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The Mystery of the Divine

Without the least question, "great is the mystery" of Godlikeness. The gospel evangelist has, in brief, attempted the unfolding of that mystery. Without first pausing to introduce himself, ~~o~~ to present credentials of his authority for thus speaking, he abruptly says: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." John 1: 1. For his own introduction, and the presentation of evidence that his statement was trustworthy, he waited until demonstration of facts were at hand to warrant the minor point at issue. John 21: 24.

But how does his positive statement about the Word relieve the mystery? The fact is that it does not to the human intellect; the truth of that matter can be fully weighed only by heart conviction. In this way things which are hidden from the wise and cautious, may be revealed unto babes. Luke 10: 21. The writer does, however, produce food for thought when he affirms that the Word was made flesh (John 1: 14) and revealed in that form the glory of a heavenly Being. A better expression of the original of this text is, the Word

became flesh; that is whatever the Word stands for came to be flesh, in order to carry out an eternal purpose, the story of which could not possibly be told in a short editorial.

One thing, however, may be relied upon, and that is, Christ is the God-Word because in all His teaching, yea, in all His actions, He but declared God. As thoughts cannot be uttered except by words, so God's thoughts were secret except uttered by words. Romans 16: 25. To illustrate: One may become so perplexed by business relations through the day, that the traces of the storm may go with him to the bosom of his family. A look at his face may reveal that an inner conflict is going on, but just what that is may not be known until the oppressed one speaks. His word tells all, and makes everything clear.

So it was necessary for the Word to make God known. Christ uttered, that is, gave expression to an otherwise unknown God. It matters not how much worldly wisdom one may possess, without a knowledge of Christ, God is to him an unknown Being. The case of the Athenians is one in point. Athens was the center of learning, yet when Paul carried to that city the gospel message, he found among their numerous altars one dedicated to "the unknown God."

There are many ways in which Christ enunciated God, but the most prominent ones were by His creative work, through His incarnation, and in His wonderful teaching. But each of these should be treated separately as distinctive acts, in order to be anyway satisfying, and so must be left for future consideration. —J. O. C.

Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. 1 John 4: 11.

The Fight is On

It is our lot to be in the midst of the conflict between truth and error. To battle bravely and successfully, we must unite; *we must stand together*. To gain the victory is to *strive* so that dying lips may say: "I have fought a good fight. . . . I have kept the faith." The fight is on. *Failing to fight, we die*. Everywhere the enemy is pressing our comrades hard for a surrender. Our safety depends upon our resistance. "Resist the Devil, and he will flee from you." Is it possible? Paul answers: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." But such a spirit cannot be maintained except there be a *personal devotion to the King*. The mind, the heart and the affections are to be thoroughly enlisted for the triumph of the right. This is no time for slothful spirits. The battle waxes hot. The Devil is in earnest, seeking to counteract the efforts of the Spirit to awaken a slumbering world. Angels are in earnest as they pursue their beautiful ministrations to the faithful in Emmanuel's ranks. God is in earnest as He carries on His wonderful plans. He waits for a greater display of earnestness on the part of His professed followers. But He will not always wait. We must *act*, and not wait for others. Our example will stir another to action.

Is there a straggler in your company, or one who hesitates to take to the field? Arouse him! The man who does not win men to the Master's service is a *hindrance to the kingdom*. Many are in a sleepy condition. They seem to be indifferent to the coming crisis. *Indifference is criminal!* Soldier in the volunteer battalion, are we up on the firing line, doing valiant service for the King? or have we drifted back among

the stragglers and hinderers? There is need of us at the front. Let us brace ourselves with counsel and prayer, and go forth to victory in Christ's name. *Courage, man!* Listen to the Captain: "Go in this thy might. . . Surely I will be with thee." We dare not linger. *Ceasing to gain, we lose.* Yours is a holy commission. Would that each one of us might grasp the larger meaning of "The Advent message to all the world in this generation."

May the Lord of Hosts give us each a greater conception of what it means to enlist under the banner of the cross. Let us learn to endure hardships as good soldiers of Jesus Christ; and by God's blessing, we shall go on "from strength to strength," from victory to victory, till at last we drop the armor for the robe, the helmet for the crown, the sword for the palm-branch, and an eternity of glory shall be our portion and our joy.

ERNEST LLOYD.

Washington Council

The General Conference committee and the North American Division Conference committee convened in Washington in their autumn council October 25, and continued until the evening of November 5. There was not a large attendance this year, since it was thought best not to incur the expense of inviting in a large number of our various workers. Hence it was almost wholly confined to the members of these two committees with the department officers. There was but one representative of the General Conference committee from outside North America. Elder A. J. Haysmer, president of the West Indian Union, was present.

Elder L. R. Conradi has nearly always attended the autumn councils until this year; on account of the war conditions, he was unable to attend. That left us without a single representative from the European Division.

Elder A. G. Daniells is on his tour of the mission fields, hence was not present. He was expecting to leave West Australia for India, by the way of Ceylon, where he was to be met by Elder H. R. Salisbury the early part of November. On account of conditions prevailing in the Asiatic field due to the war, the Asiatic Division meeting was called off, and Elder Daniells changed his program. He probably will not visit the Asiatic field on this trip.

I have attended quite a number of councils of the General Conference committee, but have never been present where more of the Spirit of the Lord was manifest than at this council. From the beginning it was evident that everyone realized that we are approaching the end of all things earthly, and that our work must be shaped accordingly. A large degree of unanimity prevailed in every action that was taken. In fact, I do not remember of a vote having been taken without its being unanimous. Many questions of far-reaching import were considered, but the Lord was with us, and we felt that He guided in all the plans that were laid.

Considering the situation existing all over the earth, making the future very uncertain, it seemed that we should be very careful in the appropriations that were made. I think more care was exercised in making appropriations this year than ever before.

I am glad to state, however, that the brethren in Europe, according to the reports that came to us, were well prepared financially to meet the crisis that came on them at the beginning of the war, and were able to carry their work for several months without any help from abroad, if they could reach the various parts of their fields from their headquarters. But due to the war, this was impossible, and hence it was necessary that the General Conference at Washington should take over the financial operation of some of the fields.

However, it must be evident to all that under present conditions it is absolutely necessary for us to make larger provision for our mission work in the world than we have done hitherto. Even though the war should close in a short time, of which there is no indication at present, the financial situation would be in such a demoralized state that it would be practically impossible for our brethren to carry their work without great loss for some time to come. It will therefore undoubtedly be necessary for us to plan to give financial aid to our work in the European Division Conference for some time in the future.

It was decided that the North American Division Conference would not be held at the appointed time—1915, but will be held in connection with the next General Conference, if the Lord wills. The next council of the General Conference and North American Division

committees is to be held in California the autumn of 1915.

With the responsibilities that rest upon us at this time, in the support of our great mission fields of the world, and in view of the great proximity of the end, it does seem to me that we ought to do more than we have ever done in the past in our efforts to secure funds for the prosecution of this work. Let me urge our brethren and sisters throughout the churches of this union conference to do their utmost to make the Harvest Ingathering work this year a blessed success.

Most encouraging reports come from some parts of the field where our brethren have been prosecuting this work, and we believe that with proper effort the goal of \$100,000 for the entire field can be reached, and every church can do its share in this work. This will mean an average of \$1.54 for each member. Then with the annual offering in addition to the regular offerings which come in weekly, there is no reason why we should not make up what is now lacking on the 20-cent-a-week fund, and come out at the end of the year with our full quota made up. I am sure this would be pleasing to the Lord, and I would urge our brethren to do everything in their power to help along this good work.

If your church does not have one of the mission clocks, kindly write at once to the secretary of your conference, asking for a clock for your church. Put this in a conspicuous place in the church, and each Sabbath call the attention of the members to the clock, and let them see just what their standing is on this fund.

The time has come for united and vigorous action, that we may finish the work committed to us, and hear the words from the Master, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

E. E. ANDROSS.

"The presence of the Holy Spirit with God's workers will give the proclamation of truth a power that not all the honor and glory of the world could give." "Acts of the Apostles," p. 51.

"The seed sown with full, liberal hand, is taken in charge of by the Lord. He who ministers seed to the sower gives His worker that which enables him to cooperate with the Giver of the seed." Testimonies, Vol. 9, p. 132.

MISSIONARY

At the close of the Oakland prayer meeting last Wednesday night, a young man came forward and told the librarian that he wanted 100 copies of the forthcoming Eastern Question *Review* Extra. This young man, through the influence of one of our brethren working near him in the gas plant, began coming to our Sunday night meetings four weeks ago. He had never been in an Adventist church before, but was so interested from the start that he has attended several prayer meetings as well. When the order for several thousand copies of the *Review* Extra was made up at the last meeting he wanted a part in it, and came after the service to speak for 100 copies. Truly the Lord's Spirit is working these days in widely extending a knowledge of the truth.

"How was your interest first aroused in the truth?" questioned one of our workers in conversation the other evening with a gentleman who has just accepted the truth in East Oakland. To this he replied that a few years ago in Watford, Herts, England, near our school, he had a little candy and ice cream store. Occasionally students from the school would come in. One night one young man lingered, and something was said about his belief. The young man took a Bible from his pocket and gave this storekeeper a study. "What that young man told me, I always remembered," said the brother in recalling the incident. "When we moved here and heard of these Seventh-day Adventist meetings, I said to the family, 'Let us go and hear what they have to say.'" They are now a Seventh-day Adventist family. The student in England will probably never know of the results of the seed sown in his little Bible study that night.

"My Father's Business"

"I must be about my Father's business." What a motto! These were the first recorded words of the Lord Jesus—the keynote of His life. Why is that word "must" in the sentence? Because He could not help Himself?—No, dear reader, but because He delighted to do His Father's will. So the noblest and greatest souls have always

said, rejoicing to spend and be spent in the "Father's business," "counting not their lives dear unto them."

"They who think it a weariness and a burden to serve the Lord Christ, and who give grudgingly to His work, have yet to learn the very alphabet of the gospel."

So let us make "business" of the Lord's work, applying to our religious endeavors the earnestness and enthusiasm and study which we deem indispensable in secular affairs. —E. L.

"Suppose"

—a soldier was one day found by himself enjoying the flowers and pleasures of a beautiful park; he was arrested, court-martialed and shot. "Just because he was found in this park harming no one?" you ask.—Yes, he was positively injuring no one, but was putting in his time napping and enjoying things generally. But while he was thus busying himself pleasantly, his comrades were in action. "This was different," you say, "he ought to have been in the ranks with the rest." And so he had. Suppose we look into another army a moment.

"Suppose some one were to offer me \$1000 for every soul that I might earnestly try to lead to Christ, would I endeavor to lead any more souls to Him than I am endeavoring to do now? Is it possible that I would attempt to do for money, even at the risk of blunders or ridicule, what I hesitate or shrink from doing now in obedience to God's command? Is my love for money stronger than my love of God or of souls? How feeble then my love of God! Perhaps this explains why I am not a soul-winner."

"Suppose I were to be asked how many persons I had persistently tried to win to Christ during the past month, or even during the past year, what would my answer be? How many have I even spoken to? How many have I on my prayer list now? If I am not interested enough in the salvation of others to even have a daily prayer list, is it any wonder that I am not a soul-winner?"

"Suppose I were to see a blind man unknowingly approaching the brink of a high precipice, and that I were to sit by without concern or any effort to warn or save him from certain death, would I not be as guilty of his death in God's sight as though I had murdered him outright? The death of a body

which might have been, but was not, prevented, is a terrible thing; but how about the death of a human soul—perchance of many souls for which God may hold me responsible? If my murder of another's body by neglect is an unspeakable crime, what shall be said of my murder by neglect of another's soul?"

These quoted suppositions are presented by one who knows not the importance of the warning message of Revelation 14. Now let us suppose a little further.

Suppose the warning contained in the third angel's message against the receiving of a certain wicked thing into the life and heart were known in your neighborhood only by yourself, and that you did no more than you are doing now to warn these people of it, do you think you would be clear before God in the day of judgment?

Suppose these neighbors and friends were to ask you when the day of salvation is passed, "If you knew these things were coming upon us, why did you not tell us?" what answer could you give them?

Suppose that every other member of the church to which you belong were doing no more than you are to warn the world of Jesus' soon coming, when might we look for Him to appear in the clouds of heaven?

Suppose I fail to do for those about me that which the Lord designed I should do when He left the light of the third angel's message shine upon my pathway by living and giving it to them, how am I to expect they are to know these things? and upon what can I base my hope for a heavenly reward?

Suppose no other believer in this solemn message were doing more than am I to send it to the ends of the earth in this generation, when may we expect the words of the prophet John to be accomplished when he wrote, "And I looked, and behold, a Lamb stood on Mount Zion, and with Him a hundred forty and four thousand, having His Father's name written in their foreheads?"

Suppose we all take these things home to ourselves and think and pray about them in earnest at least for one week in our private devotions, and listen to what the *Spirit* may say to us as to what we should do individually.

T. E. BOWEN.

If two of you shall agree on earth, as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them. Matt. 18: 19.

Figures from the California Bible House

From our quiet little office on Twenty-fifth Street, Oakland, a steady stream of publications on all phases of the message is going out. Each day's work is filled with interest, varying according to the needs expressed in the letters received, the nature of the visits made, and the general routine incident to giving our people and missionary societies as prompt and satisfactory service as possible.

33,000 Magazines

Looking over our sales record during the year up to November 1, I find that we have sold more than 33,000 copies of the 10-cent magazines—*Signs of the Times*, *Life and Health*, *Watchman*, *Protestant* and *Temperance Instructor*. A large number of these, more than three and a third tons of magazines, have gone into the hands of the people one by one through the untiring efforts of a group of magazine workers in the bay cities. They are having their quiet influence for the truth. Only this week two ladies called at the office and said they had bought a *Signs Magazine* of a lady down at the wharf. They were so interested in the articles on prophecy that they hunted up our office and bought five more *Signs Magazines* and three *Watchman*. The war in Europe has certainly increased the sale of our magazines. Our conference used 3700 copies of the October *Signs Magazine*; and our sale of the *Watchman* for November was 600 copies ahead of the usual sale.

71,225 Temperance Tracts

The temperance campaign enlisted hundreds of our people in scattering temperance leaflets and papers. During the campaign, 71,225 temperance tracts were used in this conference, 12,400 copies of the *Temperance Signs* weekly, 1600 copies of the *Temperance Little Friend*, in addition to almost 6000 copies of the *Temperance Instructor*, which have been circulated throughout the year. This makes a total of 91,140 pieces of temperance literature. The list of tracts especially prepared for the campaign and their circulation from here is as follows: "Dry Town," 28,800; "Prohibition or Liquor Traffic," 9250; "For the Sake of the Other Man," 14,900; "The Wine Industry and Prohibition," 10,925; "Why Does the Saloon Exist," 6500.

So, while Number 2 was defeated at the polls, we feel that our people in this

conference have no cause for regret. A tremendous educational work has been accomplished, and a vast amount of good done.

Of our regular doctrinal tracts, over 50,000 copies have been circulated; 21,500 copies of the *War Extra Review* were quickly scattered, as were also 145,000 copies of the two leaflets on the subject of liberty and proposed amendment Number 45.

These figures give some indication of the activity of the rank and file of our people in the distribution of literature. Most thorough campaigns have been carried on by many of our churches. For weeks on Sabbath afternoon household-campaigns have been carried on in Oakland and Berkeley, in which thousands of pieces of our literature have been placed in the hands of the people. Tracts, pamphlets and small books have been used freely in connection with each tent and hall effort.

Without going into detail so far as sales as a whole are concerned, will say that during these ten months the retail sales have amounted to approximately \$14,381. A gain of almost \$1000 has been made in subscription book sales over last year's record.

This report is passed on with the hope that it will encourage our people with still greater activity during these months of the year when people have time to read. With the special series of the *Signs of the Times*, the extra edition of the *Review*, and other literature adapted to the needs of the hour, there is material for all. Opportunity is offered now for a large number of our sisters and others to engage in the sale of the small books, such as "Best Stories," "Steps to Christ," "His Glorious Appearing," "House We Live In," and the others shown in the home workers' prospectus. Fifteen persons have already taken hold of this work.

So, the outlook is encouraging. To see our literature going out as rapidly as it is from this office, which is only one of a hundred of such distributing centers throughout the United States, and of many hundreds all over the world, may give some conception of the part God has designed the printed page to take in His closing work. This agency is within the reach of all. Let us use it as never before in these stirring times.

J. R. FERREN,

Sec. Cal. Bible House.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matt. 5:3.

TEMPERANCE

A Worth While Campaign

Yes, it was well worth while—all the effort put forth in the temperance campaign which closed November 3. It stirred our people as they have not been stirred in a long time. It brought them into contact with some of the leading temperance workers of the state and nation. It resulted in the circulation of almost countless thousands of pages of the strongest temperance material ever printed by this people, or any other. It opened many a door to our people, and created an interest in many places, which, if properly followed up, will result in a call for more literature on other subjects.

"The California Dry Federation played fair." In the face of strong temptation and pressure it eliminated every other thought and purpose except the one great object of making California "Dry." Politicians, as such, were not favored in any way. Other issues which might have been introduced were not permitted. Altogether it was well worth while to cooperate with the Dry Federation, and to have the opportunity to preach the gospel of temperance for a witness.

And the best part of it all is that definite, comprehensive plans are even now being perfected for a more vigorous campaign in behalf of a new prohibition amendment to be voted on in November, 1916. More detailed report of this new campaign will be given later.

Over 2,050,000 pages of the best temperance literature ever printed—Southern California's contribution to the temperance campaign just closed: Do you feel that our campaign of education was a failure?

Tracts

The Story of a Dry Town.....	135,000
Prohibition or the Liquor Traffic	17,350
Why Does the Saloon Exist.....	8,000
The Wine Industry	8,550
Drunkenness and Crime	1,400
It Doesn't Pay	950
Dark Valley Railroad Folder	1,550
The Demon's Council	200
For the Sake of the Other Man.....	62,160
<i>Life and Health</i> Series	7,815
Total.....	242,975

Periodicals

The <i>Temperance Instructor</i>	29,109
<i>Temperance Signs Weekly</i>	14,904
<i>Temperance Our Little Friend</i>	3,299
<i>Life and Health</i>	1,000
Total.....	48,312

And this is only a beginning. "By precept and example; by voice and pen and vote," the fight must be kept up till we shall have a "dry" California in which to live and labor.

CLYDE LOWRY.

EDUCATIONAL

A Visit to Pacific Union College

Recently it was the privilege of the writer to make a short visit to our college. It was a pleasant surprise to see the substantial improvements made in buildings since my previous visit nine months before. Among the improvements made during that period, I observed the following: The enclosing and seating of the main college building, so that it is now in regular use for chapel, study and class work; the completion of the girls' home and also of the normal training department; the erection of a store building with rooms above for fifty students; the completion of neat homes for members of the faculty and for the numerous families who have located not far distant from the college, that their children may have the excellent educational advantages that the college offers. Besides these, attention is given to the improvement of the roads by which approach is made to the buildings. Then, too, the much-needed electric light system was just ready to connect with all of the buildings at the time of my visit.

As one looks over this one of the most important training centers in our cause, it is a satisfaction to know that practically all of the labor is performed by faculty and students, and that almost all of the lumber used is cut by our own saw mill from the native timber which for a century or more has been growing on the estate now owned by the college. How much better it is to provide labor, educational in its nature, to our students, and to draw the material, except hardware and windows, from nature's storehouse, than to solicit money from our people and pay it out for labor and material.

But the best of all is, that a large body of consecrated young people are now in training at Pacific Union College for service in the finishing of the proclamation of the everlasting gospel. A large class of earnest students, deeply impressed that they must be about our Father's business, are members of the foreign mission band, which is enjoying the leadership of Elder Geo. F. Enoch, on furlough from long service in India.

I found it a very impressive experience to speak to nearly 300 young people

who are receiving preparation to be channels of light when, in the very near future, in the loud cry of the message, the earth will be "lightened with glory."

It has been my privilege to meet with our students betimes, during a period of over thirty years, and at more than a dozen different educational centers in various parts of the world, but I believe that I can truthfully say that I was never more favorably impressed with the importance of our educational work, with the location for a school center and with the practical upbuilding of a large educational institution, than during my last visit to Pacific Union College. The charming weather of the early autumn added to the delights of the visit.

All of our people in the Pacific Union Conference have special reason for thanksgiving to the Lord of the harvest, that He has made it possible for us to have such an excellent educational institution in our midst. A large majority of the students duly appreciate their great privilege of attending Pacific Union College. Let us all remember both faculty and students at the throne of grace. G. W. REASER.

FIELD TIDINGS

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Paradise Valley Sanitarium and Church

Prof. I. C. Colcord made a short visit recently.

Elder D. H. Oberholtzer is at present a sanitarium patient.

Elder Chas. F. Marvin of Glendale spent a vacation of a few days with us.

Sister J. Gotzian left here about six weeks ago to spend the winter at the school at Madison, Tenn.

The Paradise Valley Sanitarium church was well represented at the convention at San Diego church Sabbath, October 31.

Elder R. S. Owen's baccalaureate sermon, Sabbath, October 10, unfolded two pictures,—the self-indulgent life, as represented by the Emperor Nero; and the self-denying life, by the great Apostle Paul. The graduating exercises were Monday evening, the 12th, in the chapel. Brother Chas. E. Rice gave

the address. The class hymn was "Not I, but Christ." After a few appropriate remarks, Dr. Wm. J. Johnson presented the diplomas to the following: Mrs. Daisy E. Walton, Mr. Theophilus A. Davis, Miss Zella F. Shaffer and Miss Maude E. Whitesell.

W. H. SAXBY.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Oakdale

We have lately enjoyed a ten days' visit from Elder J. N. Loughborough, during which time he gave a lecture on "The wonders that had been seen in the heavens," illustrated by colored charts, to quite a large congregation. He also gave a series of readings on the rise of the present "threefold message," and the "Spirit of Prophecy" connected with it.

Our enrolled membership is thirty-two, with a Sabbath-school of thirty-six. During the current year, eight have been added to the church. Four of these were baptized by the writer last Sabbath, assisted by Elder Loughborough. There are others who are interested that we hope will unite with us in the near future.

We have been working hard for prohibition. About \$50 has been secured by our members on the Harvest Ingathering. M. C. ISRAEL.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

Conference Items

Lindsay

Three persons were baptized by Elder Brown at Lindsay on Sabbath, November 7.

Chowchilla

In company with Elder F. E. Brown, the writer recently visited the Chowchilla church. We found the brethren busy putting up a church building. A land company has deeded them an acre of land and also has given them \$200 to assist them in the erection of their building. The church added some to this amount, and has put up a very neat house that will for the present be used for both church and school purposes.

Bakersfield

Interest in the Bakersfield meetings continues good. Some, thus soon, have commenced keeping the Sabbath. The newspapers there are very liberal in giving space for reporting the sermons of Elders Booth and Adams. Often an entire column is occupied by the report of a single sermon. It means that they

are reaching a large congregation that does not come to the tent. The laborers there are quite hopeful of much fruit.

Coast

Brother C. W. Fuller has been invited by the conference committee to make the coast his field of labor. He has been working with the coast churches in the Harvest Ingathering work for about two weeks. Brother Fuller will be missed by the brethren at Clovis where he, with Brother Truesdell, has done a good work. Brother Truesdell will continue at Clovis for a time. We are confident others are to be added to this church soon.

Harvest Ingathering Campaign

All through our conference the churches are astir with the Harvest Ingathering work. Good reports are commencing to come in, even this soon. We trust our people will give as much time as possible to this work until the close of the year. More than 10,000 of the *Reviews* have now been ordered for use in this conference. We expect larger returns than from any previous campaign. The goal this conference should reach is \$1750. Any church may figure its goal by multiplying \$1.54 by its membership. This is none too much, and we must put forth every effort to reach the goal.

B. E. BEDDOE,

Pres. Central Cal. Conf.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Conference Items

Elder J. N. Loughborough spent ten days with the Oakdale church, giving readings on the rise of the message. Elder Israel writes that he baptized four, bringing their membership to thirty-two.

We are glad to know that our churches, since the temperance and religious liberty work is not pushing us, are taking hold of the Harvest Ingathering work with a will, and we expect some good reports.

We are planning for some Sabbath-school and young people's conventions the first of the year. Since we have the Harvest Ingathering and week of prayer before us now, we have felt that it would be best to defer these at present.

We are glad to report that the tithes are coming in quite well at present. Although finances are low, yet, if all

are faithful, with careful management we hope that our work will suffer no inconvenience. The money coming into the treasury is sacred, and we pray for wisdom that the funds may be properly used.

A company from the Lodi Academy, together with some from the church here, made a trip to Stockton last Tuesday, the 10th, with the Harvest Ingathering *Review*. We were told by some that there had been labor troubles and strife in different ways in the city, and we couldn't hope for much in this effort, but the Lord blessed us with about \$120. Another effort will be made in Sacramento Thursday, the 19th.

Announcements

Dos Palos, Sunday, November 22, 3:30 and 7:30 P.M.

Salida, Tuesday, November 24, 7:30 P.M.

Modesto, Wednesday, November 25, 7:30 P.M.

Hughson, Thursday, November 26, 7:30 P.M.

Turlock, Friday, November 27, 7:30 P.M.

Turlock, Sabbath, November 28, 11:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.

Winton, Sunday, November 29, 3:00 P.M.

Merced, Sunday, November 29, 7:30 P.M.

Le Grand, Monday, November 30, 7:30 P.M.

Oakdale, Tuesday, December 1, 7:30 P.M.

Manteca, Wednesday, December 2, 7:30 P.M.

Stockton, Thursday, December 3, 7:30 P.M.

These services will be especially for our people, although it will be all right to invite your friends. Brother MacPherson will be with us and audit the church treasurers' books. We expect to make this trip in an auto, and we hope to visit you at your homes during the day.

C. L. TAGGART.

Comparative Tithes Statement California Conference S. D. A.

Church	January to October Inclusive	
	1913	1914
Alameda	\$ 989.78	\$ 1727.68
Arcata	203.13	205.84
Berkeley*	1816.12	1676.78
Byron	307.50	106.50
Calistoga	255.68	105.49
Daly City	571.31	643.43
Eureka	800.41	785.02
Forestdale	112.65	134.85
Fortuna	379.52	401.15
Fort Bragg	-----	132.57

Guerneville	104.07	96.89
Hayward	144.59	227.81
Healdsburg	1044.72	1085.38
Japanese church	-----	95.70
Kelseyville	80.80	102.15
Los Gatos	275.05	184.83
McKinleyville	75.80	62.01
Melrose	1772.14	1729.70
Morgan Hill	497.30	198.05
Mountain View*	5463.18	4800.44
Napa	897.99	802.63
Oakland	4384.22	5445.38
Pacific College	1580.20	2269.25
Park, S. F.	477.62	507.21
Pepperwood	95.78	235.49
Petaluma	394.84	192.82
Petrolia	-----	75.30
Richmond	500.77	551.27
St. Helena	1353.57	1061.14
San Francisco*	4829.48	3807.04
Sanitarium	4936.88	5574.32
San Jose	1414.64	1340.28
Santa Cruz	358.01	403.44
Santa Rosa	643.94	273.93
Sebastopol	307.98	354.65
Sonoma	407.31	687.94
Soquel	69.55	326.05
Smith River	6.30	12.30
Ukiah	407.73	402.20
Vallejo	111.39	136.90
Watsonville	147.90	126.00
Personal	1274.58	980.54
Totals	\$39488.43	\$40068.35

* Churches with stars had windfalls last year. There may have been others.

H. B. THOMAS, *Treas.*

BOOK WORK

Tokens of Divine Favor in the Canvassing Field

A few weeks ago I finished my canvassing work in Humboldt County on the northern coast of California and began filling orders. Since then have been favored in placing somewhere between \$400 and \$450 in orders for our good books, helps, etc. I have the best part of \$100 of orders yet to deliver. During the first week's delivery I secured about \$25 in new orders for books, outside helps, etc. Will close my work the latter part of November.

It is truly refreshing to see how our divine Lord and Master opens the way before the canvasser; highly encouraging to see so many answers to prayer and tokens of God's loving care, and His sustaining hand in preserving from sickness and contagion, though often exposed, and for health and needful strength day after day to meet the hard taxing labor. His are all the

honors, glory and praise. Left to our poor, weak selves, all would come speedily to a lamentable failure.

I hope and pray that these many pages of truth circulated, and *Signs* and other papers to follow up through missionary work and letters written, may gather a harvest for the heavenly garner. It cannot fail, for His word does not return void, but accomplishes the purpose for which it is sent.

O dear fellow-workers, crowd in all the seed-sowing you can now before it is too late. Soon the work is to suddenly close. We are told "the end is to come when we least expect it." When it does come, how glad we shall be that we put in all the work we did, and sorry we did not crowd in more when we had the golden opportunity. Now is the opportune time. Let us make the most of it. There is a power in the printed pages of truth now, and it takes hold of hearts. Great, glorious will be the harvest by and by.

A tract handed out here and there, a leaflet enclosed in a letter, a paper placed in a willing hand, a kindly word spoken, a fitting act done for someone, may turn the tide of life heavenward, and we greet souls soon around the throne.

My leading books now are "Practical Guide to Health," and "Daniel and the Revelation," a few "Ministry of Healing," and "His Glorious Appearing" in numerous foreign tongues.

WALTER HARPER.

MISCELLANY

The California-Nevada missionary society sends the following monthly report of magazine sales:

<i>Life and Health</i>	424	\$ 42.40
<i>Signs Magazine</i>	315	31.50
<i>Temperance Signs</i>	284	14.20
<i>Temperance Instructor</i> ...	70	7.00
<i>Watchman</i>	50	5.00
	1143	\$100.10

Report of Home Missionary Work For Quarter Ending September 30

(Southern California)

Missionary visits	1219
Hours spent Christain help work	1628
Meals provided	535
Articles of clothing given away	365
Signatures to temperance pledge	135
Tracts lent and given away	43999
Papers lent, mailed or given away	18880
Books lent or given away	630
Missionary letters written	604
Letters received	287
Subscriptions to periodicals	102
New converts added through efforts of members	6
Bible readings held	371

Obituary

FORBES.—Christina Forbes was born in Perthshire, Scotland, October 15, 1824, and died in San Francisco, Cal., November 6, 1914, at the age of ninety years and twenty-three days. She came to this country in 1866, lived in San Francisco most of the time. Was an inmate of the Old Ladies', University Mound, Home, for a number of years. She was converted when quite young, and joined the Presbyterian Church while in Scotland. She was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for twenty-six years. She was a strong character for right principles, and lived a consistent Christian life. Her faith was firmly established in the word of God. She fell asleep in Jesus with a bright hope of having a part in the first resurrection. Funeral services were held in the Halsted & Company chapel, 1122 Sutter Street, San Francisco. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer. A large number of friends were in attendance.

ANDREW BRORSEN.

Advertisements

WANTED:—Man and wife, with no encumbrance. Woman as cook, man as gardner and chores. For particulars, address Mrs. Josie I. Phillips, Box 145, Pomona, Cal.

FOR SALE:—Five acres near Pacific Union College. Mostly in fruit and grapes. Four-room cottage, stable for horse and buggy. Soft water. Address J. H. Shaffer, St. Helena, Cal. 16-2

FOR SALE:—Alfalfa honey in five-gallon cans, \$4 per can. It is light color, and fine flavor. Small sample, 5 cents. Can deduct same from first order. Correspondence solicited. Address M. S. Dickinson, Ingomar, Cal. 11-8t

WANTED:—An opportunity to board and care for aged or helpless person, or children, for proper remuneration, by one who loves the work. The home is in a pleasant locality near Seventh-day Adventist church. Address Mrs. J. C. Jones, Route 4, Box 4 A, Lodi, Cal. 16-3

FOR SALE:—Twenty acres land, timber to cut, over 400 cords wood; about two acres cleared; price, \$75 an acre. New four-room house and shed given in worth \$400. Would sell ten acres if desired, or five choice building sites, each 100-foot frontage to road; ten minutes walk to St. Helena Sanitarium and church school; three miles from St. Helena. Apply to A. Carter, Sanitarium, Cal. 14-3

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 6, 1914

AGENT	BOOK	HRS.	ORDS.	HELPS	VALUE	DELIVERED
Arizona						
G. H. Reese	P. P. F.	24	10		\$20.00	
Mrs. T. W. Atkins	H. W.	12	12	\$9.00	9.00	
2 Agents		36	22	\$9.00	\$29.00	
California						
F. D. Gauterau	P. G.	30			\$120.00	
Southern California						
W. O. James	H. H.	9	10		\$ 25.00	
Chas. Millar	Heralds	37	7		17.50	
H. E. Farmer	P. G.	2			12.25	\$ 94.25
C. E. Urquhart*	Heralds	51	8		22.50	
E. A. Brown	P. G., H. W.	4	4		5.00	43.25
F. W. Ross	P. P. F., C. L. S.	17	18		27.50	
L. A. Bartlett	P. P. F.	7	10		23.50	
I. W. Blackburn	P. P. F.	21	18		41.00	
H. A. Williams**	H. W.		39	\$25.00	25.00	
Miscellaneous		10	12		25.00	
9 Agents		158	126	\$25.00	\$224.25	\$137.50

* Two weeks. ** October.

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 13, 1914

AGENT	BOOK	HRS.	ORDS.	HELPS	VALUE	DELIVERED
G. H. Scheppler	D. R.	9	2	\$ 2.50	\$ 8.50	\$ 3.75
G. E. Barnes	P. G.	11	4	1.50	18.50	83.50
Marvel Beem	H. M.	31	2	2.25	6.25	16.70
A. S. Parrett	H. M., H. W.			4.75	6.75	
4 Agents		51	8	\$11.00	\$40.00	\$103.95

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1914

Education in the Home

No school can be what it ought to be without a solid backing in the home. Our good, loyal home people need to know more about the aims and character of our school work. Many of them, too, ought to be teaching their children at home when no Christian school is accessible, or when the children are yet too young to send to school. Our good magazine, *Christian Education*, is working earnestly to build up the interests of education in both the school and the home. It ought to visit monthly every Seventh-day Adventist home in the land, and it can for the very modest sum of \$1 a year. It is published by the General Conference for this very purpose. The November number is especially good.

"Looking to Us"

For some months the world has been anxiously waiting and watching to see what part Turkey would play in the wrangle across the sea. Now that she has cast her lot with the other warring nations and particularly, too, against Russia, the world is wondering just what the outcome will be. Will it result in Turkey's being driven entirely out of Europe, and Russia occupying Constantinople at the conclusion of the war? The people of the world are very much interested in this situation as well as are Adventists, and they are rather *looking to us* to see what we will have to say about it. Surely this furnishes one of the best opportunities we have had since the war began to tell the world just what the Bible says about these things, and Turkey in particular. A large four-page extra of the *Watchman* on the Eastern Question has just been published. The cost of this special issue is the same as the new *Review* extra—50 cents a hundred and \$4 a thousand. Order from your tract society.

The Election Aftermath

Some counsel was offered last week regarding the attitude we should assume in relation to the outcome of the election on the proposed Sunday measure. That this counsel was timely is shown by intelligence coming forward from the northern part of the state. Brethren laboring in Lassen County write us that Mr. Tufts has been there since the election publicly charging the Adventists with defeating the initiative Sunday measure; and that, too, by gross misrepresentation of that issue in their leaflets scattered broadcast.

From the tenor of the letter received we judge that he means to leave nothing undone by which to lower the standing of this people. It will be well therefore for our brethren to remember their late Sabbath-school studies on the use of the tongue, and forbear returning in bitter words, any reproach that may be placed against them.

We are now assured by these Sunday-law proponents that a strong effort will be made to secure a Sunday law for the state at the assembling of the coming legislature. If this cannot be done, they say that they will secure one for the closing of the San Francisco fair to be opened in February next. Let our loyalty to the message be so strong as to keep us steadily in the traces working for the spread of the divine message. —J. O. C.

Another "Review" Extra—No. 2

Turkey having entered the European war, and the allies having pledged to drive her out of Europe, the situation has become so serious that the *Review* has decided to issue another extra—Extra No. 2, "The Eastern Question." It will be of the same general style in form as the first extra, and furnished at the same price. It is now ready to mail.

This new extra will deal with three main topics: "*Turkey and the War*," "*God's Message for To-day*," "*Approaching Armageddon*." In these subjects are included such sub-divisions as: "Prophecies Dealing with the Eastern Question," "The Storm-center Round About Jerusalem," "Striking Moslem Traditions," "Coming to His End with None to Help Him," "Standing Up of Michael," "Prophecies Pointing to Christ's Second Coming," "The Hour of God's Judgment is Come," "The Seventh Day is the Sabbath of the Lord Thy God," "Christ the Author

of the Sabbath," "The Sabbath a Part of the Divine Law," "Christ an Observer of the True Sabbath," "When and How the Sabbath was Changed," "The Final Issue a Test," "Walk as Christ Walked," "The Prophecy of the Peace Cry," "The Prophecy of War," "Is This Armageddon?" "A Time of Trouble."

This extra at once appeals to our people. Before a word was written about it, and the next day after it was decided to issue it, orders for 50,000 copies were received.

Good Stories

The great principles of life are best applied, more indelibly impressed upon the mind and perfectly knit into the character, when taught through the narrations of human associations—parables, stories. The Bible is full of this kind of teaching. Teaching through stories is, therefore, the one method of instruction having divine approval. Some conscientious people believe that all stories are not only poor reading, but positively injurious. These good people merely condemn an approved method, rather than discriminating between good and bad stories.

Knowing the value of good stories, and recognizing the perplexity and often the impossibility of securing suitable stories for children in some places, the *Instructor* has spent much time and money in selecting, and printing in book form, a book of stories naming it "Stories Worth Rereading."

One of our experienced Sabbath-school workers writes as follows of this book:

"'Stories Worth Rereading' is not merely a euphonious name for a story book—like Hot Cross Buns is the name of a certain kind of buns, whether hot or cold—but 'Stories Worth Rereading' truthfully describes all the stories between its covers. When we stop to consider how few twentieth-century stories are worth rereading, we can better understand what a remarkable book this is.

"Its stories are not only harmless, but they are helpful and inspiring. Beautiful seeds of obedience, truthfulness, manliness, reverence, faithfulness, perseverance, industry, generosity, courtesy and brotherly kindness are found in such fascinating form that they are irresistible. Disobedience, selfishness, carelessness, fighting, swearing, cigarette-smoking, intemperance, dancing and card-playing are seen to be anything but desirable.

"No boy can read it thoughtfully without setting a higher value upon himself and upon his time. No girl can read it carefully without having a better idea of what constitutes true womanliness and true beauty. We can say without reserve: God bless the book, and God multiply and bless its readers!"