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THRILLING TIMES

This is a thrilling time;
 Far-reaching questions, mighty in portent,
 Concern the mind of statesman and
 of sage;
 The issues of the ages by consent
 Focus their climax on this last-day
 page.

This is an awful time;
 Of blood and war and strife and secret
 shame;
 The truth of God is turned into a lie;
 In wrathful tones do men despite His
 name
 As rebels bold His government defy.

This is a needy time;
 Brave men are needed, loyal for the right,
 To stand for God and truth 'gainst
 sin and wrong,
 With courage bold to battle with their
 might,
 Till conflict fierce shall end in victor's
 song.

This is a weary time;
 Sad hearts are loaded down with pain and
 care,
 The toils of earth in never-ceasing
 round
 Banish fond hope, the joys of life outwear;
 In this old world but little rest is
 found.

This is a solemn time;
 For now the Judge of earth and sea and
 sky,
 Upon His heavenly throne in lofty
 state
 Holds solemn court, the sons of men to
 try,
 On its decisions hangs their every
 fate.

This is a cheering time;
 The signs of God point to the glorious
 day
 When He shall come whose right it
 is to reign;
 Bright hope lights up the rugged, dark-
 ened way,
 That leads to morn from night, to joy
 from pain. —Selected.

Sunday Law Pressure Growing

With nearly every State in the nation committed to Sunday laws, with three new bills pending in the United States Congress, and with the National Reform Association actively working to create sufficient sentiment in California to bring about the enactment of a rigid Sunday rest statute in this State, a very solemn duty rests upon Seventh-day Adventists, to whom have been committed the special truths for this time. God has, in His love and mercy, given us a knowledge of the important warnings of Revelation 14, and has commissioned us to make these known to others, in meekness and wisdom. The third angel's message, the very truth which must go to the world at this time, is an emphatic warning against the worship of a great church-state combination, and against receiving its mark.

One of the aims of the National Reform Association, as outlined in its constitution, is to "promote needed (?) reforms in the action of the government touching the Sabbath . . . and to secure such an amendment to the Constitution of the United States as will declare the nation's allegiance to Jesus Christ and its acceptance of the moral laws of the Christian religion, and so indicate that this is a Christian nation, and place all the Christian laws, institutions and usages of our government on an undeniable legal basis in the fundamental law of the land." In other words, the aim of this organization is to establish stringent Sunday laws throughout America, and bring about a union of church and state.

Congress has long withstood the pressure brought to bear upon it to pass religious laws. The United

States Constitution, declaring in its first amendment that "Congress shall make no laws respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof," has for years stood as a great bulwark against the flood of religious enactments. But the pressure brought by those favoring Sunday laws has been growing stronger and stronger. The advocates of these statutes see that if they can succeed in securing a Sunday law in the few states now free from these enactments, they will have an added argument to wield before Congress to bring about a national law. For this reason they are leaving nothing possible undone to swing California into line. It is for this very reason that our people living in this field should be diligent to do all possible in enlightening those about them as to the real meaning of the issue.

Many persons who favor Sunday laws do not understand what is involved. They have been taught that Sunday was the Sabbath, and are surprised when they find there is no scriptural ground for its observance. Doubtless there are many, among the tradesmen of California, who have been led to endorse Sunday laws, who do not realize what such laws will mean.

The chapter in "Great Controversy" on the "Aims of the Papacy," makes it clear that Rome will use to her own advantage the work for Sunday legislation which Protestants are now doing. We read, "Let the principle once be established in the United States, that the church may employ or control the power of the state; that religious observances may be enforced by secular laws; in short, that the authority of church and state is to dominate the conscience, and the triumph of Rome in this country is assured. God's word has given warn-

ing of the impending danger; let this be unheeded, and the Protestant world will learn what the purposes of Rome really are, only when it is too late to escape the snare. She is silently growing into power. Her doctrines are exerting their influence in legislative halls, in the churches, and in the hearts of men. She is piling up her lofty and massive structures, in the secret recesses of which her former persecutions will be repeated."

Events, rapidly transpiring, have absorbed our attention, but it is important that we should, while seeing the signs of the approaching end, be diligently at work giving to those about us a knowledge of what these things mean, and a warning of conditions certain to follow a union of church and state. Thirty-five years ago the Lord said to us: "We are not ready for the issue to 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.

"Fervent, effectual prayer should be ascending to heaven that this calamity may be deferred until we can accomplish the work which has so long been neglected. Let there be most earnest prayer; and then let us work in harmony with our prayers." Volume 5, pages 713, 714. We would commend to your reading this entire chapter on "The Impending Conflict."

Again, on page 452 of the same volume we read, "Those who have been warned of the events before them are not to sit in calm expectation of the coming storm, comforting themselves that the Lord will shelter his faithful ones in the day of trouble. We are to be as men waiting for their Lord, not in idle expectancy, but in earnest work, with unwavering faith. It is no time now to allow our minds to be engrossed with things of minor importance. While men are sleeping Satan is actively arranging matters so that the Lord's people may not have mercy or justice. The Sunday

movement is now making its way in darkness. The leaders are concealing the true issue, and many who unite in the movement do not themselves see whither the under-current is tending."

In view of these things shall we not give wide distribution to the "Liberty" magazine, to the "Religious Liberty" number of the "Present Truth" series, and shall we not also write to our Senators and Representatives in Congress, protesting to them against the passage of the Sunday laws now pending, or of any others which may be introduced, and mentioning courteously the provisions of the United States Constitution in this matter? Such letters should not be long, but should be right to the point. On another page will be found the names of Senators and Representatives from the States in the Pacific Union Conference. Let us awaken to the issue before us, and individually do our part to help preserve the noble principles of liberty of conscience and the separation of church and state taught by our Saviour, and upon which the United States government was founded.

F. A. Coffin.

A Conscience Approved of God

A few weeks ago the writer visited a sister who had made a pledge of \$20.00 to our Educational Fund. She felt that she had pledged really more than she could afford to pay. It was therefore arranged that if she would pay \$5.00, the remainder of her pledge would be cancelled.

A few weeks passed by and this sister sent word that she wished to see me again. When I called she insisted on paying the remainder of her pledge, stating that while she had made the arrangement with us for the cancellation of \$15.00 of her pledge, that her conscience told her that she could not really be released until the Lord had released her from her vow. She further stated that she must have a clear conscience at all costs.

I was deeply impressed that this sister had made the right decision. None of us can be too careful not to violate our consciences. It is through the conscience that the Lord, by His gentle Spirit, prompts us to

follow in the way that leads to life everlasting, and every time we violate a good conscience, it becomes harder the next time for the still small voice of the Holy Spirit to make an impression; hence the admonition, "grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."

G. W. Reaser.

FIELD TIDINGS

INTER-MOUNTAIN

H. E. Lysinger, Pres. J. H. Weeks, Sec.
122 South 8th St., Grand Junction, Colo.

Conference Items

The auditing committee met February 12 at Grand Junction, together with the following brethren, who were invited by the conference committee to meet with them on this occasion: C. D. Lude, Alpha Waters, J. A. Baker, W. G. Cope, D. W. Gibbs, Chas. Studt, N. A. Johnson, Rufus Knopp and M. C. Douglas.

Brother F. S. Chollar spent a few days at home with his family. We trust that both Brother Chollar and his son are improving in health.

Sister Wilbert Wilcox is in Grand Junction assisting in the office at present. We shall be forced to secure stenographic help for the office, and hope that Sister Wilcox can be persuaded to spend a good share of her time in Grand Junction.

H. E. Lysinger.

Montrose Meeting

The general meeting held at Montrose, Colo., February 14 to 17, shall long be remembered. About 47 were in attendance. Among those present from other places were Elder E. E. Andross, president of the Pacific Union Conference; Elder J. A. Neilsen and Brethren J. L. Humbert, J. H. Weeks and H. B. Meeker, of the local conference.

The brethren at Montrose worked hard the past few weeks in order to get their new church building near enough completed to hold the meeting in. While the plaster was quite damp, yet they were successful in having the building ready on the evening of the 14th, and for three

days it was a very busy place until 8 o'clock in the morning until 9 at night.

Elder E. E. Andross was with us throughout the entire time, it being his first visit to hold a meeting of this kind in Western Colorado. His timely instruction was appreciated by all. Some expressed themselves that it was as good, if not better, than a camp-meeting. Practically the entire congregation consecrated themselves anew to God, and many showed their determination to be more faithful in spreading the third angel's message by purchasing large quantities of tracts for distribution.

Every one was nicely provided for by the members of the Montrose church.

H. E. Lysinger.

ARIZONA

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

Comparative Tithe Statement

Church	1915	1916	1917
Buckeye ..\$	50.00	\$ 152.00	\$ 168.36
Conference	1066.35	1496.43	1936.01
Flagstaff .	81.30	58.80	124.01
Globe	410.73	831.24	984.50
Maricopa ..			18.75
Mesa	33.14	485.72	1095.99
Miami	94.54	242.27	73.74
Phoenix ..	3092.30	2283.86	3313.74
Prescott ..	373.40	203.50	641.97
Safford ..	325.11	233.53	221.25
Sanchez ..	143.89	294.89	383.65
Tucson ...	253.68	450.25	545.47
Warren ..	108.85	183.05	528.35
Yuma Valley			95.43

\$6033.29 \$6915.54 \$10131.22
Orley J. Bond, Treasurer.

NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA

J. A. Stevens, Pres. S. Donaldson, Sec.
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We Need Your Help

In planning for the summer campaign, it is desired that some preparatory work be done in some of the places where tent efforts are to be held. One of the plans considered was the distribution of literature from house to house for some weeks preceding the opening of the tent effort. We have no funds on hand to purchase this necessary literature, and we need your help. Just turn your donation over to your church treasurer, with the instruction that it is for the Conference Free Literature Fund,

and it will be used to the very best of our ability in spreading a knowledge of the truth through the printed page.

Word comes to us from Vallejo that the church has considered the advisability of reaching every house in their district with the third angel's message. To do this, they have districted the territory, and are working in a thorough canvass of the town, using the "Present Truth" and the "Signs." Elder A. Nelson is leading out in the campaign, and feels greatly encouraged with the enthusiastic way in which the church has taken hold of this work.

Elder J. A. Stevens led out in a home missionary meeting at Napa, and as a result, 50 signed up personal-work cards, pledging to take an active part in spreading the gospel story through the printed page. A committee of five members of the church was elected to act as a missionary committee, and from the way in which they entered upon their duties, we feel certain that Napa will be very thoroughly canvassed. Their plan now is to district their city and the surrounding country and reach every home in their district at least four times during 1918 with the "Present Truth."

The Sebastopol church is taking hold of the needs of home missionary work energetically and both the missionary secretary and the young people's leader are determined that Sebastopol church will lead the conference in thoroughness of work done. Their territory, located in a farming community, is much scattered, but they go forward in this Christian warfare realizing that in the power of the risen Christ, success will come.

Our aim in the conference is that this year every home within our boundaries will be reached with the third angel's message. Do you wish to keep in touch with this work? Then read your "Recorder."

From our percentage of "Review and Herald" subscriptions it appears that there are a number of homes in this conference, who are not subscribers to the "Review." If you know of any such, encourage them to subscribe, and read this good paper, so that they will be able to keep pace with the rapid advancement of the message. S. Donaldson.

Among the Schools

Upon entering a primary room one Wednesday afternoon, the first thing that attracted my attention was the following printed announcement of the weekly prayer bands in the devotional corner on the front board:

"Girls' Prayer Band, Wednesday, 8:30 A. M.

"Boys' Prayer Band, Thursday, 8:30 A. M."

It was with no little anticipation that I awaited the next morning, wondering how many of the little boys would be present. Eight beaming faces met us, and as I listened to the earnestness of their childish petitions, it brought back the memory of my first prayer:

"Gentle Jesus, meek and mild,
Look upon a little child,
Pity my simplicity,
Suffer me to come to Thee."

If there was more of the same definite earnestness and simplicity of a child in our prayers, what might be accomplished in the finishing of the work! There are many perplexing details to our school work, but the paramount concern of each teacher should be that every child knows what it means to talk with God.

In another school a little girl's prayer was simply: "Dear Jesus, teach us how to talk with Thee so that we may be saved." And there is salvation in no other way. The smallest boy of another school asked to be allowed to repeat the Lord's prayer by himself before the teacher knew that he had learned it. His parents were not church members, but he had learned it from hearing the others pray. These are only a few of the many cheering reports that come to me as I visit among the schools.

The children of the California Conference are all very enthusiastic about the supporting of a worker in the Philippine Islands this year, as a part of their share of the 1918 goal. One dollar each from the 235 children enrolled will accomplish this, and it is with a will that they have started out to earn that dollar before June 1.

The next few weeks I shall be visiting the schools of the Northwestern California Conference. The children here are also planning to support a worker in the Philippines this year.

If we can bind the interests of our children to the mission fields now by their prayers, offerings and reading, there will be little question about the enlisting of their lives for service later.

Esther Francis,
Supt. Church Schools.

February 15.

Sanitarium Church

Nearly \$20,000 was contributed last year for our various enterprises by the Sanitarium church, at St. Helena. Of this sum \$10,473.26 was tithe, \$3964.50, mission offerings, and \$3713.54 church funds, including the amount for church expense, church school, school building and equipment, relief of the poor, chapel repairs and home missions. The following tabulation shows the exact amounts received:

Statement of Funds Received and Disbursed January to December, 1917.

Cash on hand January 1, 1917...\$224 00

Receipts

Tithe	\$10473.26	
Mission Offerings:		
Sabbath School	\$ 1790.50	
Foreign Missions	850.51	
Annual Offering	618.50	
Harvest Ingathering ..	276.35	
Midsummer Offering ..	128.04	
Young Peoples' Fund (missions)	300.60	3964.50
Specific Offerings:		
\$150,000 Fund	269.00	
Foreign Work, Chicago ..	100.00	
Singapore Press	100.00	
Memorial Hospital	46.00	
Colored Work	45.72	
Rural Schools in South ..	32.85	
Religious Liberty	19.64	
Miscellaneous	58.14	671.35
Church Funds	\$ 3713.54	\$18822.65
		\$19046.65

Disbursements

Tithe	\$10473.26	
Mission Offerings	3964.50	
Specific Offerings	674.85	
Church Funds	3513.78	
	\$18631.48	
Cash on hand Decem-ber 31, 1917	415.17	\$19046.65

George F. Moon, Treasurer.

Tithe and Twenty-Five-Cent-a-Week Statement for Month Ending January 31, 1918.

Church	Amt. Rec'd.	Tithe
Calistoga	\$ 3.79	\$ 50.40
Conference	35.81	56.17
Eureka	51.04	120.15
Fort Bragg	6.34	16.50
Fortuna		250.00
Healdsburg	32.28	268.12
Kelseyville	23.20	1.00
Napa	170.71	226.86
P. U. College	357.59	716.15
Pepperwood	13.11	

Petrolia	7.34	27.60
Sanitarium	189.47	349.00
San Rafael	14.29	43.90
Santa Rosa	37.25	146.07
Sebastopol	19.00	102.65
Smith River	8.28	4.25
Sonoma		122.66
St. Helena	40.66	126.99
Ukiah	17.87	55.93
Vacaville	10.37	10.10
Vallejo	52.41	173.85
Willits	8.01	17.83
	\$1098.82	\$3905.32

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

C. Santee, Pres. Verah MacPherson, Sec.
341 East Lodi Ave., Lodi, Cal.

Good rains have come to the San Joaquin and Sacramento valleys, and the planting of spring crops will be hastened. A testimony given in 1904 says: "Again and again the Lord has instructed me that our people are to take their families away from the cities, into the country where they can raise their own provisions; for in the future the problem of buying and selling will be a very serious one. The time is fast coming when the controlling power of the labor unions will be very oppressive."

Clarence Santee.

CALIFORNIA

J. L. McElhany, Pres. H. B. Thomas, Sec.
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New Secretary for Bible House

Patrons of the California Bible House and the Northwestern California Missionary Society will be sorry to learn that Brother D. R. Sperry, who for three years has given such appreciative service, is leaving this week, on account of health conditions, to connect with the Pacific Press Publishing Association.

We very much regret to lose the services of Brother Sperry, and our prayers, as well as those of our constituency, will go with him and his companion as they take up their institutional work.

Brother R. J. Lee, of the accounting department of the Pacific Press, has been secured to fill the vacancy thus made, and we bespeak for him the same cooperation you have given Brother Sperry. H. B. Thomas, Treasurer.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

N. P. Neilsen, Pres. G. A. Wheeler, Sec.
Box 1304, Fresno, Cal.

Siftings

There is real joy in working for souls. Try it. Do some work for the Lord.

The writer had the privilege of meeting with the Porterville church last Sabbath. Good meetings were enjoyed.

Twenty-five cents per week per member is none too much to give to the Lord in return for His many blessings to us.

Three Spanish-speaking people were baptized by Elder F. E. Brown last Sabbath at Hanford, who had accepted the truth under the labors of Brother C. Castillo. Others have recently commenced to keep the Sabbath.

Brother H. H. Hall spoke in the Fresno church last Sabbath to a large congregation. In the evening he gave an interesting stereopticon lecture on the progress of the message in the West India field. Brother F. E. Painter was also present, and led out in the afternoon service.

The Lord is blessing in the canvassers' institute which is being held in Fresno. Excellent instruction has been given, and good meetings held in connection with the institute. We are pleased to have the assistance of Brethren H. H. Hall and F. E. Painter a part of the time.

N. P. Neilsen.

February 22.

Seeking the Lost

At our recent conference committee meeting our entire conference territory was divided among our churches according to their location and membership, and plans laid for definite missionary work.

It is planned to cover our entire territory, as far as possible, with different numbers of the "Present Truth" series, together with other literature, as may be deemed advisable. This is not an impossible task when the whole territory is divided among the members under leaders.

Thus an interest will be awakened

and interested persons will be found in different places. Then the weekly "Signs of the Times," our missionary paper can be used to good advantage in following up these interests. We have reached the time of our opportunity, and we must all press in to do some definite missionary work. The world must hear this message, and we need the experiences that will come to us in laboring for souls.

The writer has already had the privilege of meeting with a number of our churches in the interest of this continuous campaign, and we find that our people respond to this plan enthusiastically. Accompanied by Elder G. A. Grauer, we have visited the Dinuba, Caplin, Tulare and Shafter churches. Elder F. E. Brown assisted at Island, Laguna, Chowchilla and Merced, while Brother G. A. Wheeler was with us at Armona. Some of the elders and officers of nearby churches have met with us in these meetings. Let us all do our part and thus help to finish the work of God in the earth.

N. P. Neilsen.

Pencilgrams

The rhetoric class of the Fresno intermediate school was asked to write some items of interest for the "Recorder." A few results follow:

"The ninth and tenth grades of the Fresno intermediate school are observing the 'Morning Watch,' and all are studying for the Standard of Attainment."

"The ninth and tenth grades are working with a zeal that is especially gratifying to their teacher. The graduating class are striving to make the best of each moment of time."

"The Fresno intermediate school is doing a splendid work. Miss Stone has a full attendance for the first time since November. Many of the pupils in Mr. Semmens' room, who have been absent on account of illness, have now returned."

The Porterville school has its new building nearly completed, and will soon have new desks in. The children seem interested in their work, and the junior meetings that are held are preparing them for a part in the

giving of this message.

"A deep thirst for knowledge has led eleven young people to take the tenth grade work this year. The class has organized for graduation, and now feel a deeper interest in finishing the work. Officers have been elected, and a final program is being worked up. The prayer bands have resulted in a marked spiritual uplift."

"Much interest is taken in the prayer bands by the ninth and tenth grades. All the students are members of these bands, and hold four meetings each week,—the boys meeting twice and the girls once. The names of friends who are not members of the church are put on the list, and special prayer is offered in their behalf. In this way we hope to see a good work done."

Lemoore is planning to have a school next year. One of the oldest churches in this part of the valley is situated at Lemoore, and any desiring school advantages would do well to consider locating here.

School boards, have you decided in regard to a teacher for your school this coming year? Several new teachers wish to enter the work, and expect a definite answer soon, or they will apply to some other conference. Do not delay longer.

Alice Mina Mann.

Tithe and Twenty-Five-Cent-a-Week Statement for Month Ending January 31, 1918

Church	Amt. Rec'd.	Tithe.
Armona	\$ 44.54	\$ 77.21
Bakersfield	60.42	305.08
Barstow	25.24	18.75
Burrough	32.81	49.20
Caplin	155.54	156.79
Conference	27.35	99.92
Clovis		10.75
Coalinga	7.52	3.50
Dinuba	34.18	369.49
Dinuba German....	61.65	109.30
Dos Palos	12.05	22.25
Fresno	254.88	1402.58
Fowler	2.02	54.45
Fairmead	9.55	49.20
Hanford	33.28	95.37
Island	39.19	201.27
Laguna	11.85	20.00
Laton	20.09	11.77
Lemoore	9.17	31.26
Le Grand	5.33	.20
Lindsay	5.25	1.00
Merced	35.03	180.85
Madera		5.45

Porterville	23.36	55.65
Rolinda	15.93	12.80
Selma	1.00	137.95
Shafter	199.42	195.24
Tulare	12.99	13.80
Winton	8.17	46.05
Miscellaneous	48.67	5.07

\$1196.48 \$3742.20

G. A. Wheeler, Treas.

The Mexican Work

A number of Mexicans have recently accepted the truth at Hanford, through the labors of Brother C. Castillo. Three of these were baptized by Elder F. E. Brown last Sabbath and several others are awaiting baptism. A Spanish Sabbath school with between 20 and 30 members has been organized. We hope to be able to organize these members into a church in the near future. Let us pray that the Lord may continue to bless the work among this people.

N. P. Neilsen.

February 15.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

M. M. Hare, Pres. W. L. Mecum, Sec.
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Will We Respond?

It may be as he beheld the vision of those scenes in the closing portion of his prophecy portraying "the standing up of Michael" and "the time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation," that the thrice beloved Daniel saw also a scene of increased activity among God's people—their response to the solemn demands made upon them in this hour.

The writings of prophecy fail to picture all the details in the events foretold, but enough has been written to enable us often times to fill in that which has been omitted. Before the seal is placed upon his words, and after the last scene of that long line of prophecy extending through the eleventh chapter of his book into the twelfth, has been depicted, he says, "They that be teachers (margin) shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever."

They that be "wise" (see text), and they that be "teachers." Consider the thought. The "wise in that day—our day—will be "teachers." Is not the

inference logical? Teachers! Yes, teachers whose efforts will turn many to righteousness. Teachers, who in the hereafter will shine as the stars forever and ever,—and this as evidence of their faithfulness.

We sing of star-gemmed crowns. Yes, but for one moment think of the starless crown. Will that be ours? Will it be that while we idly hope for the other, that day will bring for us no starry crown?

"Shall I stand all alone when my Lord cometh down

To bring His glad kingdom below;
Will but I, of the millions to welcome His call,

Have naught for my life-work to show?

"Alone, all alone, when I kneel at His feet

Who died for my sins long ago,
long ago,

O help me to save just a soul in Thy name,

And show forth Thy love here below."

Our response now is a foreshadowing of our reward hereafter.

M. M. Hare.

Covina

As we have closed our labors at Covina, a brief report of the visible results of our stay there may be of interest to the readers of the "Recorder."

June 16, 1917, a church of twenty-two members was organized. Two members soon moved away. All were from other churches with the exception of three adults, who accepted the truth and were baptized.

This little company was active in missionary work, giving to the cause for all purposes for the six months ending December 31, the sum of \$765.50. Also \$57.60 for the Armenian sufferers. For the quarter ending December 31, their records show missionary work reported as follows: 45 letters written, 209 missionary visits, 104 Bible readings or cottage meetings held, 50 subscriptions taken for periodicals, 32 papers sold, 432 papers given away, 9 books sold, 38 books loaned, 81 tracts given away, 56 hours of Christian help work, 44 articles of clothing given away, 11 meals provided, and 3 persons brought into the Sabbath school.

We left them apparently full of zeal to press on in the good way to that final reward to which all of the saints of God are hoping to obtain.

F. I. Richardson.

HOME MISSIONARY

Riverside Church

Brother H. A. Hebard, the home missionary secretary of the Southeastern California Conference, writes that on a recent Sabbath the Riverside church committed itself to our new home missionary program. A deep interest was shown in the plan of working for friends and neighbors. A committee was appointed to work out plans and divide territory preparatory to assignment. At the same meeting over 12,000 copies of the "Present Truth" were ordered with which to commence work. This initial order will be multiplied many times as the work progresses.

Another Good Report

Today's mail (February 24) brings the following report from the "Review and Herald" office:

Conference	Present		Goal	
	Ins	Outs	List	List
Arizona	22	4	103	169
California	46	6	384	549
Northern Cal. ...	54	16	359	529
Central Cal. ...	54	25	377	549
Southern Cal. ...	108	29	643	764
Southeastern Cal.	67	18	490	554
Northwestern Cal.	39	6	379	461
Nevada	15	3	66	84
Inter-Mountain .	34	7	187	245
Totals	439	114	2988	3904

It is certainly gratifying to see the list of "Review" readers in our conferences increasing so rapidly. None should be content with this present showing, although it is probably the largest list of "Review" readers that we have ever had in this union. In an interested and determined way we must continue to increase the number of subscribers to the "Review and Herald" until it is going into practically every Seventh-day Adventist home.

Distribution of Territory

The Pacific Union Conference Committee, at its last meeting, endorsed an action of the union home missionary secretaries' council "that the entire field be assigned to some church or company." A correct understanding of the recommendation is of extreme importance.

Conference responsibility. The entire territory of the Pacific Union Conference is now wholly divided among the conferences and one mission field. There is not a single county in the union that is not assigned to some conference.

Church responsibility. Our leading workers are now urging that every township in a conference be assigned by the conference committee to some church or company of the conference. This assignment of territory should be so complete that when finished there would not be a square mile that had not been assigned to some one of our local organizations.

Individual responsibility. Our church councils should thoughtfully divide up the responsibility of their territory, which has been assigned to them by the conference committee, among the members of the church.

Our organization can not be complete until some such distribution of territorial responsibility is made. Forcible are the following sentences in this connection:

"Heavenly angels have long been waiting for human agents—the members of the church—to cooperate with them in the great work to be done. They are waiting for you. So **vast is the field, so comprehensive the design, that every sanctified heart will be pressed into service as an instrument of divine power.**"

Latest Magazines

"Signs"

The March issue of the "Signs Magazine" is here. It is one of the best numbers ever sent out from the Pacific Press. They promise a "one better" number for next month (April), but it seems impossible. Among the leading articles we find the following headings: "Driving Toward Armageddon," "The Mirage of Socialism" and "Crutches for a Limping World." Of special interest is the editor's "Feeling the World's Pulse."

"Watchman"

Copies of the March "Watchman" magazine have come. It has its usual striking characteristic appearance. This number will command an audience. Its well-written articles on current events make it worthy of the large circulation it is enjoying.

Foreign

Four magazines in foreign languages have been received—the Swedish "Signs of the Times" for February; the Italian "Signs" for the first quarter of 1918; the "Signs" in Hungarian for the first quarter 1918; and the "Jewish Messenger" for first quarter 1918.

Each of these magazines in foreign tongues appears in tasty and interesting covers. These papers bearing the message should be sold by our people in many parts of the Pacific Union Conference to persons reading one of the languages. It seems to be the most effective means we have at our command for warning the thousands of foreigners in this western country.

Prices

All, we presume, understand that the price of the "Signs" and "Watchman" magazines has been advanced to 15 cents a copy. The continued large circulation of these journals since the advance in prices proves the appreciation of them by the public. The foreign magazines sell for 10 cents a copy. Special rates on each of the above when ordered in quantities.

B. E. Beddoe.

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Special Notice—Terms

Advertising rate: 50 words or less, first insertion, \$1.00. Each additional insertion, if run consecutively, 50 cents. No advertisement will be accepted unless cash accompanies the same. Reference from a conference laborer or church elder must accompany notices from advertisers not personally known to the "Recorder" management.

Students desiring to enter the next class of the Glendale Sanitarium and Hospital Training School for Nurses should write at once for calendar and application blank. Address Superintendent of Training School, Glendale Sanitarium, Glendale, Cal. 2m

Notice is hereby given that the twenty-first annual constituency meeting of the California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association will be held at Sanitarium, Napa County, California, Wednesday, March 13, 1918, at twelve o'clock, noon, for electing directors, and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting. 2t

J. L. McElhany, President.
L. V. Roberson, Secretary

For Sale.—Income property. Nicely situated four-flat apartments, opposite the Ellen G. White Memorial Hospital, 304 No. Boyle Ave., Los Angeles, Cal. Always fully rented to Seventh-day Adventist families; corner lot; modern built-in features; automatic hot water heater; private baths, laundry, etc. Will make attractive proposition to any one desiring income property which will pay them good interest on the investment. Price, \$4500.—\$1000 cash—balance seven per cent. Address Fred W.

Drake, care White Memorial Hospital, 304 No. Boyle Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.

The Hemet church desires to learn the whereabouts of Mrs. Florence K. Barton and her son, Frederick. If you know their address, will you kindly write to Mrs. Mary L. Cushman, San Jacinto, Cal., she being the clerk of the Hemet church. Brother and Sister Barton hold their membership at Hemet, although it has been several years since they have been heard from.

Book Report, Week Ending February 1, 1918

Agent	Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Value	Del.
Arizona						
Button Bros.	Misc.	22			\$ 30.75	\$ 38.75
Z. L. Williams	Misc.	20			50.00	50.00
G. F. Knapp	B.R.	20		\$ 7.75	7.75	33.50
W. H. Spicer	P.G.	12	4	5.10	23.10	
Sanchez Bros.	P.G.	30	18		74.00	43.00
Miscellaneous						12.00
5 Agents		104	22	\$12.85	\$185.60	\$177.25
Northern California						
M. A. Reese	B.R.	34	1	\$18.75	\$24.75	
1 Agent						

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Northern California						
Verne Hartwick	G.C.	25½	1	\$ 8.25	\$ 12.25	
Vernon Robinson	G.C., P.G.	26½	6	14.95	40.95	
M. A. Reese	B.R.	9½	1	4.30	8.30	
James Sims	D.R.	36	1	11.45	15.45	
W. S. Brown	G.C., P.G.	34	4	4.00	21.00	
L. A. Reynolds	B.R.	31	9	3.75	49.75	
6 Agents		162½	22	\$46.70	\$147.70	
Southeastern California						
H. E. Farmer	Misc.	24	4	\$13.05	\$ 24.05	\$ 14.80
1 Agent						
Inter-Mountain						
J. L. Sauder	B.R.	42	32	\$ 2.50	\$156.50	
C. L. Roberts	B.R.	37	17	13.00	89.00	
A. J. Haggerman	B.R.	32	4		17.00	
F. H. Jenks	B.R.	30	31	2.25	140.25	
J. A. Baker	O.D.	11	4	.25	9.25	
5 Agents		152	88	\$18.00	\$412.00	

Week Ending February 15, 1918

Arizona *						
W. H. Spicer	P.G.	50	56	\$ 9.30	\$260.30	
1 Agent *2 Weeks						
Central California						
M. O. Adams	B.R.	84			\$ 90.00	
G. H. Reese	C.E.	79			42.20	
Mrs. C. Hollenstein	C.E.				27.55	
Mrs. N. M. Buchanan	P.P.	3		3.50	7.50	
Rosa Winterberg	Misc.	19		5.10	20.10	
5 Agents		185		\$3.60	\$187.35	
Inter-Mountain						
A. J. Haggerman	B.R.	40	3		\$ 13.00	
J. L. Sauder	B.R.	38	24	\$ 3.00	110.50	
F. H. Jenks	B.R.	31	18		81.00	97.25
C. L. Roberts	B.R.	19	13	5.50	72.00	18.75
Mrs. Arthur Kivett	B.R.			6.50	95.00	
5 Agents		128	58	\$15.00	\$371.00	\$116.00
TOTALS		839½	251	\$142.25	\$1613.25	\$308.50

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1918

Elder Meade MacGuire is spending several weeks in laboring for our young people in our institutions located in the Pacific Union Conference. He spent a week with the Mountain View church and Pacific Press. The latter part of January he was at the Lodi Academy, and the forepart of February at the San Fernando Academy. He has also been at the Paradise Valley Sanitarium, Loma Linda College and Sanitarium, and this week is at the Glendale Sanitarium. In each place his services have been appreciated very much, and have resulted in spiritual blessing to the young people in these institutions.

The chief educational institution of our sister conference, the North Pacific Union, has been undergoing a severe trial the past few weeks, because of repeated attempts to burn the buildings. Press reports indicate that since early in December, Walla Walla College has been set afire no less than seven times. Elder C. W. Flaiz, writing of this in the "North Pacific Union Gleaner," says one of the young students from Arizona has confessed to having set four of the fires, and that a 15-year-old lad living in College Place confessed to having started two. One of these fires was started on a windy evening, but was fortunately discovered and extinguished before it had gained headway. Another, and perhaps the most destructive, was kindled in the printing office, over the heating plant, and caused a loss of about \$600. Elder Flaiz says no motive for starting the fires has yet been found, the older boy probably having a mania for incendiarism, while the younger lad

has been addicted to fiction. What a testimony is this against the reading of that which is untrue, unreal and exciting!

Last Quarter's Gains

The fourth quarter's report of the Pacific Union Conference, prepared by our treasurer, Brother B. M. Emerson, shows that a substantial gain was made in all departments. The book and periodical sales increased from \$29,142.95 for the third quarter last year, to \$31,120.05 for the months of October, November and December. The tithe receipts jumped from \$73,149.87 for the third quarter to \$108,759.61 for the fourth quarter; and the Sabbath school offerings were \$20,091.68 the fourth quarter as against \$17,657.92 for the third quarter. The gain in the tithe amounts to \$35,609.74. Last quarter the per capita tithe was \$8.37.

The gain in the Sabbath school offerings last quarter over the previous three months was \$2433.76, and the gain in value of the book and periodical sales was nearly \$2000, the exact figures being \$1977.10.

Besides these sums, more than \$16,000 was contributed for local church work, and \$5728.44 for home mission work. The amount paid for local church work in the Pacific Union Conference during July, August and September, last year, was \$12,897.57, there having been a gain during the quarter of \$3341.78.

Our Senators and Representatives in Congress

(Please preserve for future reference)

California has at the present time two Senators and eleven Representatives in Congress; Utah has two Senators and two Representatives; Nevada and Arizona each have two Senators and one Representative, and Colorado has two Senators and four Representatives. In writing to them it is customary to address Representatives as Hon.—, and Senators as Sen.—. Now, and at all other times when Congress is in session, the Senators should be addressed at the Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C., and the Representatives at the House Office Building, Washington, D. C. Write to the two Senators

from your State, and the Representative from your district, who lives nearest to you. Their names are as follows:

From California, United States Senators, James D. Phelan, Hiram W. Johnson; Representatives in Congress, First District, Clarence F. Lea, of Santa Rosa; Second District, John E. Raker, of Alturas; Third District, Charles F. Curry, of Sacramento; Fourth District, Julius Kahn, of San Francisco; Fifth District, John I. Nolan, of San Francisco; Sixth District, J. A. Elston, of Berkeley; Seventh District, Denver S. Church, of Fresno; Eighth District, Everis A. Hayes, of Edenvale; Ninth District, Charles H. Randall, of Los Angeles; Tenth District, Henry Z. Osborne, of Los Angeles; Eleventh District, William Kettner, of San Diego.

Utah, United States Senators, Reed Smoot, William H. King; Representatives in Congress, First District, Milton H. Welling, Fielding; Second District, James H. Mays, Salt Lake City.

Nevada, United States Senators, Francis G. Newlands, Key Pittman; Representative in Congress, E. E. Roberts.

Arizona, United States Senators, Marcus A. Smith, Henry F. Ashurst; Representative in Congress, Carl Hayden.

Colorado, United States Senators, Charles S. Thomas, John F. Shafroth; Representatives in Congress, First District, Benjamin C. Hilliard, of Denver; Second District, Charles B. Timberlake, of Sterling; Third District, Edward Keating, of Pueblo; Fourth District, Edward T. Taylor, of Glenwood Springs.

Five Effective Remedies

Thousands of panaceas have been prescribed for earth's ills; five of the more recent ones— Militarism, Socialism, Federation, Church and State, Unionism—stand out most prominently in the limelight of public attention. Those who hope in these are doomed to disappointment, as Elder M. C. Wilcox clearly shows in his March contribution to the "Signs Magazine." Give your friends and neighbors the benefit of these great questions by placing copies of this most excellent number in their hands.