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The Prophetic Gift

The gifts of the Spirit are made quite prominent in the inspired writings of the apostle Paul, and he labored to dispel all ignorance with reference to them. "Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have have you ignorant." 1 Corinthians 12:1.

In speaking of the manifestation of the various gifts of the Spirit, the apostle says, "Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another interpretation of tongues." Verses 4, 8-10.

In writing to the Ephesians, when speaking of the ascension of Christ, the apostle Paul says, "When He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts

unto men. And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some pastors and teachers." Eph. 4:8, 11.

From the above quotation it appears that the gift of prophecy stands out very prominently among the gifts of the Spirit, and may properly be desired. 1 Cor. 12:31; 14:1. From the article under the word "Prophet," which appears in Smith's Comprehensive Dictionary of the Bible, I take the following: "The ordinary Hebrew word for prophet is *nabi*, derived from the very *naba*, connected by Gesenius with *naba*, to bubble forth, like a fountain. If this etymology is correct, *nabi* equals a person who, as it were, involuntarily bursts forth with spiritual utterances under the divine influence, or simply one who pours forth words. Bunsen and Davidson suppose *nabi* equals the man to whom announcements are made by God, i. e., inspired. But it is more in accordance with the etymology and usage of the word to regard it as signifying (actively) one who announces or pours forth the declarations of God. Two other Hebrew words are used to designate a prophet, *roeh*, and *hozehor chozeh*, both signifying one who sees, and rendered in the authorized version, 'seer.'"

In speaking of the sense in which the word "prophecy" is used, the writer of the article said as follows: "From the mediaeval use of the derivative Greek word *prophe-teia*, *prophecy* passed in to the English language in the sense of *prediction*, and this sense it has retained as its popular meaning."

Again the same writer says: "The different meanings, or shades of meaning, in which 'prophecy' is em-

ployed in Scripture, have been drawn out by Locke as follows: "Prophecy comprehends three things: prediction; singing by the dictate of the Spirit; and understanding and explaining the mysterious, hidden sense of Scripture, by an immediate illumination and motion of the Spirit." . . . That the idea of potential, if not actual prediction enters into the conception of prophecy, as designating the function of the Hebrew prophets, seems to be proved by Deut. 18:22; Jer. 28:9; Acts 2:30; 3:18, 21; 1 Pet. 1: 10; 2 Pet. 1:19, 20; 3:2."

"Beforetime in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, thus he spake, Come, and let us go to the seer: for he that is now called a prophet was beforetime called a seer." 1 Samuel 9:9. A prophet is one who serves as eyes for God's people as expressed in 1 Chronicles 25:5, "a seer in the words of God," or, margin, "matters of God."

In speaking of certain false prophets in the days of Jeremiah, the Lord said, "I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in My secret counsel, they should have announced My words to My people, and to have caused them to turn back from their evil way, and from the wrongfulness of their doings." Jeremiah 23:21, 22.

To Abraham, one of God's prophets, the Lord said, "Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do?" Genesis 18:17. And to the prophet Amos, the following counsel was given, "Surely the Lord God will do nothing but He revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets." Amos 3:7.

One of the offices of the true

prophet of God is to reveal the Lord's secret counsel to His people. It is very evident that Satan will endeavor to deceive God's people by sending false prophets into their midst, thus to lead them astray. The light of the prophetic Word shines more brightly upon the pathway of God's people as they near the end of time, and Satan, knowing that his time is approaching when he will drink of God's unmingled wrath, uses his utmost endeavors to deceive God's children.

In speaking of the signs that would herald His approach, the Saviour said, "There shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; inasmuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." Matthew 24:24.

Again He says, "Many false prophets shall arise, and shall deceive many." Verse 11. In such an important matter as this, however, the Lord has not left us without means of determining the truth or falsity of one who claims to possess the prophetic gift. The Lord says, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." 1 John 4:1.

First, the word of the prophet must agree with the revealed will of God, as found in His law and in the testimonies of His Spirit. "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." Isaiah 8:20. Even though one should give a sign or a wonder as a sign or an evidence of his call of God as a prophet, and the sign or the wonder should come to pass, if his teaching would lead away from the word of God, we are to know that his claim is not genuine. Deut. 13:1-4.

The second test of genuineness is the fulfillment of the thing predicted. "When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him." Deut. 18:22. Again the word of the Lord says, "The prophet which prophesieth of

peace, when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, then shall the prophet be known, that the Lord hath truly sent him." Jeremiah 28:9. It would be well for the reader to study carefully this entire chapter, and see how this test is applied.

The third test for distinguishing the true prophet from the false is given by the Saviour, and is infallible. This is as stated by Him, "By their fruits ye shall know them." Matthew 7:15-20. I do not understand that this test is to be applied alone to the life of those who claim to possess this gift, but to the fruit of their teaching as well. The life might apparently be in harmony with God's word, and yet the teaching be out of harmony with it and leading astray. So the life and the teaching are both to be considered when one is testing their claim to this gift. If the claim is genuine, both the life and the fruit of the teaching will be holy. It will lead to greater reverence for God and His word; it will lead to greater devotion to the Lord and to His service, and the life will be brought into perfect harmony with the life of the Master.

E. E. Andross.

Universal Service Movement

In the early part of April, the conference presidents and other members of the Pacific Union Conference Committee spent several days in counsel. Much of the time was given to study of the momentous times in which our lot is cast. A hardly more important action has been taken in years by the union committee than their action inaugurating a "Universal Service Movement." Knowing that every reader of the "Recorder" will be interested, we are printing the action in full:

"Seeing that the world is on fire, that the nations are distressed with perplexity; feeling in our very souls that the end of all things is at hand, and knowing that we have but a very short time in which to give the message committed to us, and recognizing that 'everything in the universe calls upon those who know the truth to consecrate themselves to the proclamation of

the truth as it has come to them in the third angel's message,' and 'the time has come when the message of Christ's soon coming is to sound throughout the world;' and being mightily convinced that the time has come for a great 'Universal Service Movement' to be inaugurated among us, enlisting our entire membership, 'summoning them to universal action' for the finishing of the work; we therefore,

"RECOMMEND: 1. That such a movement be inaugurated in all the churches in the Pacific Union Conference, enlisting every church member in one or more lines of missionary endeavor, such as personal work, Bible reading work, distribution of literature, missionary correspondence and Christian help work; organizing them into working bands, carefully selecting leaders.

"2. That all conference laborers and church officers cooperate with the conference officers in organizing this 'Universal Service Movement.'

"3. That continuous and concerted activity be fostered—

(a) By all our churches devoting the fourth Sabbath of each month to the consideration of home missionary work.

(b) By weekly missionary meeting.

(c) By using subject matter as given in the 'Church Officers' Gazette' for the fourth Sabbath and weekly missionary meetings as far as local conditions warrant.

(d) By having the 'Church Officers' Gazette' going to all conference workers and church officers.

(e) By the 'Recorder' going to every home.

"4. That strong effort be made throughout the territory of the Pacific Union Conference to increase the number of homes being visited week by week with the 'Signs' to a number equal to not less than one and one-half times the church membership, accomplishing same before July 1, 1917.

"5. That our foreign believers put forth similar effort in behalf of their countrymen, using our periodicals in foreign languages.

"6. That a committee be appointed to work out plans for a strong fall campaign with the Harvest In-gathering 'Watchman.'"

B. E. Beddoe.

Each day should be distinguished by at least one particular act of love.

FIELD TIDINGS

NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA

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

Conference Notes

The Sabbath school reports have been the best this quarter since the conference was organized. Let every member be faithful in attending the Sabbath school services.

Elder H. E. Lysinger has returned from Southern California where he was in attendance at the union conference council. He reports the work going nicely at Vallejo. He is assisting the writer in a week's effort at Napa, which began the 8th.

Deep interest is being manifested in the meetings being held at Lakeport. The cold, wet weather during the last week has cut down the attendance somewhat, but they expect to see it pick up again as soon as the weather is warmer. Elder A. Nelson and Brother R. L. Shoemaker are associated in the effort.

Elder J. D. Alder reports that a large company of brethren gathered at the site of the new school at Eureka the 8th inst., and laid the foundation. Everything is now ready for the frame work, for which all the material has been donated. He reports a good visit at Pepperwood Sabbath, the 7th. He and Brother Lester Bond will begin a series of meetings at Crescent City about the 15th.

The conference raised an average of more than 20 cents per member per week during the month of March. On the face of the reports our average for the year is 15.57 cents. This is a very encouraging showing, being considerably above the average at the close of the first quarter a year ago. However, the people of Europe are spending an average of 26 cents per day per capita for war. Surely in this thrilling time, we should be able to give 20 cents per week.

J. Adams Stevens.

One fault mender equals twenty fault finders.

Pacific Union College

Prof. C. W. Irwin made a short trip to Southern California a few days ago to attend the meeting of the Pacific Union Conference Committee and the College Board.

The offering for missions at the college on the 13th Sabbath of the first quarter of 1917 was over \$100, including that of the Sabbath school and the church service following.

As the bright shining days come on, the number of visitors to the college increases. The last few weeks have seen many of them who have children or friends in school strolling about the grounds or visiting the various class rooms.

The college printing office is one of the busy places about the institution these days. The boys are working on a strenuous schedule to get the college calendar out early this year, besides several other large jobs of printing which they have in view.

A few days since a large number of the students and members of the college faculty attended the nurses' graduation exercises at the St. Helena Sanitarium, where several took part in the program. The college orchestra rendered music for the occasion.

Recently Dr. P. T. Magan spent the chapel hour at the college in a very interesting and instructive service. Without thought of weariness on the part of his listeners, Dr. Magan occupied the time from shortly after 10 o'clock to nearly the dinner hour at one.

Elder M. C. Wilcox, of the Pacific Press editorial staff, and his family, spent several days at the college recently, visiting their son Llewellyn, who is attending school here. Elder Wilcox spoke at the Sabbath service and in the Sabbath afternoon meeting.

At the quarterly business meeting of the church held at the chapel hour the first Monday in April, it was reported that the tithe receipts for the first quarter of this year at the Pacific Union College church

were nearly double what they were for the corresponding period of last year.

Work on the new section of the college building is being pushed along vigorously these days. The entire roof is on, part of the lathing in the front section is finished, and a few days more will see the ceiling iron of the main auditorium all in place. A very pretty design in pressed steel is being worked out in the main chapel room. It is the purpose to get all this work above finished so that the staging can be removed and the room cleared for the college commencement exercises the first of June.

Claude Conard.

April 12.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

C. Santee, Pres. Verah MacPherson, Sec.

Conference Items

Our South African missionaries will thank the Lord for the thirteenth Sabbath, March 31. The Lodi church raised over \$250, Stockton \$56, and Oakdale nearly \$2.00 per member in their thirteenth Sabbath offering. No doubt many of our other churches have done as well.

In a letter just received from Brother Vipond of New Castle, I quote: "At our last visit (to a Catholic reader) we studied the Sabbath. He was persistent that Sunday is the right day to observe as the Sabbath, as the church commanded it. After studying a while he was very quiet, then said, 'All the world is wrong.'"

The following individual home missionary report for the first quarter of 1917 received from one of our Modesto workers, is so interesting that we want to pass it on:

Value of food given away..	\$61.00
Hours of Christian help work..	116
Tracts given away	20
Books loaned	5
Papers and magazines given away	69
Bible readings	11
Missionary visits	45

The Northern California Conference Employment Bureau has been quite busy since our last camp-

meeting. Satisfactory positions have been found for a number of our brethren and sisters, and so far no complaints have been made from any of their employers. We, of course, wish to guard and protect all who are assisting in this good work, so we wish to ask all who apply for positions to have their requests countersigned by the elder of their church. We now have several requests for Adventist housekeepers, in families of business men, with Sabbaths off: Is there a reason why these families of wealthy and influential people want Adventists to work in their homes? Let us not disappoint them.

One of our canvassers, Brother L. A. Reynolds, is very happy these days. Four of those to whom he sold "Great Controversy" last winter in Chico are now keeping the Sabbath and are about ready for baptism. Four others are doing their Saturday's work on Friday. Would you be happy if you were having such an experience? Have you ever thought that you might have? If you are interested, write to E. H. Abbott, 341 E. Lodi Avenue, Lodi, Cal., and ask for the secret of true happiness. Brother Reynolds gave our Bible worker at Chico, Sister Buchanan, a number of names of interested people to whom he had sold "Great Controversy." She gave readings to all these, so she started a Bible workers' class at the church and gave instructions to several sisters. In a letter just received from Sister Buchanan, I quote: "The interest is continually increasing here. One of Sister Wolohen's readers is beginning to keep the Sabbath, and also one of Sister Rollin's. Both are happy because their readers have accepted the truth as far as it has been presented." I am wondering if such work does not appeal to some of our other good ladies in the Northern California Conference. Think about it, sister, and then go and talk it over with the Lord.

Verah McPherson.

To be a strong hand in the dark to another in the time of need, to be a coup of strength to a human soul in a crisis of weakness, is to know the glory of life.

CALIFORNIA

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

Army, Navy and Marine Ship Mission Quarter Ending March 31, 1917

"If every church member were a living missionary, the gospel would speedily be proclaimed in all countries, to all peoples, nations, and tongues." Volume 9, page 32.

Papers, periodicals and tracts received, 3752; papers, periodicals and tracts distributed, 2547; Bibles and books given away, 26; papers mailed, 458; missionary visits, 5; ships visited, 196; army posts, hospitals, reading rooms, prisons, and waiting rooms visited, 83; books loaned, 3; donations, \$4.50; expense sundries, \$7.09; total distribution for the quarter, 3031.

All second and third class matter should be addressed to the undersigned, care of Western Pacific Station, Third and Washington Streets, Oakland, Cal.

E. J. Brooke,
Secretary.

March 31, 1917.

Revenue Account

Year Ending Dec. 31, 1916

Expense

Salary	\$14197.65
Laborers' expense	3702.54
Joint salary	1290.56
Rent	306.08
General expense	116.30
Divided expense	109.23
Printing and paper	178.17
Joint expense	60.31
Oakland camp-meeting	132.81
Orphans and aged	223.20
Miscellaneous donations	262.61
Swedish Bible workers' sal.	207.10
Loma Linda subsidy	250.00
P. U. College subsidy	732.00
Edu. Dept expense	102.76
Miss. Vol. Dept expense	11.84
Sabbath school Dept. ex.	27.87
Teachers' transportation	65.43
Free literature fund	44.47
Tithe Remitted:	
P. U. Con 15%	\$5288.43
N. A. Div. 20%	7051.25
Sustentation 6%	1115.37
	14455.05

Depreciation:

Joint property..	\$ 365.86
Tent equipment.	312.60
Office furniture..	34.08
	712.54

\$37188.52

Income

Tithe	\$35256.26
Donations	961.55
Interest	141.46
	\$36359.27
Excess of expense over income 1916	829.25
	\$37188.52

Financial Statement

Dec. 31, 1916

Assets

Cash	\$ 4918.11
Cent. Nat. Bank.	\$1424.90
Cent. Sav. Bank	3000.00
Cash in office ..	493.21
Bills receivable	\$ 125.72
California Bible House	1987.38
Per. & Misc. Accts.	105.00
Orphans and aged, overpaid	27.76
Inventories:	
Tent property ..	\$2484.65
Joint property ..	1198.50
Office furniture..	677.42
Edu. library	12.87
	\$ 4373.44
Total assets	\$11537.41

Liabilities

Deposit accounts	\$ 332.09
Loma Linda subsidy 1916	250.00
Miscellaneous accounts.....	111.80
Trust funds:	
Relig. Liberty....	\$163.99
C. school equip..	88.61
Can. relief fund..	16.50
Relief of invalids	12.47
Misc. Home Miss.	6.29
Ship mission ..	100.70
Worthy students.	137.00
	525.56

Total liabilities \$ 1219.45

Present worth

Jan. 1, 1916....	\$11147.21
Less operating loss for 1916....	829.25

Present worth Dec. 31, 1916. \$10317.96

\$11537.41

H. B. Thomas,
Treasurer.

Auditor's Statement

To Whom it May Concern:

Herewith is submitted a revenue and financial statement of the California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists for the year ending Dec. 31, 1916.

Income

The income of the conference for the year was \$36,359.27 or \$786.01 less than the previous year. The income from tithe, however, exceeded 1915 by \$837.42. The income from

donations during 1915 was \$2461.56 and in 1916, \$961.55, or \$1500.01 less. The large donation income in 1915 was due largely to the fact that Elder J. W. McCord was holding meetings in Oakland.

Expense

The operating expense for 1915 was \$37,839.31, and in 1916, \$37,188.52, or a decrease of \$650.79. The salary and expense for 1915 was \$19,162.61, and for 1916, \$19,190.75. The loss on the camp-meeting was \$509.45 less in 1916 than in 1915.

Assets

The assets of the conference have been decreased \$3257.99, the major part of which is accounted for by taking up the money deposited with the conference association. The California Bible House has, however, returned a small amount of the loan made to them.

Liabilities

The liabilities of the conference have been reduced \$2428.74. However, inasmuch as \$2764.08 deposited with the conference by the Northwestern California Conference was paid, the liabilities have been slightly increased. A portion of this is accounted for in that the Loma Linda subsidy, \$250 for 1916, was not paid. Provision for same has been made, which increases the liabilities that amount. The balance of the increase comes in the trust funds on hand.

This is to certify that the books of account of the California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists have been checked for the year 1916, and the book entries compared with the original receipts and vouchers, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, the revenue account and the balance sheet submitted show the financial standing of said conference, December 31, 1916, as disclosed by its books of account.

B. M. Emerson,
Auditor.

Oakland, California.
Feb. 23, 1917.

Every truth in the universe makes a close joint with every other truth.

No man can rest who has nothing to do.

California Bible House and Northwestern California Missionary Society

Revenue Account, Year Ending Dec. 31, 1916

Income	
Merchandise	\$2805.77
Expense	
Salary	1665.06
Stationery and printing	225.72
Rent	195.00
Sustentation fund	183.36
Bad accounts	138.98
Divided expense	177.41
Expense	66.03
Depreciaton on property ..	25.00
Insurance	27.00
	\$2703.56
Excess income over expense	102.21
	\$2805.77

Financial Statement Dec. 31, 1916

Assets	
Cash	\$ 8.87
Accounts receivable:	
Society accts. in	
Cal Conf.....	\$ 462.33
Society accts. in	
N. W. Cal. Conf.	409.02
	871.35
Petty accts. in	
Cal. Conf.....	\$ 274.99
Petty accts. in	
N. W. Cal. Conf.	55.89
	330.88
Personal Accounts:	
California Conf....	\$ 529.39
N. W. Cal. Conf....	339.78
	869.17
Institutional accounts	75.77
Christ's Object Lessons	9.14
Unexpired insurance	33.50
Inventories:	
Merchandise	\$2456.94
Property	180.25
Ptg. and stationery	177.66
Expense	77.61
Library	47.00
	2879.46
Total assets	\$5078.14
Liabilities	
Cal. Conf. Loan	\$1987.38
N. W. Cal. Conference Loan	1677.52
Sustentation fund	63.66
Circulating library	3.90
Personal accounts	2.70

Provisions for—	
Bad accounts	\$ 13.17
Merchandise	644.85
	658.02
Present worth Jan. 1,	\$4393.18
1916	\$582.75
Gain for 1916.....	102.21
Present worth Dec. 31, 1916.	684.96
	\$5078.14
H. B. Thomas, Treasurer.	

Auditor's Statement

To Whom It May Concern: The revenue account and balance sheet of the California Bible House for the year 1916, submitted herewith, show a decided improvement in the operating over the previous year. In 1915 the Bible House operated at a loss of \$1029.66, while in 1916 a gain of \$102.21 was recorded. Thus the showing for the better is \$1131.87.

The collections during the past year have been very good, and the society and personal accounts receivable showing a little less than a year ago; notwithstanding, there was a considerable increase in the volume of business. A payment of \$346.43 was made on the amount borrowed from the California and Northwestern California conferences.

The publishing house and other accounts were settled December 31—except \$644.85—and invoices for this amount had not been received from the publishing houses at the time the books were closed, hence this amount was run in as a provision. The inventory shows about \$400 higher than a year ago, due to an extra supply of books purchased shortly before the end of the year.

The books of account of the California Bible House have been checked for the year 1916,—the book entries compared with the original receipts and vouchers,—and in my judgment the revenue account and the balance sheet submitted show the financial standing of the California Bible House Dec. 31, 1916, as disclosed by its books of account.

B. M. Emerson,
Auditor.

Oakland, Cal.
Feb. 24, 1917.

Present Worth Divided

Present worth California Conference Jan. 1, 1916	\$323.55
Plus .5552 of gain	56.75
Present worth Cal Conf. portion Cal. Bible House Dec. 31, 1916	\$380.30
Present worth N. W. Cal. Conf. Jan. 1, 1916	\$259.20
Plus .4448 of gain	45.46
Present worth N. W. Cal Conf. portion Cal. Bible House Dec. 31, 1916	304.65
Present worth Cal. Bible House Dec. 31, 1916	\$684.96

Twenty-cent-a-week Fund in California Conference

For Three Months Ending March 31, 1917

Church	Quota	Total Rec'd	Over	Short	Ave. per Wk.
Alameda	\$ 179.40	\$ 247.02	\$ 67.62		\$.275
Berkeley	299.00	138.77		\$ 160.23	.092
Byron	31.20	55.54	24.34		.36
Conf. & Personal	41.60	20.35		21.25	.097
Fruitvale	413.40	178.19		235.21	.086
Hayward	54.60	47.37		7.23	.173
Hollister	59.80	28.35		31.45	.094
Los Gatos	39.00	1.50		37.50	.007
Mission, S. F.	176.80	180.58	3.78		.204
Monterey	78.00	14.75		63.25	.037
Morgan Hill	46.80	12.91		33.89	.055
Mountain View	777.40	552.59		224.81	.142
Martinez	31.20	56.64	25.44		.363
Oakland	1037.40	600.55		436.85	.115
Richmond	96.20	61.82		34.38	.128
San Francisco	444.60	308.97		135.63	.138
San Jose	322.40	106.14		216.26	.065
Santa Cruz	117.00	68.98		48.02	.117
Soquel	18.20	21.85	3.65		.24
Watsonville	18.20	9.77		9.43	.107
Totals	\$4282.20	\$2712.64	\$124.83	\$1694.39	\$.118

Comparative Tithe Statement

January to March Inclusive

	1916	1917
Alameda	\$ 474.30	\$ 475.79
Berkeley	606.02	535.80
Byron	171.60	101.15
Conf. and Personal	35.62	110.68
Fruitvale	630.88	514.86
Hayward	100.18	182.03
Hollister	112.35	102.75
Los Gatos	26.94	9.50
Martinez		237.21
Mission, S. F.	382.50	315.59
Morgan Hill	46.06	150.15
Mountain View	1166.88	1911.44
Monterey	25.65	148.39
Oakland	1831.22	1584.19
Richmond	172.65	201.94
San Francisco	1130.65	1213.73
San Jose	562.62	541.86
Santa Cruz	113.55	230.73
Soquel	11.50	14.40
Watsonville	6.99	5.75
	\$7572.16	\$8587.94
		\$7572.16

Increase\$1015.78

H. B. Thomas,
Treasurer.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

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

Briefly Stated

Brother R. R. Breitigam met with the Barstow church last Sabbath.

We were pleased to have Brother Ernest Lloyd meet with the Fresno church last Sabbath in the interest of missionary work.

Sister Alice Mina Mann was with the Lemoore church last Sabbath.

Elder E. H. Adams spoke to our people at Selma last Sabbath afternoon.

We hope to meet you at our camp-meeting at Fresno, May 24 to June 3. Plan to come.

Last Sabbath Brother G. A. Wheeler and Sister Lida Ackley met with our people at Sanger.

Every member a working member in some part of the great work of God—this is our need.

We received \$2,582.55 on the mission funds this quarter. This is an increase of \$679.34 over last year.

The Porterville Sabbath school almost doubled its membership last quarter. This is good. Now let us all try to gather in some new members.

The writer had the privilege of meeting with the Le Grand church last Sabbath. We were glad to become acquainted with some new members there.

Every loyal Seventh-day Adventist is summoned to "Universal Action" at this time. Every one should do something to help advance the cause of truth. No more opportune time than the present will be found.

Our tithe for the first three months this year was \$9,128.49, an increase of \$2,626.59 over last year. This is surely good. Again let us say, it pays to be faithful in paying tithe. The Lord has promised to bless us when we do.

Of the 26 Sabbath schools which have reported to date 22 have an increase in their offerings for the past quarter over the last quarter of 1916. Sixteen have an increase in their membership. How did your school stand? Ask your superintendent about it.

We notice that the Shafter church leads the list this quarter on the twenty-cent-a-week fund, having paid in 58.5 cents per week per member. Please notice how your church stands on the list. Our conference reached 13 cents this quarter.

The Ingomar Sabbath school leads in the amount of offerings per member the last quarter. This Sabbath school reached 29 cents a week per member. The Visalia Sabbath school follows with 22 cents per member. We hope the Sabbath schools in our conference may soon reach the average of 15 cents per member.

Writing under date of April 10, Elder F. E. Brown says: "Last Friday evening I reviewed the Christian minister's discourse. We had the largest crowd that was ever packed into the Lemoore church. The Christian minister was not present, but his congregation was, and the Methodist minister was present. The Lord was especially good to us that evening."

It is with sadness that we chronicle the untimely death of Marvin Clark, the son of Brother and Sister Clark, of Rolinda. He was almost instantly killed by a fall from a motorcycle which he was riding Saturday evening, April 7. He sustained a fracture of the skull in the fall and was picked up dead. The funeral services were held in the Fresno church, conducted by the writer, assisted by Elder E. H. Adams. Sympathy is extended to the bereaved.

Sister Julia Harvey, one of our aged isolated Sabbath-keepers, living up in the mountains at Springville, writes: "I lived in Maine in 1844 when this message first began. Can it be possible that our Father will spare me until Jesus comes? How fast the time goes! How I do long for our people, but I had rather be alone up here with God than with the people of the world." Grandma Harvey writes that she is one year older than Elder Loughborough. May the Lord continue to bless her.

N. P. Neilsen.

April 13.

Rates to Fresno Camp-meeting

Word has just been received that the usual rate of one and one-third fare will be granted by all the rail-ways in California from all points in the state to Fresno on account of the camp-meeting to be held there May 24 to June 3.

Further particulars will be given in an early issue of the "Recorder."
G. A. Wheeler, Secretary.

Pencilgrams

Sister Louva Sheldon has gone to Chowchilla to assist Dr. Hudson for the rest of the school year. The work is heavy, and all want to get through, so this help has been provided.

Ten M. V. S. quarterly reports have been received thus far. The rest should be here right away. Only two teachers are delinquent this period. The reports have come in splendidly this year and we hope the last periods will be just as good as the first ones.

Eight books have been added to our circulating library this past week. Anyone having books to donate, will please send them in at once, so we may have a full library by camp-meeting time. We can do no better work for our children and young people than to provide them with good books to read. "Young men and young women, read the literature that will give you true knowledge, and that will be a help to the entire family. Say firmly: 'I will not spend precious moments in reading that which will be of no profit to me, and which

only unfits me to be of service to others. I will devote my time and thoughts to acquiring a fitness for God's service.'" Testimonies Vol. 7, page 64.

We frequently see a big sign, "Watch Us Grow," near some small town that has just started. We will adopt the same slogan. When we gave our last report, we had 18 reading course certificates. We now have 46. At this rate we will certainly reach our goal, and pass it. The Island M. V. S. sent in the list of 22 who are reading some course, and about 12 who are planning to take the standard of attainment examinations. The Chowchilla M. V. S. has just sent for 11 reading course certificates.

Alice Mina Mann.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

M. M. Hare, Pres. W. L. Mecum, Sec.

Glendale Items

We have an overflow attendance at the church every Sabbath. The attendance of patients from the sanitarium is steadily increasing, and through the efforts of our physicians and nurses there is being fostered a deep interest in spiritual as well as physical welfare all through the institution.

The total amount of funds collected during the past quarter was \$3429. Of this amount \$2356 was title, making an average per capita tithe of somewhat over \$7.50 for the quarter. The weekly average per member on the twenty-cent-a-week fund was somewhere in the neighborhood of 15 cents.

Active steps are being taken for the organization of classes to receive systematic instruction and demonstration in first aid, hygiene, sanitation and such other branches of service for suffering humanity as may seem proper in view of the exigencies arising from the swiftly moving panorama of portentous passing events.

Our morning worship period in the sanitarium parlors is well attended by both helpers and patients, the average attendance being about

75. During this worship period, from 8:40 to 9:00 A. M., all departments of sanitarium work suspend operations by the mutual consent and cooperation of all the helpers and the heads of departments.

Our church council is wrestling with the problem of providing more seating accommodations for our Sabbath services. During the past quarter, 12 new members were added to the church,—eleven by baptism and one on previous baptism. Several of these were interested in the message through the efforts of Sister L. A. Parsons and those associated with her in giving cottage Bible readings.

Geo. A. Snyder,
Pastor and Chaplain.

BOOK WORK

The Oakland Institute

The colporteurs' institute at Oakland, although arranged for on short notice, was quite well attended. Am sure it will prove a factor in the further development of the work in that conference, and will help materially in reaching the goal, set by the California Bible House, of \$10,000 worth of books in the present year.

There were 10 persons who attended regularly, and several others came in frequently. Several of these have been rendering faithful service, and their experience and counsel contributed to the success of the meeting.

Bible studies were conducted each morning by Elders J. L. McElhany and H. S. Shaw, which were of a very practical and helpful nature. The spiritual character of the colporteur work was emphasized in all the instruction given, for we believe that success will attend the efforts of our workers in proportion as they recognize that its object is the winning of souls.

Each worker present set a goal for himself of from 30 to 40 hours per week, and will thus have a definite aim. Brother Barbee, the conference field secretary, is much encouraged with the prospect of such a nice company of workers thus early in the season, and feels sure that with the blessing of God this will prove a good year for the work in that field. Personally I enjoyed my association with these workers very much, and trust that each one will prove faithful, and will be blessed with abundant success.

F. E. Painter.

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Word received from Elder W. A. Spicer by our brethren in Washington, D. C., is that he is in Denmark. He went to Europe several months ago in the interest of our work in the Old World.

"How to Sell Magazines" is the title of a 16-page booklet issued by the Pacific Press Publishing Association. This booklet contains helpful matter and suggestions designed especially for magazine workers. A copy will be mailed free of charge by writing the Pacific Press Publishing Association, Mountain View, Cal.

Assembly Bill 172, one of the Sunday measures pending in the California Legislature, has been presented for passage four times, but at this writing is still awaiting action. Only two weeks remain until the date set for the adjournment of the Assembly, and it is to be hoped that all three Sunday bills will die when the lawmakers return to their homes. Assembly Bill 172 has been amended five times. Senate Bill 69 and Assembly Bill 800 were still in the committees at the last report.

The "Review" in the Pacific Union

Month Ending March 31, 1917

Arizona	1	4	63	169
California	3	6	272	549
N. California	7	13	318	529
C. California	8	4	280	549
S. California	7	11	459	764
C. California	6	15	351	554
N. W. California	4	7	266	461
Nevada	2		24	84
Inter-Mountain	6	4	152	245
	44	64	2185	3904

The Real Yellow Peril

"Not yellow men, but yellow metal," according to the May "Signs Magazine." Is it possible that the resources of our national banks exceed by \$1,000,000,000 the combined resources of all the other leading banks of the world? Can it be that Mr. Morgan has amassed more millions in the last two years than his father accumulated in 45 years before? If history repeats itself, America is doomed to fall. These are two or three of the many interesting statements in this highly informative article. The May magazine is "for such a time as this."

"Recorder" Subscription Rate

Last week we announced that the subscription price of this paper had been reduced to 25 cents a year. This change was voted by the Pacific Union Conference Committee April 4. The price was not reduced because the publication costs are less than the former rate, as the "Recorder" has been sustaining an operating loss. The change was made in order to make it possible to place the paper in every Sabbath-keeping home in the conferences of the Pacific Union.

In these stirring times, when things happen so suddenly, our conference officers should be in a position to pass out a message to every Sabbath-keeper within three or four days. The "Recorder" in every home would make this possible. Now, if every subscriber would secure one new subscription this week, the list could easily be doubled before May 1. You should do it this week, as the next issue may contain a very important an-

nouncement or perhaps startling information. By no means should you allow your subscription to expire.

Praying the Alphabet

I recently read of a little heathen boy who had heard of the love of God, but had not learned how to pray. He had been taught the alphabet. One morning the missionary found him out on the hillside, with his hands clasped together, and his eyes closed, repeating the letters of the alphabet over and over again. When asked what he was doing, he replied, "I was praying." "But why did you repeat the letters of the alphabet?" the missionary asked. "Well," he said, "I felt I must pray, and as I know no prayer, I just said the letters of the alphabet, knowing that the great God would put them into words for me." O, that our prayers might ascend to God in this child-like faith, then would God's name be glorified in answering them.

N. P. Neilsen.

A Good Plan

The Fresno (California) church has been doing splendid work for some time with the "Signs" weekly. Another club of 625 copies has just been arranged for. In a recent missionary meeting, 56 of the number present signified their willingness to be responsible for placing the "Signs" every week in the homes of a city block and following up the interest with the view of securing subscriptions. This is a good plan. There is nothing so effective as personal work.

Fifty-six blocks in the city of Fresno thoroughly worked each week means much, and certainly the church has set a good example for others to follow. God will say of this church, "I know their works, and charity, and service, and faith."
Jas. Cochran.

Camp-Meeting Dates

Central California	-	Recreation Park, Fresno	-	May 24 to June 3
Northwestern California	-	-	-	June 7 to 17
Northern California	-	-	-	June 21 to July 1
California	-	-	-	July 5 to 15
Arizona	-	Prescott	-	July 12 to 22
Inter-Mountain	-	-	-	July 12 to 22
Southern California	-	-	-	August 2 to 12
Southeastern California	-	-	-	August 16 to 26
Nevada	-	Reno	-	June 13 to 17
Arizona	-	Safford	-	August 16 to 26