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An Optimist's Thanksgiving

An' so you don't think, Neighbor Gray,
I need be givin' thanks to-day?
You say the season's been so bad
There ain't much left to make us glad.
Well, p'r'aps you're right; but seems to
me

Our ways of reck'nin' don't agree;
'Tain't fair to count the things that's
wrong,
An' skip the blessin's all along.

I can't say much for oats and wheat;
But then my corn was hard to beat;
An' where could finer hay be found?
Fruit failed, for certain, all around—
I'd not much left; but you jest ought
To hear the price that little brought!
Potatoes? I must say they're poor;
But cel'ry did its best, fer sure!

The lightnin' struck the barn, you said?
Jest s'pose the house hed gone instead!
'Twas years sence that old barn was
new—

It needed paint, an' shingles, too,
An' then it burnt the very day
I started haulin' in the hay;
It might er bin chock full—an' so
If that wa'n't luck, I'd like to know!

'Twas hard when poor Bay Beauty died,
Marier an' I've jest cried an' cried;
The colt's not old enough to break—
But what a horse it's goin' to make!
My sheep are mighty fat an' fine—
You heard the dogs killed twenty-nine?
'Twas only nine. Now, don't that show
The way bad news is sure to grow?

It's been a powerful tryin' year,
With skimpin' there, an' pinchin' here;
But, thank the Lord! I've got a wife
Thet always makes the best of life.
Marier's like sunshine all day long,
An' cheeriest jest when things goes
wrong.

There's nothin' worries her, sez she,
So long ez she hez Joe an' me.

I'm feelin' poor, I don't deny;
But I've got some things gold can't buy,
Fer sickness hezn't come our way—
We're well an' strong all three, to-day.
There's many a lonesome man I know
Would envy me my little Joe—
There isn't much I couldn't stand
While holdin' fast his little hand!

An' so we're goin' to church to-day
With thanks thet's more 'an we can say,
But Him thet knows, though words is
few,
Kin tell we're thankful through an'
through,
When standin' up with all the rest,
We sing our heartiest an' our best,
"Praise God from whom all blessings
flow!"—

Marier an' me an' little Joe!
—Ellen Manly.

The Field

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Bible Training School in Los Angeles

At a recent meeting of our conference committee, it was voted to open a six months' course of training for Bible workers in the city of Los Angeles.

The conference owns a building, in a

favorable part of the city, which has been used for this purpose in the past. There is a most urgent demand for more Bible workers to meet people in their homes, especially in our cities, and present the message to them. Scarcely any line of missionary activity is more productive of good results than the work that is done in this way.

The purpose is to open this school shortly after January 1, 1913. The exact date will be announced later, and further information given. We want now to call the attention of our people to this proposed course of training, and to ask that those of our young people who may wish to enter the course and secure a fitting up for active service in the Master's cause, write to the president of the conference at an early date. Give age and educational qualifications, state general condition of health, and give any other information that may have a bearing on your fitness to enter the school.

Los Angeles is a city especially adapted to the conducting of such a training school. We hope to hear from several of our young people soon.

F. M. Burg,
Pres. S. Cal. Conf.

Newsy Paragraphs from Workers, Departments, and Institutions Paradise Valley Sanitarium

Brother C. E. Rice, business manager at the Paradise Valley Sanitarium, sends the following note of encouragement:

"The work is onward at the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. We are just starting a class of eight promising nurses. The nurses' home is now completed, and the elevator will be in operation soon. Our patronage has been good during the summer months. The tithes and donations

from the sanitarium church amounted to nearly \$800 during the month of September."

Loma Linda

The following news report is received from the Loma Linda Medical College and Sanitarium:

"Twenty-four very earnest young people have matriculated in the nurses' class, which began their course the first of September. The freshman medical class numbers nineteen members, who have come to Loma Linda from various states in the Union, seeking medical missionary training that will fit them for life service.

"The heating plant at Loma Linda is nearing completion. The boilers are in and set, and the pipe work is nearly finished.

"The work on the college hospital, which is so greatly needed for clinical advantages, is making progress, and it is to be hoped that the young men's dormitory will have early attention. A good spirit among the boys has been noted, even under the poor rooming conveniences, with much satisfaction on the part of the faculty.

"The young ladies are greatly appreciating the commodious dormitory home, and the good work of their preceptress, Mrs. W. D. Workman.

"The Loma Linda Sanitarium is enjoying an excellent patronage—one of the best of its history at this season of the year. Its nurses and helpers have been taxed to care for their patients. The head nurse, Mrs. Semmens, has been kept busy supplying the demands for private nurses, and to keep ahead of the needs of the many cases.

"The breathing exercises which have been established for the patrons at 7:00 A. M., are proving to be an interesting and profitable part of the daily program. They are well attended, and the patients enjoy the crisp morning air.

"The sanitarium parlor is presenting an attractive appearance since undergoing some needed repairs. The leaders are glad to report a greatly increased attendance in morning worship there, since the time has been changed from 7:30 to 8:30 A. M."

Long Beach Sanitarium

From this institution we have the following encouraging note:

"At the prayer-meeting held on Wednesday night, the 23d inst., there were over sixty persons present. The faith leading members have in the Spirit

of prophecy, coupled with the strenuous efforts to get the truth before the people at Long Beach, is responsible for this good showing."

Los Angeles Treatment Rooms

Dr. J. R. Leadsworth, who is in charge of the treatment rooms, writes as follows:

"The treatment room work, carried on in connection with the conference, has been blessed with a fairly good patronage during the last summer months. Owing to the fact that the helpers and patients are brought together for so short a period, it is difficult to estimate the influence of the words spoken in season to him that is weary. Recently one of our patrons was referred to the Glendale Sanitarium for some much needed surgical work. A few days after the operation, upon being visited by the treatment room physician, he gave expression to the following with feelings of gratitude: 'Doctor, I have been wanting to see you to express my appreciation of your sending me to this place. You know one generally approaches the operating table with a certain amount of misgivings; but when I heard the prayer before taking the anesthetic, and realized I was in the hands of Christian people, all fear left me, and I knew I was all right, and the outcome will be perfectly satisfactory.' Every day the excellent corps of helpers make an opening for ministering to the spiritual man while treating the physical."

The Downey Tent Meeting

Brother M. A. Hollister writes of the interest at Downey:

"We began our effort here September 15, with an attendance of ninety-three, about forty of whom were of our people from Rivera and vicinity. These brethren and sisters have been very faithful in attendance, some coming night after night a distance of three and one half miles. To date, the attendance has averaged sixty-six, but we are sorry we have not succeeded in getting all of the same ones to attend regularly. However, some are showing a decided interest. We began the series with one week of health lectures, and then began the studies as usual, except that each evening a talk of about twenty minutes' length was devoted to health or a demonstration of simple home treatments. The people seemed to appreciate this very much, and frequently expressed their approval, sometimes by words, and again by gifts of a material nature. This week we are conducting a 'School of Health' in the

afternoons, the manager of the Glendale Sanitarium furnishing four nurses, and Dr. Belle-Wood Comstock giving part of her time also. We hope by these methods to preach the full message and win souls to Christ.

"Some of the friends from the Norwalk church come up once in a while, and we appreciate their attendance, because they must come so far.

"One dear soul, who has begun keeping the Sabbath, but who was threatened by her husband with desertion, now can praise the Lord because her husband has about made up his mind that he will obey also. Others are showing a decided interest, and we hope soon to see them take their stand with the remnant people."

These briefs will be continued next week. The Lord is blessing our work in Southern California, and we are all of good courage.

F. M. Burg,
Pres. S. Cal. Conf.

CALIFORNIA Conference Current

Elder E. W. Farnsworth spent several days the past week in Mendocino County. He spent Sabbath and Sunday at Fort Bragg, and stopped at Willits on his return.

For several weeks past, Dr. L. A. Reed, editor of the *Signs of the Times Magazine*, has been conducting Sabbath day and Sunday evening meetings in the Alameda church.

Having pretty well closed up his effort at Byron, Brother R. S. Fries is spending a little time in the southern part of the conference. He met with the Santa Cruz church last Sabbath.

The effort at Allendale in which he has been engaged having closed, Brother L. K. Dickson has moved to Richmond, and will divide his time between that place and Vallejo for a time.

At the request of the conference committee, Elder S. T. Hare has been spending the past few weeks with the churches in Sonoma County, where he expects to labor until after the week of prayer.

Ten persons were baptized and united with the Melrose church a few weeks

ago. Among these were several who had first learned of the truth in the Elmhurst and Allendale efforts in East Oakland.

Miss Katherine Hale, conference educational superintendent, and Mrs. T. D. Robison, from the Pacific Union College, have been visiting some among the churches in the interest of our school work, and to get in touch with those who should take training for service in this line.

After a stay of several weeks with his sister, who is very sick, at College Place, Washington, Elder A. Nelson has returned to his work in the conference. He spent a few days recently with the new company at Byron, at which place he labored for a time with Brother R. S. Fries.

Evening meetings were opened Sunday of this week in the Oakland church. Elder A. O. Tait, one of the editors of the *Signs of the Times*, at Mountain View, who has been conducting Sabbath services in Oakland for a number of weeks, will have charge of the Sunday night meetings.

At a council meeting held in Mountain View Tuesday night of last week, consideration was given to plans for raising funds on the conference school debt. A spirit of cooperation was manifested on the part of those present, and an active campaign will no doubt be entered upon soon.

The interest has been growing in the Sabbath and Sunday night meetings in the San Francisco church during the past few weeks. Elder C. E. Ford, recently from Utah, is acting as pastor. However, it has seemed necessary to ask him to spend a few weeks out in the field in the interest of the college work at St. Helena. Other help will be provided for San Francisco in Elder Ford's absence.

Some excellent reports have been received from those engaged in selling our forty per cent books. Good success is met everywhere. During the next month will be the harvest-time of the year for our small book workers, as nearly every one is looking for holiday gifts at that time. A beautiful prospectus has been prepared, which makes the presentation of these excellent volumes a positive pleasure.

Arrangements have been made for Elder B. E. Beddoe to spend his time until the week of prayer looking after the interests in East Oakland, where several series of meetings have been held during the past year. New ones are continually found who are interested in the truth. Elder Beddoe has been conducting a series of studies on the Eastern question with the Melrose company for the past few Sabbaths.

The week commencing Sabbath, December 7, and continuing to the 14th, has been set apart by the General Conference as the annual week of prayer. We trust that our churches throughout the conference will plan for meetings for each day or evening, and follow closely the readings and instruction that have been prepared for this special time of devotion. Why not make this season a Pentecost of blessing? It lies within our power to do it.

Claude Conard.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA Conference Items

Elder J. H. Behrens is spending a few days on the coast looking after the work in that part of the conference.

A general meeting of conference laborers and church officers will be held in Fresno November 30 and December 1.

Elder C. L. Taggart, of the Northern California-Nevada Conference, made the office a pleasant call one day last week.

A nice shipment of dried fruit was sent from the office last week, to Mountain View, to be sent with a large shipment to China for the benefit of the workers in that field.

G. A. Wheeler.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA- NEVADA

Conference Items

Brother E. E. Parlin, of Oakland, spent a few hours in Lodi November 18.

Brother A. A. Cone spent a few days in our conference the past week in the interests of the book work.

Elder D. T. Fero was called to Stockton the 19th, to preach the funeral sermon of Sister Elliot of that place.

Elder C. L. Taggart spoke to the brethren and sisters of the Dos Palos church Tuesday evening, November 19.

A second Harvest Ingathering campaign in Stockton was led by Brother W. D. Fleming, Monday, November 18. Fourteen went from Lodi, and no one received less than \$1 donations for the papers.

The sermon on the Eastern question delivered by Prof. J. A. L. Derby, in the Lodi church Sabbath, November 16, was well attended both by our people and by a number of outsiders. Professor Derby impressed upon us the importance of the times in which we are living, and the necessity of a thorough preparation to meet the trials that are coming upon God's people in the closing days of the world's history.

The Harvest Ingathering campaign following the convention held at Merced Sabbath, November 16, was a success. The brethren and sisters took hold of the work with energy and determination, and some of our gospel-filled papers and tracts were left in nearly every home in that place. Many liberal donations were received by the workers for foreign missions. About \$100 was gathered in as a result of the conventions at Stockton and Merced.

Elder W. S. Holbrook, who has been conducting a tent effort in New Pine Creek, in the extreme northern part of Modoc County, has closed the effort there, and is now located in Lake City, where he has taken up work for the winter. Brother W. P. Dayton is still laboring in New Pine Creek, and will doubtless remain there for some time, following up the interest at that place. The Sabbath-school is progressing nicely, and we trust that others will be added to the little company who meet Sabbath after Sabbath to study the word of God.

Merl Horton.

UTAH Conference Notes

The conference office has been moved from 327 McIntyre Building to 776 East Sixth Street south, in Salt Lake City. All correspondents should notice the change of address.

The church school in Salt Lake City began October 15, with Miss Mary Metcalf in charge. A Catholic lady recently asked permission to send her child to our school, and her request was granted. A good spirit prevails. Some fourteen are attending.

The home missionary spirit is being revived in our field. All the churches in the conference have ordered and paid in advance for several one and five dollar tract packages. The envelope plan will be adopted in scattering the tracts. We hope to see good results.

October 5 Elder C. E. Ford baptized five persons in the Salt Lake church. November 16 Elder J. D. Alder baptized two, who accepted the truth under the labors of Brethren Alder and W. A. Johnson in West Jordan. The seven were received into the Salt Lake City church.

Since coming to the conference, the writer has visited the following churches several times: Ogden, Brigham, Salt Lake, and Provo. There are earnest souls who are looking for brighter days in each place. Elder Charles Nelson visits frequently the Logan and Brigham churches, as they are mostly Scandinavian.

November 17 Brother C. H. Castle and the writer began a series of meetings in Provo in the Seventh-day Adventist church. And at the same date Elder J. D. Alder and Brother W. A. Johnson began a series of meetings in Midvale in a store building. The Bible workers are doing good work. A splendid spirit prevails among the workers. There are better days for the work in Utah.

W. M. Adams.

For Sale at a Sacrifice

Six-room modern bungalow, with bungalow barn, well, windmill, berries, flowers, lawn, etc. Nearly new, and in first-class order. One half mile from the Lodi Normal Institute, Lodi, California. For price and terms, address owner, C. P. Moon, 1241 Third Avenue North, Seattle, Washington.

COMPARATIVE CENTRAL CALIFORNIA TITHE STATEMENT FROM MARCH TO OCTOBER 31

	1911	1912	Total 10 mo. 1912
Armona	\$1,395.44	\$1,910.28	\$2,356.38
Arroyo Grande	125.94	170.31	201.31
Bakersfield	497.33	1,099.61	1,217.44
Barstow	277.63	221.46	259.39
Burrough	112.80	58.53	71.23
Dinuba, English	428.85	384.33	384.33
Dinuba, German		14.60	14.60
Exeter	212.78	561.84	604.49
Fowler	219.25	186.99	219.34
Fresno	3,204.99	3,971.88	4,627.07
Hanford	815.94	574.08	880.48
Hollister		241.93	241.93
Island	595.68	636.50	727.86
Laguna	280.59	455.92	509.72
Lemoore	623.78	651.87	651.87
Lindsay		473.03	473.03
Monterey	115.75	233.45	233.45
San Luis Obispo	340.75	173.75	213.68
Selma	668.39	222.58	222.58
Tulare	7.58	122.58	123.28
Visalia	115.55	276.51	276.51
Wallace District	88.86	137.79	158.69

G. A. Wheeler, Secretary.

REPORT OF SABBATH-SCHOOLS IN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE FOR QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1912

School	Mem.	Attend.	Regular Offering	13th Sab.	Total	Av. per Mem. per Sab.
Alameda	45	38	\$ 31.40	\$ 3.99	\$ 35.39	\$.06
Arcata	15	13	5.61	1.76	7.37	.038
Banner	17	14	8.94	2.25	11.19	.051
Byron	13	13	12.00	1.00	13.00	.077
Berkeley	71	71	75.42	33.94	109.36	.118
Blue Lake	4	4	4.91	1.30	6.21	.119
Calistoga	35	27	12.31	3.37	15.68	.034
Daly City	34	32	24.55	4.55	29.10	.078
Elmhurst	40	29	16.81	.87	17.68	.033
Eureka	75	66	32.11	14.59	46.70	.047
Ferndale	8	6	8.96	3.50	12.46	.119
Finley	6	6	2.00	.40	2.40	.03
Fortuna	6	6	2.40	2.60	5.00	.064
Guerneville	4	4	9.32	1.06	10.38	.199
Healdsburg	104	73	37.36	..	37.36	.027
Kelseyville	4	4	3.75	6.25	10.00	.192
Los Gatos	No	Report	18.10	2.31	20.41	.067
McKinleyville	19	14	3.41	.15	3.56	.014
Melrose	84	59	35.56	12.70	48.26	.044
Miranda	10	9	1.90	.10	2.00	.015
Morgan Hill	23	24	16.31	5.60	21.91	.073
Mountain View	200	173	180.85	61.21	242.06	.093
Napa	62	50	29.52	10.22	39.74	.049
Oakland	263	213	119.26	23.36	142.62	.041
Oakville	17	16	6.85	2.10	8.95	.04
Pepperwood	11	10	2.57	1.76	4.33	.03
Petaluma	22	16	20.81	1.94	22.75	.079
Petrolia	8	11	11.05	5.00	16.05	.15
Pacific Union College	77	62	27.70	27.14	54.84	.055
Park St., S. F.	25	19	13.86	2.80	16.66	.05
Richmond	27	21	13.60	3.15	16.75	.047
St. Helena	112	88	55.44	14.13	69.57	.047
San Francisco	81	59	55.68	19.52	75.20	.07
San Jose	58	46	26.80	2.90	29.70	.04
Skaggs	5	5	3.15	..	3.15	.05
Soquel	8	4	5.58	3.80	9.38	.09
Santa Rosa	59	41	19.91	7.83	27.74	.036
Sonoma	54	45	34.97	16.10	51.07	.072
Sanitarium	160	112	102.01	25.00	127.01	.061
San Rafael	6	6	9.90	2.45	12.35	.15
Santa Cruz	35	30	24.29	6.31	30.60	.067
Sebastopol	85	61	23.08	8.94	32.02	.029
Shively	15	12	6.11	.95	7.06	.036
Ukiah	30	24	26.70	7.00	33.70	.086
Vallejo	24	19	8.20	1.26	9.46	.03
Watsonville	10	6	6.47	2.62	9.09	.069
Willits	12	12	7.35	3.50	10.85	.069
State Home Department	5	5	4.60	7.05	11.65	.18
	2,088	1,657	\$1,209.44	\$370.33	\$1,579.77	.058

¹ Elmhurst school discontinued and merged with the Melrose school.

² Los Gatos. No report. Financial report taken from conference treasurer's books.

The general average per member in offerings to missions is one half cent higher than last quarter.

Mrs. Vesta J. Farnsworth,
S. S. Sec. Cal. Conf.

Educational

Pacific Union College

During the temperance campaign, Mr. Thomas H. Lawson, district superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, delivered a very interesting and inspiring lecture in the college chapel on the reasons why the sale of intoxicating liquors should be prohibited.

Professor Newton has given two instructive stereopticon lectures: one on Switzerland and another on Rome and the Appian Way. These lectures are given at the chapel hour. Reflected sunlight is used for projection purposes, and proves to be the very best light that can be used.

The college has just purchased a line of physical and chemical apparatus, which, together with the apparatus received from the Healdsburg College, will make a complete equipment for giving a full course in laboratory work in the subjects of physics, zoology, physiology, and chemistry. These classes will now be prepared to perform every experiment recorded in the text-books and accompanying manuals.

Two very helpful medical lectures have been given by Dr. Thomason, superintendent of the St. Helena Sanitarium, and Dr. Holden, superintendent of the Portland Sanitarium. Dr. Thomason's subject was "The Physical Effects of Alcohol," and had special reference to the temperance campaign being carried on in our supervisory district. Dr. Holden's lecture emphasized the alarming increase of chronic diseases and insanity as a sign of the end.

The class in surveying is busy with actual field work, two afternoons a week being devoted to actual work with the transit. One of the problems set for the class is the discovery and measurement of the outside boundaries of the thousand acre tract. This class is supplied with an excellent transit and accompanying instruments, such as chains, flags, leveling rod, etc. The latest addition to this equipment is a steel tape of the best make, which was first sent to Washington, D. C., to be standardized.

Two chapel hours have been devoted to the Eastern question. Professor Rine occupied one hour, setting forth clearly the interpretation of the prophecy as found in Daniel 11, and the complete fulfillment of this prophecy, up to the present time. More recently the public speaking class, under the direction of Professor Lewis, gave the school a complete history of the war between the Balkan States and Turkey, giving the causes which led up to this strife, the present status of the war, and also its significance to us as a people. One feature of the program was a map showing the largest extent of the Turkish Empire in Europe; and as the history was given, showing how various territories had been seized by other nations, these portions were marked in black on the map, until there remained only the present diminished empire of the Turk. The facts as portrayed served to impress vividly the significance of this war, and the nearness of the end.

It is the custom of the college faculty to hold a formal reception for the students soon after the opening of each school year. The reception this year was a very pleasant occasion. After the usual introductions and formal greetings, an hour was devoted to pleasant social intercourse, after which the following program was rendered, with Mrs. J. H. Paap acting as accompanist:

- Selection, Orchestra
- Invocation, Elder E. E. Andross
- Vocal Duet—"O King of Mercy" *Belcher*
- Professors Krasoff and Newton
- Piano Solo—"Capriccio Brillante" *Mendelssohn*
- Miss Hilda Paap
- Orchestral Accompaniment on Second Piano, Mr. Eldred Newton
- Solo—"La Partida" (The Farewell) *Alvarez*
(Sung in Spanish)
- Professor Krasoff
- Male Quartet—"The Ruined Chapel" *Becker*
- Professors Krasoff, Miller, Irwin, and Newton
- Violin Solo—"Fantasia" *Ch. De Beriot*
- Miss Hilda Paap
- Vocal Duet—"O Love Divine" *Stainer*
- Professor Krasoff, Miss Stow
- Male Quartet—"Good Night" *Abt*
- Professors Krasoff, Miller, Irwin, and Newton.
- C. W. Irwin.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Fernando Academy

Mr. James Webster entered school Monday. Also Checkson Mak, from Hongkong, is a late arrival.

The stenographic department has been kept busy getting out Prof. Geo. M. Price's new text-book on geology.

The first shift has come among the student teachers. Most satisfactory work has been done by these young people.

The children of the training school are proud of the first products from the school gardens. They are ready to sell their radishes.

Our Bible teacher, Elder E. J. Hibbard, is back once more in his class work after several weeks of illness. Elder Heald, from the East, substituted for him.

Examinations for the first quarter brought most satisfying results to both teachers and students. We are made to realize forcibly that the school year is fast passing.

The science department boasts of three new compound microscopes for biological work, while the physical laboratory has had an increase of about \$200 in its working equipment.

Brother A. A. Cone met with the students in chapel recently, and organized a canvassers' band to prepare for the next vacation. Thirty enthusiastic workers are planning for aggressive work in this line.

The new pamphlet entitled "Recreation," a study for the young, was taken up as a chapel study. Each student was provided with a copy, which he was allowed to keep for further reference or study.

The eighth grade cooking room, with its equipment, is greatly enjoyed by the girls of this grade. There are sixteen in the class. They have been busy in the sewing class, making their cooking aprons, kitchen linen, etc., for this work.

Wilbur Nelson, Howard Miller, Leslie Ward, all old students of Fernando, made a hasty visit here Sabbath on their way to Modesto, where they are canvassing in the interest of our book work. They bring most encouraging reports of their work.

Among the late improvements at the academy may be mentioned the septic tank, which has just been completed at

an estimated value of \$500. Next came the cement foundation of the new tower, and now the grading about the academy building is nearly completed.

Elder Hibbard is giving a series of lectures on the Eastern question, taking the chapel hour each morning. His source of material is the daily newspapers and magazines in connection with the Bible. Some of the resident patrons are availing themselves of this extraordinary privilege.

A visit to the wood-working shop made some interesting revelations. The students were very busy, some upon articles for themselves, and others upon articles for the institution, and still others upon commercial articles for individuals. There were tables, cases, desks, etc. This class is doing creditable work.

The library has an acquisition of a new magazine rack, which contains twenty-five magazines, representing literature for all departments of the school, as well as general and denominational magazines. It has an addition of books to the value of about \$100. These books are representative of every department in the school.

A week prior to the date set for the Ingathering campaign found the students studying the missionary magazine together during chapel hour. When the study was completed, about thirty-six volunteers scattered throughout the nearby villages and cities—Ventura, Burbank, Long Beach, and Los Angeles. Over \$60 was brought in on this occasion. A few are still following up the good work. One thousand magazines were placed during our campaign.

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA- NEVADA

Lodi Normal Institute

The advanced arithmetic class has nearly fifty members.

New students are coming in. Among the latest arrivals is Mr. Liba Vorhies.

The tank house has received a new coat of paint, which much improves the appearance of the outbuildings.

Quite a number of the students went to the second rally held in Stockton last Monday for the purpose of distributing literature.

The Old Testament history class has had to move into a larger recitation room on account of its increasing numbers. Over forty are enrolled.

The student teachers have been studying carpentry work since school began, and have done creditable work. They have nearly completed their seventh model.

There is a hothouse being erected for the use of the members of the agriculture class, who are anxiously awaiting its completion. The class consists of girls.

Mrs. M. C. Wilcox, of Mountain View, and her daughter, Miss K. B. Wilcox, are guests of Miss Frances Fry at the Normal. Mrs. Wilcox spoke in the chapel Friday morning.

Mrs. C. L. Van Buskirk gave a half-hour lecture to the girls from grades eight to twelve inclusive last Tuesday morning in chapel. Her subject was the influence of dress upon manners and morals. Mrs. Van Buskirk holds an important office in the W. C. T. U. of Lodi. Prof. I. C. Coleord addressed the boys from the above named grades at the same time upon the subject of moral purity.

Hazel Mack.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA Church Schools

All of the church schools of the Central Conference are now well under way, and some very encouraging reports are coming in from them. One feature of the work, which is creating special interest in the schools, is the Church School Missionary Volunteer movement. Plans for aggressive missionary work are being laid in most of the schools, and reports of work done are coming in.

The interested attitude of the children toward spiritual things is very marked, and speaks well for the work which will be done in the schools this year. One large school reports a consecration service in which every member of the school took an active part, some, who had never done so before, taking a stand for Christ.

A number of the older pupils have entered into the "Object Lessons" campaign now on in this conference, and are having good experiences. Other lines of missionary effort are carried forward successfully, and all together the outlook for the year is most encouraging.

There are now twelve schools in operation, employing fourteen teachers, and showing a total enrollment of 224. The teachers are located as follows:

Mary Kinniburgh (Intermediate), Armona;

Gertrude Patterson (Primary), Armona;

Mrs. E. L. Startzer, Arroyo Grande;
Hattie Sargeant, Bakersfield;
Sidney Smith, Dinuba;

Berger Johnson (Intermediate), Fresno;

Mrs. Berger Johnson (Primary), Fresno;

Mrs. Leona Morris, Island;
Miriam Clark, Kaweah;
Ada L. Bond, Hanford;
Elizabeth Rice, Laguna;
Edith Barnes, New Monterey;
Laura Robison, Selma;
Mildred Bowman, Reedley.

Mable D. Noggle,
Ed. Supt. Cen. Cal. Conf.

Missionary Work

Missionary Activities

The churches of San Francisco have just taken three of the large \$5 packages of tracts for the lay members to use in their missionary work. Elder C. E. Ford in his Sunday night meetings there is making use of the printed page to give more light on the word of God.

Sabbath, the 16th, the brethren and sisters of the Richmond church took home nearly all of a dollar package for missionary use among their neighbors and friends.

A lady who is not an Adventist, but who has a genuine missionary spirit, has already begun to place a copy of one of our tracts in the hands of every person in San Quentin. The Lord will bless those who are thus working, and they will have souls for their hire. Let us all join these forces, and receive the blessing that awaits us.

The following is a report of the mis-

sionary work of the Eureka church for the month ending October 31, 1912:

Number of missionary visits made, 35;
Hours spent in Christian help work, 53;
Number of sick persons assisted, 8;
Number of tracts loaned or given away, 225;
Number of papers mailed or given away, 170;
Number of books loaned or given away, 62;
Number of times reading racks filled, 2;
Number of missionary letters written, 8;
Number of letters received, 2;
Cottage meetings held, 1.

H. B. Thomas,
Miss. Sec. Cal. Conf.

The Ingathering Work

This plan of raising funds for missions is "from above," and for this reason must be a success. It is very simple, and one in which all may have a part. At the request of our missionary secretary, I write the following suggestive canvass and points:

Sample

"I have called in the interest of missions.

[If you have a friend in a mission field, briefly mention it.]

"The missionaries have learned that we in the home land *are willing to help* them, for we know of their sacrifice and hardships.

"In this magazine, they have told us of their work in all lands. They are establishing schools in which the natives are taught the gospel. As soon as they have learned the story, they go out to tell it. The wisdom of this plan all can see.

[Here show pictures of some schools — perhaps Girls' School in Amoy, China.]

"Now the plan is to *give* you the magazine, and receive a gift for missions. This is a world-wide effort, and you can not give amiss.

"Countries long locked to the gospel are now wide open, and our missionaries want to enter. Let us help them all we can. Some have *dollars* to give to this work; some can give only cents. Give *whatever your heart suggests, and we will thank you for it, and send it on to the fields.*"

(Here, after receiving the gift and getting the name, thank the giver for it heartily.)

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 9, 1912

Agent	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Value	Delivered
Northern California-Nevada						
M. A. Reese	G. C.		16		\$48.00	\$420.00
W. S. Brown	G. C.		9		31.00	84.00
2 Agents			25		\$79.00	\$504.00

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 15, 1912

Southern California						
C. E. Hutchins	P. G.	26	18		\$72.00	\$35.50
E. F. Mathis	B. R.	24	5		16.00	9.00
W. O. James	H. H.	7	7		17.50	
Christian Egner	C. K.		21	\$10.10	41.60	
H. E. Jennings	Miscellaneous				7.35	
Mrs. L. R. Davidson	H. W.		11		11.00	
Mrs. J. H. Hodge	H. W.	22	43		21.80	
C. D. Chapman*	H. W.	16	30		16.85	
Mrs. M. H. Youngs	H. W.	3	4		2.00	
E. J. Crawford	H. W.	15	19		13.35	
Mrs. B. W. Easley	H. W.	15	29		13.10	
Mrs. D. Breitigam	H. W.		16		11.70	
Mrs. H. Weil	H. W.		25		14.00	
Miscellaneous					1.75	
				\$10.10	\$260.00	\$44.50

* Two reports.

Points

Be courteous.
Do not be hurried.
Do not be tedious.
Do not try to convert people as you go.
Do not be drawn into an argument.
Do not get your mind too much upon money.

Do not thrust the papers upon those who have little or no interest in them; but always leave a copy where it is wanted, even if they have nothing to give.

Do not degenerate your work into "begging." Your part is to show up the work and tell them your errand. This they expect.

Be self-possessed. Let not rebuffs arouse a feeling of resentment.

When asked who is back of the work, answer frankly.

Do not use the expression "foreign missions."

Be informed in regard to the extent of the work — number of missionaries in the field, number of stations, languages, etc., in the work you represent. Last but not least of all, *leave a good impression.*

C. T. Adams.

Wanted

Position on ranch. Near Fresno desired, but not necessary. Reference given. Address J. H. Loughhead, Porterville, Cal.

For Sale

Ten acres 1¼ miles from Hemet, California, and 1¾ miles from San Jacinto. One half set to young apricots, and one half ready for alfalfa. A double water right. Price \$3,500.

Also, eighteen acres 3 miles from Hemet, and 3½ miles from San Jacinto, with four-room house and good barn 20x30, flumes, etc. Ten acres of this is set to one-year-old apricots, two acres to alfalfa, balance can be set to fruit if desired. Water right with it. Price \$6,500. Easy terms to either place to right individual. Address L. E. Brant, Hemet, Cal. Box 182.

"The heart of God yearns over His earthly children with a love stronger than death. In giving up His Son, He has poured out to us all heaven in one gift. The Saviour's life and death and intercession, the ministry of angels, the pleading of the Spirit, the Father working above and through all, the unceasing interest of heavenly beings,—all are enlisted in behalf of man's redemption."

"If we would but think of God as often as we have evidence of His care for us, we should keep Him ever in our thoughts, and should delight to talk of Him and to praise Him."

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1912

Elder J. H. Behrens, of the Central California Conference, was a caller at the RECORDER office the past week, while *en route* to the churches in the coast section of that conference.

The following is an extract from a letter written by Brother C. N. Woodward, of Shanghai, China: "Our publishing work is growing faster than we are able to keep up with it and fill the calls which the literature creates, but we are doing all we can with it."

Elders E. E. Andross and E. W. Farnsworth were in Mountain View Tuesday, November 19, attending a meeting of the board of directors of the Pacific Press Publishing Association. Nearly the entire day was devoted to the study of plans and future policies of the publishing work, which is so rapidly enlarging.

On Sunday evening, November 17, Blanchard Hall, in Los Angeles, was filled to overflowing with an audience that was addressed by Elder E. E. Andross. The subject of the hour was the Eastern question. On the same evening, Elder Reaser addressed an audience in Glendale, Elder Hibbard in Long Beach, and Elder Burg in San Diego, and the subject was the Eastern question, which is a topic that all the civilized world is deeply interested in at this time. Let us do our duty in this direction.

The Week of Prayer

We are reminded that another year has nearly passed into history, by the announcement that the General Conference has requested that December 7-14 be set apart as a week of prayer. Special readings for this important occasion

have been prepared, and published in the *Review and Herald* of November 14, and will be supplied to all of our church elders and isolated Sabbath-keepers. The conference secretaries are prepared to supply copies to any one in need.

If there was ever a time when it was proper to set apart one week from another as a period for special prayer, that time is now. The events that are now transpiring in the world indicate that we have not followed cunningly devised fables, but the more sure word of prophecy, as to the coming of the Lord. As one link after another is added to this chain of events that are to take place before the closing of probation, we should press closer and closer to the throne of grace. It is a time when everything that would separate us from the Lord should be put away, that we may be cleansed of all that is unrighteous. This cleansing work is now going on, and hearts are being filled with a greater measure of the Spirit of God, which enables them to stand in that trying hour, and to labor as never before for the souls that are out of the ark of safety. Dear reader, if you are not, do not delay it longer. The door of mercy is still ajar. The Saviour is knocking at the door of your heart, inviting you to let Him in. Do not delay such an important work. The riches of the world are not to be compared with the value of a life cleansed from sin. That song of triumph over sin we must learn here, if we expect to join in singing it on the other shore. May the coming week of prayer be a blessed season, long to be remembered by every believer in this union conference.

The Blessing of a Thankful Heart

(Thanksgiving Day, Neh. 8:8-12)

I ought to be thankful—

"For grief unsuffered, tears unshed;
For clouds that scattered overhead;
For pestilence that came not nigh;
For dangers great that passed me by;
For sharp suspicion soothed, allayed;
For doubt dispelled that made afraid;
For fierce temptation well withstood;
For evil plot which brought forth good;
For weakened links in friendship's chain
That, sorely tested, stood the strain;
For harmless blows with malice dealt;
For base ingratitude unfelt;
For hatred's keen, unuttered word;
For bitter jest unknown, unheard;
For every evil turned away,
Unmeasured thanks I give to-day."

We are to have a thankful heart "always in all things." Have we sinned?

Let us be thankful for the "forgiveness of sins." Eph. 1:7. Have we been sorely tempted? Let us be thankful for the "way of escape." 1 Cor. 10:13. Have we been ill? Let us be thankful that this is among the "all things" that "work together for good." Rom. 8:28. Have we been in the furnace of affliction? Let us be thankful that if we are partakers of His sufferings, we shall also be partakers of His glory. 1 Peter 4:12, 13. Have dear ones been torn from us? Let us be thankful for the reunion in the clouds. 1 Thess. 4:16, 17.

It has been truthfully said that "in the dear old Book, we can find a cause for thankfulness for every evil of life. If we dwell upon these causes long enough, they will spread a halo of gratitude over everything we touch. Then life is worth the living."

"And forget not all His benefits."

"We walk on starry fields of white,
And do not see the daisies.
For blessings common in our sight,
We rarely offer praises.
We sigh for some supreme delight
To crown our lives with splendor,
And quite ignore our daily store
Of pleasure sweet and tender."

"More to be desired than all God's material gifts, bounteous and wonderful as they are, is the Giver Himself." Let us thank God for the fact that we can have not only His gifts, but also be "partakers of His divine nature."

"Dearer the Giver than the gift!
If great or small our harvest store,
For this our gratitude is swift;
But the Father's love is more.
Thou living Source of all we own,
Glory and light of all we see,
We would not crave Thy gifts alone,
For what we need is *Inec.*"

A good Scripture reading for Thanksgiving day is found in Neh. 8:8-12. If the Spirit of the great Giver abides in us, it will be our pleasure to "send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared." Very often a little of the material "portion" goes far in preparing hearts for the spiritual "portion." Let us be thankful that every Christian may assist the Lord in serving the latter.

Let us remember His words—"Give YE them to eat." No servant of His can escape the responsibility. Hungry hearts are all about us. Divine Master, teach us how to serve Thy living bread in Thy spirit.

Ernest Lloyd.