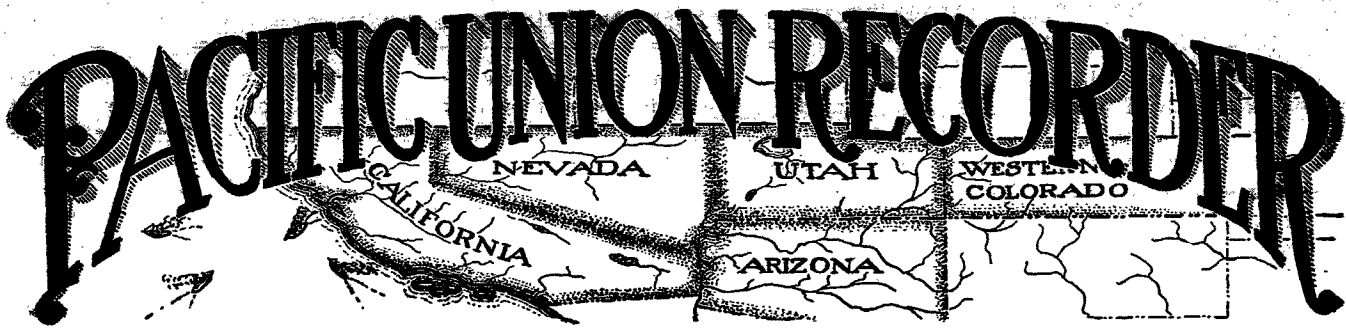


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Adopting Armenian Orphans

Our Armenian and Syrian relief campaign which is now at its height, includes a plan whereby societies or individuals may assume the responsibility of supporting one or more orphans now starving in Bible lands. Fearing that the details of the "adoption" plan may not have been made sufficiently clear, we wish to explain it briefly that it may be understood by all.

Five dollars a month, or sixty dollars a year, will support an orphan. Any society which agrees to "adopt" one of these children for one year—that is, promises to furnish means for its support—should secure an Adoption Agreement from the local conference missionary volunteer secretary. This Agreement should be filled in with the exception of the line for the secretary's signature, which line should be left blank for the name of our General Conference missionary volunteer secretary. When the society sends in its first monthly payment of five dollars to the conference treasurer, then the Adoption Agreement should be sent to the conference mis-

sionary volunteer secretary who will obtain the general secretary's signature and return it to the local society together with a beautiful picture of little Shushan, an Armenian orphan.

Now let us sum up these points:

1. Adoption Agreements will be furnished by the conference missionary volunteer secretary.

2. Upon the payment to the conference treasurer of the first five dollars, the Adoption Agreement should be sent to the conference missionary volunteer secretary who will obtain the general secretary's signature.

3. When signed, the Agreement will be returned to the society, together with a beautiful picture of little Shushan, an Armenian orphan.

4. Each month five dollars should be sent to the conference treasurer until sixty dollars has been paid in. If preferred, the whole amount may be paid at one time.

5. Remember, do not send money direct to the Relief Committee in New York City, but to your conference treasurer, that it may pass through the regular channels. This is important.

6. All money sent in for this relief work should be marked "Armenian and Syrian Relief."

Let every society do its level best to help meet the need among the starving in Western Asia. "By 'need' we mean merely what is required to save from death those who are in a condition of abject want. Multitudes are perishing daily, all of whom might be saved were resources adequate." Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Can we fail to do our part?

Los Angeles Sunday Law Defeated

The Los Angeles Sunday-closing ordinance has been defeated by a two to one vote. The returns from the election held November 5, so far as they are available at this writing, show that 26,390 votes were cast in favor of forced Sunday closing in Los Angeles, and 50,586 votes against it. This sweeping majority emphatically expresses the mind of the voters against religious legislation.

The forces which entered into the campaign were numerous and potent. Working hard to secure votes in favor of the ordinance were the National Reform Association, the Church Federation of Los Angeles, the Ministerial Union of Los Angeles, the Master Barbers' Association, the Southern California Retail Grocers' Association, the Licensed Retail Grocers' Association of Southern California, the Retail Butchers' Association of Southern California, the Used Car Dealers' Association, the National Letter Carrier's Association of America, and the Business Men's Association of Main and Spring Streets.

This may appear like a formidable list and yet it is a fact that a great many merchants and laboring men, probably the majority, were opposed to Sunday legislation. The druggists and hotel men took a leading part in the opposition. Hundreds of business men allied themselves in an organization called the Anti-Freak Legislation Club, through which they worked energetically to hold this religious law in check by convincing the public that compulsory Sunday rest is not desirable.

Every newspaper in Los Angeles had been fighting Sunday closing for months. Three separate ordinances,

each with radically different provisions, had been passed by the City Council in succession. The editors of the big Los Angeles dailies realized that any one of these laws could not help but work harm to the citizens, and they fought them very strenuously. The very beneficial education thus given to the public bore good fruit on election day.

That the Sunday law champions realize the effectiveness of newspaper advertising is shown by the fact that they paid for a quarter-page "ad" in every daily in the city on the Monday preceding election, urging all citizens to vote "yes" upon the measure. They also visited the newspaper offices, and endeavored to bring such pressure to bear as would swing editorial comment to their side.

The "Los Angeles Commercial Bulletin," the organ of the retail grocers' association, publishes in its issue of November 1, an exhortation to all grocers to work for enforced Sunday closing. This paper says:

"Grocers: If Sunday closing becomes a fact following next Tuesday's election, it will be because each one of you individually, has worked for it steadily, right in his own store among his customers. That is all there is to the matter. It can be accomplished if you will put your efforts behind it. If it fails, it will be because you do not want it eagerly enough to try for it.

"That this is not putting the matter too strongly has been shown conclusively during the past week. In that time we have had a most striking demonstration of what can be accomplished by concerted effort. For up to seven days ago, not a single newspaper in Los Angeles favored the measure. Some were distinctly against it. One was rabidly bitter in denunciation of it from every angle. Why? Apparently because the big drug companies are heavy advertisers—and they put united pressure on the papers.

"But in the last week, all the newspapers began to hedge on the question. First they printed plain news items, without comment. Then they began to run little editorials rather favorable to it, or at least un-

biased. Now some of them have begun to take our side—soon they may be with us heartily. And how was this brought about? It resulted from one single interview between the merchants who are handling the very short grocers' campaign and the business offices of the papers. At that interview a great light broke on the papers. They awakened to the fact that the hundreds of merchants, big and small, outside of the circle of the big druggists, weighed a whole lot—advertised largely—had good will worth cultivating.

"Thus, seeing what may be done by a little concentration of earnestly forceful argument, is it not plain that steady persistence by each grocer until next Tuesday night, will go far to make Sunday closing a certainty? Therefore, let us go to it with a will—let us pitch in vigorously and make Sunday closing win."

The above statement is partly misleading and untruthful, for not one of the newspapers at any time published articles favoring the Sunday closing ordinance, so far as we have been able to learn. At the last minute one large daily took a weak-kneed stand editorially by telling citizens to "vote their convictions" on Sunday closing, but this can hardly be construed as "favorable comment." However, it is plain that the program of Sunday law advocates includes a plan to carry favor with the newspapers, for they realize the far-reaching influence of printers' ink.

During this campaign our people were not idle. The members of our churches in Los Angeles faithfully placed in practically all homes in the city copies of a leaflet showing the evils of religious laws, and the hardships they are certain to entail. Elders W. F. Martin, J. O. Corless and the writer prepared articles for the newspapers which the editors seemed glad to receive, and which, in addition to a large amount of other printed matter against the law, placed the issue before the public in its true light, and enabled them to see just what evil results would come from establishing a precedent for sumptuary religious enactments.

We rejoice that Los Angeles has

decided so emphatically to avoid the shackles of religious despotism, but we realize that the fight for liberty of conscience is not over, and that never-ceasing vigilance must be exercised.

Frank A. Coffin.

Paradise Valley Sabbath School

Knowing the interest that all have in Sabbath school successes, the following item from Paradise Valley might prove helpful.

The first of last quarter, July 1, the primary and kindergarten divisions, numbering 20 children, set their goal at \$60.00 for the quarter, which was \$20.00 more than the goal for the previous quarter.

Twelve Sabbaths went by; the superintendent and teachers counted what had been given and found they were \$20.00 short of their goal. This gave them quite a little concern; but a device had been planned some little time before this by these faithful Sabbath school workers. Enough little burros had been made of cardboard to supply each child. These little animals each had a saddle-bag fastened to his back, also a tag telling that he was going to Peru.

On the twelfth Sabbath, Sister Nellie Merial, the superintendent told the children about the burros of South America, how useful they are, and the importance of their work in mountainous countries. They told them of how workers have sacrificed to go to the Indians of Peru to give them the truth. Then a burro was given each child to take home and fill up the saddle-bag for the thirteenth Sabbath offering.

When the burros were returned the following Sabbath, the saddle-bags were hardly large enough to hold the load. Some contained as much as \$2.50. When the bags were all emptied and contents counted, it amounted to \$42.29, making \$82.42 for the quarter from 20 children and their teachers.

The first quarter of this year these children gave \$38.08; the second quarter, \$50.00, and the third \$82.42. They have their goal for the fourth quarter set at \$100. Will they reach it?

Setting goals and reaching them is an excellent plan, for it helps us, adults as well as children, to save our money and give to hurry on this blessed message.

Mrs. W. F. Martin.

Standard of Attainment and Bible Year

The next examination for Standard of Attainment may be taken during the month of December. As we have only half reached our goal we hope there will be a large number throughout the Pacific Union Conference who will write on the questions in Bible doctrines and denominational history.

The influenza epidemic has hindered the many classes in meeting, but we trust that the members of these classes will have made the necessary preparation at home so that they can pass the tests with colors flying.

In addition to the senior Attainment, which may include the old as well as the young, a junior Attainment examination is also given for the boys and girls in the upper grades of the church school. Appropriate certificates are issued to those successfully passing either the senior or junior examinations. Apply to your local missionary volunteer secretary for the questions.

A beautiful little satin bookmark, with the "M. V." emblem and a picture of the Bible, also the following printed on it: "For reading the Bible through, 1918." has been prepared, and may be secured if you have read the Bible during the year, and by sending in your name to your local missionary volunteer secretary. We are sure you will appreciate this little marker, and we will appreciate your help in reaching the goal. Both old and young are eligible.

M. N. Hilligso.
Pacific Union M. V. Secretary.

"As the plan of redemption begins and ends with a gift, so it is to be carried forward. The same spirit of sacrifice which purchased salvation for us, will dwell in the hearts of all who become partakers of the heavenly gift."

HARVEST INGATHERING CAMPAIGN
Pacific Union Conference Goal, \$37,335

	Campaign Began	Reported to Date	Goal
Arizona	Sept. 1	\$ 826.48	\$1658.50
California	Oct. 28	345.59	5555.88
Central California	Oct. 28	157.00	5797.22
Inter-Mountain	Sept. 1	536.07	2187.90
Northern California	Oct. 28	5014.60
Northwestern California	Sept. 1	1073.28	4155.58
Southeastern California	Oct. 28	5173.74
Southern California	Sept. 1	2600.00	7257.24
Nevada Mission	Sept. 1	250.00	786.50

WE CAN DO IT IF WE WILL

Reports from all parts of the Pacific Union Conference indicate that the influenza epidemic is passing, and already the quarantine has been lifted in a number of places. Soon all our churches will be open again and we will be able to carry on all lines of work.

There is evident everywhere on the part of our people a determination to reach the Harvest Ingathering goal. There will be nothing to interfere with the work of solicitation, and we should push the campaign vigorously,

and we shall succeed.

There is ample time in which to accomplish this great work if we go to work in earnest. Do not slacken your efforts until the victory is won. Many are raising several times the amount set for the individual goal; you can do it, too. "We are to give the last warning of God to men, and what should be our earnestness in studying the Bible, AND OUR ZEAL IN SPREADING THE LIGHT!" Testimonies, Vol. 9, page 122.

J. A. S.

Twenty-five-cent-a-week Fund in Pacific Union Conference
October 31, 1918, Compared With October 31, 1917

Conference	Amount Due	Amount Received	Amount Short	Cents per Member per week 1918	1917
Northern California	\$ 17,495.80	\$ 22,300.11	\$ 4,804.31*	31.86	15.50
Central California	18,936.60	22,746.18	3,809.58*	30.02	17.95
Northwestern California ..	14,971.60	17,795.70	2,824.10*	29.71	22.55
Southeastern California ..	18,330.00	21,205.94	2,875.95*	28.92	17.31
Southern California	24,840.80	26,582.77	1,741.97*	26.75	21.84
California	17,842.50	18,254.44	411.94*	25.57	21.18
Nevada Mission	2,730.00	2,703.79	26.21	24.75	24.96
Arizona	5,015.80	3,831.38	1,184.42	19.09	10.23
Arizona-Mexican	195.00	14.93	180.07	00.76
Inter-Mountain	8,125.00	6,143.36	1,981.64	18.90	.59

Pacific Union Conference..\$128,483.10 \$141,578.60 \$130,095.50* 27.54 18.42

*Amount over

B. M. Emerson,

Treas. Pacific Union Conference

A Call To All

The General Conference committee has asked the entire church to join with the young people in contributing to the Armenian and Syrian Relief fund. The leaders of our work feel that we should respond to the urgent calls for help in this time of the world's distress, while at the same time not decreasing our gifts to the gospel work, the finishing of which is to bring an end to all sorrow and suffering.

We believe that our young people have been doing well. I have just learned of a society with only twenty members that has set its goal to adopt five orphans, \$300. And, now with the extension of the effort until Christmas, and the joining in of all the members of the church, we shall surely be able to save many lives that would otherwise be lost.

Send to your conference missionary volunteer secretary for the Armenian banks, saving stamp books, and adoption agreements.

FIELD TIDINGS

NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA

G. W. Wells, Pres. S. Donaldson, Sec.
Box 408, Santa Rosa, Cal.

Talk of the love of God and the truth to people and you will have less time to speak disrespectfully of others.

We will do well to keep the missionary fires burning brightly in our hearts. This can best be done by having some active part in service for others.

God says, "Go work in my vineyard to-day." There is room and a place for all "who are willing." The demands of the present hour make it imperative that every believer stand ready to be used, and give their best to the Master.

Let us not talk too much of how the influenza epidemic or other conditions have curtailed our opportunities for missionary work, but rather, eagerly watch and pray for an opening and stand ready to fill in the time to the best advantage for the advancement of the cause of God and the salvation of souls.

We are surely living in the closing events of human history; we have had a sample of late as to how things can occur that will make it difficult for us to carry forward our work, but our God is not limited in resources, nor ways. His message must go! It will go! It is going! Will we have a part in it, and continue faithful to the end?

We have heard much in recent years about preparedness and efficiency in national life, and have seen the necessity for this, but the preparedness of the church to stand against the forces of evil, and finally to meet God, must appeal to the believers as transcending all others. It is as much higher than national preparedness as the heavens are higher than the earth. The preparation of the soul to stand in the presence of God is of far greater moment than to

be prepared for offensive or defensive warfare in earth's mightiest battles.

What great relief would come to our nation and our allies in making the final adjustment of the serious problems before them, if a prophet, one worthy of the confidence of all, should arise and give in detail how, when and what the future world troubles will be and just how to plan for them. Nations do not expect, and will not receive such coveted guidance, but the church of the living God has had given unto them, by the holy prophets, detailed information on every point of controversy and attack of the enemy, together with complete instructions which, if followed, will insure victory.

G. W. Wells.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

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Selling Books at This Time

The canvassing work in the Northern California and the Nevada Mission field has not stopped because of the influenza. Brother C. L. Brown, who is a trained nurse, is glad that he can care for the sick and suffering at this time when the authorities forbade him continuing in the book work. After taking care of a large family who were all sick, he writes that he has contracted the influenza, but will be up in a few days.

We are pained to learn of the sad death of Brother W. S. Brown. We indeed feel the loss of one of our faithful colporteurs, but believe he is numbered with those who are classed in God's Word, as, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors: and their works do follow them." Rev. 14:13.

Brother G. M. Wagner has been ill also, but is up and will be selling books as soon as he is permitted to do so in Stockton.

Brother Walter Harper and Brother A. F. Pinkerton have escaped so far, and while they have realized the severeness of this disease still they have felt that the dying people of Ely, Nevada, need the message, and so

have continued to work. Their report for the week ending November 2 is as follows: Brother Harper, 32 hours, \$150; Brother Pinkerton, 32 hours, \$130. They have sold as high as two, three, four and eleven books to single individuals. People run after them at times to subscribe, even asking to see their prospectus on the trains, that they may show it to others, and asking for books without any solicitation on the part of these brethren. Truly we are in the time of the end.

E. H. Abbott.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

J. A. Stevens, Pres. W. F. Field, Sec.
Box 1304, Fresno, Cal.

Items of Interest

Elder Frank Weeks reports the baptism of two candidates at Winton, Sabbath, November 2. The interest there is being followed up by personal work.

Plans have been made by all the churches for a strenuous Harvest In-gathering campaign as soon as the quarantine is lifted. Good results are reported everywhere the work has been started. Be ready to do your part to reach the goal by reaching your own.

The workers report continued interest at Wasco. Four persons are keeping the Sabbath there. They hope to be able to continue the public effort after the quarantine has been removed. Cottage meetings and other personal work keeps the workers busy.

The influenza epidemic has been serious in nearly every part of the conference. We are sad to report several deaths among our people. Surely we should all sense the seriousness of this time and make sure that our lives are in harmony with the word of God. There is no time for pretense.

Remember the "Review and Herald" campaign. The goal is, "The 'Review and Herald' in the Home of every Seventh-day Adventist family." Subscribe for it. You will wonder how you ever got along without its weekly message of encouragement, and

the stirring reports from our workers in foreign lands. The price is \$2.50 a year.

In every part of the conference there are good openings for our sisters, especially, and some of the brethren also, to do a good work with the home workers' books between now and the holidays. Send for a home workers' prospectus and help to get these good children's books into the homes of the people. Write to-day.

December 14 to 21 is the date appointed for the week of prayer. It is none too early to begin a spiritual preparation for this annual season of intercession. God is ready to do great things for us, if we will but yield ourselves fully to Him. He plans to speedily finish the work through the agency of a fully surrendered church.

Notwithstanding the fact that our churches have held no services for several weeks, the reports from the church treasurers for October was very good. This indicates the deep interest of all our brethren in the continued progress of the work. Every one should lay aside his tithes and offerings and turn them over to the church treasurer at the first opportunity.

Sabbath, November 23, is devoted to a study of "The Stranger Within Thy Gates," the great foreign population. We have a large foreign-speaking population in the Central California Conference, and the Lord has laid on us the responsibility of getting the truth into the homes of these people. We have already prepared good literature in many languages that will tell them the truths that are so precious to us. We must give them the opportunity to know by placing this literature in their homes.

J. A. Stevens.

Sabbath School Notes

Our membership is 2053. Thirty-three persons were baptized during the quarter.

There were 152 perfect attendance cards issued.

Visalla reports a membership of 46 with donations amounting to \$38.71.

Ingomar gave \$763.75 to the cause of missions during the past quarter. This causes joy not only on earth but in heaven also.

Offerings to missions during the past quarter were:

Twelve Sabbaths.....	\$2027.59
Thirteenth Sabbath.....	1960.70
Total	\$3988.29

We hope that soon we may meet again in our Sabbath schools, but until we can do this, let us have Sabbath school at home. Let us remember our missionaries with our prayers and with our offerings.

Myrtle B. Hudson.

Pencilgrams

Schools still closed but the teachers not idle. Many of the teachers are preparing for better work when school opens. Two or three are visiting the school house often and getting the libraries in shape, keeping the gardens watered, and in other ways trying not to let all the time be really lost in school work.

All reports are in with the exception of two. We find that 564 children have enrolled during this period and no school having run the full time before the close of the third period. According to present indications we will have over 600 enrolled. And yet there are a number of children in this conference who are not yet in the church school. We are looking forward to the day when every child in the conference will be in our own schools.

Miss Opal Striplin is teaching a small family school at Orosi. Although she has but three pupils in attendance, yet she has organized a junior society, and we are looking for a good report from there. Two schools have escaped the influenza entirely and have remained open.

L. L. Rockwell, of Fresno, was called to Fortuna to see his brother, Dr. Rockwell, who is ill with influenza. The latest report is that he is better. Two more applications have been received to enter tenth grade work in Fresno as soon as school opens. So the work is growing.

Alice Mina Mann.

Missionary Volunteers

Do you know that the young people's movement is one of the greatest movements in the world? Have you united with the company of consecrated young people in this conference, who are going to do and are now doing their part in the finishing of the work? This cause is soon going to triumph. Are you going to be in the triumphant army?

For a short time we have been hindered in meeting together, but I am sure that all have been walking on with Jesus, so that when we meet in our societies again we will all be together and nearer home. Only one more month is left in this year. Let us fill it the fullest of any month of the year, with work done for Jesus. Are there any unconverted young people in your church? Win them for Jesus. Keep your friends in touch with this message by passing on our precious literature. Are you "over the top" with your goals? Go "over the top," for it will bring you nearer home.

Have you a Standard of Attainment certificate? If you have not, you can secure one by taking the examinations to be given in Bible doctrines and denominational history during December. A number are studying for the examinations. Won't you join them and help us go "over the top" in the number of certificates allotted for our conference? The Standard of Attainment manual will be just the help you need. You can get it from the office for 50 cents.

Have you enjoyed your Morning Watch this year? Will you help make our conference a 100 per cent conference in the observing of the Morning Watch, by now enlisting for the New Year. Let us commence the New Year with every family observing the Morning Watch. The calendar will soon be here. Be sure to get one and see that your friends have one. They will make a beautiful and appropriate Christmas gift.

B. R. Breitigam.

"Are we to wait until the fulfillment of the prophecies before we say anything concerning them? Of what value will our words be then?"

CALIFORNIA

J. L. McElhany, Pres. H. B. Thomas, Sec.
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Experience of a Magazine Worker

"For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth." 2 Cor. 13:8.

As the present condition of the world has seemed to somewhat effect our colporteur work, yet some of our magazine workers are proving that there are honest hearts which can be reached.

Our workers meet with varied experiences in their labors, sometimes almost becoming disheartened by the rebuffs that come to them. But God overrules in these experiences and brings them out to the advancement of His cause, as is shown by the following incident related to us by letter, from a faithful city worker:

"Please order me 1000 copies of December 'Watchman' by telegram. I cannot take chances on a letter. I need them before the end of the month. I am working very hard. Do not think that people stand on the corners waiting to buy.

"I have taught a nurse to canvass. She goes out with me every evening and sells a few, never over 15 copies an evening; but she enjoys the work and is happy to be helping a little. Where there is one in the magazine work there ought to be a hundred. Thousands pass me by and I cannot get time to ask them all. Sometimes I get discouraged and exclaim, 'Where are the reapers?' The Lord has given me success and many beautiful experiences. Surely it must count for eternity!

"The other day I asked a man to buy 'World Problems' and he said 'no' so loudly that you could have heard him half a block. The passers-by looked so frightened. He said, 'You have asked me four times to buy, and I say, NO, NO, NO!' By this time I shrank up against the wall fairly trembling. I said, 'Pardon me, I am sorry.' A day or two later I asked him again and he fairly grabbed the book and gave me the quarter, saying, 'Well, since you are so persistent, I will buy.' By that I recognized him and said, 'I am so sorry, but I meet

so many hundreds of people and it is so hard to recognize even those we know with masks on.' He said, 'Never mind, I do not care to talk.' I just felt like crying, as it is not my way to like to bother people.

"Well, to-night that man came and apologized over and over again, and thanked me for selling it to him, adding that he hoped I would sell a million, and when I had another one he would buy it. I told him the book had a message and that was why we were on the streets at all."

Let us, too, renew our efforts with a persistency that knows no giving up. O. J. Fisher.

News Items

Brother Walter Pontynen, in less than one week, sold and delivered over one hundred dollars worth of "Our Day."

Elder J. W. Christian spent Sunday, November 10, with us. We were all much encouraged by his short but cheery visit.

We were pleased to have Elder G. W. Wells, president of the Northwestern California Conference, spend a few hours at our office last Thursday.

The sales of school text-books has been heavier this year than any previous year in the history of this office. This speaks well for the attendance at our church schools.

Calls are coming in rapidly for Elder W. A. Spicer's new book "The Hand that Intervenes." Every Adventist family—in fact every Christian—should have a copy of this wonderful book.

The outlook is encouraging for the early lifting of the quarantine which the present epidemic of influenza has caused. This means the colporteur back in the field again with renewed efforts. We are anticipating heavy sales for the holidays.

"Present Truth," No. 35, "Armageddon," is a revision of No. 27, and re-issued November 1. It deals with this important subject and the coming of the Lord in a most impressive way, yet in keeping with the sensitiveness of the times. It proclaims the burning message of the soon-coming King in a way that is most convincing.

BOOK WORK

Fresno Institute

December 1 to 10 has been chosen as the date of our colporteurs' institute in the Central California Conference. Sabbath, November 30, the Fresno church will be favored by a symposium, during which many field experiences will be related.

The following extracts are taken from a tract on the canvassing work by Mrs. E. G. White:

"The canvassing work should no longer be neglected. Many times I have been shown that there should be a more general interest in the canvassing work. . . . Canvassing campaigns are to be organized for the sale of our literature, that the world may be enlightened as to just what is before us. . . . The vineyard is large, and the Lord is calling for laborers. . . . The canvassing work is a most successful way of saving souls." Will you try it?

Through the efforts of our canvassers a number have embraced the truth during the year. Only to-day Brother Henry called to see a lady who, although she did not buy a book, was impressed to visit the Fresno church, and now states that she will join.

For numerous reasons we are looking toward the sisters of our church to take a large part in this campaign. Rooms will be provided for those attending our institute, and we invite correspondence from all who are interested.

C. L. Davis.

October 30.

Colporteur News

In spite of the influenza, the book work in the Southern California Conference is onward. In fact the sales are increasing. Just now our faithful workers selling the health books are having good success.

Brother D. A. Dale set his goal for \$100 for the week ending October 25, but contracted the influenza. However, the three and a half days that he did work before taking sick, he took \$78.25 worth of orders.

Brother S. H. Coombs is having good success in San Pedro. Last week, after delivering \$163 worth

of books, he took orders for over \$80 more.

Brother R. C. Reynolds has just taken up the work. For nine hours' work he received \$25.50.

Brother B. E. Skelly, "Our Faithful," is doing good work in Whittier and reports many rich experiences.

Those who have followed the book work closely will be interested to know that Brother J. L. Sauder, who made such large sales in Utah this last summer, is now ready to take up work with us. Forest Sauder will also do some canvassing in connection with his school work in Santa Barbara.

How many read the three splendid articles on the book work in a recent issue of the "Recorder," written by G. W. Wells, C. L. Cyphers and F. E. Painter? Were you not filled with a burning desire to take part in this closing work? Please do not pass this opportunity by, but plan now to do something. Let me hear from you. We carry the prospectus for either the home workers' or the subscription books.

V. L. Beecham.

Colporteurs' Institute

All who are interested in the colporteur work and who feel that God is calling them to service should plan to attend the colporteurs' institute to be held in Lodi, December 14 to 21. We can profitably attend this meeting, and receive a blessing during the week of prayer by hearing from all parts of the world through the readings for this occasion, and by personal study of the principles of Christian salesmanship, combined with a consecration to the Master for service.

Women are wanted as well as men in this closing work. If you have heard the call to service, please write at once to E. H. Abbott, 341 East Lodi Ave., Lodi, Cal., so plans can be made for your entertainment, which will be free to all who attend.

"Women as well as men can engage in the work of hiding the truth where it can work out and be made manifest. They can take their place in the work at this crisis, and the Lord will work through them." Testimonies, Vol. 9, page 128.

"In the End of the Year"

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"During the loud cry, the church, aided by the providential interpositions of her exalted Lord, will diffuse the knowledge of salvation so abundantly that light shall be communicated to every city and town." (M. S. "Testimony" entitled, "The Time of the End," Oct. 9, 1903.)

These "providential interpositions" are appearing in a marked manner. When a ban was being felt in the canvassing field because of war times, the Lord interposed. President Wilson gave his indorsement in the following words:

"To my mind the colporteurs, the men who are traveling by every sort of conveyance, carrying with them books containing the word of God, seem like shuttles in a great loom that is weaving the spirits of men together....In proportion as men yield themselves to the kindly light of the gospel they are bound together in the bonds of mutual understanding and assured peace." "Baltimore American," May 7, 1916.

Later when many were objecting to the efforts put forth to raise mission funds while the war lasted, and it seemed that such efforts would meet with serious difficulty, the Lord again interposed, and again President Wilson, the man who could best speak for missions in war times, did speak for the continuance of such efforts. His words were brief but pointed and strong. Notice them.

"I think that it would be a real misfortune, a misfortune of lasting consequence, if the missionary program for the world should be interrupted. There are many calls for money, of course, and I can quite understand that it may become more difficult than ever to obtain money for missionary enterprises, but that the work undertaken should be continued, and continued as far as possible at its full force, seems to me of capital necessity, and I, for one, hope that there shall be no slacken-

ing or recession of any sort." "Washington (D. C.) Herald," July 20, 1918.

Truly God has kept the door open for someone to step in. He expects His children to do this work. Each year since the Ingathering for missions has been instituted, a large number have heartily engaged in it. But some have had no part. Dear brother, or sister, will you join the increasing numbers who will again this fall, step into the opening the Lord still holds for you, and soon enjoy the rest that is assured to the reapers at the close of the day?

Clarence Santee.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1918

Prof. M. E. Cady, educational secretary of the Pacific Union Conference, spent several days last week in Glendale. Last Sabbath he spent with our people in Fresno.

Just as we go to press we learn of the death of the wife of Elder Henry Shultz, our veteran German minister, which occurred in Lodi last week. The "Recorder" extends sympathy to the bereaved relatives and friends.

Elders J. W. Christian, J. Adams Stevens and W. F. Martin left this week for College View, Neb., where they will attend the council of home missionary workers for the North American field, November 25 to 28. Elder Christian left Glendale Tuesday night, spending part of Wednesday in Oakland, and leaving Wednesday afternoon for the East, by way of Ogden and Salt Lake, Utah. Elder Stevens spent Sunday in Fresno, giving attention to questions in the Central California Conference.

San Fernando Academy

The academy opened this year under very favorable circumstances. The attendance was much larger than for the same period last year and the students and teachers took hold in earnest to make the year's work a success.

Prof. A. E. Hall and his assistants had worked during the summer to get things nicely arranged for the year; then came the epidemic of influenza which compelled the closing of the school. A number of the students returned to their homes and

others secured places to work. Now that the influenza has abated, school is to begin again. It is to be hoped that all the boys and girls and young men and women will return to the academy.

At a recent board meeting plans were laid whereby the full year's work could be done and the school close at the appointed time. Thus those who were planning to graduate this year can do so, and there will be no break in the course of any of the students.

There is one thing which needs careful attention at the academy, and that is the library. In order to meet the requirements of the educational department more books are needed at the school. A fund of about \$500 is needed in order to purchase these books. If some student writes to you, my brothers and sisters, asking for a contribution to this fund it is to be hoped that you will respond with the donation.

San Fernando Academy is the school for Southern California and everything possible should be done to make it what it ought to be. The students there should have the advantages that would come from a good, well selected library.

A number of the best workers of this southern field have received the most of their training at San Fernando. With the blessing of God, many more such can be trained there.

W. F. Martin.

"In the End of the Year"

The Jews had many offerings that were ordained of the Lord. We are told that "fully one-fourth of their income" was consumed in this way. "Patriarchs and Prophets," page 527. When the year of jubilee was about to come, there was an added enthusiasm. The thousands who had been dispossessed of their homes during the previous fifty years were then to return to their old homes that had been awarded to the ancestors when the land of Canaan was divided, and there would be no debt. They gave out of full, glad hearts. "We're going home," was heard on every side. Their temporal possessions in an undesirable place, were of little value now.

OUR SOLDIERS' CORNER

From One of Our Boys "Over There"

"Night before last I believe I was the happiest member of the One hundred fifty-eighth Ambulance Company. I received the first roll of papers from you; namely, 'Review,' 'Signs,' 'Watchman' and 'Present Truth.' It was dark, cold and rainy outside, but I took the roll of papers under my arm and went into an old French wine-room, and there amid the smoke and chatter of many voices, I filled my hungry soul with courage and inspiration from those pages so dear to my heart.

"Undoubtedly you will be surprised to know that we have organized a weekly Bible class in our company. Every week the class grows larger. There are about fifteen or sixteen members now. It would surely do your hearts good to hear the prayers the boys offer up from week to week.

"In closing, I wish to extend to the War Commission department most hearty thanks for the kind effort in sending me the roll of papers. Words fail to express my sincere gratitude. I thank you. You little realize the good you are doing over here. May God bless you all in this work and as a result may we all be drawn closer together.

"P. C. Byington."

Instead of reducing them to poverty, their large offerings were a pledge of their continued prosperity. "Patriarchs and Prophets," page 527. He who gave food and water to millions while passing through a desolate wilderness, will not forget the trusting soul who sacrifices for His precious cause today. "Bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure." "We're going home." Let us make the best disposition possible of that which we must leave behind.

It is true that many obstacles are appearing in the way, as we press forward to give light to the world. But God has called for the effort, and He will open the way. He has said:

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