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"Then They that Feared the Lord Spake Often One to Another"

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## Suggestive Program for FAMILY ALTAR DAY

Sabbath, January 1, 1921

Text: "And he said, What have they seen in thine house?"  
2 Kings 20:15.

Opening Song: Christ in Song, No. 297.

Scripture Reading: Deut. 6:1-25.

Prayer. (Conclude with Lord's Prayer.)

Song: Christ in Song, No. 741. (Or special song.)

Reading: "Importance of the Family Altar,"  
Elder J. W. Christian.

Recitation: "God Answers Prayer."

A Short Study: "Family Worship."

Consecration of homes and families.

Song: Christ in Song, No. 555.

Benediction.

### GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

God answers prayer. Sometimes, when hearts are weak,  
He gives the very gifts believers seek.

But often faith must learn a deeper rest,  
And trust God's silence when He does not speak;  
For He whose name is Love will send the best.  
Stars may burn out, nor mountain walls endure;  
But God is true. His promises are sure  
To those who seek.—Plantz.

### IMPORTANCE OF THE FAMILY ALTAR

This, January 1, 1921, is Family Altar Day. I have been asked to prepare an article as part of the program for the church service. Nothing I could write would mean as much to our people as clear, pointed statements from the Spirit of prophecy, giving counsel and instruction for keeping the fires burning on the family altar. A few statements from Volume 7 of the Testimonies, pages 42 to 44, are to the point. It would be well for every family to read this entire chapter.

"If ever there was a time when every house should be a house of prayer, it is now. Infidelity and skepticism prevail. Iniquity abounds. Corruption flows in the vital currents of the soul, and rebellion against God breaks out in the life.

"And yet, in this time of fearful peril, some who profess to be Christians have no family worship. They do not honor God in the home; they do not teach their children to love and fear Him. Many have separated themselves so far from Him that they feel under condemnation in approaching Him. . . .

"The idea that prayer is not essential is one of Satan's most successful devices to ruin souls. Prayer is communion with God, the Fountain of wisdom, the Source of strength, and peace, and happiness.

"By sincere, earnest prayer parents should make a hedge about their children. They should pray with full faith that God will abide with them, and that holy angels will guard

them and their children from Satan's cruel power.

"In every family there should be a fixed time for morning and evening worship. How appropriate it is for parents to gather their children about them before the fast is broken, to thank the heavenly Father for His protection during the night, and to ask Him for His help and guidance and watch-care during the day! How fitting, also, when evening comes, for parents and children to gather once more before Him, and thank Him for the blessings of the day that is past!

"The father, and, in his absence, the mother, should conduct the worship, selecting a portion of Scripture that is interesting and easily understood. The service should be short. . . .

"Fathers and mothers, make the hour of worship intensely interesting. There is no reason why this hour should not be the most pleasant and enjoyable of the day. A little thought given to preparation for it will enable you to make it full of interest and profit. . . .

"Fathers and mothers, each morning and evening gather your children around you, and in humble supplication lift the heart to God for help. Your dear ones are exposed to temptation. Daily annoyances beset the path of young and old. Those who would live patient, loving, cheerful lives must pray. . . .

"Each morning consecrate yourselves and your children to God for that day. Make no calculation for months or years; these are not yours. One brief day is given you. As if it were your last on earth, work during its hours for the Master."

No words more solemn and full

of deep significance could be spoken to the fathers and mothers than the words quoted above. Shall we not, as parents, see to it that morning and evening our children hear the voice of prayer and that the Bible be honored in our homes as evidence of God's deep solicitation for the welfare and salvation of His children? If the family altar in any way has been impaired, or if it has been broken entirely down, let this be a day when fathers and mothers will gather their children and begin anew a daily devotion to God.

What could be more appropriate than on this, the first Sabbath, coming on the first day of the new year, to return to our first love, and by prayer and study of the Word, let the standard be raised against the enemy of our souls? J. W. Christian.

#### FAMILY WORSHIP

What did the Creator establish in connection with marriage?

Answer: The Home. Gen. 2:8, 15. "The home of our first parents was to be a pattern for other homes as their children should go forth to occupy the earth." "Patriarchs and Prophets," pages 49, 50.

What is God's ideal for the homes of His children on earth?

Answer: Deut. 11:19-21. "God designs that the families of earth shall be a symbol of the family in heaven. Christian homes, established and conducted in accordance with God's plan, are among His most effective agencies for the formation of Christian character and for the advancement of His work." Vol. 6, page 430.

What great privilege must be constantly exercised in order to attain to God's ideal?

Answer: "We must pray always, if we would grow in faith and experience. We are to be 'instant in prayer,' to 'continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving,' (Rom. 12:12; Col. 4:2) Peter exhorts believers to be 'sober, and watch unto prayer.' (1 Pet. 4:7.) Paul directs, 'In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.' (Phil. 4:6.) 'But ye, beloved,' says Jude, 'praying in the Holy Ghost, keep yourselves in the

love of God.' (Jude 20-21.) Unceasing prayer is the unbroken union of the soul with God, so that life from God flows into our life; and from our life, purity and holiness flow back to God." "Steps to Christ," page 102.

Where should we pray?

Answer: "We should pray in the family circle; and above all we must not neglect secret prayer; for this is the life of the soul. It is impossible for the soul to flourish while prayer is neglected." Id., page 98.

Upon whom has God laid the responsibility for maintaining family worship?

Answer: "In a sense the father is the priest of the household, laying upon the family altar the morning and evening sacrifice. But the wife and children should unite in prayer, and join in the song of praise. In the morning before he leaves home for his daily labor, let the father gather his children about him, bowing before God, commit them to the care of the Father in heaven. When the cares of the day are past, let the family unite in offering grateful prayer and raising the song of praise, in acknowledgment of divine care during the day.

"Fathers and mothers, however pressing your business, do not fail to gather your family around God's altar. Ask for the guardianship of holy angels in your home. Remember that your dear ones are exposed to temptations. Daily annoyances beset the path of young and old. **Those who would live patient, loving, cheerful lives must pray.**" "Ministry of Healing," pages 392,393.

"The father, and, in his absence, the mother, should conduct the worship, selecting a portion of scripture that is interesting and easily understood. . . . As circumstances permit, let the children join in the reading and the prayer." Vol. 7, page 43. (Every family should study the chapter, "Family Worship," Vol. 7, pages 42-44.)

What terrible neglect does God see in many homes?

Answer: "In too many households, prayer is neglected. Parents feel that they have no time for morning and evening worship. They cannot spare a few moments to be spent in thanksgiving to God for His abundant

mercies,—~~for~~ the blessed sunshine and the showers of rain, which cause vegetation to flourish, and for the guardianship of holy angels. They have no time to offer prayer for divine help and guidance, and for the abiding presence of Jesus in the household. They go forth to labor as the ox or the horse goes, without one thought of God or heaven. They have souls so precious that rather than permit them to be hopelessly lost, the Son of God gave His life to ransom them; but they have little more appreciation of His great goodness than have the beasts that perish." "Patriarchs and Prophets," pages 143, 144.

What will be the awful result of continued neglect?

Answer: "Pour out Thy fury upon the heathen that know Thee not, and upon the families that call not on Thy name." Jer. 10:25.

Shall we not say to-day, as did Joshua of old: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Josh. 24:15.

#### A WORD FROM ELDER DANIELLS

I am in receipt of a letter from Elder A. G. Daniells, in which he enclosed copy of a letter he has written in reply to an inquiry from a brother living in California, regarding Elder Daniells' attitude toward Mrs. Rowen's work. Brother Daniells gives us permission to use his statement in the "Recorder." In view of statements that have been made in the past, and inquiries that come to us now and then as to representa-

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tions made that Brother Daniells is uncertain in his mind whether or not the so-called messages of Mrs. Rowen should be accepted and followed as testimonies from the Lord, we thought best to publish the following statement:

"Dear Brother \_\_\_\_\_:

"I have your letter written the 29th of November expressing your desire to have from me a statement regarding my attitude toward Mrs. Rowen. I can give you this statement very plainly and definitely.

"Soon after Sister White's death communications began coming to me from various individuals claiming special light from the Lord and intimating their call to the prophetic gift. I tried to give these communications unprejudiced consideration. I presume that most of us have supposed that possibly after Sister White's death the Lord would bestow the gift of the Spirit of prophecy on some other individual in His cause. Personally, I have wanted to be in a frame of mind that would recognize this gift upon whomsoever bestowed. I have not wanted to either accept a spurious claim or reject a genuine one.

"When Mrs. Rowen's claims came to my attention, I took the pains to make a thorough investigation. After reading all the communications she placed in my hands, at my request, I was unable to detect anything that seemed to me to give evidence of the prophetic gift. In my first interview with Mrs. Rowen, after reading communications, I told her what I have just stated. Her reply was, 'Then you believe that all my exercises of mind are of Satanic origin?' I told her that I had not then reached that conclusion and I assured her that I was open to the consideration of further evidence.

"Now, I may say that I counseled the leading brethren in the General Conference office and those in the Pacific Union to give Mrs. Rowen's case their most careful, sane consideration. I believe that we did all that we possibly could to give her claims fair, impartial study. The result was that none of us felt that we could accept them as genuine and notified her of this, and discontinued any further investigation. Later,

however, we did examine into her claims and doings here in the East. This examination convinced our brethren that she was not dealing sincerely with them. We came to the conclusion that she was mislead and so we are giving her no further attention.

"Now, Brother \_\_\_\_\_, I wish to tell you that I have never for one minute believed that Mrs. Rowen was under the influence of the gift of the Spirit of prophecy. I have never even approached that confidence in my own mind. From the time that I first became acquainted with her and read her communications, I have felt that she was under some sort of hallucination. In time I was compelled to reject her absolutely. I have never seen anything in her that would in any way change my mind. I do not pretend to say what spirit is controlling her. All I say is that I have no confidence that she is under divine guidance. Therefore she does not in the least merit the confidence and support of our people in her claims.

"In closing, I may tell you that I am receiving communications right along from individuals in all parts of the world pressing upon me their claims to the prophetic gift. I suppose we shall have these spurious manifestations to deal with clear to the end. But we are in no danger if we follow the instruction the Lord has given us, 'Try the spirits.' "

J. W. Christian.

#### WANTED: A GOOD SAMARITAN

If there ever was a time when there was need of the Good Samaritan spirit on a large scale, it is now. The "Literary Digest," in response to Mr. Hoover's appeal for \$23,000,000, for the 3,500,000 starving children in Europe, said:

"In these lands, swept by death and filled with tragedies too deep for tears, a sum of human suffering is being written greater perhaps than for all ages gone by. The mind grows numb and heart sick from a constant recital of tales of such tragedy as it is difficult to believe the twentieth century could hold."

In speaking of the long line of children waiting at the American

Food Kitchens, the writer further says:

"Hollow faces and shrunken bodies are so common that their real condition does not become evident until we inquire more closely, and then we find that most of them are from one to five years back in their growth. Children of eight years old have not reached the normal size of two and a half. They are just learning to stand alone. Others almost as old cannot yet stand on their feet. Their arms, and legs, and spines, and chests are twisted and warped. The flesh and skin are shriveled on their bones. It is surprising that life can still exist there. If they can have food they will gradually regain their health and strength, but with most of them it is a question of now or never. Starvation and tuberculosis will not wait."

Of the number of these children it is stated that "in Poland alone a million five hundred thousand such children must be cared for. In Latvia and Esthonia the people are living mostly on a diet made from potato-flour, oat-flour, and sawdust. In Czecho-Slovakia, in Hungary, in Austria, and in other countries of central and southeastern Europe, two millions more are in dire need of food."

This appeal will doubtless touch the hearts of thousands of Americans. President-elect Harding, although a comparatively poor man, has responded with a gift of \$2,500. Doubtless many of our people will respond to this general "Child Feeding Fund."

But, as the writer of the article in the "Digest" says, the "neediest ones cannot reach the kitchens through the cold winds and the snow barefooted and in the pitiful rags which form only a partial covering for their bodies. They must have clothes." And it is the call for clothing and shoes which the General Conference committee has authorized the missionary volunteer department to make, as was mentioned on the last page of the "Review" of December 2.

Every missionary volunteer society should at once organize for the collection of clothing and shoes, and the older members should unite with

the youth in this effort. Where there is no missionary volunteer society, let the home missionary organization take it up.

Please do not send any worthless goods. The call is for used clothes and shoes, but they must be substantial and should be in repair.

Elder J. F. Huenergardt, formerly in charge of our work in Austro-Hungary, has been assisting a Hungarian Relief Committee in the collection and shipment of clothing to Hungary. He writes:

"I am glad that something is being done for these poor suffering people, and I am sure that these clothes will do them even more good than money. . . . I think it would be a good thing if our brethren all over the United States were asked to send in their old clothing which they can spare for the sufferers in Europe. Times are not getting better there; conditions will even turn to the worse."

M. E. Kern.

In harmony with the counsel given in the article above, let all our churches gather at once all the clothing and shoes possible for the relief of the suffering men, women and children in Europe. Shipping instructions will be given in the next issue of the "Recorder."

W. W. Ruble.

**FIELD TIDINGS**

**CENTRAL CALIFORNIA**

H. S. Shaw, Pres. W. F. Field, Sec. Box 1304. Fresno, Cal.

**AN URGENT APPEAL**

Beloved brethren, what shall we do on Christmas this year? The thirteenth Sabbath of this quarter, which is the last Sabbath of another remarkable year, will soon be here. How soon the year has passed, and yet how great have been the happenings of those few short months! The thirteenth Sabbath this time

falls on Christmas-Day,—a day when the world will be given over to reveling and feasting.

Our missionaries in different parts of the world are facing conditions, the like of which has never been equaled since the days when the world approached its ruin by the flood. Love and peace and respect for God are fast departing from men. The appalling signs of ruin are seen near and far on the face of this sad, old earth. But God has a people in the midst of these conditions who love Him, and who are sacrificing their means to answer the calls for help in many lands.

The Sabbath school offering for the last Sabbath of this quarter will be used for the work in the needy field of Brazil. The need is desperate there, brethren, and shall we not pray for the Spirit of the Lord to show us what we should give at this time, to relieve the pressing conditions in the Lord's work there?

H. S. Shaw.

**WANTED**

2280 persons in the Central California Conference to give the following amounts for missions on December 25, 1920:

20 persons,	\$100.00 each..	\$ 2,000
20 persons,	50.00 each..	1,000
60 persons,	25.00 each..	1,500
100 persons,	10.00 each..	1,000
1000 persons,	5.00 each..	5,000
1000 persons,	1.00 each..	1,000
Widows and	Great offering	
Orphans,	Mites in God's sight	
2280 persons		\$11,500

This offering is for the United States of Brazil, which is as large as the United States of America, with a population of 25,000,000, only one per cent of which are Protestants. Eighty per cent of the people can neither read nor write.

The many thousands of Indians in the Amazon River basin have never heard the name of Jesus. Absolutely nothing has been done so far by any denomination for these Indians. See

page 291 of our 1920 Year Book.

Remember! December 25 is \$5.00 Day in the Pacific Union Conference. Let us give our greatest gift to our best and truest Friend—Jesus.

Myrtle B. Hudson.

**ARIZONA**

R. A. Sandborn, Pres. R. E. Kalfus, Sec. Box 887, Phoenix, Ariz.

**NEWS ITEMS**

A welcome visitor at the conference office Friday, December 17, was Elder J. A. Stevens, home missionary secretary of the Pacific Union Conference. Elder Stevens rendered valuable assistance in the closing days of the Week of Prayer both to the Phoenix church and the Arizona Academy.

Elder J. Ernest Bond returned to Phoenix, December 12, after several weeks in Mexico, part of which was spent in Mexico City, with Elders W. A. Spicer and N. Z. Town. Plans are being laid for aggressive work in our sister republic that has so long been in a continued state of upheaval. Elder Bond informs us that Elder Spicer is expecting to be in Phoenix about December 25.

Readers of the "Recorder" will regret to learn that Brother J. L. Sauder, our field missionary secretary; was the victim of an automobile accident Sunday, December 12. Brother Sauder had taken several students from the Spanish training school out in the Harvest Ingathering work. His car had broken an axle and was being towed in. In a sudden congestion of traffic Brother Sauder, in order to escape collision with the leading car, turned to one side and his car went over an embankment, turning over and pinning him underneath. He suffered a dislocated shoulder, fractured rib, and was considerably bruised. He is on the road to recovery but it will be some time before he is fully well.

*Our Goal*

**A LIBERAL CHRISTMAS OFFER**  
Thirteenth Sa

Last August, by the resignation of Miss Neva Sandborn we were left short-handed in the office. We are glad to report that we have at last succeeded in filling the vacancy. Miss Pearl Calvert, of New York City, has accepted the position as office assistant and has just taken up her duties. She arrived in Phoenix on Thursday, December 9, accompanied by her mother and little brother.

Brother I. T. Reynolds returned to the office December 10, after several weeks at Loma Linda. He is much improved but will not be able to take up the duties of home missionary secretary. Brother Reynolds' ill health has necessitated a change in departmental secretaries and Elder L. B. Ragsdale has been asked to take charge of the home missionary work. Brother Ragsdale with his family has been in Prescott several months but expects to come to Phoenix about December 19.

Since our camp meeting last May, Brother F. G. Ashbaugh has been serving as secretary of the missionary volunteer and Sabbath school departments, but now he has been called to take the missionary volunteer work of the Southeastern California Conference. The two departments vacated by his departure have been laid upon Brother and Sister Ragsdale, he to serve as missionary volunteer secretary, and Sister Ragsdale to have the Sabbath school work. We sincerely trust this arrangement will be permanent and that our departmental work will be carried on in an aggressive way.

December 17. R. E. Kalfus.

Ten Morning Watch Calendars have been printed for you to use among your friends. How many more do you wish? Order to-day. Five cents each.

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**  
C. Santee, Pres. William Voth, Sec.  
Box 97, Lodi, Cal.

**START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT**

For the benefit and encouragement of our brethren and sisters who do not have access to the monthly financial statements that are sent out from the office, this report for eleven months of 1920 is submitted through the "Recorder." I am sure that all will be interested in it.

As we look back to the time when it was somewhat difficult, we thought, to raise 15 cents and then 25 cents a week per member for missions, and now it is just as easy, if

not easier to raise 50 cents, we cannot help but realize the fact that the Lord has always sufficient in store for us to meet every need and demand He makes upon us for the advancement of the last warning message.

Now that we have reached the closing days of another year, brethren and sisters, let us take a day or two in checking over our year's business or income, and then bring all of our tithes into the storehouse of God before the close of the year, so that we may start the new year with a clear and clean record.

William Voth, Treasurer.

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE**

**Statement of Tithe and Mission Funds for Eleven Months Ending November 30, 1920**

Church	Tithe	Mission Funds	Cents Per Member Per Week
Almond Grove .....	\$ 982.65	\$ 678.11	\$.836
Auburn .....	95.90	149.17	.38
Camino .....	769.85	377.01	.343
Conference .....	3,884.99	4,090.67	1.228
Chico .....	2,845.76	1,395.11	.40
Corning .....	598.42	262.23	.611
Galt .....	565.72	511.59	.596
Hughson .....	3,750.42	965.11	.842
Indian Valley .....	206.73	216.67	.227
Lodi English .....	18,614.91	12,182.60	.614
Lodi German .....	3,121.61	4,398.24	.795
Los Molinos .....	449.42	406.70	.425
Manteca .....	53.73	110.78	
Modesto .....	4,839.70	2,458.70	.307
Nevada City .....	310.31	217.92	.254
Oakdale .....	1,051.34	1,071.22	.572
Orland .....	511.44	499.60	.654
Oroville .....	1,253.41	433.18	.275
Paradise .....		2.50	
Placerville .....	1,575.23	319.81	.958
Red Bluff .....	648.13	617.23	.417
Redding .....	684.04	273.40	.337
Ripon .....	477.37	440.91	.25
Roseville .....	205.46	349.66	.749
Sacramento .....	6,926.61	3,335.12	.432
Salida .....	4,283.69	2,064.72	.366
Stockton .....	3,454.65	3,058.49	.493
Turlock .....	5,060.62	2,009.01	.249
Woodland .....	960.08	1,197.80	.718
Yuba City .....	1,775.61	486.67	.443
Miscellaneous .....		2,500.00	
Northern California Conference.....	\$ 69,957.80	\$ 47,579.93	.55
Amount Due.....		\$ 43,233.50	
Amount Over .....		\$ 4,346.43	

"Unmistakable evidences point to the nearness of the end."

**G FOR OUR WORK IN BRAZIL**  
-December 25

**\$5.00 Per Member**

**NEVADA**

M. A. Hollister, Pres. C. O. Patterson, Sec.  
Box 2072 Reno, Nev.

**CONFERENCE NEWS**

In the Harvest Ingathering work we find ourselves approaching the top, only requiring \$294 to reach the goal. This year, the same as last, Winnemucca was the first to reach the goal. Nearly all churches and companies have reached their goals, and we feel certain that the end of December will find all members well past their goals. Bulletins are being mailed out this week, that you may see the excellent record that is being made.

After much seeking and constant vigilance, we finally secured Brother and Sister Tillman to teach the Bishop church school. We are indeed glad that the new school building, which cost so much labor and time to erect, will not have to lie idle for lack of a teacher. The reported attendance is good indeed, and a number of outsiders are sending their children to our school because they are better pleased with the influences there than are prevalent in the public school. In this respect they are ahead of a number of our church members who do not see the necessity of church schools.

Our fifty-cent-a-week showing is indeed encouraging, and if the camp meeting pledges are all paid in we will much more than make our quota. We expect a good annual offering at the close of the year also, and do not let us feel that our duty is done when we reach the goal set by the General Conference, but think only of the perishing millions who die daily without so much as a knowledge of the gospel—dying without physical food and being spiritually emaciated because someone has failed to do his duty. Let no one rest on past accomplishments, but let each and everyone ask himself, "Is this all God would have me do?" God does not need our money, but we each need to come to the place where we will acknowledge Him as the giver of every good and perfect gift and that He owns all, and be willing and ready to return to Him as He may direct.

On December 8 the Nevada Conference committee was in session, and among the items of interest were the Week of Prayer appointments. Elder I. P. Dillon spends the time between Goldfield and Bishop; Elder G. G. Sims goes to Standish; Brother E. E. Beddoe and Elder M. A. Hollister alternate between Fallon and Reno. At this committee meeting the resignation of Elder Hollister was received and accepted, and as he leaves to take up the responsibilities of the Tennessee River Conference, with headquarters at Nashville, Elder M. L. Rice of the Central California Conference takes up the work here in this conference, being recommended by the union committee. A cordial welcome was extended to Elder Rice, and we feel sure that each will do all in his power to make his work with us a success. Elder Hollister and his family will be on the way to their new field of labor the last week in December, and it is with regret that we must bid him farewell, although we look forward to an equally pleasant relationship with Elder Rice.

C. O. Patterson, Secretary.

**SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA**

B. E. Beddoe, Pres. C. C. Mattison, Sec.  
310 Loring Bldg., Riverside, Cal.

**FROM HERE AND THERE**

Brother H. G. Warden reports that the book sales for the month of November were the largest in the history of the conference. Our new tract society secretary, Brother J. W. Slattery, is unusually busy with holiday orders.

Elder H. C. Basney writes from Orange: "One of our brethren in the Orange church spent less than two days soliciting Harvest Ingathering funds from the business men in Orange, resulting in securing over \$60.00 and putting Orange "over the top."

We have been cheered by the good reports of the reconciling work that has been going on in our churches during the Week of Prayer. From the Loma Linda Academy we learn that 17 of the students are to follow their Lord in baptism, and others from the student body of the sanitarium and college.

A correction: We are requested to state that the Escondido church school building that was destroyed by fire was the family school building six miles in the country and not the school building of the church.

Brother B. R. Spear sends us the following encouraging word: "The Sabbath school in Lone Pine consists of seven children and five adults including myself,—four baptized members in all. Certainly this is a needy field with no workers. It is heart-cheering to find always the same, the brethren and sisters in every corner of the field, whether few or many. May the Lord raise up many spirit-filled workers to finish the work in the earth."

The conference committee was in session December 8 at the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. Brother B. R. Spear was granted a leave of absence from the work for three months, in harmony with his request for the purpose of assisting his father with home duties. The date of the auditing committee was set and brethren elected to serve on this committee. Miss Eva Borden, our school nurse, came before the committee and outlined a feasible plan for utilizing our trained nurse as nurse-Bible workers. A committee was elected to study this question further.

Elder L. H. Proctor sends the following cheering word from San Bernardino: "Last Sabbath was a good day for the San Bernardino church. It was my privilege to baptize six dear souls. Three of these persons had been members of the Baptist Church, one Catholic and two from the world. Many others are in the balance, some of whom will take their stand later. The public meetings, with the exception of Sabbath and Sunday nights, have been discontinued that more time might be given to Bible readings."

The Loma Linda Nurses' Training School will receive applications for the course beginning January 1, 1921. Nurses in training spend a portion of the time in the White Memorial Hospital, in Los Angeles. Write for information to Superintendent of Training School, Loma Linda, Cal.

**CLOTHING AND SHOES FOR EUROPEAN RELIEF**

Let us not delay longer, but hasten forward a bountiful supply of clothing and shoes for the needy in war-torn Europe. Each one can give something. Read Matthew 25:31-46 and Luke 10:25-37, and then act promptly. As a suggestion it may be well to state that the Salvation Army has stores in many of our cities where good substantial clothing is sold—coats, dresses, shoes, etc., for 15 cents to 25 cents apiece that might be bought and sent by some who may wish to add to what they can give of their own.

G. E. Hollister.

**ADDRESS WANTED**

Will anyone knowing the whereabouts of Sister A. E. Foster, and daughter, Gladys, formerly of El Centro, Cal., kindly communicate their present address to Mrs. F. E. Alexander, church clerk of the El Centro Seventh-day Adventist church, Route 2, Box 70?

**CALIFORNIA**

G. W. Wells, Pres. H. B. Thomas, Sec.  
537 25th St. Oakland, Cal.

**A THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

It was my privilege to attend the Harvest Ingathering service at the Oakland church held Thanksgiving eve. It reminded me of the real Ingathering services we used to have years ago. I sometimes fear we are drifting away from the simplicity of former days, and seek to entertain and amuse rather than edify and instruct.

God has given us explicit instruction in His Word and the Spirit of prophecy as to how we should behave ourselves in the house of God; and not only precept, but example has been left on record for our admonition.

The church on this occasion was decorated in a very pretty but simple manner. Vines, foliage and flowers were arranged in a becoming manner, and in addition to this there were evidence the products of the earth and garden—fruits and vege-

tables, foodstuffs and useful articles—all dedicated to the needy and worthy poor. The estimated value s placed at \$100. The following day certain ones of the church gathered and distributed the "Ingathering."

The program arranged was both spiritual and educational, the members of the church school having a part, which was a credit to their work, and many hearts were made glad for Christian education. The pastor of the church gave an instructive talk on the meaning and origin of the Ingathering service.

The brethren were instructed to bring in the offerings received thus far during the Ingathering campaign. This offering was taken at the close and amounted to over \$600. One out-of-town member showed her interest in the service by sending in \$15.00 by telegraph.

I think all present returned to their homes feeling grateful to God for His blessings and the simplicity and beauty of true gospel work.

G. W. Wells.

**Book Report, Week Ending December 10, 1920**

Agent	Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Value	Del.
<b>Arizona</b>						
Mrs. J. G. Huffman	P. G.	17	3	\$ .35	\$ 19.85	\$ 7.35
J. G. Huffman	P. G.	15	4	.35	22.35	.35
Charles A. Jensen	P. G.	21	10		73.00	
3 Agents		53	17	\$ .70	\$ 115.20	\$ 7.70
<b>Northern California</b>						
A. N. Anderson	Misc.		100		\$ 110.00	
Mrs. J. M. Richmond	Misc.	7	9		13.25	
James Sims	D. R.	40	6	2.00	40.00	
John G. Lea	P. G., G. C.	15		4.25	25.25	
James Nelson	P. G.	21	13	8.00	88.50	
Minnie B. Rogers	P. G.	9	7		43.00	
J. W. Reid	P. G.	35		20.62	63.62	
7 Agents		127	135	\$ 34.87	\$ 383.62	
<b>Central California</b>						
F. P. Chedester	P. G.	32	19	\$ 6.20	\$ 127.20	\$ 63.20
H. E. Stalder	P. G.	21	13		86.50	46.25
L. F. Strever	G. C.	36	6	.50	39.50	2.00
3 Agents		89	38	\$ 6.70	\$ 253.20	\$ 111.45
<b>Southern California</b>						
S. H. Coombs	P. G.	23	5		\$ 29.00	
D. A. Dale	P. G.	25	19		116.00	
R. L. McKenzie	P. G.	18	12		85.50	44.50
R. A. Shackell	P. G.	28	5	.25	33.50	12.75
4 Agents		94	41	\$ .25	\$ 264.00	\$ 57.25
<b>Southeastern California</b>						
I. C. Negrete	P. G.	41	23	\$ 4.50	\$ 153.50	\$ 239.00
H. F. Garland	B. R.	45	13	13.50	92.50	
R. M. McGregor	Epid.	1	10	5.00	5.00	
C. J. Powers	G. C.	9	10		57.00	
4 Agents		96	56	\$ 23.00	\$ 308.00	\$ 239.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>459</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>\$ 65.52</b>	<b>\$ 1324.02</b>	<b>\$ 415.40</b>

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### A PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Make Thou an altar of my heart,  
Lay on the fuel—pile it high;  
My pride, my passion, foolish greed,  
Self-righteousness—that too must die.  
Heap Thou my whole life's dry dead wood  
Upon this altar, to my God.  
Bind Thou the sacrifice upon  
The altar with the cords of truth;  
My wealth, my time, my talent, too,  
My intellect, myself forsooth,—  
Then shall my prayerful thought arise  
As fragrant incense to the skies.

Now is the offering prepared,  
Now is the dedication made;  
Come Thou and touch with love my heart  
This altar where myself is laid.  
See how the flames leap higher and higher.  
O Father, God, quench not the flame,  
Consume the dross—compel the fire  
To purify my life and mind  
And feed and strengthen my desire  
To lift, to serve, to do my task,—  
All this for Christ's dear sake I ask.  
The flames of love—Thy holy fire.  
—Selected.

Remember the work in Brazil with a liberal Christmas and thirteenth Sabbath offering.

Brother W. C. Raley returned last week from the St. Helena Sanitarium, where he has been auditing the books.

Most encouraging reports of the Harvest Ingathering work continue to come in. The Mountain View church reached and exceeded its goal last week.

Elder J. W. Christian spent the last Sabbath of the Week of Prayer with the church at Lodi. Sunday he met with the auditing committee of the Northern California Conference, and Monday and Tuesday were spent with the auditing committees of the California and Central California Conferences.

The Week of Prayer just closed has been of special benefit to all our people. It was a week of heart-searching, of confessing and putting away of sin, and a reconsecration to God for the finishing of His work in the earth. We trust each week to come will be a Week of Prayer for our people.

So far as we have heard, a liberal annual offering was contributed by our churches last Sabbath. We trust this offering, together with the thirteenth Sabbath offering to be received by our Sabbath schools next Sabbath,—Christmas day—the last Sabbath of the year, will put our churches and conferences far in excess of their mission goal for 1920.

Elder J. Adams Stevens spent the last part of the Week of Prayer with the Phoenix, Arizona, church, and the Arizona Academy. Monday he met with the auditing committee of the Arizona Conference.

### SUNDAY CLOSING CAMPAIGN

During the last few weeks, a great deal has been said in the daily papers about a great Sunday law campaign launched by the National Sabbath Alliance. This is the organization that, more than any other, has been pushing Sunday legislation in recent years. Its activities in this line have even outrun those of the National Reform Association. Now, as this is the year in which legislatures meet in most of the states, they are putting forth an extra effort for the passage of Sunday closing laws. Then again, a new administration is soon to assume control of the national government and these agitators are eager to early attract attention to their program.

According to the avowed purpose to first secure the passage by Congress of, Sunday law for the District of Columbia and the island possessions of the government, and then an agitation will be started for an amendment to the national constitution which will be the basis for Sunday laws. Dr. Harry L. Bowlby, general secretary of the Alliance, is reported to have asked the heads of transportation lines in New York to curtail services on their lines so as to only accommodate church-goers. A similar request is to go to other cities. This is, as these so-called reformers aver, in order that the

Sabbath may be kept holy. According to the proposed program, all work would be stopped on Sunday. Trains would not run, no mail would be delivered and all sports, including moving pictures, would be prohibited. The proposed bill is avowedly religious and dogmatic in its nature.

The question may be asked, is there any probability of success attending the efforts to secure the passage of such a measure? At first it would seem not. On the other hand it is claimed that some of the leaders of the anti-saloon league who fought so valiantly to make the nation dry, are joining in the crusade for Sunday legislation. This makes the matter a rather serious one. If the strong temperance forces and organizations turn their united efforts in this direction, they will be a strong factor for Sunday closing.

In the meantime, we should be doing a strong work to educate the people as to the evils of such legislation and as to its final outcome. Our religious liberty literature should be placed in the hands of the people. No effort should be spared to educate the people. God has given to us a great, glorious message, and expects us to pass on the light to those who are ignorant of its truths.

"And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep, for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness; not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof." Rom. 13:11-14.

W. F. Martin.

### PHONE NUMBER

We are pleased to announce that a telephone has been installed in the Southern California Conference office. The number is Lincoln 2492. This brings relief to all. Remember also that the new office address is 3131 Pasadena Ave., Los Angeles.

W. M. Adams, President.