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To-Day

Upon the threshold of "to-day" I stand,—
 It lies before me, fresh from God's own hand,

Without a blemish—mine, for good or ill,
 But, if I trust to self, to my weak will,
 To keep it spotless, I shall surely fail;
 Thy strength and guidance can alone avail.
 So now my heart goes out in earnest plea,
 That, for to-day, Thou wilt abide with me.

Life's yesterdays forevermore have passed
 Beyond my reach; and now, O Lord, Thou hast

Them in Thy keeping. Let Thy righteousness

Hide the dark stains they bear. Help me to press

On toward the mark. Humbly, dear Lord, I pray,

That, as each "morrow" merges in "to-day,"

I may surrender all I am to Thee,
 And that Thy presence may abide with me.

For, so abiding, doubt and strife must cease.

With Thee to lead me on, the perfect peace

That passeth understanding I shall know;
 Alike through calm and gale I needs must go

My way content. Then, on that morrow fair

Which brings deliverance, grant Thou my prayer,—

That immortality my part may be. —
 So shall I evermore abide with Thee. —

—J. H.

The Second Line of Defense

"The church that neglects its youth destroys its own future." So some one has said, and thus expressed a great truth—a truth that has been more clearly realized by Seventh-day Adventists in recent years than it once was.

Time was when it was said that Seventh-day Adventist young people were going to the world faster than we were making converts from the world. When the terrible seriousness of the situation was finally realized there came an awakening. A great conservation movement was organized and called the "Missionary Volunteer Society of the Seventh-day Adventists," becoming a department of the General Conference.

At least twenty-five years before we had organized the young people's department the Spirit of the Lord said: "We have an army of youth to-day who can do much if they are properly directed and encouraged." And this also: "Will the young men and women who really love Jesus organize themselves as workers, not only for those who profess to be Sabbath-keepers, but for those not of our faith?" In "Education," page 271, we may read: "With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world."

And so, assuming their share of the church's responsibility, the Missionary Volunteer Society has blazoned on its banner the aim of every true follower of the Redeemer, "The Gospel to All the World in this Generation," and taken for its motto, "The Love of Christ Constrains Us." The "love of Christ" for perishing

souls has already "constrained" an army of our brightest and best young people to go with the last message to far-away lands. Wherever there are Seventh-day Adventist young people in all the world, no matter what their color or their language, the Missionary Volunteer Society is there, doing its work of preparing workers for God.

The three-fold character of the work carried on by the Missionary Volunteer Society may be described as educational, devotional, and missionary or evangelistic, and is designed to develop our youth into earnest soldiers of the cross. The Standard of Attainment study makes our young people familiar with the message for this time. The Reading Courses provide clean, inspirational reading, while the Morning Watch cultivates that habit of prayer so necessary to the development of a victorious Christian life.

A new year is soon to begin. The year just closing has been a good one for the Missionary Volunteer Society, and it is fitting that the first Sabbath of the new year, January 4, should be devoted to a consideration of the needs, as well as the work, of the young people's society. In "Desire of Ages" we are told: "It is because this work is neglected that so many disciples never advance beyond the mere alphabet of Christian experience....The restless energy that is so often a source of danger to the young, might be directed into channels through which it would flow out in streams of blessings to others." The children and youth of the allied nations have been called, "The Second Line of Defense." Rightly trained they soon find their place in the front ranks in the Lord's work, and it is the great host of young men

and women in our churches who must bear the burdens in the finishing of the work.

In every Seventh-day Adventist church in the land the regular Sabbath morning service on January 4 is to be a "Missionary Volunteer Service." An interesting program is outlined in the "Review and Herald," dated December 19.

Whether there is a young people's society in your church or not, unite in showing your appreciation for their work, and assure them of your cooperation in making 1919 the most successful year in the history of the Missionary Volunteer Society. "And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." Mal. 4:6.

J. Adams Stevens.

Growing Better all the Time

The good old "Review and Herald" is filled from cover to cover each week with subject matter of vital importance to every believer in our message. It seems as though it was growing better all the time. Now word comes that it is to be enlarged, without additional price, from a 24-page weekly to a 32-page one.

More space will be devoted to our ever increasing and rapidly growing cause in foreign fields, and many appropriate illustrations of the situations as they exist over there will be given.

The articles appearing from our faithful missionaries telling of their activities in these fields, the wonderful openings there, and how the work is growing, will be of thrilling interest to us all.

Then there will be kept before us constantly matters of the greatest interest pertaining to our work in the homeland, and more space will be given to the plans and policies if the General Conference officials.

The strong, spiritual, and helpful editorials and frequent articles appearing from our leading brethren will be continued and these should be read with care.

Indeed, how can we expect to keep pace with this rapidly advancing message and work without reading the

"Advent Review and Sabbath Herald?"

I believe the "Review" and the "Recorder" should go into every Adventist home in California. No family can well afford to be without them. If you are not a reader, subscribe now.

The publishers of the "Review" at this time are offering to new subscribers this good paper for fourteen months for \$2.50, the subscription rate for one year. This offer is a limited one, extending only until January 31, 1919. Subscribe at once if you want to profit by this offer. If you have been a subscriber in the past and your subscription is about to expire, renew it at this time.

Hand your name and address with \$2.50 for the "Review" or 25 cents for the "Recorder" to your church missionary secretary. If the secretary is not accessible, send the same to your tract society office and it will receive prompt attention.

G. W. Wells.

Lodi Academy

Lodi Academy opened its doors October 8. After nine school days the faculty closed the institution, so far as class work was concerned, and it remained thus for two weeks. During this time about forty of the students in the homes had the Spanish influenza, as many as twenty-seven being down at once; but under the blessing of God, out of this number only one succumbed to the disease. Dr. Buchanan is our physician, and we had three nurses outside of school help. At the end of the two weeks the health authorities granted us permission to conduct school for the home students. This situation continued for three weeks, during which time the outside students received the lesson assignments, and so were enabled to keep up with the work the students in the homes were doing. Thus it will be seen that the home students lost two weeks, on account of the influenza, and the day students were out five weeks. There has not been a case of the disease among our students during the past six weeks, though the epidemic is still all around us, and all other schools here are closed.

The academic enrollment is now 95, and the number in the first eight grades has reached 82.

Our church school department opened with two teachers this year, but the large attendance, compared with last year, has made it necessary to add a third teacher.

We are sure that the patrons would be pleased to see the competent instruction that is being given by Prof. Lindt to the large class in mechanical drawing and carpentry. In this department we have added a wood turning lathe. Picture framing is being done, and already orders to the value of \$55.00 have been filled.

The class in sewing is a large one. Miss Mabel Champion is in charge again. Five new Singer sewing machines are in use. More work is offered the department than it can accept.

The commercial department continues to grow. Thirteen students are taking the course. The equipment is being added to each year. Thirty-five are taking the work in typewriting. Seven typewriters are in constant use, and it seems that another will have to be purchased.

During the past three weeks new students have been coming almost daily. We have room for more, especially young men.

Prof. M. E. Cady, the educational secretary of the union, and Elder R. R. Breitigam, from the Central California Conference, were with us during the week of prayer.

Our second term begins December 30. It is very important that all students return by that time. Patrons should note this. It will be a good time for new students to begin.

We feel that the school year will be a success, and ask our people to remember Lodi Academy.

J. H. Paap.

"God declares, 'I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground.' To souls that are earnestly seeking for light, and that accept with gladness every ray of divine illumination from His holy Word,² to such alone light will be given. It is through these souls that God will reveal that light and power which will lighten the whole earth with His glory."

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	1094.06	5858.88
Central California.....	Oct. 28	193.23	5797.22
Inter-Mountain.....	Sept. 1	586.07	2187.90
Northern California.....	Oct. 28	756.92	5014.60
Northwestern California.....	Sept. 1	1825.16	4155.58
Southeastern California.....	Oct. 28		5173.74
Southern California.....	Sept. 1	8400.00	7257.24
Nevada Mission.....	Sept. 1	311.47	786.50

WE CAN DO IT IF WE WILL

Notwithstanding the recurrence of the influenza in many places there has been substantial progress made in our efforts to reach the goal. In some places success has been won, even though solicitation was largely on the streets and with "flu" masks on. Surely we are living in the time spoken of in the Spirit of prophecy—a time of trouble that will not cease till Jesus comes. In the week of prayer Readings, December 16 1904, the servant of the Lord said: "As never before we need to press together, serving Him who has prepared His throne in the heavens, and whose kingdom ruleth over all. God has not forsaken His people and our strength lies in not forsaking Him."

God has bidden us to take the messages of Revelation 14 to all the world. In carrying out this command there has come to us all urgent pleas for means to support the work and the men and women called to distant lands to sound the warning. The Harvest Ingathering campaigns have been greatly blessed of the Lord in furnishing funds for our foreign work, and the efforts put forth this year, in a time of war and pestilence, have resulted in larger gifts to missions than ever before.

There is still time for all who have done nothing as yet to go out and raise their goal of five dollars per member. Many can do this much in less than a day's time. Others have done much more than this in less than a day. Let every member do something. "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Joshua 1:9.

J. A. S.

"Flu" Bound—"Goal" Reached

Brother C. F. Innis and the writer set out to gather \$200 at the beginning of the Harvest Ingathering campaign in northern Arizona, but were hindered by the recent epidemic. We had received \$172 when we became "flu" bound. The ban being raised we started in again during campaign week and to date we have passed our mark, having \$205.50. We still have papers on the way, and hope to keep the good work going right up to the close of the year.

We have had many happy experiences in meeting with the people, and believe that those who contributed have been blessed with us in the endeavor.

I. P. Dillon.

Elder J. S. Rouse, president of the Nebraska Conference, recently told an interesting story of a family in his field led into the light through the "Signs" weekly. "The father," said Elder Rouse, "is worth \$100,000. Something over a year ago I first visited them. They were keeping the Sabbath, but knew little of the church or our work. We sat down in the parlor, and I took my Bible and studied with them. The father wanted to know how we supported our preachers. I outlined the tithing system. When I was about ready to leave, one of the boys got out his check book, and handed me a check for \$250. I asked him what it was for, and he said it was to help support the ministers. Then another grown son gave me a check for another \$250, saying, 'That is for the same that my brother gave you.' Then another son wrote out a check for

\$100 that he wanted to go to missions. The father by this time had his check book out, and asked me to fill out a check for \$750, to be used as a tithe. After I had got out into the yard, a girl came and gave me \$10.00. Several months later I visited this family, and the father turned over an \$800 mortgage for missions. Nearly all the members of the family are in the church now. Recently they gave another \$1000 for missions, and also substantial gifts for our new school at Shelton. They had not heard any preaching, but learned something of the truth through reading the 'Signs of the Times' and tracts, and began keeping the Sabbath." MORE "SIGNS"—MORE SOULS.

FIELD TIDINGS

INTER-MOUNTAIN

H. E. Lysinger, Pres. J. H. Weeks, Sec.
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News Items

Elder R. A. Underwood, president of the Central Union Conference, has been on the Western slope visiting. He spoke Sabbath, December 14, at Rulison.

Brother J. H. Weeks spent a week in Portland, Oregon, visiting his wife. They are expecting to leave the Inter-Mountain Conference in the near future, as the altitude here is too high for Sister Weeks.

We have received definite word from Elder W. A. Sweany and wife that they expect to be released some time in January to answer the call from the Inter-Mountain Conference to take charge of the work in Salt Lake City. They will receive a hearty welcome. They have had charge of the work in Houston, Texas.

H. E. Lysinger.

Are You Taking the "Review?"

We have just received the following information from the "Review" Office:

"Beginning January 1, 1910, the

'Review and Herald' will contain 32 pages each week.

"It has been recognized for a long time that a 32-page 'Review' was a necessity. The recent order from the Government removing restrictions regarding the use of paper has made this possible.

"Making the 'Review' 32 pages a week, instead of an average of 24, will permit our editors to give more liberal representation to the field. More space will be devoted to plans and policies of the General Conference officials. More space will be devoted to our ever lengthening foreign mission advance. In seeking support of our world-wide activities it is essential to appeal to the eye of the reader as well as ear, bringing before them appropriate illustrations of the situations as they exist. More articles from the field can be published, and better balanced departments representing our various lines of work can be presented.

"This step has been taken because of the needs of the situation, without regard to the expense of our association. It will mean an additional annual expenditure of about \$5,000. This expenditure is mainly for paper and extra typesetting, as it costs no more for editorial or press work to issue a 32-page paper than a 24-page. We believe, however, that with the "Review" being in a position to serve the cause better, the time in which we live looming so large with possibilities for extending our work, and the desire on the part of our members to secure every assistance which will help them to become more rooted and grounded in the truth, and to gain a better spiritual experience, will have the effect of influencing many more to become readers of the 'Review.'"

Every Seventh-day Adventist should have the "Review and Herald" if he has to borrow the money to pay for it. You cannot keep pace with the onward march of the message without it. To fall out of rank with this people, and lag behind, means that you will knock and say, "Lord, Lord," after the door is closed. Carelessness in this matter means souls lost. Exhaust every energy to save yourselves and your families. Subscribe or renew at once. One year, \$2.50.
H. E. Lysinger.

NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA

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Special Notice

Church treasurers, clerks, missionary secretaries, and other officers of the Northwestern California Conference are earnestly requested to keep in mind that all money, reports, or mail due the conference for 1918 should be sent immediately at the close of the calendar year to the Northwestern California Conference, Box 408, Santa Rosa, Cal., S. Donaldson, Secretary-Treasurer. Anything sent later than that date should be addressed to the California Conference, 537 Twenty-fifth Street, Oakland, Cal., H. B. Thomas, Secretary-Treasurer.

Our brethren are more or less familiar with the changes recommended and voted upon by the delegates at the recent conference session held in Oakland. In view of these changes it makes it necessary to call attention to these matters. We are confident that each church will continue their sympathetic co-operation in carrying forward the great work.

Any mail intended for the writer should be sent to 537 Twenty-fifth Street, Oakland, Cal.

G. W. Wells.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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Colporteur News

Sister Laraway's report for last week was 25 hours and \$52.50 worth of books sold, demonstrating that our sisters, if their time is given wholly to the work, can make good.

Although Brother B. E. Skelly has been suffering from the effects of a bad cold he was able to put in a few days last week. He reports that his courage is good and in a few days expects to make up for lost time.

Brother S. H. Coombs reports as delivered and this is only a partial delivery, \$478.00 worth of "Practical Guide" in San Pedro, and says: "If it were not for the threatened strike my sales would have been three times as large."

Brother George Andreas is having experiences and success among the Russians of Los Angeles. Not only is he placing our books with them but has sold every Russian Bible available in this city, or this country, and now has an order in for 200 to come from London, England.

The book work for this year is finishing up good and strong. For the first two weeks of this month we have reported over \$700.00 worth of books sold. This shows how the message is going through our publications. This is the only branch of the work that has not been quite seriously affected by the influenza epidemic. We have not only held our own, but have doubled our work in the last two months, while the outlook for this coming year is that our work will continue to advance.

Brother D. A. Dale, who is working in San Luis Obispo, has gone "over the top" twice in succession. A recent letter contains the following: "I am certainly enjoying my work now, and you will see by my reports for the past two weeks that the Lord is blessing my efforts. The past week my work has been mostly among bankers, lawyers, etc. I have had some great experiences. I have had to use some new tactics to get in but have kept count of the houses visited and find I get into eight out of every ten."

V. L. Beecham.

"Instead of seeking expensive dwellings here, we should be preparing to move to a better country, even a heavenly. Instead of spending our means in self-gratification, we should be studying to economize. Every talent lent of God should be used to His glory, in giving the warning to the world. God has a work for His co-laborers to do in the cities. Our missions must be sustained; new missions must be opened. To carry forward this work successfully will require no small outlay. Houses of worship are needed, where people may be invited to hear the truths for this time. For this very purpose, God has intrusted a capital to His stewards. Let not your property be tied up in worldly enterprises, so that this work shall be hindered. Get your means where you can handle it for the benefit of the cause of God. Send your treasures before you into heaven." Volume 5, page 465.

The True Position of the Magazine Worker

If you have never taken part in selling a message-filled periodical, you may think of the work as rather unpleasant. Perhaps you may think of the dirty little newsboy calling his paper in the early morning, or the poorly dressed woman offering the news for sale at the railway station. Or, when you think of going out to sell papers you may call to mind some untidy vendor of pins, needles, or toilet soap whom you pitied as you dismissed from your door. If you have thought of the sale of our magazines from a purely commercial standpoint, it is not surprising that Satan succeeds in his plan to discourage you and keep you out of the work. If he can cause you to place the work of selling our magazines on the same basis as that of daily newspapers, the popular magazines, and other like publications, he has made the work appear so distasteful to you that you will not take it up. This he will do if he can. But we are not to place our work on a par with the newsboy, the peddler, and the shoestring man. We are entrusted with a message that should call into use the highest faculties.

Now mark this: The very first work for which the art of printing was used after its discovery, crude though the machinery, was the printing of the Word of God. Prior to that time (the 15th century) the comparatively few believers in God's Word worked for months writing out by hand portions of the Scriptures. These they faithfully passed on to whomsoever would receive and read them. Luther, you will remember, while confined in the Wartburg Castle, wrote tracts and pamphlets which the believers circulated throughout Germany so thoroughly that in every village and out-of-the-way place the Bible truths were taught. History records that Reuchlin, a noted reformer and writer, so appreciated the power of the press that on a mission to Rome he purchased all the Greek and Hebrew manuscripts he could find. This he did with a view of employing them as so many torches to increase in his own country the light already beginning to appear. Ulrich while taking refuge in the castle of

Edenburg "composed those works intended to be read and understood by the people which inspired all the German states with a horror for Rome and with a love for liberty." Such was the influence in those times of the printed pages of truth.

Our publishing work is now being carried on with the same purpose as was theirs. The Lord to-day assures us, through His servant, that "our books and periodicals are God's appointed means of keeping His message continually before the people." The increase in the effectiveness of this agency during the past few years may well stimulate the courage of every believer of this message. We have a publishing organization which is yearly putting into circulation over two million dollars worth of books, periodicals and tracts teaching the third angel's message.

"The world is to receive the light, and many will gain their knowledge of the truth through an evangelizing ministry of the Word in our books and papers." "Our publications should go everywhere. The circulation of our periodicals should be greatly increased. The third angel's message is to be given through gospel literature and through the living teacher."

Those who believe this and are showing their belief by their works are enjoying rich experiences. Those who are out selling our magazines every day are having experiences that verify God's promises. A letter received from one worker tells of her poor success on a certain morning, how then she stopped and told the Lord that she wanted special help. She continued her work and in a few moments had sold nine papers and was then obliged to go home for more. She adds, "This incident so encouraged me that I commenced to pray more and sold 221 copies in a short time, and this in poor territory. Since that experience I have loved more than ever the Word of the blessed Master. Many of my regular customers seem glad to get the magazine each month."

We might give many other experiences to show that those engaged in the sale of our splendid magazines are enjoying the choicest blessings God deals out to His workers. We want you to consider the work

from this missionary standpoint, and to keep these great possibilities before you, and you are assured by the Lord through the Spirit of prophecy that "those who go forth in the name of the Lord are His messengers to give to the multitude who are in darkness and error the glad tidings of salvation through Christ in obeying the law of God."

How to Work for the Jews

It is apparent that as Jewish people become acquainted with Seventh-day Adventists, their bitter prejudice against the Christian religion weakens, and they look more favorably upon the Messiahship of Jesus. If our people will remember that when they approach the Jewish people they should meet them in a friendly way they will do much towards reaching their hearts.

When you first approach the son of Abraham, ask him if he is a Jew or an Israelite. If he looks at you somewhat suspiciously, as if wondering why you ask him that question, tell him: "The reason I ask you this question is because I understand that the Jewish people are taught to observe the seventh day of the week for the Sabbath. I am not a Jew; I am a Gentile; but I observe the seventh day for the Sabbath. I keep it from Friday night sunset till Saturday night sunset. I keep it according to the Bible." Then add: "Do you believe the Sabbath?" He will then probably say: "I never heard of Gentiles keeping the Sabbath. Are there many who observe this day?" Answer: "O, yes, we have thousands and tens of thousands who believe the same. We are called Seventh-day Adventists. Have you ever heard of this people?" He will doubtless reply, "No, I never have."

"You will be interested to know also that as a people we do not believe in eating swine flesh. This, too, we believe from the Bible. We do not think that a person who accepts the Bible as the Word of God has any right to eat of the unclean foods which God forbade Israel to use. Our people are particular about this. Do you also know that we believe the tithe which God told Moses should be the portion of Aaron and his sons

for the work which they were to do in connection with the sanctuary, that it is obligatory upon us to return should be returned to God in these days also? Our denomination teaches

The Jew by this time will have his this tenth to the Lord."

interest aroused. He is likely to ask you if you are a Christian, a Jew or a mixture. If he has never heard of our people, and has never come in contact with them, he will ply you with many questions. You must tell him that what this people believe where you live is exactly the same that they believe wherever they are to be found, and this is in every part of the world.

Tell the Jew that you believe all the Bible. Do not talk to him about missions or missionary work; for the idea of missions is repulsive. He believes that a missionary is a man or woman who seeks to pervert the word of God—a person who is hateful to the Jews, and who would do the Jews harm.

If he asks you whether you believed in the New Testament, tell him that since you believe all that Moses and the prophets wrote, you must believe the New Testament. Jeremiah said that God would make a new covenant or new testament with Israel and with Judah. Jer. 31:31-34. Since God's word can not fail, how can you believe God and not believe the New Testament?

The Jew will doubtless question you about Christ. If possible avoid controversy. Ask him if he does not believe in the Messiah. Tell him that you also believe in the Messiah, and are a thorough believer in all that was given in the law of Moses, and therefore you must accept the truth that a Messiah is to come.

He will probably ask you if you have any books or reading matter that would give him further information. Then, it is that you want to tell him you have a magazine or tracts published by this people, and these will give him what information he desires.

A good sister who sells many of our magazines to the Jews, writes the following:

"I love the Jewish people and want to do them all the good I can, and I am sure that the Lord can help me

and open the way. I find that the less talking I do, the better I sell the magazine. I let the book talk of itself. I ask them to look at it, and usually they will buy." This, I believe, is good advice.

Should you have any questions or should the Jews ask you questions that do not seem clear to you, the writer will be glad to render you any assistance he can. Be free to write to me at South Lancaster, Mass. Be sure to do what you can to interest the Jewish people in this truth.

F. C. Gilbert,
Secretary Jewish Dept.

The New Pamphlet

A poor man, in poor health, not a Sabbath-keeper, after reading "The Marked Bible," became so interested in its circulation that he decided to spend \$10.00 in distributing it among those whom he believed would be influenced by it. He wrote that he felt it was the best, most forceful, gripping and convincing of anything he had ever read on the Sabbath and Sunday questions.

It is very evident that thousands of others feel very much as the gentleman referred to does. "The Marked Bible" articles appeared recently in the "Signs" weekly. In response to hundreds of requests that were sent to the publishers, these articles have been published in pamphlet form. The first edition of 15,000 copies was sent out within a week. Another edition of 25,000 copies is now being printed. This pamphlet is just the thing to send to relatives and friends.

A letter just in from a missionary secretary tells of a gentleman who has recently connected with our people. "It was the series of articles in the 'Signs' entitled 'The Marked Bible' that brought this man to a final decision," wrote the secretary. It may be the means of bringing the one that you have long been laboring for to a decision also. A copy will be sent free to all who subscribe for the "Signs," if they will ask for it. Send all orders through your tract society.

"There is a vast difference between knowing about God and knowing God."

Obituaries

Willits.—Died at Bakersfield, Cal., Oct. 29, 1918, Mrs. Mary E. Willits at the age of 41 years. She has been a member of the Bakersfield Seventh-day Adventist church since 1902. Her husband and five children survive. Services were held at the grave-side, words of comfort for the sorrowing ones being taken from Rev. 14:13.

B. L. Howe.

Schreiber.—Died in Chicago Park, Cal., Nov. 7, 1918, Mrs. Julia A. Schreiber, aged 31 years. She is survived by her husband, John Schreiber, and two sons, Ray and Glenn. Sister Schreiber was a faithful, earnest Christian, and awaits the coming of the Life-giver. Words of comfort were spoken by Elder M. J. King.

H. L. Wolfson.

Philbrick.—Rebecca Ann Philbrick, daughter of A. L. and Grace Colvin Philbrick, died in Pomona, Cal., Nov. 12, 1918, aged 3 years, 8 months and 28 days. Word of comfort were spoken from John 14: 1-3, and little Rebecca was laid to rest awaiting the glorious resurrection morn. Her father, mother, sister and a large circle of relatives and friends deeply mourn their loss.

S. H. Colvin.

Wilson.—Leland Wilson was born in Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 30, 1884, and died in Vallejo, Cal., Nov. 13, 1918. Last winter he was baptized and joined the Seventh-day Adventist church of Vallejo, and was an earnest Christian. He leaves a wife and mother, brother and sister and many other relatives and friends to mourn his untimely death. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

Andrew Nelson.

Sutherland.—Melvin Sylvester Sutherland, son of Brother and Sister F. I. Sutherland, was born June 30, 1915, in Planada, Cal., and fell asleep Nov. 8, 1918, in Fresno, Cal. He leaves to mourn his untimely death his fond parents, one sister and four brothers, who cherish the blessed hope of meeting Melvin when Jesus comes the second time. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from 2 Sam. 12: 16-23.

E. H. Adams.

Russell.—Luella S. Russell was born near Freeport, Ill., April 24, 1882, and died in Beatrice, Nebr., Oct. 10, 1918, aged 36 years, 5 months and 16 days. She joined the Seventh-day Adventist church when fifteen years of age, and lived a consistent Christian life. She was married to A. O. Russell in 1899. Two children, with her husband survive her, besides her parents, four brothers and two sisters. Funeral services were conducted by Elder Saxton, of College View, Nebr.

H. E. Lysinger.

Busby.—Clara Susan Busby nee Crew, was born Jan. 7, 1859, in Mississippi, and fell asleep in Jesus in Fresno, Cal., Nov. 11, 1918. She gave her heart to Jesus and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church at Segger, Okla., under the labors of Elder W. C. White, about 30 years ago, and was faithful to her views till called from us by death.

She was the mother of thirteen children, seven of whom with her husband, A. J. Busby, survive her. A faithful wife, mother and sister, is resting whom we fully expect will be called in the first resurrection. Ps. 116:15 was read from which thoughts of comfort were drawn by the writer.

E. H. Adams.

Drisdom.—Mrs. Laila Drisdom was born in New Orleans, Mo., Jan. 31, 1883, and died in Bakersfield, Cal., Nov. 9, 1918. The husband mourns the loss of a kind, faithful, and godly companion. Her mother and two children realize that a strong, loving, spiritual power has been taken from the home.

A large company gathered at the grave, and the Spirit came very near as the "Christians' hope" and the "warnings of God" were presented to the people. The singing was especially impressive, and hearts were touched by the message. The Life-giver is soon coming and we believe our sister will then come forth, clothed in immortal glory.

B. L. Howe.

Johnson.—Viola P. Darling was born in Lawrence Kansas, Jan. 25, 1865, and died at the St. Helena Sanitarium Sept. 17, 1918, thus making her age 53 years, 7 months and 22

days. With her parents, she came to California about forty years ago. They lived for a short time in Visalia, where she, with her parents, heard the third angel's message through Elder W. M. Healey. Together they decided to obey the commandments of God. From that time until her death she has been an unselfish and faithful Christian.

When she was sixteen the family moved to San Pasqual Valley, in San Diego County. She was united in marriage to Brother L. O. Johnson, Sept. 15, 1887, and to them were born four children, namely, Mrs. Lucile O'Brien, of Sanitarium, Cal.; Paul M. Johnson, who died shortly before reaching his fourth year; Glen M. Johnson, now in the service of his country; and Harold L. Johnson, of Napa, Cal.

Her husband, three children, three brothers, besides many distant relatives and a large circle of friends, mourn their loss.

S. T. Hare.

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George Andreas	Misc.	46	11		\$ 41.75	
Mrs. O. M. Bell	O.D.	13	7	1.75	13.40	
S. H. Coombs	P.G.	24	10		54.00	
D. A. Dale	P.G.	30	17	5.50	101.00	
Mrs. B. Hibbard	H.W.	3			6.55	
Mrs. E. Laraway	G.C.	25	11	.10	52.60	
Mrs. F. M. Satariano	H.W.	9			9.05	
B. E. Skelly	O.D.	10	2	1.70	6.70	13.50
Louise Sieber	P.G.	7	4		24.00	
9 Agents		167	62	\$ 9.05	\$309.05	\$ 13.50
Southeastern California						
H. F. Garland	B.R.	24	7	\$ 1.50	\$ 36.00	
H. G. Warden	O.D.	21	6	2.70	23.70	
C. E. Srack	P.G.	9	10		48.00	
3 Agents		54	23	\$ 4.20	\$107.70	
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Remember Missionary Volunteer Day, January 4.

Battle Creek Meeting

Former residents of Battle Creek are cordially invited to attend a Battle Creek Society meeting to be held in Blanchard Hall, 232 South Hill St., Los Angeles, Cal., on the evening of January 11, 1919, at seven o'clock.

Dr. P. F. Haskell, President.

What is Adoption?

The word means placing as a son, and in the Bible is used exclusively by the apostle Paul, to present the standing of those who accept Christ as their Saviour. The idea of adoption, if entertained at all by the Hebrews, was not practically supported by them. On the other hand, such a course would be entirely out of harmony with the Jewish law which regulated the inheritance of property. It was, however, almost wholly Roman in its essential features, inasmuch as Roman custom permitted a person not having children of his own to adopt, as his own son an alien-born. This privilege entitled the child to the name and divine relationship of the family lineage, constituting him heir-at-law, of his new father. As one who used well known customs to enforce gospel teachings, the apostle aptly transferred the Roman observance to illustrate the position of Christianized heathen. In other words, he made the "Spirit of adoption" the only condition by which aliens were permitted to call God "Abba, Father."

Rom. 8:15. (See Abba.) In another place he points out that, in order for this blessed relationship to be instituted, God permitted His own Son to appear in the flesh, and learn submission in that state, through suffering (Heb. 5:8), that He might redeem those under the law to "receive the adoption of sons." Then when one becomes willing to receive the Spirit of God's Son into his heart, it will say "Abba, Father." Gal. 4:4-6. Through Christ, the divine Son learning submission through suffering in the flesh, the adopted son was thus given the example of the true position in relation to God's commandments, in his new relationship by adoption.

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Solving Difficulties

There are so many disappointments in life at its best, it does not seem that anyone would seek to increase them. Yet many times we do things, or neglect to do them, which tend to increase our difficulties. Take for example, the person who sells our literature every month, our popular monthly magazines. If you cannot order a yearly club, you can place a standing order with your tract society instead of ordering in the now-and-then fashion. The result will be less work and expense for your friends at the tract society and the publishing houses and far less bother and worry on your part. You will then receive magazines in the shortest possible order and have much longer time in which to dispose of them. You also begin a good habit by becoming a regular worker for the Lord and as the definite work you do will just surely produce definite results. Therefore, let everyone that possibly can, place a standing order with their tract society for at least ten copies of some of our splendid publications. Watchman Magazine.

"Speak gently; 'tis a little thing,
Dropped in the heart's deep well.
The good, the joy, which it may bring,
Eternity will tell."
Each life that fails of its true intent
Mars the perfect plan that the Master meant. — Susan Coolidge.

Arizona Conference and Arizona Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists

As the Arizona conference session was postponed on account of the influenza epidemic, the date has now been set for January 9, 1919, the session to continue over the following Tuesday, January 14. The first meeting is called to convene at 11 A. M., Thursday, January 9, 1919.

The adjourned meeting of the Arizona Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists will be held Friday, January 10, 1919, at 10 A. M., in the Seventh-day Adventist church, corner Third and Pierce Streets, Phoenix, Arizona.

We trust that each church has arranged for its delegates to this meeting, and that you will forward the names to the conference secretary as soon as possible. It is to be hoped that each church will be represented.

Arrangements are being made to have the delegates from outside the city entertained by the members of the Phoenix church. This necessitates our knowing at once who will attend, so that we can provide ample entertainment.

While the meeting will be mainly of a business nature, it is planned to make all of the meetings a great spiritual uplift to all attending, and an invitation is extended to those who are not delegates. Elder J. W. Christian, president of the Pacific Union Conference, and other union conference men will be present. 3t

J. E. Bond, President.
O. J. Bond, Secretary.

"Whoever prays 'Our Father' is bound to practice 'our brother'."

"There are whole families who might be missionaries, engaging in personal labor, toiling for the Master with busy hands and active brains, devising new methods for the success of His work. There are earnest, prudent, warm-hearted men and women who could do much for Christ if they would give themselves to God, drawing nearer to Him and seeking Him with the whole heart."