. It should not be a lamented fact that there are increasing calls to give. God in His providence is calling His people out from their limited sphere of action, to enter upon greater enterprises. Unlimited effort is demanded at this time when moral darkness is covering the world. Many of God's people are in danger of being ensnared by worldliness and covetousness." "Testimonies for the Church," Volume 9, page 254.

### March "Watchman" Now Ready

The March number of the "Watchman" is now ready. Among the leading articles are "Benedict XV and the Belligerents," "The Orient and the Next War," "The Land of Liberty," "The End of the Age," etc. The cover design shows a little Adventist miss in a country school knitting a sweater during the recess period for some soldier at the front. It is very impressive and has a strong, patriotic appeal. Orders of 250 or more may be telegraphed free if you are in a hurry.