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A Visit to Pacific Union College

I made a brief visit to Pacific Union College and the St. Helena Sanitarium Christmas week, and found both of these institutions to be prospering. I had the privilege of speaking to the students Wednesday morning, the last day of the school prior to the vacation. I found them of excellent courage, and apparently enjoying a most blessed experience spiritually. This seemed to be true of nearly every student in the school.

They had just finished the week of prayer, during which time they enjoyed a great spiritual refreshing. They had also just finished their efforts in behalf of the Harvest Ingathering work, at which time they had a blessed experience in soliciting funds for the mission fields.

I was very much interested in the results of this effort put forth in behalf of the 20-cent-a-week fund. This is one of the churches where naturally we would expect it would be most difficult to raise the full quota of 20 cents a week per member, since the students make up more than 50 per cent of the membership. The students do not have an income, and are under very heavy expense, with but very little money

except for their actual needs in the school.

The beginning of the week of prayer found them over \$600 short of their quota. They took hold of the matter energetically, and with what they gathered in their efforts with the Harvest Ingathering *Review* and the special offerings, they had more than sufficient to make up their entire quota for the year, with one Sabbath left for additional offerings.

This blessed result was not accomplished, however, without special effort. Professor Irwin returned from our union conference committee meeting with a determination to raise the college church quota, bringing it out on the right side. The result shows what can be done by those who are determined to stand on the right side in this good work. We are assured that during the year to come the college church will stand well up in the lead on this fund, from the beginning to the close of the year.

If the churches throughout the union conference will begin with the first of January to work in the interest of this good fund, and to keep the matter before its members every Sabbath, it will not be a heavy task to make up what may be lacking at the end of the year by means of the Harvest Ingathering and the annual offering.

I was pleased to find at the St. Helena Sanitarium a most excellent spirit. The workers were of splendid courage, and we hope that the year to come will be the most blessed of their experience. They were working hard to make up the deficit on their missionary offerings; and while they were not sure what the result would be, they were hopeful that they would come out on the right side also.

The reports of the week of prayer

from the various churches, so far as they have reached us, have been very encouraging. We surely are nearing the end of the conflict, and soon the long journey will be ended, the battle with sin will be over, and the rewards will be bestowed upon the faithful.

What 1915 has in store for us no one can tell, but of this we are assured: that He who has begun a good work in us will carry it forward to the day of Jesus Christ, that He is able to keep us from falling, and to present us "faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy."

Let each one resolve that by the help of the Lord he will live nearer to Him during this year than ever before. Let us daily lay our plans at His feet, to be carried out or given up, just as His will may indicate to us through His opening providences.

E. E. ANDROSS.

Full Salvation

Much is said in general about salvation, but in many cases this thought is limited to forgiveness of sin. Yet forgiveness is not entire salvation. So many boast of being saved, when referring to their conversion to the truth, and yet in many instances the lives of such do not comport with the Bible standard of conduct. Such can hardly be counted as having salvation.

The *keeping power* of God must necessarily enter into the problem of salvation. Without that, one's early forgiveness of sins avails nothing in the plan of salvation. To remove the *guilt* of sin does not wipe away the *stain* of sin, nor quench the *power* of sin. These must be provided against by a *healing remedy*, and a *redeeming power* kept in constant application. This is fully set forth in the words of the Psalmist thus: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits; who forgiveth

all thine iniquities [the guilt of sin]; Who healeth all thy diseases [the stain of sin, also physical infirmities]; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction [the power of sin]." Ps. 103:2-4.

Henry Drummond refers in one of his books to a poet's dream about "Strife in Heaven." It was something like this: A company of saved were contending as to which of them was the greatest monument of God's grace. The question was long debated, and was finally narrowed down to the difference between two old men who repeated their life histories. The first was saved on his death bed, after having been a thief, a liar, a blasphemer, a drunkard and a murderer. The other man in a few words stated that he was brought to Christ when a mere boy, and had always after led an even, quiet life, constantly looking forward to the final heavenly rest.

A vote was taken on the merits of the case, when all decided that the last man had the brightest title to overpowering grace, and on this ground: The first man was indeed a miracle of mercy and grace, to be thus snatched from eternal destruction at so late an hour. But it required more grace to preserve the other one up through the strong temptations of advanced boyhood, and young manhood. His Christian experience had been kept unscathed through the severe trials of later life, and crowned with days of usefulness, patience and hope.

The first one was saved from the *guilt* of sin, and so from dying in that guilt. The other was saved from *living in sin*. It required but one great act of love to save the first man, but the second had enjoyed a life full of love, which was the greatest salvation of all.

The apostle Peter makes mention of an enduring inheritance awaiting those who are "kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation." 1 Peter 1:5. It is the hope of this inheritance which gives rejoicing, even though one is subject to heavy trial. But this rejoicing comes only to those who are kept by the power of God, while pressing their way toward the desired goal.

This "kept" condition is open to all; for God has given His angels charge over every aspiring candidate for heavenly honor, to keep them in *all their ways*. Ps. 91:11. So then let everyone render glory day by day, now and ever, to Him who is able to keep him from falling, and to present him *faultless* before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. Jude 24, 25.

—J. O. C.

MISSIONARY

The New Year

Dear Lord Jesus, let Thy blessing
Rest upon this opening year;
May we now, new strength possessing,
Work in love and holy fear.

Jesus, Thou our movements guiding,
May we always work with Thee;
Jesus, in our lives abiding,
Thou our constant Helper be.

Saviour, when this year is closing,
Marked by mercies large and free,
May we, in Thy love reposing,
Trust our future days with Thee.

—E. L.

Our Literature

"Words of cheer from the battle field
of life,
Welcome tidings from the war.
Glorious news from the grand and holy
strife;
Soon the conflict will be o'er."

In looking over the present situation the above lines force themselves upon my mind. "The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the word in our books and periodicals." Vol. 9, p. 61. "The Lord gave the word; great was the company of those that published it." Ps. 68: 11. "Let our literature give the message as a witness to all the world." Vol. 9, p. 61. Seventh-day Adventists have what the world needs. We have a healing balm for all such. God has given this light, this comfort, this key to us, that we might pass it on to others.

Those to whom this great work has been entrusted are beginning to wake up. We praise God for the partial evidences of this soon to be seen *great awakening*. I have before me a very interesting comparative statement of work done by the various conferences in connection with the *Signs* weekly. We are steadily increasing, but there is no end of room at the front. Some are doing splendidly. What can we say or do to lead the large majority who are evidently inactive to take hold? We have now a circulation of the *Signs* weekly of something over 30,000. Let us make it 50,000 before January 1, 1915. We can if we try. Nothing is so successful as success. Let this be secured by persevering effort, and the work will move forward. F. W. PAAP.

"Activity may lead to evil, but inactivity never leads to good."

Los Angeles Business Man Gives \$2 a Month to Our Missions

Sister O. F. Conway, leader of the young people's work in the Rivera church, recently wrote us an interesting experience that will especially encourage the timid and hesitating who read it.

"When the time came for the ingathering work, it seemed that I *could* not engage in it, but I asked myself the question, If you refuse to do this, can you, when the time comes to celebrate the ordinances, partake of them? Would you dare to do so after refusing to take your share of the work?

"I told the Lord how I felt, asked for willingness and He gave the courage. This thought came to me: What is the use of going to church and singing, 'Must Jesus bear the cross alone?' and then refuse to do something that would help to bear the cross?

"I went out with several others. They could get money but I could not. One sister received \$2.50 one afternoon and I did not get anything. I thought of a business man in Los Angeles whom I had long known and who was favorable to our work. I had asked the Lord to let me collect \$10, and had thought that if the man would give \$5 perhaps I could get the other \$5 in my neighborhood.

"I wanted to go to this gentleman first, but was impressed that it would not be right to do this until I had worked near home. So I kept trying in my own district but succeeded in getting only 25 cents.

"Finally I felt that the time to visit the Los Angeles man had come, and with the encouraging thought that the Master had promised to go with His workers, I started for the city. Before leaving the car I prayed that the Holy Spirit would go before me and prepare the heart of this man to give. I also cried to the Lord, 'Oh, do let me receive some money for this cause. Give me the assurance in this way that Thou art with me.'

"I had important business matters to attend to that day, but the text, 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God,' came to me; and I went directly to the gentleman's store. He was very busy, but finally my turn came. Others were waiting and I knew I must be brief. I quickly showed him some of the pictures in the paper and told him about the new converts from heathenism. I then informed him that owing to the European war our brethren in Europe

could not longer do their share, and how we in this land must take the responsibility. I gave him the privilege of sharing in the work, and this is what he said: 'I will give \$2 a month for a year.' When he had taken my solicitor's card and written, 'I hereby subscribe \$2 per month for one year,' and handed me the payment for December, I went out of that store the happiest person in Los Angeles, I am sure.

"You have heard of people 'walking on air.' I know what that means. I could scarcely keep from smiling at everyone I met. It seemed a most blessed experience to me, yet it was nothing that I did. His Spirit went before me. I am happy to share in the work."

A Hint For Church Leaders

If an elder or missionary leader goes to one of the members and says to him, "I want you to take charge of this or that branch of the church work and become responsible for its development," the probabilities are nine to one in favor of getting nothing done, or at least getting very little done in a superficial way. The requirement is too big and bulky to carry.

To think out the organization of any piece of congregational enterprise is a kind of responsibility that particularly takes time, and it cannot be done by turning off on the subject at the tail end of a day with a mind already worn out. Moreover, the very indefiniteness of the obligation, often *vague and unmeasured*, weighs several tons' weight of itself on a tired brain.

But let the elder or the missionary leader come to the member with a definite and sizeable task—something made up into a bundle that a man can lift—a job to be finished and over with, if possible at a given date—and the probabilities are ninety-nine to one that the member will carry it through and do it well.

The way to make the fragments in a busy person's life count for the church and the cause is for its elder or missionary leader carefully to cut out for him definite pieces of missionary work, not too big for the person to take care of inside the limits of those fragments.

Then the responsibility is on the elder and missionary leader to put these pieces together in such fashion that all in all they will make one big and complete blanket of church activity for the whole community. This is a great responsibility of course, necessitating both patience and skill, but it is the elder's and missionary leader's business and they cannot afford to shirk it. This is the essential secret, in a busy world with busy people, of making a busy and a healthy church.

—E. L.

Fitted for Service

Oh turn me, mould me, mellow me for use,

Pervade my being with Thy vital force,
That this else inexpressive life of mine
May become eloquent and full of power,
Impregnated with life and strength
divine.

Put the bright torch of heaven into my hand,

That I may carry it aloft
And win the eye of weary wanderers
here below

To guide their feet into the paths of peace.

I cannot raise the dead,
Nor from this soul pluck precious dust,
Nor bid the sleeper wake,
Nor still the storm, nor bend the lighting back,

Nor muffle up the thunder,
Nor bid the chains fall from off creation's long enfettered limbs.

But I can live a life that tells on other lives,

And makes this worldless full of anguish and of pain;

A life that like the pebble dropped upon the sea

Sends its wide circles to a hundred shores.

May such a life be mine.
Creator of true life, Thyself the life
Thou givest,

Give Thyself that Thou mayest dwell in me, and I in Thee.

—Horatius Bonar.

Simple Modes of Work

We wish to pass on to our readers a living example of what we desire to see and what we know to be possible in every church and company. Brother Capman of Ontario, writes:

"We had a real home missionary meeting last night. We hold them once a week. Every member had a real interesting experience to relate: one sister found a lady who had been shut in with an invalid husband for about three years. She had taken her some flowers, and studied Daniel 2 with her, and made it so interesting her sister was present at the next study (the home of the saved), and they both enjoyed it very much. She has arranged for a study each week. She took six orders for the home workers' books the same day. Another member in making his weekly visit with the home Bible studies received more than enough to pay for the tracts, was asked into a home to explain a portion of the Bible to a lady

to whom he had on a former occasion lent the little book, "Steps to Christ." He said he was impressed to take "Great Controversy" along with him so that if the way opened up he would lend it. This lady wanted to know about the Sabbath, so he just pulled out the book and told her that if she would read it it would give her the information she desired. He then asked for prayer for this special person. The whole hour was filled with these kind of experiences. We spent some time in praying for the work, and for each other."

It is clear to all that before we can win, we must enter into the race. We must not wait for opportunities, but make them. As we have opportunity, let us do good unto all men. We are to work wisely, patiently, considerately, winning our way by the tender ministry of love. God expects personal service from everyone to whom the light has come. We invite you to take your place in the advance lines. Let us go forth into the whitened harvest fields, for much will be lost should the harvest wait.

F. W. PAAP.

Week of Prayer Heart Throbs

"Men Ought Always to Pray"

Already cheering news is at hand regarding the week of prayer meetings. The readings were never better calculated to stir up zeal and greater earnestness, and decided devotion to the closing work. Many report that a stronger faith has taken hold of them because of the excellent privileges afforded them on this occasion. Read the following expressions of good things heard during the week:

"I came up to the week of prayer with a burden of discouragement but now I have peace and rest within."

"This week of prayer has marked a new era in my own life."

"These splendid readings have brought new courage and hope to my heart. I mean to read the *Review* more than I have in the past."

"I feel that I must take an advance step this week and then keep on advancing with this great movement."

"I am learning that the place of prayer is the place of power."

"I am determined to give more place in my life to earnest prayer."

"This prayer season has strengthened and refreshed me, and I desire all the coming weeks to be weeks of prayer and weeks of service for the Master."

"This week of prayer has witnessed

a change in our family that I have been praying for a long time."

May all the churches feel a quickening impulse in the direction of life-support to the closing work of the gospel. Without prayer this movement would lose its vitality and become as sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. As the individual cannot develop strength and character without the daily meeting with the Master, so the church that fails to recognize any need for special seasons of united prayer will fall short of its largest and best possibilities.

"No energy of our flesh, no activity of our church life, can excuse us from the first and constant duty and privilege of seeking God for that divine anointing of the Holy Spirit, *which alone can qualify us for service and make our work effective.*" —E. L.

"See the Good of Thy Chosen"

"One of the greatest lessons in life is to learn to take people at their best, not their worst; to look for the divine, not the human; the beautiful, not the ugly; the bright, not the dark; the straight, not the crooked side.

"A habit of looking for the best in everybody, and of saying kindly instead of unkindly things about them, strengthens the character, elevates the ideals, and tends to produce happiness. It also helps to create friends. We like to be with those who see the divine side of us, who see our possibilities, who do not dwell upon the dark side of our life, but upon the bright side. This is the office of a true friend: to help us discover our noblest selves." Ps. 106: 5.

The Path to Success

"The true, plain path is here—*well doing*. Not brilliant doing, but well doing. Doing the work of life with a willing mind, a loving heart, with both hands, earnestly—diligence in getting good, being good, doing good. In this world, all the grand prizes go to a few brilliant people. . . . But what a blessing it is to us, the dim million, to know that God recognizes patient merit, and that the grandest prizes of all are not kept for the brilliant, but for the faithful. Let us be content with our place and work, however coarse and common. . . . It is not in brilliance that we shall be saved, but by pegging away in simple, honest work. But let us feed our souls with high beliefs and hopes. Let us talk to ourselves all the day long about glory, honor, immortality, eternal life; so shall our path of life, however lonely, be a royal pathway, brighter and brighter to a perfect day." Gal. 6: 9.

FIELD TIDINGS

Week of Prayer Services at Mountain View

There has been a quiet influence at work in the Mountain View church for several weeks past and it has been evident that the Spirit of the Lord has been moving upon the hearts especially of the young people. The work began in the Sabbath-school where consecration meetings were held and the teachers, under the guidance of the Sabbath-school officers, put forth special personal efforts to bring those in their classes to the Saviour. Their work was crowned with success and when the week of prayer came there were a number who had already for the first time decided to give their hearts to Jesus.

The week of prayer gave added impetus to this movement when meetings were held each evening in the church, and each morning at the church school. Meetings were also held each morning in the assembly hall at the Pacific Press Publishing Association. The Lord came very near to His people in all of these meetings. In the meetings at the Pacific Press nearly all the employees took active part and expressed their determination to renew their consecration to God, and at the church school many young hearts were turned to the Lord.

The last Sabbath was the great day with us. In the forenoon there was a consecration meeting in the church led by Dr. Geo. Thomason. The Lord drew feelingly near to us at this time, and at the close of the meeting nearly \$400 was received for foreign missions. In the afternoon sixteen dear souls were buried with Christ in baptism by Elder A. O. Tait.

It should be stated in this connection that much of the success of these meetings was due to the untiring efforts of Brother H. H. Hall who was especially burdened for the young people and labored earnestly to help them. We also received valuable help during the week from Elder A. E. Place, Dr. L. A. Reed and Dr. Geo. Thomason.

In the Pacific Press there were two general meetings in charge of Brother C. H. Jones and Elder A. O. Tait. The rest of the meetings there were held in the several different departments in the institution and were in charge of the heads of these departments.

We certainly feel to praise the Lord for what He has done for His people at Mountain View and pray that the good work may continue till Jesus comes.

B. M. SHULL.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

Notes

Elders Adams, Booth, Brown, Neilson, Grawer and Dr. Loper were in Fresno Monday, December 21, for the conference committee meeting.

At Hanford Sabbath, December 9, Elder F. E. Brown baptized seven converts. He reports very encouraging progress in the matter of encouraging other laymen to work for the salvation of souls. Seven more, he reports, are awaiting baptism at Lemoore.

Elders Booth and Adams report six baptisms for December 19, which brings the total number baptized in the recent Bakersfield effort to twenty,—more to follow. The membership has so increased at Bakersfield that they have outgrown the church and have secured a hall up town where meetings will be held until a more permanent home for the congregation can be secured.

Rolinda Church Organized

A church of twenty-three members was organized at Rolinda Sabbath, December 19. This membership was made up of members transferred from Fresno and Barstow churches together with those recently baptized by Elder Patterson at Rolinda. Several months ago Elder Patterson and Brother R. R. Breitigam united in a series of tent meetings at this place. This effort continued for about two months when Brother Breitigam was invited to connect with the Bakersfield company. Elder Patterson continued to carry on the work. The organization has come as a result.

Rolinda is eight miles west of Fresno. There being no suitable house for meetings, plans have been definitely made for the erection of a church building. One-half acre of ground has been contributed by one not of our faith, on which the building will be erected. We hope that this congregation may be housed in its own place of worship within another month. There are others keeping the Sabbath and accessions to the church in the near future is very probable. B. E. BEDDOE.

"Conceit may puff a man up, but it can never prop him up."

Convention

As was announced through the RECORDER a few weeks ago, we held our first young people's convention at Armona November 27 to 29. Prof. M. E. Cady was with us throughout the meeting.

Friday evening the first meeting was devoted to the young people's work. Elder N. P. Neilsen spoke of the object of young people's meetings, how they should be conducted and who should attend. Professor Cady, followed with a stirring talk on the special call to our young people.

Saturday evening was also devoted to the young people's work. Elder B. E. Beddoe based his opening remarks on 1 Tim. 4: 14: "Neglect not the gift that is in thee."

Sabbath morning found a large congregation present from Hanford, Laguna, Island, Lemoore and Selma. We were pleased to see so many Sabbath-school officers and teachers present as two sessions of the day were devoted to the consideration of the Sabbath-school work. Elder Beddoe led the meeting by giving some very good suggestions on the best method of conducting a Sabbath-school, saying that the very best method of conducting a school cannot be successfully carried out unless there is the proper study of the lesson. Professor Cady emphasized this thought by a twenty-minute talk on how to study the lesson, giving as the foundation thereof Prov. 2: 1, 6.

One very important, yet often neglected factor, in our Sabbath-school work is that of the home department as was so well presented in the paper read by Mrs. B. L. Howe, she giving very definite instruction how this branch of the work should be organized and carried on, the blessing that would be received by those actively engaged, the growth of the school, the encouragement to isolated members, and how it would prove the key to the success of the teachers' meeting.

That Brother G. A. Wheeler, our conference secretary, has studied how to regulate our missionary clocks was shown by his talk on Sabbath-school offerings.

The last sessions of the convention were devoted to the consideration of Christian education. Seven of our church school teachers were present at this meeting.

We all felt the importance of, and the blessing to be received in, the work of our schools as Professor Cady spoke

of this line of work, and God's instruction to us as a people to gather our children from the corrupting influence of worldly education and place them where they will get a necessary preparation to do the work the Lord has said should be done by our youth.

Elder Beddoe clearly set forth the relation of the church to the school. Each individual member of the church is responsible, he said, to a certain extent for the education and salvation of every child in the church. This thought was further emphasized by remarks from Elder B. L. Howe on the relation of the home to the school. He said that from the beginning of creation in all God's purpose and plans the children had been considered. Our Saviour came to this world as a child. Moses refused to leave Egypt with the men of Israel until Pharaoh had consented to let the children go; the Lord commanded the altars to be raised in Canaan for the education of the children. When we feel a similar interest in the children, then we will understand the relation of the home and church to the school.

The question box was one of the many interesting as well as instructive features of the convention.

Sabbath, December 5, was held a one-day convention at Dinuba. Although the attendance was not so large as at Armona, yet there was a good attendance from Dinuba and from the German company at Reedley. Professor Cady, Elders Beddoe and Neilsen and Brother Wheeler were present. Professor Cady made an earnest plea for our young people to heed the call of the Lord to organize into companies and so work for the salvation of other young people. Elder Beddoe admonished the young people to improve every gift the Lord has given them that they may be more perfect in their sphere of usefulness. Brother Chauncey Hare read a very interesting paper on the work of the young people for 1914.

Sabbath forenoon was devoted to the consideration of such lines of Sabbath-school work as training of teachers, home department and how to study the Sabbath-school lesson, Brother Paul Driver giving a very interesting talk on the home study.

At the closing meeting Saturday evening, Elder Neilsen spoke on lines of activity for our young people, and Miss Bertha Messick, church school teacher at Dinuba, presented the subject of missionary work in our church schools.

We feel sure the work in the various

churches represented at these meetings has been strengthened by the instruction and help received along the several lines.

LIDA ACKLEY.

Oakland Tent Effort

Following the camp-meeting in Oakland, a lot was selected about six blocks from the campground, and a series of meetings continuing for thirteen weeks was begun by Elders Amos Marchus and M. A. Hollister with their corps of workers. The interest manifested was good from beginning to end, their last meeting having nearly 400 present, and still the enemy of souls did not leave them alone, but put forth a determined resistance to prevent the seed falling and rooting in honest hearts. In several instances, husbands drove their wives and families from the house, some made dire threats,—one of murder. Some are able to return home now, but others are not; however, they are determined to hold to the truth, which they consider more precious than their homes or lives.

To date, there are sixty-three keeping the Sabbath, and about one-half of these have been baptized; the others are studying and making excellent growth in the message. We hope soon all will have taken their stand thoroughly. These sixty-three do not include children,—only the adult believers. Pray for these dear ones that the enemy may not be able to overthrow them and that they with us may prove loyal.

During the effort over \$100 worth of literature was given away, a number of books sold, and yet all expense, even including the above, was paid for out of donations, leaving a balance of about \$60 beside nearly \$40 worth of books still on hand.

We rejoice in the great blessings the Lord has given, and for those who have responded to His love. The influence of the meetings was found to reach many miles, for some came from San Francisco, also from sixteen miles down on the Oakland side of the bay to attend.

Another effort is being planned for Berkeley immediately after the close of the year, for which we expect great things.

ELDERS MARCHUS AND HOLLISTER.

"O! make thy church, dear Saviour,
A lamp of purest gold
To bear before the nations
Thy true light, as of old."

Centralia and Garden Grove

It was my privilege to spend the week of prayer at Centralia and Garden Grove. Centralia is a country school district a few miles from Anaheim, where we have a church of about thirty members who own a convenient house of worship. The Lord blessed the meetings. A solemn conviction rested upon the church, and a determination, with the help of God, to take up every duty or neglected means of grace. A man and wife who have been studying and watching these "latter day" messages assured us that henceforth they would, by His grace, walk with God.

I was at Garden Grove from Thursday to Sunday evening. The church at that place has about sixty members, and though it rained much of the time I was there, the people did not "neglect assembling" together.

During the four days in which we had the readings with prayer and social service, I preached seven sermons. The church saw light from "higher ground." On the Sabbath twenty persons, about half adults, came forward for special prayers of God's people. A few of these were church members in a backslidden state; the greater number were not church members, but were yielding to the striving of the Holy Spirit, and giving their hearts to God to obey His voice and keep His commandments. Hearts rejoiced as husband or wife united with their believing companions, and children joined their parents to walk together the path of righteousness. A number are wanting baptism which we expect will be administered by Elder C. F. Folkenberg of Santa Ana.

We appreciated the assistance at Garden Grove of Brother Brant of Michigan, father of our conference laborer, L. E. Brant.

W. M. HEALEY.

EDUCATIONAL

Commercial Department at Lodi Academy

Calls are coming, not only in the homeland, but from across the waters for young men and women who are prepared to step into positions of responsibility and carry forward the grandest work ever committed to man. A crisis is upon us. We need efficient men with a practical business education, dedicated to God's service.

Our institutions and entire organization should be an example of systematic thorough work, manned by efficient Christian workers. The responsibility of training these workers rests upon our schools. It is not our aim to train young people to enter the commercial work of the world, but to give them a training that will fit them to step into positions of responsibility in God's cause.

Can they get this training in the schools of the world? Shall our young people be forced to go to the world to get this training? We say, "No" emphatically. Let us equip our schools and give our students a Christian business education.

In Lodi Academy, exclusive of the ninth-grade academic work, we have nineteen taking our commercial course, a course that Heald's Business College in San Francisco will recognize. The superintendent of that college has sent us a written statement that he will accept the credits of any student coming from our commercial department under present management.

Our motto is not conformity to the world, but accuracy and thoroughness, namely, "Do all to the honor and glory of God."

"All who expect to engage in the work of the Lord should learn how to keep accounts." "To spell correctly, to write a clear, fair hand and to keep accounts, are necessary accomplishments. Bookkeeping has strangely dropped out of school work in many places, but this should be regarded as a study of primary importance."—*Counsel to Teachers.*

We are glad that at Lodi Academy we have a commercial course which we feel free to invite our young people to take. The equipment is good, and our teacher is sparing no effort to make the work strong. J. H. PAAP.

"Then the work will move forward with solidity and redoubled strength. To the workers in every line will be imparted a new efficiency. The publications sent forth as God's messengers will bear the signet of the Eternal. Rays of light from the sanctuary above will attend the precious truths they bear. As never before they will have power to awaken in souls a conviction of sin, to create a hungering and thirsting after righteousness, to beget a lively solicitude for the things that will never pass away."—*Vol. 7, p. 149.*

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 18, 1914

AGENT	BOOK	HRS.	ORDS.	HELPS	VALUE	DELIVERED
Arizona						
G. H. Reese	P. P. F., El Rey	24	32		\$49.00	
Southern California						
C. E. Urquhart	P. G., H. W.	9	5		\$25.25	
H. E. Farmer	P. G., C. S.	21	5		9.50	
Luis Herrera	P. G., C. K.	29	16		28.00	
Frank W. Ross	P. P. F., C. S.	3	11		11.00	\$52.00
Miscellaneous					3.50	
4 Agents		62	37		\$77.25	\$52.00
Central California						
F. O. Jensen	P. G.	23	3	\$ 2.25	\$18.25	\$12.75
Geo. E. Barnes	P. G.	18	1	3.25	7.75	19.25
E. J. Martin	G. C.	24	7	5.80	27.80	
Leland Gilstrap	H. W.				6.75	
4 Agents		65	11	\$11.30	\$60.55	\$32.00
Utah						
J. L. Sauder	E. S.	35	18	\$11.85	\$76.85	\$ 44.00
Paul Moore	Heralds	48	2	.75	4.75	76.00
2 Agents		83	20	\$12.60	\$81.60	\$120.00

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 12, 1914

Utah						
L. R. Ackerman,	A. R. Robison					
	E. S.	15	4		\$ 13.00	
J. L. Sauder	E. S.	41	28	\$10.00	123.60	
3 Agents		56	32	\$10.00	\$136.60	

MISCELLANY

FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN:—Modern house, five rooms, two screened porches, attic, basement, bath and pantry. Electric lights throughout. Located within three blocks of Pacific Press, S. D. A. church, and ten-grade church school. Corner lot, 100x150 feet, cement walks, forty assorted fruit and ornamental trees. Small barn with drive in rear of lot. Reason for selling, owner going to Japan to assist in publishing work. For photographs and further information, write to C. C. Hall, Mountain View, Cal., care Pacific Press Publishing Association. 22-3

Attention is directed to the *Liberty Magazine* references elsewhere in this number. Notice particularly what Brother Longacre says about it pointing out current fulfillment of prophecy, and then note the testimony of Sister Steunenberg, the widow of Idaho's martyr governor, as to how she and the governor received the message through reading *Liberty*. There are also other interesting items regarding this valuable magazine that no one should fail to read. Let the principles of religious liberty be heralded abroad everywhere through this heaven-sent medium of communication.

Enter the Turk; Exit the Turk

The beautiful cover design in three colors of the January *Watchman*, picturing the Turk in the act of leaving Constantinople and stepping over into Asia, is a good illustration of a most interesting and instructive article in this issue, entitled "Enter the Turk; Exit the Turk."

The Neutral Attitude of Italy and Its Relation to the Eastern Question

Many have wondered why it is that Italy, a member of the Triple Alliance, has not entered the war to assist Germany and Austria. There is a reason for this. If you wish to know the reason and what part Italy is playing in the Eastern Question, read the January *Watchman*. It gives the secret.

We Hope He Got It

"Aren't you the boy who was here a week ago looking for a position?"
"Yes, sir."

"I thought so. And didn't I tell you then that I wanted an older boy?"

"Yes, sir, that's why I'm here now."

The boy or man who refuses to take no for an answer is the boy or man who wins. And this trait, sanctified to the service of the Lord, should appear in our work of giving the third angel's message.—*Selected*.

Diplomacy Cast to the Winds

Turkey's ambassador to Washington startled our statesmen a few weeks ago when he said, "This is Turkey's opportunity." What did he mean? The February *Signs Magazine* contains a three-page article on "Turkey and the War." It discusses his undiplomatic statement, and cites prophecies from Revelation, Ezekiel, Joel, Zachariah and Daniel to show the ultimate end of the Ottoman government. This is but one of the ten features of the February issue.

"The Heathen Will Laugh"

Mission work in heathen lands has been made infinitely harder on account of supposed Christian nations being at war. How will our faithful missionaries answer Japan's leaders of thought who ask for evidence that belief in Christ is more humanizing, more civilizing than Buddhism, Shintoism or Hinduism? The *Signs Magazine* for February contains two articles of great value on this very topic. One of them is entitled "Attacking Christianity," the other "Christianity Needs no Defense." Yourself, your neighbors and missionary friends in foreign countries, all should read these articles and be able to meet this question which is sure to bob up from time to time.

Why the World did not End in 1914

A well known preacher, who by his methods and startling utterances has attracted considerable attention, declared early in the year that the world would end in 1914. Thousands of people believed him. Possibly some of them live in your neighborhood. They, and everyone for that matter, should read the reason why it did not end. It appears in the *Signs Magazine* for February.

A reader will also find interesting and profitable reading in the following articles: "The Coming Famine," "Turkey and the War," "Satan has been Truly Converted (?)," "Why a Devil?"

"Christianity Needs no Defense," "Attacking Christianity," "Prophecies of Smooth Things," "The Knowledge of Good and Evil."

The Coming Famine

Yes, there will be a food famine before long. And there will be a famine to hear the word of God. The title of this paragraph is also the title of what is considered the leading article in the February *Signs Magazine*. The following sub-titles will partially disclose its scope: "The Plagues," "The Last War," "The Gathering Nations," "God's People Protected," "Earth's Closing History." Bear the February issue in mind; its contents and cover will make it a ready seller.

A Remarkable Fulfillment of Prophecy

The *Liberty Magazine* for the first quarter of 1915 contains a photograph, actual size, of Secretary Bryan's plowshare, twenty-eight of which were made out of obsolete swords and presented to the ambassadors of the nations who signed the peace compact with the United States government. The significance of this remarkable fulfillment of prophecy is fully set forth in an article. Everybody will want to get this photograph in the *Liberty* as a souvenir, and circulate it among their neighbors.

Another reason why this issue of the *Liberty Magazine* is especially valuable and should receive an extensive circulation at this time, is because of three other living issues it deals with in this number. They are as follows: "The Meaning of the European War and 'The Sick Man' of the East 'Committing Suicide,'" "The Significance of the Sunday Law Decision of the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia," and "The Submerged Issue' in New York State Politics," and we might add the article on "Human Rights and the American Saloon." It is highly illustrated with the latest war scenes in Europe.

This issue is considered the best and most significant number yet issued. If you read the three articles written by Brother C. M. Snow, Elder S. B. Horton and the editor upon the significance of the United States appellate court's decision on Sunday laws for the District of Columbia, and see how completely the appellate judge's arguments have been answered from a judicial, legislative, historical and Biblical standpoint, you will want to place this special number in the hands of every judge and lawyer in your community. Order fifty copies at once for \$2, or get your own subscription free by securing four other yearly subscriptions at 25 cents each. Send for a sample copy.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1914

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

A union convention of the churches in the Napa valley was held last Friday, Sabbath and Sunday at Sanitarium. The Sabbath-school, young people's and educational interests were all represented. Among those present to lead out in the work were Elder and Mrs. E. W. Farnsworth, Prof. M. E. Cady, Elder M. A. Hollister and Miss Sarah E. Peck.

Referring to the week of prayer season at Mountoin View, Brother H. H. Hall writes under date of December 20 as follows: "For several months the teachers in the young people's division have been doing personal work with their students, between fifteen and twenty of whom had made no stand for the Lord. We have followed this up in such other ways as possible, and then joined with the church school teachers in their efforts along similar lines at the beginning of the week of prayer. As a result, we had a very solemn service yesterday, and sixteen went forward in baptism."

"The Bible House at New York City has recently made a shipment of 1000 Bibles on a voyage of 15,000 miles. Poison was worked into the covers of the books to hinder the operations of destroying insects. The Bibles were soldered up in tin boxes containing ten each, for protection against waves and weather. The tin boxes were repacked in pairs in heavy wooden crates designed to withstand the hard knocks incident to many reloadings and to long journeys under varying conditions. These Bibles, being a part of the eighth edition printed in the language

of the Gilbert Islands, are to arrive ultimately at Ocean Island, a small speck in the Pacific 5000 miles southwest of San Francisco, lying almost under the equator. Ocean Island is only a mile and a half in diameter, but it is visited by many steamers on account of its rich deposits of phosphate. Hence its choice as a distributing center for Bibles in the islands of the Gilbert group."

From the Lodi Academy, Brother J. H. Paap, the principal, writes under date of December 21: "The week of prayer just closed at our school, and we have certainly had a good time. Professor Cady was with us part of two days, and Elder Enoch during the last two days of the week. We appreciated their help very much indeed. While our school work has gone along quite smoothly during the first term, we realized that a spiritual revival was needed. We were also quite anxious over the fact that the majority of the young ladies in the home did not make any profession of religion. This situation has been changed. Nearly all have made a new start, and two who had never made any profession before have taken a firm stand for this message. On the last Sabbath of the week of prayer, Elder Enoch organized a students' foreign mission band. Twenty-five joined as active members. This means that they hold themselves ready to answer the call to any mission field, and in the meantime will do all that they can to prepare for such work." Angels of heaven are made to rejoice at these active preparations to carry the gospel to the world.

Elder Bond's Death

Baeza, Spain,

November 11, 1914.

My dear mother, brothers and sisters:

On November 1, I received a telegram from Walter asking me to come to Baeza. In about three hours I was on the train rushing towards our dear Walter, arriving at Baeza the following day about 10:30 A.M. Walter had been sick over two days when I reached here. He is afflicted with acute peritonitis. I cannot tell you how terribly swollen is his abdomen, and what excruciating pain and suffering he undergoes at times.

November 12.—Well, my loved ones, God has not seen best to spare the life of our dear Walter. At 2 o'clock this morning only about three-fourths of an

hour ago, he fell asleep in Jesus. We have had three different doctors, and have tried to do all we possibly could for his recovery. Many sincere prayers were offered to God in his behalf. But God doeth all things well, so we must not complain. Our hearts are heavy with sadness this morning, but our loving Father in heaven knows all about our sorrows, and He will comfort and strengthen us. My earnest prayer is that He may sustain each one of you.

O, mother dear, be brave. Leola and little Sarita are here. They came last Friday. Martha and Harry are also here. They reached here on Sunday. We have had some precious seasons together seeking the Lord. Paul and Elsa are at Brother Forga's home in Barcelona. Poor little children! They shall never see their dear papa again until Jesus comes. Let us pray earnestly for Leola that the dear Lord may guide her in caring for her little ones. I think as soon as arrangements can be made for them to do so, Leola and the children will go to California. We shall doubtless live with them until that time.

My dear brothers and sisters, let us endeavor to imitate Walter's beautiful Christian character. Once as we were talking about what might take place, he said, "Tell dear mother that I would have loved to see her once more." Speaking about his own little family, he said, "Tell them that above all they do, so live that we may meet in the earth made new." This was his earnest desire for all the loved ones. During all these days of extreme suffering his life was a continuous demonstration of the saving power of God's truth, a manifestation of those sweet Christian graces which characterize the child of God. He expressed to me a knowledge of all his sins forgiven.

This caring for Walter has been a heavy strain on me. I got very little sleep. Did not have my clothes off for a week, but the dear Lord strengthened me.

Well, I must close for this time. Pray for us, dear ones, and for the work in Spain. This is one more reason for reconsecrating our all to God's service. Let us all make sure work of eternal life.

Much love from us all to all of you. Walter will be taken to the cemetery this afternoon at about 4 o'clock. One more reason why you should write us often. We shall be lonely in Spain hereafter. Praise the Lord for His precious promises. 1 Thess. 4: 13-18, etc.

Your loving son, brother and uncle,
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