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Week of Prayer

December 12 to 19 is the time set apart for the annual week of prayer. For many years this season has been regularly observed by this people, and it has grown to be one of our established customs to spend this period in earnestly seeking the Lord, giving special consideration to the progress of His work in the earth, and our duty to help to finish the same.

The year 1914 has been filled with unusual conditions. They have come upon us with startling rapidity. At the beginning of this year, undoubtedly, none of us had any idea of what we would witness before another week of prayer should come.

We have long believed that the end was approaching. We have watched the fulfillment of the signs of the times, pointing to the coming of our blessed Saviour, and have constantly kept the thought before our people that the generation which would witness the coming of Jesus was nearly ended. To-day everyone who has given any serious thought to this question must be convinced that we have not followed cunningly devised fables in making known the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Volume 9 of the Testimonies, page 11, I find this statement, following a recital of the signs revealing the approach of the great day of God:

"They forecast approaching events of the greatest magnitude. The agencies of evil are combining their forces, and consolidating. They are strengthening for the last great crisis. Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones."

These predictions are now being most marvelously fulfilled. We surely are seeing the most rapid developments among the nations of earth, and these all are in perfect accord with the predictions of the prophets regarding events to take place prior to the coming of Jesus. On page 14 of the same volume this statement is found: "The world is stirred with the spirit of war. The prophecy of the eleventh chapter of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfillment. Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in the prophecies will take place."

With nearly all of Europe involved in the most deadly conflict which has ever been recorded in history, and Turkey included in this terrible war, with the prospect that she will be driven completely from Europe at no distant date, this prediction surely soon will meet its complete fulfillment.

Surely, we are living in solemn times. The last moments of probation now are passing rapidly away. Soon we will be confronted with the most glorious event that this world ever has witnessed, and yet, to all such as are unprepared for that moment, it will be the one event most to be dreaded. It surely is time we should ask ourselves the question, Are we prepared to meet our God?

All other events pale into insignificance as compared with this one event

of supreme importance, and everything in our lives must appear as nothing compared to the importance of preparing to meet our God. The week of prayer furnishes a most excellent opportunity for self-examination, for correcting all the wrongs that still may exist in our lives, for putting away everything that is displeasing to God; in short, for the cleansing of the soul-temple and the temple of the church, preparatory for the baptism of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain.

In "Special Testimonies to Ministers" I find this statement: "When Jesus begun His public ministry He cleansed the temple from its sacreligious profanation. Almost the last act of His ministry was to cleanse the temple again. So in the last work for the warning of the world, two distinct calls are made to the churches: the second angel's message and the voice heard from heaven, 'Come out of her My people, for her sins have reached unto heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.'"

Surely the time has come for this second cleansing of the church, preparatory for the baptism of the Spirit with power, in order that we may finish quickly the work which the Lord has given us to do.

This work of cleansing is an individual work. It means that we shall search our own hearts, and put away every sin, thus making room for the indwelling of God's Holy Spirit. "O, how we need the Divine presence. For the baptism of the Holy Spirit, every worker should be breathing out his prayers to God. Companies should be gathered together to call upon God for special help, for heavenly wisdom, that the people of God may know how to plan and advise and execute the work. Especially should men pray that the Lord may choose His agents, and bap-

tize His missionaries with the Holy Spirit." "Special Testimonies to Ministers."

There can be no question but that the times in which we are living demand very careful, prayerful searching of heart, such as we have never witnessed before, which, if it is done as it should be, will bring the fulfillment of the prediction found in Volume 9, as follows: "In visions of the night representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God's people. Many were praising God. The sick were healed, and other miracles were wrought. A spirit of intercession was seen, even as was manifested before the great day of Pentecost. Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest. On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth. The world seemed to be lightened with the heavenly influence. Great blessings were received by the true and humble people of God." Volume 9, page 126.

Permit me to urge our brethren and sisters everywhere to make this week of prayer the best week in all their lives. As far as possible, let us lay aside our business, and give ourselves to the work of seeking the Lord, and to missionary endeavor.

On the last Sabbath of the week of prayer, the usual annual offering will be taken. It seems to me that we have every reason to make this by far the largest offering we ever have made. We should come with a thank offering to God because of the fact that our land has been spared from the awful scourge that now is sweeping over Europe and other parts of the world.

We have many things for which we have reason to be thankful, and it seems to me that it would be pleasing to God if we would bring a liberal offering to Him to help quickly finish this great work. There never has been a time when the needs of the work were so great as just now. The situation demands that we should do extraordinary things for God at this time, and I trust our brethren will consider seriously the matter of a large offering this week of prayer, and that through this means the deficit that has accrued during the present year on our 20-cent-a-week fund may be entirely made up.

Let those who have large possessions

bring as liberal an offering proportionately as those who are poor in this world's goods. Do not make your offering until you have sought the Lord earnestly as to the amount that you should give. May the Lord lift upon His people the light of His countenance, and give them peace. May He cause His face to shine upon them, that they may be saved. — E. E. ANDROSS.

A New Year's Resolution

"Next to your associates, what you read determines what you are."

A little girl who attended a union conference meeting said, "Mama, they talk and talk and don't say anything." That was because she was not old enough to comprehend. But I think sometimes "we read and read and don't learn anything." Many have never learned how to read the daily newspapers. I presume our young people in the aggregate, waste years of time reading newspapers. Some of it is worse than wasted.

The Bible says, "A wise man will . . . increase learning." Prov. 1:5. Have you made that intellectual and spiritual progress during 1914 that you wish you had? Can you do it in 1915 unless you resolutely lay out a course of reading and study and pursue it with an iron will? You know you cannot.

The General Conference and North American Division Missionary Volunteer Departments are asking all our young people (and anyone else who will) to read the Bible through during 1915. May I suggest that you include this purpose among your New Year's resolutions. And would it not belong near the top of the list? See the *Instructor* of December 29 for further information. Send your name to your Missionary Volunteer Society to be enrolled in the Bible reading circle. Do it to-day.

And having made the resolution to do this, may I ask, Should not this blessed task take precedence over everything else? The great preacher, Phillips Brooks, even deplored the reading of devotional and religious books to the exclusion of the Bible. He said, "Religious people read thin, superficial books of religious sentiment, but do not meet face to face the strong, exacting, masculine pages of the Bible."

If you want to be strong, eat strength-giving food, remembering that the Christian lives "by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

M. E. KERN.

Our Forerunner

The Lord Jesus is said to be a forerunner for us, having entered within the veil for our sakes. Heb. 6:19, 20. This word, having been used in no other Bible connection, one has no comparative text by which to ascertain its meaning. But it must have a significant import as there employed, or Inspiration would have found no place for it.

But there must be some source of information on the point, and so an appeal must be made to the customs and practices of ancient times. The Greek word for the expression under consideration is *prodromi*, and during campaigns for conquest in that olden time applied to the precautionary measures taken to guard against surprises by troops in concealment. These were accomplished by sending chosen men in advance of the main army to clear the way for successful operations in reaching the intended goal.

When Alexander assumed command of the expedition which overthrew the Persian empire, these scouts were freely employed, whose duty it was not only to examine carefully the course over which the main body of troops was to follow, but continually to send back messengers with particular information about everything important which came under their observation, up to the point where the campaign was expected to close with decisive victory.

It is in this very sense that the word is used concerning the Christ. He has passed over all the course which the great body of believers must journey over, both to clear the track of obstacles, and to give information of everything important along the course. His experience in the flesh, being tempted in all points that every human has to meet, He became well prepared to assume that introductory part in man's behalf.

So He said to His disciples, and through them to all that were to follow, "I go to prepare a place for you, and . . . will come again to receive you." Preparatory to that return, He has sent by His messengers through all the intervening centuries, the exact information needed concerning all the experiences they must meet, and how surely to pass safely through them. The enemies of His work have tried over and over again to intercept, and even to destroy these messages, but so far have not been successful.

The work that our Forerunner has

done through generations past, He is continuing to the last generation, whose responsibilities in meeting the enemy's forces constantly increase. These timely messages should be devoutly heeded by everyone, and must be, if we shall come off victorious in the final conflict. Then let us buckle on the armor anew, and soon the glories of the heavenly city will be in actual possession. Courage in the Lord.

—J. O. C.

Faithfulness in Humble Places

That is a very tender story concerning faithfulness in humble places which Jean Ingelow has related for us. It was in one of the Orkney Islands, far beyond the north of Scotland. On the coast of this island there stood out a rock, called the Lonely Rock, very dangerous to navigators. One night, long ago, there sat in a fisherman's hut, ashore, a young girl, toiling at her spinning-wheel, looking out upon the dark and driving clouds, and listening anxiously to the wind and sea. At last the morning came, and one boat, that should have been riding on the waves, was missing. It was her father's boat, and half a mile from the cottage her father's body was found, washed up upon the shore. He had been wrecked against this Lonely Rock. That was more than fifty years ago. The girl watched her father's dead body, according to the custom of her people, till it was laid in the grave; then she laid down on her bed and slept. When the night came she arose and set a candle in her casement, as a beacon to the fishermen and a guide. All night long she sat by the candle, trimmed it when it flickered down, and spun. So many hanks of yarn as she had spun before for her daily bread she spun still, and one hank over for her nightly candle. And from that time to the time of the telling of this story (for fifty years, through youth, maturity, into old age) she has turned night into day. And in the snow storms of winter, in the serene calms of summer, through driving mists, deceptive moonlight, and solemn darkness, that northern harbor has never once been without the light of that small candle. However far the fisherman might be standing out to sea, he had only to bear down straight for that lighted window, and he was sure of a safe entrance in the harbor. And so for all these fifty years that tiny light, flaming thus out of devotion and

self-sacrifice, has helped and cheered and saved. Surely this was finding chance for service in a humble place; surely this was lowliness glorified by faithfulness; surely the smile of the Lord Jesus must have followed along the beams of that poor candle, gleaming from that humble window, as they went wandering forth to bless and guide the fishermen tossing in their little boats upon the sea. So, dear reader, let us determine to be great—in our faithfulness. "Better be faithful than famous." Our lights may be small but let us see to it that they are shining brightly for Him *just where we are*.

—E. L.

MISSIONARY

"Work Where You Are"

Perhaps you cannot go away

To some far-distant clime,
To preach the glorious truth of God,

The message for this time;
But then your own dear little home
Can be your mission field.

Just work for God where'er you are,
Let love her scepter wield.

Perhaps you cannot preach like Paul,
In language clear and plain;
But you can live the truth of God,
And work in Jesus' name.

Perhaps you cannot do great things,
Nor mighty deeds each day;
But you can speak of Jesus' love,
Or give a tract away.

—C. P. W.

Word comes from China of a colporteur who loaded a wheelbarrow with literature, and *pushed* it 300 miles to his territory.

"Being busy does not always mean real work. The object of all work is production or accomplishment, and to either of these ends there must be forethought, system, planning, intelligence and honest purpose, as well as perspiration. Seeming to do is not doing."

In the little tract, "An Appeal to Our Churches," we find these words: "Are the ministers of God watching for souls, realizing that those under their care are the purchase of the blood of Christ? A great work is to be done in the world, and what efforts are we putting forth that it may be accomplished? The people have listened to too much sermonizing; but have they been instructed

as to how to labor for those for whom Christ died? Has there been a line of work devised and laid out before the people in such a way that each one saw the necessity of taking part in the work?" We do not understand that this condemns sermons, but that it refers to our people trying to take in much more than they give out. In this same little tract we are told, "It is only as God sees His professed people eager to be laborers together with Him that He can impart to them light and grace." It is therefore only to those who are working for the Lord that sermons can be really effective. What our people need now is training in service to the Lord. This will revive them spiritually and will prepare them for the times that are rapidly coming, as well as enlisting them in doing their part in finishing the work.

"Signs" Weekly

Every lover of this great cause, and especially those who have taken hold with a new grip in connection with the call for *advance moves all along the line*, will appreciate the success that is attending our united efforts in increasing the circulation of the *Signs of the Times* weekly. When the campaign opened, the subscription list stood at about 15,000. It has now passed the 30,000 mark, and the orders are rolling in.

Brother G. C. Hoskin, who has been with the *Signs* for some time as circulating manager, says that they have never before seen anything like the flood of orders that is pouring in. Praise the Lord for this.

Have you, dear reader, ordered your two copies? Is this great increase due to your sympathy? If every believer in the North American Division Conference were doing as well as you are, where would the list stand? By the way, we would like to suggest that you make an effort to secure subscriptions from your friends and neighbors. This is a good time. We want to see the list rise till we reach the 100,000 mark. Will you help us. We would be glad to hear from you regarding your efforts with this soul-winning agency.

F. W. PAAP.

Home Missionary Department

The call to service now sounding throughout our ranks is being responded to nobly on the part of many. World war conditions serve to arouse God's people and deepen the longing in every

heart for the ushering in of that bright and glorious day, when pain and tears and death and sighing will be no more. What a few realize in this direction is what we want every Seventh-day Adventist to know. "God expects personal service from everyone to whom He has entrusted a knowledge of the truth for this time." Vol. 9, p. 30. "It is an eternal law of Jehovah that he who accepts the truth that the world needs is to make it his first work to proclaim this truth." Vol. 7, p. 13.

We wish that every church in the North American Division would do as well as the Northside German church of Chicago. The following is taken from a letter just received from the leader, Mr. David Voth:

"Last Sabbath the Northside German church of Chicago had their Harvest Ingathering program. At the close of the program the money was collected that had been solicited by the members of our church, which amounted to \$202.16. Our church has fifty-one members, so we raised almost \$4 per member. We made up our 20-cent-a-week fund for the whole year and about \$50 more. Last Sabbath was a happy day to our church. We were all glad and happy for having a part in the Lord's work."

We trust that our dear people everywhere will take hold and make good at this needy and most opportune time. Now is the time to labor. May the Spirit of Israel's God, the spirit of service, rest upon this people. Soon it will be too late. We are surely nearing the end. May we all be ready for the midnight call. F. W. PAAP.

"The Lord Hath Need of Thee"

"Because the Master is not here, with His own hand to-day,
To feed the hungry multitudes who throng life's busy way,
He gives the task to you and me; He bids us hear their cry;
He says that if we turn from them, we also pass Him by.

"Our eyes are blind; we only see an outcast at our door;
Yet said He not Himself that they who feed and clothe His poor
Give unto Him?—Then day by day for such a royal Guest
Shall we not bring with willing hands our choicest and our best?"

Every life is essential to God. George MacDonald once said: "I would rather be what God chose to make me than

the most glorious creature that I could think of; for to have been thought about, born in God's thought, and then made by God, is the dearest, grandest, most precious thing in all thinking." There are no accidental lives. There are no useless lives, except those which make themselves so. As no man is born to be bad, so no man is born to be useless; and as long as God leaves him on earth, there is some work for him to do.

The little girl who led Naaman to the prophet to be healed was as essential to God's plan as was the prophet himself. The boy who gave the information of a plot against the life of Paul was as essential to God's plan as the chief captain or the two centurions and their soldier bands who delivered the apostle safely into Herod's palace. The little boy, who, like all small boys, had carried his snack as he followed the crowd that day by the lake of Galilee, was as essential to God's plan as was the miracle power of the Master Himself.

"The Lord hath need of thee." What a blessed thought! The Lord of the universe hath need of me! To think that He *can* use me! O let us be wise enough to give the Master a chance "to will and to do of His good pleasure" with us and through us. —E. L.

"The Holy Spirit puts forth its highest energies to work in heart and mind. The grace of God enlarges and multiplies the faculties of the consecrated worker, and every perfection of the divine nature comes to their assistance in the work of saving souls." "Desire of Ages," p. 327.

"Christ did not provide His own cross, He did not nail Himself upon it. No! God provided the cross and He was nailed upon it by other hands; it was only in this way that He could die. We are told that He was obedient to the cross, and God gave me such a precious lesson from Christ's obedience to death. There were two thieves crucified with Him, the one on the one side and the other on the other side. They were forced to be there on account of their sins, and their death was lingering, so lingering that the soldiers broke their legs to finish the work which the cross had not done, but when they came to Christ they found Him dead, and it is recorded that He died in three hours. He was *obedient to the cross.*" Hence, "they break not His legs."—*Selected.*

"Besides Me There is No God"

Jehovah, He is God.
He walks, or stills, the waves.
As easily He saves
A nation as a man
According to His plan.
In every trying hour
Jehovah has the pow'r
To comfort, save and keep.

—P. R. Nugent.

FIELD TIDINGS

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Announcement

There will be held a church school teachers' institute at 417 West Fifth Street, Los Angeles, December 27 to 29, 1914. The Conference will meet the transportation expenses of the teachers to and from their respective schools, but the teachers will make provision for their own board and lodging.

Brother Fulton, proprietor of the Vegetarian Cafeteria, offers to the teachers a \$2 meal ticket for \$1.70, and a reduction on lodging as far as they are able to make accommodations.

This should prove to be a most profitable time of educational value and of spiritual uplift for our church school workers.

Teachers are required to attend this institute which adds to the life of their certificate, and helps to answer the question: "How many institutes have you attended?" Those who cannot possibly attend should send in to the department a written valid excuse.

The very first session will be important, as we expect to have with us Elders E. E. Andross and F. M. Burg and Prof. M. E. Cady. Kindly remember the date, beginning Sunday evening, December 27, and closing Tuesday evening, the 29th.

Roll Call

—Monday morning at 9 o'clock, responding to "What has been of the most interest to me thus far in my school." Let us make mention of each other—and others—in our prayers.

I. C. COLCORD,
So. Cal. Edu. Supt.

Present Opportunities

For several years the Lord has been telling this people that the present is the best time we will ever have to spread the truth. The present wars open before us one of the best oppor-

Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund

Below is a report of the churches in the Southern California Conference with the amount due from each church on the 20-cent-a-week fund, also the amount received and amount short or over. In this we give the churches which have been organized since our last annual report to the North American Division Conference. I sincerely trust that each church officer and church member will give careful study to this report and know just how your church stands the first of December. Let each one get under the burden and lift. Of course all know that the money received from the Harvest Ingathering papers as well as the annual offering will apply to this fund; so let us make a united effort in each of these campaigns and especially our annual offering for missions.

tunities we will ever have to place our literature before the public. The world is looking to this people for a solution of the present war crisis. Through the war specials the Lord has placed in the hands of our church members the very material to meet the occasion. These papers are so inexpensive that they should be scattered like the leaves of autumn and placed in every home.

One night at our Redlands church prayer meeting we decided by the Lord's help we would place one of these specials in every home in Redlands, which would require 2500 papers, as we have about 12,000 population. We began with the few present to see how much money we could raise toward the payment of these papers, and to our surprise we reached the 2200 mark. We then decided to take the matter up again at another meeting so the rest of the church could have a part in the good work, for we needed only 300 more to make the desired number. When the next opportunity was given the number was raised to 4000, and we were obliged to say to the people, "It is enough." Several of the members paid for 500 copies each.

We are sure our other churches would receive a great blessing by doing a similar work. In Testimony, Vol. 6, p. 14 and 22, we read the following: "We are standing upon the threshold of great and solemn events. Prophecies are fulfilling. Strange, eventful history is being recorded in the books of heaven. Everything in our world is in agitation. There are wars and rumors of wars. The nations are angry, and the time of the dead has come, that they should be judged. Events are changing to bring about the day of the Lord, which hasteth greatly." "Sound an alarm throughout the length and breadth of the earth. Tell the people that the day of the Lord is near, and hasteth greatly. Let none be left unwarned. We might have been in the place of these poor souls that are in error."

"We have no time to lose. The end is near. The passage from place to place to spread the truth will soon be hedged with dangers on the right hand and on the left. Everything will be placed to obstruct the way of the Lord's messengers, so that they will not be able to do that which it is possible for them to do now."

From the light God has given, now is the time for us to rise unitedly, layman and all, and finish the work before more difficult times shall come.

L. H. PROCTOR.

Church	Members	Amt. Due	Amt. Rec'd.	Amt. Over	Amt. Short
Anaheim	22	\$ 228.84	\$ 66.06		\$ 162.78
Beaumont	23	92.00	34.25		57.75
Boyle Heights	86	894.40	602.10		292.30
Brawley	20	208.00	206.28		1.72
Burbank	30	312.00	185.25		126.75
Carr Street	280	2912.00	1586.69		1325.31
Centralia	29	301.60	145.10		156.50
Colton	24	249.60	135.35		114.25
Corona	20	208.00	113.49		94.51
Eastside	81	842.40	374.09		468.31
Edendale	80	832.00	332.08		499.92
El Cajon	19	197.60	93.56		104.04
El Centro	16	166.40	110.30		56.10
Escondido (English)	76	790.40	279.71		510.69
Escondido (German)	65	676.00	196.31		479.69
San Fernando	256	2662.40	874.91		1787.49
Florence Avenue	52	540.80	241.90		298.90
Furlong	84	873.60	337.41		536.19
Gardena	11	114.40	102.76		11.64
Garden Grove	52	540.80	141.55		399.25
Glendale	213	2215.20	1209.33		1005.87
Glendora	17	176.80	195.35	\$18.55	
Graham	45	468.00	185.61		282.39
Hemet	57	592.80	324.93		267.87
Hinkley	15	156.00	36.60		119.40
Holtville	8	83.20	113.31	30.11	
Imperial	14	145.60	80.57		65.03
Inglewood (5 months)	27	108.00	77.56		30.44
La Mesa	13	135.20	91.02		44.18
Loma Linda	300	3120.00	2430.42		689.58
Long Beach	131	1362.40	818.90		543.50
Los Angeles (German)	22	228.80	217.48		11.32
Mexican	21	218.40	55.62		162.78
Norwalk	25	260.00	315.77	55.77	
Ontario	38	395.20	271.75		123.45
Orange	38	395.20	112.93		282.27
Pasadena	156	1622.40	687.69		934.71
Paradise Valley	84	873.60	562.51		311.09
Pomona	58	603.20	353.59		249.61
Redlands	67	696.80	495.28		201.52
Rivera	40	416.00	279.83		136.17
Riverside	75	780.00	327.18		452.82
San Bernardino	58	603.20	106.15		497.05
San Diego	187	1944.80	1321.80		623.00
San Pasqual	50	520.00	191.68		328.32
San Pedro	43	447.20	219.45		227.75
Santa Ana	63	655.20	262.42		392.78
Santa Barbara	58	603.20	381.91		221.29
Santa Monica	42	436.80	373.79		63.01
Sawtelle	53	551.20	473.88		77.32
Southside	170	1768.00	533.90		1134.10
University Ave. (San Dgo)	59	613.60	194.68		418.92
Vermont (5 months)	40	160.00	122.02		37.98
Watts	15	60.00	37.04		22.96

B. M. EMERSON, Treasurer.

BOOK WORK

Another Good Week for the Home Workers

The reports from those selling the beautiful small books show a degree of success that could hardly be hoped for. "Started with the books to-day," writes sister F. R. Barker of Vallejo, who has never tried canvassing before. "Visited three people and received orders for,—two 'Those Bible Readings,' one 'Our Paradise Home,' one 'Christ Our Savior,' two 'New Testament Primer.'"

She is working among the people whom she has met with temperance literature and with the extra number of the *Review*.

"I was able to go out on Monday for two hours and gave two exhibitions and took orders for three books," writes Sister H. M. Hansen of San Anselmo. Sister Hansen has not any church privileges, but from month to month does much missionary work among the people with our regular magazines. She finds the work with the small books easier than she thought.

Sister E. M. Flint of Kelseyville sent her first order this week for thirty-one copies of books which she will deliver at once. This is the result of a few hours' work. Brother J. S. Bachman, the young man who was honorably discharged from the army a couple of weeks ago, has made his first delivery here in Oakland of seven "Best Stories," four "Elo the Eagle," one "House We Live In," and one "Steps to Christ," Welch. He is enjoying the experience of book selling very much indeed. Brother Bachman accepted the truth in San Francisco while in the army there.

Another report says, "Monday I gave two exhibitions and took one order for 'Vegetarian Cook Book.' This afternoon I visited four persons and took an order from each one, one being a subscription for *Life and Health* for a year. I was sorry when it was time to return home."

Here is still another,—this from Sister Kate A. Frye who began working quietly about her own home. This is her report for six hours for week ending December 1:

1 Advance Guard.....	\$ 1.50
1 Best Stories.....	.60
1 Christ Our Saviour.....	1.25
2 Elo the Eagle.....	2.00
1 Gospel Primer.....	.35
1 House We Live In.....	1.00
1 Making Home Happy.....	.75
1 Making Home Peaceful.....	.75
1 New Testament Primer.....	.50
1 Paradise Home.....	.50
1 Steps to Christ.....	.75
1 Those Bible Readings.....	.75
1 Mount of Blessing.....	.75
2 Bibles.....	6.25
	\$17.70

Surely these reports show that the

Lord is helping those who have undertaken this work. Every hour spent out with the handy little prospectus is filled with pleasant experiences, and means orders to the worker. All who have the prospectus should be busy throughout this month; others who can should send for a prospectus at once.

J. R. FERREN,
Sec. Cal. Bible House.

Brother J. F. Gaster reports \$67.50 worth of magazine sales during the past month in the Utah field. The following list of periodicals sold in November comes from the Northern California Conference:

140 Signs.....	\$14.00
60 Watchman.....	6.00
33 Miscellaneous.....	3.30
30 Life and Health.....	3.00
	\$26.30

Magazine Sales

Southern California Tract Society

Sales Jan. to Sept., 1914.....	99,188
Sales Jan. to Sept., 1913.....	52,891
Increase.....	36,297

	Jan. to Nov. 1913	Jan. to Nov. 1914
Cash receipts.....	\$19,618.77	\$19,020.02
Counter sales.....	5,318.68	6,234.00
Merchandise sales.....	18,272.45	19,761.75

Increase in counter and merchandise sales for eleven months, \$2404.62.

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 20, 1914

AGENT	BOOK	HRS.	ORDS.	HELPS	VALUE	DELIVERED
Central California						
F.O. Jensen.....	P.G.	27	11	\$3.00	\$43.25	\$39.25
Marvel Beem.....	H.M.	24		1.25	1.25	8.00
Geo. E. Barnes.....	P.G.	4	1	.75	4.25	
A.R. Martin.....	D.R.	24	6	1.20	21.20	
Mrs. Boynton.....	H.W.				15.00	
5 Agents.....		79	18	\$6.20	\$84.95	\$47.25

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 27, 1914

Arizona						
G.H. Reese.....	P.P.F., El Rey	27	26		\$42.00	
Central California						
F.O. Jensen.....	P.G.	16	5	\$.75	\$ 19.25	\$31.00
Geo. E. Barnes.....	P.G.	21	5	8.50	27.00	
J.J. Robison.....	G.C.	32	9		41.00	3.40
E.A. Primrose.....	H.M.	35	10		20.00	
Marvel Beem.....	H.M.	25	11	1.00	23.00	7.00
Leland Gilstrap.....	H.W.	18	19		14.25	
A.R. Martin.....		25	8	2.25	25.35	
7 Agents.....		172	67	\$12.50	\$169.85	\$41.40
Northern California						
K. Nozaki.....	Jap.	60	106	\$17.40	\$ 51.75	\$51.75
M.A. Reese.....	B.R.	32½	6	4.70	25.70	1.25
Mrs. H. Richards.....	H.W.	12	5	3.75	3.75	
Wm. E. Whitmore.....	H.M.	13	1	.35	2.35	
Miscellaneous.....	Nov. 50%				46.85	
Miscellaneous.....	Nov. 40%			27.80	27.80	
4 Agents.....		117½	118	\$54.00	\$158.20	\$53.00
Southern California						
W.O. James.....	H.H.	6	5		\$ 12.50	
Frank W. Ross.....	Misc.	20	28		44.00	\$ 5.00
Chas. W. Millar.....	Heralds	14	3		8.50	24.75
E.A. Brown.....	P.P., H.W.	12			12.50	32.00
J.W. Blackburn.....	P.P.F.	14	2		4.00	
Irving Feldkamp.....	P.G.	20	21		74.50	
H.E. Jennings.....	Heralds				2.00	
Mrs. G.H. Smith.....	H.W.		52		44.00	
Mrs. D. Kirven.....	H.W.		5		2.00	
Mrs. M.A. Kennon.....	H.W.		4		3.00	
Mrs. A.L. Hardy.....	H.W.		2		.75	
J.T. Southerland.....	H.W.		4		3.00	
R.I. Witt.....	H.W.		3		1.75	
Mrs. C.C. Morlan.....	H.W.		4		2.75	
14 Agents.....		91	133		\$215.25	\$61.75

MISCELLANY

"After Many Days"

Some who learned of the truth through the spoken or printed word years ago, but turned a deaf ear to it, are now sobered as they actually see the prophecies fulfilling. Letters similar to the following are becoming quite common. "If I remember correctly, my mother took a paper called the *Signs of the Times* and it contained comments on all the current events. That was years ago. If your paper is still published, will you kindly send me a sample copy and price, also list of tracts or short articles you may print on Bible teaching concerning the present wars?"

Special Notice

A canvassers' institute will be held at 417 West Fifth Street, Los Angeles, beginning December 27, and will continue until December 31. It is hoped that a goodly number will avail themselves of this opportunity, as valuable instruction will be given as to the best methods to be used in the sale of our publications.

Those living out of the city who wish to attend the institute should correspond with the writer, as we will endeavor to furnish free room to such. Any of our people who can spare a room for a few days at that time will kindly let us know. C. C. MORLAN.

Does it Pay?

Our publications are often sent to individuals without any word of explanation. As a result the donors are deprived of many encouraging letters which of necessity are addressed to the publishers. Here is one from Ireland: "Some unknown friend has been sending me for some time copies of the *Signs of the Times* addressed as per enclosed. Do you know as to who sent these? They have discontinued sending same for some time, and as I am very fond of your paper and derive great help therefrom, I desire to become a direct annual subscriber. Please say if subscription must be paid in advance. If so, please say if you could supply me with back numbers from August 1 to November 1, and for how much. How shall I send the money? Please enter as subscriber from November 1." This is another of the multiplying evidences that it pays to use the *Signs* in our missionary endeavors.

Testimonies Complete in Three Volumes

The nine volumes of Testimonies for the Church have just been printed on Oxford Bible India paper, and are bound in a set of three red limp leather covered volumes. In this form they weigh but a little over four pounds, and bulk less than one-third of the regular edition. Owing to the war and the attending difficulty of importing paper from England, an edition of but 700 sets is being issued. Orders for 383 sets have already been received. The price per set is \$12, postpaid. Volume 1 is now ready, and will be delivered upon receipt of order from your tract society.

Advertisements

WANTED:—Continuous supply of denominational literature suitable for missionary work. Address James Harvey, 1729 Grove Street, Oakland, Cal.

WANTED:—A position on ranch—one of lemon or orange preferred. Can do general farming, or would lease alfalfa or fruit ranch close to church and school. Have wife and three children. Best of references. Address C. C. Murphy, Escondido, Cal., Route 1.

Notice

A girl twelve years old and two boys aged twelve and fifteen respectively to be given away. Can some of our people take these children and save them from going into the world? Address Mrs. G. W. Reaser, 819 West Seventh Street, Glendale, Cal.

"Beyond the Shadow"

—is a booklet of original verse (96 pages), dedicated to "shadowed lives" or those "knowing sorrow." It is just the thing for the shut-in, the mourner, the disconsolate one and the one who is weary and heavy laden. It shows how the shades of night flee away before the morning's golden glow; how troubles are forgotten while "looking forward;" how disappointments are but the "change of key"—the "prelude to sweeter strains, diviner melody." Although this little book contains many minor chords, there is not one but what gives way to notes of praise and victory. It would be a beautiful entering wedge to go before our other books and papers into closed and darkened homes. Prices: Leather, \$1.25; cloth, 75 cents; paper, 45 cents. Makes an attractive gift. Address Miss Pearl Waggoner, Hinsdale, Ill. 17-4

Obituaries

BARR.—William J. Barr was born in Napa, Cal., March 9, 1876, and died at Fresno, Cal., October 26, 1914, aged thirty-six years, seven months and seventeen days. About twenty-two months before his decease he was taken down with pneumonia which finally developed into consumption to which he succumbed. He leaves a wife, a mother, one half-brother, and a half-sister, besides other relatives. He was a member of the Fresno church at the time of his death, and passed away in the hope of coming forth in the first resurrection. This blessed hope cheers our hearts in the hour of sorrow. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer. N. P. NEILSEN.

RASMUSSEN.—Eva Bell Reed was born in Raymore, Mo., October 30, 1882. She came with her parents to California in 1887. At the age of twelve years she was converted and united with the Healdsburg church of Seventh-day Adventists, and ever after lived a consistent Christian life. She was married to J. C. Rasmussen January 12, 1905. She passed away at Camino, Cal., October 31, 1914, after a lingering illness of the dread tuberculosis. We laid her in the beautiful Evergreen Cemetery in Oakland to rest until the Life-giver comes to take to Himself His own, when we expect to meet her again, all partings being over. Services were conducted by the writer at the home of her parents in Alameda, Cal.

E. W. FARNSWORTH.

CALHOUN.—Flora Esther Calhoun, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. F. Calhoun, was born May 8, 1913, at Fresno, Cal., and passed away at her home after a brief illness November 13, 1914. Little Flora was of a sweet disposition, and will be greatly missed in her home, as she was the only child remaining, two other children having previously passed away. Sister Calhoun is a faithful member of the Fresno church, and in her sorrow is cheered by the blessed hope of meeting her little daughter again in the resurrection morning where parting will never come. Little Flora had saved up \$5.22 in her savings bank and this was turned over to the foreign mission work, that the light of the gospel truth might be sent to some heathen child now sitting in darkness. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

N. P. NEILSEN.

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Harvest Ingathering

The reports of the progress of the Harvest Ingathering campaign have not yet come to us, hence we are not familiar with just what is being accomplished throughout the field. However, if there are those who have not done their duty in this respect, let me urge them to do it at once. It is not yet too late to redeem the time. This work can be continued right up to the close of the year.

Remember that it is expected that every church shall gather an amount equal to \$1.54 for each member. If this has not yet been done, we hope that each church will push forward with the campaign until the goal has been reached. Surely, we have sufficient incentive this year to inspire us to greater efforts than ever before in this blessed work.

E. E. ANDROSS.

The Unwarned Places

"It is encouraging to see how the interest in this home missionary work is spreading. To me this is another evidence that the coming of the Lord is drawing very near, much nearer, perhaps than any of us dare to hope. Our conferences are beginning to realize this, and to lay plans for *finishing the work in their territories*. They are studying the field carefully, to see what parts have been warned and what have not, and to plan to work for the unwarned portions in such a definite way that as Nineveh was completely warned by Jonah's work, so our work may be finished as we go. There must come a time when this shall be done, and surely it is here now. Why should not this message be given so definitely that people would be compelled to come to a decision to accept or reject it? It is realized more and more that it is upon

the united efforts of all our Sabbath-keepers that the finishing of the work largely depends." (Portion of a letter from home missionary secretary at Washington.)

The Dread of Meeting People

Its Cause and Remedy—by J. H. MacEachern

"The fear of man bringeth a snare; but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be set on high." Prov. 29: 25. A dread of meeting people is one of the greatest drawbacks to missionary endeavor. Very much more would be accomplished in soliciting for missions, in the sale of our books and periodicals, and in the distribution of tracts, were it not for the timidity that comes over us when we think of approaching individuals. God's people are willing in the day of His power. They deplore their inactivity and long to get free from this man-fearing spirit. It is with an earnest desire to help such to gain the victory and become active in winning souls that this article is written.

Among us as a people there is far too much false modesty. We are too apologetic. God is dishonored as we speak disparagingly of the talents He has given us. "Who made man's mouth?" was the Lord's rebuke to Moses when he was depreciating his lack of ability for the work to which God was calling him. Jeremiah had a similar experience. When called to deliver a message for the salvation of his people, he began to make the usual apology: "Ah, Lord God! behold I can not speak: for I am a child." Jer. 1: 6. But the Lord understood his real weakness: "Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee, to deliver thee, saith the Lord." It was not lack of ability, but a fearfulness of meeting the people that was the great obstacle. What we need is, not more fluency of speech, but more courage to go out among perishing souls and put to use the talents God has given us.

Fear is a mental disease. It is not an indication of a delicate and refined nature. Many attribute it to meekness. To fear God is a Christian virtue, but the fear of man is a perversion of true meekness. The divine message is: "Fear God and give glory to Him." The weakness of our flesh leads us to do the opposite. Instead of trembling before His awful majesty when He says, "Go work to-day in My vineyard," we disregard the Lord and magnify the glory of men.

We fear to approach a millionaire's

home because we esteem his wealth. Riches may be his god, and we unconsciously bow in fearfulness before his idol. We depreciate the riches of eternal life and regard ourselves beneath men because of their superior wealth. We stand in awe of the banker, the merchant, the lawyer, the judge, and those holding positions of worldly honor, forgetting that to be an ambassador of the King of the universe is the highest office accorded to men, and to win souls the most honorable work in which human beings can engage. Similarly, we appear bashful in the presence of popular society, whereas the society to which we belong, as Christians, is far above the most dignified of earth. "But God, Who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He hath loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ and hath raised us up together, and made us to *sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.*" Eph. 2: 4-6.

Could we know the hearts of men, we would find that many whom we fear covet our experience and long to converse with us. The Holy Spirit leads them to respect a Christian; but knowing that they are sinners, though rich and honored by the world, they feel beneath us. Their timidity keeps them from opening up their hearts to us. Like the ten spies, we look upon them as giants, while they, in turn, feel as grasshoppers in our sight. Truly, "the fear of man bringeth a snare," and Satan employs it to his advantage.

"Perfect love casteth out fear." 1 John 4: 18. Fear is born of selfishness. It is hard for us to realize this; but if we would forget ourselves entirely and think only of souls for whom Jesus died, much of this pride and man-fearing spirit would leave us. Because of patriotism, the soldier forgets himself and plunges into battle. Love for his country eliminates fear and enables him to face the mouth of the cannon for the honor of his king. Likewise, a true reverence for God and love of Jesus in our hearts will give us victory over timidity. Every mountain will become a plain; and we shall not fear to go to the homes of rich and poor with our books, tracts and papers in our endeavor to rescue souls as brands from the burning before probation closes.

—Field Tidings.

No man can come to Me, except the Father which hath sent Me draw him; and I will raise him up at the last day. John 6: 44.