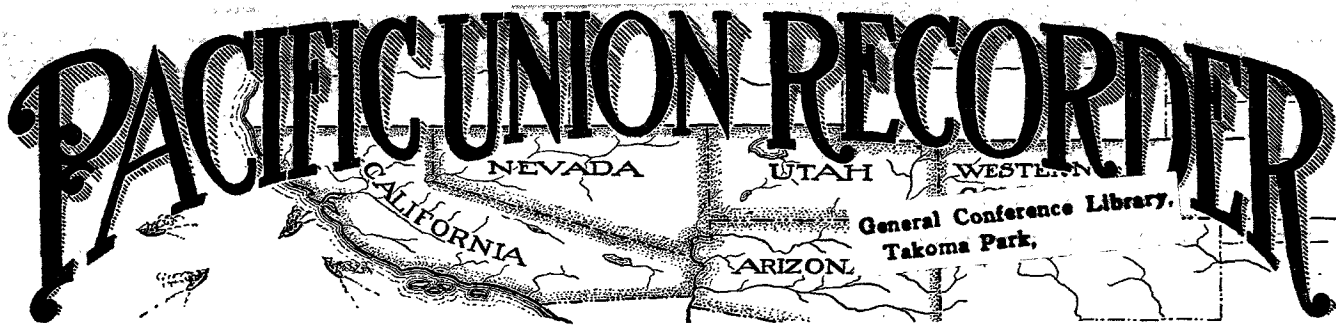


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Enlargement of Our Work in the Pacific Union Conference

December 10 the Pacific Union Conference Committee and the members of the College Board met at the Pacific Union College, St. Helena. We spent five days in very earnest work together, considering the various interests of the union conference and of the Pacific Union College. I believe that this was one of the most successful meetings we have ever held. It seemed from the first that the Spirit of the Lord was very manifestly present, and was guiding the minds of the brethren as we studied the various interests of the work.

All sensed deeply the solemn times in which we are living, and the great proximity of the end, and we felt that we must have the guidance of the Holy Spirit or we would not be able to accomplish the work which God would have done at this time. Very earnest petitions were offered for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and we felt that these prayers were being answered.

Careful consideration was given to a request from the General Conference that we release Brother Ernest Lloyd, who has for some time held the position in this union conference of home missionary secretary, to act as home missionary secretary in the Austral Union Conference, South America. Brother Lloyd was with us, and it seemed best to accede to this request, hence Brother Lloyd was released for that work. He will, however, spend a little time with us in evangelistic work before leaving for South America. It has been arranged for him to connect with the Northwestern California Conference in evangelistic work for a time.

We believe that Brother Lloyd will under the blessing of the Lord be able to fill a very responsible place in the South American Division Conference. It is with much regret that we release him from the work in this union, but we feel that we must divide our forces with the great and needy mission fields.

This left a vacancy in our union conference, and careful study was given to the matter of some one to take the home missionary work in our union. For some time Prof. M. E. Cady has felt that on account of the large interests in educational lines in our union conference, it was impossible for him to give the attention that should be given to both the educational and the young people's work. Hence, he requested us to secure some one to carry the young people's work in the union.

After very careful study of the whole question, the brethren voted to request the Southern California Conference to release Elder B. E. Beddoe to take the work of young people's secretary and home missionary secretary in the union con-

ference, and also to assist in the general work of the union. This request was brought before the members of the Southern California Conference Committee at a meeting held Wednesday, December 20. It was with much regret that they finally consented to release Elder Beddoe to respond to the call of the union committee. This was not done until Elder Beddoe had confessed to having a burden for that line of work.

The brethren then voted to invite Elder M. M. Hare, pastor of the Carr Street church, to fill the unexpired term as president of the Southern California Conference. This change is to become effective January 1, 1917. The brethren and sisters throughout the Southern California Conference will deeply regret the loss of Elder Beddoe as president of the conference, as he has, we are sure, won the unbounded confidence of the members of this conference.

However, we feel sure that those who have had the pleasure of forming the acquaintance of Elder Hare will have every confidence that the work of the conference will be carried on along the same lines, maintaining the same policy that has been followed in the past, and with ever increasing success.

The Southern California Conference Committee feel very hopeful of being able to secure the services of a very competent laborer to succeed Elder Hare in the city work in Los Angeles.

We request the united prayers of the brethren and sisters for Elder Beddoe, as he takes up the larger work in the union conference, in behalf of our young people and the interests of the missionary work in all our churches in the union. We

also request the prayers of all in behalf of Elder Hare, as he takes up the heavy responsibilities as president of the Southern California Conference.

E. E. Andross.

Home Missionary and Young Peoples Secretaries Attention!

The missionary secretaries in all the conferences of the Pacific Union Conference and the Nevada Mission field should take note of the fact that with the beginning of the year 1917 Elder B. E. Beddoe will take up the work of union conference secretary, but the reports for the last quarter of 1916 should be sent as formerly to Brother Ernest Lloyd, at our union conference office, Glendale. The same is true regarding the young people's work for the union. Prof. M. E. Cady will carry this work until the first of January, and all reports from the Missionary Volunteer secretaries of the conferences, for the last quarter of 1916, should be sent to him; but thereafter all correspondence in the young people's work, as well as the home missionary work, should be addressed to Elder B. E. Beddoe, Box 146, Glendale, Cal.

With the growing interests of our educational work in this union conference, it seemed necessary to release Professor Cady so that he might spend his entire time in that department of our work, and Brother Beddoe is now called to take up the work of the Missionary Volunteers for the union conference, hitherto carried by Professor Cady.

With the experience Elder Beddoe has had in this line of work in former years, we feel sure the work will not suffer in his hands. We have come to a time when a forward movement must be made in all the departments of our work, and this should extend to every church in the union. We therefore urge our brethren and sisters to consider seriously the matter of a reconsecration of their all to God, and to resolve to labor more earnestly for the salvation of the lost during the year 1917 than in any previous year in their experience. There is no time for de-

lay. The end is rapidly approaching, and we must prepare to meet our Saviour. Since there will be no starless crowns worn by the redeemed, we should henceforth put forth more earnest endeavor to save the lost, and thus to come home with rejoicing, bringing our sheaves with us.

E. E. Andross.

A Light! A Light!

If you, fellow traveler on life's highway, were journeying a dangerous road on a very gloomy night, carefully picking your way with the aid of a lantern; if you, kind friend, came up with another, so unfortunate as to be groping his way in the inky darkness, would you pass him by unnoticed? Would you not invite him to share the welcome light? And if you saw others, also, in the dark, who wished to join the first, would you say, "No?" And if some of them were lame, would you not give them special help over all the hard places, and slacken your pace so they could follow? If you met still others who had lost their way, and had turned back, would you not tell them the way, and invite them also to share your light? Would you not be still more willing to do this if you had a map of the country, and knew the roads?

O, fellow traveler, if you, in your fine, new automobile, with its brilliant headlights, were carefully threading your way of a stormy night along a narrow, rock-hewn, mountain road, carefully avoiding the yawning precipice which would plunge you upon the rocks, hundreds of feet below; slowly turning the slippery corners, and using your best judgment in negotiating the difficult grades—if you were traveling thus, my friend, and came up with another who was steering along that perilous road in the dark, would you refuse to light his lamp? Would you be so thoughtful of your own comfort and destination that you would speed past at the first opportunity, without even a question? Would you not, rather, give him a light, lest at some corner he plunge over the brink?

If hundreds of others, all in the

dark, were traveling that way, and you knew that many had already lost their lives on that slippery road, would you not, though delayed in your journey, light every lamp? If you, with your own eyes, saw man after man drive to his death over one particularly dangerous precipice, because of the dense darkness, would you not, with joy, place a sentinel there with a bright light in one hand, and a torch in the other, to warn all of that danger, and light their lamps for the rest of the journey?

Dear friend, all are travelers upon life's highway. The long, dark night of sin is a stormy one, at best. Over the yawning precipice of sin hundreds have already plunged. Upon the slippery highway thousands have skidded with a crash. A sudden chug of the engine, a scream, a toppling car—and all is over. The danger has been seen and breaks applied—too late. Meanwhile we, with our own lamps lighted by God's word, have been too unmindful of our neighbors' perils. We have even exposed ourselves to similar dangers by permitting our oil to go unrefueled. Though the people grope in gross darkness, let us shine out heaven's light. Let us not hide heaven's rays. Let us do faithfully our part to enlighten the soul of every man that cometh into the world.

F. A. Coffin.

An Important Decision

The Supreme Court of the State of Oklahoma has recently handed down a decision in the case of J. G. Kreiger et al. vs. the State of Oklahoma. This was the case which our brethren, convicted in the lower courts of merchandising on Sunday, appealed.

This decision reversed the findings of the lower court, and grants religious liberty to our people. This is the first State Supreme Court decision favorable to Sabbatarians.

The decision of the Oklahoma Supreme Court with arguments of attorneys before the court, is given in the first quarter issue of "Liberty" for 1917. Also in this number is a write-up of the campaign in Oregon in which the electorate of

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Harvest Ingathering Campaign

"Everyone to the Work, Each to Do His Best"

Rolindo, Barstow and Clovis

I never enjoyed work more than I have the Ingathering this year. The supervision of the work in three churches was assigned to me: Rolinda, a small church in the country and not thickly settled; Barstow, another country church but with a larger membership; and Clovis, a very small company and not many able to work. First, I went to Rolinda, but it rained and only a few were present. However, the church school teacher, who has a school of six, was present, so we talked over the work, and decided that the children should lead the way. They went out the next week and received \$5.70. They covered about all the nearby territory, and like Alexander, sighed for "more worlds to conquer." When I visited them last week, one little boy said, "I just wish I lived in a big town, I would take all the papers I could get, and know I would reach the goal."

Next, I went to Barstow, and had a study with them from Nehemiah about building the work at Jerusalem, after which we organized the church into four bands. Although many of them had never done any work of this kind before, they said, as did God's people of old "The God of Heaven, He will prosper us; therefore we His servants will arise and build."

The last report received from them indicated they had more than reached their goal, and at the week of prayer meeting the offering more than made up the amount lacking on their twenty-cent-a-week fund for this year. They have yet their Sabbath school offerings to add, which will include a special offering on the thirteenth Sabbath.

The last church visited was Clovis. There were ten present at the meeting, and after a short study and a season of prayer, all decided that in this call to work the Lord was speaking just as definitely to us as He did to Phillip when He sent him to Gaza, and that if we obeyed as did Phillip, the Lord would see

that we met the other man at the other end of the journey.

One sister who was not able to get out much said she would solicit from those who came to her door. Another sister whose husband is not a believer was to solicit among their hired help and neighbors. The two brethren of the company were to work around their homes, as they lived in the country. But no one was willing to work the town of Clovis. They said ministers had been sent there who had labored for months with no visible results, and they felt there was no use trying to do anything with the Ingathering work in such a prejudiced community. After hearing this, I decided that the devil would not have worked so hard if he had not been afraid of losing some of his subjects, so I volunteered to canvass the town, and really I never enjoyed work more nor was treated better. I had some splendid experiences, and believe the Lord blessed my work there.

I did not have such a burden for money as I went out, but prayed that I might reach the hearts of the people, and that I might in some way be a blessing to that community. I received \$9.65, but best of all I met a lady who followed me out on the street to bid me Godspeed, and to tell me how happy she was to meet and talk with one who believes our Saviour is soon coming and that the faithful will live on this earth again in its renewed state. She gave me the address of her daughter living in Fresno, with the request that I have Bible studies with her. I met another family that had been receiving the "Signs" weekly through the kindness of some missionary society and although they had never written to the one who sent the paper, they have read every one, and have then mailed it to a friend in another state. The husband has expressed himself as being a Seventh-day Adventist and willing to take his stand as soon as his wife will also accept.

I called at one home where, al-

though everything looked tidy, yet I knew they did not have more of this world's goods than they could well make use of. When I made known my work, the lady said, "That is too me like pouring soap-suds in a gopher hole." I admitted that I did not see the comparison. She explained by saying there was no use to send missionaries to these countries, then follow up with car loads of rum. This put us on common ground, and after inviting me in we had a short visit, and she gave me \$5.00, stating the pleasure was all on her side. She only wished it were more, and that she hoped some one, if not myself, would visit her next year, and she hoped to be able to give more. I believe there is a good opening for house-to-house work in Clovis, and I hope it will not be long until a Bible worker may go there.

In visiting with one sister who has recently accepted the truth, she said, "When I was asked to go out in this Ingathering work, I thought I never could do it, and told the captain that I would give money that I could make sewing that day to some one else to go in my place. But he told me then I would not receive the blessing in obeying the call, so I started out, and am so glad I did not stay at home and sew. I have received a great blessing in the work, and found a lady with whom I talked for an hour concerning the faith, and she seems very much interested. I am going to have some one who understands the Bible better than I do visit her, and feel sure she will be glad to study with him. My experience of one day in the work is worth everything to me."

We do not feel like considering that we are through with the work yet, but only just begun.

Lida Ackley.

Harvest Ingathering at Riverside

The Harvest Ingathering thermometer at Riverside is nearing the \$200 mark. Judging from the number that have gone out, our work must be more than half done. Mrs.

Black and Mrs. Soderburg have been wonderfully blessed in their efforts in the business section of the city. I named them Caleb and Joshua, because of their good reports, faith and courage which they have manifested. They met only a few giants in the way, but using David's armor, these were soon overcome. Some that have never tried the work before have gone out, and report that they enjoy the work very much. God's plan of sending two and two in His work, counts in the Ingathering. Each Sabbath as the reports are rendered, the great call of missions and the finishing of the work are clearly kept before us, and the rallying call is made for recruits to enter upon their territory during the coming week.

Following are the figures for the seven weeks for the church; First week \$38.00; second, \$16.80; third, \$31.00; fourth, \$17.66; fifth, 21.10; sixth, 32.90; seventh, \$24.00, making a total of \$181.46. It is not the securing of large amounts that counts so much as the constant stream of small ones. We hope to keep at it until every one here has had an opportunity to help in this great work. What a blessed thought to know that every one that enters this work, will have a moneyed interest in the mission fields of the world during the coming year.

All should show which side they are on. The Lord says, "If ye are not for Me, ye are against Me."

W. L. Black.

The secret of our success has been that we gave ourselves willingly to the Lord, then when we met the people, we met them where we found them listening to their woes, and sympathizing with them. We found that to be good talkers, we had to be attentive listeners. When we met people that declared at first they wouldn't give a cent, we took time to be interested in what they were interested in, then worked around to our mission again. If we saw no evidence of receiving 50 cents or more, we pulled for a smaller donation, which usually came. We hardly ever allowed any one to turn us away empty handed.

If the dear people of the churches, when they see mountains arise to hinder them in the Lord's work, would make up their minds to go right over, they would soon discover that the Lord would cut a good road right through after all, just as the children of Israel found dry land, when they put their feet down into the water.

One young lady told me Sabbath that she was beginning to enjoy this work. We could all say the same if we would do enough to get interested in it. Isaiah 41:10 has been our chief stay, and the 15th and 16th verses tell what will become of the mountains that the enemy may rear up.

Mrs. W. L. Black.

Ingathering Items Pacific Press

We are able to report this morning (December 13) the sending out of one million and five thousand copies of the Harvest Ingathering "Signs," and we are still receiving orders. We are now printing another edition, making our total printing order one million and twenty-five thousand copies.

On the 31st of October our records showed 36,454 more of our message-filled books and tracts had been circulated during the first ten months of 1916 than during the entire year of 1915. We thank God for His many blessings, for we know the ever-increasing circulation of literature giving the truths for today is one of the surest signs of the progress of the third angel's message.

At the recent Fall Council held in Washington, D. C., the General Conference Committee asked us to establish a branch office at some place in Central America or the West Indies, in order to better serve that large field. Brother H. H. Hall is now on a trip through the West Indies securing information regarding the best permanent location for this branch. A temporary depository will be established at New Orleans the first of the year.

Southern California

In answering a Harvest Ingathering letter written by Brother C. C. Morlan, the president of an eastern firm says: "Yours of the 5th inst. received. Am enclosing my check, amount five dollars, (\$5.00), to help in your good cause. You are performing a grand and noble work, and I trust you will meet with success."

From the last Ingathering bulletin printed by the Southern California office, the following item is taken: "Still new stars continue to appear, but we hope to see stars after each church when the next bulletin is issued. The total amount collected is \$2,212.82. Now all together for one more supreme effort to reach our goal—\$2,800. It can be done if all work. During the week of prayer we had impressed upon our minds the great need in the mission fields. Let us do our part to supply the demand."

FIELD TIDINGS

CALIFORNIA

J. L. McElhany, Pres. H. B. Thomas, Sec.

Mountain View

The week of prayer was a season of special blessings to the Mountain View church this year. Elder and Mrs. J. L. McElhany were with us nearly all of the week, and they, as well as our resident ministers, gave valuable help. Meetings were held every evening in the church and every morning in the Pacific Press Assembly Hall and the church school. The Lord came very near to us in all these meetings, and hearts were made tender before him. Every one connected with the Pacific Press and nearly every one in the church and church school testified and expressed a determination to consecrate their all to the Lord and to His service. Several have requested to be baptized.

The meeting of the last Sabbath, conducted by Elder McElhany, was one of the best we ever had in our church. There was a quiet and deep moving of the Spirit of God upon

all hearts, and several who had never spoken in meeting before gave their hearts to the Lord. We hope and earnestly pray that the good work begun may continue in our church till that great day when all will be gathered home.

At the close of the last meeting, the annual offering for foreign missions was received, amounting to nearly \$500. B. M. Shull.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

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

General Meeting

It has been planned to hold a general meeting at Armona, beginning Friday evening, January 5. At this meeting general instruction will be given in church work, the duties of church officers, and concerning the different departments of our work. Beginning Sunday morning, January 7, there will be a worker's meeting in connection with this general meeting.

It is expected that all our conference workers will be present, and we hope that many of our people from the surrounding churches will attend, especially our church officers.

We hope to have some union conference worker with us at this meeting, and we expect to enjoy rich blessings from the Lord.

N. P. Neilsen.

Items of Interest

Our conference committee met at Fresno this week to plan for the work in our field.

Several general meetings were planned for by our conference committee. Notice of these will be given in due time.

Not only must the iron be in the fire, but the fire must be in the iron, in order for it to weld. So we must be in the truth and the truth in us if we do acceptable work for our Master.

This great movement which we love keeps marching on, and it is necessary for us to read the good "Review" in order to keep up with the onward march of the message.

We were pleased to greet Sister J. H. Beherns at our office this week. She was on her way to visit relatives in Southern California, and spent a short time with her many friends at Fresno.

Every report from our church school teachers shows that new pupils are entering the schools. This is encouraging, and we hope the good work will continue. Many more of our children should attend our good church schools.

Twice as many "Sabbath School Workers" are taken by the Winton Sabbath school, as there are teachers in the school. Perhaps this is the secret of the school in succeeding to get every church member to become a member of the Sabbath school.

Every member of the Winton church is a member either of the regular Sabbath school or of the home department. This is the way it should be in every church. The Sabbath school officers should examine the church list and encourage all to join the Sabbath school. Try it.

The county detective and probation officer visited the Shafter church school recently and examined the textbooks and watched the teaching for about an hour. Their report was, that it was one of the best schools in Kern County, and that the text books used were most excellent. This shows that our schools may exceed the standard of the public schools.

N. P. Neilsen.

SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA

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

The Thirteenth Sabbath Offering

Good reports have come into the office from almost every quarter regarding the blessings received during the week of prayer. This season has been one of great uplift to our people. All indications are that a good offering was given at its close, all of which goes to show that there is a deep love for the message on the part of our people.

Notwithstanding this, however, in-

dications are that our conference is quite behind in its twenty-cent-a-week fund. The report made up at the close of November shows that less than 15 cents per week per member has been received. There is yet only a short time in which to make this up to 20 cents. It is to be hoped that the thirteenth Sabbath offering will greatly increase this amount.

Now, my brethren and sisters, I have a proposition to make to you: It is that each member of our churches and Sabbath schools contribute the proceeds of one day's work on the thirteenth Sabbath. How many will join with me in doing this? In fact, I will go a little further. I will contribute the proceeds of two days' labor; or in other words, my wages for two days. I will ask you to meet me half way on this, and contribute the wages for one day. This should not be the poorest day, but the best. Remember the Lord wants us to offer our best to Him. I do not feel to urge this, but earnestly request you to join with me in this enterprise. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

Much depends upon the offerings given by the people, as from this source must the missionaries, who leave home and friends, receive their support. I dare say that there is not one of us who wishes to recall a single missionary who has gone to a far off land. On the contrary, we desire to push out into new fields, that those who are still unenlightened may hear the message; for "this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

Let us join now in a strong effort to reach our quota before the year closes.

W. F. Martin.

BOOK WORK

Report of Book Work

Agent	Hrs.	Ordrs.	Helps	Value
Week Ending December 15				
Northwestern California				
"Bible Readings"				
M. A. Reese*	37	9	\$10.35	\$43.35
"Practical Guide,"				
R. A. Jorgensen	22	11	\$ 2.10	\$ 50.60
Home Workers'				
Mary A. Adams				24.80
Jeanette Donaldson				4.00
4 Agents	59	20	\$12.45	\$122.75
*Delivery \$19.85.				

California

"Bible Readings"			
L. M. Overholt § 19	3	\$20.00	\$ 42.75
"Practical Guide"			
W. Nelson*-----	65	32	159.00
Home Workers'			
Mrs. L. M. French			7.25
3 Agents-----	84	35	\$20.00 \$209.00
§Delivery \$20.00; *Two weeks.			

Northern California

"Bible Readings"			
L. A. Reynolds---	35	10	\$ 9.00 46.50
F. M. Butterfield	3		11.20 11.20
"Daniel and Revelation"			
James Sims -----	24	1	7.25 10.75
Home Workers			
Bessie Wallace ---			6.25
Myrtle Welde ---			22.20
Mrs. S. Green ---			19.25
Mrs. A. Price ---			3.65
Miscellaneous ---			35.50
7 Agents -----	62	11	\$27.45 \$154.80

Southern California

"Bible Readings"			
F. W. Ross-----	29	15	\$ 48.00
"Practical Guide"			
Ottie W. Smith*--	14	2	9.00
"Heralds"			
Lee Nagel-----	24	13	\$6.00 28.05
"Great Controversy"			
Raymond Gunn ---	26	4	10.50
Home Workers			
Mrs. F. W. Graham	16		12.20
Mrs. L. Brewer ---	11		5.85
Mrs. R. B. Williams	15	12	15.45
Louise Vlier -----	8	16	7.65
Miscellaneous ---		6	7.00
8 Agents -----	116	95	\$6.00 \$144.15
*Delivery \$8.00.			

Totals, 321 161 65.90 630.70
Deliveries, \$47.85.

Colporteurs, Arise

As in the case of Cornelius, so are there many souls today hungering for God's truth, and the colporteur is looked upon as was Peter; hence the great responsibility resting upon us.

Never was there a time when the demand was so great for colporteurs who are consecrated to the Lord's work, and the command "Go ye therefore, . . . and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world," is being sounded from the housetops, and verified in our experiences. "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith."

"Canvassers need to be daily converted to God, that their words and deeds may be a savor of life unto life, that they may exert a saving influence. God wants you to come to the front, speaking the words He will give you. The time has come when a large work should be done by the canvasser, and let him remember that both in the time of encouragement and the time of discouragement, the heavenly messengers are always beside him. He should acknowledge the goodness of the Lord, praising Him with cheerfulness."

D. T. Snideman.

Institute at Dinuba

It is planned to hold a Missionary Canvassers' Institute at Dinuba for the Central California Conference beginning December 30 and lasting for one week or longer as the case may require. All are invited to attend, especially those who have this line of work in view. Our books, magazines, papers and tracts wisely used, are to act a large part in the closing work of the third angel's message.

Brother F. E. Painter has agreed to attend this institute, and will give valuable instruction.

Arrangements have been made to entertain those who attend, so come and join us in the institute.

C. L. Davis.

Too Late!

A lady said to a colporteur yesterday, "My, I wish you had come yesterday. I just sent away \$10.50 for books. I am just sick, because I would much rather have these you have. But I have bought to my limit."

Have you a Home Workers' Prospectus? May there not be some one near you who would like to buy some good books? Go now, and don't let it be said "You came too late."

Here is a note from one of the sisters to whom I wrote a few days ago in regard to the Home Workers' books:

"I hope to get a few more orders before Christmas, but it is quite hard getting to the houses. But the people are delighted with the books. I ought to have begun to canvass long ago."

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Obituary

Smith—Edgar Eugene Smith was born in the state of North Carolina, April 11, 1847, and fell asleep in Jesus, at Napa, Dec. 7, 1916, at the age of 69 years, 7 months and 26 days.

In 1876 Brother Smith was married to Miss Pearl Swicegood. To them were born five children, of whom three are still living. These, with their mother and four grandchildren remain to mourn the loss of a kind and loving husband and devoted father.

In 1897 at the Alameda camp-meeting, Brother and Sister Smith took their stand for the truth and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church, of which Brother Smith has ever been a faithful and consistent member.

For some ten or fifteen years he was either a licensed or an ordained minister and carried responsibilities in the conference. He labored first in the Upper Columbia and later in the Idaho Conference.

While he had been in poor health for a long time, yet no one anticipated that his end was so near, he himself least of all. His sickness lasted only eight days and his death came suddenly. But it had no terrors for him, for he was prepared.

Those who mourn his loss have this consolation that if they are faithful they will meet him in the first resurrection, when Jesus comes to gather His loved ones home. He was buried at Napa.

R. W. Munson.

The "Signs" in Public Libraries

The "Signs of the Times" weekly is now going to over 400 libraries and reading rooms in the United States. The publishers have recently had numerous letters from librarians expressing their appreciation

of this paper. The following is one received under date of December 6: "Your letter of a recent date indicates that the 'Sings of the Times' which has been coming to our reading room the past year is about to expire. I wish to assure you that the 'Signs of the Times' is a welcome visitor to our reading room, and highly appreciated by the men of the sea, and personally I wish to say that I enjoy greatly the prophetic truth which it brings so clearly to light. I sincerely hope you will see your way clear to continue the donation for another year."

This is another proof of the good work the "Signs" is doing.

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the State wiped the blue laws from the statute books.

This issue of "Liberty" is one of the best educational numbers ever issued. It would be well if it were placed in the hands of every leading man in any community, that these men may know the principles involved in this kind of legislation, and that there is a case on record granting religious freedom to our people.

Prices of "Liberty" remain unchanged. Quantity rates 5 to 40 copies, 5 cents each; 50 or more copies, 4 cents each. Copies will be mailed to lists of names, in single wrappers, for 5 cents each. All orders should be sent to your conference tract society. Now is the time to act. Never before have our people had the opportunity of circulating literature containing matter so favorable for religious liberty.

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the students took part. Elder E. E. Andross helped in the services during the latter part of the week. Meetings were held in the evenings for those who could not well attend during the day.

While attending the recent meeting of the Pacific Union Committee, a number of the conference presidents visited the college and spoke to the students. The students appreciated the encouragement given by these workers from the field in one or two chapel periods over which they presided.

Many of the students have left the college for the holiday vacation period. The holiday season at the college lasts from Friday, December 22, 1916, to Tuesday, January 2, 1917. Class work will be resumed as usual at 7:45 a. m., on the latter date, and it is hoped that all the students, well rested and refreshed, will be in their places ready for hard work the remainder of the school year.

The visit of Elder W. H. Anderson, of the African missions, to the college a short time ago, was greatly appreciated by all. He spoke to the students on several occasions besides conducting two services in the college chapel. The spirit of sacrifice manifested by these faithful mission workers is a source of inspiration to those who are preparing in our training schools to answer calls to the regions beyond.

The Union Conference Committee and the College Board were in session nearly all of the week from December 10 to 15. Most of the members of both of these bodies were present, and a large amount of important business was transacted, of which was the annual audit of the amounts of Pacific Union Conference laborers, and the consideration of the college and academy faculties for the next school year.

Claude Conard.

At San Fernando Academy

The church was crowded on Sabbath, December, 9, when the last reading for the week of prayer was given. Elder Luther Warren followed with a stirring sermon on the needs of the church and the responsibilities that rest upon every member, parents and children alike. The offering lacked but a few cents of \$175. But the best gift was the consecration of hearts to God's service.

The midweek prayer meeting is being made more profitable by a regular study of the Testimonies. The few minutes taken each week for the consideration of a chosen topic can not fail to be of actual benefit.

When we consider the times in which we live, and know the value of the instruction which has been given to us in the Testimonies, we can not afford to neglect a study that will prepare us for the issues of the present and the future.

The program for the young people's meeting on the Sabbath before Thanksgiving was conducted by the church school. With song and recitation and pleasing dialogue—not forgetting nuts and grains and fruits—they gave an interesting and helpful program, which showed careful and skilful work on the part of the teachers, Mrs. Stafford and Miss Esther Lofgren. An offering was taken to swell the sum the children are working hard to raise for missionary purposes.

Elder Luther Warren spent the latter half of the week of prayer with the academy. Church and school greatly appreciate his efforts to present the principles of Christianity in a practical way. Many who have allowed other interests to come into their lives were encouraged to start anew upon the way of truth, and a number experienced the joy of finding the way for the first time. On Sunday a large number of parents and children spent the day with Elder Warren in the fields, studying God's wonderful book of Nature.

On Friday of the week of prayer Elder W. H. Anderson, on furlough from the Northwest Rhodesia Mission, South Africa, spoke to the students and many members of the church. The chapel time was extended till noon, and the interest was still good. Elder Anderson brings good word from a number of workers in South Africa who were formerly students of the academy. He gave details of mission work and presented the qualifications of foreign missionaries. At the close of the service, 42 signed a long list of volunteers for foreign work when the Lord shall call, a list which Prof. H. G. Lucas has been keeping for several years. This document contains the names of many who are now on the frontier battle lines of at least three continents.

Max Hill.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1916

We wish our readers a happy and prosperous New Year.

Have you paid your pledge? Some pledged at the beginning of the year certain sums on the 20-cent-a-week fund for missions. This is the last issue of the "Recorder" this year and we wonder if all pledges to the needy mission fields have been paid.

A returned missionary said that 25 years ago he decided to observe the Morning Watch, and in looking back over his life he regarded it the most important decision he had made during the last quarter of a century. He considered his faithful observance of the Morning Watch one of the chief secrets of the success he had enjoyed in the mission field.

The Morning Watch Calendar helps all who use it. It gives to all a good thought for the day. It gives the minister good texts for his talk. It gives the timid young Christian a thought to give in social meeting. It gives the young worker a short outline for a helpful Bible study. To all who use it, it is indeed a friend in time of need. Do not fail to get one for 1917.

Brother B. M. Shull, of Mountain View, writes that Sister B. Miller, with whom Miss Florence Shull has been associated in Bible work in Shanghai, China, is in Mountain View, having come to America on furlough. Sister Shull is now in charge of the work that Sister Miller has been carrying, having made remarkable progress in acquiring the Shanghai dialect. She is now the

only woman among our foreign missionaries in China who can speak this dialect, which is used by 15,000,000 persons. Brother and Sister Wm. Hilliard, formerly of Glendale, are now studying it.

From Emmanuel Mission, Basutoland, South Africa, Brother E. C. Silsbee sends an expression of his gratitude for the encouraging reports of progress in the Pacific Union Conference as contained from week to week in the "Recorder." He says: "Sometimes on mission stations, when the workers have been discouraged, or at least depressed because of long contact with heathenism and stony hearts, they have been inspired with renewed hope and courage as they either read or listen to me read the encouraging reports in the "Recorder." May the Lord bless you in your work for Him, is our prayer."

**Dormant Seeds of Truth—
Now Growing**

Brother J. T. Thompson, formerly of California, now laboring in Uruguay, tells in a recent letter of having found two families who had become interested in the truth, the fathers of whom spent their childhood in the Waldensian Valleys. The true missionary spirit still predominates in their lives. One of these men heard Sister E. G. White speak in that land 31 years ago, and as a boy was greatly impressed with the truth. Now the seed bears fruitage, and with his family, he is rejoicing in the third angel's message

A Faithful Boy

About a year and a half ago, when we were securing subscriptions at Fresno to the Educational Fund, a boy, eight years old, was present and subscribed \$25.00. After the meeting we approached him and his parent to ascertain if he had earning power so that we could safely count the pledge in making up the grand total. We were assured that he had a plot of ground assigned him for a garden, and that he would raise vegetables and sell them to secure the money to meet the pledge; so we counted the amount on the large

fund. On the 17 inst. the lad, now ten years of age, brought a sealed envelope to the Sunday night meeting at Glendale and sent it to the writer. When it was opened the contents in two gold pieces amounted to just enough to pay the pledge in full. The inscription on the outside of the envelope was, "From Nis Hansen, Jr., \$25.00, my pledge on the \$150,000 fund."

We are hopeful that all who signed notes toward this important fund will be as faithful in the performance of their vows as was this boy.

G. W. Reaser.

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Pacific Union College

The shingling is now well started on the new college chapel. If the weather permits, it is hoped that the close of the vacation period will see a considerable portion of the building enclosed.

One of the recent entertaining features at the college was the students' public recital given by the pupils of the music departments under the supervision of Professors Noah E. Paulin and L. D. Andrews.

At a recent chapel period, Prof. M. W. Newton gave a very interesting lecture on the work of an astronomer in one of the country's large observatories. He also described his recent trip to the Lick observatory on Mt. Hamilton.

Dr. J. J. Weir, of Loma Linda Sanitarium, spent two days recently at the college, giving the students an opportunity for having their eyes tested, and consultation regarding this important member of the human body.

The week of prayer was a profitable occasion at the college. The readings were given in the students' homes at the morning worship hour. At the evening worship period opportunity was given for prayer and consecration. The college chapel hour each day consisted of devotional services in which the majority of

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