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"He is Counting on You"

"He is counting on you,"
 On your silver and gold,
 On that treasure you hold;
 On that treasure still kept,
 Though the doubt o'er you swept.
 "Is this gold not all mine?"
 (Lord, I knew it was thine)"
 He is counting on you,
 If you fail Him—What then?

"He is counting on you,"
 On a love that will share
 In His burden of prayer,
 For the soul He has bought
 With His life-blood: and sought
 Through His sorrow and pain
 To win 'Home' once again.
 He is counting on you,
 If you fail Him—What then?
 "He is counting on you."

On life, money and prayer;
 And "the day shall declare"
 If you let Him have all
 In response to His call;
 Or if He in that day
 To your sorrow must say
 "I have counted on you,
 But you failed me,"—What then?

"He is counting on you,"
 Oh! the wonder and grace,
 To look Christ in the face
 And not be ashamed.
 For you gave what He claimed,
 And you laid down your all
 For His sake—At His call,
 He had counted on you.
 And you failed not. What then?
 —Selected.

A Call to Advance

As a people we have never faced a more momentous hour. Stupendous obstacles that have stood in the way of advancing the message in all the earth are falling, and opening providences indicate that we should more quickly and unitedly finish the glorious message of salvation. Never was there a clearer call to advance with such confidence in God and faith in His message. We should hasten forward with our heaven-appointed work. We are a missionary people in the truest sense of the word. The message we bear, in the very wording, calls for its heralds to go to every nation, kindred, and tongue and people; and thus plans must be laid to carry on the most stupendous missionary enterprise ever devised by any people.

God in His wisdom and leadership of the Holy Spirit is opening doors everywhere, and moving upon the hearts of men and women to give their lives unreservedly to this blessed work. We may fully expect men of means to make larger gifts to the cause of God, and it becomes the happy privilege of every believer to have his part in the work.

We have established the habit of giving and it is growing upon us. We are learning something of its power and of its joy—that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." But in the future, we must be prepared to do greater things, to make greater sacrifices, to make larger gifts.

God has made us debtors to the millions who are awakening and are stretching out their hands for the bread of life. Our responsibility and obligation grows with the passing months and years, and we have surely reached the time that requires greater and larger gifts, and a deeper spiritual awakening, than

at any time since the days of Pentecost.

It was Jesus who said, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest." May God grant that we may get a clear vision of our duty and fully appreciate the words of our Lord when He said, "The field is the world." The sacrifice of Jesus designed to embrace all the world and being His followers our sympathies should be no less limited.

In this thrilling time of missionary endeavor, when God is actually finishing His work in the earth, we need the blessed Holy Spirit in our hearts to quicken our activities, and it is only as we consecrate our all to the unfinished task that we may fully expect the richest blessing. So for the blessed Spirit we all must seek, and to the unfinished task we give ourselves unreservedly. This we will do by His grace.

G. W. Wells.

An Important Meeting

If all who read this could be in attendance at the bookmen's convention which is now in session in Mountain View, I am certain their conception of the importance and far-reaching influence of this work would be greatly broadened and their interest stirred anew.

Delegates are here from almost every state west of the Mississippi River, and from Western Canada; and nearly every phase of the publishing work is given the most intimate and thorough consideration. The discussion of these questions is most interesting and inspiring, and one cannot listen to it without being convinced that this meeting will result in greater efficiency, and that these men are intensely in earnest in their desire and determination to win souls through the strengthening and up-

building of this department of God's work.

One outstanding feature of the convention is the study of the book "Great Controversy" that is being conducted by Brother H. H. Hall. It is felt that this is preeminently a book for the present hour, and that now, during this time of seeming peace we should push its sale most earnestly and that we as a people should give it a most thorough study for ourselves.

May I not ask that all who read this will take up the study of this book anew, and have your minds refreshed regarding the great principles involved in this mighty conflict; and my prayer is that many will feel that now is the time for them to enter the field to carry this mighty influence into the homes of the people in this state, thus helping to prepare a people for the coming of our Lord and King.

A more complete report of this convention will doubtless be given later.

F. E. Painter.

Supporting the Work

Every consecrated Seventh-day Adventist fully realizes the solemn duty of paying tithes. As a means of supporting the work of God, this plan shows divine wisdom. It is, therefore, a privilege we have in paying tithe for co-operating with Heaven in the furtherance of the third angel's message to all the world.

How many of us have ever realized that our publishing houses are appointed of God, and our publications are His instrumentalities for the spread of the gospel and therefore call for our loyal support? Do we realize that every subscription we take, every copy of a publication we become responsible for, is also definitely supporting the work? What would become of our institutions which furnish the printed page if our support were withdrawn? Would they not suffer as severely as the ministry, were the tithe to be withdrawn? Then, why is it not our duty to feel a definite responsibility for the support of our publishing houses? No better demonstration of our belief in them could be given than by subscribing, even at a sacrifice, for our splendid publications.

It should not be a question of

whether we personally can find time to read everything that comes to our door. Rather, it becomes a solemn duty to give the truth to others. If we are confined to our homes, let the children take the literature to the neighbors or use the mails. The promise is: "As the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the things whereto I sent it." Isa. 55:10, 11.

A new year is here. Let us start right by subscribing for the "Review and Herald," "Watchman," "Signs," "Life and Health," "Liberty," etc. Let us faithfully support the work.

C. E. Hooper.

"The temperature of Christian piety must be raised. Plans must be devised and executed for the spread of truth to all nations of the earth. Satan is lulling Christ's professed followers to sleep, while souls are perishing all around them; and what excuse can they give to the Master for their negligence?"

"Dying charity is a poor substitute for living benevolence. Many will to their friends and relatives all except a very small pittance of their property. This they leave for their supreme Friend, who became poor for their sakes, who suffered insult, mockery, and death, that they might become sons and daughters of God. And yet they expect when the righteous dead shall come forth to immortal life that this Friend will take them into his everlasting habitations.

What You Can Give in 1919

YOU CAN GIVE "more earnest heed" to the call of God to make the most of the new and enlarged opportunities that have come and are coming to the church in these critical days of world change and reconstruction. A world-sobered time is the most opportune time for God's people to reach the hearts of those about them. That time is here, but **THAT TIME IS SHORT.**

YOU CAN GIVE more serious consideration to the business of enlarging your personal missionary operations in 1919. You and I should plan for expansion. We should not be satisfied with any small effort, but gladly attempt larger things in 1919 for the sake of others and for our own spiritual growth. **THE TIME IS SHORT.**

YOU CAN GIVE out more literature in 1919. The Lord has placed in our hands the best literature in the world. The people want it and the people need it. The "SIGNS" weekly has come to be a mighty factor in reaching people. Its mission is to win souls, and it wins them. It is the greatest ally of personal evangelistic effort we have in printed form. Use it. **THE TIME IS SHORT.**

YOU CAN GIVE your relatives and friends another opportunity during 1919 to get in touch with the great message for these days. Appearing, as it will, in a new way, in new and unusual settings, in the "SIGNS," it will doubtless appeal to relatives and friends who have not been impressed heretofore. Try again. It pays. God has some splendid surprises in store for those who do not grow weary in well-doing. **THE TIME IS SHORT.**

YOU CAN GIVE the "Signs" to those who call daily at your door—the visitor, the agent, the grocery clerk, the milkman, any caller. Don't keep your "SIGNS" in a bookcase or a file. Let them go out on their mission of soul-winning. Have a paper rack inside the front or back door where you can easily reach for the "SIGNS." Opportunities come daily to our doors. Be ready. **THE TIME IS SHORT.**

YOU CAN GIVE excellent help by engaging more in missionary correspondence with the "SIGNS" weekly. Here is a fruitful method that merits more attention than most of us have given it. Remarkable results grow out of following up mailed copies of the "SIGNS" with a few letters. These silent preachers can go, perhaps, where we cannot go. Let us remember the instruction, to send them "through the mails." **THE TIME IS SHORT.**

YOU CAN GIVE, no doubt, just a little more time each week, if you carefully plan for it, to making a

few calls, in a systematic way, among the people in a certain block or two blocks, and later, after you have left the "SIGNS" a few times, secure their subscription. It will help you, and certainly it will bless them. Yes, we can each accomplish a little more if we will definitely plan to give a little more of our thought, heart, means and time to this all-important work. **THE TIME IS SHORT.**

Ernest Lloyd.

Experiences in Working Among the Jews

We are truly grateful at the way many of our people are taking hold of the work for the Jewish people. Many cases have come to our attention of late where the Jewish people who once gave up the Sabbath are again observing it, because of the influence of our brethren and sisters. One brother who has lived among the Jews for a number of years told me a few days ago that he knew of at least nine families of Jews who had given up the Sabbath but had gone to keeping it again, because of his being a Sabbath-keeper.

As our people visit among the Jews with our literature, they find that the children of Abraham are indeed interested. A Jew in Philadelphia I talked with a short time ago purchased an Old and a New Testament in the Yiddish, and a Hebrew Bible. Although he was very tired the night he bought these books, he started right in to read them. Within the next few weeks from the time I saw him I heard that he was planning to sell his business and keep the Sabbath.

One of our workers writes: "In Tampa, Florida, a Jewish merchant said to me, 'We feel ashamed to see you going to church every Sabbath, and we are in business.' And I replied, 'Well, the trouble with you good Jewish people is that you are still worshipping the golden calf.' This gentleman, and almost every other Jewish merchant in Tampa gave the writer one dollar for the Harvest Ingathering. Also one of the Jewish judges donated to the same fund."

"One Jew said: 'I want you to know, Mrs. —, that we Jewish people feel like tipping our hats to you

Seventh-day Adventists. Yes, we have a profound respect for you people."

"One of our brethren is a linen buyer in a large Jewish firm, worked there for many years before stepping out into the Sabbath truth. He still retains his position, and a year ago last Christmas received as a holiday gift \$200, the most given to an employee. Such was the regard this firm had for a Sabbath keeper."

Are you doing anything for your Jewish neighbors and friends with the Yiddish literature? Order the magazines and tracts for the Jews through your tract society.

The Jewish department has printed a small pamphlet of instruction on how to handle the Yiddish literature among the Jews. Send to your tract society for a copy. Pray and labor for the Jews.

F. C. Gilbert.

Ingathering 1918 Campaign

Now that the Harvest Ingathering campaign for 1918 is closed, it will be of interest to all to know how much was raised. To those who labored so faithfully to reach the goal it will be a matter of rejoicing to learn that such a favorable showing was made, notwithstanding the hindrances that prevented a complete success. The following statement shows the result by conferences:

	Goal	Amt. Recd.
Arizona	\$ 1,658.50	\$ 1,307.73
California	5,353.88	1,994.65
Central Cal. ...	5,797.22	1,098.69
Inter-Mountain..	2,187.90	1,304.49
Northern Cal. ..	5,014.60	1,683.71
N.W. California.	4,155.58	2,019.11
S.E. California..	5,173.74	1,146.64
Southern Cal. ..	7,257.24	5,397.01
Nevada Mission.	786.50	391.77
P. U. Conf. ..	\$37,335.00	\$16,348.00

It will be noticed that Arizona and Southern California came nearest to reaching the goal, although these two conferences were probably the most seriously affected by the influenza of any. Inter-Mountain and Northwestern California also made a good fight for success, but were unable to overcome all the obstacles. Earnest work was done in each conference, and it is very evident that all would have gone beyond the goal set had it not been for the ravages of the influenza.

The amount raised will be a great blessing to the work in the foreign

fields. In some of our conferences the 1919 Harvest Ingathering campaign has been launched, and they are devoting at least a part of the months of January and February to using the supply of "Watchman" remaining from the recent fall effort. Why not exert every effort to get these beautiful papers into the homes of your neighbors while they are fresh? It is none too late to secure a good offering for this year's goal. One conference reports a large sum already gathered since the first of the year. Try it in your conference. Use up your papers and raise your goal. Then we shall be ready for a vigorous campaign later in the year with the next edition of the ingathering paper.

J. A. S.

"Signs" Magazine for March

Leading Articles

"The Tragedies of Socialism," by George W. Rine. The great war, instead of facilitating the advent of a socialized state has actually rendered the fulfillment of the dream of Socialism improbable if not impossible. "Would-be Erectors of a Kingless Kingdom," by Warren P. Dayton. Wherein is contrasted the vitally antagonistic doctrines of the pre-millennial coming of Christ with the post-millennial hypothesis.

"The Astronomical Path to Heaven," by Lucas A. Reed. Orion's "open space," the vestibule to glory. Answering questions elicited by previous articles on the nebula in Orion and fully explaining the position of Orion in the heavens, the "Sword and Belt of Orion," where in Orion is the nebula, and where in the nebula is the open space.

"Fundamentals in Man-Making," by Milton C. Wilcox. What causes the character-contrasts of history? A lesson on the basic principles of character building.

"The Future is Dimmed with Smoke," by Daniel H. Kress, M.D. An exceptionally strong article on the increasing scourge of tobacco, dealing with the subject from the scientific viewpoint.

"Shots at Sin," by Charles G. Belah. A group of his pointed epigrams that preach a dozen sermons.

"The 'Personal Rights' of Beer," by Charles S. Longacre. A timely consid-

eration of the charges made by liquor lovers and manufacturers that prohibition means the abolition of personal liberties.

"A Vital Chapter in Salvation's Story," by John O. Corliss. A campaign is being waged by the foes of Bible prophecy against the Book of Daniel. Every Christian should know God's design for this book.

"The Land of a Million Devils," by Missionary W. C. Hankins. A fascinating group of stories of demon possession and worship in China. Anti-spiritism truths are forcibly illustrated by specific instances of spirit manifestation.

"What Shall We Do with Peace?" A two-page editorial on the League of Nations and the plans for a permanent peace, together with the Bible version of the scheme.

"The Melting Pot of Opinions." A page of pithy opinions of world leaders and journals combined with the "Signs" viewpoint.

"The Health Conservation Page," by George Thomason. The expert opinions of a doctor upon the many questions of every-day health.

"According to Thy Faith"

The following message from one of our progressive church missionary secretaries is a good comment on the words, "According to thy faith."

"Dear Brother: Your notes in regard to the club of 'Signs' which has just expired came to hand in due time. The answer, as well as the club, has been delayed by the epidemic which has visited our little village as well as other communities.

"When I first mentioned renewing the club and told the cost our missionary leader shook his head and said, 'Impossible! We can't raise seventy-five dollars.' However, I insisted that we could and that instead of retrenching or decreasing we should increase the club. I talked a club of 100 copies.

"Finally we arranged for the regular church service hour last Sabbath (November 16) to be devoted to the home missionary work. Three of our best speakers were drafted into the service and short, spicy talks on 'General Plans of Work,' 'Why Each Member should be a Worker, or Soul-Winner,' and 'Ammunition for the

Sales in Pacific Union Territory

January 1 to December 31, 1917

	Sub'n	Trade	Educ.	Tracts	Total
Arizona	\$ 7,327.50	\$ 426.35	\$ 77.60	\$ 233.10	\$ 8,064.55
California	7,643.00	2,684.75	865.20	545.25	11,738.20
Cal.-Nevada	6,025.15	1,673.30	354.15	471.10	8,523.70
Cent. California	6,766.55	1,159.35	760.70	351.65	9,038.25
Inter-Mountain .	4,974.90	363.45	261.10	26.85	5,626.30
S. E. California	5,364.00	2,716.20	448.50	171.20	8,699.90
So. California ..	5,597.30	2,278.30	348.25	1,010.05	9,233.90
	\$43,698.40	\$11,301.70	\$3,115.50	\$2,809.20	\$60,924.80

January 1 to December 31, 1918

	Sub'n	Trade	Educ.	Tracts	Total
Arizona	\$ 5,404.50	\$ 685.15	\$ 129.50	\$ 154.45	\$ 6,373.60
California	10,178.10	3,451.15	1,089.05	384.35	15,102.65
Cal.-Nevada ...	6,654.90	1,884.15	818.45	404.30	9,761.80
Cent. California .	4,857.60	1,866.50	718.45	423.45	7,666.00
Hawaii	957.80	94.45	1.30	18.25	1,071.80
Inter-Mountain ..	12,729.80	920.85	260.25	157.90	14,068.80
S. E. California	5,316.15	4,563.50	773.85	340.35	10,993.85
So. California ..	7,962.85	4,112.65	763.00	790.30	13,628.80
	\$54,061.70	\$17,578.40	\$4,553.85	\$2,473.35	\$78,667.30

Total 1918 78,667.30
Total 1917 60,924.80

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J. M. Rowse,

Manager Pacific Branch, Pacific Press Pub. Assn.

Workers,' were given. Then a call was made for subscribers to the 'Signs.' Slips of paper were passed through the audience. When these were gathered up and all the names and amounts counted, imagine my surprise to find that instead of 100 there were 360 subscriptions."

This means growth for that missionary society, a little more spiritual energy set free to witness, and doubtless, results in the form of new members added here and there over the field. The great object for our existence as a church is to carry on an organized effort to reconcile men and women to God and His truth. The 'Signs' is a real helper in this ministry of reconciliation. Help to increase its soul-winning influence through an increase of the club in your church.

"Brethren, remember the cause, and when you have means at your command lay up for yourselves a good foundation against the time to come, that you may lay hold on eternal life. Jesus for your sakes became poor, that you through his poverty might be made rich in heavenly treasure. What will you give for Jesus, who has given all for you?"

FIELD TIDINGS

CALIFORNIA

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Our Task Not Yet Finished

There was a most excellent response in our churches last year to the many calls for missions, and as a result the General Conference was enabled to send a grand force of recruits to the darkened fields of earth to carry the blessed gospel of light to benighted souls.

In the face of terrorism of war, bloodshed and famine, many countries have been entered and hundreds heard and accepted the gospel message. But let us not deceive ourselves into believing that there is little to do before the work is finished. We may rightfully rejoice over past achievements; but they only urge us on to the yet more earnest work before us.

We are indeed thankful to God for the splendid spirit of co-operation manifest by our churches, and as a result of the liberalities of our faithful brethren and sisters, our confer-

ence (the California and Northwestern California Conferences combined) sent on to the mission fields \$48,150. This was more than \$11,000 above our quota. Many of our churches went away "over the top." The tithe for the California Conference was \$57,257.77, while the offerings were \$25,348.98. In the Northwestern California Conference the tithe was \$45,662.28 and the offerings \$22,802.78, making a grand total of tithe \$102,920.05, and the offerings \$48,151.16.

We are indeed thankful for this good showing. But may it not be possible that we still come far short of the goal divinely set? Opening providence and urgent calls come from every quarter of the globe; they speak in the loudest awakening trumpet tones, and call for more earnest action and more liberal giving than ever before. The great and crying need of a perishing world is a pressing call to every loyal Seventh-day Adventist to arouse. Let us heed the call and let it reach to the very depths of our heart.

"There's a call comes ringing o'er the restless wave,
Send the light! Send the light!
There are souls to rescue, there are souls to save.
Send the light! Send the light!

"Let us not grow weary in the work of love,
Send the light! Send the light!
Let us gather jewels for a crown above,
Send the light! Send the light!"

We have seen new and great things the past year. The movements of earth have been rapid and startling. Bewildering and complicated as they are to the world, they open to us avenues of the promise of deliverance and the glorious triumph for the cause of God. We may fully expect multiplied voices coming to us more and more saying, "Send the light."

The goal for missions in the California Conference for the present year to help in answering the world-wide calls remains the same, an average of 25 cents per week per member. This amounts to \$3,611.17 each month. This may appear to be quite a task; but as we recount the mercies of God, take an inventory of our resources, and lay our plans accordingly, we may confidently expect to reach the goal. To this end we most

earnestly solicit the co-operation of every church officer and member. Shall we not carry this burden on our hearts, and every individual watch, labor, pray and give until the task is accomplished?

G. W. Wells.

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Pencilgrams

On account of the influenza, most of the larger schools in this conference have been closed for many weeks. Some have been closed three months, and some even longer. Caplin has the record for losing the least time, and the Dinuba German church school comes next. This necessarily was a great interruption to the work, but we should not be discouraged. These interruptions will come more and more as we near the end; but the Lord does not want our school work to stop. Now is the time to press forward and give our children the training the Lord wants them to have. The night of the Passover was no time to become discouraged and send the Israelitish children out among their Egyptian neighbors. That night of all times was the time to gather them into their own homes where the blood on the lintel would cause the destroying angel to pass over that house. So now we are to gather our children about us and get them ready to go out in haste when the summons of the King comes.

As the schools open, let all take hold with fresh courage and zeal, and by home study and perhaps an hour extra each day and a few weeks extra time in the spring, make up in a large degree what has been lost.

The schools at Shafter and Bakersfield are doing good work and seem of good courage. A brief call at the Laguna school was enjoyed. The schoolroom here has been newly papered. Two rows of good library books, part of which were loaned to the children by Miss Ada Bond, are a great help in this school.

Mrs. Price, on account of sickness in her family, felt obliged to resign her position as principal of the Hanford school. Mrs. M. L. Rice is carrying the work until Brother Ralph

Chapman, from Camp Kearny, arrives. We will welcome Brother Chapman to our conference. He has had several years' experience in teaching and always enjoys it.

The teachers at Armona are going to the homes of the children, and also meeting one pupil at a time at the schoolhouse, thus trying to carry on the work until permission is given for the opening.

The Fresno school board in a recent meeting, decided to ask the teachers to lengthen the daily sessions an hour each day; to carry the work two weeks longer in the spring; the teachers to donate one week of this time; and the teachers to recommend to those pupils who will not be able to make up all back work, to drop one or two subjects and finish the ones they wish to carry through. We believe this is a good plan, and will tend to strengthen the work and give the pupils and patrons confidence.

It is time to think about our work for the coming year and to lay plans that the work may not be hindered because of lack of preparation. School boards should be speaking for their teacher for the coming year. This year we had a very difficult time to supply the schools with teachers. If we start in time it will save much of the rush and worry incident to supplying teachers at the last moment.

Alice Mina Mann.

Obituaries

Wheeler.—Joseph Prescott Wheeler was born in Minnesota, May 7, 1883, and died in St. Helena, Cal., Jan. 13, 1919, aged 35 years, 8 months and 6 days. Our brother rests in hope, having accepted present truth at the age of fifteen. His wife and four daughters are left to mourn.

W. W. Steward.

Wagner.—Roy Wagner, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Wagner, was born in Manford, N. D., May 28, 1913, and died in Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 8, 1919, as the result of an accident. Funeral services were held at the grave-side in Lodi, Cal. We feel assured that Little Roy is one of the lambs whom Jesus will gather when He comes.

Clarence Santee.

Ward.—Nellie V. Ward was born in Correna, Maine, August 30, 1840, and died in Reno, Nevada, Jan. 16, 1919. Two sons, Herbert F. Ward, of Seattle, Wash., and Lauren C. Ward, of Reno, Nevada, and two grandchildren are left to mourn; but "not as those who have no hope." Interment at Petaluma, Cal. Services were conducted by the writer.

M. A. Hollister.

Waller.—Thomas Davis Waller was born in Hocking County, Ohio, Feb. 23, 1845. He was married to Mary Wilcox in 1867, and in 1870 they both became members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He died at his home in St. Helena, Cal., Dec. 28, 1918. Brother Waller was an untiring worker in the cause of present truth. His wife, a son, and a daughter survive.

W. C. White.

Vanfosen.—Jesse Paul Vanfosen was born in Kings county, Cal., November 25, 1892. His father and mother resided near Laton, until about eight years ago, when the father died. Paul was in the army camp at Kearny, where he contracted the influenza, and died November 8, 1918. Funeral services were conducted in the front yard of the Vanfosen home near Laton by the writer, assisted by Elder E. H. Adams.

F. E. Brown.

Mann.—George W. Mann was born in Henry County, Ind., June 25, 1854, and died in St. Helena, Cal., Jan. 4, 1919. On April 26, 1887, he was married to Elizabeth Valentein. To this union were born three daughters. In 1906 Brother Mann came to St. Helena, where he lived till his death. Less than a month before, his father's death caused him much sorrow. He was very much devoted to the third angel's message, the truth of which he embraced while a young man. He leaves to mourn a wife and two daughters. He was laid to rest in the St. Helena cemetery.

S. T. Hare.

Benton.—James Edward Benton was born July 4, 1855, in England. He became a resident of Iowa in 1866, coming to California in 1885, he settled in Lemoore, where he had

since lived, with the exception of the past few years, when he resided at King City. He leaves one son, Brother Albert Benton, of Armona, and one brother and sister. Brother Benton had a good experience before he died, and felt that the Lord had fully accepted him. Services were conducted at the graveside, near Lemoore, by the writer. We hope to meet Brother Benton when the Master calls for His own.

F. E. Brown.

Creamer.—James Creamer was born in Mt. Pleasant, Ontario, Feb. 7, 1837, and died at his home in St. Helena, Cal., Dec. 19, 1918, being nearly 82 years of age at the time of his death. Brother Creamer was one of the charter members of the St. Helena church, organized by Elder J. N. Loughborough, May 16, 1884. He was an office-bearer in his church for more than thirty years. In 1884, he moved to Healdsburg to teach shoemaking to students in the college. In 1885 we was connected with our Seamen's mission in San Francisco, Creamer assisted Elder and Sister McClure in conducting our City Mission Training School in Oakland. The funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Elder W. C. White.

E. W. Farnsworth.

Barnes.—Susan Gavin Barnes was born in Trinidad, Colo., in 1890. She married George E. Barnes, and went to Long Beach, Cal., where she and her husband first heard the message and accepted it gladly. Later they moved to Lindsay, Cal., where they lived several years. Sister Barnes was an active church worker, loved the truth, and was instrumental in bringing a number to a knowledge of the third angel's message. With her husband and son, Warren, she returned to her early home in Trinidad in the summer of 1917, her membership being transferred to that church. Late last November she contracted influenza, and died December 4, 1918. All who knew her are made sad by this untimely death, but find comfort in the blessed hope of the resurrection. Interment was in Trinidad Cemetery.

F. E. Brown.

Estes.—Emily J. Estes was born in Hutchinson, Minn., Feb. 9, 1864. She died Jan. 4, 1919, at the St. Helena Sanitarium, aged 54 years, 10 months and 25 days. Sister Estes was united in marriage to Elbridge A. Wheeler in 1882. To this union were born five sons, all of whom, with the husband and father, are left to mourn, but not without hope. Sister Wheeler had been an Adventist practically all her life, her parents having accepted the advent doctrine under the labors of Elder D. M. Canright. We laid our sister to rest in the beautiful cemetery at St. Helena, Cal., there to await the call of the great Life-giver. Funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Elder S. T. Hare.

W. W. Steward.

Beddoe.—Adolph Rennie Beddoe was born in Rolla, Missouri, March 26, 1891. He was the sixth child of Henry and Mary Ella Beddoe, the fifth of seven sons born to them. While still an infant he suffered an injury that resulted in making him a cripple for life, and invited tubercular trouble that was the immediate cause of his death.

Always of a bright, cheerful disposition he bore his affliction uncomplainingly. Born into a home where the truth of God was loved and practiced, he early in life learned of the Saviour's love and gave his heart to him. He was baptized at the age of twelve years by Elder D. E. Scoles, becoming a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church at Rolla, Missouri. He was an earnest witness for his Lord, and a faithful student of His Word until called to rest.

He was never satisfied to be idle, and his waking hours were occupied to the full with useful labor or study. He came with his parents to California in 1905, and had resided in Glendale less than two years. During the last few years his condition had grown worse gradually; his final illness lasting about six weeks. Everything that prayerful and loving attention could do, or scientific skill suggest was tried all through the years in a vain effort to restore him to health.

However, through it all he never seemed to doubt his Heavenly Father's wisdom and love, one of his last

requests being that a chapter of the Bible be read and prayer offered. He expressed great satisfaction at the reading, especially of the verse, "And there shall be no more curse."

The end came Wednesday afternoon, December 25th, at a quarter past five. He was aged 27 years, 8 months, and 29 days. He leaves to mourn his decease his mother, two sisters, and six brothers, other relatives and a wide circle of friends.

Funeral services were conducted in the Glendale Seventh-day Adventist church by the writer, assisted by Elders H. G. Lucas and G. W. Reaser. Our brother was laid to rest in the beautiful Forest Lawn cemetery, to await the call of the Lifegiver in the first resurrection. We mourn, but not as those who are without hope.

J. W. Christian.

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will not sacrifice conscience and the truth in deference to popular errors. This evil is on the point of realization."

Then follows the pointed query: "When God has given us light showing the dangers before us, how can we stand clear in His sight if we neglect to put forth every effort in our power to bring it before the people? Can we be content to leave them to meet this momentous issue unwarned?"

It is of the utmost importance that every one of our people, as far as they are able, secure signatures to the petitions against the Sunday closing laws, and either write letters of protest to their Senators and Assemblymen, or call upon these men personally and explain to them where religious laws will lead. If the State is once committed to this program, more drastic laws are certain to follow.

The last issue of a leading grocers' magazine in Los Angeles publishes two articles favoring enforced Sunday closing, and urges the 9,340 grocers in California to either write their Senators and Assemblymen, urging that a Sunday law be passed, or talk to them personally about the matter. "First and most important in the fight for Sunday closing is to con-

vince the members of the Senate and the Assembly that the retail trade is really desirous of closing their places of business on Sunday," says this magazine. "Write your letters at once, and make them strong," the grocers urged. "Refute the argument that because Los Angeles city failed to adopt Sunday closing, it is not desired by the merchants themselves. And when the Legislature takes its recess, about the end of this month, make every effort to see at least one of these law makers personally and advocate the cause. If there ever was a time to push Sunday closing to a successful issue now is the time."

Again, the leading organ of the retail grocers published in San Francisco strongly urges the passage of the law. Two weeks ago an article appeared giving a digest of the bill, and saying that it is supported by the State Federation of Labor, and the Sunday Closing League composed of barbers, shoe clerks, grocery clerks, drug clerks, bakery wagon drivers' unions and the Master Bakers' Association. This article also states that the state convention of retail grocers in Santa Cruz in September, 1917, adopted a resolution that a Sunday closing bill be introduced. The bill now pending is almost identical with the Sunday bill defeated in the California Legislature in 1917, and the bill voted down at the polls by California citizens in 1914 by a majority of 167,221.

The California Legislature adjourned its first session on Friday, January 24 but will meet for the second session on Monday, February 24. Between these two dates, address the Legislature at their homes. Do not fail to do your best in securing signatures against these bills. We must not fold our hands in idleness at this momentous crisis. If you fill your petition, paste another sheet of white paper neatly at the bottom, and continue to secure names. All citizens of California may sign. Prompt work is necessary, for petitions must be returned to Elder W. F. Martin, Care Pacific Union Conference, S. D. A., Box 146, Glendale, Cal., by February 16. This will give him a few days in which to prepare the petitions for filing with the Legislature.

Frank A. Coffin.

Advertisements

Help Wanted—At the Paradise Valley Sanitarium, three graduate nurses and three domestic help. Correspondence solicited. Paradise Valley Sanitarium, National City, California. 4t

For Sale.—House and lot near Pacific Union College, St. Helena, Cal. Also two lots in Mountain View, near the Pacific Press Publishing Association. Address Sara McEnterfer, St. Helena, Cal.

Wanted.—A Seventh-day Adventist Filipino or Japanese to act as janitor in first-class apartment house. Good wages and apartment furnished. Apply Granada Apts., 1514 Alice St., Oakland, Cal.

Glendale Sanitarium will start a Nurses' Training Course February 1. Anyone interested should correspond at once with the Superintendent of Nurses, Glendale Sanitarium, Glendale, Cal. 5t

Wanted.—Temporary home on a ranch with Seventh-day Adventists for two boys, aged 13 and 10, the older boy to earn his board and clothing. Would be willing to pay something for the other boy. References required. Write to 1923 East Fourth St., Los Angeles, Cal.

For Sale.—Five-room house one block from Paradise Valley Sanitarium, church and church school. Built-in features; gas and electricity; cemented cellar. Lot 100x130 feet; variety of fruit trees; garage; chicken-house. Opportunity of employment at sanitarium. Price \$2650. Address Thos. L. Payne, National City, Cal.

A Home Where There Is No Winter

After years of labor in South and Central America, Elder and Mrs. A. N. Allen are now in the States to educate their children, and wish to sell their home in Cuba. It is located near the center of the island and consists of 20 acres with a good house; three-eighths of a mile from the station; a good place for some one wishing a mild and pleasant climate. For further particulars write A. N. Allen, 2006 Twenty-fourth Ave., North Nashville, Tenn.

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stress should be given to the training of new recruits, thus strengthening the army already in the field.

Now is the time to exalt the banner of truth, for soon our opportunity to point out the way of truth to others will be forever past. Realizing the shortness of time, and the magnitude of the work, we are endeavoring to "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus," trusting that our many friends will remember us at the throne of grace. H. A. Young.

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Crisis at Hand! Act Now!

"There is a prospect before us of a continued struggle, at the risk of imprisonment, loss of property, and even of life itself, to defend the law of God, which is made void by the laws of men... Let none sit in calm expectation of the evil, comforting themselves with the belief that this work must go on because prophecy has foretold it, and that the Lord will shelter His people. We are not doing the will of God if we sit in quietude, doing nothing to preserve liberty of conscience. Fervent, effectual prayer should be ascending to heaven that this calamity may be deferred until we can accomplish the work which has so long been neglected. Let there be most earnest prayer; and then let us work in harmony with our prayers."

With these stirring words the servant of the Lord exhorted our people 37 years ago to be faithful and diligent in sounding the warning against religious legislation, and to be thoroughly awake to every encroachment upon religious freedom. If apathy in the presence of threatened Sunday laws was reprehensible then, how much more now, when an intolerant law is awaiting action in the California Legislature, and when tremendous pressure is being exerted upon our lawmakers to secure its passage.

Champions of this Sunday bill contend that it is merely a civil measure, that the laboring men and the merchants desire it for their own protection! that no religious element enters into it. They are blind to the fact that strong religious forces will ma-

nipulate the Sunday law to their own ends; that once the State is committed to religious legislation, still more drastic laws will be forced through, and that exemption clauses now attached to the present bill will be quickly repealed. This has been the experience in other States, Arkansas being a notable example.

That State repealed in 1885 a clause of its Sunday law exempting Sabbatarians from prosecution for Sunday labor. Ostensibly, the exemption clause was eliminated to permit the closing of certain saloons on Sunday which were said to be conducted by Jews. However, after the exemption was removed, no Jews were prosecuted, but about 20 Seventh-day Adventists were arrested, among them two ministers. Among the 20 was a member named Swearingen, who was charged with hauling rails on Sunday, and who, with his son, was assessed fines and costs amounting to \$34.20. Not having the money they were sent to jail. The sheriff levied on Mr. Swearingen's horse selling it at sheriff's sale for \$26.50. With \$7.70 still due, father and son were released, but about two months later the sheriff presented a bill for \$28.95, \$21.25 of which was for the board of the two while they were in jail. To pay the bill the sheriff levied upon another horse of Mr. Swearingen's, besides his harness, wagon, cow and calf, but friends met the fine and the property was released.

That mighty forces are now ready to spring into action for the bitter persecution of commandment-keepers, and are merely awaiting the opportune moment, is evident from the following statement, found in Volume 5, page 712:

"The National Reform movement, exercising the power of religious legislation, will, when fully developed, manifest the same intolerance and oppression that have prevailed in past ages. Human councils then assumed the prerogatives of Deity, crushing under their despotic power liberty of conscience; and imprisonment, exile, and death followed, for those who opposed their dictates. If popery or its principles shall again be legislated into power, the fires of persecution will be rekindled against those who

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OUR SOLDIERS' CORNER

From One in Service

Those of us here in the service feel that our gatherings to commune with God have been blessed of heaven, and we are grateful to our Heavenly Father for all His goodness and mercy toward us.

To the believing Christian, the prayer-meeting is a refuge for the soul. It speaks comfort, joy and peace to the hearts of those present, and is a great help in strengthening those who are earnestly striving to conquer in the battle for right.

At present we are holding Bible studies each evening, with special meetings on Wednesdays and Fridays besides our regular Sabbath services. At our last mid-week service, Brother Spear conducted the study, the subject being "Our Surrender to the Will of God," which proved to be a spiritual feast for all present. The study was followed by a season of prayer where all made their requests known to God feeling to a great degree their own unworthiness yet knowing that the ear of infinite love listens and that He is ever ready to bestow His blessings upon the least of His children.

The remaining portion of the hour was spent in an interesting social service. The great trend of thought expressed by those present was in regard to their entering the work of God as soon as they were released from the army. Many, if not all, could return to civilian life and make good in a financial way; but from the experiences which the army has taught us we realize as never before that the life that counts is the life hid in Christ.

Some are planning to enter the canvassing work, others to take up the medical missionary branch of the service, while still others are to return to the farm with a determination to do all within their power to labor for the Master.

Much has been said of late in regard to demobilization; but this has no bearing on those who have enlisted in the army of the Lord. On the other hand, we feel that much more

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