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Counsel to Church Nominating Committees

We are approaching the end of another year. At this time all our churches are considering the matter of election of their officers. The times in which we are living and the fact that "we need not say, 'The perils of the last days are soon to come upon us,' already they have come," makes the work we now do doubly important.

Very much is dependent upon the selection of men and women to take charge of our work as spiritual leaders in the church during the coming year. It may not, therefore, be out of place to consider some of the qualifications of those who should be placed in such positions of responsibility.

In the organization of ancient Israel the Lord instructed Moses as follows: "Thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, and rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens." Such men were to be selected to bear the

burden with him. It was the duty of Moses, as God's chosen leader of His people, to teach the rulers of the people ordinances and laws, and to "show them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do." See Exodus 18:20-22. Having been taught by Moses, the rulers were to instruct the people in all their duty to God, and to their fellow men. It will be observed that they were to be able men, such as feared God, men of truth, hating covetousness.

In Deuteronomy 1:15, we are told that the chief of the tribes were wise men and known. Such were made heads over the people, and captains over thousands, over hundreds, over fifties and over tens, to serve as officers among the tribes. They were not only to be able men, wise men, but they were to be men who were known to be such.

In the organization of the apostolic church the apostles were instructed to select men of honest report, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom. Such were appointed over the business of the church. Acts 6:3. It seems from this instruction that men who are chosen to carry the responsibility of church leadership are to be known to be true and honest, men of deep Christian experience, filled with the Holy Spirit. How can we expect prosperity in the work of God if we intrust the church to the leadership of men who do not possess these qualifications, for we are told that those who are intrusted with the flock of God "judge not for man, but for the Lord, who is with you in the judgment." 2 Chr. 19:6. Except they be constantly under the direct influence of the Holy Spirit, it is im-

possible for them to judge thus for God and not for man.

It will be well for the nominating committees, who are appointed to select men and women to fill the various positions of responsibility in the church, to study carefully the qualifications that are given by Paul in I Timothy 3 and Titus 1:6-9. While these qualifications apply more directly to the elders and deacons, the principles should be applied to all who are called to serve as officers of the church in any capacity. It may not be possible to select individuals who in every particular fully meet all of these requirements, but this should be the ideal in every case.

There is one thing in addition to what I have already mentioned that seems to me ought to receive careful attention at this time. In selection of men to serve as elders of our churches, men who are to mold the spiritual life of our people, in addition to the fact that they are to be men filled with the Holy Spirit, they should have a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures in general, and should be sound in the faith, and able to teach others the truths that have made us a people. They should be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

As the perils of the last days thicken about us, the enemy will endeavor to lead us to select men as our leaders who are not sound in the faith, who hold to principles that are subversive of the truths we hold so dear. In no way could the enemy more successfully defeat God's purpose in the preparation of a people for the coming of the Lord than by introducing erroneous teaching, false doctrine, into the church

through the leaders who are intrusted with the flock of God. In writing to Timothy a young minister, Paul said: "Give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine... Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee."

Again, Paul said: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." If error instead of truth is taught, it will "eat as doth a canker." In speaking of the dangers of such teaching, Paul refers to Hymenaeus and Philetus, "who," he says, "concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some."

Erroneous teaching will result in overthrowing the faith of the weak, and thus cause their eternal loss. "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are His. And, let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity." Said Jesus, "Sanctify them through Thy truth; Thy word is truth." This should be the constant study of the one who may be intrusted with the care of the Lord's fold.

As an additional help in our work, God has given us the Testimonies of His Spirit, and these should be constantly studied and diligently followed in all our church work. If this course is pursued by the overseer of the flock of God, although he may not be learned or eloquent, his work will be effective, and he will be counted as a faithful shepherd, and when the chief Shepherd shall appear he will receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

Those selected for church officers should be sound in the faith, and should not only believe the truth, but ought also to practice it. They should be faithful in the payment of their tithe, and should lead, as far as their ability permits, in the matter of offerings. They should be

individuals who will set a proper example before the church in the matter of liberality of donations for the support not only of the local work, but also of the world-wide work. They should lift up their eyes upon the fields afar off, as well as upon those that are nigh, and contribute to the utmost of their ability for the advancement of the world-wide work.

I would urge our churches and nominating committees to give careful thought to these principles while they are selecting officers for the coming year. This applies to the officers of our Sabbath schools and of our young people's societies, as well as of the church proper.

E. E. Andross.

What Others Have Done

A letter from San Francisco brings a stirring story of the remarkable experience a little eight-year-old lad is having in that city with the Ingathering work. He now has about \$52.00 in hand. His goal is \$100. Nearly all his contributions are in 5- and 10-cent sums. God is using the children to advance His work in the earth.

And He is using the aged. One of our elderly sisters recently sent us the following message: "I have collected \$40.00 already, and shall try to make it \$50.00. That is about what I raised last year, and I don't wish to do any less this year. I am more than 70 years old, but I can still do a little for the cause I love so well. A great responsibility rests upon us."

Speaking of the successful goal-reaching campaign conducted by the Santa Barbara church, Elder J. R. Patterson remarked: "Yes, the Lord has blessed in the Ingathering work here, and is now blessing in an effort to pay off the church debt. We hope to pay off the \$500 debt by the fourth of July. Just how we worked the Ingathering would be a lengthy story. **We just did it.** Offerings ranged from 5 cents to \$25 each. **Nearly every one in the church worked for it.**

E. L.

FIELD TIDINGS

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

C. Santee, Pres. Verah MacPherson, Sec.

Missionary Volunteers

The Missionary Volunteer Department of the Northern California Conference desires to get in touch with the isolated young people of the conference. We request our people who know of such young people to send their names to the secretary, Mrs. E. H. Osborne, 2131 P St., Sacramento, Cal.

A conference society has been formed for the benefit of the young people who do not have the privileges of the local society. We ask you to help increase the membership.

There is a limited number of the reading course books in our circulating library. The library should be enlarged and stocked with these books. Our young people who cannot purchase the books may thus have access to them.

We are in need of all the senior and junior books for the current year, also many of the past reading course books. Who will help in this good work by sending either the book or price of same to the secretary?

Mrs. E. H. Osborne.

Sacramento and Vicinity

Since reporting last through the "Pacific Union Recorder," the writer has had the privilege of baptizing nine souls at Sacramento. Six united with the Sacramento church, one with the Placerville church, one with the Santa Rosa church, and one was a rebaptism. The rebaptism was a direct result of taking the Harvest Ingathering "Signs" to a brother who had backslidden. After reading a portion of the paper, he became so deeply convicted that he prayed for forgiveness and reconsecrated himself to the Lord.

Brethren, continue faithfully to circulate the good Harvest Ingathering paper for the sake of some backsliders, or prejudiced souls, or some one who has never heard the mes-

sage, and also for the sake of those in heathen darkness, who are to have the message of salvation brought to them through the money obtained by this means. To hear the glad words, "Well done, good and faithful servant," spoken by the Lord of the harvest will more than repay for all the toil and sacrifice now.

I have spent much time away from Sacramento, Sabbath and Sunday, November 4 and 5, being spent with the Yuba City church. One brother, whose feet had been slipping from the narrow way, took a new hold upon the truth. Others were blest. The little company is trying hard to sustain a church school, which I had the pleasure of visiting.

Last Sabbath was spent with a few Sabbath-keepers near Auburn. We are now endeavoring to strengthen this company by holding meetings and visiting, with both the believers and those not of our faith.

Brethren, pray for the work, and that we as laborers may be baptized with the Spirit for better service.

A. J. Osborne.

November 17.

NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA

J. A. Stevens, Pres. S. Donaldson, Sec.

The Eureka Meeting

The general meeting for Humboldt County opened Friday evening, November 17, at the Eureka church with a good attendance, and the prospects for very good meetings are of the best. Assisting in the meetings are Prof. M. E. Cady and Brother Ernest Lloyd of the Pacific Union Conference; Elder J. A. Stevens, Elder C. S. Prout, Elder J. D. Alder and Brother S. Donaldson of the local field, and it is expected that Elder E. E. Andross and Brother Frank A. Coffin will be present during the latter part of the meetings. Much interest is shown by the public. Sunday evening Elder Stevens spoke on the subject, "Will There Be Peace?" to a very attentive audience that filled the seats of the church to capacity.

In Del Norte County a church of 16 members has been organized by Elder J. D. Alder, assisted by Brother Lester Bond and wife, who have

Northwestern California Conference Twenty-cent-a-week Fund

January to October, 1916

	Mem.	Quota	Amt. Pd.	Over	Short	Ave.
Arcata	27	232.20	367.12	34.92		.230
Calistoga	29	249.40	94.89		154.51	.076
Conference	4	34.40	724.36	689.96		4.211
Eureka	80	688.00	360.86		327.14	.105
Ferndale	16	137.60	44.15		93.45	.064
Fort Bragg	28	240.80	138.35		102.45	.115
Fortuna	27	232.20	75.02		157.18	.065
Healdsburg	126	1083.60	622.96		460.64	.115
Kelseyville	9	77.40	4.20		73.20	.011
McKinleyville	27	232.20	52.58		179.62	.045
Napa	62	533.20	290.03		243.17	.109
P. U. C.	237	2038.20	1852.93		185.27	.181
Pepperwood	17	146.20	81.98		64.22	.111
Personal			590.36	590.36		
Petaluma	7	60.20	107.35	47.15		.357
Sanitarium	234	2012.40	1534.63		477.77	.153
San Rafael	13	111.80	110.50		1.30	.198
Santa Rosa	61	524.60	406.65		117.95	.155
Sebastapol	77	662.20	292.37		369.83	.088
Sonoma	58	498.80	300.30		198.50	.120
St. Helena	65	559.00	385.38		173.62	.138
Ukiah	53	455.80	640.65	184.85		.281
Vallejo	20	172.00	183.49	11.49		.213
Willits	18	154.80	86.24		68.56	.111

been conducting meetings at Smith River for the past three weeks. Seven of these charter members were baptized Sunday, November 12. Brother Lester Bond has been elected elder of the church, and requests the prayers of all in behalf of the further advance of the message in Del Norte County. Brother Bond is continuing the meetings and reports that three more dear souls have requested baptism since the church was organized.

It is hoped that a new impetus will be given the Harvest Ingathering campaign by our local church workers, and that we shall close the year with our goal reached.

S. Donaldson.

Kelseyville	119.43	131.20
McKinleyville	77.60	90.45
Napa	927.17	1124.69
P. U. C.	3011.67	3063.45
Pepperwood	72.30	101.46
Personal	645.00	362.37
Petaluma	211.74	142.18
Sanitarium	5910.99	6675.91
San Rafael		165.99
Santa Rosa	575.72	572.75
Sebastapol	619.94	709.61
Sonoma	494.06	528.70
St. Helena	820.14	1157.36
Ukiah	609.20	843.45
Vallejo	249.48	301.64
Willits		240.67

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S. Donaldson,
Treasurer.

Comparative Tithing Statement

January to October

	1915	1916
Arcata	\$ 368.94	\$ 451.03
Calistoga	129.43	189.86
Conference		554.53
Eureka	846.69	1300.77
Ferndale	11.95	10.00
Fort Bragg	104.30	97.00
Fortuna	670.00	567.01
Healdsburg	1455.93	1247.03

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

B. E. Beddoe, Pres. W. L. Mecum, Sec.

Old Rates Until New Year's

Owing to the great increase in the price of paper, it has become necessary for our publishing house to raise the subscription price of the "Review." However, the new rates will not go into effect until

Jan. 1, 1917. If you are not taking this valuable paper, now is the time to send in your subscription. Or if you desire to pay for a two years' subscription before December 31, you can have the paper at the present rate,—\$2.00 per year.

If you are now taking the paper, and your subscription does not expire until some time during 1917, you can secure present rates on your renewal if you send it in before Dec. 31, 1916. Order your "Review" now and save money. No Seventh-day Adventist can afford to be without this good paper. One church recently sent in 30 subscriptions after this matter had been presented to them. Order now; do not delay.

There are many reasons why every Seventh-day Adventist should be a regular reader of the "Review and Herald," but above all other reasons that might be given we should receive the weekly visits of the "Review" for the spiritual help it gives us. No other publication can take the place of the good old "Advent Review and Sabbath Herald."

The goal toward which our brethren have been working for some time is "The Review" in every family of believers." We are far short of that in the Southern California Conference. To reach our goal we shall have to increase our subscription list about 370. In other words, about that many families in this conference are not taking the "Review." Surely this is not as it should be.

C. C. Morlan.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

N. P. Neilsen, Pres. G. A. Wheeler, Sec.

Items of Interest

A Sabbath school of 16 members was recently organized at Exeter.

Brethren B. M. Emerson and James Howarth are at our office for a couple of days auditing the conference and Bible house books.

Plans were laid by the conference committee for nearly every church to be visited by one of our conference laborers during the week of prayer.

Elder G. A. Grauer became severely ill at the time of our committee meeting, and found it necessary to return home for treatment. We pray that he may soon recover.

Elder E. E. Andross spoke in the Fresno church last Sunday evening on the need of a preparation in view of impending events. We appreciated having him with us again.

Let us go to the people with the Ingathering "Signs" in the strength of our God. He will go before us. Simple faith in God and in this truth will electrify us with the message.

The conference committee met at Fresno last Sunday and Monday to plan for the work in our field. We were glad to have with us Elders E. E. Andross and H. S. Shaw. Their counsel was much appreciated.

According to the "Ingathering Bulletin No. 7," Fresno comes first, Hanford second, Dinuba (German) third, Bakersfield fourth, and Merced fifth in the amounts that have been reported collected on the Ingathering fund.

After taking down the tent at Dos Palos, Brother R. W. Smith remains to follow up the effort by visiting and holding meetings in the church. Brother George T. Vore has gone to Selma to assist in the Ingathering work.

During the last two weeks our churches have reported \$414.04 collected on the Ingathering fund. We are glad for this good amount, and trust no one will slacken his efforts to gather in the funds for the needy mission fields.

One of our timid sisters was very harshly spoken to and severely abused by a person to whom she presented the Ingathering paper. But she calmly listened to the abuse, and was finally given \$1.00 because she kept sweet and did not become offended. It always pays to keep sweet.

Brother F. E. Painter is in our field this week assisting Brother C. L. Davis in finding recruits for the book work. They met with the

Dinuba church last Sabbath. The scattering of our literature is an important department, and we believe that many of our people would enjoy rich blessings by selling our truth-laden books.

We are pleased to have Elder H. S. Shaw, who was formerly president of the Western Canadian Union Conference, but has recently connected with this union, to assist in the work, come to our conference for a short time. Brother Shaw spoke in the Fresno church last Sabbath, and has visited a number of other churches during the week. He and Elder F. E. Brown expect to hold meetings at Lemoore next week.

We are sorry to report that Sister Vesta I. Fink, teacher of the church school at Porterville, had to give up her work on account of illness. Sister Charles Miller, of Bakersfield, has been asked to take the school, and Elder and Sister Miller have now moved to Porterville. Let us pray earnestly that, if it is the Lord's will, Sister Fink may speedily recover, and thus be spared to the important work to which she has dedicated her life.

Last Sabbath Sister Lida Ackley, our Sabbath school secretary, Brother and Sister C. A. Clark, of Fresno, and the writer met with some of our scattered Sabbath-keepers at Raisin City, where we organized a Sabbath school of 17 members. Brother F. L. Potterton was elected superintendent of the school. We pray that this Sabbath school may be blessed of the Lord, and increase in membership, so that a church may be organized there.

N. P. Neilsen.

November 24.

SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA

W. F. Martin, Pres. J. C. McReynolds, Sec.

San Diego

The tent meetings held last summer by Elders Luther Warren and R. S. Owen closed about two months ago. These meetings were transferred to the G Street church, where they still continue.

The work here has developed very

slowly, but there is a prospect of a good harvest of souls later. Sabbath, October 28, it was my privilege to baptize 11 dear souls. Others are awaiting baptism. Several from the better classes attended the meetings held at the tent. They are still investigating, and will doubtless unite with us soon. It will take some time yet to fully develop the work. Pray that all the jewels here may be gathered into the fold.

The Adventist churches in San Diego have been very active in the temperance campaign. We hope now to give more time to the Harvest Ingathering work. The prospect looks good for reaching the goal of 20 cents a week in the G Street church. Pray for us.

L. H. Proctor.

ARIZONA

J. E. Bond, Pres.

Phoenix School

The Phoenix school opened September 18, one week later than most of our schools in the union, on account of the warm weather here. Our camp-meeting followed in three weeks, and our work was broken into, as the school closed during that time. But the spiritual help the young people received greatly strengthened them. All appreciated Prof. M. E. Cady's visit and his helpful talks on Christian education. He remained not only during the camp-meeting, but several days following, and spent the time in the schoolrooms.

Our attendance has increased from 43 last year to 73 this year. Eighteen are in the ninth and tenth grades. Miss Lambeth is teaching the primary and Mrs. Jessie Hicks-Dillon the intermediate grades.

As there is no dormitory connected with the school, and a number of students from different parts of the state wished to attend, Elder J. E. Bond and wife are making a home for this class. This is appreciated as shown by the increase in his family from five to 33.

A plan has been started to provide the school with necessary facilities that will greatly aid in our work. The students have been glad

to have a part in the Harvest Ingathering campaign, and also in the temperance work which was carried on before election.

An excellent spirit prevails, and we look for a prosperous year.

L. B. Ragsdale, Prin.

NEVADA MISSION

W. S. Holbrook, Supt.

Fallon School

During the summer vacation we finished rooms in the basement of this school building, making six well-lighted rooms and an extra class room.

When soliciting in the field there were twelve or more boarding students expecting to attend, but circumstances have prevented the greater number from coming this year, so our school is small.

Our time was occupied during the vacation in fencing the grounds and building good corrals for stock and hay as well as attending to the haying, bees, etc. Our bees did very well this summer, producing about \$150 worth of good honey, for which we had a ready market.

We have two registered Jersey heifers at present, but expect, as the school grows, to keep four or five cows, besides chickens, turkeys, etc.

The frost was late and early this year, so it killed our late vegetables and potatoes.

We are in hopes by another year to have a goodly number of students preparing for God's work.

A. W. Russell, Prin.

Winnemucca

Early in July of this year, by request of our committee, G. L. Wilkinson, Wilbur Holbrook, Nellie A. Buchanan, Mrs. Fuller and the writer came to Winnemucca, pitched a tent and commenced a series of meetings. We continued every evening for six weeks, then for three weeks longer held three meetings each week. The average attendance was good, and the interest apparently good. Our total donations amounted to \$50.00.

When the tent was taken down the

result was very unsatisfactory to us. We began holding cottage meetings and home studies, seeking every opportunity possible to get in touch with the people. Just at this juncture we were sorry to lose our faithful Bible worker, Miss Buchanan, who was called to the position of art teacher at Pacific Union College, and also Brother Wilbur Holbrook, who returned to the college. It has been hard pulling while we have been short of workers, yet the light is breaking and our interest is growing every day. We have earnestly prayed that God would lead us to the honest souls, and He is doing it.

The manager of a large business firm and his wife became interested, and every evening for several weeks they came to our home and we studied the message with them, all of which they accepted without a question, and are ready for baptism. Two ladies, who became dissatisfied with the Catholic Church, attended our meetings. One is now keeping the Sabbath, and we feel certain the other will. She told us with tears in her eyes, after a study on the change of the Sabbath, that since leaving the Catholic church she had been praying God to lead her to the true light, and she believes He is doing it now. Another lady who was raised a Catholic and never read a Bible, is keeping the Sabbath. She is looking forward with joy to the coming of Christ. There are seven in all who have fully decided to obey the message, and a number of others who we confidently believe will.

We are holding three regular meetings each week, which are well attended, and we hope by spring to organize a company here in Winnemucca.

Thus far we have received over \$90.00 on the Ingathering work in this section.

I can truly say that I have never experienced the signal blessings of God more, nor had a stronger determination to heed the call of the Master and become a successful fisher of men, than since coming to the Nevada Mission Field.

C. W. Fuller.

October 25.

BOOK WORK

Have You Heard About It?

About what? you ask. If you have not heard, you will be pleased to learn that our publishing houses have been making some changes decidedly to the advantage of our home workers.

First, that beautiful and handy combination prospectus, for which we paid \$1.00 last year, costs only 50 cents now. Second, they are now giving us 50 per cent commission on several of the books. Surely our people should take advantage of these special arrangements, and get into the field at once. Just think of the young minds that feed upon the cheap story books every year because that is the only kind their parents can buy in most of the book-stores. But parents are delighted with our books when they see them, and are glad for the privilege of purchasing such books. These will sell very rapidly during the next few weeks. If you do not have a prospectus, order one of your tract society at once. If you have one, ask your tract society to send you the new price list which also shows the commission given on each book.

Some have already begun work and are meeting with success. One sister reports nine orders taken in just a few hours of her spare time. Another has secured 18 orders in seven hours.

We need 100 agents to work with these books between now and New Year's,—yes, and all the time for that matter.

For the benefit of those who have had no experience in this work, the following suggestions may be helpful:

Introduction

Be as natural and easy as you would in making a friendly call. (It is well to learn in advance whether there are children in the home.) Greet the person pleasantly, and expect to be invited in. You need not say why you have come, until you are seated; then easily turn the conversation to your work by some statement like this:

"I am spending a little time in the interest of the children and young people especially. You know there is nothing you can do that will be

more lasting in influence than to cultivate their interest in good reading." (Get the customer's assent.) "With this in mind (opening prospectus), I am showing now, when people are thinking of making gifts, a line of beautiful character-building books. I have something of interest to all—from the little one just learning to read, to the oldest in the family."

Go right into your canvasses in a clear, brief, enthusiastic way, watching customer's interest, and learning, if possible, ages of children. (Make clear that these are simply sample pages.) For the older ones, emphasize the importance of "Glorious Appearing," "Paradise Home," "Steps," and "Mount of Blessing." Do not pass the foreigner. Even the Japanese will buy if you explain it in English, and tell them you can get it in the Japanese language.

You will find it pleasant, and in your first two hours' work you will have paid for your prospectus.

Do not delay, but begin work at once, and the Lord will abundantly bless your efforts in scattering the seeds of truth contained in these "none-better" books. Begin now.

Address the writer at 417 W. Fifth St., Los Angeles, Cal.

C. C. Morlan.

Report of Book Work

Agent	Hrs.	Ordrs.	Helps	Value
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Week Ending November 17

California

"Bible Readings"				
J. E. Roberson*	20	3	\$ 8.75	\$17.75
H. Emmerson§	25	17	.50	39.25
Harold Drew	22½	8	.75	30.75
3 Agents	67½	28	\$10.00	\$87.75
Delivery,			*\$17.25; §\$12.50.	

Central California

"Great Controversy"				
J. W. Beardslee	20	7	\$1.50	\$22.50
"Heralds"				
W. E. Whitmore*	31	3	3.00	8.50
2 Agents	51	10	\$4.50	\$31.00
* Delivery			\$14.00	

Northern California

"Great Controversy"				
F. M. Butterfield	34	4	\$5.25	\$20.25
G. W. Winn	45	8	14.45	60.00
"Bible Readings"				
L. A. Reynolds	41	9	7.65	36.65
"Daniel and Revelation"				
James Sims	41	3	14.25	25.25
4 Agents	161	24	\$41.60	\$142.15

Northwestern California

"Bible Readings"				
M. A. Reese*	20	4	\$6.25	\$18.75
"Practical Guide"				
R. A. Jorgenson §	34	2	1.00	8.00
2 Agents	54	6	\$7.25	\$26.75
Delivery			*\$78.05. §\$8.00.	

Southeastern California

"Bible Readings"			
A. E. Horn	25	4	\$ 12.00
J. B. Anderson	16	3	11.00
"El Rey"			
W. F. Mayers	40	48	76.00
Home Workers'			
Mrs. McPherson	20	24	21.25
4 Agents	101	79	\$120.25

Totals,	434½	147	\$63.35	\$407.90
Deliveries,				\$129.80.

Obituary

On November 4, 1916, just as the Sabbath was closing, Brother E. E. Parlin, so well known throughout California, quite suddenly passed away. Brother Parlin, as usual, attended the services in the Oakland church Sabbath forenoon. Being one of the elders of the church, he entered the pulpit with Brother E. J. Hibbard, who was to deliver the discourse. Brother Parlin led the congregation in prayer. While praying, he felt an unusual sensation about the heart, and after concluding the prayer, he withdrew from the pulpit. Medical aid was summoned, and he was taken to his home, but his life soon went out. Everything was done for him that skill could do, but it was found that he had a large rupture of an artery near the heart, and there was no way of saving his life.

It was the privilege of the undersigned and Brother J. L. McElhany to have a season of prayer with Brother Parlin an hour before he died. He joined in the prayer, and expressed in the language of simple confidence and faith, his hope in this great message, and his confidence of being a participant in the reward that lies just before.

In Brother Parlin's diary, as among his precious treasures, was found a little slip, on which were printed the beautiful words from Revelation 2:10, "Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: . . . be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

Several hundred people met in the Oakland church November 8 to pay their respects to his memory, and to show their sympathy to the bereaved wife and relatives.

Brother F. E. Greenwood felt so impressed by the circumstances of

Brother Parlin's death that he was led to write the following lines, which were read at the funeral service:

"When last we heard his voice it was in prayer,—
Not for himself; nor selfish seeking there;
But for the flock, who with him bowed the head,
Whose hearts responded as with power he plead,
That God, from His eternal dwelling place,
Would fill our souls with showers of melting grace.
'O God, who dwelleth in eternity,
Let our poor souls Thy habitation be;
May Thy sweet Spirit, falling like the rain,
Enrich each soul: and lest we call in vain,
We give our lives anew to Thee today;
Help us to live as Thou dost hear us pray.
We know that soon our earthly life shall cease;
Thy coming then will bring us sweet release.
So may we live that when the battle's won,
Thy loving voice shall say to us, "Well done!"'
His voice was hushed; and none that gathered there
Shall hear again that loved voice in prayer.
But in the day when prayer shall change to praise,
When tones immortal thrill through endless days,
Our spirits once again shall blend with his,
Our voices mingle in the songs of bliss.
O brother, in the time that yet must be,
Ere we thy kindly face again shall see,
Prayer shall possess an added worth for those
Who heard thee pray as life drew near its close.
That life now hid with Christ in God above,
That prayer, so laden with undying love,
Shall bring their precious fruitage to thy hand,
When in the Master's presence thou shalt stand;
And thou shalt find, upon that happy shore,
Thy noble life and prayer have gone before."

Brother Parlin was born May 10, 1861, in Lysander N. Y. He was married to Amanda Webber, March 15, 1888. Together they were baptized into this message in January, 1891. In 1893 Brother Parlin connected with our branch publishing

house in New York City, which at that time was operated by the Pacific Press. In 1895 he came to Battle Creek, Michigan, to connect with the International Tract Society and religious liberty work. About a year and a half later, he, with his wife, came to San Francisco, and they have ever since been active in the church work in San Francisco and adjoining cities.

Brother Parlin was a good counsellor, and his services were always in demand. There are scores of individuals rejoicing in this truth through the efforts of the devoted labors of himself and wife.

Not only will the churches in San Francisco, Oakland, and others about the bay greatly miss Brother Parlin, but the conference as a whole has lost a good counsellor and worker who was of great help particularly in his advice to our legal organizations and incorporations.

For him there is the clearest hope that in a very short time the Life-giver will bestow upon him the immortal crown.

A. O. Tait.

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geles and a number of neighboring towns were visited by companies of students. Now that the election excitement is over, the work will be taken up again. Several have succeeded very well in soliciting.

The gardens of the church-school children are beginning to make a brave showing. The little plots are well cared for, and promise a harvest of small vegetables soon. Paths are laid out with boulders from the near-by "wash," and a lawn has been seeded. The rather unsightly olive trees around the school lot have also been removed, and the ground smoothed.

Sabbath and Sunday, November 18 and 19, Elders J. O. Corliss and B. E. Beddoe conducted a Bible institute with the church. In the morning Elder Corliss presented a view of the great work to be done before the Lord comes. When we consider that 72 years of the judgment time are already past, and see the great work to be done, we

should be stirred to do our part, and make haste. At the meeting for the young people in the afternoon, Elder Beddoe spoke of the love of God and its power in the life. Evening after Sabbath and Sunday evening were spent in answering questions. Many practical topics were considered; church organization, discipline, plans, duties, and responsibilities of officers and members being explained. The church members feel that the session as a whole was very profitable.

Max Hill.

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Buy Your Bibles Early

According to the president of the Thomas Nelson and Son Company, world-famous Bible makers, the thin paper used in Bibles has increased greatly in price. What cost six cents a pound now costs 14 cents. Consequently, Bibles are going to cost more. Even at this advance it is quite impossible to obtain sufficient to supply the demand. So if you are going to give Bibles as Christmas or New Year's gifts you had better do your shopping early. To aid in the selection of the kind of Bible you may wish to purchase for yourself or friend your tract society will mail to you free of cost a Bible catalogue.

E. L.

An Appeal from India and China

An urgent appeal has come to the "Recorder" office for dried fruit for our workers in India and China. It is almost impossible for those who have not spent a period of years in a foreign field to realize how difficult it is to secure suitable and relishable food in many countries outside the United States. The native people have their own ways and ideas of preparing food, and often it is distasteful and really unhealthful for our workers. Under such circumstances nicely dried California fruit is a great luxury. If there are those of our people who can spare any kind of dried fruit for this purpose, it will be greatly appreciated by the workers who are on the far-distant firing line, and it may mean much in the preservation of their health.

Those responding to this appeal should ship the fruit in suitable boxes or barrels, addressed to Mr. R. Rose, care of Sanitarium Food Company, St. Helena, Cal. Also it would be well to mark on a corner of the box "Fruit for Asia." The shipments should go forward by Southern Pacific, prepaid freight.

Money will also be needed to defray expenses for packing and to prepay the transportation charges. It may be that some who are not prepared to donate fruit will esteem it a privilege to contribute money for the prepayment of freight across the sea, as well as for the cost of preparing the fruit for shipment.

We trust that there will be a liberal response to this appeal.

"The Watchman"

Having secured paper stock for several months in advance at the former low price, we are pleased to announce to our friends that the subscription and sales prices of "The Watchman Magazine" will not increase with the January issue. Therefore, the present rates to agents now in force will remain unchanged. The publishers and the editors have made important changes in the magazine that will greatly improve it in make-up and style. Write your tract society secretary about the ten special offers now being made on the "Watchman." They are worth investigating, and are good for only 60 days. Send him a line to-day.

J. L. McConaughy,
Circulation Manager.

Our Annual Offering

According to appointment, the Annual Offering for the year 1916 is to be taken on Sabbath, December 9. Heretofore the Mission Board has looked forward to this final special ingathering for missions with considerable anxiety. This year we are more than anxious that there shall be a very liberal contribution, in order that all of our plans for the work may be more nearly carried out.

Never before have we had so many workers departing from North America for the foreign field as during the year now closing. Never before have we had so many touching and urgent appeals for additional la-

borers to be sent forth into the fields now white ready for the harvest. Never before have our forces in the foreign fields been so well organized for the directing of a large and great work as at present. New workers and additional facilities call for more generous donations from our people in the home land. Our work can move forward only as the means is provided.

In view of these many calls, we appeal to our brethren everywhere for a most generous offering to foreign missions on December 9.

W. T. Knox, Treasurer.

EDUCATIONAL

At San Fernando Academy

Olive-picking is one of the principal industries for the boys at this season. There are not many olive trees on the academy grounds, but the boys go in companies to pick for the neighbors. Oranges are beginning to ripen also.

Interest in the church paper, "The Review and Herald," is good in the San Fernando church. Recently a large number took advantage of the low-rate offer to subscribe or renew for this necessary part of the live Christian's equipment.

Recently Prof. M. E. Cady visited the academy, meeting with the faculty and with the student body, to whom he presented the topic, "The Finished Product." Our schools are factories where raw materials and crude materials are taken and made into useful articles—useful workers in earth's great harvest field.

Elder J. R. Patterson met with the church prayer-meeting November 22, and with the student body at chapel time the next day. "Why We Are Here" was the topic considered before the students. We are to witness for God in the world to come, and we must witness for him here; we receive the training here for the greater work hereafter.

Before election day, the Harvest Ingathering campaign was taken up by some of the students and members of the local church. Los An-

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