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

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## News from Africa

The following is a letter just received from Brother E. C. Silsbee, who went from southern California nearly four years ago. He and his wife have done faithful service in Africa. He mentions others in his letter who are from this field, and who are also rendering efficient service there. California has contributed a large number of missionaries to the various mission fields of the world, as well as furnishing many laborers for the home land.

When the harvest is ended, and the sheaves are gathered home, we shall reap the reward for all the sacrifice that has been necessary to make this excellent record possible. However, the work is not yet finished, the sacrifices have not yet all been made. Still other laborers must be sent on into the fast whitening harvest-fields.

Our splendid schools have done much to make this record possible. There are to-day many young men and women in our schools who are preparing for service in any part of the world-field where they may be most needed.

The highest ambition of every parent who is preparing to meet the Lord as He comes in glory, should be to see his or her child occupying some place in the great work of the third angel's message. We read of fathers and mothers cheerfully sacrificing their sons on the altar of their country, and this is counted a noble thing to do; but how much more noble to give your children to God for the saving of the lost!

Let every parent whose son or daughter is of school age, but is not in one of our schools, remember that the schools of the world are not designed to train laborers for God, neither can

they do it. Your child, if it is at all possible (and "all things are possible to him that believeth"), should be placed in one of our schools. Begin at once to prepare to place it in the church school or academy nearest you; or if it should be in the college, place it there.

do our part by placing our children where God would have them, He will not fail to do His part; and, wearing crowns radiant with stars, we shall, with our children, sit down in the kingdom of God when the sheaves are all gathered home. E. E. Andross.



KOLO MISSION FAMILY

*Brother and Sister E. C. Silsbee and baby in the center*

We are doing our best to make our schools what God intended they should be; and He is certainly sanctioning the efforts we are making along this line, by sending His blessed Spirit in large measure to our schools. Large numbers of our students were converted during the week of prayer, and many who were in a backslidden state renewed their consecration to God. If we

## South Africa

Mrs. Silsbee and I have been in Africa a little more than three years. The first year found us at the Barotseland Mission, in northern Rhodesia, not far from the equator. The African fever (malaria) also found us there, and then I was found in the hospital with malarial coma.

The next year found us in charge of the Cape Colony Conference treatment rooms at Kimberley, the diamond market of the world. The Lord blessed our work here as usual, and the next year (1912) found us in charge of the Basutoland mission field, where we have remained till the present time.

Brother and Sister H. C. Olmstead are also laboring among the Basuto people, having charge of our mission in North Basutoland, and Brother and Sister J. R. Campbell are caring for the Zulu Mission until Brother Armitage returns from the General Conference and furlough there in America.

Perhaps you would like a pen picture of Kolo Mission. It is situated up on the side of Kolo Mountain, 5,200 feet above sea-level, and facing the west. On all four sides and within a few steps from the mission grounds are native villages, the huts being made of stone and mud and thatched with grass. A few of them are supposed to be square, but usually they are round, and from ten to fourteen feet in diameter. To the back of the mission, the mountain rises abruptly about 1,000 feet above us.

As I look out the window, I see the little church and schoolhouse at the lower end of the mission grounds, and Chief Mohale's village beyond. The church is built of sun-dried brick, and thatched with grass, plastered within and without with mud, and having sundried brick seats and rostrum, which are also plastered over with mud.

There have been missions in this field for just fifty years now, and it seems that the people care but little for the gospel as it is usually taught by the average missionary; but when they are really converted—that is, when the truth gets hold of them—it is wonderful the change which takes place in their lives.

How glad we would be to have at least ten young people, with means to support them, come and be planted in Basutoland to learn the language and help give the message to this nation! We have hardly touched this great work with the tips of our fingers as yet, comparing what we have done with what is yet to be done before the Lord can come. Please pray and solicit prayers for the work in Basutoland.

E. C. Silsbee.

November 22, 1913.

## The Field

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

#### Garden Grove Church Institute

The first meetings of a series of five church institutes, which were announced two weeks ago for southern California, were successful. These were held at Garden Grove, joined by neighboring churches. Elder Burg occupied the Sabbath morning hour, his subject being "The Church." He commenced with the calling out of the church, the reformation which it implied, the calling out of special people, the care of God over His church, the sacred nature of the work committed to members of His church, coming on down to the calling out of the peculiar people who are recognized as keeping the commandments of God and having the faith of Jesus. He dwelt at length on the special messages for this time, and the responsibility which rests on the Seventh-day Adventist church in these last days. He spoke of the special light which had been given this people, of the way in which they had been led, of the special providences which have attended the founding and growth of the various departments of our work, including the Sabbath question, the tithing system, health reform, our publishing work, our educational work, our medical work, our home and foreign mission work, and all lines of evangelical effort.

In speaking of our organization, Elder Burg dwelt at length on the relation which each member of the body bears to the head, which is Christ. He outlined the ways in which special light had been given to this people, and new plans formulated. He spoke of the influences which had from time to time entered into our work which apparently had a tendency to interfere with its development and progress. All of these things were to be expected, but in the providence of God the work had increased in scope and in power in a way that is truly marvelous to all.

The subject was of such importance, and so many points needed attention, that the morning hour was not sufficient. Accordingly, after Professor Colcord had taken the first session of

the afternoon meeting "With Our Volunteers," Elder Burg was given another hour in which to continue his study. We have no hesitancy in saying that all those present were sorry when the time came for this meeting to close.

In his part of the afternoon service, Professor Colcord outlined the work and prospects before our volunteers. He told of the plans of the General Conference, and what was expected of southern California during the present year.

In the Saturday evening meeting, Elder Burg led out with stirring words of encouragement, telling of the work which had been accomplished in the year just closed, and urging each member to do his or her part in the work which yet remains to be done.

Brother Lloyd, the missionary secretary, and the writer presented a number of reports and plans for work in 1914. Brother Lloyd particularly emphasized four principles of success in church missionary work—enthusiasm, leadership, individual responsibility, simple plans for continuous work.

From the tract society standpoint, the sale of magazines and small books was presented, and a most encouraging showing was made.

Over a hundred church officers and other interested members attended the Sunday services. Elder Burg led out in a question box, which required answers to scores of questions relating to the duty of church officers, the questions which naturally arise in church affairs, and many other points of vital interest to all concerned. The matter of church elections was dealt with in all its phases.

The selection and the work of a nominating committee were outlined in detail. It was suggested that after the report of the nominating committee has been presented, a week elapse before the election, in which any or all objections or changes should be made, it being considered advisable to confine any possible question or objection to the fewest members possible. Then, instead of calling for a negative vote on the Sabbath when the election is held, the request is made that all who are in favor of receiving the report of the committee declaring the officers elected, all who are willing to pledge them their support, their hearty cooperation, and their continued prayers, in-

dicating this by rising. This, in a way, would be on a par with the extending of the hand of welcome to new members.

The questions of receiving members into the church, their eligibility for membership, the way in which investigation, if any, should be made, and the proper method of extending the hand of fellowship, were outlined. The matter of baptism was given full consideration—the preparation of the candidate, the preparation of the baptismal fount, and all matters pertaining to the ordinance. The matters of tithing in its details, the necessity that tithes be forwarded through regular channels, and the responsibility of conference officers after the tithe has been paid into the Lord's treasury, were explained.

The matter of keeping all church membership and financial records in a decent, orderly manner was given due consideration. The tests of fellowship were spoken of and the matter of settling differences between members, also the disfellowshipping of members. The relation of ordained ministers and other visiting brethren to the churches was explained.

The question as to whether or not the church should take up the present prohibition campaign in California was answered strongly in the affirmative. The propriety of allowing individuals or institutions to solicit money or supplies in the various churches was considered, and our relation as churches and conferences to private or semi-private institutions was explained.

The question as to whether or not it is proper for Seventh-day Adventists to indulge in card-playing, moving picture shows, popular amusements, and similar entertainments, may well be answered by the text: "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." The question of reverence in the house of God and proper decorum during our meetings is another which can be answered in the same way. The duties of various officers were outlined, and many questions answered regarding ways and means for conducting church business. New plans for the future were submitted by the president of the conference and the secretaries present.

All together, the two days' institute was a season of refreshing and spiritual uplift for all concerned. The ques-

tions answered and the instruction given were certainly appreciated by all present. We look forward to the remaining institutes to be held in this conference with the fullest confidence that they will result in the proper education of officers and members, to the glorification of God and the advancement of His cause in the earth.

Clyde Lowry.

### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA Conference Directory

As we often receive inquiry as to where different ones of our workers are located, we wish to take this opportunity of informing our friends.

#### Ministers

C. L. Taggart, 347 E. Lodi Ave, Lodi, Cal.  
C. M. Gardner, Route 2, Modesto, Cal.  
A. J. Osborne, 2131 P St., Sacramento, Cal.  
F. DeWitt Gautereau, Gen. Del., Stockton, Cal.  
Fred Brink, Chico, Cal.  
Henry Shultz, 401 E. Oak St., Lodi, Cal.  
D. T. Fero, Route 4, Box 7 B, Lodi, Cal.  
Valentine Leer, Lodi, Cal.  
M. C. Israel, Oakdale, Cal.  
C. E. Ford, Galt, Cal.

#### Bible Workers

Alice Brayshaw, 828 E. Webber Ave., Stockton, Cal.  
Mrs. Ella H. Osborne, 2131 P St., Sacramento, Cal.  
J. Archie Wiley, 2210 O St., Sacramento, Cal.

#### Departmental Secretaries

Verah MacPherson, Treasurer, 341 E. Lodi Ave., Lodi, Cal.  
J. W. Rich, Missionary Secretary, 341 E. Lodi Ave., Lodi, Cal.  
Mrs. Mina Mann, Young People's Secretary, 341 E. Lodi Ave., Lodi, Cal.  
Mrs. Lila Taggart, Sabbath-School Secretary, 347 E. Lodi Ave., Lodi, Cal.  
Warner Powers, Tract Society Secretary, 341 E. Lodi Ave., Lodi, Cal.  
Bertha Wadsworth, Stenographer, 341 E. Lodi Ave., Lodi, Cal.

#### Lodi Normal Faculty

J. A. L. Derby, Lodi Normal, Lodi, Cal.  
N. W. Kauble, Lodi Normal, Lodi, Cal.  
E. E. Gardner, Lodi Normal, Lodi, Cal.  
Mrs. E. E. Gardner, Lodi Normal, Lodi, Cal.  
W. B. Taylor, Lodi Normal, Lodi, Cal.  
Mrs. W. B. Taylor, Lodi Normal, Lodi, Cal.  
Mrs. Ethel Baird, Lodi Normal, Lodi, Cal.  
W. C. Baldwin, Lodi Normal, Lodi, Cal.  
Fred Oakes, Lodi Normal, Lodi, Cal.  
L. E. Westermeyer, Lodi Normal, Lodi, Cal.

Elmer Church, Lodi Normal, Lodi, Cal.  
Ira Abbott, Lodi Normal, Lodi, Cal.

#### Church School Teachers

Mrs. May Hanley, Lodi Normal, Lodi, Cal.  
Mrs. Mabel Alsberge, Lodi Normal, Lodi, Cal.  
Stella Voris, Lodi Normal, Lodi, Cal.  
Guy Mann, Box 931, Modesto, Cal.  
Ruth Benton, 231 Poplar St., Modesto, Cal.  
Edith Johnson, Route 4, Modesto, Cal., care L. O. Johnson.  
Anna Barker, Route 4, Modesto, Cal., care L. O. Johnson.  
Mary E. Kinneburgh, Turlock, Cal.  
Reña Curtis, Hughson, Cal.  
Grace Jones, Esmeralda, Cal.  
Bessie Yager, 2301 K St., Sacramento, Cal.  
Goldie Fisher, Box 25, Camino, Cal.  
Ralph Chapman, Woodland, Cal.  
Chloe Buchanan, Route 1, Box 117, Chico, Cal.  
Mildred Bowman, Corning, Cal.  
Ola Buckridge, Route 3, Box 30, Lodi, Cal.

Eleven young people were baptized at the joint meeting of the Salida and Modesto churches, Sabbath, January 10.

We hope that every Missionary Volunteer in the conference will keep in mind the goal for 1914, and especially remember the great amount of good that can be accomplished if each will be faithful in paying his \$2.50. This is a small amount from individuals, but will amount to \$25,000 for the North American Division, if all are faithful.

We are glad for the good word that comes from the different churches expressing their desire to make the general meetings a success. We have a right to look forward to these spiritual occasions as times when we may receive great blessings. The workers who will have charge of these services are making great preparation for these appointments. As stated before, the Sabbath-school, young people's, and missionary work, together with church organization, etc., will be given careful consideration.

A short time ago the national W. C. T. U. compiled fifty questions on Old Testament history, offering prizes for the best answers. In addition to this, the state organization offered prizes for the best answers. We are glad to tell you that Miss Edith Johnson won the first prizes for both national and state, and Miss Anna Barker won the second

prizes for both national and state. A third prize was offered by the state, which was won by Miss Anna Johnson. These young ladies have all attended the Lodi Normal Institute. Misses Edith Johnson and Anna Barker are now teaching church school at Salida.

Thursday and Friday of last week the agricultural men from the University of California held an agricultural institute in the Lodi Normal chapel. Subjects of vital interest to the children of our schools and to farmers of the community were discussed, and quite an interest was maintained by those in attendance. Thursday evening a stereopticon lecture was given in the chapel by Professor Kern. In this was emphasized the importance of teaching the children, even in the primary grades, a knowledge of the science of agriculture, in creating a country life spirit, and the good that can be derived from the farm. We are sure this institute will be followed by much good to those who attended. Office.

## CALIFORNIA

### Japanese Treatment Rooms — Oakland

"Ofu Eisein," lettered in Japanese characters, appears before a cottage at 597 20th Street, Oakland. "Ofu Eisein" means Oakland Treatment Rooms or Sanitarium. For some time, Sister E. Swift, who is in charge of our English-Japanese school, has urged the establishment of such a work. This work has now taken form. Small though it is, it means the beginning of a work which we trust may result in bringing the threefold message to many Japanese.

An association has been formed, made up largely of Japanese, which becomes responsible for the work. The constitution provides for a work to be conducted for the sole purpose of caring for sick Japanese, to the end that opportunities may be had for teaching the message. Management is placed with a committee of five, all of whom shall be Seventh-day Adventists in good standing. This committee has been appointed and organized as follows: Y. Watanabe, chairman; H. Koneko, secretary; K. Nozaki, treasurer; other members, E. E. Parlin and B. E. Beddoe.

All—Japanese or other nationality—

## California Conference S. D. A.

### Tithes and Offerings from Churches—Comparative Statement of 1912-1913

Church	Tithes		Offerings	
	1912	1913	1912	1913
Alameda	\$ 1,181.34	\$ 1,391.01	\$ 546.45	\$ 806.27
Arcata	375.12	316.82	83.05	205.97
Berkeley	1,873.39	2,274.14	1,298.93	1,948.54
Byron	.....	362.75	.....	508.77
Calistoga	339.82	330.49	144.30	161.98
Daly City	556.75	755.34	192.67	315.44
Eureka	856.80	990.90	459.91	582.40
Ferndale	216.95	133.65	59.55	74.99
Fort Bragg	.....	106.77	.....	10.35
Fortuna	707.45	399.52	236.39	157.26
Guerneville	178.15	151.32	47.04	44.03
Hayward	172.75	223.69	177.56	284.95
Healdsburg	1,342.21	1,658.40	791.53	907.93
Kelseyville	128.92	89.30	49.63	69.23
Los Gatos	378.16	317.56	151.33	157.33
McKinleyville	122.10	80.85	35.74	72.48
Melrose	2,397.01	2,136.80	823.61	758.71
Morgan Hill	598.44	613.34	216.05	308.60
Mountain View	6,722.85	7,044.95	2,692.21	2,619.23
Napa	886.54	1,289.76	331.23	338.49
Oakland	4,899.02	6,021.09	1,792.78	2,753.90
Pacific College	2,030.14	2,223.13	1,983.38	893.06
Park, S. F.	444.83	624.69	230.38	425.36
Pepperwood	150.60	95.78	105.36	25.64
Petaluma	407.25	471.55	118.36	142.57
Richmond	404.76	725.32	151.83	263.60
St. Helena	1,887.23	1,846.07	577.38	494.06
San Francisco	3,700.77	5,619.92	1,017.34	1,410.65
Sanitarium	7,664.83	7,127.07	1,985.83	2,409.81
San Jose	2,554.94	1,869.95	304.82	552.78
Santa Cruz	596.92	465.53	199.73	229.34
Santa Rosa	576.22	755.19	283.38	487.40
Sebastopol	626.02	501.56	228.51	307.11
Sonoma	1,306.05	637.43	396.97	374.71
Soquel	100.87	111.95	56.60	59.54
Smith River	19.10	6.30	3.40	2.65
Ukiah	368.78	501.63	328.04	278.75
Vallejo	95.53	148.95	42.08	66.86
Watsonville	184.78	177.33	186.24	58.76
Personal	1,423.59	1,955.23	1,330.93	1,319.62
Totals	\$48,476.98	\$52,553.03	\$19,660.52	\$22,889.12

Offerings shown above for 1913 are made up of the following named funds received from the churches:

	1912	1913
Annual offerings	\$ 2,534.86	\$ 1,987.52
Blind work	21.80	8.60
Bombay treatment rooms	.....	576.26
"Christ's Object Lessons"	2.25	.....
Church school equipment	80.64	60.01
India book fund	103.00	.....
Ingathering	1,662.24	2,191.25
Loma Linda hospital fund	.....	704.06
Midsummer	810.76	704.44
Miscellaneous, foreign	628.45	557.14
Miscellaneous, home	506.99	65.32
Missions	1,654.09	2,819.47
Orphans and aged	42.98	8.50
New college building	.....	1,987.04
Religious liberty	307.28	111.69
Sabbath-school donations	5,402.87	8,737.66
School debt	2,824.69	377.63
Sanitarium birthday offerings	.....	50.89
Southern work	289.13	112.60
Sustentation	27.50	32.50
Swedish school	5.00	.....
\$300,000 fund	1,530.25	104.00
Thirteenth Sabbath offerings	1,225.74	1,692.54
Totals	\$19,660.52	\$22,889.12

Claude Conard, Treasurer.

in harmony with the constitution and who pay into the treasury one dollar or more per month, may be members of the association. In this way, means is being provided to assist in starting the work, also to provide for additional facilities as they may be needed, and for extending the work among the Japanese.

Surely the Lord would have us do a larger work for the people from Japan. We have a responsibility to those who have come to make this their home. However, many of them come to this country simply because they seek learning in the Western Hemisphere. No knowledge is worth so much as the truth we know. The Lord bids us give it. Why should not many of our American brethren assist by becoming members of the association and making a monthly payment? Others will prefer to send help without becoming members. Address one of the officers.

B. E. Beddoe.

NEVADA MISSION

Young People's Society of Reno

Another year has passed into eternity, and we pause, as it were, for a moment. We thank our heavenly Father for His many blessings to us during the past year.

While these lines may not show actual advancement in the way that I should like to report, yet the preparatory work must be done, and it often proves a tedious trial, when we want to get to the actual soul-winning work. It is with a thankful heart that I announce that the Young People's Society of Reno are doing something for their Master.

They are at the present time sending the *Signs* to the Nevada state penitentiary, the Indian school of Carson City, and county hospital and library reading-room in Reno, Nevada; also to a friend in Bladen, Nebraska. They are sending the *Youth's Instructor* to the orphan's home and Indian school of Carson City, Nevada, Young Men's Christian Association, Reno library reading-room, and county hospital. They are also giving away tracts and papers. In addition to this they are furnishing the electric light for an aged sister. It is our aim to make much greater progress this coming year.

We hold our meetings, as much as possible, in the homes of those for whom it is inconvenient to go to church,

and those that are interested and have a desire to hear about their Creator. We are studying Sister McKibbin's Bible lessons on the Acts of the Apostles.

We are taking a club of ten *Signs* for missionary work. Most assuredly the Lord will direct the printed page bearing this last message of mercy to the world. May the young people awaken to their responsibilities and privileges, realizing that they have been chosen of God, and are required to sound the most solemn notes of warning that have ever gone to this sin-cursed earth!

We ask an interest in the prayers of all who may chance to read this report, for the continual blessings of God on our meetings. When the harvest is all gathered, when the last report of labor has been handed in by the angel, may it be seen that our efforts were accepted by the great Judge of the world, and may we hear the words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

We would like good, clean copies of the *Signs*, *Instructor*, and *Little Friend* to use in our missionary work. These may be sent to the secretary.

D. G. Harden.

527 Ralston St., Reno, Nevada.



Missionary Work

Just a Word Helps

A young girl passing an aged aunt one day laid her hand gently on the white head, and said, "How pretty your hair is, Aunt Mary!"

The simple words brought a quick flush of pleasure to the wrinkled face, and there was a joyous quiver in the brief acknowledgment of the spontaneous courtesy.

A young man once said to his mother: "You ought to have seen Aunt Esther to-day when I remarked, 'What a pretty dress you have on, and how nice you look in it!' She almost cried, she was so pleased. I hadn't thought that such a little thing would please her so."

"I never expect to eat any cookies as good as those you used to make, mother," said a bearded man one day, and he was shocked when he saw her evident delight in his words; for he

remembered that he had not thought to speak before for years of any of the thousand comforts with which her skill and love had filled his boyhood.—*The Young Evangelist.*

Comparative Statement

Of the work done by the Missionary Volunteer societies of the Utah Conference during the years 1912 and 1913 respectively.

	1912	1913
Number of societies .....	2	3
Membership .....	50	37
Letters written .....	18	330
Letters received .....	2	115
Missionary visits .....	106	4,031
Bible readings held .....	6	144
Sub. taken for periodicals .....	3	303
Papers sold .....	276	1,857
Papers mailed, lent, or given away .....	104	2,099
Books sold .....	1	950
Books lent or given away .....	4	195
Tracts sold .....	6	50
Tracts lent or given away .....	321	2,501
Hours Christian help work .....	3	652
Articles clothing given .....	18	118
Number of meals provided .....	3	54
Bouquets given away .....		13
Treatments given .....		7
Offerings for foreign miss. .....	\$2.57	\$77.87
Offerings for home miss. .....		57.45
Off. for local society work .....	14.75	32.27
Total Offerings .....	\$17.32	\$167.59

Utah truly is a difficult field to labor in. But we are all the more thankful that the Lord has made it possible for the young people to make such a marked advancement in the work as this report shows. The year 1913 is forever gone. We can never travel its paths again. But we have before us the year 1914 with its unwritten pages. What shall the record be? May the Lord strengthen us that we may be able to make our New Year's resolutions come true! And let us remember that "there is all the difference in the world between a luke-warm desire and a red-hot purpose."

W. A. Johnson.

Report of the Periodical Sales of the California Conference for Month Ending December 31, 1913

	Copies Value	
<i>Signs Magazine</i>		
Mrs. & Mrs. F. M. Callicotte	150	\$15.00
Florence Morser	140	14.00
W. A. Gonter	107	10.70
Oakland Miss. Society	60	6.00
J. R. Reed	50	5.00
Mrs. L. Hendricks	27	2.70
Mountain View M. V. Society	25	2.50
Mrs. E. M. Cook	25	2.50
Office sales	76	7.60

*Life and Health*

Mrs. S. Graves	500	50.00
M. M. Hust	100	10.00
F. M. Callicotte	100	10.00
Ruth Crane	35	3.50
Mrs. F. A. Coffin	25	2.50
Office sales	78	7.80

*Watchman*

Mrs. S. Graves	200	20.00
R. S. Fries	30	3.00
Ruth Crane	25	2.50
Office sales	24	2.40

*Life Boat*

M. M. Hust	200	20.00
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*Chinese Signs*

Ruth Crane	93	9.30
Misc. magazine sales	131	13.10

Total magazine sales	2,176	\$217.60
Misc. subscriptions	1,143	543.13

Grand totals 3,319 \$760.73

H. B. Thomas.

**"Beyond the Shadow"**

A choice collection of poems bearing the above title, by Pearl Waggoner. Helpful as an aid in visiting those who have tasted sorrow, etc. Price, cloth binding, post-paid, 78 cents. Address Dr. T. F. Thorp (agent for Pacific coast), San Juan Bautista, Cal.

# Book Work

**Letter from Mexico**

[The following letter was received at the Pacific Press by Brother James Cochran, who has kindly given us a copy for the benefit of the RECORDER family.]

The last two years we have not been able to do very much, for, as you know, this country has been in revolution. Nevertheless, we have not given up. The workers are still pegging away. Just be patient and watch Mexico come to the front again.

"La guerra," the war, seems to be the subject of conversation among the natives; but we love to talk about better things. It will take something stronger than wars and revolutions to take the book appetite away from the colporteur. How would you like to have cannonballs drop in your back yard for four days? That is what happened to the boys that were in Tampico. They did not run away, even if they did go aboard Admiral Fletcher's flag-ship for a few days, to avoid exposing their lives to

any danger. But they are right back in the field again. The cannons have stopped, and on goes our work. Truly, brethren, it is time to pray for the small band of workers in Mexico. I will send you the last report from the boys in Tampico:

	Hrs.	Subs.	Value	Del.
C. P. Martin	30	60	\$75.00	\$75.00
A. Carrasco	23	33	40.50	70.00
R. H. Ruiz	24	36	38.25	33.00

The book work is also making progress. Two of us are working the southern part of Mexico. Even in this part where war rumors are thick, the following work has been done:

Wrkrs.	Hrs.	Value	Del.
2	100	\$597	\$413

Mex. money

From Puerto, we went to a little town called Minatitlan, and while there three days, we sold \$173 worth of books. Success still keeps ahead of us. In Jaltipan, \$34 worth was taken in three hours' work. And still the good reports keep coming in. "The Lord hath done great things" for us. We reached Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas, and there found the people very much worried. The government had ordered that no more silver should circulate, and it had already caused much suffering. If you wanted any small change from the merchants, you had to purchase two or three pesos worth of goods. With silver scarce, God helped us to receive the following orders in this place. Our report for the eight days' work is:

Workers	Hours	Value
2	52	\$542

There is no such thing as defeat in this work. We have had enough to discourage a half dozen men, but thank God that all the noise thus far has kept on the outside.

The prominent men of the city, the government officials, helped, and so we had easy sailing. The business men were very enthusiastic. One of them heard about the book before I entered, and he did not let me say very much, but signed his name for the best binding. He then took the prospectus, and said to me, "Wait a minute." He returned and said, "I will take five in the best binding." Isn't that great? Why, you can just sit down and take it easy while the "Gentiles" sell your book!

I am rejoicing this 24th day of December. It is hard to be away from home, but, thank God, we can see this message going, even during troublesome times.

J. A. P. Green,

**REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 9, 1914**

Agent	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Value	Delivered
<b>Northern California</b>						
H. W. Barto	P. G.	31	13		\$52.50	
Mrs. F. V. Gooch	H. W.	2	3	\$1.50	1.50	
2 Agents		33	16	\$1.50	\$54.00	
<b>California</b>						
Mrs. A. M. Gonter	P. G.	7				\$44.00
James Boehne	Misc.	26	27		\$24.75	3.75
Miscellaneous		2	1		4.00	
		35			\$28.75	\$47.75
<b>Central California</b>						
P. E. Scoggins	P. G.		20	\$1.50	\$78.50	
A. C. McSwain	D. R.		7		24.00	
Iyer Hansen	D. R.		5	1.75	16.75	
A. R. Barnes	P. G.		3		12.50	
A. R. Morris	P. G.			2.50		\$9.75
Lela Daughters	H. W.				2.50	
6 Agents				\$5.75	\$134.25	\$9.75
<b>Southern California</b>						
H. E. Farmer	B. R.	23	9	\$ 2.20	\$31.20	
Chas. Millar	Heralds	44	10	.75	23.25	
C. E. Grey	P. P. F.	27	23	14.70	45.20	\$30.00
May Keele	B. S.		7		5.25	
4 Agents			49	\$17.65	\$104.90	\$30.00
<b>Arizona</b>						
G. H. Reese	P. P.	36	12	\$2.50	\$41.50	
Pedro Tarazon	C. K. Spanish	19	4	3.05	9.05	
Albert Entzminger	C. K. Spanish	26	18	6.20	33.20	
3 Agents		81	34	\$11.75	\$83.75	

**A Home Worker's Letter**

The following was received by the Southern California Tract Society from one of their home workers at Holtville. We hope it may inspire others to engage in similar efforts.

"I am sending in my report of the home workers' books. I would not take worlds for the experiences I have had while out with the books. I have spent many happy moments talking about the blessed word of God, and some I would meet and show verses of the Bible to would say, 'I have never seen that in the Bible before,' or, 'I never understood it that way.'

"I used to think I could never do anything like this, but if we start out with humble hearts and willing hands, we can always find something to do or say for our Master.

"On account of sickness, I will stop canvassing a while. I did not get to canvass for the holidays, but the Lord willing, I will take it up again before long. I do love to canvass. I have one lady reading 'Desire of Ages' just from selling her 'Steps to Christ.' O, I do ask an interest in your prayers that I may be a soul-winner for Jesus, that my life may speak for Him every day!"

**OBITUARIES**

**CALKINS.**—John S. Calkins, the husband of Sister Edna Calkins, was born in the state of New York, in 1836, and died at his residence in Los Angeles, California, December 17, 1913, aged 77 years. Mr. Calkins came to California in 1876, and soon after, entered upon the business of nurseryman, which he had followed in the East. Perhaps no man of this day exerted a larger influence toward the development of the state's resources, especially the olive and its propagation, than he.

About fifteen years ago he had to give up his business on account of nervous prostration, and for the last eight years he has been much of the time a great sufferer, but bore his sufferings with great patience. He was certainly a very noble character, and much beloved by all who knew him; and while our dear sister is left very lonely, yet she has the comforting thought of having been faithful to her afflicted companion, and having done what she could, and we all extend to her our sympathies.

The funeral discourse was preached by Elder F. M. Burg, assisted by the writer. J. W. Adams.

**HOLMES.**—Died at Hopland, November 11, 1913, Carolyn G. Holmes, of Oakland, California, mother of Paul Holmes, and sister of the late Ida Hawkins. She was a native of Sturgeon, Michigan, aged fifty-one years. Her death was the result of heart trouble, from which she had suffered for some time. Her faith in the Saviour and hope of eternal life were sure and steadfast to the end. Helen W. Martin.

**SCHREIBER.**—Aaron H. Schreiber died December 31, 1913, on account of an automobile accident, at the age of 25 years, 7 months, and 3 days. He was born in Kansas City, Missouri, May 28, 1888.

Although not a member of the church, he believed the truths held by us. His father and mother, his brothers Joseph, Isaac, and Lewis, and sisters, Mrs. J. A. Schlothauer and Lizzie, are left of the family to mourn his sad and sudden death.

His genial nature made him a friend of many of the young people of Fresno, as well as those of the church. He was laid to rest in the Mountain View Cemetery. Elder N. P. Neilsen assisted the writer in conducting the services.

J. H. Behrens.

**Miscellany**

**February "Signs Magazine"**

"The Outlook for 1914"—a careful study of conditions throughout the world, from a fulfilling prophecy standpoint. "World-Wide Gospel Opportunity"—open doors to all nations; the message in this generation. "Conditions in Our Cities"—one example; no exception; a type of many; what it means. "Short Paths to Wealth"—one hundred million in forty-nine years. "When Will Christ Come?"—When the gospel has been fully proclaimed in this generation; wonderful facts. "How We May Accept Christ"—the steps by which one becomes a Christian in the Biblical way. "Our Daily Poison Dose"—birth-rate decreasing; insanity increasing; large quantities of poison con-

sumed. "What Is the Sanctuary?"—The earthly temple a type of the heavenly. "Evolution That Does Not Evolve"—scientific evidence that a so-called factor of evolution fails; nature requires the Creator. "God's Eternal Purpose in Christ"—the contest for man's soul; how God will end the reign of sin. "Fraud or Familiar Spirits"—great scientists witnessing for Spiritualism; what they fail to discover regarding it. "World-Wide Apostasy from God"—a startling disregard of the word of the Lord; a dumb following after tradition and commandments of men. "Selected Fragments"—two pages of uplifting seed thoughts. "The Open Glory"—the marvelous nebula in Orion; the open space into regions more glorious.

Order of your tract society.

**A Big Bargain in a Country Home**

April 10 of last year I retired from the active ministry on account of ill health. I bought an unimproved farm of 30 acres near the town of Galt, Sacramento County, California. I had the choice of 4,000 acres. As my health has been entirely restored, I am very anxious to dispose of my properties at a very low figure, in order to get back into the work. We are willing to close out at just about what the actual cost has been. The place is divided into two parts, 10 and 20 acres. On the 10 is a good four-room house, well, wood-shed, chicken house, and run; on the 20 acres, a good four-room house, nearly modern, windmill, 3,000-gallon tank, barn and lot, chicken house and run, team of horses, harness, wagons (farm and spring), farming implements, electric motor pumping plant. As to further particulars regarding price and terms, address C. E. Ford, Galt, Sacramento County, Cal.

**Urgent!**

In order to dispose of my farm immediately, will in the next thirty days make a sacrifice sufficient to satisfy any one who wants it. Land, water, and climate are the best. Situated among the oaks. Three-quarters mile west of the center of Galt, and the same distance from a new Seventh-day Adventist church. See notice of sale in this paper. C. E. Ford.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 1914

A Morning Watch Calendar has been printed for you. You need it, and your tract society will mail it to you for five cents.

Sabbath, January 17, was "Parents' Day" in the Southern California Conference. A good program was arranged, and the five or six papers to be read were sent to the various churches.

At Reno, Nevada, in a fine hall that is in a good location, public meetings for the presentation of the Bible truths for the present day will be conducted, beginning January 18. Elder A. G. Christiansen is in charge, and he will be assisted by Brother C. S. Prout. Reno is the largest city in the state of Nevada, and we trust our brethren engaged in these meetings may be remembered at the throne of grace.

Elder W. S. Holbrook, in writing from Modoc County, says:

"We expect to move to Lake City next week. The weather is very disagreeable now, and we are not able to get out very much. The work is onward, however. We still have meetings Saturday and Sunday nights, and the other evenings of the week we have Bible studies in our home, with from eight to twelve persons present. There are several to be baptized as soon as the weather will permit."

Elder J. H. Behrens began regular public services in the Fresno church, Sunday evening, January 11. The following interesting topics are under discussion this week:

What is the greatest of all events confronting the world to-day?

The meaning of present-day conditions in the physical, political, and social world.

What of the present war preparations? Will they make for peace, or end in the battle of Armageddon?

Satan's vacation.

World empires. What government will eventually rule?

From Babylon on the Euphrates to Jerusalem on the river of life.

Court week in heaven.

The new 1914 Temperance *Instructor* is to bear date of February 3, but will be ready to mail January 30. Though other Temperance issues have been excellent, this new number will be superior, in contents and illustrations, to all others. The cover illustrations have been designed to impress the purity, sacredness, and happiness of a natural home, contrasted with the same home, later on, wrecked and ruined, together with the father, through the use of liquor. The other ninety-six illustrations, with the overwhelming array of facts and figures against the curse of liquor and tobacco, render this issue of the *Instructor* one of the strongest appeals for county, state, and national prohibition ever published. Certainly it can not fail in saving some who are now slaves to liquor and tobacco, in protecting from being ruined those who are not yet captured, and in paving the way in many homes and communities for the entering of the full gospel message for this special time.

## Behind?

Yes, we are. The public schools are beating us in our own ideals. Six years before the subject of manual training was first presented at a convention of public school teachers, we had over twenty-five pages of printed matter on this subject. It was God's plan that we should be in the lead. But we are surely behind.

This is one reason why the offering in the California Conference for January 31 is to be devoted to our local schools. The offering will be used largely in manual training equipment.

G. F. Wolfkill,

*Edu. Supt. Cal. Conf.*

## Wanted

Seventh-day Adventist wood and iron boat builders. State experience by mail. Address C. A. Meyer, National City, Cal.

## 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 26th day of January, A.D. 1914, at 10 o'clock A.M.

The election of directors, 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.*

## For Sale

Or will trade for improved ranch with some live stock, five-room cottage, with six foot basement. Well, windmill, and tank. Lot 40 x 150. One block from local trains, near church and church school, and walking distance from university. Address G. T. McFarland, 2920 Newbury St., Berkeley, Cal.

## For Sale

A golden opportunity for the right party. 19-acre ranch, nearly all in alfalfa, 1¼ miles east of Salida, on two main county roads. Proposed state highway passes place.

It has an 8-room modern bungalow, with cellar, fireplace, deep well, chicken corral, stable, about 80 fruit-trees of all varieties, 150 grape-vines, berries.

This place is within three quarters mile of S. D. A. church, and church school where the ten grades are taught. An unequalled opportunity to educate your children in the country. For particulars address J. H. Koenig, R. D. 4, Box 97, Modesto, Cal.

"God depends upon the church for the forwarding of His work, and He expects that His professed followers will do their duty as intelligent beings."