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## Alphabet for the New Year

Attend carefully to details.  
Be prompt in all things.  
Consider well, and then decide positively.  
Dare to do right; fear to do wrong.  
Endure trials patiently.  
Fight life's battles bravely.  
Go not into the society of the vicious.  
Hold integrity sacred.  
Injure not another's reputation.  
Join hands only with the virtuous.  
Keep your mind free from evil thoughts.  
Lie not for any consideration.  
Make few special acquaintances.  
Never try to appear what you are not.  
Observe good manners.  
Pay your debts promptly.  
Question not the veracity of a friend.  
Respect the counsel of your parents.  
Sacrifice money rather than principle.  
Touch not, taste not, handle not, intoxicating drinks.  
Use your leisure for improvement.  
Venture not upon the threshold of wrong.  
Watch carefully over your passions.  
Xtend to every one a kindly greeting.  
Yield not to discouragement.  
Zealously labor for the right, and success is certain.

—Selected.

## A VISIT TO LOMA LINDA

By W. C. White

From November 6 to December 6, we were in Southern California, most of the time at Loma Linda. Mother and Sister McEnterfer spent the entire time of our visit there. Brother Crisler and I spent a few days in Los Angeles and Glendale, and I was at the Paradise Valley Sanitarium Thanksgiving day.

At Glendale, we found the sanitarium full of patients. In the large main building and hospital, there was but one vacant room. The outlook for this institution is very encouraging.

At Paradise Valley, very important additions have been made to the buildings. The nurses' dormitory has been enlarged. The business office and ladies' treatment-rooms have also been enlarged, and an elevator installed. Thus this institution is well prepared for the large patronage that usually comes after the holidays.

At Loma Linda, our people were very busy and of good courage. The Loma Linda Sanitarium had a splendid patronage during October. In November, there were not many patients, but busy preparations were being made for the rush that usually comes in the latter part of the winter.

In the medical school, there were sixty-two students, and about the same number in the nurses' training classes. Dr. Ruble said, "The students returned this year with a strong determination to make the school better than it has ever been before. In our faculty there is unity and courage."

The day after our arrival there, mother spoke about twenty minutes to the board of directors, the college faculty, and the heads of departments. A portion of this

talk, under the title "Be of Good Cheer," will be found in another column. After that, mother spoke one Sabbath in the Loma Linda chapel, one Sabbath in the meeting-house in San Bernardino, and one noon she read to the students and helpers a manuscript regarding the duties and privileges of medical students. Here are a few statements copied from this manuscript:

"Opportunities are before you; if studious and upright, you may obtain an education of the highest value. Make the most of your privileges. Be not satisfied with ordinary attainments; seek to qualify yourselves to fill positions of trust in connection with the Lord's work in the earth. United with the God of wisdom and power, you may become intellectually strong, and increasingly capable as soul-winners. You may become men and women of responsibility and influence, if, by the power of your will, coupled with divine strength, you earnestly engage in the work of securing a proper training."

"God will not require of man a more strict account of anything than of the way in which he has occupied his time. Have its hours been wasted and abused? God has granted to us the precious boon of life, not to be devoted to selfish gratification. Our work is too solemn, our time to serve God and our fellow men too short, to be spent in seeking for fame. O, if men would stop in their aspirations where God has set the bounds, what different service would the Lord receive!"

"The light that God has given in medical missionary lines will not cause His people to be regarded as inferior in scientific medical knowledge, but will fit them to stand upon the highest eminence. God would have them stand as a wise

and an understanding people because of His presence with them. In the strength of Him who is the source of all wisdom, all grace, defects and ignorance may be overcome."

### The New Heating Plant

For several years, the main sanitarium building has been warmed by steam from boilers located in the basement under the bathrooms. Another heating plant warmed the five cottages on the upper part of the hill. The laboratory and the ladies' dormitory were each heated by separate plants. All together, some ten men were wholly or partially employed in firing for the several boilers and heating furnaces in the various parts of the food factory, college, and sanitarium.

At the last annual meeting, it was decided that a central heating plant would be a great economy, and moreover that it was necessary that it be ready for use this winter.

Work on this heating plant has been going forward all summer; and although not completed in all its parts, the steam from the new plant was turned on, and the fire in the old boiler allowed to go out, while we were there.

Steam generated in the two 100-horse-power boilers is sent through a six-inch pipe to the sanitarium and laboratory, located over seven hundred feet away. In the same conduit are the return and hot water pipes. The hot water heater will have a capacity of more than seven thousand gallons of hot water per hour. This will be heated at the power-house with live steam or exhaust from the engine.

In his statement regarding this new heating plant, Brother W. D. Salisbury said:

"We were delayed two months, waiting for the boilers. They are two splendid 100-horse-power boilers, of 150 pounds pressure.

"We were very fortunate in securing a 100-horse-power Corliss engine, together with a 75 K. W. general electric dynamo, and about \$150 worth of pipe and fittings, for \$1,000. This plant was in first-class order. The dynamo will provide current for power during the day and for light at night, while the exhaust steam can be used for heating buildings or water, as may be required.

"At the present time we have the sanitarium, the assembly hall, cottages on the hill, and the laboratory connected for heating. Soon we expect to connect the nurses' dormitory, chapel, hospital,

laundry, store, and printing-office. Thus the one plant, operated by one man, will take the place of six small plants, operated by as many men. We now have our fuel delivered from the railway siding direct to where we are using it, instead of to several different places.

"The power-house and garage are one building, built of concrete, and well adapted to the purpose for which it was erected. The ice-machine and cold storage plant are located in the north end of the power plant building, and are operated in connection with the central plant without extra expense.

"Two days before we started fires in our new boilers, the 50-horse-power boiler under the sanitarium building developed a bag on the under side, so we were obliged to reduce the pressure too low for the requirements of the sanitarium. This bag was liable to blow out at any time, and cause serious damage to the building.

"Our men worked night and day to make the final connections to enable us to use the new plant. We can assure you that it was a relief to all when the first steam was turned on from the new plant."

### The Clinical Hospital

The next great problem calling for immediate consideration, is the necessity of building the clinical hospital. Regarding this Elder G. A. Irwin says:

"A hospital of our own is necessary, not only to give our school a proper rating and standing with the medical authorities, and to admit our students to the several state boards for examinations; but it is necessary also that our students may have the opportunity themselves to make diagnoses under attending physicians, and to prescribe rational treatments and watch results. While public hospitals in the community can be utilized to make up the requisite number of beds required, and give the students a wider range of subjects and diseases, they can not, from the very nature of their work, give to the student the practical experience so essential to one learning to treat disease without the use of poisonous drugs."

"Such a hospital building as we need, and for which plans and specifications have already been drawn up and accepted by the board of directors, will supply seventy beds, and will cost about \$20,000 when completed and ready for occupancy."

In former meetings some members of

the board have thought that we might delay for a time the building of the hospital, but at the November meeting, all were agreed that the work ought to go forward without delay.

A very clear statement, from the pen of Dr. T. J. Evans, regarding the "reasons why we should now undertake such work in connection with the College of Medical Evangelists," will appear in the RECORDER next week.

### From China

The many friends of Brother and Sister S. G. White, who left the Central California Conference for China early in September, will be glad to know that they arrived safely in Shanghai, and are now located at Wen Deh Li, Nanking, China. This is the ancient capital of China, where a language school for missionaries has recently been opened in connection with the Nanking University. In this city of 275,000 Chinese, Brother and Sister White are absorbed in the study of the language.

A recent personal letter describes something of their surroundings. Brother White says: "Nanking is a city of 275,000, with a wall over twenty miles long around it. It is the educational center of China, and has the thousands of examination halls you have read about. Within the city are compounds, which have been described many times to you all. We were fortunate in getting into a place which was a hotel at the time of the Nanking Exposition, and which has not paid since. It is semiforeign, and is better than we expected to find here. The city is full of ponds which are covered with a green slime, where people wash their filthy clothes, their food, slop-buckets, and everything that needs washing. It is common to see them pounding clothes with a baton two feet long and an inch and a half thick; and three feet away, is a woman washing rice. These ponds are probably a blessing, although they are full of mosquitoes, etc., and some of them smell. There is about one to the acre all over the city. We catch rain-water for drinking purposes, and when that fails, we buy twelve buckets, for thirty cents, of the water out of one of the ditches or ponds where the people wash their clothes, and boil and drink it.

"We have a school here for men. About forty of the teacher class are in the school. All of these are educating

for the work, and many of them have been selected by the workers. This school is supported by the mission, as almost all of the students are like most of us — poor — only a hundredfold more so. They need an organ badly. Can not Mountain View scrape up about thirty dollars for that worthy cause? We go to church Sabbaths, but only catch a word now and again. We sing English while they sing Chinese, but it is a problem to keep with them, and the faculty and all are calling for an instrument. Instruments are cheap here.

“In living in Inland China, missionaries of all denominations certainly make a sacrifice, and I believe that ours do more than the rest. I am not saying this to solicit sympathy, but many times I have heard in the states that missionaries have a snap, and wish to say that is not the truth. We are not in real business yet, so, of course, present company is excepted. Remember is kindly to friends there, and do not forget to pray for us.”

The address as here given will be the location of Brother and Sister White until next June. They will greatly appreciate hearing from their friends in California.

## The Field

### CALIFORNIA Conference Current

Good meetings are reported from all around, during the week of prayer.

Reports from Sebastopol are to the effect that good meetings were held there. There seems to be an awakening from every quarter.

In San Francisco, excellent services were held, which were well attended. A spirit of revival in missionary endeavor, is coming into the San Francisco church.

A number of the conference workers are spending several days this week at the Pacific Union College, near St. Helena, in counsel with the Pacific Union Conference Committee and representatives from other fields.

The church at Healdsburg was greatly encouraged by the week of prayer serv-

ices, and prospects for that company are good. The annual offering was \$186, which they have pledged to raise to \$225. Six persons were baptized.

At the Melrose church, week of prayer services were held each evening in a hall on Fruitvale Avenue, as this company has no church building of its own. The attendance throughout the entire week ran from forty to eighty. The Spirit of the Lord was manifested in a marked manner. In several instances, in answer to prayer at the service, the sick were either healed or greatly strengthened.

Under date of December 15, Elder James Taphouse writes from Los Gatos: “Our little company received a great awakening during the week of prayer, and the meetings closed with a firm determination on the part of each one to consecrate himself for service. The offering amounted to \$23.50, which was very good considering that the adult membership is about twelve, and all of them are poor. In the afternoon, we organized a missionary society, and expect to begin the new year with a club of *Signs* and tracts.”

Elder Corliss writes from Sanitarium, regarding the week of prayer: “With the church here, it has been a season of revival, and of reconsecration. At the last meeting, about half of the audience rose to testify their readiness to go to any field to which the Lord may call. Thirty or more rose for special prayer, that they might be brought nearer the Lord. All together it was a good season.

“Upon inquiry, I found that the church, numbering 176, had paid on the fifteen-cent-a-week fund, \$966.19 on their quota of \$1,372.80. This was 10% cents per member. To make up their quota, there was required a balance of \$406.61. This matter was duly set before the church on Friday night, and all were asked to come the next day prepared to liquidate the whole deficit. The result of the offering was \$273.80 in cash, and pledges to the amount of \$198.75. This makes a total on the fifteen-cent-a-week fund of \$1,438.74, which will give the church a surplus of \$65.94. This extra amount will help to make up the deficiency of some poor church that may not be able to keep even with their financial obligation for the year.”

Claude Conard.

Oakland, December 22.

## CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

### News Notes

A blind brother sold twenty-six “Christ’s Object Lessons” in three hours’ canvassing.

Some of our Fresno canvassers for “Christ’s Object Lessons,” were out delivering yesterday, and report good success,—not an order lost.

Elder H. F. Graf, of the Ohio Conference, has recently moved to Fresno, and will labor in this conference in the interest of the German work.

A. A. Cone, assisted by Brother Shrewsbury, of Mountain View, will spend several days in the Central California Conference in the interest of the relief campaign.

The following churches have reported the best week of prayer they ever experienced: Armona, Hanford, Lemoore, Island, and Dinuba. There are others to be heard from.

Leslie Rice, our Young Peoples’ Secretary, reports two new societies organized, one at Monterey and the other at Kaweah. He has reorganized the society at Hanford with twenty-eight members, making a total of thirteen societies in our conference.

An aged sister writes: “The Harvest Ingathering *Signs* have been received. When they reached me, I was sick in bed, under the care of a trained nurse. Since my recovery, I have been too weak to travel around. I send you what I have gathered, only \$3, and the other \$2 is all I can send as donation. May the Lord bless the widow’s mite. I will try to get more, so do not send the card. I am old and poorly. Pray for me that the Lord will spare me to do a little more for the blessed Master.” Have we all put forth as great an effort as this sister has, to gather funds for the missions?

G. A. Wheeler.

## ARIZONA Conference Notes

Brother J. E. Sims, having recently come from Texas to engage in the canvassing work, increases our force of workers in this department to a total of six.

Elder W. L. Sims will spend two weeks in Prescott, giving further instruction to some of the new believers, some of whom desire baptism, and also giving attention to the reorganization of the church.

Nearly \$900 has already been received by our treasurer to be used to equip our Mexican school. All pledges made for this purpose are due by the first of January. We hope by that time to have all the money in hand, to secure land and erect the buildings. Our Mexican people are very much encouraged over the prospects of a school for their children.

We are receiving reports from our churches which indicate that a special season of refreshing has been enjoyed during the week of prayer. The writer divided the time of the week of prayer between our churches at Phoenix, Prescott, and Flagstaff. At the two latter places, six persons in all were awaiting baptism. All of our churches and companies, although greatly desiring ministerial help, are of good courage in the work of the Lord.

G. W. Reaser.

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA- NEVADA

### Conference Items

The Lodi church offering for the week of prayer was \$410.

Brother W. P. Dayton writes us that the interest still continues at New Pine Creek.

Elder F. De Witt Gauterau reports that a good offering was given at Salida and Modesto during the week of prayer.

The churches that we have heard from, report a very interesting and profitable time during the week of prayer.

After spending the week of prayer with the Turlock church, Sister E. H. Osborne returned to her field of labor at Camino.

At the close of the week of prayer, Elder C. M. Gardner baptized twelve at Lodi, and upon returning to Turlock, held another baptismal service at that place.

We are glad to report that the Turlock church has provided for their portion of our conference indebtedness. A number of other churches have pledged the greater part of their amount.

Elder D. T. Fero reports from Dos Palos, where he is conducting a series of meetings, that one has begun keeping the Sabbath, and a number of others are deeply interested in the truth. A call has been made from him for additional help at that place.

Merl Horton.

## Paradise

We have just closed the week of prayer here. It was a most precious season to each one. We had the readings every afternoon, at three o'clock, at the school-house. We arranged to be there when the teacher dismissed school, so that the whole company could have the benefit of the readings.

The Lord blessed us with beautiful weather, and also with a short visit from Elder C. L. Taggart, which was appreciated by each one. He is the first minister to visit Paradise since the week of prayer one year ago; and only like isolated companies can really appreciate how glad we all were to see him.

We obtained the use of the Polytechnic College, for one evening, where he spoke on the Eastern question to quite a little company of attentive listeners. The next morning at 10:30, the whole of our little company was called together, where we received some personal instruction on the importance of studying God's word. We all took renewed courage, and determined to "study to show ourselves approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

We have one old sister here, who has been holding up the light of the third angel's message in this neighborhood, all alone, for twelve years (prior to our coming here five years ago). She was unable to attend the meetings, owing to ill health and no way to come—she lives three miles away. So Wednesday noon, the teacher dismissed school, and we took two large wagons and one buggy, and the whole company (twenty-eight in number) went down to hold meeting at her house. As we drove up, we were singing "Sunshine in My Soul," that she might know we were coming. She came to the window, and on seeing us, she began clapping her hands, and joined

with us in the chorus. We were soon welcomed into a large sitting-room, where a big, cheerful fire was burning in the fireplace. After spending two hours in singing, reading, praying, and testifying for our Saviour, we bade her good-by, and I am sure our little effort to make her life more cheerful, was not spent in vain.

One of our brethren caught a severe cold, so he could not attend Sabbath-school. We had planned to have the last reading at the close of the Sabbath; but he could not be present, and felt so disappointed to miss the last reading, that at the request of his wife, we met at their house; and another precious season of prayers and testimonies was enjoyed by all, even the little children expressing themselves as wanting to do better. At the close of the meeting, an offering amounting to \$9.35 was taken. That seems a small amount, but our little company are not overburdened with this world's goods.

Our courage is good; our faces are Zionward. Please pray for us.

Sadie Crawford,

Librarian.

December 16.

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Harvest Ingathering Experience

Up to this present year, thirty cents was all that I had ever gathered in this work; and I had scattered only a few papers. From the institution of the plan, I had faith in it, but without works. This year on starting out, I made up my mind to get the "solicitor's card list" headed in dollars—at least a dollar—and that this gift must come from the world. After a few futile efforts, I called on a man who made no profession of religion, and told him what I was doing and what I wanted. He was interested, and told me he would start the list with \$2.00.

This gave me a start, and the donation for the first day was \$6.44. There are other special experiences I would like to speak of later.

C. T. Adams.

Los Angeles, Cal.

"Every act of transgression, every neglect or rejection of the grace of Christ, is reacting upon yourself; it is hardening the heart, depraving the will, numbing the understanding, and not only making you less inclined to yield, but less capable of yielding, to the tender pleading of God's Holy Spirit."

**Los Angeles City Work**

Nearly three years ago, Elder M. H. St. John and the writer began evangelistic work in this city, and the Lord has graciously granted a harvest of souls for the seed sown. During the first year, Elder St. John and I worked together. When Brother St. John was transferred to Portland, Elder A. S. Booth took his place with the tent company.

The results of the work have been good. Up to date, more than 230 persons—nearly all of whom are adults—have been baptized, and the expense of our tent meetings for the past three years (about \$2,300) has been nearly covered by the donations.

This last summer's work has been a precious season indeed. The Lord came into the meetings in power, and a tender, sweet spirit prevailed throughout the services. As the result of this work in Boyle Heights, East Los Angeles, eighty-two adults have accepted the truth, seventy of whom have been baptized thus far. The expense of the last three tent efforts amounted to \$634.50, and the donations for the same time, \$628.50.

To the Lord alone belongs the glory for all that has been done, and we are truly thankful to have a part in a movement where results are possible.

Much of this success, however, is due not only to the fact that the ministers worked together like brethren, but also to the faithful work of our Bible workers, and the earnest cooperation of the churches.

While a number of these new Sabbath-keepers have joined other city churches, enough remain at Boyle Heights to about double the membership. This will necessitate the enlargement of the church building, for which purpose an offering of \$600 was pledged last Sunday evening.

Of course we have had many rich experiences during our labor here, but space will admit of but two. The first is that of four families, very closely related, in which every member but one accepted the truth.

The other is that of a sister who came into the truth because of a dream she had while staying at Long Beach. In the dream, it seemed that she and a child were carried by angels to the gate of heaven. The child was permitted to enter, but the woman was not. The keeper of the gate said to her, "Only commandment keepers are allowed to enter here." Then she awoke. Shortly afterward she came to Los Angeles, and

**REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 13, 1912**

Agent	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Value	Delivered
<b>Southern California</b>						
C. E. Hutchins	P. G.	30½	20		\$71.00	
W. B. Findley	P. G.	34	19	\$6.00	72.50	
T. E. Williams	D. & R.	8	4		15.00	\$ 3.00
E. F. Mathis						45.50
Effie Brown	H. W.		23		13.80	
Eunice Kloffenstein	H. W.		10		5.00	
E. Beach	Misc.		4		9.00	
Mrs. G. M. Price	H. W.		6		6.50	
Mae Hudson	H. W.		7		4.70	
Mhena Greenup	H. W.	6	21		11.30	
Mrs. T. Martin	H. W.	13	4		2.25	
Mrs. H. Weil	H. W.		10		5.10	
E. J. Crawford	H. W.		27		15.45	
C. C. Morlan	H. W.	38	78		45.25	
Miscellaneous					10.25	
<b>14 Agents</b>			<b>239</b>	<b>\$6.00</b>	<b>\$287.10</b>	<b>\$48.50</b>
<b>California</b>						
O. H. Shrewsbury	B. R.	58	23		\$88.00	
Mrs. H. E. Truesdell	H. W.	34			25.45	
Daisy Nesten	H. W.	5			8.50	
Ruth Crane	H. W.				23.55	
Geo. R. Close	H. W.				39.70	
Bessie Wheeler	H. W.				3.00	
Mrs. L. L. Hutchinson	H. W.				7.25	
Clarence Bean	H. W.				11.40	
Mrs. L. A. Benbow	H. W.				10.50	
Miscellaneous	H. W.				68.45	
<b>9 Agents</b>					<b>\$285.80</b>	
<b>Northern California-Nevada</b>						
W. R. Nelson	B. R. & Her.	25	11	\$5.00	\$43.50	
H. R. Miller	B. R. & Her.	14	7	3.30	26.80	
L. B. Ward	B. R.	13	6	.60	17.10	
M. A. Reese	G. C.	33	9		30.00	
A. A. Cone	B. R.	41	27		110.00	
R. H. Miller	B. R.	32	20		76.00	
<b>6 Agents</b>		<b>158</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>\$8.90</b>	<b>\$303.40</b>	

**SUMMARY OF BOOK SALES IN THE PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE**

For Month Ending November 29, 1912

Conference	Agts.	Hrs.	Ords.	Value
Southern California	15	591	1,192	\$1,316.45
California-Nevada	3	225	78	266.25
California (Coast)	3	159	251	232.60
Utah	2	67	23	198.85
Central California	1	68		140.15
Arizona	2	34	29	81.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1,144</b>	<b>1,573</b>	<b>\$2,235.30</b>

<sup>1</sup> Two weeks' report only. Best reports for the month not in yet.  
<sup>2</sup> Two weeks' report. New field agent just arrived (L. R. Ackerman).  
<sup>3</sup> Two weeks' report. No field agent in this field.

passing by the tent, was attracted by the singing, and went in. The sermon that day was on the proper observance of the Sabbath. She then remembered her dream, and later accepted the truth.

For the privilege of being workers together with God, we humbly thank the Lord, and gladly surrender ourselves to do His will, and to be used by Him wherever He may lead us.

J. W. McCord.

From Loma Linda, under date of December 15, Elder G. A. Irwin writes: "Just a few lines to let you know that we have had an excellent week of prayer at Loma Linda. At the close of the forenoon service yesterday, twenty-two were baptized. The annual offering amounted to \$413.50, and the Harvest Ingathering, \$222.56, making a total for the week of \$636.06."

### "Be of Good Cheer"

[Talk by Mrs. E. G. White at the time of the Board meeting of the College of Medical Evangelists, Loma Linda, California, November 9, 1912.]

I feel very thankful that it is our privilege to believe in God, and to walk carefully in accordance with the instruction He has given us in His word. If we do this, our hearts will respond to the impressions of the Spirit of God, and we shall follow on to know the Lord, whose going forth is prepared as the morning. And let us always remember that just as His going forth is prepared as the morning, so we are to expect the revelations of His grace as we advance. But if we keep silent, if we do not feel the importance of moving in harmony with His will, we shall not have His blessing attending us. We can not afford, brethren and sisters, to be without His help and guidance. We need to be in a position where we can talk with God. We are to commune with Him. He who is our sanctification, our righteousness, has given us the privilege of being in a position where we may have a continually increasing faith. We must ever live by faith, and follow on to know the Lord.

God's promises to us are so rich, so full, that we need never hesitate or doubt; we need never waver or backslide. In view of the encouragements that are found all through the word of God, we have no right to be gloomy or despondent. We may have weakness of body; but the compassionate Saviour says: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."

Will you believe these assurances? Will you say, Yes, Lord, I take Thee at Thy Word; I will begin where I am, to talk an increase of faith; I will take hold of the promises; they are for me? O, brethren and sisters, what we want is a living, striving, growing faith in the promises of God, which are indeed for you and for me.

Many, many times I have been instructed by the Lord to speak words of courage to His people. We are to put our trust in God, and believe in Him, and act in accordance with His will. We must ever remain in a position where we can praise the Lord and magnify His name. Then we shall see light in His word, and follow on to know Him, whose

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MAGAZINE SALES, NOVEMBER, 1912

	Signs Mag.	Life and Health	Watch- man	Lib- erty	Miscel- laneous	Total
Mrs. A. M. Althaus .....	156	59	75			290
Miss Helen Huntington .....	405	160	423			988
Mrs. A. C. Jenkins .....	230	115	64	15		424
Mrs. S. M. Kane .....		25				25
August Mahlman .....	10	15	10			35
Mrs. E. McNabb .....			25			25
Mrs. H. J. Parry .....	5	5	5	5		20
Will Strickland .....	25	174	16	30		245
Mrs. Kate Strickland .....	15					15
Loma Linda Students .....		300				300
Mrs. Isabelle Richmond .....	50	50	50			150
S. C. Cochran .....	5	5	5			15
Los Angeles Cafeteria .....	50	50				100
Office Sales and Miscellaneous ..	30	25	100		200	355
Grand Total .....	981	983	773	50	200	2,987

going forth is prepared as the morning. . . .

At times we shall be in great perplexity, and not know just what to do. But at such times it is our privilege to take our Bibles, and read the messages He has given us; and then get down on our knees, and ask Him to help us. Over and over again He has given evidence that He is a prayer-hearing and a prayer-answering God. He fulfils His promises in far greater measure than we expect to receive help. . . .

Wherever we are, we are under obligation, as disciples of our Lord and Master, to anchor our faith in the promises of God. Individually we are to believe. We are not to cast about for a possible doubt, or imagine that sometime we may have to stand beneath the shadow of a cloud that seems to be gathering. We are chosen of God to be His children; we have been bought with an infinite price; and we have no occasion for placing the suggestions of the enemy before the assurances of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord desires us to act sensibly. We shall have trials; we need never expect anything else; for the time has not yet come when Satan is to be bound. Wherever we may be, we shall continue to have trials. But if we give up to the suggestions of the enemy, we lose the battle. Can we afford to yield to the arch-deceiver?—O, no! we are to turn for help and deliverance to Him who "according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ," even the hope of an eternal inheritance reserved for those "who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation."

"No tears are shed that God does not notice. There is no smile that He does not mark."

## Religious Liberty

### New Sunday Bill

A new Sunday bill has been prepared for presentation in the state legislature at the ensuing session. The Rev. G. L. Tufts, responding to the inquiry of legislators-elect, in a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce in Los Angeles, December 19, admitted that a fresh draft had been prepared, and he was instructed to submit a copy for inspection, that the forty representatives in senate and assembly from Southern California might have advance notice of what was desired. This he promised to do, but he intimated that it would follow closely the lines defined in bills hitherto considered, which he said had been the outgrowth of the efforts of many years.

Mr. Tufts was present to demand the enactment of a Sunday rest law, and his argument was directed to the alleged need of further protection for the laboring man. He was allowed but five minutes for his proposition, and legislators-elect in attendance reminded him of the existing statute, wherein a respite of one day in seven is guaranteed. His professed objection to this act was the absence of any definite penalty for non-compliance with its provisions, and its general inadequacy, as alleged.

The following protest against any such legislation had been filed, and upon the conclusion of Mr. Tufts' remarks it was my privilege to present this instrument, and to discuss it orally, while further answering the plea of Mr. Tufts. The utmost interest was manifested, and ample evidence of hostility to Sunday legislation was afforded by those who will have the determination of the fate of the bill to be filed. Copies of the memorial

were presented to each of the legislators present, together with tracts relating to the issue, previously prepared by Elder W. M. Healey and me. The comments of the press have been highly favorable to the opposing view taken by the Seventh-day Adventists, the Seventh-day Baptists, the Jewish people, and the Pacific Religious Liberty Association, all of which bodies it was my pleasure to represent.

**Memorial to Lawmakers**

To the Honorable the Senators and Representatives Elect, in Session at the Chamber of Commerce, Los Angeles, December 19-21.

Gentlemen:

Invitation having been extended by your honorable body to persons desirous of securing alterations in the laws of California, to make known their reasons for or their objections to such proposed enactments, we desire hereby to protest against any legislation which would tend to restrict civil or religious liberty.

Among the propositions defeated at the last session of the legislature regularly held, was a Sunday closing bill, specially applying to the conduct of barber shops in California. Later it was proposed to invoke the Initiative, by means of which it was sought to secure the enactment of a general Sunday law in this state, providing for heavy penalties for non-observance of the first day of the week as a period of compulsory rest.

You will recall the fact that this campaign in the interest of civil enforcement of a religious custom failed completely, only 8,714 signatures having been secured by the original canvass, and only 4,999 more by supplemental petition. A total of barely 13,713 voters of California having thus indicated a desire for such enactment, the issue did not come up at the November election for a vote.

When it is considered that we had a protest, ready for presentation at Sacramento two years ago, bearing the signatures of 68,559 male voters of this state, opposed to such an enactment, and that notwithstanding the enfranchisement of women, a meager showing of 13,713 signatures of men and women voters was made in the campaign just closed in favor of a Sunday law, it is apparent that the citizens of California are definitely opposed to any discrimination in respect to days. In this relation, we desire to suggest that the rights of citizens, equally entitled to the protection of the civil power, are involved in this controversy. Men differ as to their conceptions regarding the sanctity of days. The Jews still maintain, with the Seventh-day Adventists, the Seventh-day Baptists and others, that the Sabbath ordained at the beginning of the world, never has been changed by divine authority, and that all are subject to the requirement of God to keep holy the seventh day of the week, in obedience to the fourth commandment of the Decalogue.

But the civil power is equally bound to

defend the agnostic and the infidel in the enjoyment of his belief or lack of faith, without sectarian exactions that would constrain his action in purely secular affairs or in the conduct of business regarded as legitimate on other days of the week. All citizens, whether believers in any system of religion, or otherwise, are entitled to absolute liberty in matters of conscience, so long as they do not transgress the equal rights of their neighbors, and Section 4, Article 1, of the State Constitution distinctly declares that "the free exercise and enjoyment of religious profession and worship, without discrimination or preference, shall forever be guaranteed in this state."

For the support of this constitutional guaranty, you will be sworn upon entering upon the discharge of your duties as the representatives of the entire people of the state. All classes, with their varying opinions in regard to religious things, are equally entitled to your unbiased consideration. Do not fail to support the existing guaranties of absolute freedom in religious matters, whatever specious pleas may be made for the abandonment of such just safeguards, established by the state.

We look to you as our champions of liberty, and expect your faithful adherence to the principles which actuated our forefathers in erecting these strong bulwarks against bigotry and persecution, such as stood as a continual menace to human liberty in the lands beyond the sea. As America has stood for freedom in days past, so let California stand at this time for absolute equality of all its citizens under the law.

Sunday laws are an expression of intolerance, a menace to the religious liberty of dissenters, and a ready excuse for persecution, when placed upon the statutes. As you value your civil rights, remember that the state has to do only with civil things. Matters of religion should be left to the individual and to the churches, differing among themselves in conviction as to their conscientious duties and privileges. Any interference in religious things by the civil power, is an invasion of the domain of conscience, wholly separate from the domination of the state.

Should any presentation be made to you at this meeting, having for its object the advancement of a bill for enforced Sunday observance, we desire to be heard orally in opposition thereto. Our representatives will be in attendance at your several hearings, and an announcement from the chair will be sufficient notice of your readiness to hear our contrary views. In the meantime, we remain,

Respectfully,

Pacific Religious Liberty Association, by J. F. Blunt, Secretary.  
Southern California Conference Seventh-day Adventists, by F. M. Burg, President.  
Seventh-day Baptists, by T. A. Gill, Pastor.  
S. Hecht, Rabbi, Congregation B'nai B'rith.  
Isidore Meyers, Rabbi.

The foregoing appeal will be supplemented by such additional matter as may be deemed advisable to be presented in both houses of the legislature at the ensuing session, and the text of the proposed enactment, should it differ from that of the bill lost on the Initiative this fall, will be presented at an early day in these columns.

J. F. Blunt.

December 20.

**Seven Reasons Why You Should Have the Morning Watch Calendar**

*Because* the calendar for 1913 is made up exclusively of precious Bible promises. They will strengthen and help you along all lines of Christian growth. Think what it will mean to glean from the Book of books during next year 365 of God's infallible promises.

*Because* the calendar for 1913 has a new and valuable feature. It contains blanks for reporting your daily missionary work. This is not only convenient for keeping the record, but as a reminder of the good we all might do, it may serve to press us into the joy of helping others.

*Because* each month contains a sunset table which will tell you when Sabbath begins each week.

*Because* the poems and other selections in the calendar contain help for you, and are well worth memorizing.

*Because* it contains topics for special prayer. Just as cooperation in service greatly enhances results, so united prayers will accomplish marvels. The joint prayers of two missionaries once changed a decree made by the sultan of Turkey. Think what it will mean if month by month during 1913 we focus our prayers on the special needs spread before us in the calendar. Every topic for special prayer represents a need calling for your prayer-help. If you fail, the results will fall short of the highest results possible.

*Because* a calendar containing all these excellent features has been published for you, and your tract society will send it to you for only five cents.

*Because* the calendar will daily remind you of the path that leads to spiritual power.

"No deep-seated love for Jesus can dwell in the heart that does not realize its own sinfulness."

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## Important Meeting

We would call attention once more to the meeting of elders and workers in the California Conference, to be held in Oakland, January 4 and 5. It is expected that Elder E. E. Andross will be at this meeting, and important plans for the immediate work of the future in this conference, are to be made. It is very important that every elder and worker who can possibly be present, should attend.

Please do not forget the date, January 4 and 5. Come, praying that God may guide us in His way, and that the plans made may greatly help forward His work.

E. W. Farnsworth.

## 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 27th day of January, A.D. 1913, 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.

C. H. Jones, *President*.

H. G. Childs, *Secretary*.

See notice of Special Meeting.

## Special Notice

While the regular Annual Meeting of the Pacific Press Publishing Association will be held according to date given in the foregoing legal notice, it has been decided to hold an informal meeting Monday, January 20, 1913, at 10 o'clock A.M. At this time, all the business that is usually transacted at the regular meeting, will be presented for consideration, and the actions taken will be approved at the legal meeting, which will follow one week later. We therefore extend a hearty invitation to all the members of the Pacific Press Publishing Association to attend this special meeting.

This change in plan is to accommodate many of the leading members of the Association, including General Conference representatives and others, who will be in attendance at the Missionary and Bookmen's Convention to be held in Mountain View, California, January 13 to 23, 1913.

C. H. Jones, *President*.

H. G. Childs, *Secretary*.

## Tracts

One of the first printing orders to be given by the book department of the Pacific Press to its manufacturing department, after the first of the year, will call for 345,000 tracts. This is merely an incident in the regular work of one of our large publishing houses to-day. Only 52 years ago, a few devoted sisters got together over in Massachusetts, and began to send out tracts to persons not of our faith. This resulted in several individuals' accepting the truth. From that time until now, during all the stages of development of our tract and missionary organization, these small leaves of truth have been carrying this message to people. The year just closing has witnessed many additions to the truth, through the influence of tracts. The Pacific Press has shipped out, during the first 11 months of the year, \$13,073.32 worth of tracts. In this union, about \$3,000 worth has been circulated, which is a gain of more than \$800 over the same period last year.

Those who have helped to encourage our people in the use of larger quantities of tracts this year, appreciate the hearty way all have taken hold, and feel thankful for the good results which are seen in different places.

However much our larger publications are circulated, you can not get away from the influence of the tracts. Every-

where you find our people who are in the truth, because friends or relatives supplied them with tracts. Recently I stayed with an Adventist family, where I gained a new inspiration in tract distribution. At the table, the question of how different ones came into the truth came up. The mother in this family told the simple story of how, when she was a little girl, an uncle accepted the truth, and began sending German tracts to her mother. Finally her mother accepted also, and began keeping the Sabbath. But the father held out against it, and arranged it so that all the children would have to work on the Sabbath. One Sabbath the only mail that the boy brought home from the post-office, was a package of tracts from the uncle. They lay on the table when the father came in for dinner. He inquired about the mail, and when told that was all that came, he picked them up, and opened the stove, and threw them in. A little later, he returned to the stove, and glancing in, was struck with the way the printing stood out, after the paper was burned to ash. There shining out was, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor," etc. It touched the man. And a few moments later, when a child went to the barn to call him to dinner, he heard him praying. He unharnessed his team, told the children to put on their other clothes, and there and then began keeping the Sabbath. This was the story of how this family came into the truth, and reared their children in the truth; and now their families are enjoying its influences, and joining to help reach others.

Let us prize the little tract, and use it more diligently during 1913. As stated, this placing of a printing order for 345,000 copies, is only an incident in these days, when our literature is being circulated liberally. It is the individual work, however, that makes such incidents possible. It is the personal work with this literature by individuals, that is winning souls to the truth. And there are still greater opportunities for its use, if we look for them.

J. R. Ferren,

*Miss. Sec. Pac. Union Conf.*

Brother and Sister Byron Meeker, from Oregon and Washington, sailed from San Francisco on Sabbath, December 21, for China. They go to assist in the work in that needy field.