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Pope Moves to Federate World Religions

Coincident with the move to bring about peace between the powerful nations involved in the European war, comes the news in the daily press that Pope Benedict XV is endeavoring to bring about a union of the Roman Catholic, Greek Catholic and Episcopal churches. According to an Associated Press dispatch from Washington, D. C., private letters from the Vatican say the Pope "is about to appoint a commission of four cardinals to renew a movement begun by Pope Leo XIII and abandoned by Pope Pius X, looking to a reunion of Christianity and the cultivation of friendly relations with the Anglican church." The dispatch says "a public announcement from Rome is expected soon."

Dr. A. Palmieri, of the Library of Congress, who gave to the Associated Press the information about the Pope's plans to unite the churches, is quoted as saying:

"Benedict XV thinks it is time to renew the policy of Leo XIII, and

also that the re-establishment of a political peace would be the first step toward renewed attempts to stop the splitting of Christianity into a great number of sects."

Dr. Palmieri goes on to say that the commission of cardinals will reopen the question of whether ordinations in the Episcopal church are valid; a former bull by Pope Pius X, known as "apostolical sedis," having decided they were not. It will be remembered that the Episcopalians claim for their ministers the authority of apostolic succession, from the times of the apostles to the present day. The Roman Catholics have disputed this claim. But now that the English government has sent an ambassador to the Vatican, the Pope proposes to cement the Church of England and the Church of Rome. He also proposes to make the Greek Catholic church of Russia a part of his own. Dr. Palmieri says of this, "The friendship of the Anglican church is appreciated by Rome, for she may be as a link between Roman Catholicism and Russian orthodoxy."

"The interest of the Vatican in the problem of Christian unity," he continues, "has been aroused by the recent progress of the world conference, the well-known initiative movement of the American Episcopal church. The movement toward Christian unity started by the world conference excited interest and sympathies in Rome, and Cardinal Gasparri, in the name of the Pope, wrote to the secretary of the world conference, Robert H. Gardiner, several letters which seem to reproduce the style and feelings of Leo XIII. But that correspondence would not have had any tangible results if the

conference had not met with great success in Russia. The official organ of the Holy Synod has praised the initiative of the world conference and exhorted the Russian hierarchy to give their co-operation to it."

"In this field it is felt in Rome that the United States have a providential mission to fulfil," adds Dr. Palmieri. "America is an immense reservoir of Christian energies which cannot now exert their whole influence, for they are scattered."

But Rome plans far more than a world empire of religions. She intends to rule the nations of the world. She is yet to say, "I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow." The suggestion of a world federation of nations to enforce peace, with an agreement for partial disarmament, has been made in recent months in the public press. The creation of a world court has also been proposed, to which tribunal all questions of dispute between nations would be submitted. Doubtless if this were brought about the Pope would be elected supreme judge, with universal power. That the restoration of the Pope's temporal power will bring bitter persecution, is the testimony of both history and prophecy.

Not less than a dozen dispatches, linking the Pope's name with international affairs and the peace program have appeared in the newspapers within about a year. One of these informs us that when the great European nations who are now at war send their ambassadors to the peace conference "there can be no doubt that the Pope would be an impartial arbitrator."

The Associated Press told us last

September that Roman Catholic newspapers in Germany had inaugurated a movement to re-establish the temporal power of the Pope. The dispatch says, "The movement is believed to have been inaugurated by Cardinal Hartmann, archbishop of Cologne, with an idea of gaining representation for the Vatican at the peace conference after the war."

That it is Rome's plan to form a gigantic international federation, stupendous in proportions, is also evident from the significant statement of Dr. Palmieri in a recent interview. "The new Pope," he says, "has taken considerable part in the efforts of neutral nations to establish peace among nations, and the Vatican's efforts have been suggested not only by a humanitarian spirit, but by a longing for Christian unity."

Just how soon this great, complex amalgamation will be brought about it is difficult to say, but we know that up to the present time events that have taken place are in striking harmony with the prophecies of the Bible and with the Spirit of Prophecy. We know, too that our country will yet say to them that dwell on the earth that they should make an image to the Papacy.

The Lord told us plainly years ago, that Protestantism would yet bridge the chasm between her and Rome, and that these two would join with Spiritualism. Great Controversy, page 588 says, "The Protestants of the United States, will be foremost in stretching their hands across the gulf to grasp the hand of Spiritualism; they will reach over the abyss to clasp hands with the Roman power; and under the influence of this threefold union, this country will follow in the steps of Rome in trampling on the rights of conscience."

Again we read on pages 578 and 579: The prophecy of Revelation 13 declares that the power represented by the beast with lamb-like horns shall cause 'the earth and them which dwell therein' to worship the papacy—there symbolized by the beast 'like unto a leopard.' The beast with two horns is also to say to them that dwell on the earth that

they should make an image to the beast,' and, furthermore, it is to command all, 'both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond,' to receive 'the mark of the beast.' It has been shown that the United States is the power represented by the beast with lamb-like horns, and that this prophecy will be fulfilled when the United States shall enforce Sunday observance, which Rome claims as the special acknowledgement of her supremacy. But in this homage to the papacy the United States will not be alone. The influence of Rome in the countries that once acknowledged her dominion is still far from being destroyed. And prophecy foretells a restoration of her power."

Present world movements are of tremendous significance to Seventh-day Adventists, for "the substitution of the laws of men for the law of God, the exaltation, by merely human authority, of Sunday in place of the Bible Sabbath, is the last act in the drama. When this substitution becomes universal, God will reveal Himself." Standing, as we are, on the very border-land of the eternal world, how important that there be no delay in the Lord's work in the earth. How important it is that each of us work faithfully for the advancement of the message; and how necessary that the great centers of population throughout the world be reached in the quickest possible time.

The moment is not far distant when we will be unable, because of severe persecution to work the large cities. Volume 5 of the Testimonies tells us on page 464 that "as the siege of Jerusalem by the Roman armies was the signal for flight to the Judean Christians, so the assumption of power on the part of our nation, in the decree enforcing the papal Sabbath, will be a warning to us. It will then be time to leave the large cities, preparatory to leaving the smaller ones for retired homes in secluded places among the mountains."

Our present duty in view of the very near coming of our Saviour is pointed out in the instruction which follows the above warning: "And now, instead of seeking expensive dwellings here, we should be pre-

paring to move to a better country, even a heavenly. Instead of spending our means in self-gratification, we should be studying to economize. Every talent lent of God should be used to his glory, in giving the warning to the world. God has a work for his co-laborers to do in the cities. Our missions must be sustained; new missions must be opened. To carry forward this work successfully will require no small outlay. Houses of worship are needed, where the people may be invited to hear the truths for this time. For this very purpose, God has intrusted a capital to his stewards. Let not your property be tied up in worldly enterprises, so that this work shall be hindered. Get your means where you can handle it for the benefit of the cause of God. Send your treasures before you into Heaven.

"The members of the church should individually hold themselves and all their possessions upon the altar of God. Now, as never before, the Saviour's admonition is applicable. 'Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.'

"Those who are fastening their means in large houses, in lands, in worldly enterprises, are saying by their actions, 'God cannot have it; I want it for myself.' They have bound up their one talent in a napkin, and hid it in the earth. There is cause for such to be alarmed. Brethren, God has not intrusted means to you to lie idle, nor to be covetously retained or hid away, but to be used to advance His cause, to save the souls of the perishing."

In view of the fact that we are in the very last of the last days, that soon, very soon, the conflict which Satan began in the heavenly courts is to be forever decided, and that the final movements will be rapid ones, we should lose no time in our preparation to meet the Saviour. His coming will soon be a blessed reality. In a little while our conflicts with sin will be over; the

resurrection morning be here, and we, if faithful, shall meet again our loved ones who have fallen asleep in Jesus. With heaven just before us we can well afford to bear patiently the sacrifices and trials which seem so heavy now, but are not worthy to be compared with the eternity of peace and joy before us, and the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.

F. A. Coffin.

In Tune with God

"All stringed instruments quickly get out of tune. The action of the atmosphere, and the constant vibration in playing, relax the strings so that they need to be retuned very often, sometimes many times a day.

"Man is like a violin. He soon gets out of tune with God. The wear and tear of life, and the demoralizing atmosphere which sin creates, so affect his disposition that he needs to be brought into harmony with God every morning. It is not surprising when we consider the subtlety of sin and the weakness of the flesh; rather it is strange that a harp of a thousand strings should keep in tune so long."

"Nothing else will bring the believer into touch with God so soon as a little taste of the divine Word. For devotional purposes the Psalms are perhaps the best, because they cover so wide a range of experience. Here we find aspiration and confession, joy and sorrow, adoration and praise. Here we behold the calm confidence which grows out of a sublime faith: 'The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.' Again we meet the bitter anguish which comes from ingratitude of unrequited love; or the ecstasy of sins forgiven, as in Psalm 32; or the passionate plea for mercy in Psalm 51; or the shout of triumph, in Psalm 68. It is doubtful whether there is any experience in life for which we cannot find a duplicate in the Psalter, and, noting how the man after God's own heart behaved in similar emergencies, we are unconsciously led into the same feeling."

Could any words be more appropriate as an introduction to another admonition to procure the Morn-

ing Watch Calendar and form the Morning Watch habit? For your own soul's sake, and for others' sake, we again invite you. For the joy and comfort, for the strength and victory, and for the added power for service that will come to you we urge you to make haste.

"Why, therefore, should we do ourselves this wrong, Or others, that we are not always strong?"

True, the year has already begun. Wait till next year to begin? Wait? Does anyone dare say that? Another year without the joy of daily fellowship with Him? To some who read these lines, it is "now or never."

M. E. Kern.

FIELD TIDINGS

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

C. Santee, Pres. Verah MacPherson, Sec.

Conference Items

Sister Buchanan has labored for some time in Chico, assisting in the church and holding readings with interested persons.

Our office work has been especially blessed during the past year. The first eleven months of the year, showed more business done than the twelve months of the preceding year.

Sister Alice Brayshaw is assisting Elder T. H. Watson in Stockton. Because of conditions the work there has needed special help. The Lord has told us that what we do successfully for our cities will have to be done quickly.

Elder and Mrs. A. J. Osborne have labored in Sacramento, Woodland, Yuba City, and in some other outstations where some of our people have settled. Sister Osborne has also visited other points in the interests of the work among the young people.

As we close the record book of the old year, we are sensible of unnumbered blessings and mercies. We place it in the hands of the great

Accountant who does not err, trusting that He will cover all the mistakes, and grant His wisdom for better work in the year to come.

Brother Arthur A. Cone, after the special effort with the Harvest In-gathering, has commenced a house-to-house work in the interests of the active missionary work of the churches. He is using our periodicals, tracts and small books. Surely we have a diversity that will meet every condition and need.

Brother E. H. Abbott has found the late fall far more difficult than the summer to keep a good corps of agents in the field. For some reason the people have seemed more fearful for the winter and its outcome, than in former years, and the results have made it difficult to place books with them. Under these circumstances Brother Abbott has spent much time in house-to-house work. While the high cost of living and the uncertainty of the future has had its effect, a larger percent of those who take our books than we have ever known before are ready for the truth that the faithful agent brings to them. In less than three months, one canvasser has left six persons keeping the Sabbath, and some of them are now baptized.

Arbuckle

The company near Arbuckle have long held their meetings under difficulties, and a few weeks ago it was decided to build a house of worship. Not having a man to lead out, Elder N. W. Kauble was asked to assist them for a time. They now have a good house, free from debt, in which to meet, and a series of meetings will commence there in a few days. These monuments give stability to the work accomplished.

Oroville

More than one year ago Brother Thornton, of Oroville, secured lots with the hope that, in the near future, a house of worship might be built for the little company there. Not being able financially to do more, they waited until the way might open further.

Late in the summer Brother M.

J. King commenced a meeting there with a tent. After about two weeks he was joined by Elder J. W. Rich, and the meeting was continued until the rains of the fall commenced. Four accepted the truth and others were interested. While the meeting was in progress the subject of a place for worship was again revived, and it was decided to build. The large part of the money was raised, and a small, neat church was nearly completed when the tent was taken down. After a rest of a few days, another short series of meetings was held, this time in their new church. As a result six more were added to their number. This has been very encouraging to the little band who have so faithfully held up the light of truth in that place.

Clarence Santee.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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

Teachers' Council

In spite of the rain, a number of the teachers of the Southern California Conference met at the conference office December 24 in institute council. Each one present had part in the program, and free discussions added much to the interest and helpfulness.

Schoolroom order was discussed by a number. Many problems of the teachers along this line received thoughtful attention. Miss Henrietta Hughes presented a number of calendars which she has used in school rooms, and told of other plans for schoolroom decoration.

Mr. Byron Dart read a paper on "Sentimentalism: Its Treatment." Some of his suggestions for treating this "disease" are as follows: Keep pupils busy; maintain a healthy atmosphere in the school; be with the children, both in school and on the playground; encourage all to play; break up the tendency to assemble in little groups to talk; require all to leave the room during intermission; discourage note-writing, and enlist the co-operation of the parents. The evil effects of parties at night was also shown.

To enumerate all the helpful plans and suggestions presented would be

out of the question. Names of good books and other material were exchanged; a great many questions were asked, and some of them were answered. Notebooks were much in evidence, and without doubt the schools represented will be much helped.

A special feature of the day was a talk by Dr. H. F. True, president of the department of hygiene of the schools of Los Angeles. He told of the growth of this department, in spite of the prejudice of ignorance and lack of interest. Their purpose is to give to all the children strong bodies with strong minds. They study the pupils themselves, and plan to help each individual. Many children are thought to be dull, when the difficulty is with the eyes, ears, or nose. In the Los Angeles schools 20 per cent of the children's eyes needed attention, six per cent have defective hearing, and 60 per cent have poor teeth. Our teachers should study these matters, and follow up the individual cases that need attention. Nervous children and those with adenoids and other difficulties deserve our best attention. Dr. True, who was introduced by Dr. C. A. Burrows, extended an invitation to our teachers to attend the meetings of the department, and offered to place blanks and helpful literature in their hands. Prof. I. C. Colcord plans to follow up the matter for our teachers.

An especially helpful suggestion made by Dr. True was one regarding the glare from the blackboard. His plan is to set the board with the bottom placed about seven inches from the wall, thus throwing the reflected light over the heads of the children. In many of our schools this is a serious problem, and the plan is worth trying.

The noon recess was spent at the Vegetarian Cafeteria, where all went in a body for dinner, Professor Colcord being the host. The day was well spent. The teachers present felt that such an exchange of ideas and suggestions is very helpful, and a means of great encouragement to all.

Max Hill.

God expects every man to do his best regardless of circumstances.

SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA

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

Mission Offerings

Some of our churches reached the twenty-cent-a-week goal for missions. Did yours? We do not yet know as a conference how nearly we came to our goal for missions, but it is evident that the average is higher than last year. Shall we start now to reach the mark for 1917?

Our Sabbath-school donations for this quarter are the largest we have ever given in this conference. Our record has been one of steady growth. Shall we keep it up?

J. C. McReynolds.

Workers' Meeting

Plans have been laid to call all the workers in the Southeastern California Conference to meet at Riverside January 11. The first meeting will be on Thursday evening, January 11, and the meeting will continue till over Sunday, the 14th.

All those who are in the employ of the conference, or holding credentials or licenses, are requested to be present. We are expecting help from outside of the conference to assist in the meetings. This is the first gathering of the kind since the organization of the conference, except during the camp-meetings, and a full attendance is very much desired.

The year 1917 is before us, and we need to plan carefully for the work during the year to come, and, above all, to consecrate ourselves to God, that He may use us to the advancement of the great work allotted to us. Come prepared to stay the entire time, and to give yourself wholly to study and to seeking the Lord.

W. F. Martin.

Church Schools

An article, taking up a quarter of the front page, appeared in the leading paper of one of our towns recently, describing the work of the Seventh-day Adventist school in the place. A brief explanation was given of our school system. A description of the local improvements made

this year followed, stating that the yards had been graded, lawns put in, gardens laid out and the building remodeled. This is as it should be. It is one of the best advertisements of the work done in the school to see things orderly and assuming an attractive appearance throughout.

We are glad to note that we have a large attendance in our church schools this year. One new school has been added. Plans are being laid for more next year. Where there are no schools, would it not be well to take up the studies on Christian education that were outlined a short time ago in the "Recorder?" Several of our churches conducting schools are having these at the church service once a month, and find them to be very instructive and beneficial. I shall be glad to hear from and if possible visit any who may be interested along this line.

Floyd Gardner.

BOOK WORK

Report of Book Work

Agent	Hrs.	Ordrs.	Helps	Value
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Week Ending December 29

California

Home Workers'

Mrs. L. M. French				\$5.14
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Northern California

"Bible Readings"

L. A. Reynolds*	50	6	\$ 7.00	\$29.00
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"Great Controversy"

G. W. Winn	35	10	11.50	47.50
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F. M. Butterfield	10	2	.25	6.25
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"Daniel and Revelation"

James Sims	26	1	11.75	15.25
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4 Agents	121	19	\$30.50	\$98.00
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*2 weeks.

Northwestern California

"Practical Guide"

Wirt Lucas	25	4	\$3.50	\$23.50
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Southeastern California

"El Rey"

W. F. Mayers	30	20	\$2.50	\$32.50
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Miscellaneous

A. E. Horn	1	4		10.50
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Magazines

Mrs. W. E. Frazee			4.00	40.00
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3 Agents	31	24	\$6.50	\$83.00
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Totals	177	47	\$40.50	\$209.64
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Gleanings

Brother Dannells, who is canvassing in San Luis Obispo County, writes: "I am thankful for the help the Lord has given me this week. I secured orders from two preachers, and each gave me the names of his flock. I expect to call on these people next week, the Lord willing. O pray that the Lord may work upon their hearts, and that I may have special help from Him in working with them."

In 24 hours Brother Dannells took \$53.00 worth of orders.

Brother Ross, who is also canvassing in San Obispo County, has been working in very sparsely settled territory. He writes that he worked eight hours one day, and was able to make only four exhibitions. But as Brother Ross says, these people must have the message taken to them, and is glad for this privilege.

Let us earnestly pray for these and other faithful colporteurs engaged in this sacred work.

C. C. Morlan.

MISCELLANY

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Wanted.—A Seventh-day Adventist young man without family who is good painter and paper hanger, would like for young man to make his home with me. For further information address I. A. Watson, 2825 L St., Bakersfield, Cal.

The St. Helena Sanitarium and Hospital Training School for nurses is now organizing its annual class to enter training April 1, 1917.

With our growing work and added facilities, we desire to enter a larger and stronger class than ever before. We solicit correspondence with thoroughly consecrated Adventist young people of mature age who are interested in this line of missionary service. Applicants should have completed at least ten grades of school work. Address correspondence to Helen N. Rice, R.N., Superintendent of Nurses, Sanitarium, Cal.

Notice of Annual Meeting of the Pacific Press Pub. Assn.

Notice is hereby given, to all whom it may concern, that the annual meeting of the members of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, a corporation, organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the state of California, will be held at the office of the association on Villa Street, in the town of Mountain View, county of Santa Clara, state of California, on the 22d day of January, A. D. 1917, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The election of directors for the ensuing year, the advisability of amending, repealing, or adopting new by-laws, or such other business as may be necessary or proper to be transacted, will come before the members of the association.

By order of the directors.

C. H. JONES, President.

H. G. CHILDS, Secretary.

See notice of special meeting.

Special Notice

While the regular annual meeting of the Pacific Press Publishing Association will be called according to the date given in the foregoing legal notice, yet on account of the general meetings to be held in Mountain View in connection with the Missionary and Bookmen's Convention, February 5 to 15, at which time a large number of our members will be present, the regular annual meeting will be adjourned, no objection being offered, to Monday, February 5, 1917, at 10 a. m. At this time, all the business that is usually transacted at the regular annual meeting will be presented for consideration.

We therefore extend a hearty invitation to all the members of the Pacific Press Publishing association to attend this meeting on February 5.

This change in plan is suggested to accommodate many of the leading members of the association, including General Conference representatives and others who will be in attendance at the Missionary and Bookmen's Convention to be held in Mountain View on the date mentioned above—February 5 to 15.

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Dr. H. F. Rand has connected with the Glendale Sanitarium as medical superintendent. Dr. Julia A. White also has accepted a place on the medical staff of the institution.

Brother B. M. Emerson, auditor of the Pacific Union Conference, went to Riverside last Sunday to check the financial records and books of the Southeastern California Conference. Brother James Howarth went with him to assist in this work.

The Southern California Tract Society reports 1419 periodical subscriptions received during December, and 1950 magazines sold. More than 400 subscriptions were received at the office of the Southeastern California Tract Society, in Riverside, last month.

Elder E. E. Andross, president of the union conference, visited Napa, Lodi and Fresno this week. He attended part of a general meeting which has just been held in Napa, and was with the auditing committees at Lodi and Fresno as they checked over the laborers' accounts for the past year.

A new booklet, the size of "World's Crisis," has just been issued under the title, "The Christian Sabbath." It was written by Carlyle B. Haynes, and sells for 25 cents in paper binding; 50 cents in cloth. Just the thing to hand to your interested neighbors. Your tract society has them in stock.

The Napa church building has just been enlarged and painted at a

cost of about \$1500. Two new baptismal dressing rooms are provided; stained glass windows have been put in, and new pulpit furniture purchased. The improvements give considerable storage room in the loft. The church will now seat about 300.

Brother James Cochran, manager of the periodical department, and assistant manager of the book department at the Pacific Press in Mountain View, visited the union conference office in Glendale last week. Sister Cochran has just undergone an operation, but is improving. Brother Cochran reports that the publishing house is doing a large amount of business.

Glendale church exceeded its quota on the 20-cent-a-week fund for 1916 by about \$200. During the year the members of this church paid \$6755 tithe; \$2500 mission offerings and \$558 for local expenses. The money donated for the new church school in Glendale, the labor given on the building, and the cash received on pledges for tuition bring the total contributions of the Glendale church for the year up to \$13,251.

The Northwestern California Conference has just closed its general meeting at Napa. Elder G. W. Reaser, field secretary of the Pacific Union Conference, attended the first part of this meeting. Among others who attended in addition to Elder E. E. Andross, were: Elder J. A. Stevens, Prof. M. E. Cady, Elder W. M. Adams, Elder C. S. Prout, Elder J. D. Alder, R. L. Shoemaker and Lester Bond. Elder Andrew Nelson was unable to attend because of an attack of the gripe.

Brother Ernest Lloyd, who has been in Utah and western Colorado attending general meetings, expects to return to Glendale next Sunday. In Utah the snow has been two feet deep on the level. Conditions at Provo being unfavorable for meetings there just at this time, a series was held at the Salt Lake City church instead. He says the Delta and Palisade meetings were well attended, that our people were helped

spiritually, and that they responded nobly to plans laid for larger efforts during 1917. Many youth have taken an advance step in their experience, he adds.

The Southern California Conference came within \$2368.88 of reaching its goal on the 20-cent-a-week fund for missions, during 1916. An average of 20 cents each week per member throughout the local conference would have brought in \$22,495.20. The amount received was \$20,126.32, of which \$5,006.95 came in during December. This conference exceeded its Harvest Ingathering goal by \$111.17. The effort was made to raise \$2800. The amount received was 2911.17. Brother C. C. Morlan, the missionary secretary, worked faithfully to lead our Southern California brethren and sisters in this splendid work, and the Lord has blessed their efforts to obtain funds from the world. We have not yet had time to hear from the other local conferences in this union field, but we hope most of them have made equally as good records.

The Southern California Conference and tract society office will close at noon on Fridays hereafter, instead of at 3 o'clock as heretofore. In doing so the conference leaders are endeavoring to follow the instruction given on page 356 of Volume 6 of the Testimonies. There we are told: "We should jealously guard the edges of the Sabbath. Remember that every moment is consecrated, holy time. Whenever it is possible, employers should give their workers the hours from Friday noon until the beginning of the Sabbath. Give them time for preparation, that they may welcome the Lord's day with quietness of mind. By such a course you will suffer no loss, even in temporal things." We do not have space to reproduce it here, but it would be well if our people would re-read the entire chapter from which this paragraph is taken.

"Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ."