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That Offering Basket

How dear to our hearts is that offering basket
Which often at service comes into our view,
The outstretching hands, and the calls, "Come and help us,"
From perishing souls in our mission fields new!
The wide-spreading gospel, good news of salvation,
Rejoicing the hearts of poor sinners who fell—
O, who would not speed it, and bring consolation!
Then fill up the basket this story to tell—
The old-fashioned basket, the life-saving basket,
The offering basket our hearts love so well.

O, what would we do should we come to camp-meeting,
And that dear old basket should fail to appear?
'T would rob us of joy: We would miss its fond greeting,
Would miss a rich blessing that should crown the year.
We ardently seize it, with joy overflowing,
And quick from our pocketbooks rises a knell.

The coins of the realm, their bright faces all glowing,
Find place in that basket our hearts love so well—
The old-fashioned basket, the life-saving basket,
The offering basket our hearts love so well.

The Spirit still pleads, "Give to God as He prospers,"
While mercy still lingers for penitent hearts.
How sweet is the thought, there is time still to offer!
O, haste, ere that basket forever departs!
And when far removed from sin's dark habitation,
The grand halleluiahs forever will swell.

Through eternal ages we'll sing of salvation
Because of this basket we all love so well—
The old-fashioned basket, the life-saving basket,
The offering basket our hearts love so well.

Mrs. M. A. Loper.

there were evident tokens of progress in the work.

The attendance of our people has been the best this summer that we have ever had at our camp-meetings. The largest camp-meeting that we have had for many years was held in Los Angeles in August. There were about five hundred tents pitched on the ground, about 2,500 believers encamped. It seemed very much like the General Conference, so far as numbers were concerned. While this was a very large meeting, and hence difficult to handle, it was a very profitable one for the work in that part of the field. Our membership in southern California is growing quite rapidly. The Lord is greatly blessing the efforts of the laborers.

This is also true in the California Conference. The largest series of meetings that we have held in the union was held at San Jose following our camp-meeting in that city. Something like sixty or seventy have embraced the truth as a direct result of the summer's effort there, and the brethren are now planning to erect a large church suitable for the increased congregation. In both the California and the Southern California Conference, where evangelistic efforts have been held, splendid results have followed.

It really seems that the Lord is visiting us with His Holy Spirit, and there are signs of the beginning of the latter rain. I feel confident that our people generally are enjoying a better Christian experience than they have ever enjoyed before. They seem to be awakening to a realization of the times in which we are living, and I sincerely hope that we may see fulfilled the

The Field

Progress in the Pacific Union Conference

I am glad to be able to report progress in all departments of our work in the Pacific Union Conference. The camp-meetings of the past summer have, in some ways at least, been the best we have ever held. The last one closed November 23. This was held at Phoenix, Arizona, and was a very successful meeting. It was not a large gathering, as we do not have a large constituency in Arizona as yet; but the Lord was very manifestly present, and

vision given us in volume 9 of "Testimonies," where a great reformatory movement was seen among God's people by the servant of the Lord.

The Northern California Conference is experiencing much of the blessing of the Lord; also the Central California Conference. A foundation is now being laid in Utah for a larger work than we have ever seen there before. While that field is a very difficult one, we are not at all discouraged, but believe sincerely that the Lord has a people in that state, and we hope to be able to reach many in the near future, and build up a strong work there.

Our educational work also is prospering. The attendance at the college is much larger this year than ever before. We have about 250 students enrolled in the various grades. Between fifty and sixty of these are in the collegiate department. A number of our young men are definitely preparing for the ministry, and are giving evidence of a call to that line of work. The academies at Lodi and Fernando are also enjoying a good patronage this year, and a good spiritual atmosphere pervades the schools.

An intermediate school has been established at Phoenix, Arizona, and about sixty students are in attendance. This gives promise of becoming a great help to the work in that field. It is not wholly confined to the English language, but we are planning on bringing some of our Mexican young people and training them in this school for field work. Some will pass on to our higher grade schools after completing the course there. We hope in this way to develop some strong workers for the Mexican people.

Our church schools are enjoying prosperity. Their numbers have materially increased this year. All together we are of good courage in our educational work.

The medical school also is prospering. Our sanitariums are having better patronage this year than they did last year, and we have hopes of financial prosperity. Best of all, the Lord is blessing in these institutions in bringing the light of truth to many patients, and it is our great desire to see this department of our work continually grow in power and influence among the people. We have a large class of nurses who are preparing for work in the va-

rious fields. Many are deeply devoted to the work of the third angel's message.

Without attempting to enter into the detail of all the various departments of our work, I may say that the Lord is blessing in our efforts to get the printed page into the homes of the people. He is also blessing our young people, and they are awakening to the necessity of taking a more earnest and active part in the work of this message. Our Sabbath-schools are growing in interest, and are becoming more and more considerable factors in raising funds for the mission work. Our conferences are doing all in their power to raise their quota of the twenty-cent-a-week fund.

We rejoice in the assurance that we are now homeward bound, and will soon enter the port of eternal rest.

E. E. Andross,

Pres. Pac. Union Conf.

Quarterly Report of the Pacific Union Conference for Three Months Ending September 30, 1913

Pacific Union Conference

Ordained ministers	6
Licensed ministers	2
Licensed missionaries	7
Total laborers	15
Total tithe receipts	\$133.79

California Conference

Number of churches	36
Membership	2,714
Number of companies	1
Membership	15
Number of isolated Sabbath-keepers	42
Total Sabbath-keepers	2,771
Baptized during quarter	43
Ordained ministers	19
Licensed ministers	4
Licensed missionaries	22
Book and periodical canvassers	26
Total laborers	71
Total tithe receipts	\$12,323.99
Tithe per capita	\$4.44
Total offerings to foreign missions	\$1,647.45

Total contributions for home mission work	\$1,109.42
Total contributions for local church work	\$2,047.08
Number of Sabbath-schools	48
Membership	2,369
Total Sabbath-school contributions to foreign missions	\$3,216.70
Retail value of book and periodical sales	\$4,532.16

Southern California Conference

Number of churches	48
Membership	3,813
Total Sabbath-keepers	3,813
Baptized during quarter	83
Ordained ministers	22
Licensed ministers	12
Licensed missionaries	18

Book and periodical canvassers	38
Total laborers	90
Total tithe receipts	\$16,717.41
Tithe per capita	\$4.38
Total offerings to foreign missions	\$3,196.39
Total contributions for home mission work	\$1,007.51
Total contributions for local church work	\$3,322.80
Number of Sabbath-schools	62
Membership	3,243
Total Sabbath-school contributions to foreign missions	\$2,897.07
Retail value of book and periodical sales	\$7,842.00

Northern California Conference

Number of churches	24
Membership	1,456
Number of companies	3
Membership	18
Number of isolated Sabbath-keepers	21
Total Sabbath-keepers	1,495
Baptized during quarter	76
Ordained ministers	10
Licensed ministers	2
Licensed missionaries	5
Book and periodical canvassers	4
Total laborers	21
Total tithe receipts	\$5,614.23
Tithe per capita	\$3.76
Total offerings to foreign missions	\$816.10

Total contributions for home mission work	\$817.08
Total contributions for local church work	\$263.59
Number of Sabbath-schools	30
Membership	1,345
Total Sabbath-school contributions to foreign missions	\$1,015.67
Retail value of book and periodical sales	\$3,092.84

Central California Conference

Number of churches	23
Membership	1,063
Number of isolated Sabbath-keepers	75
Total Sabbath-keepers	1,138
Baptized during quarter	12
Ordained ministers	7
Licensed ministers	4
Licensed missionaries	5
Book and periodical canvassers	19
Total laborers	35
Total tithe receipts	\$2,501.21
Tithe per capita	\$2.19
Total offerings to foreign missions	\$644.11

Total contributions for home mission work	\$415.69
Number of Sabbath-schools	27
Membership	1,000
Total Sabbath-school contributions to foreign missions	\$982.10

Arizona Conference

Number of churches	8
Membership	174
Number of companies	5
Number of isolated Sabbath-keepers	30
Total Sabbath-keepers	204
Baptized during quarter	7
Ordained ministers	6
Licensed missionaries	2
Book and periodical canvassers	7
Total laborers	15

Total tithe receipts	.....\$1,687.69
Tithe per capita	.....\$8.27
Total offerings to foreign missions	.....\$239.93
Total contributions for home mission work	.....\$62.00
Total contributions for local church work	.....\$90.00
Number of Sabbath-schools	.....12
Membership	.....215
Total Sabbath-school contributions to foreign missions	.....\$325.97
Retail value of book and periodical sales	.....\$997.00

Utah Conference

Number of churches	.....5
Membership	.....196
Number of isolated Sabbath-keepers	12
Total Sabbath-keepers	.....208
Baptized during quarter	.....16
Ordained ministers	.....4
Licensed ministers	.....1
Licensed missionaries	.....4
Book and periodical canvassers	.....5
Total laborers	.....14
Total tithe receipts	.....\$608.26
Tithe per capita	.....\$2.92
Total offerings to foreign missions	.....\$40.50
Total contributions for local church work	.....\$162.74
Number of Sabbath-schools	.....7
Membership	.....156
Total Sabbath-school contributions to foreign missions	\$124.63
Retail value of book and periodical sales	.....\$1,645.00

Nevada Mission

Number of churches	.....4
Membership	.....126
Total Sabbath-keepers	.....126
Ordained ministers	.....2
Licensed missionaries	.....1
Total laborers	.....3
Total contributions for local church work	.....\$23.48

Summary

Number of churches	.....148
Membership	.....9,548
Number of companies	.....9
Membership	.....33
Number of isolated Sabbath-keepers	180
Total Sabbath-keepers	.....9,755
Baptized during quarter	.....237
Ordained ministers	.....76
Licensed ministers	.....25
Licensed missionaries	.....64
Book and periodical canvassers	.....99
Total laborers	.....264
Total tithe receipts	.....\$39,586.61
Tithe per capita	.....\$4.06
Total offerings to foreign missions	.....\$6,584.48
Total contributions for home mission work	.....\$3,411.70
Total contributions for local church work	.....\$5,909.69
Number of Sabbath-schools	.....186
Membership	.....8,333
Total Sabbath-school contributions to foreign missions	.....\$8,562.14
Retail value of book and periodical sales	.....\$18,109.00

The foregoing report presents a number of items that are very encouraging.

For instance, the first of the year we had in this field 143 churches with a membership of 8,777; 12 companies, with a membership of 94; and 123 isolated Sabbath-keepers. The total number of Sabbath-keepers was 8,994. By comparing these figures with the totals of the same items as given in the summary above, we notice an increase of 5 in the number of churches. Of church-members there has been an increase of 765. Of companies of Sabbath-keepers there has been a reduction of 3, and the membership has been reduced by 61. Of the isolated Sabbath-keepers there has been an increase of 57. The total number of Sabbath-keepers now stands at 9,755, or an increase of 761 for the nine-month period covered. We know that many of these additions are the result of labor put forth in behalf of new converts. This is as it should be, and we expect that the growth will continue.

There is also an encouraging change in the number of workers in the field, as will be noticed by comparing the figures in the summary with the following for January 1, 1913:

Summary: ordained ministers, 76; licensed ministers, 25; licensed missionaries, 64; book and periodical canvassers, 99. Total laborers, 264.

With the progress of the message we should all rejoice, and take hold with renewed consecration to do more for the Master than ever before.

J. J. Ireland,
Sec. Pacific Union Conf.

CALIFORNIA

Mountain View

We experienced much of the Lord's blessing in the Mountain View church during the week of prayer. Elder A. E. Place, of San Jose, led out in the study on the first Sabbath, and gave us valuable help. We had meetings every evening during the week, conducted by Elders A. O. Tait, M. C. Wilcox, E. W. Farnsworth, and Dr. L. A. Reed and others, and experienced the presence of the Spirit of God among us in a great measure. Especially was this true of the meeting on Friday evening, which was conducted by Elder Wilcox, when we had a consecration service, and many who had become discouraged consecrated themselves anew to God.

We also had excellent meetings every morning at the Pacific Press. Two of these were general meetings, where all

the employees met in the Assembly Hall; and on three mornings, smaller companies met in different parts of the building. In all these meetings, there were marked evidences of the Lord's presence, and every one connected with the institution took part. This was especially true at the last general meeting, which was conducted by Elder A. O. Tait and Brother C. H. Jones.

Some of our sisters also had excellent meetings in the afternoon for those of our sisters who could not attend the evening meetings.

At the church school, devotional meetings were conducted the first hour of each day during the week, and nearly every one of the older children gave his heart to the Lord. It was especially gratifying to see the interest which the children manifested in the foreign mission work, and they raised about fifty dollars, or an average of over one dollar each, for the annual offerings.

Taking it all in all, we can but praise the Lord for the blessings He has given us during this week, and we will try most earnestly to allow His good Spirit to continue the work among us during the coming year.

B. M. Shull.

St. Helena Sanitarium Siftings

Miss Helen N. Rice, our superintendent of nurses, received a most cordial welcome on Monday evening, when she returned from her ten weeks' vacation in southern California.

Miss Lottie Ulvick, who has acted as matron of the hospital for several months, and who has served for two years as matron of the women's bath rooms, left for her vacation on Friday. She will visit her parents and other relatives at Moose Lake, Minnesota.

The week of prayer proved a great blessing to the Sanitarium church. Three meetings were held daily during the week, one from six to seven, A.M., another in the evening at 7:15, for the family in general; while a three o'clock afternoon meeting was held for the older people who were not able to attend the other meetings. At the meeting on Sabbath, one hundred fifty testimonies were given in fifteen minutes.

Mrs. George Irwin and Miss Sarah McEnterfer were the victims of an un-

fortunate accident on Thursday evening. The horse they were driving became frightened and ran into a tree, upsetting them. They were at once brought to the sanitarium by the White boys, in their auto. Sister Irwin's principal injury was a fracture-dislocation of the left shoulder, while Sister McEnterfer was bruised but has no broken bones. Both passed a comfortable night, and give promise of a good recovery.

Miss June Rose returned to the sanitarium last week, while her father remained in Los Angeles until this week, visiting relatives. They visited friends and relatives in Michigan, Philadelphia, New Jersey, and in Washington, D. C. They were delayed on their homeward trip, as they had to pass through the flood districts in Texas. At one place, which was the highest point for twenty miles around, the water was rising six feet an hour, and the station was under water soon after they left.

Dr. Horace Williams recently came from South Africa, and came to St. Helena to plan for the return of Dr. Thomason and family to Africa; but in compliance with the earnest request of the board and in accordance with the wishes of the sanitarium family and of the patients, Dr. Thomason has decided that the need here is greater, and he will remain at St. Helena as medical superintendent. This has brought delight to many hearts, and nowhere is the joy greater than among the patients and helpers here. As one who has perhaps been longest connected with the sanitarium says, "No language is too strong to express how we feel over this decision," and we know that our brethren and sisters throughout this union conference rejoice with us.

M. B. H.

December 19.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Prayer with Work

We have great hopes that the results of the week of prayer will be very manifest in the real missionary work that follows. It is too early to say very much about the real good that our people have received at this time; but judging from what we experienced with some of the churches, we believe lasting good has been accomplished.

The little company at Corning by Wednesday of that week had been so wonderfully blessed that they gave that day for being a blessing to others. Although they had done more than their share of the Harvest Ingathering work, they put in another faithful day.

The churches at Red Bluff and Chico realized that the proof of their receiving great help at this time was in the fact that they had a desire to do more with the *Reviews*, and in other good works.

A man may say "Amen" ever so loudly in a meeting, and think he receives a great blessing; but he could not make me believe he received any good, if he was not prompted to action. A man who has eaten a good, wholesome meal, if he is normal at all, is determined to have some exercise.

Although the church has done quite a little with the *Reviews*, I think an excellent way to find out how much good it received during the week of prayer is to set a day again for missionary work with these and other papers and tracts, and then we can individually learn for ourselves whether we received or not what we thought we received.

There may be some who are tired of hearing about this work. One made a remark to this effect the other day. When asked how much he had done, he said that he had done nothing. We will hear more and more about work. If we have a true love for souls, we will not weary of it, either. The reason we tire so easily is because our love for humanity is not deep enough. This Harvest Ingathering work is a small part of what we should do, but let us keep at this until we have \$1.54 a member in all our churches. As soon as this is done, let us center our forces upon some other definite line of work. Thus, in a systematic way, let us go forward. Why not start the new year with the determination and expectation of doing at least twice what we did last year? Is it too much?

C. L. Taggart.

Educational

A number of years ago, some one donated to the Chico church school a set of the *Encyclopædia Britannica*. It is too heavy a work for church school children; and as they are in need of

other books, they wish to sell this set and purchase others. There are eleven volumes in sheep binding, which cost originally \$6 a volume. It is the ninth edition. The books are in good condition, and the school would like an offer for them. This will be a chance for some one to secure this valuable work and at the same time help a small school to get a library. If any one has a student's encyclopedia that he would like to trade toward this set, write to the teacher, Miss Chloe Buchanan, route 1, box 117, Chico, California.

And right here I should like to call the attention of our people to the need of reference books in our schools. The public schools have large libraries, but in many of our schools there are few books. Some schools are fairly well supplied, but many small schools are really destitute. The teacher is handicapped in her work, and it is difficult to interest the children in research work. If any one has books he thinks would be helpful for schools, and will donate them for this purpose, correspond with me, and I will tell you where to send them. Any eighth grade United States histories or geographical readers would be very acceptable. Books in the Young People's Reading Courses would help; also students' encyclopedias and old geographies for reference. Maps are sadly needed. Give us some missionary maps. Look over your libraries, and see if you can not do a good work with books that are now lying idly on the shelf.

Alice Mina Mann,
Supt. of Schools N. Cal. Conf.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

Laton

On the eleventh day of May last, Brother C. W. Fuller and wife and I began meetings in a tent at Laton. From the first, we had a very good attendance, and the interest deepened until early in July we organized a church of eighteen members. This church was received into the Central California Conference, at the special session held at Laton.

Between that time and camp-meeting, we held two efforts in the country, and had a good interest at both places. As a result, several are keeping the Sabbath and will unite with the Hanford church.

The enemy could not allow the work to prosper long without making an effort to deceive the people. Shortly after our third effort began, the local church in the country started a revival, under the direction of quite a noted evangelist. Just before our camp-meeting, the local minister attempted to preach on the Sabbath question and expose Seventh-day Adventists. His efforts were not satisfactory to his people; so the presiding elder was asked to come down and straighten up the people, but he made a very weak effort. His own people were much disappointed, and many have been led to inquire deeper into the truth. Thus God causes the wrath of man to praise Him.

Since our good camp-meeting, I have been laboring in the vicinity of Laton. The camp-meeting left a splendid impression. Many, especially in the country, are interested, with whom we are laboring. We are confident that with the help of God, these dear people can be brought into the faith. Brother George W. Cody has been helping me much, which I greatly appreciate. Truly God is good, and we have enjoyed much of His blessing.

H. C. Basney.

Hanford and Monterey

August 21 of last year we left Monterey, where we had had quite good success in tent efforts, and the next day reached Hanford, our newly appointed field of labor. The Lord has richly blessed our labors here, both in adding souls to the church and in creating in many others an interest which will ripen, we believe, into a harvest of souls a little later on. The Sunday night meetings are well attended by the outside. In a few weeks we will doubtless start a regular series of meetings.

Sunday, December 7, Mr. Patterson had an overpowering impression that he must go to Monterey to visit a man for whom we have prayed and labored for fifteen months, though he has been much opposed to the truth for many years. Knowing that no one had ever been able to reach him with the gospel message, our earnest prayer was that the angel of the Lord would go before His messenger and prepare the way. Our prayers were answered. Only a few doubts were to be removed, and the dear man gave his heart to the Lord,

and was buried in baptism the next day, and is happy in the blessed truth. My husband returned with a joyous heart and the assurance that the same Spirit of God directs the work as when Philip was sent to meet the eunuch on the road to Gaza. It is needless to say that there was a happy wife in Monterey after she had been so long a time praying for her unconverted husband.

Our courage is good. Pray for the work here. Mrs. J. R. Patterson.

The Church

[This paper was read at the Central California Conference at Laton, by the writer. We send it on to the RECORDER, thinking that the good thoughts may prove a blessing to others.]

J. H. Behrens.]

Offerings

"There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself." Prov. 11: 24, 25.

"He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9: 6, 7.

The privilege of giving is the greatest privilege granted to mortals. When one is truly consecrated to God, the love of Christ constrains him to give. He plans and works with that blessed end in view; and the truth, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," becomes to him a real, personal experience.

If we would experience greater joy in giving, let us draw near to the cross of Calvary, and seek for a deeper sense of the significance of its great Sacrifice. Christ gave His precious life and all the riches and glories of heaven to save sinners. He asks us to give the service of our lives to Him; and He deposits His money with us, and grants us the privilege of checking it out, so that we may be coworkers with Him in the great work of salvation. He tells us to give just as He prospers us, and to give cheerfully—find real pleasure in so doing. How much is a man willing to give to prolong his own life for just a

little while in this poor world? Listen: "All that a man hath will he give for his life." Job 2:4. If we would be willing to give every cent we possess for a few more brief days in this world, how much are we willing to give to save ourselves and others to all eternity?

It takes all to buy the pearl of great price. But—blessed thought!—the poorest soul may secure it the same as the millionaire. Each must give his all, whatever that may be; and nothing short of this will ever secure it. But O, how many professed Seventh-day Adventists are trying to buy the pearl of great price on the instalment plan, at the same time making payments as small and as far apart as they see fit! And as a result, the mission treasury is robbed of that which belongs to it, and lives are going out in darkness that might have been saved, while we hear the echo, "Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry." Luke 12: 19.

We have been told that not one in twenty of those who profess to know the truth for this time, will ever see the inside of the New Jerusalem. This is a startling statement; but unless we repent as did Nineveh of old, it will surely come to pass. Christ places His children on an equality. He treats them all just alike. Did you ever pause to consider how it was that the poor widow who cast but two mites into the Lord's treasury, cast in more than did all the rich Pharisees that day in the temple? She cast in her all, while they selfishly withheld all, making only a pretense of real giving, by placing in God's treasury that which involved no sacrifice. Abel gave his all, as have a long list of martyrs from that day to this, who have fallen asleep in Jesus with a clear title to the eternal inheritance.

Many who acknowledge their obligation to pay tithes, seem to get the impression that all or nearly all of the nine tenths belongs to them. But the Bible nowhere says so. It does say the one tenth belongs to God, and it also says, "Ye have robbed Me . . . in offerings." Then we rob God when we appropriate to ourselves the nine tenths.

How do you feel when you hire a man, and he gets more out of the job than you do? In the days of grist-mills it was customary for the miller to take toll from the grist to pay for the grinding. I knew of one miller of whom it

was said that he would keep all the grist, and then fight the owner for the sacks. Many Seventh-day Adventists have been just about as greedy as that miller. They have kept nearly all the nine tenths, and then begrudged the tithe. We have no more right to keep the tithe than the miller had to keep the sacks. One is just as dishonest as the other. And we have no more right to keep all the nine tenths than the miller had to keep all the grist. Only the toll for our labor rightfully belongs to us, and the toll will supply all our needs. There is a vast difference between our needs and our wants. God allows us enough to supply our needs, and the rest all belongs to Him. Many go through life in slavery to their wants, but never find them satisfied.

There are sisters among us who seem to dislike to appear in the same dress at church service for two consecutive Sabbaths. Do you have such a sister in your church? If so, is she a regular attendant at the prayer-meeting? And does her life day by day impress others that she has dedicated everything to the carrying of the gospel to all the world in this generation? It is the privilege of every one to wear the beautiful robe of Christ's righteousness; and when one is thus attired, the joy of heart is not marred by wearing the same dress several times in succession. Somehow the desire to appear conspicuously dressed disappears the moment one becomes clothed with the righteousness of Christ.

Then there are those who seem more anxious to help the millinery cause than they are to help the missionary cause. The Seventh-day Adventist who pays ten dollars for a hat is likely to pay ten cents to missions. Study the hat problem. It is well worthy of a Christian solution, and it will work out. Adventists should be the neatest people on earth, but neatness and simplicity are no kin to extravagance.

O, how much money which should flow into the mission treasury, is expended on the fads and follies of fashion!

"Ye have robbed Me . . . in . . . offerings." If we who are older wish our children and young people to cultivate the habit of being strictly honest with God and man, let us see to it that we do not set before them the example of dishonesty. Let us take a degree in

the science of honesty in the school of Christ, and thus eliminate from our lives every wrong use of money.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God," a giver that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the pocket-book. Did you ever stop to think that we divide the word of truth to others, just as we divide the pocketbook with God? The degree of temperature indicated by one's missionary thermometer is identical with the degree of temperature indicated by one's spiritual thermometer. Look at the missionary thermometer of any church, and at once you know the degree of their spirituality. "Blessed are they that do."

Says one, "I get so tired of this giving, giving, all the time." Do you ever tire of receiving from God? Remember, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." "Thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore unto thy fathers, as it is this day. And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the Lord thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish; . . . because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the Lord your God." Deut. 8:18-20. The inhabitants of Meroz received the bitter curse of God because they did not help when help was needed. Help is needed just now to finish the gospel work in the earth. The last call for help is extended to us. How are we responding?

Says another, "I do not see what right the General Conference has to tell me to give a certain sum every week." The conference does not prohibit our giving more if we want to give more. But what right have we to elect persons to fill the offices of the General Conference, and then tie their hands so they can not do the work for which they were elected? We place them where they are in constant hearing of urgent Macedonian calls, "Come over and help us"; and O, how often the sad message has been wafted across the sea, "We can not help you now"! Who are responsible for the blood of souls thus going down in eternal darkness?

Ten dollars and forty cents a year for God, and paid in instalments of twenty cents a week! And yet many who are amply able, are not paying even

that much. Who ever heard of a man paying a ten-dollar debt in pittances of twenty cents a week? Yet this would be honorable compared with not paying it at all.

The idea that people who are able to work are too poor to give, is one of Satan's masterpieces. It is one of the most successful ways he has of cheating many out of the eternal inheritance. Only the liberal soul will be saved. And God wants to save the poor as well as the rich. "Ye have the poor always with you." Yes, all honor to the worthy poor. Jesus and His parents were of this class, of which there have been noble representatives all down through the ages. But in this last century of our world's history, there is a paraphrase of that text which is strikingly true: "Ye have the lazy always with you." Did you ever read in the Bible of a certain lazy man whose heart was so filled with the love of God that he cast all his living into the temple treasury? —No, you never saw a Bible record like that, for no such thing ever happened. I one time heard a man declare that he wished he were a rock, so that he might have nothing to do but rest for a thousand years. Do you know there are hopelessly lazy people who are going to have the privilege of resting a thousand years? But sad will be their experience at the end of that time.

That healthy, robust, conspicuously lazy individual who consoles himself that he can not give because he has nothing to give, would do well to remember that God holds us accountable for burying our talents in the earth. He holds us accountable for the help we might be to the cause of missions. "O, but I can not get work," says this individual. Let me ask you, Do you work your best when you have a job? Does the same employer ever hire you a second time? Are you willing to go out in the hot sun, and work as a Christian ought to work, knowing that the reputation of God's cause is at stake? People judge a cause by the lives of its representatives with whom they are acquainted. If one professes to believe that Christ is coming in this generation, but leads a listless, indolent life, surely his example and influence are not such as to impress others to prepare for that solemn event.

Honest labor is a great blessing to humanity. The curse was placed upon the

earth for the good of man, after he had sinned. "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread." But there are those who would rather sit in the shade and eat cake that other hands had toiled for, than exercise their own frames sufficiently to get up a good perspiration and keep healthy. There is no such thing as a wilfully lazy Christian. It is just as much the duty of the lazy individual to overcome his laziness, it is just as much the duty of the extravagant individual to overcome his extravagance, as it is for the quick-tempered individual to overcome his besetting sin. The King's business requires haste. It requires energy.

I remember a brother in a church in my childhood days, who used to get up in testimony meeting and say, "I am trying to serve the Lord in my own weak way"; and I think he told the truth. And I believe there are many of our membership to-day who could truthfully say, "I am trying to give to the Lord in my own weak way"; and it is so weak that the mercury in their spiritual thermometer shows no perceptible change from one year to another. It is somewhat consoling to think how much *per capita* our denomination gives to missions. But the thought for me individually is, Am I doing my duty in making up the denominational record? If every one would give as God has prospered him, we can scarcely imagine what the sum total would be.

I wonder how many of us have contracted the mania for collecting souvenirs, and how many of us have in our possession treasures hidden away which are doing nobody any good, but which might become a blessing to humanity? It is a poor time now to be making useless collections of souvenirs which cost sums of money that might be used in warning the world of its impending doom. It is a poor investment to heap "treasure together for the last days."

A mother, not long before her death, gave to her daughter, on the occasion of her birthday, two coins. And O, how precious these became after that sainted mother had fallen asleep in Jesus! The daughter thought of exchanging them for something she might treasure as her mother's gift, but some way she never found anything for which she cared to part with them. Finally, after years had gone by, and the time was approaching for another

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Agent	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Value	Delivered	
Central California							
A. R. Barnes	P. G.	27	13	\$1.75	\$49.25		
Isaac Schneider	P. G.	31	3	1.50	15.00		
A. R. Morris	P. G.			1.50			
J. V. Pierson	S. D.				21.50		
F. O. Jensen	P. G.		2	.75	7.25		
I. Hansen	D. & R.	27	6	4.75	24.75	\$8.00	
Mrs. M. E. Miller	H. W.				6.50		
Mrs. B. Patrick	H. W.				18.95		
J. D. Thompson	H. W.				9.85		
Mrs. Rudy	H. W.				10.80		
Mrs. J. Myers	H. W.				3.50		
Mildred Boynton	H. W.				1.25		
Lela Daughters	H. W.				25.00		
13 Agents					\$10.25	\$193.60	\$8.00
Southern California							
W. O. James	H. & H.	19	16		\$40.00		
L. H. Johnson	B. F.	35	17		17.00		
H. E. Farmer	B. R.	32	13	\$15.75	60.75		
William Keele	B. S.	29	48		35.75		
Mrs. O. G. Verkouteran	H. W.		11		8.85		
H. A. Williams	H. W.	22	9		6.75		
Mrs. M. Degroot	H. W.	12	13		8.00		
Mrs. Sebe Ellyson	H. W.		28		20.00		
Miscellaneous					9.25		
					\$15.75	\$206.35	

annual Christmas offering, she decided what to do with her precious birthday gift, that it might be hers not only through time, but to all eternity. She looked at the coins for the last time, and tenderly placed them in the mission treasury, and in God's keeping to-day they are fulfilling a mission of love somewhere in the wide harvest-field.

A youthful Sabbath-school secretary died suddenly upon the very threshold of young manhood. His grief-stricken mother took the precious coins found in the pockets of his clothing, and, instead of treasuring them as keepsakes, placed them in the Sabbath-school offering, thus committing them to the blessed work of carrying the gospel to all the world in this generation. How much better it is to deposit our treasures in the bank of heaven, "where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal"! Let us bring them from their hiding-places, and deposit them where they will yield compound interest.

A summer vacation should not mean a vacation from missionary offerings. Have a definite sum to give for every Sabbath in the year, and never vary from this, except to increase it.

Says one, "I can not make a living and keep the Sabbath." Did you ever

know any one who starved to death on that account? If so, don't you think he would have starved if he had not pretended to keep any day? If we really serve God, every promise of the Bible is on our side; and God wants us to lay hold upon them, and take Him at His word. A Sabbath-keeper recently secured a job where another man failed who wished to rest on Sunday, although both were strangers to the overseer.

But if we really serve God, we shall have no time for anything else. We shall have no money for anything else. The question will not be, How much ought I to give? but, How much ought I to keep? Dress parade will not appeal to us. Our memorandum of expenses will include only our needs. But our bank-account in heaven will increase until our work for others is finished, and our title to a mansion in the holy city is secure. Who will finally enter the New Jerusalem?—Only those who own property there. When the pearly gates shall open, and the heavenly property holders of all ages shall enter in, there will be no question but that he who has given his all will find an abundant entrance. Secure your abstract of title now.

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As reported last week, Elder M. C. Wilcox, of Mountain View, spent a large portion of the week of prayer with the Lodi church. Elder C. E. Ford was associated with him, and they report that a deep interest was taken by both the students in the school and the members in the church in drawing nearer to the Lord and consecrating themselves for further service.

About thirty-five teachers from the California and the Northern California Conference gathered in a midwinter institute at Pacific Union College from Friday to Wednesday, December 19 to 24. The two superintendents, Brother G. F. Wolfkill and Mrs. Alice Mina Mann, were present, directing in the institute work, assisted by the college faculty, and especially the faculty of the normal department. Lectures were held each evening, by various college professors.

A splendid work was accomplished at the Pacific Union College during the week of prayer. Almost if not quite every student in the school who had not before given his heart to the Lord, did so at this time, and all were revived. Elder Andross stated that he never saw the Lord work more manifestly for the students than He did during this past week. Quite a number will be baptized at the close of the Christmas vacation. Elders E. E. Andross and E. J. Hibbard conducted the services during the week.

"Let the church-members awake. Let every member take up his individual work, and vindicate the name of the Lord by which he is called."

"Gifts That Gladden"

The shepherds said, "Let us now go . . . and see this thing which is come to pass." They had no doubts about it. Their sublime faith had eliminated all if's. Above the gold, frankincense, and myrrh which lay at the Child's feet, was the faith that knew He was the Promised One. This was the most worthy gift—the gift of faith; and, thank God, there are none so poor that they can not bring the gift of faith to the feet of Jesus at this and every other season of the year. Faith like the shepherds' would fill not only our own lives with gifts, but the lives of those we touch. Who could measure the influence of a life that takes God's words as did those shepherds?

"And thou Bethlehem." In these three words comes another gift of priceless value to our workers in Christ—the gift of encouragement. "Behind these words, 'And thou Bethlehem,' we read these facts: It is not the size of the place, but what is done in the place, that makes it glorious. It is not the work you do, but the spirit in which you do it, that makes it beautiful and lasting."

Then take heart, dear worker. Do you want a beautiful Christmas gift? Accept this gift of encouragement from the little town of Bethlehem. Work done for God is not done in vain, whether that work be a mere dot in some foreign empire, or in the great city, or whether it be in some secluded country village. Let us honor Christ at this season by giving gifts in His name. Time thus spent, gifts thus given, will make for the coming of the kingdom for which you are laboring.

Ernest Lloyd.

Have You Done Your Part?

Now that our week of prayer will be in the past by the time this article is read by our brethren and sisters, and the annual offering will have been taken, I sincerely hope that the interest in the mission work will not decrease. I fear that unless we all together continue to lift to the utmost of our ability in a financial way, we shall come behind in our twenty-cent-a-week fund for 1913. Just as far as possible, further effort should be made with the Harvest Ingathering number of the *Review*. Also everything possible should be done to induce our churches to make

up whatever may be lacking in their quota of the twenty-cent-a-week fund, by a large offering the last Sabbath of this year.

I feel that we must not come behind in our part of this fund. The other conferences all over this country are making a special effort to make up their deficits, and surely our brethren and sisters in this union conference will not want to be behind any of the other conferences. Let every one, therefore, rally to this final effort to raise our quota.

If as a church you have done your part, then will you not take hold and help others who may be less fortunate than yourselves, or who may not have felt the necessity of such earnest effort as you have put forth? If they are weak, it is our privilege to help the weak. Let every one lift; and if this is done unitedly, we shall not come behind in this splendid work.

Let all funds be sent in to the conference treasurer promptly following the close of Sabbath, December 27.

E. E. Andross.

Concerning the work in Eagleville, where Elder Holbrook and Brother M. J. King are laboring, Elder Holbrook writes: "The valley is covered with snow, and it is really winter here. The work is onward. We have from five to ten persons come to our home every night for Bible study."

As a result of the Harvest Ingathering work carried on in Modoc County by Elder W. S. Holbrook, we have received a check for \$40, and he is expecting that more will follow.

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J. J. Ireland,
Secretary.