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The Field

Religious Liberty Offering

Of the five general offerings recommended by the General Conference to be taken each year, the religious liberty offering comes first. The time designated for this offering is the first Sabbath in February, which is the third day of the month. The object of this offering is to supply funds for the Religious Liberty Department of the General Conference to carry on its work of disseminating religious liberty principles through the medium of the printed page and public lectures.

The subject of religious liberty has always been a live question with us as a people, since it is “the very message for this time.” But as the end draws near, and the enemies of this great fundamental truth of the Scriptures become more active in their opposition, it behooves us to become more active in our efforts to enlighten the people on this great question that is so soon to test

the loyalty of every child of God, and at the same time settle the future eternal destiny of every soul living.

All who keep abreast of the times know that agencies are now in active operation in the United States, that if successful in their endeavors, will crush out religious liberty so far as it can be accomplished by law and ecclesiastical power and influence. While to many there may seem to be no immediate danger, to those who are watching the trend of events carefully the times are most ominous. The influence and power of the man of sin in matters pertaining to both church and State were never so great in this country as to-day. Protestantism in a great measure has ceased to protest, and the way is rapidly being cleared for the Papacy to dominate again the consciences of men. Literature embodying the principles of the Reformation of the sixteenth century should now be scattered like the leaves of autumn, to the end that men and women may become enlightened and prepared to act intelligently upon this question when the crisis finally comes.

It will take considerable means to accomplish all of this, and hence we are calling attention to this matter at this time so that ministers and church elders may speak of the offering at least one week beforehand, and exhort the brethren to come prepared, on the day appointed, to make a liberal offering toward this fund.

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

“The man in whom others believe is a power, but if he believes in himself he is doubly powerful.”

CALIFORNIA

Pacific Press Items

Another faithful worker has fallen at his post. A recent letter from Brother Krieghoff, Santiago, Chili, refers to the continued illness of Brother T. H. Davis, the field agent in Chili for several years. A brief postscript announces the fatal termination of Brother Davis's illness. The family and friends of Brother Davis may be assured of the deep sympathy of our bookmen in this great affliction.

A very interesting letter comes from Brother J. A. P. Green in Yucatan, Mexico, containing a translation of the warning issued by Catholic priests against our work. Here it is:

“INFORMATION

“*A Book That Contains Suspicious Doctrines*”

“Within the last few days some ‘Yankees’ have been running around the city, visiting the principal families, offering to sell them a large and well-bound book, entitled ‘Patriarchs and Prophets.’ We know that various persons have acquired said book, which we have seen and read in part, and can assure that it is of suspicious origin, and that it treats of Protestantism from a distance. It has been edited without the ecclesiastical approbation, which is always necessary when dealing in translations of the Holy Bible. We believe that pious persons would do well in not buying the mentioned book, and those who have already acquired it we counsel to deliver to the ecclesiastical authorities without delay.”

In spite of this characteristic attack, our workers there delivered in five weeks

books to the value of \$1,922.25. As Brother Green says: "But the more the priests fight, the better I like it. I pray that many will read the book."

Praise the Lord for such courage and determination.

Our workers will be glad to hear from Brother H. A. Robinson, recently transferred from Mexico to Cuba. In a recent letter to Brother H. H. Hall, he says: "About a week ago I sent you a card of the Palace of Matanzas in which I secured thirty-three orders valuing \$101 gold. I was truly thankful to the Lord for this, especially knowing the black eye this poor island has in the minds of some bookmen. Up to now I am still working alone, although there are hopes of my having some one with me after February 1. At Christmas time I was awfully lonely, and almost wished I was anywhere else than in that place; but the next day I secured \$60 worth of orders in the seven hours I worked, so I was not sorry then after all. That day I found a vegetarian who took a book and helped me get a friend to take one, too, and sent me to others."

F. H. Gage.

January 14.

A Victorious Week

The special week of prayer brought a glorious victory to the Morgan Hill church. Confessions were made, and a clearing of the "King's highway;" wrongs that long stood in the way were made right, and hearts made tender. The Holy Spirit was doing its work. There was praying done, and "brands plucked from the burning," as evidenced by the confessions made. Satan met a signal defeat. It had to be so, for the Lord Jesus is our Captain. He never lost a battle. He it was that gave us the victory; to Him we ascribe all the praise. Many had been praying, and prayers were answered; a new song was put in our mouth, and we did sing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." This week of prayer will not be forgotten by our members.

The second and third days of this week of prayer we had Elder J. A. Stevens with us. He did good service for the Master, and it was appreciated by all.

We have thirty-four members on our church roll. These have paid \$175 on the \$300,000 fund, one not of our faith

giving \$5. Some children clubbed together paying \$2.50 each; part of this was earned by picking prunes.

While darkness is settling down over the world like a funeral pall, we believe there are better days for all of God's dear people everywhere, because our light has come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon us.

A. D. Benton.

December 17, 1911.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Conference Items

The converts at Stillwater seem to be of good courage. God is blessing with light, life, and liberty.

The Turlock church is being repaired and repainted. As this building has never been dedicated, dedicatory services will be held Sabbath, the 20th inst.

As the office building here in Lodi has recently been sold, it becomes necessary for us to move. A few members of the Lodi church are constructing a building on Lodi Avenue, which they expect to furnish us free of any remuneration to them. We are very thankful for this, as we will now have these quarters entirely free while remaining in Lodi.

Brother B. E. Baldwin, who has been laboring in Fallon, Nevada, sends us the following report:

"The week of prayer brought blessings to the Fallon church. Souls were blessed, sins were confessed and forsaken. The reception of divine light brought joy, peace, and life. Two members were added to the church; and judging from the joyful countenance and the general deportment, we believe God has done the adding. A number are awaiting baptism. We are earnestly praying that they may be indeed dead to sin before they sink into the watery grave; if so they may rise to walk in the newness of life."

Brother W. A. Johnson, who, with his family, recently moved from Fort Bidwell to Cedarville, where he has taken up work, writes:

"We arrived in Cedarville, the largest town in Surprise Valley, the 12th day of December. On Sabbath, the 16th, a Sab-

bath-school of ten members was organized. I have been spending considerable time in giving Bible readings to three of the public school-teachers of this place, two of whom, the principal, with one other, have fully accepted the truth and paid \$30 tithe. Seventy 'Family Bible Teacher' readers have commenced reading the message for themselves. The Lord is opening the way for the last message in this place. Pray for us, brethren."

Statistical Report of Literature Work Done by W. S. Holbrook, W. A. Johnson, and J. D. Alder, for the Year Ending December 31, 1911

	No.	Variety	Pages
Books and pamphlets sold	281	31	94,550
Papers, magazines, and tracts sold and given away	2,146	37	31,296
Totals	2,427	68	125,846
Received for above literature			\$427.08
Cost of above literature			257.17

Profits on above literature	\$169.91
Tent expenses (three efforts)	144.17
Profit on books, etc.	\$169.17
Raised over expenses	25.00

This does not include work that Brother Holbrook may have done when not connected with the company.

Churches have been organized at Peters and Fort Bidwell, four added to the church at Galt, and a strong interest created in Cedarville. Brethren, will you remember this work in your prayers?

Verah MacPherson.

January 12.

Lodi Normal Institute Items

Nine new students have entered school since vacation.

Brother W. P. Dayton occupied chapel hour one morning and gave a very good talk on perseverance.

The bands of the Missionary Volunteer Society are sending out all the Signs they can secure, and ask for more.

So many of the students planned to go home during the holidays, that we had a two weeks' vacation this year. But nearly all have returned and taken up work once more, with the avowed purpose of making this a year of work and service.

Miss Edith Barnes, of the 1910 class, has been called to Monterey to continue the school work at that place. She writes that she is nicely settled and likes the work very much.

The Missionary Volunteers have a fine library started. The reading of good books is urged upon the minds of the students. The Morning Watch verse is repeated each morning at the beginning of chapel exercises.

The pupils of the eighth grade presented their teacher, Mrs. J. A. L. Derby, a silver-mounted toilet-set, and the girls of South Hall gave Mrs. Viola Miller a beautiful leather-bound "Christ in Song." Not alone the value of the gifts, but the love and esteem of the pupils shown in the presentation of them, made glad the hearts of the recipients.

The last few days before vacation Elder Warren was with us and held meetings during chapel hour. The Spirit of God was present in a rich measure; and when a call was made for those who, after calm deliberation, desired to lead a Christian life, nearly the whole school arose, only two or three remaining seated. In the testimony meeting that followed, sixty-two spoke in less than that number of minutes, and all we can say is, "It was good to be there." Some made a start for the first time, and others renewed their earlier consecration.

Sec. Lodi Normal Faculty.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

San Pedro

The report of papers and tracts distributed in ship missionary work for the past year is as follows:

Papers given away, 6,343; pages of tracts given away, 8,749. Passenger, lumber, and freight vessels visited number 285.

Thus far three souls have taken their stand for the present truth from this effort, while others are interested. Thank God for these dear ones, and may others follow.

I hope to be remembered in prayer by God's people; also that literature will be sent to carry forward this line of work in the Master's vineyard.

Charles Bennett.

733 Dodson St.,
San Pedro, Cal.

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 29, 1911

Agent	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Value	Delivered
California						
W. W. Peterson *	P.G.	62	32	\$4.25	\$121.25	
E. S. Horsman **	P.G.	53	32		110.50	
2 Agents		115	64	\$4.25	\$231.75	
* 3 weeks.						
** 2 weeks.						

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 5, 1912

California						
W. W. Peterson	P.G.	23	10		\$36.00	
Central California						
J. L. Hoffmann	P.G.	12	6		\$31.00	
A. G. Westphal	P.G.	9	2		11.00	
2 Agents		21	8		\$42.00	

Harvest-Time Is Here

"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35. Truly the harvest is ripe, but the laborers are few. This has been brought more forcefully to me of late than ever before, as we go from place to place, coming in contact with people who are searching for truth.

Just to illustrate how the Lord will use every word and action, I will relate an incident that occurred lately. While Mrs. Fleming and I were sitting in a room waiting for a car, a lady and gentleman stood just outside the door talking. We were tired, and not knowing what else to do, began to sing the chorus, "Saved by Grace." When we had finished the lady turned around and said, "That is fine. It is the only story to tell. I am so glad to meet you two. You are doing such a good work," and many things I have not space to relate.

She told me she had read "Heralds" and "Controversy" and was much interested. I told her of "Daniel and the Revelation," and she was very anxious to get it. She wanted to know where our church is, that she might attend. Mrs. Fleming gave her the *Signs*.

The day we left that town this same lady and husband were at the depot, and were greatly pleased to see us again. They said they had read the *Signs*, then took their Bibles to see if it was right; and they pronounced it "nothing but the truth," saying, "We want more of that kind of reading." They were much disappointed because they could not have a "Daniel and the Revelation" to read.

The lady is a W. C. T. U. worker, and her husband is an earnest Christian. She asks an interest in all our prayers.

This is only one of many similar incidents I might relate. At one place I found three families in a radius of one block wanting more light. I secured a "Daniel and the Revelation" for one, gave another a "Family Bible Teacher;" the other bought a magazine.

Dear reader, look about you and see if you can not find some of these interested ones to whom you can take the light.

"Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit." Look about you and see if you are bearing fruit for the Master. Every branch that beareth no fruit will be cut off.

If any one wants to labor in the Lord's vineyard and is doubting His promises to give him whatsoever is right, I ask him to study the following report:

Since July 21, 1911, Mrs. Fleming has sold 7,889 magazines with a total receipt of \$892.15. Miss Ruth Crane, by working spare hours, has sold 1,560 *Instructors* for a total of \$156.

"Why stand ye all the day idle?"

W. D. Fleming,
Miss. Sec. Cal. Conf.

The frontispiece of the January-February issue of *Christian Education* is a photograph of Elder James White, 5x7 inches in size, printed on enameled paper suitable for framing. For some time to come each issue of *Education* is to have a large picture of one of our pioneer workers. Begin now, and by subscribing for *Education* secure the full set of these pictures.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1912

In a recent letter from Elder H. G. Thurston, of the Arizona Conference, he says: "We are seeing some fruit from our work, and are not idle."

During the year 1911 there were 694,795 copies of *Our Little Friend*, 381,216 *Signs of the Times Monthly*, 1,070,000 *Signs of the Times* weekly, and 510,000 *Ingathering Signs* mailed from the Pacific Press, at a total value of \$110,823.23.

The children's memory verse cards for the year 1912 may be obtained from Mrs. Edith Cummings, College View, Neb. The price is 7 cents per set. The cards can be colored by the children, or used without coloring. Remember, children learn more by seeing than by hearing.

The manager of the Loma Linda Sanitarium states that the institution "is filling up nicely. The heavy frost has damaged the fruit throughout the valley very severely. Ours, however, fortunately escaped, or nearly so. We have been short of rain this fall, but things are looking better now. However, most of our land is under irrigation, so we do not suffer that way so much."

We call attention briefly to the first quarter's issue of *Liberty* for the year 1912. We wish that our people could realize the importance of this magazine, especially the number referred to. If they would read this from quarter to quarter, they would be better informed regarding religious liberty work and the object that it seeks. The very first article in this number is one that everybody ought to read. It is entitled "The

Freedom of the Press Endangered," by W. W. Prescott. What he has set forth in this article as a menace to the liberties of American citizens, our people may well rely upon, from the evidence we now have of the intentions of Catholics and the church federation people combined. Another article is by A. J. Saxby Bourdeau entitled "Increasing Church Attendance by Law." W. F. Martin also has a very instructive short article on "James Madison on a Modern Problem." Elder W. M. Healey, of San Diego, has a characteristic article, entitled "An Inadequate Remedy for Religious Intolerance." L. A. Smith, of the Southern *Watchman*, also gives us a most instructive article on "Should the State Teach Religion?" All these and many others of like character appear in this best of all numbers of *Liberty* that we have ever seen. The very foundation principles of religious liberty are very clearly brought out in many of these articles. Our people should study them and digest every point made, so that they may be prepared to interview their neighbors in the coming campaign that will be so strongly contested by the Sunday-law advocates during the summer of 1912. As stated last week, the question of Sunday law or no Sunday law for California will be tested at the polls, and this means that everybody who believes in religious liberty should be so well posted that he can instruct his neighbors on the dire results that will follow a Sunday law for California; because when California has adopted such a law, the United States will then be almost a unit in favor of such statutes. And the next step will be to amend the laws so as to make the demands for Sunday-keeping more strenuous and rigid than ever before. Every church in the Pacific Union Conference ought to have clubs of *Liberty* for general circulation in its neighborhood. It would seem as if every church could afford to do this, because of the low rate at which this magazine is furnished. One dollar and fifty cents secures ten copies for a year. There are churches among us that ought to have at least five hundred copies for the year. Other churches, of course, could get along with a less number. But, brethren, we are up to the crucial point in California in religious liberty lines. This year will tell whether we are to have a Sunday law or not in the near future. Will our brethren

everywhere take hold of this work and circulate the literature that will enlighten the people upon this issue?

Notice

You are hereby notified of an *informal* constituency meeting of the California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association to be held at St. Helena Sanitarium chapel, Wednesday, January the 24th, at 12 o'clock m.

H. W. Cottrell, *President*.

J. B. Giddings, *Secretary*.

Notice of the Annual Meeting of the Pacific Press Publishing Association

Notice is hereby given, to all whom it may concern, that the Annual Meeting of the members of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, a corporation organized and existing under, and by virtue of, the laws of the State of California, will be held at the office of the Association on Villa Street, in the Town of Mountain View, County of Santa Clara, State of California, on Monday, the 22d day of January, A.D. 1912, at 10 o'clock A.M.

The election of Directors for the ensuing year, the advisability of amending, repealing, or adopting new by-laws, or such other business as may be necessary or proper to be transacted, will come before the members of the Association.

By order of the Directors.

H. W. Cottrell, *President*.

H. G. Childs, *Secretary*.

Notice of the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Pacific Press Publishing Company

Notice is hereby given to whom it may concern that the Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the Pacific Press Publishing Company, a corporation organized and existing under, and by virtue of, the laws of the State of California, will be held at the office of the Company on Villa Street, in the Town of Mountain View, California, on Monday, the 22d day of January, A.D. 1912, at 10 o'clock A.M.

By order of the Directors.

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