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

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The Field

ARIZONA

Annual Meeting

The annual conference and camp-meeting of the Arizona Conference, which closed at Phoenix Sunday night, November 23, was a meeting that in its influence will live to stimulate the work in that field throughout the coming year. The Spirit of the Lord came very near during this ten days' session. A good representation from the scattered churches was present, and the members of the Phoenix church who did not encamp were faithful in attendance. The large tent was arranged to accommodate upwards of three hundred persons, and, with the exception of two very rainy nights, was well filled at each evening preaching service.

The camp was located on Tenth and Pierce streets near a car line, so was

easily accessible, also convenient to the conference office just across the street. The three daily papers in Phoenix accepted full reports of the sermons, also of the proceedings of the conference, so that through this medium thousands knew of our meetings there, and were given some ideas as to our work and belief.

Elder G. W. Reaser, president, opened this, the twelfth annual session, Thursday evening, November 13. He briefly reviewed some of the items of progress during the year, and welcomed the delegates who had assembled for the first business meeting, to be held the following morning. This was followed by a strong sermon on the nearness of the coming of Christ. Friday morning Elders E. E. Andross, E. W. Farnsworth, A. S. Booth, and Mrs. Booth arrived from Los Angeles. The conference was formally opened at ten o'clock.

The report of Elder Reaser for the year was a most encouraging one, showing a splendid increase in tithes and offerings, mentioning the baptism of seventy-two persons during the year, and the organization of several new Sabbath-schools. He said that never in his experience had he seen such evidence of the working of the Spirit of God upon the people. Fifty persons were reported as waiting for baptism, and there are open doors for the preaching of the truth.

The camp-meeting and conference were combined. Seven business meetings were held, and the other services were devoted to Bible study, sermons, and missionary instruction work. A canvassers' class was organized early in the meeting, and was held each day.

There was a splendid interest. Six or more will enter work for the sale of the home workers' books, and several others are prepared for handling our large subscription books. One Spanish-speaking brother will take up the sale of the Spanish health book at once.

Unusual interest was shown in lines of home missionary work in which all the people may have a part. In one missionary meeting our tract and periodical work was introduced, and the people were given the opportunity to purchase supplies for the evangelistic efforts about to be held, also for their use at home in the churches. Ninety-seven dollars worth of tracts were taken in that meeting, and \$30 raised for clubs of the *Signs of the Times*. The Lord certainly impressed hearts, and there was shown a willingness to sow the seed, that was most inspiring.

The people responded nobly to calls for means to assist in the various branches of the work. Two hundred and seventy-six dollars was contributed for the work at the Pacific Union College; \$124.58 was given for missions, and \$337.50 for the Arizona Academy at Phoenix. Besides this, those present purchased \$193.15 worth of books, tracts, and periodicals, during the meeting.

During the evening services the subjects of "The Second Coming of Christ," "The Millennium," "The Nature of Man," "Armageddon," "The Home of the Saved," and other leading topics closely related to the third angel's message, were presented. Several persons not of our faith attended the meetings regularly, and bought literature on the different subjects. It is believed that many interested persons

will be found by Elder A. S. Booth and Elder M. A. Hollister, and other members of the company of workers who have remained in Phoenix to carry on a series of evangelistic meetings.

Among those from the city who visited the camp was the governor of Arizona, Mr. Hunt, who was the guest of Brother C. Stump and family. He remained to the evening service and listened with interest to a sermon by Elder E. E. Andross on the evidences of the nearness of Christ's return to the world.

Committees

Committees appointed to serve the conference were as follows:

Nominations: E. E. Andross, C. D. M. Williams, J. R. Ferren, Clem Stump, M. A. Serna.

Plans: J. J. Ireland, I. P. Dillon, C. F. Innis, A. E. Earll, D. E. Pettis, A. S. Booth, W. L. Sims, G. A. Roberts.

Credentials: E. W. Farnsworth, E. E. Andross, C. D. M. Williams.

Auditing: R. H. Campbell, R. E. Kal-fus, A. Sanchez, W. D. Frazee, C. W. Pennock, G. E. Ross.

Reports of Committees

The following named persons suggested by the nominating committee were unanimously elected as officers for the conference for the ensuing year:

President: G. W. Reaser.

Secretary and Treasurer: Secretary and Treasurer of the Pacific Union Conference.

Auditor: Auditor of Pacific Union Conference.

Executive Committee: G. W. Reaser, C. D. M. Williams, Clem Stump, A. E. Earll, M. A. Hollister.

Report of committee on credentials and licenses:

Credentials: G. W. Reaser, I. P. Dillon, W. L. Sims, C. D. M. Williams, M. Serna.

Ordination and Credentials: Martin A. Hollister.

Honorary Ministerial Credentials: H. F. Courter.

Missionary License: C. F. Innis, C. W. Pennock.

Honorary Missionary License: Dr. M. M. Kay, Mrs. E. M. Kay, Mrs. M. T. Poston.

Church School Teachers' Missionary License: D. E. Pettis, Emma Wheeler, V. E. Langdon, Kitty Langdon.

Financial Reports

The following financial reports were rendered by V. E. Langdon, secretary and treasurer of the conference, and were accepted:

Revenue Statement of the Arizona Conference for the Year Ending September 30, 1913

INCOME	
Tithe from churches	\$5,995.53
Phoenix	\$3,729.99
Globe	427.65
Lowell	150.00
Buckeye	329.94
Flagstaff	274.42
Sanchez	175.15
Rodeo	17.16
Prescott	174.80
Tucson	254.35
Safford	112.85
Cottonwood	55.25
Personal	313.97

Donations	412.24
Laborers	\$ 89.76
Book sales, gen. agt.	322.48

Interest	20.00
Wagon	66.02
Tent fund	5.00
Arizona Tract Society	398.40
P. U. Conf. appropriation	3,000.00
	<u>\$9,837.19</u>

EXPENSES	
Labor	\$5,020.97
Laborers' expense	1,303.43
Office expense	133.99
Camp-meeting expense	84.12
Furnishings and prop.	104.22
Repairs	3.00
Building depreciation	27.26
Tithe 10% Pacific Union	599.55
Tithe 5% Pacific Union	299.77
Tithe 5% Mission Board.	299.78
Tithe 5% Sustentation	299.78
	<u>8,715.87</u>

Net Gain \$1,121.32

Balance Sheet — Arizona Conference S. D. A.

September 30, 1913

ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 723.80
Valley Bank Savings	1,474.00
	<u>\$2,197.80</u>
Bills and accounts receivable	575.42
Arizona Conf. Corp. property	1,002.10
Inventories	2,373.25
Real estate	\$ 650.00
Office buildings	626.42
Property	1,096.83
Expense	27.36
Total	<u>\$6,175.93</u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	
Tithe to P. U. and Gen. Conf.	\$428.16
General trust funds	673.37
S. S. donations	\$325.97
Ingathering	29.50
Annual	32.56

Midsummer	130.75
Foreign missions	19.70
Weekly offerings	40.20
Gen. Conf.	94.69
Personal accounts	176.69
Local funds	36.18
Special trust funds	2,638.34
Arizona Conf. Corp.	1,155.03
Mexican school fund	992.76
Tucson church	390.55
Church building fund	100.00
Total liabilities	<u>\$3,952.74</u>

SURPLUS	
Surplus Oct. 1, 1912	\$1,101.87
Net gain for year	1,121.32

Surplus Sept. 30, 1913	<u>2,223.19</u>
	<u>\$6,175.93</u>

Revenue Statement — Arizona Tract Society For Year Ending September 30, 1913

LOSSES	
S. S. department	\$ 2.75
Expense	45.70
Donation Arizona Conf.	398.40
	<u>\$446.85</u>

GAINS	
Sale of merchandise	\$332.51
Old accounts	19.60
	<u>352.11</u>
Net loss	<u>\$94.74</u>

Balance Sheet — Arizona Tract Society

September 30, 1913

ASSETS	
Cash	\$508.67
Local society accounts	42.85
Personal accounts	392.69
Intermediate school	44.21
Inventories	
Merchandise	333.36
Expense	2.25
	<u>\$1,324.03</u>

LIABILITIES	
"Christ's Object Lessons"	\$ 1.75
"Ministry of Healing"	1.05
Local Tract Fund	1.00
Personal and misc. accts.	24.99
	<u>\$28.79</u>

SURPLUS	
Surplus Oct. 1, 1912	\$1,389.98
Less loss for year	94.74

Surplus Sept. 30, 1913	<u>1,295.24</u>
	<u>\$1,324.03</u>

Resolutions

The following resolutions were adopted by the conference:

For the manifold blessing of the Lord that has attended our work during the past year in both evangelical and educational lines, and also in the basket and store of our brethren, so

that there has been an increase in the tithes and offerings for both the home and general work, we return to our heavenly Father grateful thanks, and consecrate ourselves anew to His service for the finishing of the work in this generation.

Since death, the last enemy, has invaded our ranks during the year, taking from our midst two of our faithful and devoted laborers, Elder F. W. Wheeler and Sister Edith Dillon; therefore,

Resolved, That we extend to their bereaved families our sincere sympathy in this hour of sore trial. We are assured that these laborers sleep the sleep of the righteous, awaiting the return of the Life-giver. They fell at their post of duty, and will soon hear the voice of the Son of God calling them forth to receive their reward.

Whereas, The most important work that God has committed to our families is the proper training of our children, that they may be prepared to carry to completion this last gospel message to the world; and,

Whereas, The system of denominational schools that is now established is the means through which this work can be most thoroughly and successfully accomplished; therefore,

We Recommend, That our brethren plan not only to take advantage of these facilities offered in this conference for the primary and intermediate grades, in harmony with the plans of our educational department, but also to send their children to the Pacific Union College for the completion of their training for the field work and the affairs of life.

Whereas, The building up and the maintaining of the Pacific Union College for this union conference calls for the cooperation of all our people; therefore,

Resolved, That we pledge our moral and financial support for the placing of this institution on vantage ground.

Whereas, The canvassing work is ordained of God and is a successful means of getting our truth-laden books into the hands of the people; and,

Whereas, The Lord has told us that our literature will reach a class of people that can be reached in no other way; therefore,

Resolved, That suitable persons throughout our conference be encouraged to engage in canvassing as a life-work; and that we work to enlist and train many persons who will take up resident canvassing in the vicinity of their homes.

Whereas, The extension of the message throughout this widely scattered conference must depend in a large degree on the united work of all our members; and,

Whereas, Definite plans, careful study, and the wide distribution of our

literature will greatly increase the efficiency in this work; therefore,

We Recommend, That each church maintain a strong home missionary department to promote the giving of Bible readings; the continuous liberal circulation of our tracts, the *Signs of the Times*, our magazines, and our books adapted for lending and sale by home workers; and the carrying forward of all other lines of practical home missionary endeavor.

Whereas, A consistent and systematic plan for the liquidation of our institutional indebtedness has been adopted by the General Conference, which for success calls for the cooperation of every conference and every member in said conference in the contribution of an offering of not less than twenty cents a week, fifteen cents of which is for the support and extension of our mission work, and five cents is for the institutional indebtedness; therefore,

We endorse this general plan, and urge that efforts be made to hold up our general mission contribution to not less than twenty cents a week per member.

Since the smallness of the constituency in this field will permit of a more economical administration of the affairs of this conference, and at the same time provide for efficient field service,

We request the Pacific Union Conference to carry our treasury and tract society departments, this arrangement to begin January 1, 1914.

Whereas, There are many thousands of Spanish-speaking people within this conference, and from among them there are several companies of believers; therefore,

We Recommend, The incoming conference committee to put forth earnest effort in behalf of this people, carrying the message to those that are still in darkness, and giving fuller instruction to those now in the faith.

J. R. F.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

Week of Prayer Letter

To the Members of the
Central California Conference.
Beloved Brethren and Sisters:

It would be a very great privilege to me and one I should prize very highly, if during this week of prayer I could visit each one of you personally in your homes. It would be a pleasure to talk with you of your hope and courage in the message; to pray with you and your family about our personal experiences in Christ; to talk with you about the blessed promises of God as found in His word, and of the glorious truths committed to us in the gospel; to plan

with you about the furtherance of the Lord's work in the earth and in your home, neighborhood, and church. But you will realize that this is impossible. I could not even visit every church in the conference during the week of prayer. I would consider it a pleasure to write you all a personal letter at this time, and thus have a personal talk with you, but to write about twelve hundred letters would be out of the question also. Finding the above named means impossible, I shall avail myself of another method in having my letter printed, and thus have a short heart-to-heart talk with you.

I feel sure our Father is waiting to bless His people at this time and to make this week of prayer the best in experience we have ever engaged in. In order, however, that it shall be profitable to us to the greatest possible extent, we must place ourselves in the channel of blessing. If I were at this time seated in your home in conversation with you, among the thoughts I would suggest would doubtless be some of the following.

To the church officers I would say, Plan for the services by calling a council meeting. Arrange for leaders, readers, and time and place of meetings at once, as may be best suited to your condition. Special lessons have been prepared for the children, and a service should be arranged for them each day, where the lessons are not taken up with them by the teachers in the church schools. Let provision be made for the aged who may not always be able to attend an evening service. It is generally best not to divide a church into too many small companies, as a better supply of leaders and readers can be had when some central place, most convenient to all, is selected, and then at least once each day the church unite in seeking the Lord. Give some time at each meeting for a season of prayer in which definite blessings are sought. Also give time for the giving of personal testimonies and experiences. If you are privileged to have a conference laborer with you during the week of prayer, plan with him how best to carry forward the work.

To each of the Lord's dear children I would say, Pray for definite blessings in asking God for His Holy Spirit in order that we may have a realizing sense of ourselves and the times in

which we live; also that through this same divine agency we may have clean hearts and victory over every besetting sin. Pray that the Holy Spirit may keep us from the ways of the world and make our consecration to this blessed cause of God complete. It may be that some of your children or other relatives or friends are out of the ark of safety. Pray earnestly, and ask the church to unite with you in prayer for their complete conversion. It may be that in this connection we should ask God for a spirit of labor and burden for souls so that we will cooperate with heavenly agencies in their conversion.

Plan to arrange your business or your work in your home or on the farm in such a way that you can attend all the meetings. Very much is lost if home and business cares are allowed to crowd in so that only a portion of the services are attended. Plan to have the family with you at these meetings.

It may be that differences and alienations have arisen in your home or church or community. If so, the rich streams of God's grace will not flow to you in blessings unless these stones of stumbling and offense are removed. It may be that the home or church is robbed of blessing and shorn of power because individuals refuse to make wrongs right; and saddest of all, souls may be lost because of these things. Let me exhort you in the name of the Lord to arise and by God's help put these things far from you.

Pray earnestly that the Lord of the harvest will send more reapers into the whitened fields to garner precious sheaves for the heavenly mansions. Pray also for the success of the laborers in our own conference, that their work may abound in fruit bearing, and that all lines of effort may be greatly blessed of God for the furtherance of His work in both the home field and abroad, that it may soon be finished and Jesus come again.

Do not overlook the annual thank offering. Plan to have all the family take part in this, bringing an offering for the mercies and blessings of God throughout the year. May I suggest that if it is at all possible we bring a gold offering this year? If we are not able to do this, try to plan for a dollar offering at least, for each member of the family. Surely the needy fields will

be blessed if we do this, and God will help us do it if there be first a willing mind.

As we are approaching the close of another year, let us not only, as suggested, make all wrongs right and stand clear with our fellow men, but let us remember our obligations and pledges to our heavenly Father. If we have unpaid tithes and pledges that are due, let us make every effort to send in all such funds, that the church and the conference books may begin the new year with a clean record, and our accounts in the books of heaven be made to balance. This is an all-important matter not only in the light of personal blessings, but from the standpoint of the prosperity of the message. The responsibility of sending the everlasting gospel to the ends of the earth rests upon us as individuals, and let us do all in our power to finish the work, though it require the making of a covenant with Him by sacrifice.

I would suggest to all the isolated members to meet with a church somewhere near their home if it is at all possible. Otherwise, have your readings at home each day, seeking the Lord for His blessing. He loves you in your loneliness, and cares for you.

In closing I wish to assure you that you are remembered in my prayers daily that Heaven's rich blessings may rest upon you and yours. I ask for the continuance of your prayers, counsels, and sympathies, that as a conference we may go forward into the new year with hope and courage, and in the name of our blessed Lord push the triumphs of the cross till all the earth shall be lighted with its glory.

J. H. Behrens.

CALIFORNIA

St. Helena Sanitarium Siftings

Prof. G. W. Rine, of Pacific Union College, occupied the Sanitarium pulpit on Sabbath last.

Mrs. Lenna K. Stow and little daughter Mabel, of Minneapolis, are visiting R. J. Stow and family. They will spend the winter at the sanitarium.

On Friday evening the Missionary Volunteers held a union meeting of the senior and junior societies. Dr. Elsie Merritt, the leader of the senior society, presided.

Sabbath, November 22, was a day of blessing to the sanitarium family. The Lord visited us by leading five souls to put on Christ by baptism. One of the candidates was a man over seventy years of age.

Dr. and Mrs. G. E. Klingerman returned this week from their trip to the East, and were warmly welcomed. The doctor spent three weeks at the Boston General Hospital, was in Philadelphia a short time at the surgical clinic, and spent one week at Takoma Park Sanitarium, Washington, D. C. Coming home they were tied up in the strike, and spent a day at El Paso and went to Juarez, visiting General Villa's army and becoming acquainted with his army surgeons.

The marriage of Miss Iva Stow, of the sanitarium family, and Mr. James T. Thompson, of Pacific Union College, was solemnized in the sanitarium chapel on Thanksgiving evening at eight o'clock. The young couple left on Friday evening for the East. They sail from New York City for London on December 26. They will meet Brother H. H. Hall in Lisbon, who will accompany them to South America. Their destination is Montevideo, Uruguay. They hope to reach there on February 6, 1914.

M. B. H.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Good News from One Church

At a meeting of our conference workers held in Los Angeles last week to consider the standing of our churches and of our conference as a whole on the twenty cents a week from July 1 to September 30, I was asked to join Elder Saxby and Brother Morlan to help the Carr Street and Southside churches cover their deficit for these three months. The other workers were assigned to different churches where they were behind in their mission offerings, with the hope of the deficit being made up in each case, so that with the income from the Harvest Ingathering and the offering taken during the week of prayer, the churches will all reach the twenty-cent-a-week mark.

We had a triumphant day at Carr Street yesterday. I presented in a brief way the demands that face us as a people in the needy mission fields. I do

not know when people's hearts seemed so responsive to the call of the hour.

An offering was taken, and when counted it was found to amount in cash and short-time pledges to \$384.50. This exceeded the church's deficit for the three months by \$66.70. While the money was being counted, we had one of the best social meetings I have been in for a long time. It was a good day for Carr Street.

We hope to hear good reports from other churches. We are looking for them.

F. M. Burg,

Pres. S. Cal. Conf.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Conference Items

Elder C. M. Gardner expects to leave Monday for Auburn, with a good supply of papers.

Elder F. D. Gautereau expects soon to have \$50 that he, personally, will have gathered for missions.

Elder Fred Brink is with the Chico brethren and sisters. He will give part of his time for a few weeks assisting that church in its *Review* work.

Brother J. W. Rich spent Sabbath, November 29, with the Modesto church. He will remain for some time to assist them in their Harvest Ingathering work.

We are glad to report that the Lodi Normal is progressing nicely. In an exceptional way there seems to be a desire on the part of most of the students to make the very best use of their time.

While December 1, 2, and 3 were made special days in the Harvest Ingathering work throughout the field, we hope none will slacken their efforts, but continue to push this work to the end of the year.

A conference committee meeting will be held at Lodi, December 8. The day following, the Lodi Normal Institute board will meet. We request the prayers of our people that God will give wisdom and bless in all the actions that are taken.

Our isolated people who seldom have the privilege of meeting with the church to which they belong, are requested to join the Northern California Conference church. This will be advantageous in many ways. All reading, etc., will be sent direct from the conference office. Those desiring to belong to this church will write their church requesting a letter in just the same way as when being transferred from one church to another. The conference committee takes action upon these names in the same way one is voted into a local church. The president of the conference is the elder of this church, and the secretary is the clerk. These letters should be sent to the conference office.

C. L. Taggart.

Temperance

The Battle Is On

Hot Campaign Inaugurated for Prohibition in California

The state temperance convention in Los Angeles, November 19 and 20, was the most notable gathering of anti-saloon forces ever held in California. Sixteen hundred and eighty-four delegates were present, representing numerous organizations opposed to the whisky traffic, and it was decided to begin at once a campaign for state-wide prohibition in this state.

A full delegation was sent by the Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, thirty-five stalwart representatives having been accorded credentials. The northern conferences also sent delegates, thus indicating the uncompromising stand always taken by the denomination against intemperance, and the battle is on, with all the enemies of the saloon united in a great citizens' movement, in which party politics and sectarian differences are to have no disquieting influence.

There was a faction, headed by the Anti-Saloon League, which favored deferring until 1916 the fight for prohibition, but the advocates of 1914 swept everything in front of them when a vote was taken. Petitions, already printed, were immediately put into circulation, and it was reported that 2,000 signa-

tures were secured the second day of the meeting. The amendment for which all are enlisted is as follows:

"The people of the state of California do enact as follows:

"Article 1 of the Constitution of the state of California is hereby amended, by adding thereto two new sections, to be numbered respectively Section 26 and Section 27, in the following words:

"Section 26. The manufacture, the sale, the giving away, or the transportation from a point within the state to a point within the state, of intoxicating liquor is prohibited. Penalties for violation of this provision shall be prescribed by law, but in addition thereto any citizen of the state may, in his or her own name, maintain an action of injunction to restrain such violation, provided, however, that to any criminal or civil prosecution for violation of this prohibition, it shall be a defense if it be shown that the liquor in question was being made, used, sold, given away, or transported for medicinal, scientific, mechanical, or sacramental purposes. The manufacture, sale, giving, or transportation of such liquors for medicinal, scientific, mechanical, or sacramental purposes shall be regulated by law.

"Section 27. The transportation into the state of intoxicating liquor, unless it be shown to be for medicinal, scientific, mechanical, or sacramental purposes, is prohibited, subject, however, to the laws of the United States relating thereto. Penalties for the violation of this provision shall be prescribed by law."

It is proposed to secure the entire number of signatures required before December 31, 1913, as thereafter the great registers now in use will be invalid, and a new registration will be required, thus delaying the acquirement of the names needed to invoke the initiative. Accordingly, a quick work is called for, and all over the state persons are needed to circulate the petitions.

Every person engaged in this work must be a registered voter in the county where he or she may be securing signatures. Persons under twenty-one years of age can not circulate petitions. So, likewise, every person who signs the petition must be a qualified, registered voter, residing in the county where signing the petition; must personally write his or her place of residence in

the proper blank space, giving street and number, where such exist, and the election precinct number must also be filed in the proper column. The signer must write his or her first or Christian name in full, to correspond with his or her signature on the great register. A married woman should sign her own Christian name, and not adopt that of her husband. The affidavit on each petition must be made by the voter who actually circulated the petition, and he or she must be able therefore to verify the statements made therein, that he or she is a legal voter of the county, that all the signatures were made in his or her presence, and that to the best of his or her belief each signature is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be.

The affidavit may be made before the county clerk or a notary public, or any other officer who is authorized to administer oaths, and all such public officials are required to administer such oaths free of charge. When all this has been done, the petitions should be mailed to Mr. George S. Yarnall, 1103-4 Washington Bldg., Third and Spring streets, Los Angeles, Cal. He is the executive secretary. Requests for blank petitions should also be addressed to Mr. Yarnall.

All this work is deemed of the utmost importance, as 30,857 signatures are needed, and to cover the possibility of errors it is hoped to secure at least 50,000 names. Seventh-day Adventists, always zealous of good works, and peculiarly successful in the securing of names to similar petitions, it is thought could do excellent work. When this preliminary work shall have been fully accomplished, it is the intention to hold temperance meetings all over the state and to wage a spirited warfare until an election shall determine the result. As women now have a vote in California, it is realized that the women will have a deciding voice in this issue, but the delegates at the convention were of both sexes, the men being more numerous than the women. Care was taken to make it understood that this movement was not one of the Prohibition party, or of any other faction, but of the people at large. Our brethren and sisters in southern California are enlisted for the war. J. F. Blunt.

“Take hold wherever you see there is work to be done.”

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 21, 1913

Agent	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Value	Delivered
Northern California						
G. B. Morrison	B. R.	25	7	\$3.50	\$32.50	\$3.50
M. A. Reese	B. R.	24	6	4.00	24.00	2.00
2 Agents		49	13	\$7.50	\$56.50	\$5.50
Southern California						
H. E. Farmer	B. R.	21	10	\$1.50	\$35.50	
L. H. Johnson	B. F. L.	19	12		12.50	
Wm. Keele	H. W.	19	68		45.00	\$46.75
Mrs. E. Adkins	H. W.	18	23		11.00	
H. A. Williams	H. W.	10	12		5.25	
Henry Bundy	H. W.	16	17		12.25	
Mrs. M. DeGroot	H. W.	9	9		5.25	
S. H. Coombs	H. W.	10	21		14.25	
Mrs. G. E. Smith	H. W.	9	15		15.85	
G. E. Smith	H. W.	27	31		21.75	
T. J. Southerland	H. W.	10	5		3.50	
Irma L. Kellogg	H. W.	6	8		5.00	
Mrs. Phena Greenup	H. W.	4	4		2.25	
Malcom Warner	H. W.		6		5.25	
Miscellaneous	H. W.	16	38		20.60	
			279	\$1.50	\$215.20	\$46.75

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

“Having Success”

The following paragraph is taken from a letter just received from one who has recently taken up the sale of the home workers' books: “Please send by return mail two more sales blanks and publishers' guarantee books, as I have used the one that you sent me. I am having good success so far.”

“Good success” is what all our workers are having, because they have “a mind to work.”

One brother who is a business man here in the city has just reported twenty-one orders, value \$14.25, which he has taken from those with whom he came in contact while engaged in his business. This is an excellent example for others who are engaged in secular pursuits.

One of our faithful workers here in the city called upon a Lutheran minister recently and secured his order for thirty-nine of our small books for the children in his Sunday-school. Certainly the Lord is impressing the minds of those who are honest in heart to buy the books which contain the truth for this time.

We are very glad to have another report from Brother Farmer, who has been doing faithful work since last May. He has been out of the field for a while because of making a change in territory. He is now located in Imperial Valley. He took \$26.50 worth of orders the first day he worked in his

new field, and we hope and pray that his success may continue.

Brother C. E. Grey, who was formerly field agent in New Jersey, and who came to our conference last spring, has again taken up the book work in earnest. In a letter just received he writes: “O, but it does seem good to be in the work again! I just keep praising God and going forward. I am doing very well, considering this is an off week.” We are certainly glad to have Brother Grey enter the work in southern California, for we know he will be a light bearer wherever he goes, and his heart is in the work.

A few days ago I called on one of the home workers who said: “I enjoy the work so much. I have such a good time when I am out working among the people with these books. I wish I could spend more time at it.”

Another sister on whom I called told me how she had taken an order from a friend who called at her home on Sunday. Some of our workers have sold a large number of books to those who have called at their homes. This is an excellent plan, for many times you can sell a book to a friend who would not buy of a stranger.

C. C. Morlan,
Field Agent S. Cal.

“Careful instruction should be given, that will be as lessons from the Master, that all may put their light to practical use in benefiting others.”

The Week of Prayer

The week beginning December 13 and closing December 20 has been appointed as the annual week of prayer. It hardly seems possible that twelve months have passed since our last week of prayer. How quickly the years pass! They will soon bring us face to face with our blessed Redeemer as He comes in glory and power. The tarrying time is almost ended, and it certainly behooves us to make speedy preparation to meet our dear Saviour. Some of us have long been waiting for the return of our Lord, but we shall not have to wait much longer. From the depths of my heart I praise the Lord for this blessed assurance. But yet how solemn is the thought that we shall soon be brought into the very presence of the great God. "Every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure." 1 John 3:3.

Through the years of tarrying the enemy has been busy, doing all in his power to lessen our confidence in the truth that the end of all things is right upon us. Never in all the past has sin been made so attractive as now. In a thousand ways, through alluring temptations, the enemy is seeking to draw the heart's affections away from God, while he makes us believe that our salvation is perfectly secure.

A Few Personal Questions

I desire to ask a few personal questions of every reader. Is it well with your soul? Do you find your heart welling up with joy as in your quiet moments you think of the approach of the King? or do you really hope that His coming may be still longer deferred? Have you lost your first love—the love that led you to cheerfully make every sacrifice necessary in order that you might attend every meeting, and that you might bring some one else to the light of this glorious truth? Do you find your time fully occupied with the pursuit after riches? Are the cares of this life pressing so heavily upon you that they are choking out the Word, and you bring forth but little, if any, fruit? Is the enemy stealing into your home and robbing you of the most precious treasure on earth—your children? Is it true that in your own personal experience your feet are slipping,—the oil of grace is leaking out of your heart?

Do you find yourself really a captive to your own evil passions?

While I do not expect an answer to any of the above questions, it surely is time that we give earnest heed to these matters, and that we settle every one of them on our knees before God. The times in which we live call most emphatically for earnest heart-searching and prevailing prayer. It is true that unless we are daily advancing in our Christian experience, in the exemplification of the active Christian virtues, we are standing on dangerous ground, and we need to betake ourselves to earnest prayer, and to the study of the word of God.

Object of the Week of Prayer

It is for this very purpose that for more than a quarter of a century one week each year has been set apart for earnest prayer, when, all over the world, wherever the remnant people of God are found, they are called to give as much time as possible to public worship and private devotion and study. This year more than one hundred thousand believers will, we trust, daily turn their faces toward the heavenly Jerusalem, and at the mercy-seat will find peace and joy in the sweet assurance of complete forgiveness and perfect cleansing from every spot and stain of sin. Let every believer in this union conference do his or her part to make this a blessed reality. Let us just now withdraw from all allegiance to the world, and thus hasten the coming of the bright, glorious day that is before the church.

Church Officers

The officers of every church should definitely plan for at least one service each day from Sabbath, December 13, to Sabbath, December 20. Readings of the greatest importance have been prepared, and these should be read by one who has been previously appointed for that work, and who should be thoroughly familiar with the reading. Instruction regarding the conduct of the meetings will be found on the page preceding the first reading. This should be carefully followed. Other excellent counsel found in the paper regarding the matter of making the most of this blessed opportunity, should be carefully studied. Do not fail to place the envelopes for the annual offering in the hands of all the congregation the first Sabbath; at the same time let all know

what will be expected of them the following Sabbath. You should see that absent members are supplied with envelopes early in the week.

If we have failed to do our full duty in our weekly offerings, this is an excellent opportunity to redeem the past. We should have much the largest of offering this year that we have ever had. The needs of the foreign fields demand it, our own spiritual interests call for larger offerings, for more generous giving, and, finally, the great proximity of the end makes it imperatively necessary that we do all in our power to hasten the last call of mercy to earth's remotest bounds. Let this be the beginning of a great reformation in our individual lives and in our church, that we may partake of the copious showers of the latter rain.

E. E. Andross,
Pres. Pacific Union Conf.

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The union conference committee met at Pacific Union College last Sunday to audit the laborers' accounts and consider such other matters as needed attention.

Sister C. E. Halliday, whose work in selling papers and magazines is well known to the missionary leaders in the West, called at the Southern California Tract Society a few days ago and surprised the secretary by ordering every magazine they had in stock. She has just sent in the report for herself and daughter of their work since August 18. In 51 days in August, September, and October, Mrs. Lillian Emmitt sold 3,162 copies of the *Liberty*, *Signs Magazine*, *Life and Health*, and the *Watchman*. During the same time Sister Halliday has sold 5,750 copies. Surely these are splendid sales reports, and represent a large amount of truth in printed form placed with the people.

The Ingathering for missions campaign in the Central California conference is going forward with much enthusiasm. A call at the office last week found all of their 6,000 papers out, and wire orders had been placed with nearby offices for more papers to meet the demands. There has been a general hearty effort by all the churches, the Lord is giving rich experiences, and the money for missions is coming in nicely. Brother G. A. Wheeler, the secretary, writes: "I believe that our Ingathering campaign will be quite a success. There seems to be more earnestness and a deeper interest in the work this year

than ever before. Fresno has more than \$100 to date, and I think we have only just begun the work."

On account of the rapidly increasing demand for publications in the foreign languages published by the Pacific Press Publishing Association, the board of directors has asked Brother H. H. Hall to make an extended trip in looking after the interests of this work. In harmony with this action, he left Mountain View November 14; and after visiting various points in the United States, he will sail for South America by way of Europe. All the leading publishing centers of the denomination in Europe will be visited. In South America Brother Hall will attend the general meetings that will be held in that field during the early part of the year. The South American countries to be visited are Brazil, Uruguay, Argentine, Chile, Peru, Ecuador, and the Canal Zone. We are sure that the prayers of many of our readers will go with Brother Hall on this important mission.

Further word concerning the anti-saloon campaign in this state was received Tuesday morning from Brother J. F. Blunt, as follows: "Campaign headquarters have been opened by the 'California Dry' Federation at Room 1103, Washington Bldg., Los Angeles, whence the temperance movement will be directed. Petitions should be circulated speedily and mailed to that address as early in December as possible. It is intended to crowd the entire work into the early part of the month, to enable the proper officers to verify the signatures and to forward certified copies to the secretary of state before the present great register becomes invalid, December 31. Otherwise, it would be necessary to defer the collection of signatures until fresh registration should be made, and that would delay the work and jeopardize the result.

"It is hoped that the petitions, mailed to brethren all over the state, will be circulated energetically, and that a goodly number of signatures may be obtained. When it shall have been decided that the question of the entire abolition of the saloon traffic is to be brought to a vote of the people in California, meetings will be held all over the state, and the cooperation of Sev-

enth-day Adventists in this movement is pledged and confidently expected. Shall we not prove our thorough sympathy in the undertaking by rolling up a large number of signatures for the submission of the issue on the initiative?"

To Africa

After spending nearly fifteen months in Washington at the Foreign Mission Seminary, we are now getting ready to leave for Africa, our chosen field. In counsel with Elder Porter and other delegates from the South African Union, the Mission Board at the time of the General Conference decided that we go to that field and connect with the Spion Kop mission in Zululand.

Elder B. F. Armitage having the superintendency of that station, and being here in the States on furlough, intending to return this fall, we have waited for him and Sister Armitage, that we might accompany them on their return. This accounts for our not having sailed during the past summer, when so many of our friends and associates sailed for their various fields.

Never in our lives have we spent fifteen months so brimful of the blessings of God, so full of pleasantness, so full of work, and so full of education. What a blessing to be a servant of the living God! Pray for us, dear friends, that when we sail the fifth of December, we may not only have a safe voyage, but that we may be successful soul winners among the Zulus.

The readers of the RECORDER will be glad to know that Mr. and Mrs. James I. Robison sail with us to Africa. They go in response to an urgent call for teachers in our Claremont school at Cape Town, South Africa. This will make a small company of six adults, therefore we anticipate a pleasant trip.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Robinson.

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