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In harmony with this recommendation, the conference workers in the Southeastern California Conference

met in Riverside Friday, Sabbath and Sunday, January 12, 13 and 14, and the conference workers of the Northern California Conference were assembled at Lodi Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the 16th, 17th and 18th. We believe that both of these meetings will be productive of great good. The Lord blessed as we studied together the various interests of the work, and the laborers returned to their fields encouraged to believe that as a result of the help they received at these meetings greater results would follow their efforts than formerly.

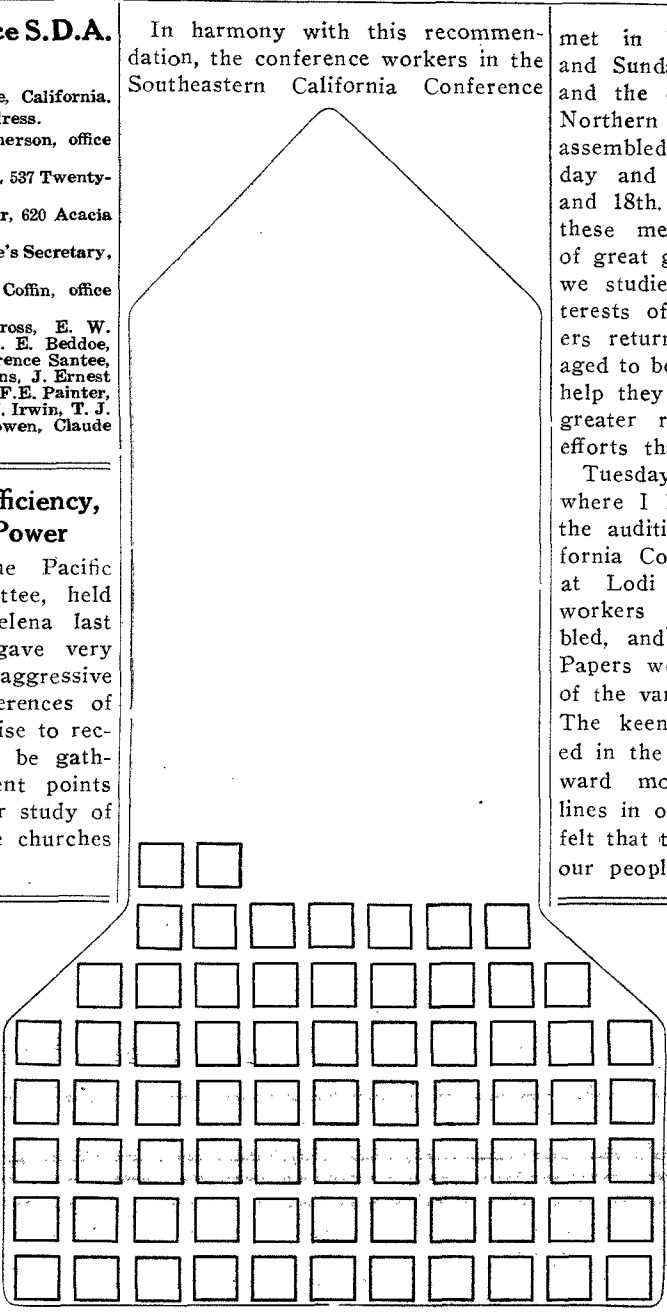
Tuesday morning I left Oakland, where I had attended a meeting of the auditing committee of the California Conference. When I arrived at Lodi I found nearly all the workers of the conference assembled, and the meeting in progress. Papers were read and reports given of the various interests of the work. The keenest interest was manifested in the effort to inaugurate a forward movement along missionary lines in our churches. The brethren felt that the time had come when all our people must be enlisted in ser-

## Workers Seek More Efficiency, Aggressiveness and Power

At the meeting of the Pacific Union Conference Committee, held at the college in St. Helena last December, the brethren gave very careful consideration to aggressive work in the various conferences of the union, and it seemed wise to recommend that the laborers be gathered together at convenient points in the local conferences for study of the field work, both in the churches and in evangelistic efforts.

Slowly but surely our monument of freedom from educational indebtedness is being completed. The exact amount collected to the last report was \$72,968.46. In addition to this land has been sold on which the deferred payments amount to enough to make our collection of one-half of our total fund safe. The publica-

tion of this incomplete monument will naturally act as a reminder to all who have pledges to this fund, either due or not yet matured. It is hoped that all will plan to meet their pledges as they mature. The only way to success in this great enterprise is to have every pledge paid, at the earliest possible date.



vice, that every consecrated believer must be pressed into service as an instrument of divine power for the salvation of the lost.

It is apparent that the Spirit of God is already being grieved away from the earth, and what is accomplished in the salvation of those who are still out of the ark of safety must be done quickly, for the door of mercy soon will be forever closed and men will be debarred from entering. In view of the great work that is before us, all feel that the time has come when we must send our united petitions to the throne of grace for the baptism of the Holy Spirit for service in these closing hours of probation.

We earnestly request the prayers of our brethren and sisters in behalf of those who are called to devote their entire time to the giving of this message to the world, praying that God may baptize His ministers with power that they may speak forth the Word of truth with clearness and power.

Thursday, the 18th, I had the privilege of spending a few hours at Fresno, where a general meeting was in progress and a number of the workers were assembled. This meeting was to continue from the 17th to the 21st. Elder Beddoe was to join the brethren Thursday evening, and to continue with them until the close of the meeting.

E. E. Andross.

### Greater Earnestness in 1917

If the Church is ever stirred up to greater earnestness, it will be through the greater earnestness of its individual members. There is a fatal propensity to get rid of individual responsibility and to think of the responsibility of the body. In reality, there is no such thing as a collective conscience; bodies, as such, cannot be accountable. God will not, as regards eternity, deal with nations, or churches, or families.

It was a fine purpose of an earnest worker which he thus entered in his diary: "Resolved, that I will, the Lord being my helper, think, speak, act, as an individual; for as such I must die, stand before God and be damned or saved forever. I have been waiting for others; I must

act as if I were the only one to act, and wait no longer." This is just the view and the purpose to be taken by us all.

It is, as individuals, we must act for ourselves, and he who acts for himself in this matter will certainly influence others. Every man acts upon some other man. "Example is influence." The diffusion of the Message is like the kindling of a fire, or the lighting of so many torches; one original flame may, by contact, communicate itself to a multitude of other points.

It was said of Harlan Page, an early tract writer and distributor in America, by one who knew him intimately, "I have well considered the assertion when I say, that during nine years, in which we were associated in labors, I do not know that I ever passed an interview with him long enough to have any interchange of thought and feeling, in which I did not receive from him an influence heavenward—an influence onward in duty to God and the souls of men." If this could be said of all our members, we should see earnestness in reality.

Let each of us now indulge in some such reflections as these: "If the Church is ever made more earnest, it must be by an increased earnestness in its individual members. I am one of those members, and am as much bound to advance in the divine life as any other member. It is but hypocrisy, gross hypocrisy, to lament over the low state of religion in the Church, and to desire a revival, while I am not deeply concerned about the state of my own religion, and do not seek a revival of that. I will begin with myself. I will wait for no other. I must be more in earnest, and God helping me, I will be."

Let us reject excuses which our own deceitful hearts, and lukewarm, self-centered members, will be ever ready to suggest, for self-defense, and be thoroughly convinced that nothing can, or will, be admitted by God as an apology for a low standard of personal religion. Let us see ourselves vigorously to the work of denying the flesh, watching against sin. Let us plan to give more time to the study of the Scriptures, to

meditation and prayer. Let us, in short, intelligently, resolutely, and unalterably, make up our minds to enter upon a new course of personal godliness, so new that past attainments shall seem as if they were nothing.

There is such a thing as starting afresh, as forgetting the things that are behind—and so must it be with him who would be really in earnest. He will wake up from his slumbering, dreamy profession, saying, "I have slept too long and too much; I must now throw off the spirit of sloth, and give all diligence to make my calling and election sure." When the spirit of hesitation gives place to the spirit of readiness we shall see greater things accomplished for the Cause we love. "Then the work will move forward with solidity and redoubled strength." God has better things in store for us if we will but have them. Let us only be in earnest in prayer, in faith, in labor, and in hope, and who can tell but the day of awakening, of blessing is near? May God help us to be in earnest about delivering His message to those about us during 1917, attempting greater things for Him and expecting greater things from Him.

Ernest Lloyd.

## FIELD TIDINGS

NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA

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

### Sacramento, Chico and Woodland

The writer assisted the Sacramento, Chico and Woodland churches in their quarterly and annual meetings. With the first named church we celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house, Sabbath, December 23. The day being stormy, the attendance was not large, but we had an excellent service. Friday evening, December 29th, I spoke to the Chico church. Sabbath morning the church was well represented at the communion service. With but few exceptions, all took part. An elder and deacon were ordained during the service. In the afternoon I spoke to the young people. A baptismal

**Northwestern California Conference Twenty-cent-a-week Fund**

January to December, 1916

	Mem.	Quota	Amt. Pd.	Over	Short	Ave.
Arcata	27	\$ 280.80	\$ 423.44	\$142.64		.301
Calistoga	29	301.60	124.32		177.28	.082
Conference	4	41.60	746.38	704.78		3.590
Eureka	80	832.00	508.70		323.30	.122
Ferndale	16	166.40	44.15		122.25	.053
Fort Bragg	28	291.20	177.74		113.46	.122
Fortuna	27	280.80	96.60		184.20	.069
Healdsburg	126	1310.40	832.68		477.72	.127
Kelseyville	9	93.60	50.31		43.29	.107
McKinleyville	27	280.80	90.83		189.97	.065
Napa	62	644.80	579.38		65.42	.180
P. U. College	237	2464.80	2671.82	207.02		.217
Pepperwood	17	176.80	83.48		93.42	.095
Personal			667.70	567.60		
Petaluma	7	72.80	117.25	44.45		.322
Sanitarium	234	2433.60	2526.61	93.01		.208
San Rafael	61	634.60	541.65		92.75	.171
Santa Rosa	13	135.20	138.37	3.17		.205
Sebastopol	77	800.80	374.24		426.56	.093
Sonoma	58	603.20	418.41		184.79	.139
St. Helena	65	676.00	572.38		103.62	.169
Ukiah	53	551.20	690.00	138.80		.251
Vallejo	20	208.00	287.44	79.44		.276
Willits	18	187.20	97.20		90.00	.104

greater blessing for themselves and help to bring the truth to the people.

Elder E. E. Andross was with us one day during the general meeting now being held at Fresno. We were thankful for his counsel. He spoke in the church in the evening.

The Fresno senior Young People's Society sent or gave away 3798 papers and 205 tracts during the past quarter. Yes, we should scatter our literature "like the leaves of autumn."

At this writing, the Fresno general meeting is in progress. Good meetings have been enjoyed so far. Elder B. E. Beddoe, from the union conference, is assisting us in the meetings.

Our Missionary Volunteer societies report \$389.59 raised for missions during the past quarter. Four societies were not heard from. Our goal for the year was \$830. The amount reported received for the year is \$761.33. This is \$68.67 short of the goal. Had the societies all reported it would have decreased this shortage.

The Chowchilla Junior Missionary Volunteer Society sends in the best report for the past quarter. This school is small and out in the country, but they are watchful for opportunities, and try to improve them. In six weeks they have given away 49 papers and 208 tracts, besides other missionary work done. Let us watch for opportunities to do work for the Lord. Even the children can help.

It is interesting to notice the standing of our churches in the annual report of the twenty-cent-a-week fund for our conference. This is now being sent out to our churches. It will be noticed that two of our churches—Dinuba and Dos Palos—more than doubled their quota. Ten others more than reached their quota. Our largest church, Fresno, exceeded its quota by \$21.88. We are sure that each church is interested in the report. Preserve it for future reference, and let all put forth a strong effort to reach our quota during 1917. The cause of God needs these means.

N. P. Nielsen.

January 19.

service followed. Three young persons were buried in the near-by stream, indicating their desire to be followers of Jesus, who died for them. The business meeting was held Sunday evening, December 31. We felt that the Lord was with us in our meetings, and that the brethren appreciated the help given. Wednesday evening, January 3, I met with the Sacramento church in their quarterly and annual business meeting. Interesting reports were given by the various officers of the church.

January 6 was spent with the Woodland church. A good meeting was experienced, though the membership is small. At the business meeting held in the evening, it was reported that the church had raised more than its quota of the twenty-cent-a-week fund. May the Lord richly bless these brethren and sisters throughout this new year which they have entered.

A. J. Osborne.

**Comparative Tithe Statement**

January to December

	1915	1916
Arcata	\$ 468.01	\$ 609.38
Calistoga	201.80	203.83
Conference		587.38
Eureka	1060.37	1549.35
Ferndale	18.80	10.00
Fortuna	691.38	637.61
Healdsburg	1783.59	1720.40

Kelseyville	174.78	176.40
McKinleyville	77.60	101.51
Napa	1291.50	1712.08
P. U. College	3716.87	3952.48
Fort Bragg	104.30	160.83
Pepperwood	129.85	169.56
Personal	852.22	464.91
Petaluma	251.99	168.68
Sanitarium	7080.38	8126.42
San Rafael		190.21
Santa Rosa	787.69	764.03
Sebastopol	826.59	928.72
Sonoma	597.58	622.60
St. Helena	1101.55	1325.02
Ukiah	760.55	989.76
Vallejo	287.46	465.87
Willits		281.72
	\$22264.86	\$25958.75

**CENTRAL CALIFORNIA**

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

**Items of Interest**

Elder G. A. Grauer met with our German brethren at Barstow Colony last Sabbath, and has been holding some meetings with them during the week.

It was the privilege of the writer to meet with the Latin church last Sabbath. A good meeting was enjoyed, and Brother E. P. Cone was ordained as church elder.

The Bakersfield Young People's Society reports 550 papers sold. This is good. If more of our young people would take hold of the magazine work, they would receive a

### General Meeting in Lindsay

A general meeting will be held at Lindsay, beginning Wednesday evening, January 31, and closing Sunday, February 4. We hope to see a number of our people from the nearby churches at this gathering. We expect rich blessings from the Lord as we study plans and methods of work to be carried on by our churches. Plan to attend.

N. P. Neilsen.

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

M. M. Hare, Pres.

W. L. Mecum, Sec.

### Carr Street—1916

A few words in regard to the work in connection with the Carr Street, Los Angeles, church for 1916 may prove of interest to at least some. The following facts are gleaned from reports in hand:

Membership, 375.

Tithe, \$5768.11.

Foreign missions, \$1285.97; Sabbath school, \$1378.47; Harvest Ingathering, \$488.20; total to foreign missions, \$3152.64.

Memorial Hospital, \$288.37.

Home missionary and local expenses, \$1648.71.

Total, \$10,857.83.

The Harvest Ingathering campaign resulted encouragingly,—the church reaching its aim. With this accomplished in 1916, the aim for 1917 should easily be exceeded by a considerable amount. What has been done can be done again, and more.

As the year closed there was manifest on the part of many a growing interest in home missionary work, and 1917 should witness definite efforts along the line. The blessings of the past year should stimulate all to attempt greater things for God and for our fellowmen in 1917. Why should any fail of accepting as his task this year the winning of one soul to Christ? Let each, individually, through faithful and earnest effort, seek to "win one," and the Spirit of the Christ who "gave Himself up" that He might redeem the lost will assist to the realization of this aim.

M. M. Hare.

### Some Committee Actions

At a recent meeting of the conference committee, some items of business received attention, mention of which may prove of interest to our people in Southern California.

Credentials and licenses were issued as follows for the year, beginning February 1, 1917:

Ministerial Credentials—B. E. Beddoe, F. I. Richardson, H. G. Lucas, G. A. Snyder, M. M. Hare, J. R. Patterson, A. Ritchie, H. S. Premier, H. F. Rand, C. J. Kunkel, Phillip Knox.

Ministerial Licenses—C. E. Andross, J. R. Dieffenbacher, C. Castillo, H. Z. Davis, G. G. Brown.

Missionary Credentials—W. L. Mecum, I. C. Colcord, C. L. Cyphers, Mrs. M. E. Hoyt, Miss Elizabeth Carter, Mrs. F. W. Merrill, Miss Jennie L. Ireland, Violet R. Bell, Mrs. Amy R. Temple, Mrs. L. A. Parsons, P. P. Bontemps, Miss Reathel Jenkins, C. C. Morlan.

Honorary Ministerial Credentials—J. H. Rogers, F. R. Shaeffer, G. A. Rauleder, L. D. Santee, S. Swinson, O. E. Jones, V. H. Lucas, E. W. Snyder.

Honorary Missionary Credentials—Mrs. E. J. Calkins, C. F. Marvin.

Medical Missionary Credentials—Julia A. White, M.D., A. C. Larson, M.D., Josie O. Shryock, M.D.

Colporteurs' Credentials—Miss Otie W. Smith, Mrs. Isabella Richmond, Mrs. C. E. Halliday, Mrs. A. C. Jenkins, Frank W. Ross, Miss Barbara Bryson, Elias T. Chiquiyure.

Department officers were also appointed as per the following:

Tract Society, C. L. Cyphers.

Educational and Young People's, I. C. Colcord.

Sabbath-School, Miss J. L. Ireland.

Religious Liberty, G. A. Snyder.

Field Missionary and Home Missionary, C. C. Morlan.

M. M. Hare.

### INTER-MOUNTAIN

E. A. Curtis, Pres.

J. F. Gaster, Sec.

### Conference Items

Elder E. A. Curtis spent a little time with the workers at Rulison the middle of the week, and reports from there indicate that some are interested in the message.

Brother J. A. Neilsen is expected to return home this week from the Boulder Sanitarium with his daugh-

ter, the latter having undergone an operation the first of the month.

Elder E. A. Curtis spent Sabbath and Sunday, January 13 and 14, with the church at Greenriver, Utah, holding the quarterly meeting on the Sabbath and the business meeting on Sunday, also holding evening meetings. The members are of good courage and enjoying the blessing of the Lord in their work of giving the message to their neighbors.

The colporteurs have been having excellent success in taking orders so far this month, even better than before the holidays. We are praying that the Lord will move upon the hearts of more of our people in this conference to take up the colporteur work for their permanent business till the work is finished. Are there not some of our sisters who would find joy in this work? We feel sure that many would be greatly blessed in doing something in this line of work each week as they have opportunity.

J. F. Gaster.

## BOOK WORK

### Report of Book Work

Agent	Hrs.	Ordrs.	Helps	Value
<b>Week Ending December 22</b>				
<b>Inter-Mountain</b>				
"Bible Readings"				
F. H. Jenks*	1	1		\$ 3.00
"U. S. in Prophecy"				
J. L. Humbert†	39	8		\$10.05 30.05
2 Agents	40	9		\$10.05 \$33.05
*Delivery \$31.75; †\$110.95.				
<b>Week Ending December 29</b>				
<b>Inter-Mountain</b>				
"U. S. in Prophecy"				
J. L. Humbert*	9	2		\$7.25 \$13.25
"Bible Readings"				
F. H. Jenks†				
2 Agents	9	2		\$7.25 \$13.25
Deliveries: *\$75.75; †\$65.25.				
<b>Northwestern California</b>				
"Bible Readings"				
M. A. Reese*	40			\$7.65 \$13.65
Delivery *\$17.70.				

### Week Ending January 5, 1917

California				
"Bible Readings"				
L. P. Warner	34½	8		\$5.50 \$34.00
"Steps to Christ"				
C. B. Secord				18.50
2 Agents	34½	8		\$5.50 \$52.50

**Inter-Mountain**  
 "Bible Readings"  
 G. H. Hewitt .....22 9 \$ 48.50  
 F. H. Jenks\* .....22 14 \$3.25 \$62.25  
 "U.S. in Prophecy"  
 J. L. Humbert §.....11 4 5.50 14.50  
 3 Agents .....55 27 \$8.75 \$125.25  
 Deliveries: \*\$6.00; §\$27.00.

**Northwestern California**  
 "Practical Guide"  
 R. A. Jorgensen\*.....12 2 \$ .50 \$ 9.00  
 Wirt Lucas§.....30 3 1.25 11.75  
 2 Agents .....42 5 \$1.75 \$20.75  
 Deliveries: \*5.00; §\$3.50.

**Southern California**  
 "Bible Readings"  
 F. W. Ross .....23½ 13 \$4.75 \$ 36.75  
 W. B. Dannels .....27½ 12 47.00  
 "Great Controversy"  
 R. N. Gunn .....12 4 14.00  
 Miscellaneous ..... 9 11.00  
 3 Agents .....73 38 \$4.75 \$108.75

**Week Ending January 12**

**California**  
 "Bible Readings"  
 L. M. Overholt\*.....54½ 9 \$ 8.50 \$46.00  
 V. L. Lathe ..... 2 22.50 31.25  
 2 Agents .....54½ 11 \$31.00 \$77.25  
 \*2 Weeks.

**Inter-Mountain**  
 "Bible Readings"  
 F. H. Jenks\* .....53 25 \$10.75 \$117.25  
 A. R. Robinson§.....30 14 6.00 73.00  
 G. H. Hewitt .....45 12 12.25 73.25  
 J. L. Sauder †.....28 15 7.50 70.90  
 "U. S. in Prophecy"  
 J. L. Humbert ||.....21 3 2.00 8.00  
 5 Agents .....177 69 \$38.50 \$342.40  
 Deliveries: \*\$.75; §\$2.25; †\$11.50; ||\$2.50.

**Northern California**  
 "Bible Readings"  
 L. A. Reynolds\*.....52½ 8 \$ 5.75 \$35.75  
 "Daniel and Revelation"  
 James Sims\* .....55½ 2 16.75 25.75  
 2 Agents .....108 10 \$22.50 \$61.50  
 \* 2 Weeks.

**Northwestern California**  
 "Practical Guide"  
 L. Lucas .....28 9 \$35.50

**Southern California**  
 "Bible Readings"  
 F. W. Goss .....33 13 \$ 42.00  
 W. B. Dannels .....23½ 13 \$.75 51.25  
 "Practical Guide"  
 Ottie W. Smith\* ..... 6 2 8.00  
 "Great Controversy"  
 Raymond Gunn.....29 4 14.00  
 4 Agents .....91½ 32 \$.75 \$115.25  
 Delivery: \*\$31.00.

Totals .....752 220 138.45 \$999.10  
 Deliveries: \$390.90.

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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.

**Obituary**

**McAlexander.**—Mary E. Forgey was born Sept. 1, 1861, in Indiana, and fell asleep in Jesus Dec. 5, 1916, in Fresno, Cal. She was married to P. B. McAlexander at Butler, Missouri, in 1883. Later they moved to Oregon, where they spent several years, and came to California 11 years ago, living the first six years of this time in San Jose. At the age of 14 she was converted and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church at Nevada, Missouri, and ever afterwards loved the truth.

Funeral services were conducted by request Sabbath day in the church, when a large company gathered to mourn with the bereaved family,—the husband, four sons and two daughters. During her long illness she cherished as most precious the blessed hope of the second coming of her Lord.

E. H. Adams.

**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 6 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 Thursday, February 8, 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 8.

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 6 to 15.

By order of the directors.

C. H. JONES, President.

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The new "Temperance Instructor" has been printed under date of January 30, and was ready to mail January 15. We can assure the many friends of the "annual" that the new issue maintains its reputation. Each number has been an improvement over the preceding issue. Notwithstanding the necessity of reducing the number of pages in order to retain the old prices, the 1917 edition possesses merits that will more than make up for the loss in bulk, sacrificed because of the increased cost of paper and ink.

The contents have been electrified and pleasingly seasoned by condensation. The illustrations are ample, appropriate, and, as usual, good. It is an all-round, strong, attractive number, and goes forth on its beneficent mission a power for the uplift of humanity.

### The Cost of Living

Ten clear, snappy, right-to-the-point articles in the February number of "Life and Health" will help to solve the cost of living problem in your family. What will benefit you will benefit every home in the Pacific Union. Five to 40 copies cost 5 cents each; 50 or more copies cost 4 cents each. The conference tract society will be glad to handle your order.

### The True Missionary Spirit

How prone we are to say we "can't afford it" when it is proposed that we have a part in some missionary enterprise that calls for a sacrifice of means. The following letter, just received from one of our sisters, indicates the real missionary spirit:

"Enclosed you will find \$1.00, for which please send the 'Signs' to the following names. I sold a cake last evening for \$1.00, and so will send the 'Signs' to two of my friends."

That sister will probably make another cake or two when she realizes fully that the publishers of the "Signs" are offering our good missionary journal in its 16-page size for 80 cents a year in clubs of five or more. Or, perhaps, she will wish to take advantage of the 85-cent rate, which provides for yearly subscriptions to separate addresses when five or more are ordered at the same time. You can count on her to have a part in the effort that is now being made to increase the circulation of the "Signs" to 100,000.

### Pope's Plan Provokes Editorial Comment

The reported decision of the Pope to bring about a union of Roman Catholics, Greek Catholics and Episcopalians is provoking editorial comment in the newspapers. A Los Angeles daily says of this plan that "if it aims for an actual merging of the churches, towards the complete conformation of all creeds to one ritual, it is conceivable that the movement will engender little but strife and antagonism." The editor speaks of "a complete unity of all Christian faiths under one church and one ritual" as "well nigh unthinkable," and adds, "Let us each worship our God in the way which best meets the dictates of his heart."

Yet we know from the statements of God's Word and the spirit of prophecy that however much of strife and antagonism this movement may engender, strenuous effort will be made to compel the whole world to profess one religious faith. The deadly wound, which the Papacy received in 1798, when it was shorn of its temporal power, is rapidly being healed. The names of Pope Benedict XV and President Wilson are mentioned in the same breath as peace mediators. These things tell us plainly that we are very near those days of trouble to which we have long looked forward.

Concerning this we read in "Great Controversy, page 581: "Let it be remembered, it is the boast of Rome

that she never changes. The principles of Gregory VII and Innocent III are still the principles of the Roman Catholic Church. And had she but the power, she would put them in practice with as much vigor now as in past centuries. Protestants little know what they are doing when they propose to accept the aid of Rome in the work of Sunday exaltation. While they are bent upon the accomplishment of their purpose, Rome is aiming to reestablish her power to recover her lost supremacy. Let the principle once be established in the United States, that the church may employ or control the power of the state and that religious observances may be enforced by laws; in short, that the authority of church and state is to dominate the conscience, and the triumph of Rome in this country is assured."

The Lord has told us that lofty edifices, which have been built by Rome, will yet be used for the imprisonment of those who protest against her power, and that in the secret recesses of these buildings her former persecutions will be repeated. In such times as these we need to pray much. We need to be growing in grace and a knowledge of the truth. We need to study God's Word daily, seeking a clearer revelation of His will, and cherishing all the precious rays of light that have come to us through the spirit of prophecy. As we walk in the light, we may trust God that He will prepare us for the troublous times that await the world, and that we shall be able to stand.

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