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## Inter-Mountain Conference President's Address

Having been connected with this field only a little over nine months, it may not be possible to render as thorough a report as otherwise could be given had I been privileged to visit the believers throughout the entire field. However, to the best of my knowledge and ability, I bring to the delegates and members of the faith assembled, a report showing progress in practically every department of our work.

Since our last session, one of our pioneer laborers has been called away by death, Elder Geo. O. States. Elder States had labored for many years in this denomination, spending the greater part of his time in Colorado. Ever spending his strength for the cause of present truth, he remained active and faithful until the time of his death. As a faithful and aged warrior, he was laid to rest until the Life-giver shall call him forth in the resurrection morning.

There are perplexities and difficulties with which we have to contend in this field, one of which is the 122,148 square miles of territory

with a population of 531,219 (not including San Juan County, New Mexico), and with only a very few laborers with which to carry on our work.

Until the time of the meeting of our auditing committee, Feb. 12, 1918, our force of laborers were listed as follows: Four ordained ministers, two licensed ministers, three Bible workers and four holding missionary licenses, making a total of thirteen. Since then our corps of workers has been reduced until at the present time the total number of our working force is nine. You may ask, "Why has our force of laborers been cut down?" Our answer is, "Mainly for financial reasons," which I will endeavor to partially explain this morning, and which you will more clearly understand when Brother J. H. Weaks, our treasurer, renders his report.

In speaking of the progress of our work, we will first call your attention to our membership. While there were 38 baptisms reported for last year, our constituency only numbered 750 at the beginning of 1918, the same as it stood Jan. 1, 1917. The fact that no increase is shown over the previous year is due to the results of a general campaign throughout most of our churches last winter in clearing their records of non-resident, apostate and missing members. Up to June 30, 63 persons have been baptized since the first of the year, as compared with 38 for the entire year of 1917, and 16 have been taken in on profession of faith, making an addition of 79 thus far this year. This phase of progress in our work gives us more satisfaction and joy than anything else we might mention in connection with the work of the Inter-Mountain Conference. We are indeed grateful for a class of

workers who have been faithful and untiring in their efforts, and for our lay-members who have been largely responsible for the winning of many of these souls to the truth.

It was with deep sorrow that we found it necessary to drop some from our laboring force, but when we explain to you that our operating expense last year (1917), was \$726.10 in excess of our income, you will see at once that some changes were necessary. When the auditing committee met in February, in counsel with Elder E. E. Andross, it was found that should we continue the pay-roll as it was then, we would go behind at least \$150 a month, and this we could not do, as our treasury was drained at the close of the year.

It was a bitter experience to have to ask some of our laborers, few as they already were, to drop out of conference work, when in different parts of our vast territory, cries were coming for help. We cannot but fear that one cause for our financial depression has been a lack of faithfulness among our people, in their tithes and offerings, for in Vol. 3, page 395, we are told that "if all who profess the truth will come up to the claims of God in giving the tenth, which God says is His, the treasury will be abundantly supplied with means to carry forward the great work for the salvation of men." Shall we not, with the frankness of the prophet Daniel, confess our sins and shortcomings, and promise our God, who gave His only begotten son that we might be saved, more consecrated and honest lives?

We are indeed glad, and profoundly grateful, brethren and sisters, that there is a marked increase in our tithe during the first six months of this year. Our tithe for the first

six months of 1917 was \$4931 and for the same period this year, \$8119, which is a gain of \$3188. The amount of tithe per capita for the first six months of 1917 was \$6.57, and for the same period this year the amount is \$10.80 per capita. We cannot but believe that better days are ahead for the Inter-Mountain Conference, and we are now planning to add to our working force, and send help to some neglected parts of our field..

Our mission offerings are also beginning to show an increase. While we deplore the fact that the Inter-Mountain was one of the two conferences in the Pacific Union that failed to pass their goals last year, we firmly believe this will not occur again, but that we shall reach our goal of 25 cents per member per week for 1918. We reached the amount of 16.82 cents per member for 1917, compared with 13.60 cents the year before, this being the highest mark reached since the organization of the Inter-Mountain Conference. For the first six months of 1918 we stand at 19.65 cents per member, compared with 10.11 cents per member for the same period last year. This shows a gain of 9.54 cents a week per member above our mission offerings for the first half of last year, but 5.35 cents short of where we should be.

All our churches are supplied with mission clocks, and we are glad to see that in some churches, the long hand has passed the short one, which means that the church is ahead on their 25 cents a week fund. We have also urged that every one have a part in the missions investment fund, and by the way our people, adults, youth and children have responded, investing from three acres of potatoes to the pet banty hen, we look for the mission investments to aid materially in reaching our goal for missions. We believe that God is in this movement, and it is He who is asking for the money. He does not ask impossible things of us: hence, by the united prayers and services of this people, we have faith to believe that we will raise our full quota of 25 cents per member for missions.

As an evidence that we can reach a goal if we work for it, your attention is called to our Harvest In-

gathering campaign last fall. Although a little late in commencing, we raised \$1567.80, which was \$67.80 above our goal of \$1500, compared with \$643.75, the amount raised in 1916. Let us ever remember that when we press together and unite, there is no task the Lord has ever asked us to do, but that can be performed successfully and with victory.

"If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the people." We have tried to keep this thought before our people, and are gratified as we see men leaving their secular occupations, and taking their places in the bookmans' army. The last figures sent us show the Inter-Mountain Conference leading the Pacific Union in subscription book sales, our total sales amounting to \$7980.40 for the first six months of 1918. Our lay-members also have done aggressive work with our literature. The sales of the little book, "A World in Perplexity," has reached the number of over 2500 copies. In Vol 7, pages 26, 27, we are told that "God will move upon men in humble positions to declare the message of present truth. . . . In the future, men in the common walks of life will be impressed by the Spirit of the Lord to leave their ordinary employment, and go forth to proclaim the last message of mercy." In this time of terrible conflict which we are now entering, we surely expect to see such a reformation, a returning to the first love, and doing the first works, for "all that the apostles did, every church member to-day is to do." Vol. 7, page 33.

There have been six successful church schools conducted the past year with an enrollment of about 125 students. The new building for the intermediate school in Rulison is well under way, and Prof. W. C. Baldwin, of California, has been employed to take charge for the coming term. We feel confident that under aggressive leadership for the educational department, which we trust will be provided for at this meeting, that next year we will witness the greatest move ever made in this conference toward the gathering of our children and placing them in Christian schools.

The Spirit of prophecy says, "the

work that lies nearest to our church-members is to become interested in our youth." We look forward to a general revival in the missionary volunteer work throughout the conference. A number of young people have recently accepted the truth, some have lately come, and others are coming from other conferences. New societies should be organized at once.

Quite remarkable gains have been made in our Sabbath school department. Especially has there been a marked increase in offerings. One school whose offerings averaged 25 cents per week per member has pledged to double their offerings for the rest of the year as a missions investment. This will make their offerings average 50 cents a week per member.

As we have viewed our work this morning in its present condition as well as retrospectively, we cannot but feel that the guiding hand of our heavenly Father has been leading, in spite of our many short comings and mistakes, as verily as he manifested His presence with His children of old as He led them to "the border of His sanctuary . . . which His right hand had purchased."

We earnestly pray, and fully believe, that the coming year will bring greater success and richer blessings to the work in our conference, than has any preceding year.

We ask you, as churches and individuals, that you stand loyal to those whom you may ask to carry the burden of administrative work for the coming term, supporting them in every campaign that is launched, and helping to make successful every plan laid for the advancement of the cause of the third angel's message.

H. E. Lysinger.

"There are scores who have real ability, but who are rusting from inaction."

"Prayer is ever profitable: at night it is our covering, in the morning it is our armour. Prayer should be the key of the day, and the lock of the night. Prayer sanctifies all our actions. - He is listed in God's service and protection who makes it his first work to be enrolled by prayer, under the standard of the Almighty."

### Rational Methods

"In the accomplishment of every laudable undertaking, rational methods of labor are necessary. This is recognized by leaders of advanced thought in every phase of human existence. Men and women are in demand who not only possess knowledge in the abstract, but who can also use knowledge after the most approved and efficient methods. Labor misdirected or unwisely bestowed is labor lost. The hammer, if wisely used, will send to its appointed place the nail which feels its stroke. Thus it is in all fields of operation. The aim must be carefully directed, the vulnerable point must feel the blow in order to produce the best results.

"In the work of God, rational methods of labor are most desirable. We should employ rational methods in the treatment of disease; we should employ rational methods in the performance of the spiritual part of missionary work. We use the word 'rational' as separate and distinct from stereotyped methods on the one hand, and from radical extreme measures on the other. It is for us in all our experiences to avoid the extremes, and to find if possible the happy medium.

"The man who labors for God without method and system is like a ship without a rudder. He may trust to the impressions of his mind for guidance, he may vainly hope that he will receive of the Spirit's promptings; but if he has neglected preparation, he often trusts and hopes in vain. Were God to work for him, it would but strengthen in him the false principle upon which he started out. There is much force and truth in the oft-repeated proverb, 'God helps them that help themselves.' We have great faith in the Spirit's power and leadings, but God does not and will not make up for our laxity in acquainting ourselves with the best and most approved methods of advancing his work, especially where opportunity for acquiring such knowledge has been afforded us.

"God requires the exercise of good common sense in all our labors for Him. He wants us to advance with the world in education, in refinement, and in the adjustment of our ways and methods to the varying conditions about us. He wants us to advance with the truth in power, in consecration, in wisdom.

"The young man who neglects educational advantages in the vain hope that the Spirit will teach him in time of need, will find too late that he has suffered great loss. The minister who fails to study the best way of presenting the truth and of laboring for the people, will see in the results his lack of wisdom. In the canvassing field, the most successful are those who study closest how best to reach those for whom they labor. In holding readings, in lending tracts, and in every phase of missionary work, there are right ways to be followed and wrong ways to be avoided. Some labor with the idea that it matters not how the truth is presented, if it is only placed before the people. This is but Satan's trap to bring discredit upon the work of God and discourage the worker.

"We have no disposition to criticize the means employed by others, nor to outline the methods to be used by any worker. These must be varied according to circumstances and conditions. But we wish to impress upon all that there is a right way and a wrong way of working. And we wish it were possible to impress every mind with the fact that the fanciful thoughts of the mind are not the leadings of the Spirit. True, God oftentimes impresses the minds of missionary workers, but that impression accords with common sense, and never outrages true taste. The Spirit of God does not destroy the power to exercise the judgment. The leadings of the Spirit and sanctified common sense go hand in hand.

"In laboring for God, avoid extremes. Seek to know the best ways of sowing the seed. Be aggressive, but cautious. Study different ways, observe the workings of different methods. Seek to learn from even the humblest. Tell God your difficulties, seek Him for wisdom. In approaching people with the truth, put yourself, in imagination, in their place, and use with them no means or methods that would appear to you out of place in another who might be laboring for you. We need to pray much and to study much. God helps those who try by the exercise of all their faculties to make the most of themselves for him. The work of God is dignified in its character. Every one who engages in that work should do so with dignity."—F. M. Wilcox in "Review and Herald."

### Harvest Ingathering Campaign

Just a word concerning the Harvest Ingathering campaign. September, instead of October, has been decided upon as the time to begin this missionary campaign, believing this to be the most favorable time.

A great responsibility to make this work a success rests upon the officers in our local churches. The burdens laid upon you are for such a time as this. You should begin without further delay and organize the church for aggressive work. The papers should be ordered in time, plans perfected, territory assigned, etc., so that the work may begin promptly, and the entire body make a simultaneous forward movement.

At the last General Conference it was recommended:

1. That our general goal be \$250,000.
2. That we ask our members to make their individual goal at least \$5.00.
3. That we aim to realize an average of 25 cents for each paper circulated.

While there are collections being made for many things this great missionary movement should not be neglected. There has never been an era of such financial prosperity as now. Wages are high, and money is plentiful, and if a strong, aggressive effort is made in each church a large sum will be raised for the advancement of the work in the regions beyond. The success of the campaign largely depends on the co-operation of the local churches.

Shall we not individually take hold of this campaign and endeavor to realize the goals suggested at the General Conference? If each church will do its share, the goal of a quarter of a million dollars for missions will be realized.

G. B. Thompson.

"Whosoever will be great among you," let him be your minister."

"There are men who are always absolutely on time; they are men the world trusts and believes in."

"A good deed is never lost. He who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love."

## Life Sketch of Charles Francis Marvin

The Southern California Conference has been called to part with Charles Francis Marvin, a devoted conference laborer, who fell asleep on the morning of July 2, 1918, at the age of 64 years.

Brother Marvin was born in Belmont, New York, February 26, 1854. When he was but four years of age his parents received and accepted the truths of the third angel's message under the labors of Elder Lewis Bean, of Vermont, a brother of the child's mother. The advent message made an impression upon the child's heart also, and this was the beginning of more than a half century of faithful and efficient service which he gave to the cause of his Master.

At the age of six, our brother accompanied his parents in their removal to Vermont, where he grew into manhood.

On February 6, 1878, the deceased came to the sanitarium at Battle Creek, Michigan, and, during his brief stay at the institution, decided to make that city his future home. Within a month, he became an employee in the Electrotype Department of the "Review and Herald," where he remained for twenty-three full years, during eighteen of which he was the foreman. During these years, he was closely connected with the church life at the Tabernacle, serving efficiently in the offices of elder and deacon of the church and in the Sabbath school work.

On December 31, 1878, he was united in marriage with Miss Lettie E. Loughborough, niece of Elder J. N. Loughborough. To this union were born three daughters, Mrs. R. V. Ashley, of Battle Creek, Michigan, Mrs. A. W. Russell, of Fallon, Nevada, and Mrs. R. J. McKeague, of the Hawaiian Islands, the two latter being present at the funeral services.

In 1901, because of a physical breakdown, Brother Marvin moved to California. After a year's rest and care, Brother Marvin took his accustomed place in the Master's work. He served in various capacities in our churches and served for nine years as chaplain at the Glendale Sanitarium. He died "in the har-

ness," as an efficient laborer in the conference.

Besides the widow and daughters mentioned, Brother Marvin is survived by ten grandchildren, a brother, Will Marvin, of Lansing, Mich., a step-sister, Mrs. J. J. Petibone, of Utica, N. Y., and a host of friends who mourn his loss.

The funeral services were held in Glendale, Cal., on Sabbath, July 6, 1918, at three o'clock in the afternoon. Elder M. M. Hare, the president of the conference, preached the funeral sermon. He was assisted in the service by Elders W. M. Adams, V. H. Lucas, G. A. Snyder and the writer. We laid our brother to rest in the Forest Lawn cemetery in Glendale to await the coming of Jesus.

H. G. Lucas.

## Statements from the Religious Press

### Their Meaning to Adventists

In the "Congregationalist and Advance" of July 11 began a series of nine articles on the coming of the Lord. The following is a paragraph from an editorial in the same paper:

"The articles we print this week in regard to beliefs about the imminent and visible return of Christ bear witness to wide popular interest in the subject. The war has brought discussion to the front to a degree unexampled in the recent history of the churches."

### Significant Quotations

From another article in the same paper under the general title, "Popular Interest in Christ's Second Coming," we quote the following:

"We hear the question discussed by passengers on railroad trains, and in waiting stations. It is certainly one of the live questions of the day.

"At one of our district association meetings a layman, speaking on the general situation created by the war, urged this as the time of times for teaching the real truth of the Scripture, and declared that Congregationalists are timid and afraid to teach the real truth on this subject. He closed by saying that their pastor, the pastor of one of the strongest churches in the state, had preached upon the subject and that it did no harm.

"The question is being discussed

from our strongest pulpits. Dr. Barton, on one side of Lake Street in Oak Park, and Dr. Van de Meulen on the other side, pastors respectively, of two of the strong Congregational and Presbyterian churches, near the city of Chicago, treated their congregations to a more or less general discussion of the subject; one, probably, inclining his people in one direction, and the other in another direction. Some of the faithful members of churches in Oak Park have been alienated. Some have even withdrawn from church membership, because their positive belief in the imminent coming of Jesus was not supported from the pulpit. I understand that one church, at least, has been organized in Oak Park, very largely of people of this latter type. Failing of sympathy in their old churches, they have united in forming a church of their own."

Fully six pages in the "Congregationalist" of July 1 are devoted to articles and matter on Christ's second coming.

### Wide Public Interest

Possibly never in the history of the Christian Church, not excepting the Miller movement of 1843-44, has this subject of Christ's coming received so much attention as at this time. In the religious and daily press, and also in thousands of pulpits throughout the country is the subject being discussed. The divergence of views is astonishing. The greatest opportunity that could possibly come to Seventh-day Adventists is now placed before us to give the real Scriptural truth on this subject.

The exact period of time in which we are now living is referred to in "Great Controversy," in the chapter entitled "Modern Revivals." The following is taken from that chapter:

"At that time many will separate themselves from those churches in which the love of this world has supplemented love for God and His Word. Many, both of ministers and people, will gladly accept these great truths which God has caused to be proclaimed at this time to prepare a people for the Lord's second coming."

### A Series of Articles

Beginning September 3, the "Signs" weekly will commence a series of twelve articles on this important topic. All phases of the question will be

considered. Twelve of our very best writers have been secured to contribute these articles. This series should be placed in every home in this country.

The price for this special three-month series of the "Signs" has been placed remarkably low as an added inducement to send the paper to our friends and neighbors. The price is 50 cents for the three-month series.

"Work for souls as you never have in the past."

### Forty-Four Years of Soul-Winning

The past few months have been most eventful ones for our publishing houses. With the great conflict among the leading nations, famines, pestilences, bloodshed, and destruction; with the fulfilling of the signs of the times, and the spirit of inquiry that is taking possession of the hearts of men and women everywhere, our publishing houses have been almost gorged with work—the great work of turning out our message-filled literature for the hosts of people who are 'troubled over the world situation.

This has been especially true with regard to the "Signs of the Times," our great pioneer missionary paper. During its forty-four years of circulation, millions upon millions of copies have gone out into the homes of the people. These have had their influence. They have left impressions upon hearts. And now that the people see conditions to-day, and recognize them as steps in the approach of the climax that the "Signs" has predicted all these years, they are even more anxious to follow what we have to say on these absorbing subjects.

The inquiries that come to the "Signs" are from every part of the country, and in varied forms, and express varied desires. Some of them show that a relative or a friend has sent the paper at some previous time—a six months' or a year's subscription. Some of them speak of finding a copy in a railway station, on a train, or in some other place. Some mention old copies that have just been discovered in closets, where they have been laid away for years. Some say that when the writer was younger and at home, father or mother took the "Signs." Some tell of a copy received from some one on the streets

or at the office. Some refer to the copy that the husband brought home from town. Some mention the traveling companion or the business associate who spoke about the "Signs."

And so they go, an almost endless chain, every widening, and covering all phases of personal missionary endeavors, but all speaking of the desires for more copies. The inquirers want to subscribe, and many send in their subscriptions.

But what we want to see in all this is the restlessness, the anxiety the real heart's desire of these people for truth, for more of the gospel, and then, recognizing that, plan to help them, plan to place in their hands the printed page that will bring to them just what they want and what they need.

Many of us can do this in a personal way. A club of the "Signs" coming to us each week, new and bright and clean, is just what we want. Others, who cannot give the work their personal attention, find that their needs are fully met in having the publishers mail the paper for a period of time direct to their friends or others. Both of these are most effectual lines of missionary work. It is just the kind of work that is bringing to the "Signs" office inquiries and subscriptions such as are mentioned above, and which will finally result in definite trophies for the kingdom. "MORE SIGNS—MORE SOULS."

Ernest Lloyd.

## FIELD TIDINGS

### NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA

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### Items of Interest

The Santa Rosa church dismissed their services Sabbath, July 27, in order to attend the memorial service of Elder Geo. I. Butler, held in Healdsburg.

Elders G. W. Wells and M. A. Hollister, and Brother S. Donaldson spent a couple of days at the Oakland camp-meeting last week in the interest of conference business.

We learn through the kindness of

Elder W. A. Johnson that the work in Vallejo is going on in an encouraging manner. He writes that the Sunday evening services are well attended.

Encouraging word comes from the tent company at Willits. Elder A. Nelson informs us that their meetings opened with a good attendance and he is very hopeful. He says they have a nice class of people there and several are manifesting an interest.

The Sunday evening services conducted in the Santa Rosa church since the camp-meeting by Elder G. W. Wells are well attended by those not of our faith, and quite a full report of the sermons has appeared in both daily papers.

Our home missionary secretary, Elder M. A. Hollister, is making a visit to the churches in the northern part of the conference in the interest of this important branch of the work. Elder Wells accompanies him to some of the places.

Brother S. Donaldson and Miss Esther Francis visited the church in Sebastopol, Sabbath, July 27, in the interest of the church school work, and they report sufficient funds in cash and pledges to meet the expense of the school for another year.

Miss Esther Francis spent a busy day at the office recently getting out matter for Educational Day, Sabbath, August 10. It is hoped that all our churches will give special attention to the suggestive program and the readings prepared for that day. Let us work faithfully for our children, and endeavor to give them every advantage possible to gain a Christian education.

### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

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### Nevada City

At the close of the Stockton camp-meeting, it was arranged that the writer, assisted by Brother and Sister W. B. Taylor and Howard Carter, should conduct meetings in Nevada City.

A small tent outfit was shipped from the camp ground, and we arrived at our field of labor, and be-

gan meetings Tuesday evening, July 16. But owing to the lack of a suitable location for a tent, it was decided to use a small building, centrally located, and which was secured at a very reasonable rental. "Gospel Liberty Hall," is the name we have given it.

The newspapers are used to inform the public of the services, besides the distribution of 500 cards announcing the meetings and giving subjects for the first week.

While the attendance is not large, a good class of people are coming, and some quite regularly, although it is yet too early to predict results. Nevada City having been Sister Taylor's old home, many are pleased to meet her again, and through her music some are led to attend the services.

By the selling of small books, the distribution of the "Signs of the Times," and other literature, we hope to interest others besides those attending.

A Sabbath school of the few believers was organized, and one meeting was held with the Chicago Park company. Also some small books were sold at Rough and Ready while visiting there.

Dear readers of the "Recorder" we ask for an interest in your prayers, to the end that the Lord will bless our labors, that some sheaves may be gathered from this part of the field.

A. J. Osborne.

#### CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

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#### Tehachapi's First Sabbath School

The first Sabbath school in Tehachapi was held July 27, 1918, under a large oak tree near a beautiful stream of water in the mountains about ten miles from the town. Eight adults and one child were present at this service. Those in attendance were reminded of the time when all the redeemed shall meet by the river whose waters fail not and Jesus Himself will be our teacher.

Our opening song was, "I Love Thee My Jesus," followed by the reading of this poem which gave us all courage:

Somebody said that it couldn't be done,

But he, with a chuckle, replied  
"That maybe it couldn't," but he would be one

Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.  
So he buckled right in, with a trace of a grin

On his face. If he worried he hid it.

He started to sing as he tackled the thing

That couldn't be done, AND HE DID IT.

Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do that;

At least no one ever has done it."  
But he took off his coat and he took off his hat,

And the first think we knew he'd begun it,

With the lift of his chin and a bit of a grin

Without any doubting or quiddit;  
He started to sing as he tackled the thing

That couldn't be done, AND HE DID IT.

There are thousands to tell you it can't be done;

There are thousands to prophesy failure;

There are thousands to enumerate, one by one,

The dangers that wait to assail you;

But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,

Then take off your coat and go to it.

Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing

That "cannot be done," and YOU'LL DO IT.

A short time ago we were talking of holding a series of meetings here, and the town people very kindly told us not to be disappointed, but that not many people would come, and they for only a few times; but, praise God, Elder F. E. Brown is here, and we are in the midst of our meetings. The Lord is stirring the people. "It can be done."

Prayer for God's guidance was offered by Sister Martha B. Miller and "No Night There" was sung.

Review of previous lesson was conducted by Sister Anna R. Bond and Brother Marvel Beem taught the lesson of the day. From Rev. 2:17 we learn that God will give the overcomer "a white stone; and in the stone a new name." In olden times, and sometimes to-day, ballots are cast by the use of stones. If action were to be taken upon a name, white stones meant acceptance. One black stone would count the name

out. Oh, how thankful we should be that our Saviour has promised to cast a white stone for us!

Again we sang one of the good old songs of Zion, and Brother Eben Bond dismissed us with God's blessing.

We shall pray and work that this may be but the beginning of good things for Tehachapi.

The thank offering amounted to \$4.55.

Violenty Ryder, Supt.  
Ada L. Bond, Sec.

#### SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA

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#### "Signs" Day in Riverside

Elder W. L. Black and the writer took up the matter of "Signs" subscriptions and home missionary work with the church in Riverside, Sabbath, July 27. All those taking clubs renewed, the subscriptions of these clubs being about 125. Then a club was ordered for March Field, and the city jail. Seventy-six subscriptions were in this club. We hope to receive a substantial number from other churches in the conference. Loma Linda and Redlands postponed their service until next Sabbath. July 31.

H. A. Hebard.

#### Camp Meeting Music

Good music is a factor that contributes largely to the success of any camp-meeting, and it is desired that all who can render acceptable service as singers or players will cheerfully co-operate in the effort to make the music at the Southeastern California camp-meeting what it should be. "Christ in Song" as well as "Hymns and Tunes" and a new book will be used in the choir. Those who play instruments should not fail to bring them.

All communication relative to this phase of the meeting should be addressed to L. E. Folkenberg, Santa Ana, Cal.

Trial is the real test of the genuineness of Christian profession. Faith grows stronger and hope shines brighter in the darkness.

**"The Back Blocks"**

The missionary volunteer secretary for Australia once wrote me as follows:

"Our report for the quarter is not yet complete. We have many outlying churches in what is termed "the back blocks" here, and these always hold up our reports. However, the report for the last quarter will be sent on to you as soon as it is made up."

I understand that the churches referred to are far back from the centers of population, and that the distance is the cause of delayed reports.

Judging from the difficulties we experience in getting all our reports in on time I would say that we have some "back blocks" in America, too.

The missionary volunteer society secretary's report blank has this note in a prominent place on the first page:

"Please fill in this report within TEN DAYS after the close of the quarter, and send it to the conference missionary volunteer secretary. Answer each question to the best of your knowledge and ability. Please do not leave a blank unfilled. Make some answer. This is very important."

If a society secretary does not follow this instruction, the conference secretary is perplexed and delayed in getting his report made up and sent to the union secretary. The union secretary is delayed, and hence we are delayed in getting out the quarterly summary of missionary volunteer work for the entire field.

Brother secretary, sister secretary, as an officer in the missionary volunteer society you are a steward of spiritual things. Do you remember that "it is required of stewards, that a man be found faithful"? (1 Cor. 4:2.) Are you faithful in doing your part, so that the work of the Lord is not hindered? No organization can really prosper unless its activities are faithfully reported, and its members take an active interest in the work.

The reports for the second quarter of 1918 were due to be sent to your conference missionary volunteer secretary July 10. Were yours in at that time?

Are you doing your bit faithfully, or do you live in a "back block?"

M. E. Kern.

**ADVERTISEMENTS**

**Special Notice—Terms**

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**Obituaries**

**Dungan.**—L. B. Dungan was born in Missouri, Dec. 15, 1882, and died in Paradise, Cal., July 18, 1918. About two months ago Brother Dun-

gan and his wife accepted present truth, and he fell asleep with a bright hope. This hope gives courage to the heart of the sorrowing companion. In affliction how true are the words of inspiration, "that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope." The service was conducted by the writer, assisted by Brethren June and Downs, in the Chico church. Clarence Santee.

**Compton.**—Hazel Compton was born in Porterville, Cal., July 25, 1896, and had she lived two days longer she would have been 22 years old. She was ill almost five months, but a very patient sufferer, and fell asleep with praise and prayer on her lips. She was greatly beloved by all who knew her. Her father, mother, two sisters and five brothers are left to mourn their loss, besides a large number of friends.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. Dixon of the Christian Church, at the Compton home, beneath the arches of rose bushes and orange trees. We believe that Hazel is sleeping in Jesus, awaiting His return with a reward of eternal life.

F. E. Brown.

**Education Campaign**

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| Agent                      | Book  | Hours | Orders | Helps   | Value    | Del. |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|--------|---------|----------|------|
| <b>Northern California</b> |       |       |        |         |          |      |
| I. Nomura                  | W.W.  | 34    |        |         | \$ 43.05 |      |
| G. M. Wagner               | O.D.  | 54    | 12     | \$ 6.20 | 36.20    |      |
| C. L. Brown                | O.D.  | 27    | 6      | .15     | 16.15    |      |
| Mrs. M. L. Ferral          | O.D.  | 24    | 4      | 2.25    | 12.25    |      |
| Rose Lull                  | Misc. | 6     |        |         | 4.90     |      |
| 5 Agents                   |       | 145   | 22     | \$ 8.60 | \$112.55 |      |

**WEEK ENDING JULY 26, 1918**

|                           |       |            |           |                |                 |  |
|---------------------------|-------|------------|-----------|----------------|-----------------|--|
| <b>Central California</b> |       |            |           |                |                 |  |
| G. R. Kuhn                | B.R.  | 31         | 4         | \$11.35        | \$ 31.85        |  |
| Emma Hansen               | O.D.  | 33         | 28        | 17.15          | 69.15           |  |
| Ross Morris               | O.D.  | 25         | 25        | 4.00           | 79.50           |  |
| Carol Bond                | Misc. | 15         |           | 25.00          | 25.00           |  |
| 4 Agents                  |       | 104        | 57        | \$57.50        | \$205.50        |  |
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 1918

Hon. William D. Stephens, Governor of California, spoke to our people assembled on the Los Angeles camp-ground last Friday afternoon. His address was of a patriotic nature, and at its close the large audience unanimously adopted the resolutions passed by the Midsummer Council recently, re-affirming ourselves as supporters of the government. Resolutions in favor of the prohibition of the liquor traffic also were passed, the Governor having expressed himself in favor of the abolition of alcoholics, both in the state and nation. On the question of Sunday laws and religious liberty the Governor did not make known his sentiments.

### Junior Missionary Volunteer Manual

"Is there really a Junior Missionary Volunteer Manual?" I hear the junior leaders ask. Yes, truly.

It was prepared by Miss Ella Iden, one of the assistant secretaries of the missionary volunteer department, after consulting with our leading junior workers.

We can say, then, that it represents the best ideas on junior work thus far. Like children this junior work is bound to grow. By and by we will know more about this blessed work for the lambs of the flock, for God is going to do great things through the children in these last days.

The manual is published by the Pacific Press, has 80 pages, is bound in paper, and sells for 40 cents.

Everyone interested in junior work should have a copy. The junior leader-cannot afford to get along without it. It was prepared as a summer school text book for teachers. The

majority of our junior superintendents are the elementary school teachers. With the help of the appendix it is just as valuable to any junior leader, whether teacher or not.

Order from your tract society.

M. E. Kern.

### Camp Meeting

Once more upon the field  
Encamped without the frowning  
walls are we,  
Summoned to sword and shield,  
Crusaders for a sacred liberty;  
A number truly small,  
But valiant through the Christ that  
conquereth all.

Fighting the faithful fight  
Against the hordes of Sin and  
Tyranny,  
Guarding the holy Right,  
Armed with the truth, entrenched  
in loyalty,  
Holding inviolate  
Against the Hun-tide of satanic  
hate.

Holding the firing-line  
And hurling back in baffled, wild  
defeat

The unseen and malign  
Dark legions of temptation that we  
meet.

The Captain gives command  
That we "go forward"—to the  
Fatherland!

Here have we met again  
Upon the white camp's consecrated  
ground

To pray, to seek, to train,  
To fortify the souls that Love has  
crowned

With ardor for the Cross,  
With service that recks not of  
earthly loss.

And therefore we retire  
Not to escape the conflict we must  
dare,

Nor shun the foe's fierce fire,  
But for the future triumph to pre-  
pare

To learn again that He  
Who leads us now, leads but to  
victory.

That God who stood to guard  
Above His Israel encamped of old.  
I know holds watch and ward  
Above us now in love most mani-  
fold:

I feel He walks these streets,  
And makes these tabernacles His  
retreats.

'Tis over now, and done.  
The lights are out. The people all  
depart.

Sadly, as one by one  
They go their ways,—but yet with  
braver heart,  
And in the void  
I learn in truth how much I have  
enjoyed.

But dead it cannot be!  
Although it lies within the folding  
Past,  
Its voices speak to me;  
The good we gained eternally shall  
last;  
The hours have fled and gone,  
But in the heart dwells Jesus—on  
and on!

—L. A. Wilcox.

### "Present Truth"

It has been decided to drop "Present Truth" Nos. 4, 5, 6, 15, 16, 25, 26 and 27.

Nos. 5, 25, 26 and 27 are all war issues, needing revision necessary to bring them up to the present war conditions. Enough of Nos. 25, 26 and 27 will be carried in stock to fill all 1918 subscriptions, but no more of these numbers, (nor No. 5) will be supplied in bulk, until they are revised and reprinted in September, October and November, as Nos. 33, 34 and 35. As the subjects previously planned for Nos. 33, 34 and 35 are covered by the 1917 series, there will be no loss in the general seriality, by dropping them.

No. 4 also needs revision, and as it and No. 6 are duplicated, in subjects, by Nos. 29 and 30, and as the subjects of Nos. 15 and 16 will be covered with the immediate issuing of Nos. 31 and 32, all these can be dropped for the present, without breaking the seriality of the subjects.

In future orders for "full sets." No. 28 will be supplied for No. 5 and the substitution of other numbers on the same subjects for those dropped in the 1917 series.

### CAMP-MEETING DATES

|                         |   |             |   |                           |
|-------------------------|---|-------------|---|---------------------------|
| Southern California     | - | Los Angeles | - | August 1 to 11            |
| Southeastern California | - | Santa Ana   | - | August 15 to 25           |
| Arizona                 | - | Phoenix     | - | October 31 to November 10 |