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The Church

The Coming Week of Prayer

For many reasons this will be the most important season of its kind that has ever come to us as a people since the custom was established. The determination upon the part of the Papacy to make America Catholic, and the apparent success that is crowning her efforts, is one of the most portentous signs of the times, and one that should stir us all to a realization of our great need. The crisis into which we are so rapidly hastening can not be successfully met and passed by human logic or argument.

The mystery of the Gospel, which is "Christ in you the hope of glory," was what caused the overthrow of the Papacy in the sixteenth century, and this great truth and fact is the only weapon with which it can be successfully met in its last effort for supremacy and domination.

The following statement from the Testimonies certainly applies just now: "A revival of true godliness among us is the

greatest and most urgent of all our needs." In the paragraph preceding the one from which this quotation is taken, the following reason is given for the need of such a revival: "We are coming to a crisis which, more than any previous time since the world began, will demand the entire consecration of every one who has named the name of Christ."

In the paragraph that follows we are plainly told what will bring this crisis upon us: "The time is upon us when the miracle-working power of the arch-deceiver will be more decidedly revealed. And his deceptions will increase in their delusive attraction, so that they will perplex, and if possible, deceive the very elect. The prince of darkness with his evil angels is working upon the Christian world, inducing those who profess the name of Christ to stand under the banner of darkness, to make war with those who keep the commandments of God, and have the faith of Jesus. An apostate church will unite with the powers of earth and hell to place upon the forehead or in the hand the mark of the beast, and prevail upon the children of God to worship the beast and his image. They will seek to compel them to renounce their allegiance to God's law, and yield homage to the Papacy. Then will come the times which will try men's souls; for the confederacy of apostasy will demand that the loyal subjects of God shall renounce the law of Jehovah, and repudiate the truth of His Word."

There is one thing, and only one, that will cause any one to stand in such a time of trouble, and that is made known in the following quotation: "If you would stand through the time of trouble, you must know Christ and appropriate the gift of His righteousness, which He im-

parts to the repentant sinner. As a people who profess the truth, we are backsliding from God. Jesus is soon to come, and we are not ready. The doctrine of justification by faith,—the only doctrine that fits men to stand in time of crisis,—has been lost sight of by many who profess to believe the third angel's message." The need of means with which to carry forward the work in home and foreign fields should not be made the chief object to be attained in this week of prayer, but "a revival of true godliness," for if this is attained, all necessary things will follow.

The Spirit of prophecy expresses the thought in the following language: "The greatest victories which are gained to the cause are not by labored argument, ample facilities, abundance of influence, and plenty of means; but they are those which are gained in the audience-chamber with God, when earnest, agonizing faith lays hold upon the mighty arm of power."

Shall we not, then, so plan and labor in all the churches in the Pacific Union Conference that a full attendance of all the members may be secured, and then direct our efforts and thoughts to obtain the one thing needful,—"a revival of true godliness,"—the assurance of victory and peace through justification by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ?

Geo. A. Irwin,
Pres. Pacific Union Conf.

The Voice of the Word

"When Jehovah works, He works not with the turbulence and passion of a man, but with the stillness and grandeur of a God."

"He was not in the whirlwind, nor

in the earthquake, nor in the fire, but in the still, small voice."

And so it is still. "The whirlwind" of battle, "the earthquake" of political convulsion and change, "the fire" of the loftiest intellect or of the most burning eloquence, are valueless to uplift and regenerate the world. These may be forerunners of moral triumph, but God's power is in His gospel; God's presence is in His Word.

Here it is that we are at issue — at deep and deadly issue — with the infidel philosophers and "benevolent illuminati," who profess to be toiling in the same cause as ourselves. "They uncrown the Christ; they ignore the influences of the Holy Spirit; they proclaim the perfectibility of their nature in itself; they have superseded the Word as an instrument of progress, and, of their own masonry, are piling up a tower, if haply it may reach unto heaven. This is the great problem of the age." Earnest, thoughtful, clever men are intent upon the question.

In a lecture given before the Young Men's Christian Association of London, William Punshon expressed the truth on this subject in the following forceful remarks:

"Statesmanship has gathered up its political appliances; civilization has exhibited her humanizing art; philanthropy has reared educational, industrial, and all other sorts of institutes; amiable dreamers of the pantheistic school have mapped out in cloud-land man's progress; Socialism has flung over all the mantle of its apparent charity,—nay, every man, nowadays, stands out a ready-made and self-confident artificer, each having a psalm, or a doctrine, or a theory, which is to re-create society and stir the pulses of the world. And yet the world is not regenerated, nor will it ever be by such visionary projects as these.

"Call up history. She will bear impartial witness. She will tell that before Christ came with His evangel of purity and freedom, the finer the culture, the baser the character; that the untamed inhabitant of the old Hercynian Forest, and the Slavonic tribes who lived north of the Danube and the Rhine, destitute entirely of literary and artistic skill, were, in morals, far superior to the classic Greek and the all-accomplished Roman.

"Call up experience. She shall speak on the matter. You have increased in knowledge; have you *therefore* increased in piety? Your mind has been led out into higher and higher education; have you by its nurture been brought nearer to God? Experience throws emphasis into the testimony of history, and both combine to assure us that there may be a sad divorce between intellect and piety, and that the training of the mind is not necessarily inclusive of the culture and discipline of the heart.

"Science may lead us to the loftiest heights which her inductive philosophy has scaled; art may suspend before us her beautiful creations; nature may arouse a 'fine turbulence' in heroic souls; the strength of the hills may nerve the patriot's arm; but they can not, any or all of them, instate a man in sovereignty over his mastering corruptions, or invest a race with moral purity and power. No; if man is to be regenerated at all, it will be by the 'still, small voice'—that clear and marvelous whisper, which is heard high above the din of striving people and the tumult of sentiment and passion, stretching its spiritual telegraph into the seeking and listening hearts, that it may link them all with God. All human speculations have alloy about them; that Word is pure and perfect. All human speculations fail; that Word abideth.

"The Jew hated it, but it lived on, while Jerusalem itself was destroyed. The Greek derided it, but it has seen his philosophy become effete, and his Acropolis in ruins. The Roman threw it to the flames, but it rose from its ashes, and swooped down upon the falling eagle. The reasoner cast it into the furnace, which his malignity had heated 'seven times hotter than its wont,' but it came out without the smell of fire. The papist fastened serpents around it to poison it, but it shook them off and felt no harm. The infidel cast it overboard in a tempest of sophistry and sarcasm, but it rode gallantly upon the crest of the proud waters. And it is living still—yet heard in the loudest swelling of the storm; it has been speaking all the while—it is speaking now."

Are we listening? Are we heeding? Are we desiring to be fed with the sincere milk of that Word, that we may grow thereby? The spiritual life can no

more live without being fed than can the physical. But what can it feed on? All about us is of the earth earthy. Where are the green pastures in which the Good Shepherd satisfies His sheep with an abundance of "good things"? There is but one answer—in the Word. The Word of God is life-giving. It is the "food convenient" for all in Christ. "The Word of God read, marked, learned, and inwardly digested is essential to healthy spiritual life." The blessed man finds his strength in the law of the Lord, and in His law does he meditate day and night. Study the Word. Study for life. "Study to show thyself"—give diligence to present thyself—"approved unto God."

Ernest Lloyd.

The Field

CALIFORNIA

The Week of Prayer

The following schedule of services has been arranged by the California Conference Committee, to the end that each church and company might have as much help as possible during this special season of prayer, from the regular conference workers, and others assisting. Changes may be necessary in some cases, to meet conditions arising. The lists are here published that the church officers may know what assistance they can depend upon, and arrange accordingly.

Alcatraz Company

R. S. Fries, Dec. 9-16, afternoons;

G. W. Rine, Dec. 9.

Calistoga

D. E. Robinson, Dec. 9-12;

Andrew Nelson, Dec. 16.

Haywards

H. C. Keeley, Dec. 9-16.

Healdsburg

J. A. Stevens, Dec. 12, 13;

Andrew Brorsen, Dec. 14-16.

Morgan Hill

B. E. Beddoe, Dec. 10, 11.

Napa

Andrew Nelson, Dec. 9-13;

D. E. Robinson, Dec. 14-16.

Park, San Francisco

Mrs. Lottie Kuhns, Dec. 9, 11-16;

Laura Morrison, Dec. 10;

G. A. Kuhns, Dec. 11-13, 16;

G. W. Rine, Dec. 14;

R. S. Fries, Dec. 15.

Petaluma

G. A. Hamilton, Dec. 14-16.

Richmond

James Taphouse, Dec. 9-16, afternoons.

St. Helena
 C. C. Lewis, Dec. 9;
 D. E. Robinson, Dec. 13;
 H. A. Washburn, Dec. 16.
 San Francisco, Laguna Street
 G. W. Rine, Dec. 10, 13, 15, 16.
 Sanitarium
 W. A. Hennig, Dec. 9;
 C. L. Taylor, Dec. 10-16;
 H. A. St. John, Dec. 10-15;
 Andrew Nelson, Dec. 14, 15.
 Santa Cruz
 B. E. Beddoe, Dec. 9, 13, 14, 15,
 evenings; Dec. 16, afternoon.
 Santa Rosa
 G. A. Hamilton, Dec. 9, 10;
 J. A. Stevens, Dec. 14-16.
 Sebastopol
 J. A. Stevens, Dec. 9-11;
 A. Brorsen, Dec. 12, 13.
 Sonoma
 G. A. Hamilton, Dec. 11-13.
 Soquel
 B. E. Beddoe, Dec. 13, 15, afternoons.
 Ukiah
 Andrew Brorsen, Dec. 9-11.
 Union Street, San Francisco
 Laura Morrison, Dec. 9, 11-16;
 G. A. Kuhns, Dec. 9;
 Mrs. Lottie Kuhns, Dec. 10;
 G. W. Rine, Dec. 11;
 James Taphouse, Dec. 12, 14, 16.
 Vallejo
 C. L. Taylor, Dec. 9;
 F. W. Field, Dec. 16.
 Vista Grande or Daly City
 R. S. Fries, Dec. 9;
 G. A. Kuhns, Dec. 10, 14, 15;
 G. W. Rine, Dec. 12.
 Watsonville
 B. E. Beddoe, Dec. 12, 14, afternoons;
 Dec. 16, forenoon.

The churches of Oakland, Alameda, Berkeley, and Melrose, and the company at Twenty-third Avenue, East Oakland, will be served as arranged later by Elders E. W. Farnsworth and G. A. Snyder, and Brethren R. S. Fries, L. K. Dickson, Claude Conard, and other office or conference workers that may be available.

Elder S. T. Hare and his coworkers in Humboldt County will serve the churches in that section.

The churches at Mountain View, San Jose, and Los Gatos will be arranged for by the brethren located at Mountain View.

The brethren at the college will arrange for the Pacific College church services throughout the week.

November 24. Claude Conard.

It is a perilous thing to allow an unchristian trait to live in the heart. One cherished sin will, little by little, debase the character, bringing all its nobler powers into subjection to the evil desire. — "Patriarchs and Prophets."

San Francisco Laguna Street Church District

Early in October, after an absence of five months, the writer resumed his ministerial and general missionary labors at the old Laguna Street church and adjacent parts of this city. The attendance at the Sunday evening preaching services, on the part of the general public, has been encouragingly large. Thus far, in these discourses, we have dwelt mostly on the signs of the times as exemplified by the current events and tendencies in the industrial, the social, the political, and the financial world. The vocal selections so ably rendered by Miss Atha Gutman have contributed not a little to the attractiveness of these services.

Many of our regular attendants are deeply interested; and a number of these have already accepted the gospel message for our day. During the months of October and November I have had the joyful privilege of conducting three baptismal services, at which times seven adult persons were baptized and received into the fellowship of the church — three brethren and four sisters. These sisters had not only attended the services at the church, but had been given a thorough course of Bible instruction on the message, by Sister E. E. Parlin. Hence they are all well established in the truths of the message. It was at the regular Sabbath services that they, in response to appeals, expressed their determination to heed the call of the Holy Spirit by being baptized into the body of Christ.

A few months ago the young people of our church were organized anew into a band for study and work, under the leadership of Brother E. E. Parlin. They meet every Sabbath, and are now making a thorough, systematic study of Elder Loughborough's well-known work, "The Great Second Advent Message." Some of them are doing excellent work with the Harvest number of the *Signs of the Times*. One of our sisters, who is regularly engaged in gospel work, has received more than fifty dollars for the Harvest Ingathering fund through the medium of this special number of the *Signs*.

We are also conducting several weekly Bible cottage meetings. At one of these we have an attendance of from twenty to thirty interested persons.

Some of these will doubtless soon put themselves into living union with the truths they have learned, by receiving into their lives the Spirit of all truth. This step will of course bring them into fellowship with the church, whose Head and Lord is Christ.

Our church building was recently "wired," and the old gas system of lighting has been displaced by a thoroughly up-to-date electric system.

George W. Rine.

St. Helena Sanitarium Siftings

Elder Milton H. St. John and wife, recently of Los Angeles, visited their father Elder H. A. St. John, during the week.

The new road is nearing completion and culverts are being put in place. Work will soon be begun on the new stone bridge over Blackman's Canyon.

A meeting of the sanitarium board was held on Tuesday night, November 28. Elder H. W. Cottrell, G. A. Irwin, and W. C. White were present, besides the resident members.

Elder J. H. Behrens, of Fresno, and Elder C. L. Taggart, of Lodi, attended the meeting of the board of directors of the California Conference Association held this week at the sanitarium.

The Sanitarium Missionary Volunteer Society has raised during the past two weeks \$26 toward two sets of charts for China. Brother and Sister Sparks, recently of China, are still with us, and they believe that these prophetic charts will be of great help in presenting points of our faith to the Chinese.

A temperance meeting was held in the sanitarium chapel on the evening after the Sabbath. The president of the W. C. T. U. was invited to bring her class of contestants from the Methodist Church, and to repeat the program held in St. Helena the Sunday evening previous. The sanitarium young people furnished the music. A goodly audience was present. Max Hill, Mrs. Lola Hibbard, and Miss Lois Randall acted as judges, and Brother Hill presented the medal, making a few appropriate and characteristic remarks.

The \$4,000 fund appropriated to meet the needs of the medical missionary work in Oriental fields has been increased to \$5,000, appropriated as follows:

For the betterment of the medical missionary work in Korea, up to \$1,200.

For the equipment of the medical missionary work in China, up to \$1,500.

Toward the support of Brother and Sister S. C. Harris for the current year ending December 31, 1911, \$500.

Toward the support of Dr. Larsen for the current year ending December 31, 1911, \$500.

For providing homes for medical missionaries in Korea, \$650.

For providing homes for medical missionaries in China, \$650.

Myrtle B. Hudson.

December 1.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Conference Items

Elder C. M. Gardner and Brother B. E. Baldwin are holding meetings at Turlock.

Brother Adolph Johnson, of Portland, Oregon, spoke to a large congregation in the Lodi church Sabbath, November 25.

Mrs. Lila Taggart, the Sabbath-school secretary, was with the Stockton Sabbath-school November 18, and at Galt the 25th.

The Harvest Ingathering reports are encouraging. A fine work is being done, and the returns are good. Let us keep the work going.

We have divided our workers among the different churches as best we could for the week of prayer. Let us all pray much during this week of prayer, and keep it up thereafter.

Following the week of prayer we hope to enter aggressive work again. Our brethren are willing to forego the pleasure of having our ministers with them when they know they are working for souls.

Brother W. A. Johnson writes that the work at Fort Bidwell is moving along nicely. Brother Johnson will move to Cedarville, twenty-five miles away, leaving Brother J. D. Alder to continue the work at Fort Bidwell.

Dr. R. A. Buchanan, who was seriously injured in an automobile and motorcycle collision some time ago, returned to his home at Lodi Monday, November 27, from French Camp, where he has been under the care of a physician of that place. We are glad he is much improved, and his many friends welcome him home.

Our people will remember that our office help is small considering the amount of work to be done; and should your order be delayed a day, you will understand it is because of the rush of business. Could you drop in at the office you would think our people are awake, when you saw the boxes packed, the bundles made ready to send by express, and papers and tracts prepared for mailing—all the while letters coming for this and that to be sent at once. This is just as we want it. Send in your orders. Our office force have worked till midnight at times to catch up with the work, and they were only too glad to do so. If you wish them to complain, you can not get them to do so by keeping them busy.

C. L. Taggart,
President.

Educational

The Church School in Utah

Upon my arrival in Salt Lake City, early in the morning of July 28, I was pleased with the hearty reception given me by the president of this field, Elder D. A. Parsons. He expressed his pleasure in having a worker for Christian school ideas in this field.

Until September, with different elders, I had the privilege of visiting the several churches of this conference. By the majority of the members of these small companies, a genial spirit seemed to be manifested toward the church school plan. This was especially so at the State conference held the last of August.

The means were not in sight to purchase the necessary number of desks, and it was a puzzle where they were to come from. There having been a school here about six years previously, we were certain the old seats must be somewhere about, although the parishes premises had been searched thoroughly.

I borrowed a ladder, and probed the ceiling of the belfry, and there, to my delight, were seats for twenty pupils. We were glad for the seats, but regret that they are double ones.

There are in the school nineteen at present, and there is promise of several more. This number comprises grades one to nine, with the exception of the seventh and eighth.

A good interest seems to be prevalent, and that especially among the pupils. Although our schoolroom and other facilities are limited, yet we hope to keep up the school, and cause it to grow.

When your prayers are burdened with the church school work, don't forget us in the "Zion City."

Prescott Pierce.

November 17.

Lodi Normal Institute Items

A large number are taking advantage of the evening penmanship class.

The students have received \$8 donations from the Harvest Ingathering.

A club of 50 *Signs* has been ordered by the young people, and these will be mailed each week.

A large number are loaning copies of "Christ's Object Lessons" to the residents of Lodi, thus acquainting them with our literature.

The students are enjoying a two days' vacation this week. Thursday evening a program was given which was much enjoyed and appreciated by all who were in attendance.

Over 200 Harvest Ingathering *Signs* were taken by the students last week and mailed. Letters were written, and answers are already beginning to come in as a result of their efforts.

A partial weekly report of the Volunteers is as follows:

Letters written	16
Papers sold	23
Papers mailed	55
Pages of tracts loaned	32

Wednesday afternoon the children in the primary and intermediate rooms divided into bands, each under the leadership of a student-teacher, and visited a

number of aged people and invalids, carrying them flowers, speaking to and singing for them. The work was enjoyed by all.

Sister J. C. Little, from India, occupied chapel hour, and roused an interest in that field by her earnest presentation of the facts and needs of the people there. Her appeal for help to start a school to train workers in that field, brought \$6.50 from the students. They are all deeply interested, as this is the field chosen by our Missionary Volunteers for this year.

Secretary of Normal Faculty.

Missionary Work

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The Book Work

No doubt you have heard about the "Big Week" that the conferences in this union have been having from time to time of late. The missionary solicitors are all agreed that it is a good thing for them, and for the book work. While our last "Big Week" is not as large as the previous one, it is exceptionally good for the time put in. The following is one of the reports which we have just received, and which we consider an ideal report from one standpoint at least:

	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Del.
Monday	8	2	\$ 7.00	
Tuesday	8	1	3.50	\$10.50
Wednesday	8	4	14.00	
Thursday	8	5	21.00	
Friday	8	3	12.50	

Total 40 15 \$58.00 \$10.50

The one who did this work has the duties of a home to attend to, but she reached that *forty hour* mark. I wonder who will be the next. I take the following from her letter: "The Lord has blessed me with strength, and sent angels before me to prepare the people. I have enjoyed reading the first chapter of Joshua every morning. It gave me courage and new thoughts each day. Wednesday morning I started from home, and met a neighbor lady just coming from the post-office. She asked me why I was out calling so early in the morning. I told her I was calling in the interest of the sanitarium work. I gave her a canvass in the road, and took her order."

Another lady reports thirty-five hours'

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 24, 1911

Agent	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Value	Delivered
Southern California						
Mrs. O. Verkouteren	P.G.	40	15		\$58.50	\$10.50
Minnie Dye	P.G.	35	15		55.50	
E. R. Button	P.P.F.	16	19		59.60	1.20
R. I. Witt	G.C.	19	5		13.25	13.25
L. R. Hunter	G.C.	6	5		22.30	11.30
Miscellaneous					21.50	
5 Agents		116	59		\$230.65	\$47.25
Northern California-Nevada						
*W. A. Dugan	P.G.	53	25	\$2.75	\$97.75	
*Philip Cloos	Heralds	72	24		54.00	
Ina Davis		19				\$142.00
Miscellaneous			21		\$107.85	
		144	70	\$2.75	\$259.60	\$142.00
*Two weeks.						

work during the "Big Week." That is very near the *mark*, and is good for this time of the year.

Miss Dye recently made a very good delivery. In eight hours she delivered \$181 worth of books, and lost only one order.

Brother E. R. Button recently made a one hundred per cent delivery. I take the following from a letter received from him: "Much of my time this week has been devoted to the hunting for and purchase of a home, every dollar of which I expect to pay for, selling books containing the third angel's message. Not a day passes but I find individuals who have been waiting for years for some one to come to them with the blessed word of truth. 'I's sure de Lord done sent you here, to 'splain dis book to me,' said a colored woman one day this week. And as she spoke, tears of joy were seen coursing down her happy face. I told her I was sure He had, too, for I always asked Him to direct me to such people as would be benefited by the message. It is needless to say that she subscribed for the book.

"Last Monday when I was making a delivery in the auto, I called at one place but found that the woman was not home. While debating what to do, a young man drove up. He informed me that he had met the lady up the road in the buggy headed for town. It was suggested that as he knew the woman, he might be willing to take the book for her. 'Yes, I'll take and pay for it,' he said, and when he saw it he became so much interested that he subscribed for one for his own use. Surely the angels that go before

and help in securing orders, do not forsake one on delivery day.'

We are surely connected with a great work,—none greater. But the fact that the work is great is evidence that it needs a great many people to prosecute it. Some have set the time when they expect to take up this work. When are you going to start? There never was—no, and never shall be—a better time than *now*. Just before the holidays is a splendid time to begin.

"Watchman, what of the night?"
"The morning cometh, and also the night."

C. C. Morlan,

Field Agent S. Cal. Conf.

Inaccurate People Are Dishonest

It is not safe to trust people who are habitually inaccurate in their work. Even with the best intentions in the world, they become dishonest. Before they are aware of it, the habit of inaccuracy extends to their statements. They do not take pains to be thorough in anything they undertake, even in clearly expressing the truth."

These people never carry much weight in a community, however honest in principle they may be, because no reliance can be placed on their words or work. You can not depend upon what they tell you. If they are orators, they are discredited; if they are at the bar, the judges always take their statements *cum grano salis*; if in the pulpit, they do not win the respect of the congregation. In fact, whatever those people do, they are placed at a disadvantage because of their habit of inaccuracy.—*Selected.*

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1911

Brother A. A. Cone left Sunday for Fresno to spend a few days in the interest of the canvassing work.

The next biennial session of the Pacific Union Conference will be held in connection with a ministerial institute in Los Angeles, March 12 to 26, 1912.

The churches in the California Conference will be interested in looking over the schedule of workers for week of prayer which is given another insertion. Some changes may be necessary in the appointments, but in the main they will stand.

Brother R. Hook, of the Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tennessee, and Brother S. N. Curtiss, of the Review and Herald Publishing Association, Washington, D. C., have been spending several days at the Pacific Press, in the interests of an effort to fix upon a unified system of accounts for all our publishing houses.

The annual offering for the support and extension of our foreign mission work will be gathered December 16, 1911, which is the closing Sabbath of the week of prayer. A liberal contribution will be appreciated, for the calls for more laborers to come and preach the Word are increasing daily.

Elder M. H. St. John, on his way to Portland, Oregon, his new field of labor, spent the latter part of last week with his brother in Mountain View. He was accompanied by his wife and three children. Elder St. John addressed the church Sabbath, basing his remarks on the following text: "But they that wait

upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." Isa. 40:31.

With the last Sabbath in December the records of our churches for the year 1911 close. Immediately thereafter the annual statistical report of each church, which is filed with each church clerk, should be filled out and mailed to the conference secretary. Our church treasurers and librarians, Sabbath-school and young people's secretaries, can assist the church clerk in this important work by getting all their records in proper shape for a prompt closing with the year 1911. Let each departmental officer plan to present a complete and accurate report, and when promptly filed unnecessary correspondence is saved. If all follow these suggestions the records of our conferences may be compiled and published much earlier in the year than heretofore.

Results to Encourage

If I could say only one thing to our people throughout this union to encourage them in their missionary endeavors, it would be, "God is working." You hear much about the sowing of the seeds of truth; so much, that at times you may feel that enough has been said, and that sufficient is being done. If our eyes could be opened, the curtain be lifted, so to speak, and we get a vision of what is going on in the minds of the honest hearted people around us, I believe our earnestness would increase, and our efforts be greatly multiplied. Listen to this letter from a lady in San Jose:

"I am much troubled over the Sabbath, and am writing you for help. Just now I am not in a position to buy books, but if you have tracts giving Scriptural references in regard to the seventh-day Sabbath, I will be glad to buy them. I do not want to talk about the subject to any one. I want to be convinced from God's Word alone, then I can decide this momentous question. If you will kindly send me prices of tracts, I will remit at once."

An assortment of tracts was sent. The remittance came, and order for the tracts "Return of the Jews," "The Two Covenants," and "The Temporal Millennium." In another letter just received from this person, she says:

"I am now reading 'Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation,' found in the public library. There are many questions in my mind, but I am studying and asking God's guidance into all truth. I believe my mind is open, and free from all prejudice. I am not seeking help from any one; prefer to thrash out the truth alone. Of course I know what my pastor would say, were I to appeal to him; but God alone can direct aright, and to Him I will have to give an account.

"Not long ago I picked up a piece of a paper, which I judged to be a Seventh-day Adventist publication, and became deeply interested in an article entitled 'In My Father's House Are Many Mansions.' I would be delighted to read them all, and will be only too pleased to pay for them."

Can you not see, dear friend, how God is working by His Spirit and through those who will cooperate with Him in getting out the literature and placing it where people can get it? At our camp-meetings many of our books have been purchased for libraries. Such interests are the result. Some one sows a tract or paper. It is used in stirring the mind regarding the truth. Are you busy "publishing"—passing out the tracts and periodicals—and using our message-filled magazines and books in every way that is within your reach? Note the continuation of "Results to Encourage" next week. You will be interested in the experience of a French bookkeeper in Los Angeles.

J. R. Ferren,
Miss. Sec. Pacific Union Conf.

The Canvasser

I always feel like tipping my hat to the book agent.—*Talmage*.

The greatest public benefactor is the man who sells good books.—*Gladstone*.

There is no calling, no occupation, more honorable or beneficial.—*Spurgeon*.

Show me a man that reads good books, and I will show you the man that moves the world.—*Napoleon*.

A dollar in the HEAD is worth five in the pocket, and you might say fifty on the back, because that in the pocket will get out, that on the back wear out, but that in the head grows sharper by constant use.—*Franklin*.

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