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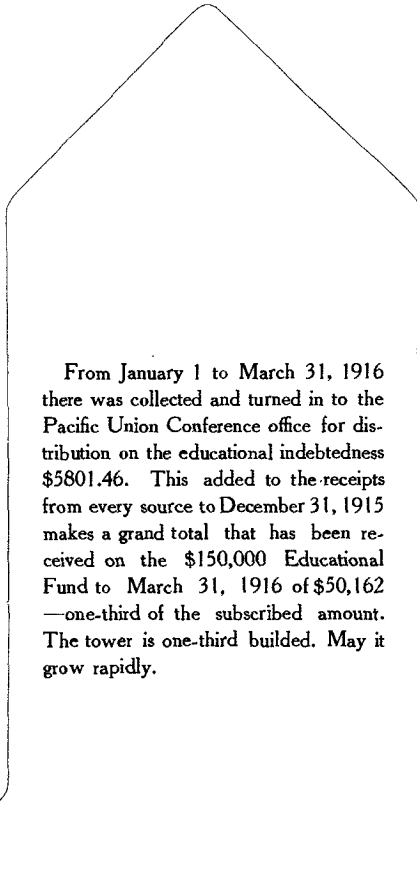
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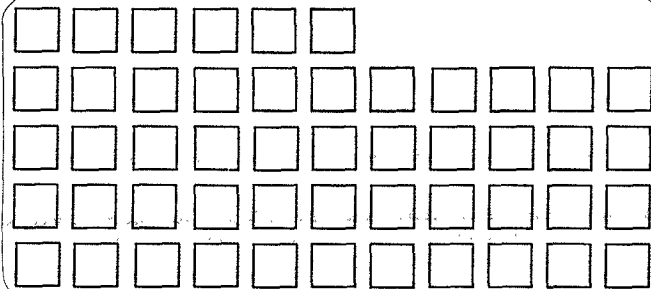
Family Worship

Family worship! What a great anchor to the soul! The seasons spent in a home where worship is conducted as it should be will leave in the memory a fragrance that time cannot efface. No young man or young woman can ever forget those seasons of grace, when, around the family circle, petitions mingled with thanksgiving have been offered to the Father's throne for His care and protection, and for His guidance in the future.

There is nothing else that so sweetens the home life. True family worship is a fountain that brings streams of holy influences into every part of the household. It is a vase of perfume that sheds fragrance overall. It softens asperities. It quiets anger. It quiets impatience. It settles differences. It subdues evil passions. Hearts that are drawn together at God's feet every day cannot get very far apart. The frictions of the day are forgotten when all



From January 1 to March 31, 1916 there was collected and turned in to the Pacific Union Conference office for distribution on the educational indebtedness \$5801.46. This added to the receipts from every source to December 31, 1915 makes a grand total that has been received on the \$150,000 Educational Fund to March 31, 1916 of \$50,162—one-third of the subscribed amount. The tower is one-third builded. May it grow rapidly.



tion fall with their benign counsels, all feeling of unkindness melts away. The altar in the midst wondrously hallows and sweetens the home fellowship. Besides, it puts new strength into every heart. It comforts sorrow. It is a shield against temptation. It smooths out the wrinkles of care. It inspires strength for the burden bearing. It quickens every religious sentiment, and keeps the fires burning on every heart's altar.

The manner in which the family worship is conducted is very important. It should be made so pleasant as to be looked forward to with gladness even by the youngest children. Too often it is made tedious, monotonous, or burdensome. Men fall into a stereotyped order which they never vary. Long passages are read, and the prayers offered are not only long, but they are the same every day from year to year, with no adaptation to the home life, or to the capacities of children. There is no reason why the family worship should not be the most delightful exercise in the home life. It should be the continual study of heads of households

to make it bright, interesting and profitable. To make it dull and irksome is treason to true religion.

It is impossible to give more than the merest suggestions and hints as to methods. A part in the service should be given to each child. Questions may be asked each day on the passage read the day before. Incidents may be introduced to illustrate the lesson. Hard words may

be explained. One practical thought at least may be selected from voices mingle in the same heavenly song. As the tender words of inspira-

the scripture read which will bear upon the day's life. Cheerful songs may be sung. Then in the prayer some part should be given to the little ones. Sometimes it is good to have all follow in the prayer, repeating it phrase after phrase. And all may unite in the Lord's prayer at the close. When there are quite young children in the family, it may not be best to read the Bible in course, but to select portions in which they will be easily interested.

For an exercise so sacred and fraught with such influences, it is not too much to say that the most careful preparation should be made. It is probable that there are few duties for which so little preparation is actually made. If thought were given to this matter beforehand, the exercise need never be dull or wearisome. The passage may not only be selected but studied, and some point fixed upon for practical enforcement. A bright incident or little story may be read to help fix the lesson. The prayer may be thought over or even written out. A few minutes given every day to preparation for family worship will serve to make it, as it should be, the most pleasant and attractive incident of the day.—“Week Day Religion,” pp. 79-81.

Circulate the Literature Among the Jews

It has been very encouraging to see our brethren and sisters taking hold of the work of circulating the Yiddish magazine which was published last year. In a short time 10,000 copies were disposed of, and the calls kept coming for more. Before we could get another edition out, orders for nearly 2000 copies were waiting to be filled. We regret that the orders could not be filled sooner, but we are glad that all the papers which have been ordered have been sent.

We have printed another edition of 5000 copies of the same magazine, and wish to tell our people that we have a good supply on hand to fill all orders.

Many encouraging words have come to us from those who have been among the Jews with this paper. Many Jews seem surprised to learn that a Christian Sabbath-keeping people are getting out literature of this character. Some of our people have been obliged to wait while the Jews would read the magazine; it seems such a surprise to these poor lost sheep of Israel that such a work was going on. Our people have

many questions asked them, and the Jews wonder what these things mean. Some of the Jewish people tell our brethren and sisters that they think *we* are the real Jews, and they feel as though they were castaways. It is sad to think of the Jewish people who once were the chosen people of God now without any hope, and practically without God in the world. The masses of the Jews are fast giving up religion of every form. Many of their leading men are taking from the laity what little faith the poor Jew had in Moses and the prophets.

The writer sees more and more the force of the statement the servant of the Lord wrote about forty years ago. It is as follows:

“His (Marcus Lichtenstien) knowledge of Hebrew would have been a help to the office in the preparation of publications through which access could be gained to a class that otherwise could not be reached.”—“Testimonies for the Church,” Vol. 3, page 19.

We have hundreds of cities where there are thousands and tens of thousands of Jews. They largely center in the cities. Dear brethren, have you yet done anything towards giving the Jews the bread of life? Why not secure a few of these magazines, and go to your Jewish friends and neighbors and interest them in this truth? Be sure to tell them that you are a Christian Sabbath-keeper, that you do not believe in eating swine-flesh, but you do believe in the binding obligation of the law of God and the teachings of the whole Bible.

We have also a number of different kinds of tracts which will appeal to the Jews. We hope that you will order a quantity through your church librarian or through the local tract society, and do something for these poor lost sheep. Jesus when here had compassion on them. Why don't you? It is extremely difficult for them to be convinced that they ought to attend our services; but they will read. When the orthodox Jew sees any literature in his vernacular, he at once becomes interested.

The Yiddish magazine costs three cents per copy; \$3.00 per hundred. We are hearing encouraging words from many of the people to the effect that most of the Jews, when they see the paper, gladly give 5 or 10 cents for it. May God bless you, dear brother and sister, for your interest in the work among the Jews. F. C. GILBERT.
South Lancaster, Mass.

Our Mission Quota

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number of churches, among them several of the largest in membership in the union conference have an average of more than 20 cents for each member. The best way to be sure of coming out on the right side at the close of the year is for each church to keep right up to the desired mark each week. Some are doing this, which would seem to indicate that it is not an impossible task for all.

In our conference list published this week, California still leads by a margin of over 2½ cents above any other field in the union territory. Only two shifts of position are noted from the conference standing at the close of February. Southeastern and Southern California have changed places, the former with a membership increase for the month of 3.28 cents and the latter of 2.13 cents; and Northern California has stepped ahead of the Nevada Mission by .01 of a cent. Both of these latter fields, however, have shown good gains for the month, the former of 2.08 cents, almost fifty per cent over February, and the latter 1.63 cents.

The field which has made the largest monthly gain over February is the Central California Conference with an average of 3.49 cents per member more than last month. This too is the only one of the larger conferences which shows a substantial increase over the first quarter of 1915,—1.71 cents—although the largest gain over last year in all the Pacific Union Conference is in the Nevada Mission with 2.56 cents more than at the close of March, 1915.

All of the conferences standing near the head of the list average less than at the end of the first quarter last year, and the union conference membership average this year is 11.16 cents as against 11.79 in 1915, a loss of .63 cents.

We believe that our loyal-hearted people in the Pacific Union Conference will not long allow the record of any previous year to stand against them in providing funds for the rapidly advancing spread of the third angel's message.

CLAUDE CONARD.

Preparedness, in a three-fold sense—national, church and individual—is the big, central topic to which most of the *Signs Magazine* for May is devoted. President Wilson and other leading men are quoted, and their plans for an adequate army and navy are discussed.

FIELD TIDINGS

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

C. Santee, Pres., Verah MacPherson, Sec'y-Treas.

Camp-meeting

The Northern California camp-meeting will be held in Oak Park, Stockton, June 8 to 18. This meeting will be preceded by the Northern California Conference June 6 to 8. More extended notice will be given later, but it is none too soon for all to begin their arrangements to attend.

We often speak of reasons why certain camp-meeting seasons are of special importance. But, of all times, we have never known a time as ominous of the close as now. If allowed to hold this feast together, it will certainly be under the shadow of the greatest storm-cloud known to this world since its destruction by the flood. The storm of Sodom bears no comparison, the destruction of Jerusalem was but a local event beside the present catastrophe to the world; yet so many of us seem to see no cause for alarm. Dear brethren, there are millions who have been placed beyond the reach of this saving message within the last two years, and the death toll continues. The Spirit of God is withdrawing from the earth, and the close of human probation is right upon us.

We are praying God to prepare us for a blessing as great as our needs. Will all who realize a dearth in your own souls, join us in seeking God for this blessing?

This annual gathering should be the most blessed, the most earnest, and the most far-reaching in its results of any camp-meeting we have ever held in the conference. We have promise of strong help in ministerial lines, of which we shall speak later. Begin now to plan for this meeting.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

Sacramento

Sacramento church held its quarterly communion service Sabbath, March 25, with Elders Clarence Santee and A. J. Osborne officiating. A clear exposition of the closing events of Christ's earthly life, with lessons bearing upon future sacramental suppers in the "earth made new," held the close attention of the communicants. Present gatherings may have their Judases, but the pres-

ence of such a member should not act as a deterrent on the part of the truly contrite soul to meet his Lord at such a time. Worthiness to participate in this solemn commemoration is not to be found in "good works," but rather the disciple is invited because of his lack of worthiness yet having a desire "both to will and to do of His good pleasure." The truly unworthy one is the member entering into the service with a mind centered on worldly matters. To such an one, as to Judas, it were better that he had not had the light.

Elder Santee exhorted the entire membership to enter at once upon a personal searching examination of their fitness to combat the persecutions soon to be forced upon our people, and to consecrate anew their lives and their substance to the early spreading of the message, since the Testimonies plainly state that the work left undone in the time of peace and opportunity must be done under more trying times and at greater cost of effort. Cards were distributed among the congregation in furtherance of the plan adopted throughout the conference calling for a larger contribution to the twenty-cent-a-week fund on the part of those able to increase their pledges to the end that the less fortunate member may not cause the average income to fall below the goal required of the individual church and of the conference with which such delinquent church is affiliated. The plan met with general approval and awakened many hearers to a serious consideration of the trend of earth's history making.

Elder Santee performed the rite of ordination by inducting former deacon Russell Clark into the office of elder, and Brother David M. Wood into the office of deacon. These brethren have been filling their respective offices with credit since their election at the beginning of the present quarter, but no fitting opportunity had been presented before to consecrate them formally. In extending the hand of fellowship, Brother Santee besought active service and a proper example on the part of each official.

Sacramento church is divided into efficient working bands, and each leader has many helpers to assist in carrying out her plans. It is believed that the idea will develop a high degree of spirituality among us through active service, and will create an interest among our neighbors in foretold coming events.

EDWARD HOWE.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

N. P. Neilsen, Pres., G. A. Wheeler, Sec'y-Treas.

Conference Items

Remember the camp-meeting at Hanford, May 25 to June 4.

Four persons were baptized by Elder E. H. Adams at Fresno last Sabbath, April 8.

The attendance at the opening meeting last Sunday evening at the Bakersfield tent was about 250.

Elder F. E. Brown baptized four persons at Dinuba last Sabbath, and one person was received into the church on former baptism.

"In the beginning God,"—are the first four words of the Bible. It is a wonderful beginning. Thus it should be with all our plans.

"I cannot get interested in missions," exclaimed a young lady one time. "No, dear," said her aunt, "you can hardly expect to. It is just like getting interest in a bank; you have to put in a little something first. And the more you put in, the more the interest grows. But something you must put in, or you will never have any interest." This is true. Drop your money into the mission bank, and your interest will grow. Watch our twenty-cent-a-week fund. Remember our goal is \$13,863.20.

April 14.

N. P. NEILSEN.

NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA

J. A. Stevens, Pres., S. Donaldson, Sec'y-Treas.

Comparative Tithe Statement Northwestern California, March, 1915-16

	1915	1916
Arcata	\$ 137.97	\$ 101.76
Calistoga	16.06	48.93
Conference		56.76
Eureka	185.20	268.10
Ferndale		
Ft. Bragg	64.15	30.10
Fortuna	26.50	229.86
Healdsburg	449.45	295.37
Kelseyville	30.00	30.00
McKinleyville	14.00	26.83
Napa	268.82	234.61
P. U. College	1021.16	858.52
Pepperwood		41.30
Personal	55.10	56.38
Petaluma	25.26	32.10
Sanitarium	1629.96	1830.92
Santa Rosa	79.76	143.66

San Rafael	-----	60.55	Vallejo	-----	21.30	57.89
Sebastopol	122.63	119.25	Willits	-----	80.00	
Sonoma	107.09	96.94				
St. Helena	239.02	560.11			\$4602.13	\$5452.60
Ukiah	108.70	192.76				
						S. DONALDSON, <i>Treasurer.</i>

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

B. E. Beddoe, Pres., B. M. Emerson, Sec'y-Treas.

Conference Items

Sabbath afternoon March 25, a church of twenty members was organized at Whittier. Two others have commenced keeping the Sabbath since, and others are deeply interested.

Elder J. F. Blunt reports a good interest and a fair attendance at Redondo Beach. Sisters Blunt and Calkins are assisting Elder Blunt in his work there.

This week Elder Eugene Brown and Brother J. R. Dieffenbacher are to begin a series of meetings at Paso Robles. Brother Frank W. Ross will connect with this company for a time, doing Bible work and canvassing for our books.

The following announcement has just been received: "Mr. and Mrs. Nis Hansen announce the marriage of their daughter, Jennie Dickinson, to Mr. Celian Emerald Andross, on Wednesday, the twelfth day of April, 1916. Armona, California."

In letters just received from Brethren G. G. Brown and H. Z. Davis they tell us they will report for duty soon after the close of school, June 5. These two workers have been taking further preparatory training at Pacific Union College this year. We shall be glad to see them in the field again this summer.

Baptisms and additions to church membership are reported by the workers as follows: Elder J. F. Blunt, 4; Elder G. A. Snyder, 13; Elder A. Ritchie, 17; Elder G. A. Rauleder, 2; Elder Sydney Scott, 4; J. R. Dieffenbacher, 3. B. E. BEDDOE.

Whittier

Last summer Elder D. A. Parsons and I conducted tent meetings in Whittier, for seven weeks before camp-meeting. We had a good attendance and an encouraging interest throughout the meeting. But the effort was brought to a close in the midst of this good interest, to enable us to attend camp-meeting; and also because our tent was required for use at that meeting. Other pressing calls to service prevented our returning to Whittier to complete the work during the remainder of that year.

Report of Twenty-cent-a-week Fund

Northwestern California Conference for Month of March, 1916

Church	Mem.	12-month Quota	Amt. Paid	Over	Short	Ave. per wk. per Mem.
Arcata	27	\$ 64.80	\$ 42.26		\$22.54	.130
Calistoga	29	69.60	29.62		39.98	.085
Conference	4	9.60	3.66		5.94	.076
Eureka	80	192.00	92.55		99.45	.096
Ferndale	16	38.40	44.15	\$ 5.75		.230
Ft. Bragg	28	67.20	19.05		48.15	.057
Fortuna	27	64.80	38.56		26.24	.119
Healdsburg	126	302.40	195.46		106.94	.129
Kelseyville	9	21.60	1.00		20.60	.009
McKinleyville	27	64.80	12.49		52.31	.038
Napa	62	148.80	65.92		82.88	.088
Pacific Union College	237	568.80	572.71	3.91		.201
Pepperwood	17	40.80	30.76		10.04	.150
Personal			99.83	99.83		
Petaluma	7	16.80	44.04	27.24		.524
Sanitarium	234	561.60	426.42		135.18	.152
Santa Rosa	61	146.40	89.81		56.59	.122
San Rafael	13	31.20	33.72	2.52		.216
Sebastopol	77	184.80	71.98		112.82	.078
Sonoma	58	139.20	47.55		91.65	.068
St. Helena	65	156.00	114.72		41.28	.147
Ukiah	53	127.20	57.96		69.24	.090
Vallejo	20	48.00	45.05		2.95	.188
Willits	18	43.20	23.33		19.87	.108

S. DONALDSON, *Treasurer.*

CALIFORNIA

J. L. McElhany, Pres., H. B. Thomas, Sec'y-Treas.

Pacific Press Notes

Two editions of the Bible Preservation Number *Signs Magazine* (April) were printed. If all orders are filled, a third edition will have to be run.

Forty-eight tons of books and tracts were shipped from the Pacific Press at Mountain View during the first three months of this year. Thirty tons for the same period last year. Gratifying gain, is it not?

Paper, binder's cloth, leather, colored inks, in fact, all printers' materials are soaring in price. The advance in paper stock alone during the past few weeks, has been from ten to fifty per cent. It begins to look like our publishing houses' only consolation this year will be volume of business, and they will be fortunate indeed if they are able to show any financial gain.

Gifts of machinery and other printing office equipment, totaling over \$6000, have recently been made to the Philippines, Korea, and Japan. A cylinder

press, a job press, wire stitcher, paper cutter, and, in fact, a full equipment, has been sent to Manila, where the need is so great. It is very gratifying to know that the Pacific Press can use a large part of its earnings for the development of the publishing work in foreign fields.

Editor A. O. Tait and his corps of assistants are giving much of their time to the preparation of the forthcoming temperance number of the *Signs*. Leading officials, bankers, manufacturers, and merchants in dry states have been interviewed, some excellent matter has been secured, and a number of striking photos are already in hand. The brethren are alive to the situation, and will undoubtedly eclipse former efforts in the production of this special. April 4. * * *

Forty per cent of 500 editors whose opinions were sought, favored a navy second only to that of Great Britain. Sixty per cent thought it should be as large as any in the world. This is one of the 300 or more enlightening thoughts expressed in the columns of the May *Signs Magazine*.

But as the believers who obeyed the truth during the tent meetings had neither been fully instructed, baptized, or organized, I felt a great burden to return to Whittier to finish the work.

As Elder Parsons was leaving California to labor in the East, he was unable to return. I therefore asked permission of the conference committee to return alone to that place, to build up the work. This was granted, and on January 2 of this year, I opened nightly meetings in Oddfellow's hall. The attendance was good the first two weeks, but the excessive rains and cold, wet, dark nights that followed kept the people away. The location also prevented some, who objected to climbing a long flight of stairs, from coming; and also suffering annoying disturbances from the rumblings of a bowling alley immediately under the hall. These things reduced our week night attendance; but the Sunday evening services were always well attended.

After eleven weeks of labor we held baptism in the Baptist church of this city, kindly loaned us by the pastor. This was on Thursday, March 23. The Lord blessed this service by His special presence, while eight dear souls were buried with Christ by baptism. Two other new believers had been previously baptized. The following Sabbath, March 25, we held our organization service, and were favored with the presence and help of Elder B. E. Beddoe. Twenty persons united in fellowship, to form the new church; ten by baptism, and ten on profession of faith, or by letter. A full set of officers were elected, and each of these possessed decided qualifications for the work allotted. On Sabbath, April 1, I had the joy of celebrating the ordinances of the Lord's house with the newly organized believers; and truly the Lord blessed us in that service. Everyone present seemed to be full of gratitude and joy for all the Lord's goodness and mercy.

I wish to gratefully acknowledge the substantial help received from Elder Beddoe and Brother Celian Andross in bringing this work to a successful issue; and Elder Parsons I am sure will rejoice with us, as one who sowed and cultivated the precious grain in its earlier stages. We have raised every cent of our expenses on the ground, without burdening the conference. I have taken special pains to see that the new believers are well supplied with good literature, to feed the spiritual

nature. Accordingly this new church is taking a club of thirteen copies of *Liberty*, twelve weekly *Signs*, twelve *RECORDER*, five *Sabbath School Worker*, six *Little Friend*, five *Instructors*, and two *Church Officers' Gazette*, and I hope to get the *Review* into every family to complete the work. Every family also has been supplied with "Early Writings."

Through the liberality of Brother J. M. Whitney, we have a good lot in a very central location, bought and paid for, on which to erect a church building; and have \$300 already promised towards the building. For all these blessings we render praise and thanks to our heavenly Father, by whose power alone we have been able to accomplish anything. To Him be all the glory.

ALEXANDER RITCHIE.

SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA

W. F. Martin, Pres., J. C. McReynolds, Sec'y-Treas.

On Friday evening March 31, the writer was met at the depot in El Centro by Brethren Snodgrass and McWhinny, and we went at once to New River where a meeting was appointed for that evening. A good audience was assembled for the meeting, comprised of our own people largely, but some were present not of our faith. The church here is the oldest in the Imperial Valley. Miss Smith is teaching a church school there. After meeting we drove to Holtville where the brethren were conducting a meeting in the tabernacle bought for the work in the Valley. The Lord has blessed the faithful work done there and a good number of honest souls have taken a stand for the truth. On Sabbath we celebrated the ordinances which had been neglected for a year or more. It was our privilege to receive seven into the church, three of whom were by baptism. Brother and Sister Snodgrass and Brother McWhinny are much encouraged over their work at Holtville, as they have every reason to be. On Friday, April 7, Brethren Andross and Hebard came to El Centro, and we began a two days' general meeting. The Lord met with us and His people were greatly blessed. Much interest was taken in the different lines of missionary work presented. The Lord is moving upon the hearts of His people to stir them up to labor for souls. This means a rapid finishing of the work of

God. We were especially glad to have Elder Andross with us, and appreciated his work and counsel.

On the way out of the Valley, we stopped for a Sunday evening service at Brawley. The house was well filled, and Elder Andross spoke to an appreciative audience.

Imperial Valley is a pioneer field, and we hope to see the message get a strong hold in it. The laborers there are moving their tabernacle to Calexico, on the border, where there seems to be an interest to hear the message. We trust the Lord may make their work there a success.

W. F. MARTIN.

INTER-MOUNTAIN

E. A. Curtis, Pres., J. F. Gaster, Sec'y-Treas.

Among the Churches—No. 2

Leaving Salt Lake City and going directly to Logan, a nice little church of eighteen members was found. A comfortable church building has been erected here, which is much enjoyed and appreciated by the membership. During the time spent with the church at this place, a missionary rally was held each evening, and plans laid for aggressive work along these lines.

At Brigham the membership is very small, there being only eight members of the church, but they seem alive to the interests of the work throughout the field. One evening meeting was held here in the home of Brother James Fredrickson. Eternity alone will reveal the results of the faithful stand-bearing of our people in districts like this.

Arriving at Ogden Friday, March 17, it was a pleasure to spend the Sabbath and Sunday in connection with this church. The neat little church building was well filled Sabbath morning. Services were also conducted in the afternoon and evening in the interests of our missionary campaign. After the Missionary Volunteer meeting Sunday evening at 6:30, Elder M. A. Hollister spoke to an attentive and interested audience on the Sabbath question. There seems to be a considerable outside interest at this place, and it is hoped that a number of those interested will soon take a stand for the truth.

It is encouraging to note the general and deep interest that is being awakened among our people along the lines that will lead to the speedy finishing of

God's work in the earth. Our young people and those older in years and experience are rallying to the work, and uniting their efforts with those of ministers and church officers. May the Lord help each one of us to quickly find his place in this great plan, and then work earnestly to hasten His coming Kingdom. W. M. ANDRESS.

BOOK WORK

Climax of Blessings in the Book Work

I see so many tokens of the Saviour's loving care, striking answers to prayer, most pronounced deliverances out of impending disaster, that time fails me to tell all. I am now at Loma Linda Sanitarium for a needed rest, yet busy nearly all the time.

Left Boulder, Colorado, Sanitarium on November 14, after a few days' stay there for rest and needed care. The next day I was facing the raw, cold winds of Wyoming filling orders. The exposure and hard work, at times up day and night traveling and waiting on account of trains, was enough to make a well man sick. Had a delivery of about 1000 miles through four states—Wyoming, Utah, Nevada and California—of about six strenuous weeks ahead of me; only recently nearly debarred from the work by severe throat trouble, and it seemed almost a foregone conclusion the worse winter storms ahead would bring it on again with increased vigor. Yet the dear workers in Colorado, notably at the Boulder Sanitarium, promised to remember me before God in prayer. It seems a miracle of divine grace that I was just bourne on the wings of prayer of these God's dear children clear through to home in California till the work was finished. O, what a God have we! All honors, glory, praises to Him only. Placed many of our good books, "Great Controversy" in many homes. The pages of truth that went into the homes of so many, I feel sure will not be in vain—from the millionaire to the day laborer, and the men of affairs in high up places of the world to those in the commonest walks of life (Isa. 55:11). It was truly refreshing, a marvel, to sell so many small foreign books. An unseen power was at work, it seemed and did take hold of the people, and constrained them to secure

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 31, 1916

AGENT	BOOK	HRS.	ORDS.	HELPS	VALUE	DELIVERED
Inter-Mountain						
J. L. Sauder	E.S.	26	17		\$ 67.00	\$ 3.00
Mrs. Perry	E.S.	11	6		19.00	
H. B. Meeker	B.R.	42	28	\$7.00	101.00	
D. T. Snideman	B.R.	26	8		26.00	
Miscellaneous					33.30	35.80
4 Agents		105	59	\$7.00	\$246.30	\$38.80

Northern California

L. M. Overholt	B.R.	24	4	\$6.25	\$19.25	
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REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 7, 1916

Arizona

James Hara	P.G.	47	27		\$125.00	
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Central California

F. O. Jensen	P.G.	31	10	\$5.00	\$50.00	\$13.50
B. T. Meyers	B.R.	20	4		12.00	32.50
J. W. Beardslee	G.C.	20	3	.75	11.75	18.75
E. J. Woods	B.R.	10	1		3.00	14.00
Ruth Strever	B.R.	14	2		7.00	8.45
Iva Garner	B.R.	6	2	2.50	8.50	
6 Agents		101	22	\$8.25	\$92.25	\$87.20

Inter-Mountain

H. B. Meeker	B.R.	49	23	\$ 8.75	\$ 83.75	
J. L. Sauder	E.S.	40	23	9.10	104.10	
Myrtle Christholm	B.R.	19	3		12.00	
3 Agents		108	49	\$17.85	\$199.85	

Northern California

G. H. Barbee	B.R.	40	19	\$ 3.25	\$ 66.25	
L. M. Overholt	B.R.	39	12	6.50	47.50	
J. A. Pearson	G.C.	35	10	9.15	42.15	
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bookout	P.G.	6	3	.25	11.75	
W. B. Rollins	B.R.	13	2		7.00	
5 Agents		137	46	\$19.15	\$174.65	

Southeastern California

J. O. Young	B.R.	30	5		\$17.00	
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Southern California

F. W. Ross	B. R.	18	17		\$45.10	
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Tract Society Sales, First Quarter, 1916, 1915

Sent	Conference	Sub- scription	Bibles, trade Bks	Educa- tional	Tracts	Magaz- ines	Periodical subscriptions	Total
1916	Arizona	\$1348.84	\$123.05	\$ 1.55	\$ 24.81	\$ 78.90	\$ 141.63	\$1718.78
1915	Arizona	414.10	45.20	11.27	5.53	127.70	165.20	769.00
1916	S. E. Cal.	819.65	334.62	88.76	57.51	238.56	861.56	2400.66
1915	S. E. Cal.	1265.67	253.75	42.28	61.69	564.18	734.58	2922.15
1916	S. Cal.	326.93	436.92	13.88	90.38	617.69	540.39	2026.19
1915	S. Cal.	1446.48	290.00	48.27	70.49	1084.67	840.11	3780.02
1916	Total	2945.42	894.59	104.19	172.70	935.15	1543.58	6145.63
1915	Total	3126.25	588.95	101.82	137.71	1776.55	1739.89	7471.17

CLYDE LOWRY, Sec'y-Treas.

Tithe and Twenty-cent-a-week Fund, to March 1, 1916, Nevada Mission

Church	Tithe	S. S.	Missions	Ingather.	Ann'l
Bishop		\$13.16			
Calneva	\$ 53.50	6.91	\$ 2.50	\$ 5.00	
Mission and Personal	576.06	5.19	5.20	25.30	\$1.85
Fallon	44.35		15.07	1.00	
Reno	381.84	22.67	46.51		
Standish	60.77		9.75	2.50	
	\$1116.52	\$47.93	\$79.03	\$33.80	\$1.85

these important works of truth. This work is fast closing up. Let us all have a part in it before it is finished. (Eph. 1:2, Heb. 13:20,21.) Remember me before God's throne.

WALTER HARPER.

A Dream

Brother Meyers met a lady who had a copy of "Bible Readings." After talking a while, she told of a dream that had impressed her to search the Scriptures. In the dream she saw a basket of summer fruit, so in the morning she opened the Bible to see what she could find. Her Bible opened to Amos 8:2. "And he said, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A basket of summer fruit. Then said the Lord unto me, The end is come upon My people of Israel; I will not again pass by them any more." Thus her mind was directed to the coming of the Lord. She placed her order for another book.

Our band reported many interesting experiences at our Sunday morning meeting. Sister Grabert reported having met a number who wished to attend our church.

In Volume 9, page 126, "Testimonies for the Church," we have these words: "In visions of the night representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God's people. Many were praising God. The sick were healed, and other miracles were wrought. A spirit of intercession was seen, even as was manifested before the day of Pentecost. Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families and opening before them the Word of God; laboring while probation lingers.

"The judgments of God are in the earth, and under the influence of the Holy Spirit we must give the message of warning that He has entrusted to us. We must give the message quickly, line upon line, precept upon precept. Men will soon be forced to great decisions, and it is our duty to see that they are given an opportunity to understand the truth." C. L. DAVIS.

The dominant thing that has characterized the *Signs Magazine* all these years and made it popular for missionary purposes with our people, is the fact that some one or more doctrinal subjects are strongly featured each month. In the May number is a fine Sabbath article by Elder I. H. Evans, another entitled, "God's Message for To-day," and a third on the state of the dead.

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FOR SALE.—At Pacific Union College, modern eight-room house, plastered,

kalsomined. Large, airy rooms, very conveniently arranged. Electric lights, bath and every convenience. Lot contains more than acre of land. House almost new. Cost \$3000. Will take \$2500. Address Mrs. Lizzie Potts, St. Helena, Cal., care of Pacific Union College. 37-43

Obituaries

STREVER.—Nelson J. Strever was born in the state of New York in 1857, and died in California, near the town of Hughson, March 4, 1916, at the age of fifty-eight. Brother Strever came to California in 1910 from Minnesota embracing the faith of Seventh-day Adventists near Merced some four years ago. Brother Strever has suffered from ill health the last two years, but devoted considerable time to the reading of the Bible, especially in the Sabbath school lesson study. He longed to rest from bodily suffering, and died on Sabbath, March 4. Funeral services were held from the Seventh-day Adventist church in Modesto, and interment made in the Modesto cemetery, Tuesday, March 7 in the presence of a large number of sympathizing friends. The deceased leaves a wife and seven children, four sons and three daughters, all of whom were home at the time of the father's death, with the exception of the eldest son, Joseph, who is married and lives in the state of Arizona.

E. E. GARDNER.

HILLS.—Nancy P. Hills was born April 28, 1837, and fell peacefully asleep in Jesus March 22, 1916, at the home of her son, W. A. Hills near Paonia, Colo. For thirty-seven years the deceased has been a devoted member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and her sudden death has brought sorrow to the hearts of many devoted friends both within and without the church circle. Besides the above mentioned son she leaves a daughter in Bellingham, Wash., Mrs. Clara Belle Boyington and an adopted daughter in Florence, Neb., Ethel White, besides a number of brothers and sisters and grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted in the Methodist church building near Paonia, Colo., by the writer assisted by the local pastor and interment of the body made in the Paonia cemetery. We have every reason to believe that she will be among those who will be called forth at the first resurrection.

W. M. ANDRESS.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 1916

Elder B. E. Beddoe, president of the Southern California Conference, made a business trip to Oakland and Lodi the latter part of last week.

Recent word from Elder W. S. Holbrook, the superintendent of the Nevada Mission field states that the school at Fallon seems to be progressing nicely.

Ralph Nelson, formerly of Santa Ana, and who recently connected with the Pacific Press Publishing Association in Mountain View, was called to Spokane, Wash., two weeks ago last Monday on account of the illness of his mother.

Tithe paid by the church members in the Pacific Union Conference for the first three months of the year amounts to \$48,194.78 according to remittances made at the union office. This is \$4213.56 more than was paid in the same territory for the first quarter of 1915.

The organization meeting of the recently elected board of directors of the California Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists was held in Oakland Tuesday of last week, April 11. The following officers were elected: President, J. L. McElhany; secretary, E. E. Parlin, treasurer, H. B. Thomas.

Elder H. F. Courter has acted as elder of the Safford (Arizona) church since last January. He and Mrs. Courter have been holding Bible readings with a family for nearly a year, and believe they will accept the truth. One member has been keeping the Sabbath ever since the subject was presented.

Elders E. E. Andross and W. F. Martin, assisted by Brother H. A. Hebard, held very interesting meetings at El Centro April 7, 8 and 9. Many

CAMP-MEETING DATES, 1916

Central California	- - -	May 25 to June 4
California	- - -	June 1 to 10
Northern California	- - -	June 6 to 18
Southern California	- - -	June 15 to 25
Northwestern California	- - -	July 20 to 30
Southeastern California	- - -	August 3 to 13
Arizona	- - -	October 12 to 22
Inter-Mountain	- - -	About October 1

renewed their consecration to God, and their determination to give the light of truth to their relatives, neighbors and friends was evidenced by the fact that they purchased \$25 worth of tracts in the \$5.00 packages, besides a large number of pamphlets on "Armageddon."

Word comes from the North Pacific Union Conference that Oregon is facing the Sunday-law issue this year. Several arrests for alleged violation of the 1854 territorial Sunday blue law as amended in 1865 took the question into the courts. The judges, both state and federal, alternately supported and opposed the law, declaring it both constitutional and unconstitutional. The referendum has been invoked to repeal the law, and the voters of Oregon will be asked to decide the question. Also, the National Reformers have prepared a new Sunday bill, and propose to have

that on the ballot as well, in the hope that it will be adopted.

The board of management elected at the last meeting of the constituency of the California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association in March consists of the following named persons: E. E. Andross, E. W. Farnsworth, W. C. White, C. H. Jones, L. M. Bowen, C. W. Irwin, C. E. Rice, G. E. Klingerman, R. Rose, H. McDowell, E. R. Rhymes and Claude Conard. A local board was chosen by the directors as follows: C. E. Rice, G. E. Klingerman, R. Rose, H. McDowell, E. R. Rhymes, E. W. Alsberg, Claude Conard. The association operates the St. Helena Sanitarium, the Sanitarium Food Company, both at Sanitarium, Cal., and the Vegetarian Cafeteria in San Francisco.

Twenty-cent-a-week Fund in Pacific Union Conference S. D. A. To March 31, 1916, and Comparison of Weekly Average Cents per Member First Quarter 1915, 1916

Conference	Amount due	Amount received	Amount short	Cents per mem. 1916	Cents per mem. 1915
California	\$ 4212.00	\$ 3302.84	\$ 909.16	.15 68	.15 75
Northwestern California	3278.60	2152.60	1126.00	.13 12	.15 75
Southeastern California	4277.00	2513.79	1763.21	.11 75	.12 34
Arizona	860.60	497.89	362.71	.11 56	.15 97
Southern California	5623.80	3201.73	2422.07	.11 20	.12 34
Central California	3437.20	1847.10	1590.10	.10 74	.09 03
Inter-Mountain (Utah 1915)	1684.80	687.47	997.33	.08 15	.06 70
Northern California	4204.20	1315.11	2889.09	.06 26	.06 23
Nevada Mission	520.00	162.61	357.39	.06 25	.03 69
Pacific Union Conference	\$28098.20	\$15681.14	\$12417.06	.11 16	.11 79

Our Mission Quota

That those whose duty it is to plan wisely for the general advancement of this truth both at home and abroad may know what they can depend upon for money to carry forward this great work, a plan has been inaugurated whereby each member is asked to contribute an average of 20 cents a week for missions.

A few years ago the quota was placed at an average of 10 cents a member.

Then it was raised to 15 cents, and for the past two or three years it has been 20 cents.

In 1914, three conferences in the Pacific Union reached the 20-cent membership average, and the entire union field averaged 18½ cents. In 1915 one conference made 20 cents, the others all falling below; and the entire territory stood at 16.82 cents per member.

For the first three months of 1916 a

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