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Why Do You Pray?

Some have thought, if not having said it outright: Of what use is it to pray? My prayers are not answered, so far as I can see. Well, my friend of the doubting order, the Lord speaks to you thus: "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?" Luke 11: 13.

Please note that the Lord does not pick out a *good* man who is a father, as the illustration. He does not point to such a man saying: Look at him. Do you see how nice and kind He is to his children? Well, the Father in heaven is just like that to you. No indeed, He says if an earthly father—*anyone, anywhere*—who is evil, failing in every day endeavor, is capable of pity and kindness, toward his children, *how much more* the Heavenly Father, who implanted this gift in the earthly one? Does the earthly father, evil though he be, *delight* to respond to the needs of his children? Then how much greater the joy with which the gifts of the Eternal Parent are made?

But what is prayer? Is it simply a daily round of words offered in a kneeling attitude? Far from it. Real

prayer is not a stilted duty laid upon humanity; it is actual communion with heaven, when the very *soul* looks up to the "Father of lights" (Ps. 145:18). It is more than this; it is the witness of fellowship between applicant and guardian; it is the reinforcement of human endeavor, the enlargement of personality in its approach to holiness, and so drawing power from the Unseen. For this reason the spiritual man is the man of power because he *is* the man of prayer.

Such a man is strong because of the shining of the Holy Spirit through him. No true prayer goes without an answer (Ps. 91:15) being returned in some form, because it is but willing Godward. Time may pass before the shortsightedness of humanity discerns it, but it is certain that the answer *begins* when the prayer is made. We may go further and say with confidence that even before the prayer becomes audible, God's ear is attentive to the cry (Isa 65:24), because man's ways are before the Lord's eye, and He ponders all his goings (Prov. 5:21). Not even a word is on the tongue of man, that the Lord does not know *altogether* (Ps. 139:4).

"We kneel—how weak! We rise—how full of power!

Why therefore should we do ourselves this wrong,

Or others—that we are not always strong,

That we are ever overborne with care, That we should ever weak or heartless be,

Anxious or troubled, when with us is prayer,

And joy and strength and courage are with Thee?" J.O.C.

"More helpful than all wisdom is one draught of simple human pity that will not forsake us."—*Elliot*.

Java

It has been a great joy to meet with so many of the brethren and sisters in California during the summer and autumn, and to be able to attend so many of the good camp-meetings, and to visit a number of your churches. The joy will be so much greater at the gathering yonder, when we shall meet again those with whom we have had the opportunity of becoming acquainted, and learned to love here below. Then the sorrow of parting will never be felt again through the ceaseless ages of eternity.

I will remain at Loma Linda all winter, as I am attending the classes in the medical evangelistic course. We have some real Godly teachers in these classes, and I hope that many young people, as well as older ones, will begin to plan now to attend this valuable short course next year, to be fitted to help in the quick finishing of the work. This will be a great blessing and help to me in my work when I shall return to Java next summer, if God is willing. We have many sick people over there that come to us every day for help.

The people there respond very quickly to simple treatments. One day I entered a Javanese bamboo hut, where the father was sitting holding his daughter in his lap, and it seemed to me the girl could not have lived more than half an hour, as her limbs were ice cold, her pulse could not be felt, and her eyes rolling as one dying. I ~~worked over her with fomentations and other treatments~~ for an hour, and then she began to speak. She was well the following day, and the father could not express his gratitude enough to me for having done so much for his daughter. I told him that it was the power of God that healed his daughter.

A few weeks ago I visited a church out at Hemet. After the meeting, a poor little barefooted boy said: "I have nothing to give for the poor heathens only a little knife. Would that bring in something?" I said, "Yes, it may bring the precious message to one soul, as we have an earnest man in Java who accepted the truth through reading a 4-cent tract." When I opened a little package at the postoffice a few days later, and found this boy's knife in it, tears came to my eyes, and I said, "This is sacrifice! for a little boy to give up his jack-knife." I paid \$1.00 into the mission money at once for the knife, although that was about the last of my money, too. My earnest prayers shall go with this real sacrifice, and I believe it will be the means of bringing the gospel to one or more souls sitting in dense darkness.

It has also been very touching to me to see many children in different places earning money for missions, others giving some of their little treasures that have been dear to them. How good it is when children are taught from the time they are small, that the greatest treasure, in the sight of God, is a soul won for His kingdom.

In one of the churches is a sister who gave for the work a \$100 watch that her brother gave her many years ago. This sister has also offered to support a student in the Singapore Training School, and has already sent \$60 to the General Conference toward such support. This sister takes in washing and earns money in that way. While she stands stooped over the tub, and the perspiration drips down from her thin, worn body, she preaches the third angel's message away across the ocean in Malaysia.

O, dear brethren and sisters, if we would all become so earnest in giving, and in making such sacrifices as the ones mentioned above, the work would soon be finished, and we could have the great joy of moving to our heavenly home that is awaiting us. How can we spend one cent in anything that is unnecessary when there are thousands going down into Christless graves daily, without hope and without God in this world?

My address will be Loma Linda until this school year is out. I thank you again for all the gifts you have made for our field. I can assure you that it will be used in the very best way of advancing the work.

PETRA TUNHEIM.

FIELD TIDINGS

NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA Annual Report of the Clerk at Pacific Union College for 1915

We began the year 1915 with a membership of 210. During this time it has been our privilege to receive 112 members into our church, twenty-four of them by baptism, and the remaining eighty-eight by letter from other churches. While we have received so large a number, our membership has not been greatly increased, as there have been seventy-seven members transferred to other churches, leaving a membership of 245. With such a large membership, we should be very grateful for the protecting hand of God that has continued to us the blessings of life and health. We have only one death to record.

For the benefit of those who have been here but a short time, I wish to give a brief history of our church. The church at Pacific Union College was organized Dec. 11, 1909, with forty-two charter members. There are still left of the forty-two charter members, only eight. Since this is a church connected with the union conference training school, it was urged by the leaders that it be a model church. A model church! What is it? I will answer by quoting from the minutes recorded of the organization of the church.

Elder H. W. Cottrell presided. "He read several scriptures making appropriate remarks upon the subject of organization. Ps. 133: 1 speaks of brethren dwelling together in unity. This means organization, and since they are called brethren, that must be church organization. 1 Cor. 1: 1, 2 shows that God designs local church organizations. From Rom. 16: 1, Elder Cottrell showed that whoever has a position in the church, whoever is a laborer, is also a *servant* of the church.

"He called our attention to the fact that it is called 'the church at Cenckrea.' We usually say 'the St. Helena church,' or 'the Oakland church,' or 'the Chico church,' etc., reversing the form of expression used in the Bible, which puts the term 'church' first.

"In Eph. 5: 23 we learn that the church is formed into a body, and that Christ is at its head. No matter who may be the local or visible leaders, we

must nevertheless recognize the great Leader, Christ himself, as standing at the head of the church.

"By binding together in church fellowship as indicated by Gal. 1: 18, 24, we recognize Christ as the head of the church in a strong way. Order and regulation in the church is set forth in Titus 1: 5, because where there is a church, there should also be an elder.

"In Acts 6: 3 another officer of the church, the deacon, is mentioned. Observe that this officer is to be honest; he is also to act with wisdom, which means that he will not be a plunger, that is, dashing about without discretion or judgment. In verse 6 of this chapter we learn that they laid hands upon those that had just been chosen, thus setting them apart to their sacred office.

"1 Peter 5 is an important chapter that should be carefully studied as a whole. Observe that in this chapter it is shown that the apostle was willing to be banded together with the church, and they also to be banded with him. The elder was to have the oversight of the flock. He must select right food, and he must take delight in feeding the flock. He does not do it from constraint or from a sense of duty, but it is his greatest pleasure. Then the members of the church are to be subject to one another with humility. God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Grace brings the help that each one needs. When tempted, we are to resist. Peace is to be with those who are thus banded together. Then if we organize here, let us be kind, be gentle, and see that the flock is fed, and that all this important instruction is carried out. This chapter gives special counsel to those who serve in special capacities, as well as special counsel for the whole church.

"John 13 gives the wonderful object lesson of humility that Christ himself presented to the church. He not only exhorts us to be humble, but He comes down to the lowliest service and actually shows us how humble we should be.

"In 1 Cor. 11, verse 23 and onward, we learn that right with this lesson of humility Christ broke bread and administered the cup, thus instituting the ordinance that is one of the greatest privileges to the church, because in this ordinance we show that we recognize Christ as our Saviour and our Head."

Quoting from minutes of the annual business meeting of the church at

Pacific Union College held in the college chapel Feb. 4, 1911:

"Prof. C. C. Lewis made a few remarks concerning the importance of the business meeting, stating that all church members should be interested in this phase of God's work. Inasmuch as we are a new church, and also a church composed mostly of students preparing to enter God's work, it is desired that this be a model church, and that the opportunities of education in church work be not neglected.

"Elder G. A. Irwin was called upon for remarks. He emphasized the idea of making our church a model one. He suggested several ways in which this might be done, such as a faithful tithe and a close look after the membership of the church. He mentioned the quarterly roll call and the practise of extending the right hand of fellowship."

From this we learn the following facts:

1. Organization: Brethren dwelling together in unity.
2. Name: Church at Pacific Union College.
3. Officers: Elder—Feed the flock. Deacons.
4. Ordinances: Baptism, Feet washing, Lord's supper.
5. Quarterly business meeting.
6. Payment of honest tithe.
7. Missionary activity.
8. Weekly church prayer meeting.
9. Freewill offerings.
10. Church roll call.

For a few moments let us consider *our church*, in fact, consider *ourselves* to see whether we come up to the standard as individuals. On the first item from the standpoint of an officer, I am glad to say there is a sweet spirit of unity and helpfulness among the officers of the church.

As to officers, you have recently elected new ones, sixteen in number who compose the church council. These are your *servants*, and it is the privilege of any member of the church to bring to their attention any plan or suggestion which shall be of benefit to the church.

Feed the flock.—Surely in this respect our church has had special privileges during the past year. We have listened to the stirring words of Elders A. G. Daniels, I. H. Evans, C. S. Longacre, W. A. Spicer, F. M. Wilcox, and other general workers. Our hearts have been drawn out in sympathy to the darkened heathen lands by reports from Elders R. C. Porter, G. F. Enoch, L. R.

Conradi, H. R. Salisbury, and R. F. Cottrell now present with us.

Twice during the year has the ordinance of baptism been administered, and I understand there are others who will go forward in this ordinance in the near future. Four times during the year we have enjoyed quarterly meeting. It is a season of refreshing, of joy, of peace.

Quarterly business meeting.—This will be a step in advance for us to become the model church, as heretofore we have had but one meeting a year. A recommendation is now before the church council, favoring a church business meeting at the close of each quarter. How well we reach the mark of being perfect in this respect will depend on each one of you. There were just 100 members present at this meeting.

I am glad to report that already six who have been members of our church are in foreign fields, two having gone the past year. Others are under appointment for the coming year.

Last year I was glad to report that through the faithful leadership of Elder E. J. Hibbard, there had been maintained a weekly church prayer meeting during the year 1914. But for the year 1915 I can bring no such good report. Perhaps the record will be better at the close of the present year.

The roll call.—This good old custom was followed by us for three years, but during the past two years, it has been dropped out. In a church of this size there is something of a good feeling in knowing who is a member of the church. Such a person comes a little closer to us, for he is our brother. Another great benefit in a roll call: it makes each feel that he is missed if not present. If impossible to attend, it will lead him to write a report to the church, send in tithe, etc.

I have been clerk of this church for five years, during which time our membership has increased from seventy-one to 269. I know how it helps to correspond with absent members, but there is not much pleasure in receiving letters and enjoying them alone, as is the case when there is no opportunity of reading them.

When the church officers went over the records in early October, we made a list of seventy-three absent members. With one exception this work was left with the clerk. During the past three months all have been written to *once*, some *twice*, a few *three* times. Why

all this writing?—Because those seventy-three members *neglected* to write to the home church asking for a transfer of membership. Some had neglected this so long that it took two letters to wake them up to their responsibility. A few, nineteen in number, still have made no response. What will *you* do when you leave here? Please write the clerk, asking for a transfer of membership; or, if you are not settled in one place, send your tithes and offerings, and report to the church where your membership is. I think we have two such faithful members, Sister G. A. Irwin and Miss Belle Hickox.

In this connection I wish to state that it takes at least a month for your letter to be transferred. For instance, a request for letter comes to the clerk; she must hold it until a meeting of the church council, which may not meet for two or three weeks, then one week until it is read in church, and one week more before being granted; making one month. The same is done in receiving members.

The election of church officers for the year 1916 took place Dec. 25, 1915. They are as follows:

Elders: E. J. Hibbard, G. W. Rine, C. B. Hughes.

Deacons: G. H. Carlsen, S. J. Whitney, J. J. Gomez, A. E. Hall.

Deaconesses: Mrs. Whitney, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Gomez, Mrs. Hall.

Clerk: Mrs. Emma B. Washburn.

Librarian: W. E. Robbins.

Treasurer: Mrs. Minnie V. Irwin.

Chorister, and auditor: M. W. Newton.

Orchestra Leader: N. W. Paulin.

I wish to state in closing that we are a church, but we are also a school. Much of the church work cannot be separated from the school work, hence is planned and carried out by the college faculty, such as plans for the Harvest Ingathering and week of prayer meetings. Some few who have no connection with the school may feel that they are left *out* of all such plans. Perhaps we need to come closer *in* and be a part anyway, thus uniting our interests as a church and school.

May God grant that the year 1916 be filled with His blessing and power, and give us grace for the service that awaits us.

The treasurer, Mrs. Minnie V. Irwin, rendered a very unique report. On the blackboard she had placed the figures showing the amount of cash which had been received during the year.

The report read as follows:

Balance on hand	- - -	\$ 59.48
Received for		
Church expenses	- - -	155.80
Educational work	- - -	2.70
Kindergarten chairs	- - -	6.00
Mr. DeNufrio's prog.	- - -	14.26
Home miss. work	- - -	58.73
Graysville school	- - -	7.65
Poor fund N. A. Div.	- - -	5.79
Swedish Seminary	- - -	20.00
Solusi mission	- - -	70.44
Annual and midsummer	- - -	122.40
Ingathering	- - -	400.70
Weekly church offg.	- - -	520.60
Sabbath-school offering	- - -	1100.87
Tithe	- - -	3700.03

The average per capita was about \$30.00. We felt very glad to have reached our goal on the twenty-cent-a-week fund, also on the Ingathering fund.

This part of the report Mrs. Irwin called a "live" report, as it was actual cash which had been turned in, and was already doing good in the cause, a large portion of it on its way to the mission field *moving, alive*.

The other part of her report was not so much alive. She held up a sheet of paper having attached to it some yellow slips with autographs on them, showing pledges which had been made on various funds but were still unpaid. The electric light fund (taken up in ladies' home for Mrs. E. W. Farnsworth) showed pledges still due to the amount \$7.50.

The fund for furnishing the ladies' parlor showed \$58.00 still due. The pipe organ fund had the best showing, because only \$6.00 was lacking. At a service conducted by Elder A. G. Daniells on one Sabbath this fall, an offering was taken for foreign missions. Some pledges were made, of which \$15.50 is still unpaid.

A long time ago Elder C. E. Ford met with the college church and presented the matter of chapel seats. Each seat cost \$3.75. As this matter was presented, various persons pledged to pay for so many seats, some pledged for 20 seats, some for 5 seats, for 2 seats, for 1 seat, or two paid for 1 seat. Still there are 43½ seats not paid for. We were informed that the persons whose autographs were still on the yellow slips were not *all* present, but many of them were. Really, it made one feel like saying, "Is it I."

Will all who read this report and who have been present at the college, please ask themselves whether their names

are on these lists so our treasurer can dispense with all but her "live" report.

EMMA B. WASHBURN.

Church Clerk.

The Work in Humboldt

We are glad to report progress in this part of the Lord's vineyard. The first of the workers now in this county arrived here Mar. 19, 1915.

The third angel's message was first proclaimed here over thirty years ago, by Elder J. N. Loughborough and others of the now aged servants of the Lord. Some who accepted the truth at that time still live here, and are faithful witnesses of the power that attended the earnest efforts of those pioneers. Yet many of our people have left this county in search of school privileges for their children. This moving by some has kept the number of Sabbath-keepers in the county about the same. But the Lord continues to bless those remaining, in their efforts to give the message so precious to them, to their neighbors.

The present corps of workers consists of one ordained minister and family, one licentiate and wife, one Bible worker, two school-teachers, together with the Lord's people here.

Since the latter part of last March there have been thirty-five baptized, distributed as follows: Eureka, seventeen; McKinleyville, ten; Arcata, five; Ferndale, two, and Fortuna, one. Nearly all of these are adults. Four are brethren, who, with their wives, have taken their stand in the face of having to give up their positions in the mills. It is indeed refreshing to hear their testimonies. Those who sacrifice most for the sake of obeying the Lord, seem to appreciate most His sacrifice for man.

The only church school in the county is located at Eureka. Over thirty pupils are now enrolled, nine grades are taught, and two teachers maintained. The spiritual atmosphere of the school is one which brings joy to the heart of every parent.

Our people in the six churches in this county are starting the year with higher spiritual aspirations and deeper convictions of the nearness of Christ's coming than ever before.

We join with God's people everywhere in praising the Lord for His goodness and mercy, and ask an interest in the prayers of our brethren for this field.

J. D. ALDER.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

Items of Interest

Elder E. H. Adams baptized an Armenian brother at Fresno last Sabbath.

A Sabbath school and young people's convention has been planned for Bakerville Sabbath and Sunday, February 12, 13.

Elder F. E. Brown baptized two persons, a young brother and his wife, at Hanford last Sabbath. These have just accepted the truth. The Lord grant that they may remain faithful.

Brother G. C. Hoskin, who is connected with the Pacific Press, is visiting some of our churches, giving stereopticon talks on the work of the Pacific Press Publishing Association and the progress of our literature work. His talks are appreciated by our people.

"It is a heaven-appointed plan that men should return to the Lord His own; and this is so plainly stated that men and women have no excuse for misunderstanding or evading the duties and responsibilities God has laid upon them." Testimonies, Vol. 6, page 387. Let us then be faithful in the payment of our tithes to Him.

A special request came to us recently for some meetings to be held at Planada, and Elder A. S. Kellogg responded to the call. We have one Sabbath-keeper at this place, and he has been circulating our literature. The meetings are held in an empty store building fitted up for the occasion. Good reports come to us, showing that an interest is being awakened in that place.

Among the resolutions passed by our recent conference is the following: "We recommend the adoption of the plan of encouraging our entire membership, as individuals, to pledge definite, regular, weekly sums for foreign missions, such sums to be graduated according to the ability of each individual as the Lord may impress each heart, and that this plan be set in operation at once." We trust that our members will be free to follow out this resolution when suggestive blanks are sent to them.

February 4.

N. P. NEILSEN.

Brethren G. C. Hoskin of Mountain View and G. A. Wheeler have been visiting different churches during the

week in the interest of the home missionary and *Signs of the Times* work.

The writer met with our people at Le Grand last Sabbath.

Four persons were baptized by Elder Adams at Fresno last Sabbath.

The attendance at Elder J. R. Patterson's meetings in the new church building at Rolinda is increasing. At times the building has been taxed to its full seating capacity. Let us pray for the success of the different efforts.

The writer had the privilege of being with Brother C. W. Fuller in his opening meeting last Sunday evening in our church at Winton. Every seat was filled and a number of chairs were brought in so as to provide for the attendance.

Good reports come to us from the meetings which are now being held at Dinuba by Brethren F. E. Brown and R. R. Breitigam. The meetings are held in the church, but this week they ordered fifty chairs sent to them from the office so as to accommodate the attendance.

Our conference goal for missions during 1916 is \$13,863.20. We can reach it if we all do our part. The cause of God demands it. For the month of January we received \$576.18. How much can you do each week to help in this? Let us hear from you. Have you returned your pledge card yet?
February 11. N. P. NEILSEN.

CALIFORNIA

Conference Notice

All those who expect to attend the conference session at Mountain View, March 6 to 9, should send in their names immediately, so that arrangements can be made for their accommodation. The church at Mountain View will furnish free lodgings for all delegates. Meals will be furnished at the Pacific Press boarding house at reasonable prices. We trust there will be a full representation of all our churches, as there will be a number of very important matters to be acted on. We are anxious that every church elder attend this conference, as there will be consideration given to questions especially relating to their work. We ask all to pray that this session may bring new power and blessing to the work in the California Conference.

Items

Elder A. E. Place, of San Jose, has recently passed through a severe illness, occasioned by an attack of the grippe. At last accounts he was much improved.

We trust our members throughout the conference will fill out and return to the office the cards sent out in behalf of our foreign mission funds.

Elder W. F. Hills and wife have responded to an invitation to labor in this conference, and they are now located at Monterey. Brother Hills will have the general oversight of the work in the southern part of the conference. We know the churches in that part of our field will rejoice over having a worker of Brother Hills' experience to labor among them.

A Home Missionary institute was conducted recently at San Jose. Brother H. B. Thomas, the home missionary secretary, Mrs. McElhany, the Missionary Volunteer secretary, and the writer were the instructors. We were somewhat handicapped by the wet weather and by illness, but we believe much good will result to the work there, as the members respond to the appeal to become active soul-winners. We plan to hold institutes in our other churches in the near future.

Elder J. W. McCord sailed last Wednesday for Honolulu, where he goes to conduct a city evangelistic effort. He has labored earnestly in the California Conference for several years, and has conducted efforts in the principal bay cities. Our prayers and best wishes go with him, and we trust that he will be able, by the blessing of the Lord, to win many souls in his new field. A number of his friends were at the dock to bid him good-bye. Mrs. McCord, Miss Clark, and Melvin Munson, who are to assist in the effort in Honolulu, will go by a later boat.

J. L. MCELHANY.

On Sabbath, January 22, the Richmond church started out definitely to fulfill their part in the prophecy given so often in Volume 9 in regard to Seventh-day Adventists doing home missionary work with their friends and neighbors. Special attention was given to organization. A strong leader was chosen and an offering of \$3.00 was taken for missionary ammunition. Their

motto is, "Every church member a working member." We trust that all the churches in the California Conference will now take definite steps to organize their forces along these lines, so that in the very near future every one of the 1749 members may be counted as working members.

Elder W. F. Hills, recently from China, is now taking up work in the California Conference. We have been fortunate indeed to secure his services, and he will fill the place made vacant by Elder W. S. Holbrook's leaving to take up the work in the Nevada Mission field. H. B. THOMAS.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Resolutions Adopted

[Continued from Issue of February 10]

Missionary Volunteers

Whereas, The Young People's Missionary Volunteer organization is proving a very effective agency in safeguarding our youth from worldly influences, by

Strengthening and deepening spiritual life;

Enlisting their efforts in active missionary work;

Stimulating a greater interest in reading the Bible and other good books;

Encouraging our youth to have definite aims and purposes in life;

We Recommend, That each local church in this conference arrange to carry forward a strong work in behalf of our young people, in harmony with the plans formulated by the Missionary Volunteer council held recently at St. Helena, and approved by the Loma Linda council.

Election of Officers:

Whereas, It is the regular plan of the church to nominate and elect the officers of the young people's society, the same as other officers; and,

Whereas, Some of our churches are only electing the young people's leader, and omitting to elect a secretary and educational secretary, leaving these officers to be merely appointed by the leader of the society; and,

Whereas, This omission greatly weakens the young people's organization; therefore,

We Recommend, That wherever we have a Missionary Volunteer Society, the three officers (leader, secretary, and educational secretary), and such other officers as local conditions demand, be all nominated by the church nominating committee and elected by the church in the regular way.

Our Financial Goal:

Whereas, During the year 1915 the young people reached less than one-half of their financial goal of \$2.50 per member; therefore,

We Recommend, That our young people be encouraged in putting forth a strong effort during the present year to reach or surpass the goal. Further,

We Recommend, That some such plan as adopted by the Wisconsin Conference be used by us as a means to this end.

Whereas, There are many books on soul-winning and kindred topics to which our young people should have access, for the spiritual uplift their reading would have, and for the sake of the instruction they can give on how to win souls; and

Whereas, Our conference Missionary Volunteer circulating library contains at present only the reading course books; therefore,

We Recommend, That approximately \$25.00 be provided to add fifteen or twenty books of this spiritual nature to our Missionary Volunteer library; and that the president and young people's secretary of our conference, together with the Missionary Volunteer field secretary of the North American Division Conference, be asked to select the books.

Religious Liberty

Whereas, One or more bills have been introduced into the present session of the United States Congress designing to abridge the freedom of the press and the right to frank statements upon religious subjects, by excluding from the mails any publication which prints articles subjecting any creed or religion to reproach, and granting the Postmaster General the power of censorship over all newspapers, periodicals and magazines; and,

Whereas, The first amendment to the United States Constitution very properly provides that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press;" and,

Whereas, The present federal laws against libel now give full redress in case the rights of individuals or sects are infringed; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the delegates of the Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, in conference assembled, hereby respectfully, but most earnestly protest against the

passage of these bills, or any others of a like nature which may be presented in Congress.

We hereby instruct our secretary to convey to our senators and representatives in congress our protests against these measures. Further,

We Recommend, That a local religious liberty secretary be chosen to look after that department of the cause in our conference.

Whereas, The state of California so far resisted the efforts of those who have endeavored to induce its legislature and people to enact religious laws and thus darken its fair record; and,

Whereas, The diligent work done by our people in the past has had no small place in sustaining this splendid condition;

We recommend a diligent and continual effort by ministers and people to keep before the legislators and people of California the dangers of religious legislation, and a knowledge of the true principles of religious liberty.

Health and Temperance

Whereas, There seems to be a failure on the part of many of our church members to fully appreciate the blessings of health and efficiency gained by living according to the principles of health reform; and,

Whereas, We are told plainly in following quotations from the Testimonies to the Church that: "It is a terrible sin to abuse the health that God has given us;" that "God has placed it in our power to obtain a knowledge of the laws of health;" that "He has made it our duty to preserve our physical powers in the best possible condition that we may render Him acceptable service;" that "the first study of the young should be to know themselves and how to keep their bodies in health;" that "to keep the body in a healthy condition to develop its strength . . . should be the first study of our lives;" therefore,

We Recommend, That our people, old and young, throughout the conference be urged to give more faithful and intelligent study and earnest heed to the things God has told us concerning this question, and to this end,

We Recommend Further, That a reading course comprehending the subjects of physiology, hygiene, dress, diet, causes of disease, and other questions of health and temperance, be provided for; and that its propagation be committed to the charge of the conference young peoples' secretary in

connection with the regular reading courses.

Whereas, For more than half a century health and temperance principles have been universally accepted and taught as a fundamental doctrine by Seventh-day Adventists; and

Whereas, The question of the restriction of the liquor traffic is to be voted upon by the people of California at the November, 1916, election; be it therefore

Resolved, That the Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, now in session in Los Angeles, heartily endorse the present California Campaign Federation movement, whose sole purpose is to make California a "Dry" state; and be it further

Resolved, That inasmuch as the Temperance Instructor is generally recognized as one of our most powerful educational factors along the lines of true health and temperance, we urge our church officers and members to give it the widest possible circulation, surpassing if possible the number circulated during the 1914 effort to make California "dry."

SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA

No doubt all of our people are aware that after two trials, our conference meeting has been postponed till further notice. Each time, the floods have washed out roads and highways so it has not been possible for our delegates to reach the meeting. This has been a great disappointment to us, but we are willing to leave it to Him who knows the end from the beginning. It is more than probable now that the conference will not be held till camp-meeting, the date for which has not been decided upon. It is not possible to tell as yet how much damage has been done in our field, but it is terribly torn up. So far as can be learned, none of our people lost their lives, but a number have suffered severe property loss. At least one of our churches, the one at Riverside, was much damaged. On account of the washing out of railroads and highways, parts of the conference are cut off from communication and it is very difficult to reach other portions. It is to be much hoped that the situation will soon improve, and that it will not affect the progress of the work. Brethren and sisters, let us rally as never before and if need be, make greater sacrifices. We cannot afford to permit the work to lag, and it would be a calamity worse than a flood if we should have to retrench the work of God's message. By His help, we must see greater progress in 1916 than in the year past.

W. F. MARTIN.

**INTER-MOUNTAIN
Utah**

After leaving the California Conference I labored in various places in the Northwestern California Conference. But in harmony with the recommendation of the union conference committee at the Loma Linda meeting, I came to the new Inter-Mountain Conference, composed of Western Colorado and Utah—the first of the year. At present I am located in Ogden, Utah, following up the interest aroused by Elder A. S. Booth's meetings, and instructing those already taken into the church.

My family has located in Salt Lake City in order to obtain church school privileges, there being none here, although there are enough children in the church to form a school and be taken from the public school influences.

The people here gave us a most cordial welcome, and have made us feel that we are surely among friends.

Pray for us, that in our new field of labor, we may prove a blessing under God's hand. **M. A. HOLLISTER.**

MISCELLANY

WANTED.—Our denominational papers and tracts for missionary work. Send to James Harvey, 1729 Grove Street, Oakland, Cal.

WANTED.—To hire, a small ranch, not to exceed ten acres, for fruit, vegetable garden and poultry, by a retired worker. Address at once Box 104, Loma Linda, Calif. 27-29

WANTED.—A home in a Seventh-day Adventist family for a boy fourteen years old, whose parents are dead. He is a bright, intelligent boy and a good worker. Address J. L. Smith, Route 2, Box 85, Fresno, Cal. 28-29

FOR SALE.—Well established Loma Linda bread route. Young horse, wagon, utensils, chickens, etc. \$200 cash. Want to go to Loma Linda to prepare for the work, therefore must sell. Address Carl Horn, 635 G. D. St., Ontario, Cal.

FOR SALE OR TRADE.—A nice residence property in Lodi, near Seventh-day Adventist church school, for something near Pacific Union College, St. Helena, or Sanitarium. For further information address 303 Tokay Street, Lodi, Cal.

THE MAGOON is undoubtedly the sweetest, best ever-bearing strawberry in the world. Plants set this month will bear heavily all summer. I have a

few fine plants at \$1.00 per 100 or \$8.50 per 1000, while they last. Cash with order. **O. F. Campbell, Le Grand, Cal.**

WANTED.—Work of any kind, by young married couple, who have recently accepted the truth, or preferably by man alone. Handy at almost anything. Address H. G. Warden, Sunset phone Boyle 2021, 3060 East Sixth Street, Los Angeles. 28-30

WANTED.—Experienced carpenter and finisher wishes work in that line, but would be willing to do other work if necessary. Can work on ranch. Wages reasonable. Address B. O. Carr, 436 So. Jackson St., Glendale, Cal. 28-30

WANTED.—Young woman twenty-five years of age wants home with good Seventh-day Adventist family, where she can do domestic work and make herself generally useful. Wages \$15.00 per month. Address A. Ritchie, 319 N. Bright Ave., Whittier, Cal. 28-30

FOR SALE.—Cleaning and dye works six blocks from church school and three blocks from Seventh-day Adventist church. Town of 1800. No competition. Large surrounding country to work from. Located in a valley surrounded by picturesque foothills; fine climate; elevation 256 feet. Will sell cheap for cash. For further information address Wm. Hanson, P. O. Box 185, St. Helena, Cal.

FOR SALE.—Ten acres in Oakdale irrigation district, one and one-half miles from the town of Thalheim. Good house and barn, chicken yard and house, well and windmill. Three acres in alfalfa, fenced with woven wire. Balance partly checked and leveled for alfalfa. Very good soil. Reason for selling, too far from my business. Will sell at a bargain. **M. S. Dickinson, Ingomar, Cal. 2-28-16**

FOR SALE.—Wanted to sell treatment rooms. Have been in operation over three years. A good place for man and wife, who are nurses, wanting to do self-supporting work. Owner is leaving the state for other work and must sell. Terms, part cash and payments to suit. Write to **Geo. M. Tolhurst, M. D., Spartanburg Treatment Rooms, Spartanburg, S. C. 25-29**

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE.—Home on quiet street near Seventh-day Adventist academy. House has two rooms with twenty-two-foot sleeping porch,

two large arbors. Lot 60x285 feet. All in bearing fruit trees and vines. Roses and flowers. Fine home for aged couple or with students. Only \$1000 in trade; cheap for cash. Address owner, **Mrs. Lou Nolin, Lucas Street, San Fernando, Cal.**

FOR SALE.—Do you want a one, two and one-half, or a five acre tract of the best land in the Lodi district adjoining the Lodi Academy? Beautiful home sites. This land is owned by a sister who is getting old, and who wishes to get her money out of the land to put into church work, and in order to do this will sell all or a part of the above tract of land at reasonable price and on good terms. For further information address **Mrs. Sine Pine, Lodi, Cal. 25-29**

FOR SALE.—400 acres in western Oregon. Sixty acres under cultivation, 300 fruit trees, ten-room house, barn 56x72 feet, twenty head dairy cattle, unfenced government range, all necessary farming machinery, two running streams across place, three million feet timber on slopes belonging to place, within three-fourths mile of Seventh-day Adventist academy and church of over 100 members. If interested, please write for price and terms. Will sell part or all. Address **A. D. Owens, Pacific Union College, St. Helena, Cal. 28-31.**

Obituaries

Dow.—Mrs. Eliza Veeder Dow died at the home of her brother, Mr. Tabbutt, in Santa Rosa, Dec. 31, 1915, being 70 years and 25 days old. She was born in Quincy, Ill., and taught school in the state of California about forty-five years. During her late years she was in sympathy with the proclamation of the glorious third angel's message. **C. S. PROUT.**

TINNIN.—Sister Elizabeth Tinnin fell asleep in Jesus January 19, at the home of her daughter Mrs. Carl Nelson, near Lodi, Cal. At the time of her death she had reached the age of eighty-five years. Her hope and trust in God were firm, and her faith and love in the truth were bright to the very last. She is the mother of ten children, five of whom are still living. Her life of sincerity and usefulness should ever be a source of encouragement to all her loved ones. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer, assisted by Elder **D. T. Fero. T. H. WATSON.**

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Liberty Day

February 22, 1916, will be the one hundred eighty-fourth anniversary of the birth of the man who said: "Every man who conducts himself as a good citizen is accountable alone to God for his religious faith, and should be protected in worshiping God according to the dictates of his own conscience."

Sabbath, Feb. 26, 1916, is the date set apart for our churches to gather funds for the cause of liberty in connection with the religious liberty program which appears in the February number of the *Church Officers' Gazette*.

All our church elders should begin to plan at once for this important service. The readings prepared for the occasion are of deep interest, showing the great need of "preparedness" for the fearful tempest of pent-up wrath soon to burst upon us.

We need a liberal offering so as to send the magazine *Liberty* and other printed matter to many state officials and other prominent men. May the Lord bestow abundant blessings, and a spirit of liberality on all His people for this occasion. Send all funds direct to conference office. GEO. A. SNYDER,

Rel. Lib. Sec. S. Cal.

3612½ So. Park Ave.,
Los Angeles, Cal.

The Temperance "Instructor"

I wonder if you have seen the Temperance *Instructor*? It is the finest yet. Now that there is a temperance campaign going on in our field, it seems opportune for this fine paper to be issued. What a splendid opportunity for our young people to do some good work in their neighborhoods. If the proper plans are worked, large numbers of the magazine can be put in the hands of those who are leading out in the temperance campaign. It is to

be hoped that our young people's societies especially will organize for and take hold of this work in earnest. We should not be contented till we have placed thousands of the *Instructor* in the field. W. F. MARTIN.

Religious Liberty Collection

The North American Division Conference has decided that this offering shall be taken on Sabbath, February 26, the last Sabbath of the month. Since Congress assembled, only a few weeks ago, the advocates of Sunday laws have introduced at least four Sunday bills in the house and senate. A bill has also been presented restricting the freedom of the press. If these measures should become laws, our liberties would become greatly endangered. It becomes our duty to do what we can to not simply hinder the passage of these and other similar measures, but above all else to enlighten lawmakers and people as to the evils of such legislation. Under the circumstances, this can best be done by a diligent and wise use of literature treating on religious liberty. Past experience has proved the efficacy of this. Many men high in official circles of the government, have received a knowledge of the truth on civil and religious liberty from the writings of Seventh-day Adventists, finding it in the magazine *Liberty* or one of our other papers. Then we can never tell when a crisis may come in our own conference. The eyes of the church-and-state people are on our field with the intention of soon concentrating their efforts here. It will be remembered that the last "Lord's Day Congress" was held in California with the purpose of influencing Sunday legislation in the state. We will soon have to face the issue in our union. Because of this we should have a liberal collection so to be able to meet any emergency that may arise. My brethren and sisters, do not fail to keep this offering in mind and give freely to the cause. The entire offering is to be kept for use in the home field.

W. F. MARTIN.

Annual Meeting of Northwestern California Conference

The first annual session of the Northwestern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Seventh-day Adventist church at St. Helena, Cal., Feb. 29 to March 4, 1916. The first meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 29, at 7:30 P. M.

At this session officers will be elected and such other business transacted as may properly come before the meeting.

The delegation is composed of one delegate for each church organization and an additional delegate for each fifteen members or major fraction thereof.

Each church should elect delegates at the earliest possible date, and immediately after the election the church clerk should mail the delegates' credentials, properly filled out, to the conference secretary.

A good attendance of delegates is desired. J. ADAMS STEVENS, *Pres.*

S. DONALDSON, *Sec'y.*

California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association

Notice is hereby given that the nineteenth annual constituency meeting of the above association will be held at Sanitarium, Napa County, Cal., Wednesday, March 8, 1916, at twelve o'clock noon, for the election of directors, amending of by-laws, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

E. E. ANDROSS, *Pres.*,

L. V. ROBERSON, *Sec'y.*

California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

The forty-fifth annual session of the California Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists will be held March 6 to 9, 1916, at Mountain View, Cal., at which time officers will be elected for the ensuing term, and for the transaction of such other business as shall come before the meeting. The first meeting will be called at 10 A. M., Monday, March 6, 1916.

J. L. MCELHANY, *President*,

H. B. THOMAS, *Secretary.*

California Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists

Legal Meeting

The twentieth annual meeting of the California Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the regular forty-fifth annual session of the California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists at Mountain View, Cal., March 6 to 9, 1916, for the election of a board of seven trustees for the ensuing term, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. The first meeting will be called at 3 P. M., Monday, March 6, 1916.

J. L. MCELHANY, *President*,

E. E. PARLIN, *Secretary.*