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Perilous Times

Undoubtedly we have reached the time concerning which Paul wrote when he said: "This know also that in the last days perilous times shall come." Another translation renders this scripture: "This know also that in the last days times that are full of danger shall come."

The church is exposed not only to the attack of the enemy from without, but he will undoubtedly make his greatest effort to overthrow the church by in some way getting within our own ranks and dividing our forces. Over and over again the exhortation has come to us: "Press together, press together, press together." This has been in view of the approaching end, and because of the fact that as Satan sees his time approaching, his wrath against the church will increase.

Let us earnestly heed this counsel and draw closer and closer together as brethren and sisters in our churches and in our conferences. Let us be more and more diligent in the study of the Bible, and especially the truths that God has revealed to us for this time, becoming more and more conversant with these blessed truths, so

that we can give a reason for the hope that is within us with meekness and fear. Let us also make a daily study of the counsel that the Lord has given us through His chosen servant in the bound volumes of the "Testimonies," and the other writings of Sister E. G. White. Withal we are not to neglect daily communion with God. I feel constrained to urge these matters upon our people everywhere, knowing that unless we do daily watch unto prayer and constantly guard against every avenue of approach from the enemy, we shall surely be overthrown in this time of peril. There is no good reason why our light should not shine brighter and brighter as we near the end; and why our joy in the Lord should not grow deeper and our lives more and still more fruitful.

"Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen." E. E. ANDROSS.

Literature Sales

That the message of truth is going as never before, even in "troublesome times," is abundantly evidenced by the literature sales for the first four months of 1915. The statement of totals in the Pacific Press territory, including the Northern, the Central, the North Pacific, the Western Canadian and the Pacific Union conferences, has just reached our office.

This report shows a grand sum in subscription, trade, and educational books, and tracts, of \$41,598.85 as compared with \$25,862.40 for the corresponding months in the same territory in 1914, a gain of \$15,736.45, or over sixty per cent.

The tracts are the only class of literature which shows a decrease, all of the rest giving a marked gain, the subscription book business making an increase of almost ninety-eight per cent. Where there was \$15,657.35 worth of subscription books sold last year in four months, this year there was \$30,957.45.

In the Pacific Union Conference the comparison for the four months is as follows:

	1914	1915
Subscription books...	\$3410.10	\$7330.45
Trade books	1702.80	1564.35
Educational books ..	55.40	126.65
Tracts	821.20	558.65
	\$5989.50	\$9580.10

From this it will be seen that our gain in totals of nearly sixty per cent comes in the subscription and educational book columns. The other two classes, trade books and tracts, are less this year than in 1914. Our subscription book business has increased nearly 115 per cent over last year's figures. This means that more than twice as much literature sold by our house-to-house workers has been placed in the hands of the people this year than last; and this, too, in a period that is recognized by all as dull in business prospects.

Have you had your full share in helping to make this splendid increase?

CLAUDE CONARD.

The Meaning of "Amen"

The all-prevailing custom is to close public prayer with the word "amen." It is, however, questionable whether many who thus use the word have taken time to consider why it is so employed, or what its significance really is. Yet it is frequently used in holy Scripture, twice at least as a noun, five or six times as a participle, but generally as a verb. It must be considered a word

of much importance, since it is made an honored title of the Lord Jesus, as the beginning, or source of the creation of God. Rev. 3: 14.

A few times the word is used to represent a caretaker, or one in charge of an infant. Thus Isaiah says: "Kings shall be thy nursing fathers." Isa. 49: 23. Here the Hebrew word for nursing is *aman*. The woman who carried and dropped Mephibosheth (2 Sam. 4: 4) is called his *omeneth*, the participle of our verb *amen*. Thus the word carries the significance of an overseer, especially one who is entirely dependable under severe tests. It is in this sense that Jesus is the Amen, the faithful and true Witness of Heavenly yearning in behalf of humanity's needs. This was fully grasped by the apostle when he said: "All the promises of God in Him [Christ] are yea, and in Him Amen, unto the glory of God." 2 Cor. 1: 20.

In other words, Christ is Jehovah's Amen in all things pertaining to God's world-dealing. As Jehovah is true, so therefore is His Amen, and for this reason the word is used inspirationally whenever a blessing is pronounced upon the church or individuals, as witnessed by its frequent employment by all New Testament writers. This use of the word is in recognition of the thing asked for, or pronounced, as possessing the quality suggested by the root word itself; that is, that it will *hold good*.

For this reason, the word belief, in its truest sense, is an ally of Amen. Indeed, in the Old Testament the word "believe" nearly always comes from the Hebrew *aman*, which means to remain steadfast, or hold good. Thus the prophet: "Who hath believed our report?" Isa. 53: 1. In other words, Who recognizes the report as one that will hold good? The same thought is enunciated by the great apostle when he said: "I know whom I have *believed*, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him." 2 Tim. 1: 12.

This is more than intellectual belief; it is self-commitment, similar to the child consigning itself to the arms of its parent. The devils are said to *believe*, but they do not commit themselves to God, because they are at enmity with Him. This commitment element of belief is not present, and cannot be present where genuine love is absent, because faith, to be of value, must be worked by love.

It is only by this manner of faith that one can truly *amen* the Lord at the close of his petition for grace. It was this confiding word that made Abraham's name live through the ages as the synonym of faith. Thus it is written: "Abraham *believed* God, and it was counted to him for righteousness." Rom. 4: 3. That is to say, his faith was counted righteousness. But the nature of that faith is clearly set forth by the original, in Gen. 15: 6. There the English expression is, "he *believed* in the Lord." The original text is: he *amened* the Lord; that is, he more than believed intellectually. When he responded to God's promise by saying *amen*, he fully committed himself to lean upon and fully trust the promise given. His genuine *amen* was what was counted righteousness.

The same accounting will be to everyone who prays entirely within God's promises, and then trusts the *Amen* in them enough to make his own utterance of the word as the closing one of his petition, in a calm, trustful way. So when the promises of God are publicly repeated, let all the people say "amen." Ps. 106: 48. —J.O.C.

At the Other End

Sometimes when we are considering the amount we should give to missions, we forget the great need at the other end where the means are to go. In a letter just received from Brother J. T. Thompson, who is now laboring in Uruguay, he tells of some experiences laboring for the country people. He has this to say of some conditions he has to meet there:

"The grain farmers had little or no crop, and they are of an inferior class of people living in mud huts with thatched roofs and earth—sometimes dirt(y)—floors, with from six to twelve children. They listen very attentively to a canvass, like to look at the pictures, and when the canvass is finished they smile and calmly say, "No se leer" (I don't know to read). At first it is amazing, then pitiful, and at last horrible to find people living in such abject ignorance, filth and poverty. Then when a person reflects upon the causes and knows that these very people have been subjected to all this by a system of religion that passes for Christianity, if there is still a bit of Protestantism in the life the blood cannot but boil.

"In the sparsely settled country I do not see how the message can be taken

to these people in any other manner than by literature and personal visits at the homes. This can be done for the intelligent class or those who can read, but what can we do for the poor ignorant people who, know nothing of letters? My heart aches for these poor people who have no hope in the future and little joys and comforts in this life. Here they live, rear families and pass away with little more thought or care than the brute beast. How long, O Lord, how long? When shall we finish this work? We talk of the end, we tell of the fulfillment of prophecies, of the message going to all the world, but what are we doing to complete it? We compile statistics—all very good—but how many souls are we saving? What a record we must have!"

From these words taken from Brother Thompson's letter, we can discern his longing to reach those poor people with the message. Sometimes these men must work against almost insurmountable obstacles. With our funds we must support them as they press the triumphs of the threefold message in the regions beyond. We must remember the faithful toilers at the other end when making an offering to missions. B. E. BEDDOE.

FIELD TIDINGS

A Time of Refreshing

I had the privilege of attending the first part of the camp-meeting for the Central California Conference, held at Fresno, beginning April 30 and closing May 9. It was held in Recreation Park, just outside the city limits, but having a frequent street-car service, it was within easy reach of the city. The grounds were in every way suited for such a gathering. I think it is superior to any site for a camp-meeting that I have ever seen in California; in fact, I do not know that I have ever seen its equal in every respect.

From the beginning there was a large attendance of people, much larger than at any similar gathering in Central California. I remained on the grounds until Wednesday evening, and by that time the brethren told me there were about 140 tents that had been pitched, and these were crowded to their utmost capacity. Quite a number had obtained rooms in the town, largely due to the cold weather that we had during the early part of the meeting.

From the first a beautiful spirit prevailed in the encampment. It seemed as if God's people were determined to prepare for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain, and the meeting gave promise of great success. I was very sorry that I could not remain to the close of the meeting as I had intended doing, but on account of having taken a very severe cold it was thought best that I come to the Glendale Sanitarium where I could receive vigorous treatment, and thus avoid the necessity of having to lay aside my work for a longer period. Am very glad indeed to be able to say, after a few days' treatment at the sanitarium, that I am almost entirely over my cold and ready once more for my work. How thankful we should be for the excellent institutions that we have for caring for the sick! The blessing of the Lord is surely resting upon our sanitariums and the faithful workers who are devoting their lives to this blessed ministry.

With the excellent beginning in our camp-meeting work this year, I feel encouraged to hope for larger things during this season than we have ever seen before in these annual gatherings. I am sure the Lord is waiting to pour upon His people the gift of His spirit, and prepare them for greater efficiency and service and more blessed victory in their personal Christian experience than ever before. Let us reach out in a very earnest way for these blessings which are waiting our demand and reception.

Every part of the field is to be served with a camp-meeting this year. There having been two new conferences organized, hence two additional conference camp-meetings will be held—one in the northwestern part of the state, and another in the southeastern. Besides these, a local camp-meeting will be held at Chico in the Northern California Conference. There will also be the usual meetings that have been held in the past years.

We are expecting the assistance of Elder A. G. Daniells at some of our meetings; just how many I am not able to say at this writing. He is expecting to reach San Francisco about June 7 on his return from China and other oriental countries that he has been visiting in the interests of this work. Possibly he will not get a boat so as to reach San Francisco before June 14, but we are in hopes that he will arrive in time to attend at least a portion of

the educational and young people's council to be held at the Pacific Union College, St. Helena, June 4 to 14.

Elder Meade MacGuire is expecting to attend most of our camp-meetings in the interests of our young people's work. We hope also to have one or more of our missionaries on furlough with us. Altogether we feel the Lord is blessing us with excellent help this year, and we are very anxious to see our people avail themselves of the opportunities of these meetings. The counsel of the Lord is that we should place ourselves in the divine current where the blessing of God is flowing, and if we do this, we shall partake of the rich blessings of heaven. From every part of the field most excellent reports are coming to us of the progress of the work. The Lord has set His hand a second time to recover the remnant of His people, and this work is soon to be finished.

E. E. ANDROSS,

Pres. Pacific Union Conf.

NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA

Camp-meeting

The Northwestern California Conference camp-meeting will be held at Santa Rosa, June 17 to 27. We expect that every tent will be occupied. The rent for a 10x12 tent with fly and burlap will be \$3.50, while we will rent the 12x17 tents with fly and burlap for \$5, furnishings extra. Bring plenty of bedding and a straw tick. As there are indications of a large attendance, we advise making application for your tent at once, as the first application will receive first choice.

Application has been made for rates of one and one-third fare on the certificate plan, so be sure to get a certificate for fare paid, when coming to camp-meeting.

The time is here for the out-pouring of the latter rain. Come and prepare yourself to be a recipient of the blessing that the Lord is ready to bestow.

S. DONALDSON, *Secretary.*

SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA

Conference Interests

The writer has recently returned from rather an extended trip through the southern and eastern part of the conference. About one week was spent in the Imperial Valley. The truth has gained a good hold in this valley. We found four good churches there. Two of them have nice church buildings. Elder L. E. Brant and

Brother C. L. Snodgrass are doing excellent work in the valley. The two churches at El Centro and Brawley were dedicated while there.

Prof. I. C. Colcord accompanied me on this trip. From Imperial I took the stage across the mountains to San Diego, where Elder Meade MacGuire had appointed a young people's convention. This was held April 30 to May 2. It was a most excellent meeting. Elders R. S. Owen and W. M. Healey, and the other local workers rendered valuable assistance. A goodly number of the young people decided to take the reading course and try for the standard of attainment.

There is no line of work more important than that with our young people. We hope soon to secure a worker who can devote his entire time to this department.

Since coming to the conference it has been my privilege to visit seventeen of our churches. A very cordial reception has been given me, and I find a spirit of willingness to work that is very encouraging. This insures success for the work in our field. If we rightly relate ourselves to the Lord, He will use us to the carrying on of His work. W. F. MARTIN, *President.*

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

General Items

Elders F. M. Burg and J. A. Burden called at the Los Angeles office last week. It was a real pleasure to see Elder Burg at the conference office again.

Last Thursday the conference committee met to consider important matters. The time and place of this season's camp-meeting and the summer's campaign were given much study. Definite report will be made later.

Recently a sister calling at the treasurer's office saw the new safe, the purchase of which had been made necessary in the division of the conference property. She expressed her approval by leaving \$25 to assist in paying for it.

Elder D. D. Fitch left Los Angeles via New York for Porto Rico last Monday. Brother Fitch has labored in this conference for several years. He now leaves at the invitation of the foreign mission board for this, his new field of labor. We wish him God-speed.

This week Brother C. C. Morlan, who has given faithful service in the book work, leaves Los Angeles for Oakland. Brother Morlan was recently appointed field agent of the California and the Northwestern California conferences. May the Lord continue to bless his labors. Brother H. A. Hebard, of Nebraska, succeeds him in Southern California.

B. E. BEDDOE.

UTAH

"Captured a Sunday School"

In the year 1913, shortly after the Harvest Ingathering campaign had begun, a brother of the Salt Lake City church said to me, "I have captured a Sunday school."

"Well, how is that?" I enquired.

He then related to me his experience which in substance is as follows:

When the Harvest Ingathering campaign began, he took fifty copies of the *Review* with him to his office. He was working for the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad as chief dispatcher. He had put out a few papers and had received some money when he glanced through a window and saw a conductor coming into the office. This man was not a Christian and was very rough, jesting coarsely about religion. The brother's first thought was to hide his papers, the *Reviews*. But the words of Christ came to him, "Whosoever shall confess Me before men, him shall the Son of Man also confess before the angels of God: but he that denieth Me before men shall be denied before the angels of God." That settled the matter, and he kept his papers out in plain sight. So just as the conductor came through the door, the brother said, "You are just the man I want to see." At the same time he handed him a *Review* and asked him for an offering. The conductor gave 25 cents to the brother and said, "If you are so all-fired religious, why don't you go over to that Sunday school they are just starting?"

It was Sunday and the brother was off duty at three o'clock, so he went over to the Sunday school. That rough conductor was the first one to inform the brother of the beginning of the Sunday school.

He was asked to teach the Bible class that day, which he did. After the Sunday school he gave a little study on the sanctuary, as their Sunday school lessons were on Old Testament history. An interest was manifested, so he offered to get someone to give them more studies. The offer was accepted,

and the brother asked his wife to attend the Sunday school and give Bible readings as the way opened up. She did so while the brother embraced the opportunity to sell them "Patriarchs and Prophets," a splendid commentary on their Sunday school lessons. He sold nineteen copies and later sold seven "Great Controversy."

This brother and sister continued their work with a little help from others, and as the result the superintendent of that Sunday school and three others were recently baptized into the third angel's message in the Salt Lake church.

That is the result of entering into the Harvest Ingathering work with a deep interest for souls. Four of the leading members of that Sunday school found the precious truth, and others are interested. But that is not all. Because of the hard times and the faithfulness of Sabbath-keeping by the brother, he lost his position on the railroad. He knew not what to do, as he had been in railroad business nearly all his life. But his experience in the Harvest Ingathering work encouraged him to try to sell our books. He tried it, and God is blessing him in the canvassing work in Utah. And his wife has been asked by the conference committee to take up the Bible work.

Reader, did it pay for that brother to enter into the Harvest Ingathering work whole-heartedly? Four dear souls are now rejoicing in the truth, and he and his wife are now directly engaged in the soul-saving work. What this brother and sister have done, many others could do if they would get a burden for souls.

The Harvest Ingathering work is a soul-saving enterprise, and it is an excellent experience to train soul-winners.

W. M. ADAMS.

MISSIONARY

The "Present Truth Series"

For the past three months the writer has been in the field attending general meetings, conventions, and visiting the larger churches and institutions. This has afforded an excellent opportunity for getting acquainted with our people, and with the various phases of the work. Particularly in the light of this great soul-winning movement are we studying the entire field; and more and

more are we convinced of the necessity of a strong, clear setting of this great three-fold message in the form of the printed page. This literature must be handled by those who believe the message.

We have on previous occasions spoken with regard to the *Signs* weekly, and we are glad to see our people taking hold of this effective agency; but we wish also to say a word in favor of the *Present Truth Series*. There is room in the field for both. These little truth-laden papers are making possible some things that formerly were beyond us. The exceptionally low price enables us to reach all our friends and neighbors. The *Present Truth Series* is doing a great work. It is greatly appreciated, and we feel to urge our people everywhere to circulate it by the hundreds of thousands.

We are enjoying wonderful privileges now. How soon they will be taken from us we cannot tell, but let us work while the day lasts, for soon the night cometh when no man can work. Try 1000 copies of the *Present Truth Series* in your neighborhood. Give the people an opportunity to know the truth. Do not try to sell these papers, but you can give the people a chance to contribute something so as to increase the circulation.

The work is onward. The outlook is very encouraging. Let no one delay to enter heart and soul into this great harvest time. "Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion," is the command given us through the prophet Micah.

F. W. PAAP.

The Systematic Lending of Tracts

No plan for the distribution of literature has proved more successful than that of systematically lending our tracts. The plan is a very simple one. Two or three tracts are placed in an envelope on which is printed information to the effect that this is a free circulating library, that the tracts will be left for a week to be read, then called for, and others supplied in their place.

There are many advantages in this plan. It enables the members to call regularly week after week on their neighbors, and so to become acquainted with them. As the people read the tracts, they will begin to ask questions in regard to the points which interest them, and this will open the way for supplying other literature on these points or of making appointments for Bible readings.

This systematic house-to-house work also insures that every house is visited and all are given an opportunity to receive a knowledge of the truth. It is an easy method of work, suited to the backward, the timid and the inexperienced. It is an economical plan, for the packages of tracts may be used several times, as long as they keep clean.

These tract packages are now put up in very convenient form. There are 25-cent packages, containing one complete set of ten envelopes, each containing three tracts, carefully arranged in order so as to present first the points of truth the least likely to arouse prejudice, and gradually working up to those in which the test is more severe.

The \$1 packages contain four complete sets, and the \$5 packages contain twenty-five complete sets. The prices of all these packages are below what it would cost to purchase the tracts and envelopes separately, and the \$5 packages give an additional reduction. They are therefore the best for our churches to buy, as this gives them a supply of these tract-lending packages at a very inexpensive rate.

We hope that all our churches and companies will take up this work during the summer. It would be suitable work for Sabbath afternoons, if no other time is available. Especially should places be worked in this way, where tent-meetings are to be held, as it will prepare the way before the ministers, and sow the seed from which they may reap a harvest.

E. M. GRAHAM.

The Financial Support of the Home Missionary Work

The church is primarily a missionary organization, called out by the Lord to act as His agency for saving other souls. There are two ways by which the members should support this work of gathering the lost,—one by their personal efforts to give the message of salvation to others, the other by their money.

In many churches very little consideration has been given to the financial support of the home missionary work. The foreign missions, the local conference work, the church expenses, are all planned for in a very definite way, but the home missionary work is left largely to the individual efforts of the members.

For many years a number of churches have followed the plan which was

adopted as a basis of support for this home missionary work in the early days of the work,—that of devoting the offering taken on the fourth Sabbath to the home missionary work. This is an excellent plan, as it gives it a definite and regular income, upon which the church officers can depend for providing some necessary supplies.

Members should be encouraged to sell certain kinds of literature and turn in all or part of the profits to help to pay for the literature for free distribution. In this way this work may be made partially self-supporting. It cannot be expected to be wholly so.

If the fourth Sabbath offering and the profits on sales turned in by the members do not prove to be enough to provide all the literature that can be used to good advantage, collections may be taken at the weekly night meetings. The members who live too far from the church to attend these meetings may be invited to contribute to this fund.

Care should be taken to see that when literature is ordered, plans are laid to pay for it promptly. Debt is death to aggressive work. It can be avoided by careful planning and prompt collection of all accounts and pledges.

Let us not forget the souls around us, but let us provide literature to help to carry the truth to them that is so precious to us. As much of this literature as possible should be sold, because people value more what they buy than what is given them. But there will always be a demand for quantities of literature for free distribution, in order to reach those who will not or cannot buy. Let us give as many as possible the opportunity of accepting salvation from the Lord.

E. M. GRAHAM.

Our Day of Opportunity

The ever-rising tide of immigration has been stayed to a large extent on account of the European war. Many believe that as soon as the conflict is over, the tide will rise higher than ever. But think of the vast multitude of strangers already within our gates. *One person out of every seven in the United States was born outside our borders.* Statisticians tell us that we have to-day 13,500,000 people of foreign birth, and nearly all of them are from Europe.

The great majority of those who came from eastern and southern Europe never knew religious freedom. The Bible was not an open book to

them. In the providence of God these people have come to our very doors,—*and for what?*

Not many of us can go to other lands with the great message for these last days, but God has arranged things so that many of the people of those lands are coming within our reach that we may give them the light. To-day we are all surrounded with foreign neighbors, not alone from Europe but from the oriental lands as well. What are we doing for them?

An interesting paragraph from a letter written by one of our sisters a few days ago suggests a simple and effective method that all can use in seeking to pass on the message to those about us. She writes:

“There are about six or eight Chinese living near us, and since we are on *friendly terms with them* we think it is a good time to interest them in the message. Two of them came down the other Sunday evening and brought a big piece of pork and some cigars (which we returned with thanks), also some candy, nuts and firecrackers for the children. They sat and talked quite a little while with us. We now need some Chinese literature.”

An order for Chinese tracts was enclosed with this sister's letter. How thankful we should be that inexpensive literature containing this glorious truth has been prepared for so many nationalities! How simple and easy it is to perform this kind of service when we are really interested in the welfare of these souls that are as precious to God as are our own!

Brethren and sisters, we profess to be followers of Christ, but Christ knew no distinction of race or color. We are slow to follow His example. *Far down in our hearts we do not love the ignorant foreigner*, we do not welcome him as a brother. And yet, “Have we not all one Father? Hath not one God created us?”

“Every man is sacred in God's sight; therefore he who despiseth man despiseth God. He who loves not man loves not God.” We should be Christian enough and large-hearted enough to overlook the strange manners and habits of living which are so foreign to our customs and which violate our ideas of culture and refinement; for these things are superficial. It is the real man and the real woman behind these peculiar characteristics that we should seek. And having found them, we should deal with them in a friendly

and sympathetic fashion, instead of looking upon them as mere animals. They have hopes, ambitions, desires, aspirations, souls, just as we have.

May the Lord deepen our sense of responsibility for those about us, of whatever nationality, and let us remember that because we have been made the depositaries of His truth for this time we are in debt to any and all who do not share in the blessings of that truth.

ERNEST LLOYD.

BOOK WORK

Lodi Colporteurs' Institute

The colporteurs' institute held at Lodi April 9 to 16 was attended by a good number of the students and others who are planning to take up the sale of our truth-filled publications this summer. We were glad to have with us Brother F. E. Painter to lead out in the institute work, and from the good instruction he gave, many have decided to enter the work with a high ideal, not alone to earn a scholarship, but with a deep desire to go out into the highways and hedges, to win souls for God and eternity.

Since Brother Painter left us, others have joined the class, and by the help of God we hope to see lasting results from this institute. E. H. ABBOTT.

Making a New World

or "The Old Europe Has Gone Never to Return"

The above is the title of one of the leading articles in the June *Watchman*, which is well illustrated by a three-color cover design. The Europe of modern history, the Europe of yesterday, with its political groupings and systems of government, has gone down beneath the shock of the world's greatest war; and what will be the Europe which will finally emerge from the smoke of the titanic conflict?

Your friends and neighbors are interested in present-day events. They would appreciate reading an up-to-date magazine which explains the prophecies relating to our time. Send 10 cents for a sample copy of the June *Watchman*, read it yourself, then order fifty or more to distribute among your neighbors. Your tract society will be glad to furnish these in quantities from five to forty copies at 5 cents each, and fifty or more at 4 cents each.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MAGAZINE SALES, MARCH, 1915

	SIGNS	LIFE-HEALTH	WATCHMAN	PROTESTANT	LIBERTY	TEMP. INST.	CHINESE	JAPANESE	SPANISH	EDUCATION	LIFE-BOAT	ITALIAN	
Mrs. M. Eldredge	34	17	53										105
Mexican church L. A.									20				20
E. W. Snyder								30			150		180
C. Castillo								50					50
Mrs. A. M. Althaus	100	10	100										210
James H. Anderson	25		25										50
I. W. Blackburn	25		25										50
Mrs. Eliza Allen	102		98										200
Mrs. G. M. Ballman	230	17	200			85				200			732
Mrs. Lillian Emmett		250	150										400
Mrs. W. D. Frazier		20											20
Miss Elizabeth Hiscox	7	5	2	1									15
Mrs. C. E. Halliday		20	30										50
Mrs. A. C. Jenkins	165	47	174										386
Mrs. M. E. Motz	50												50
Mrs. Isabella Richmond	10	20	10	5	20								65
W. A. Ross	44												44
Mrs. Harriet Ruby	24		1			25							50
Will Strickland	30	25	110			30							195
Mrs. Ada M. Gartman	25	50											75
K. Tillman						50							50
Peter Vandenberg	24												24
Pasadena miss. society			100			350							450
Fernando church school									10				10
Mrs. M. E. Wright	15		10			5							30
Miscellaneous	5	75	76	3		482	3			1			645
Total	915	556	1164	9	20	1027	3		100	11	200	150	4155

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SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA MAGAZINE SALES, MARCH, 1915

Miss E. Klopfenstein			7	8									15
M. Serna								20					20
Mrs. L. R. Allison	125	20		25	25								195
Mrs. M. Emblem	50	30	20										100
Miss Lydia Johnson	850	300	500			50	45	25					1770
Mrs. Anna B. Kuehl						50							50
Mrs. C. Richli	100	50	5				5	5					165
Mrs. M. B. Valenzuela	50												50
Mrs. Luther Warren	5	5	5										15
L. H. Proctor	50												50
San Diego miss. soc.						645							645
Paradise Valley society						400							400
Pasadena miss. society			150										150
Miscellaneous	5	75	76	3		482	1	3					645
Total	1235	480	763	36	25	1627	51	28	25				4270

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SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA MAGAZINE SALES, JANUARY, 1915

Miss Ivy Striplin	25		25										50
T. F. Tolson	50												50
Miss E. Klopfenstein			15	5									20
Mrs. L. R. Allison	50												50
M. Serna									20				20
Mrs. C. Richli		50											50
Miscellaneous	49	28	74	38	102			1		9	1		302
Total	174	78	114	43	102			1		29	1		542

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REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 23, 1915

AGENT	BOOK	HRS.	ORDS.	HELPS	VALUE	DELIVERED
Utah						
J. L. Sauder	E.S.	40	16	\$1.00	\$ 61.00	
H. C. Holloway	E.S.	9	3		9.00	\$4.00
A. R. Robinson	E.S.	43	8	3.00	35.00	
P. C. Moore	E.S.	43	9	.75	29.75	
4 Agents		135	36	\$4.75	\$134.75	\$4.00

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 30, 1915

Arizona						
I. T. Reynolds	Misc.	40	30		\$61.00	\$19.00
Southeastern California						
Mrs. E. A. Williams	Misc.				\$ 8.00	
H. E. Farmer	P.G.	5	2		7.00	
Home workers	Misc.			\$23.22	23.22	
Miscellaneous	W.C.				25.00	
2 Agents		5	2	\$23.22	\$63.22	
Southern California						
C. E. Urquhart	Misc.	76	32		\$ 94.50	
Frank Ross	Misc.	47	19		41.95	
Hans Bonde	Hydro.	10	5		16.75	
Mrs. D. Z. Williams	Misc.	12			2.20	
Home workers	Misc.			\$23.23	23.23	
Miscellaneous	W.C.				25.00	
4 Agents		145	56	\$23.23	\$203.63	

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR TWO WEEKS ENDING MAY 7, 1915

Central California						
F. O. Jensen	P.G.	28	7	\$ 3.00	\$ 27.50	\$52.10
E. J. Martin	P.G.		32	16.35	128.35	
2 Agents		28	39	\$19.35	\$155.85	\$52.10

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 7, 1915

California						
Arnold Ramsey	H.M.	23½	15	\$1.25	\$50.25	
Northwestern California						
Jos. S. Bachman	H.M.	42	6	\$1.85	\$15.85	

MISCELLANY

FOR SALE.—Ten acres newly seeded alfalfa (soil, sandy loam), located in Orland, Glenn County, Cal. Price, \$250 an acre. \$950 cash; balance may run nine years at six per cent. For particulars address J. P., Box 132, Salida, Cal. 39-42

FOR SALE.—Three and one-half lots (two lots in tokay grapes; the rest in alfalfa and family orchard), with seven-room house and basement; also barn 16x20. On Central Avenue three blocks from Lodi Academy. Address Samuel Schmidt, R. F. D. 4, Box 4 H, Lodi, Cal. 39-42

FOR SALE—St. Helena rooming house, which was established seven years ago.

Completely furnished; baths; good transient trade; best location; cheap rent; long lease. Price, including good horse and surrey, \$825. Also for quick sale, five acres of vineyard and prunes one mile from college, \$250; or all sold together, \$1025. Address, G. W. Mann, St. Helena, Cal.

FOR SALE.—Twenty acres all in alfalfa two years old. Ten acres of this sub-irrigates. Five-room bungalow; barn with stock room for eleven cows, four horses, and machinery; windmill and tank holding 14,000 gallons. Family orchard. Three and one-half miles from Modesto, Cal. State highway one mile west. One mile to public school or four miles to church school. Will sell on easy terms, or cheaper if cash. For particulars address J. P., Box 132, Salida, Cal. 39-42

FOR SALE.—Bungalow Dry Cleaning and Dye Works in St. Helena, Cal. Well equipped. Good business; no competition. Fine location. Will teach trade if necessary. Splendid opening for Seventh-day Adventist. Seven and one-half miles from Pacific Union College. For quick sale, \$200. Can be run in connection with rooming house, which is advertised in this issue. Address Verna Mann-Kelly, St. Helena, Cal.

To the Isolated in the Southeastern California Conference

We are very desirous of securing a full list of all the Sabbath-keepers in the Southeastern California Conference. We wish this for use in our office. The church clerks have been requested to mail a complete list to us. There are no doubt a number, however, who are not in touch with any church, and perhaps some who do not hold a membership here in California. We want to get in touch with you. Please send your name and address to our conference secretary, J. C. McReynolds, 617 East Fifth Street, Santa Ana, Cal. If we have your name and address, you will then receive any matter that may be sent out to the churches in our conference. W. F. MARTIN, *President*.

The Great Essential

“Churches, sanitariums, schools and colleges may be founded; publishing houses may be kept busy, surgeons with their skill, nurses with their training, baby organs, stereopticon slides, indeed all the accessories of modern civilization may be used as a means of attraction, but unless there is back of all these agencies the love which compelled God to give His only Son to such service, souls cannot be won, for naught but the love of Christ can wash away sin, whether that sin be educated and aristocratic or ignorant and heathenish. Love, love, love is God’s own gift, Christ’s own life, and the sinner’s own redemption, and it ought, yea, must be the heart of all missionary agencies and endeavors.”

“Go in this thy might. . . Surely I will be with thee.” “With thee”—what companionship for mortals! “Working, O Christ, with Thee.” “This changes toil to bliss.” Why do we linger? O Master, help me to conquer the sin of hesitation, and learn to say with Paul, “I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me.”

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THURSDAY, MAY 13, 1915

En route for a short trip into Humboldt County, Cal., Elder I. P. Dillon, of Arizona, called at the union conference office last week.

Brother R. Rose, of Sanitarium Cal., called at the union conference office the first of the week. Brother Rose has charge of the Sanitarium Food Company's factory near St. Helena, and is in the southern part of the state in the interests of that work.

Word received from Elder W. C. White just as the copy is made up for the paper states that his mother holds up quite well, but is growing more feeble from one week to another. We are glad to know that the Lord is especially caring for her, and that she is so free from pain.

A unique dedicatory service was held at the Watts church in the suburbs of Los Angeles last Sabbath. This company was raised up in part under the efforts of Elder L. C. Sheafe. Besides Elder Sheafe, the conference laborers taking part in the exercises were Elder B. E. Beddoe, president of the Southern California Conference, Elders G. A. Snyder, F. I. Richardson and D. A. Parsons. There are now three churches of colored Seventh-day Adventists in and near Los Angeles.

Brother J. D. Baker gave a stirring missionary talk at the young people's meeting in the Glendale church last Friday evening. Brother Baker and his wife have spent a number of years working among the natives in the heart of Africa. They returned last year on furlough; and the European war has temporarily closed up the work in that section, so that it is impossible for them to return. Brother Baker's folks live at Mountain View, and Sister Baker's people are in Southern California.

The mid-week prayer meeting at the Glendale church last Wednesday evening took the nature of a missionary service. Mother Fitch had charge of the meeting, and a number of the members presented reports and letters from those who were engaged in missionary endeavor in other fields. A number of those in attendance had relatives or friends in active mission service in the fields beyond. The meeting closed with earnest prayer for the Lord's blessing to accompany Sister Fitch and her son and his wife, Elder and Mrs. D. D. Fitch, who are leaving this week for Porto Rico, where they are being sent by the foreign mission board.

Our readers will be grieved to learn of the death of Mrs. C. C. Lewis, wife of Prof. C. C. Lewis. Mrs. Lewis died at Washington, D. C., but further particulars are not at hand. Professor and Mrs. Lewis are well known in the West. For several years he was president of the Walla Walla College. He was also connected with Pacific Union College, and was educational secretary of the Pacific Union Conference. For the last two years, Professor Lewis has had charge of the Fireside Correspondence School at Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Lewis has assisted in this work, besides having charge of the mother's department in several of our periodicals. Her helpful articles will be greatly missed.

Dr. L. H. Wolfson and family arrived last week in California where they will spend the early part of the summer. They have visited Loma Linda, San Diego, San Fernando and the Glendale Sanitarium, and went on evening after the Sabbath to Fresno to attend the last day of the camp-meeting. For several years in the past Dr. and Mrs. Wolfson have been in sanitarium work in Hinsdale, Ill., near Chicago. Mrs. Wolfson will be remembered by many of the older members in California and the Northwest as Miss Evelyn Riley, one of the early teachers in Walla Walla College, and corresponding secretary in the California Conference before its territory was divided. Dr. Wolfson's family has lived since early days in the San Joaquin Valley. Dr. and Mrs. Wolfson were at one time connected with the St. Helena Sanitarium.

From a letter written May 7 by Elder E. W. Snyder, who with his wife, is in charge of the Seventh-day Adventist

booth at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco, the following is quoted: "The large globe is attracting much attention, and our explanations of the world-wide work represented often lead to interesting conversations which give opportunity to explain the principal points of our faith. Last week we received a visit from Rev. L. C. Barnes, field secretary of home missions for the Baptist denomination. His object was to learn of our work and how it is sustained. He said he was preparing an address to present to his denomination, and he desired to learn of our methods of raising money so that he could give his people an example of zeal and consecration. He seemed much impressed by our exhibit. This morning I received a call from Mr. Geo. L. White, of Los Angeles, who is superintendent of the literature work of the American Baptist Publishing Society for the Pacific Coast States. He spent an hour with me in order to gather information concerning our book work, the history of its growth, and how our canvassers are trained and kept in the field. Mr. White expects to make us another visit when the general superintendent of their literature work visits the Coast."

House-cleaning

Spring is house-cleaning time. It is the common experience in every home that periodicals and papers accumulate with astonishing rapidity. Would it not have an invigorating effect on our missionary work to clean the shelves and closets of old magazines and papers that have accumulated, and put them out into circulation? Let us do it all along the line. Make way for the new things that are constantly coming to us. It will give new life to your work. And we owe the timely information in this literature to those around us. Give it a chance to "go about doing good." *The harvest is sure.* (Psalms 126: 6.) —E. L.

Camp-meeting Announcements

Northern California (local), Chico, May 12 to 17.

Nevada Mission, Fallon, Nev., May 24 to 30.

Northwestern California, Santa Rosa, June 17 to 27.

Northern California, July 1 to 11.
California, July 15 to 25.

Southern California, August 5 to 15.

Southeastern California, Huntington Beach, August 26 to September 5.

Arizona, October 7 to 17.