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## Evidences of Divine Inspiration

There are at least three tests that may be applied to determine the truth or falsity of the claim to divine inspiration:

First, the teachings must agree with the law and the testimonies;

Second, there must be no failure in the fulfillment of their predictions;

Third, the fruit must be uniformly good.

A failure in any one of these particulars is sufficient to warrant us in drawing the conclusion that in the case in question, the claim to the possession of the prophetic gift is not well founded; and if careful observation is continued, it will not be long until there will be observed a departure in the other particulars from the path trod by God's ancient seers.

Let us now apply these tests to the life and teachings of Mrs. E. G. White, who for about 70 years occupied the position accorded her by the Seventh-day Adventist people as a prophet and messenger of God. During all this period her life was under the closest observa-

tion by both friends and foes, and her voluminous writings were subjected to the most searching criticism. How have they stood this acid test?

First, "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." Isa. 8:20.

Like all other human beings, Mrs. White was fallible and erring. Yet, from the time of her conversion at the age of 12 years, to her death at 87, she lived a life of devotion to God, making the cause of her Saviour paramount to all things else. From the time that she first learned that the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord, until her death at that advanced age, both her life and her teachings uniformly tended to "magnify the law and make it honorable."

The word "testimony," as used in the above scripture (Isa. 8:20), undoubtedly refers to the witness borne by the prophets. That she ever spoke in harmony with the ancient prophets is witnessed by such of her books as "Patriarchs and Prophets," the "Captivity and Restoration of Israel," "The Desire of Ages," and "Acts of the Apostles."

Second, fulfilled prophecy. In his book, entitled, "The Evidence of Prophecy," Dr. Keith says as follows: "That it is the effect of divine interposition can not be disputed. It is equivalent to any miracle, and is of itself evidently miraculous. The foreknowledge of the actions of intelligent and moral agents is one of the most incomprehensible attributes of the Deity, and is exclusively a Divine perfection. The

past, the present, and the future, are alike open to His view, and to His alone; and there can be no stronger proof of the interposition of the Most High, than that which prophecy affords. Of all the attributes of the God of the universe, His prescience has bewildered, and baffled the most, all the powers of human perception; and an evidence of the exercise of this perfection in what the revelation of infinite mind alone could make known, is the seal of God, which can never be counterfeited, affixed to the truth which it attests. Whether that evidence has been afforded, is a matter of investigation; but, it has unquestionably been given, the effect of superhuman agency is apparent, and the truth of what it was given to prove, does not admit of a doubt."

Again Dr. Keith says: "The voice of Omnipotence alone could call the dead from the tomb; the voice of Omniscience alone could tell all that lay hid in dark futurity, which to man is as impenetrable as the mansions of the dead; and both are alike the voice of God."

The sure word of prophecy is "a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn." 2 Pet. 1:19. Man can not tell what a day may bring forth. To him the future is dark, save as it is lighted up by the prophetic word. It requires the mind of the infinite One to make known the future, hence the Saviour said, "Now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe." John 14:29.

That fulfilled prophecy is an evidence of divine interposition, that it is a witness to the fact that the

Omniscient One is speaking through His own chosen instrument, is clearly stated by the prophet Jeremiah. "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.

When the above words were spoken by Jeremiah, Hananiah, a false prophet, had just spoken to Jeremiah "in the house of the Lord, in the presence of the priests and of all the people, saying, Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon." He then said that within two full years the vessels of the house of the Lord that had been carried to Babylon, with the king of Judah and all the captives, would be returned.

Hananiah was prophesying peace, when God was endeavoring to save them from complete apostasy by permitting them to suffer a captivity of 70 years in Babylon. Jeremiah replied to this false prediction of Hananiah thus: "The prophets that have been before me and before thee of old prophesied both against many countries, and against great kingdoms, of war, and of evil, and of pestilence." Then followed the words quoted above: "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."

To emphasize what he had declared would come to pass, Hananiah then took the yoke from off the prophet Jeremiah's neck, and brake it, and said, "Thus saith the Lord; Even so will I break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon from the neck of all nations within the space of two full years."

A very definite prediction was thus made, and directly contrary to what Jeremiah had plainly declared would happen. Jeremiah 25:8-14. The issue was thus drawn very clearly, and all the people were to know through whom God was speaking. "Then said the prophet Jeremiah unto Hananiah the

prophet, Hear now, Hananiah; The Lord hath not sent thee; but thou makest this people to trust in a lie. Therefore thus saith the Lord: Behold, I will cast thee from off the face of the earth: this year thou shalt die, because thou hast taught rebellion against the Lord. So Hananiah the prophet died the same year in the seventh month." Jer. 28:15.

By the fulfillment of the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, concerning the death of Hananiah, and the non-fulfillment of the prediction of Hananiah regarding the return in two years of the sacred vessels, the king, and the captives of Judah, it was clearly demonstrated who was the true, and who was the false prophet. In this experience the people were left without any excuse if they failed to act upon the prophecy of Jeremiah regarding the judgments coming upon Judah and Jerusalem, and the definite counsel of God as to their duty in that crisis.

E. E. Andross.

### Important Counsel

In our efforts to carry out the instruction found in the "Testimonies" touching the question of removing from cities, and locating in rural districts, great prudence should be exercised. Those who have had little or no experience in agricultural pursuits, and who have limited means, before abandoning their present vocations should perhaps give consideration to the plan of locating their families in suburban districts and securing at least one or more lots that may be converted into vegetable gardens.

Such a course would result in improved if not ideal surroundings for the family, providing care is exercised in choosing a favorable location. It would give experience in tilling the soil that is quite essential in order to insure success in maintaining a family on a farm, while the salary, upon which reliance has hitherto been placed for financial support, is still available.

In many of the cities large corporations, such as railway companies, and others holding real es-

tate, are now offering the free use of lots or acreage to those who will plant gardens. Many of the cities are furnishing water for irrigation, free, or at a nominal rate. Seed is also being furnished without charge to those unable to purchase, and I am told that, at least in some places, the city offers to plow the ground as an inducement to a larger production of food. Those unskilled in gardening may obtain assistance from skilled instructors without charge.

By beginning at once the tilling of the soil, even in this limited way, in a short time it will be found that the expense of maintaining the home will be greatly reduced, profitable occupation will be provided for the younger members of the family during the summer vacation, as well as the opportunity of giving them a training in industrial lines that will be invaluable to the development of character.

Where there are children of school age, care should be exercised in the location of our families, that whether in the country or in suburban districts, church school privileges may be had. While considering the question of a location, we should not forget that it is our chief duty to start centers from which the light of truth may radiate, illuminating the pathway of those who now walk in darkness. Remember, the Master has said, "Ye are the light of the world;" "ye are the salt of the earth."

Some years ago the following instruction came to us: "It is time for our people to take their families from the cities into more retired localities, else many of the youth, and many also of those older in years, will be ensnared and taken by the enemy." "Testimonies for the Church," volume 8, page 101. In the "Review and Herald" of July 21, 1896, the following instruction is given by Sister White: "God calls for personal effort from those that know the truth. He calls for Christian families to go into communities that are in darkness and error, to go into foreign fields, to become acquainted with a new class of society, and to work wisely and perseveringly for the cause of the

Master. To answer this call, self-sacrifice must be experienced. While many are waiting to have every obstacle removed, souls are dying without hope, and without God in the world. Many, very many, for the sake of worldly advantage, for the sake of acquiring knowledge of the sciences, will venture into pestilential regions, and will go into countries where they think they can obtain commercial advantage; but where are the men and women who will change their location, and move their families into regions that are in need of the light of the truth, in order that their example may tell upon those who shall see in them the representatives of Christ?"

The above counsel makes it very clear that in considering the question of a location, those who do not have to take into account the matter of school privileges for their children should decide upon some place where the light of truth is not now shining, that those who sit in darkness may have the light of life.

E. E. Andross.

## FIELD TIDINGS

NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA

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

### Sanitarium

The children of our church school during the last few days have taken about 30 new subscriptions for the "Recorder."

Two dear souls went forward in baptism May 10. One of these is a lady 70 years of age. She came here six weeks ago as a patient.

S. T. Hare.

### Camp Meeting Items

Camp-meeting: The place, Healdsburg; the date, June 7 to 17. Pray for it, plan for it; then attend it.

Remember that the usual one and one-third rates for the round trip has been granted. Ask for a receipt-certificate when you buy your ticket.

Orders for tents are coming in rapidly. If you have not sent in your order, do so at once. Prices

are the same as last year. Address S. Donaldson, Box 408, Santa Rosa, Cal.

In planning for camp-meeting, include a plentiful supply of warm bedding. The nights may be cool. If possible, bring a mattress with you. Straw is rather scarce and hay expensive, but we hope to be able to provide an ample supply for ticks as cheaply as we can.

J. Adams Stevens.

### Something Important

The time for our annual "Feast of Tabernacles" is drawing near, and I am intensely in earnest in this effort to encourage all to attend. "The camp-meeting is one of the most important agencies in our work. It is one of the most effective methods of arresting the attention of the people, and reaching all classes with the gospel invitation. The time in which we live is a time of intense excitement. Ambition and war, pleasure and money-making, absorb the minds of men. Satan sees that his time is short, and he has set all his agencies at work, that men may be deceived, deluded, occupied and entranced, until probation shall be ended, and the door of mercy be forever shut." Test, Vol. 6, page 31.

Surely we have been deeply stirred at the import of recent world events. No doubt we have made some plans to prepare for the close of our probation and the coming of our Lord. It is well if we have done this, for "the fashion of this world passeth away." "We have no time now to give our energies and talents to worldly enterprises. Shall we become absorbed in serving the world, serving ourselves, and lose eternal life and the everlasting bliss of heaven? O, we can not afford to do this!" "We need the converting power of God to take hold of us, that we may understand the needs of a perishing world. The burden of my message to you is, Get ready, get ready to meet the Lord." Test, Vol. 9, pages 104-106.

Brethren, "the night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light." "It is high time for us to awake

out of sleep." Rom. 13:12, 11. The terrible events of the closing conflict are beginning to take place, and just as certainly the struggle between the kingdom of God and the leader of the rebellion against the government of God is being waged with greater intensity as the end nears. Every heart is a battle ground, held either by Prince Emmanuel, or by the prince of darkness; enlisted for heaven or destruction. We need to arouse, and "watch unto prayer." "The time is not far distant when the test will come to every soul." "Captivity and Restoration." Page 189.

"It is important that the members of our churches should attend our camp-meetings. The enemies of truth are many; and because our numbers are few, we should present as strong a front as possible. Individually you need the benefits of the meeting, and God calls upon you to number one in the ranks of truth. Some will say, 'It is expensive to travel, and it would be better for us to save the money, and give it for the advancement of the work where it is so much needed.' Do not reason in this way; God calls upon you to take your place among the rank and file of His people. Strengthen the meeting all you possibly can by being present with your families. Put forth extra exertion to attend the gathering of God's people. Brethren and sisters, it would be far better for you to let your business suffer than to neglect the opportunity of hearing the message God has for you. Make no excuse that will keep you from gaining every spiritual advantage possible. You need every ray of light." "You cannot afford to lose one such privilege." Test, Vol. 6, pages 38-39.

Excellent ministerial help has been provided for this meeting, and there will be experienced workers to care for the interests of the children. But above all God has promised to be present by His blessed Spirit. "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. . . And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Rev. 22:17.

J. Adams Stevens.

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

C. Santee, Pres. Verah MacPherson, Sec.

**Spirit of Prophecy**

Returning from Pacific Union College, it was my privilege to read two of the series of articles on the "Spirit of Prophecy," that Elder E. E. Andross is preparing for print in the columns of the "Recorder."

I believe that they are what is needed at this time, and that (as they will not be printed in tract form) some may wish to keep them by cutting them out from the "Recorder" and fastening them together, or laying the "Recorders" aside.

This theme—"The Spirit of Prophecy"—is one of the utmost importance just now. Except for this agency, no person can tell the meaning of the issues that are before us. The one who implicitly believes in this gift, as the Lord has placed it among His people, will be able rightly to read the signs that are coming so thick and so rapidly. God does not want His people to drift as a helpless bark, subject to every change of wind or tide. He has no other means to take the place of the gift of prophecy, and for this reason, the one who disbelieves in this agency is left helpless.

To the one who believes and accepts of this agency, He has given a means that will enable him to ever keep his course true toward the harbor of eternal rest. The way is beset with every danger, and above all times, the present needs the guidance of heavenly light.

I feel sure that if these articles are read carefully, with the instances of fulfillment as given, they will be a great help.

Clarence Santee.

**CENTRAL CALIFORNIA**

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

**Conference Items**

Elder F. E. Brown met with the Visalia church last Sabbath forenoon.

The writer had the privilege of speaking to the Fresno church last

Sabbath. We were glad to see a good attendance.

Elder E. H. Adams met with the Selma church last Sabbath forenoon, and with the Reedley church in the afternoon.

Nine persons were baptized and two rebaptized at Porterville last Sabbath afternoon by Elder F. E. Brown, and five were received into the church on profession of faith.

Last Sabbath Elder A. S. Kellogg baptized 6 persons at Madera. The membership of this newly-organized church is now 36. Some who were baptized will unite with the Barstow church.

Several German meetings will be held each day at the camp-meeting. Elders C. J. Kunkle and H. Shultz are expected to be present to assist in the German meetings. We hope that Elder G. A. Grauer will recover from his illness so as to assist.

We are sorry to report that Elder G. A. Grauer is quite ill, probably due to injuries received at the time of the automobile accident several weeks ago, from which he has not fully recovered. Let us pray that he may soon be restored to health again.

Work on the camp ground was commenced this week and is progressing nicely. We hope to have everything in readiness for the opening of the meeting, Thursday evening, May 24. By the time this note reaches the readers of the "Recorder," the camp-meeting will be in progress. If you are unable to attend all the meeting, plan to attend as much as possible. Pray for success of the camp-meeting.  
May 18. N. P. Neilsen.

**Bakersfield**

Brother Ross Morris, of the Burrough school, will receive a Standard of Attainment certificate at camp-meeting "Graduation Day." We are looking for a larger list of names soon.

The schools are giving examinations now, and soon all will know

how faithful they have been in their studies this year. It is faithful work all through the year that counts, and not a hurried spurt at the end.

A report comes to us of a very interesting program held at the Laguna school, May 3. Many from the outside attended, and were much interested and pleased with the good things presented by the small school there. Miss Hulda Messick has the faculty of inspiring enthusiasm in her pupils.

Every M. V. S. reported the last quarter, except two. One was received too late for this report, but will go in next quarter's. 622 missionary visits were made; 139 Bible readings held; 3842 papers distributed; 182 books loaned or given away; 874 tracts given away; \$228.74 given to missions. Broader plans are being laid and we expect a much larger report this quarter.

Orders for 146 reading course certificates have come in since April 1. Let the good work go on. When all our young people are reading good books, many of the problems that now confront us will have been solved. Many missionaries who are now in foreign fields were led to give their lives to that work through reading inspiring missionary books.

Most of the information blanks, for the census of the children and young people of the conference, have been returned. It was estimated there would be about 600. We have gone over that mark, and probably 800 will be nearer right. Think what an army this is to work for the Master if they receive the right training and education! And this leads us to another point: Every parent should now be planning on sending every child to church school this coming year. Will the Lord come and find some of our children still in worldly schools? We hope not.  
Alice Mina Mann.

**CALIFORNIA**

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

**Conference Items**

We have applied to all roads running into Oakland for the usual

rates to our camp-meeting, and as soon as definite word is received you will be notified through these columns.

Elder J. L. McElhany baptized eleven in the Alameda church Sabbath, the 12th. This makes a total of 22 that have been baptized as a result of the effort in that place.

On account of the war, tent materials are expensive, and the supply is limited. By the time you read these lines it will be none too early to order your tent. The usual rates for small tents will apply.

Elder James Taphouse writes from Monterey that he is conducting two Bible training classes in that church. Several are taking Bible readings and some subscriptions are being secured for the "Recorder" and the "Signs of the Times."

From Santa Cruz Brother W. F. Hills writes: "We find many open doors in this part of the field for the 250 "Signs" weekly which we are receiving. There are three new members for the Soquel church. Others are keeping the Sabbath, and will soon take their stand fully for the truth. There is one new Sabbath-keeper at Watsonville. A good interest is shown in the Bible school at Santa Cruz, and results are sure to follow. Our people are renewing their efforts along financial lines also. The work is onward."

May 18.

H. B. Thomas.

**INTER-MOUNTAIN**

E. A. Curtis, Pres.

J. F. Gaster, Sec.

**Conference Items**

The Sabbath-school quarterlies for the next quarter have been received. Avoid delay by ordering at once. Several copies of the current quarterlies are on hand. If you will send a subscription for a year at 20 cents, we will send free the present quarterly.

Elder C. L. Snodgrass, who has just arrived from the Southeastern California Conference, is already looking for a site on which to pitch his tent here in Grand Junction.

Brother Snodgrass and Brother Andrews are to hold a strong effort in this city, beginning in a few days and lasting until the camp-meeting.

Have you received a copy of the new book "World's War?" There is a good supply at the office, and doubtless a special offer is being made. Ten copies of this excellent little book will be sent to you for \$1.35 postpaid. A copy of this book should be placed in the hands of each of our neighbors.

Brother F. S. Chollar spent two days at the office this week in getting his tent ready for the tent effort which is to be held at Gunnison. This meeting begins about May 21. Let us remember Brethren Hollister and Chollar in our prayers that they may see souls saved in the kingdom as a result of their effort at Gunnison.

J. H. Weeks.

May 10.

**Plans for an Intermediate School**

In response to a request from the Inter-Mountain Conference Committee, Prof. M. E. Cady, Brother B. M. Emerson and the writer met with them at Grand Junction, Colo., to consider the advisability of establishing an intermediate school in the Inter-Mountain Conference.

After two meetings, in which almost every phase of the question received careful consideration, in earnest prayer, and ample discussion, the following report of a sub-committee was unanimously adopted:

"Recognizing the importance which the Lord places upon the education of our children, having in view their development of character to be subjects of His eternal kingdom, and also the idea that they shall be soul-winners in the finishing of the proclamation of the everlasting gospel, and in harmony with the action of our constituency at the last annual camp-meeting and conference, that the conference committee give careful study to the question of establishing one or more schools to give ten grades of work at suitable location or locations, in our conference; therefore,

"We recommend, That the Executive Committee of the Inter-

Mountain Conference of Seventh-day Adventists take immediate and definite steps looking toward the idea of establishing one such school, suggesting Rulison as the most suitable location for this school. And, that the method of procedure in planning for this school be as follows:

"1. By securing a suitable person to take charge of the educational work in this field, who shall visit all of the churches with the idea of ascertaining the number of students which can be secured to attend the school the coming year.

"2. That in case a sufficient number of students is assured, and sufficient financial support guaranteed, the conference committee arrange for the removal of that portion of the Palisade school building and its erection at Rulison as provided for in the estimate of Brother N. A. Johnson, of Rulison, for the sum of \$850; that in such removal and erection the said price be reduced as far as consistent by securing donated labor. Such building not to involve the conference in debt.

"3. That the Rulison church members be requested to give favorable consideration to the plan of constructing a concrete or stone basement under the entire school building, said basement portion to be used for the time being as a chapel for church and Sabbath school purposes.

"4. That the Rulison church be invited to meet the salary of one teacher, which will make provision for their children in church school.

"5. That in case two teachers are required, the educational superintendent of the conference be the principal of the school, his salary to be provided by tuition from the advanced grades of students in the school up to the amount of salary agreed upon, and any deficit in salary from the amount agreed upon shall be provided by the conference in such manner as shall be decided by the conference committee.

"Respectfully submitted,

"E. A. Curtis,  
"M. E. Cady,  
"G. W. Reaser,  
"M. A. Hollister,  
"J. A. Neilsen."

It will be evident from this report that those in council were impressed that the hour has struck

when such steps should be taken by the conference committee as will make possible a school in the Inter-Mountain Conference, embracing 10 grades of work.

Of all the places mentioned, the Rufison Valley seemed to be the most favorable location for the school. A tract of 20 acres of land, centrally located in the valley, having two springs of excellent water, and only two miles from a railway station, is donated for the school. Besides this the income from 40 acres of agricultural land is offered.

There are already a few families of our people, and one member of the conference committee, located in this valley, who have some 15 children to attend the school, and who ardently desire to co-operate with the conference committee in making the school a success. It is further stated that in the matter of good agricultural land in the valley, and with good government land within five or six miles of the school site, no other section of the Inter-Mountain Conference territory offers more favorable advantages for our people to earn a livelihood while educating their children.

All of these conditions and the further fact that the school buildings now located at Palisade can be so easily transferred to Rufison, led the conference committee to decide in favor of the last named location.

It will be observed that this recommendation makes definite and positive provision, insofar as the conference committee and the endorsement of the Pacific Union Conference Committee are concerned, for a school embracing 10 grades of work to be established in the Inter-Mountain Conference.

With the blessing of the Lord upon the enterprise, two more things are essential to its ultimate realization. First, in addition to a sum of money which the conference will provide for the buildings, they look to our people to supply the remainder necessary to complete the same, free from indebtedness; and, second, the real success of the whole plan depends upon our people so locating themselves that their children can enjoy the benefits of the school. If the school does not have

patronage, it cannot be operated. It requires more than empty walls to make a school. It also requires more than empty walls to make complete the kingdom of heaven. The Saviour Himself made this statement. (Isa. 49:16). Our schools are provided solely that our children may be the children of the kingdom and ultimately dwell within the walls of the New Jerusalem.

In planning for this school the conference committee has done its part toward establishing one of heaven's most important agencies in the salvation of the children of our people in the Inter-Mountain Conference. Now our eyes are upon the Lord for His blessing upon the plans, and upon our people there for their sympathetic support and faithful patronage of the school.

G. W. Reaser.

### SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA

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

### Conference Notes

The tract society has just received an order from Brother Walter Harper for over three hundred dollars' worth of books to be delivered at Needles.

Brother F. W. Gardner reports that our church schools are nearly all supplied with teachers for next year. Some new schools are to be started.

Our field secretary, Brother H. A. Hebard, has just returned from the institute at Pacific Union College, and states that there is unusual enthusiasm among the students.

J. C. McReynolds.

## BOOK WORK

### Pacific Union College Institute

Many of those who were present at the colporteurs' institute held at the college May 5 to 15 regarded this as the strongest meeting of the kind ever held at this school. Whether this is true or not, there certainly was a splendid interest manifested by a large number of students.

The opening meeting was held at the hour of the regular Sabbath service. This was a symposium, with Elders J. L. McEthany, N. P. Neilsen, J. A. Stevens and the writer taking part. The presence and help of these conference presidents were greatly appreciated, and undoubtedly contributed much to the strength of this institute. Another strong factor was the presence of the five field secretaries in California—Brethren C. C. Morlan, C. L. Davis, G. H. Barbee, E. H. Abbott and H. A. Hebard. These men took part in a rousing meeting in the chapel Monday morning, at the close of which a call was made for volunteers, and the institute was definitely organized. In these days when recruiting agencies are busy enlisting men for the service of earthly governments, it seemed good to see so many of these strong young men responding to the call of God's recruiting officers for service in the saving of men.

The number taking the instruction ranged from 40 to 60, but we hardly count on more than 30 actually getting into the field. Classes were formed on "Daniel and the Revelation," "Great Controversy," "Patriarchs and Prophets" and "Practical Guide." The goal set for the students of this school to reach during the summer was \$10,000 worth of books, and we ask the prayers of God's people that the efforts of these young people may be crowned with success, and this goal reached.

It was strongly emphasized that the object of this work is not merely to earn a scholarship, but to win precious souls for the Master's kingdom. All seemed to feel that our time to work is short indeed, and that this is the day of the Lord's opportunity. Certain it is that the demand for our books is growing stronger, and we believe that the war, instead of hindering this work, will greatly stimulate it, and this will be the best year for the sale of our literature that we have ever known, and possibly that we ever will know.

This strong band of student colporteurs will make a welcome addi-

tion to our little army of workers. We greatly appreciated the interest and liberality of Prof. C. W. Irwin and his faculty, who did all they could to give us not only time for the meetings, but made it possible for the students to attend without loss to themselves. This policy will help, not only the colporteur work, but will react in blessing upon the school.

F. E. Painter.

**Report of Book Work**

Agent	Hrs.	Ordrs.	Helps	Value
<b>Week Ending May 4, 1917</b>				
<b>California</b>				
"Great Controversy"				
Emma H. Covell	20	1	1.25	\$ 5.25
Mrs W. B. Dannells	15	3	1.75	14.75
"Bible Readings"				
W. B. Dannells	22	2	2.50	11.50
"World War"				
Miscellaneous	40			10.00
3 Agents	57	46	\$5.50	\$ 41.50
<b>Central California</b>				
"Bible Readings"				
B. T. Myers*	24	6	\$ 1.50	\$ 26.50
"Practical Guide"				
F. O. Jensen**	26	15	.75	69.25
"Daniel and the Revelation"				
F. P. Chedester***	37	8	14.50	42.50
H G Thompson****	11	6	2.50	17.15
4 Agents	98	35	\$19.25	\$155.40
Deliveries:	**\$10.50;	**\$5.25;	***\$5.25;	****\$2.50.
<b>Northern California</b>				
"Bible Readings"				
L. A. Reynolds	47	13	\$ 4.75	\$ 63.25
M. A. Reese*	113	28	41.70	140.70
"Daniel and Revelation"				
James Sims**	88	3	23.65	34.15
3 Agents	248	44	\$70.10	\$238.10
* 3 weeks; ** 2 weeks.				
<b>Northwestern California</b>				
"Captivity and Restoration"				
Marvel Beem	5	12		\$ 42.00
"Practical Guide"				
Wirt Lucas	40	13	.75	52.25
2 Agents	45	25	.75	\$ 94.25
<b>Arizona</b>				
"Bible Readings"				
H. Grube	37	11		\$ 49.00
C. F. Innis†	30	8		32.50
"Past, Present and Future"				
Roy E. Shinn	25	3		7.50
"Practical Guide"				
F. A. Johnson††	26	10		46.00
Walter Harper	40	34		129.00
I. D. Sanchez	†††30			
6 Agents	188	66		\$264.00
Deliveries:	†25.50;	††\$8.00;	†††\$129.00	
<b>Inter-Mountain</b>				
"Bible Readings"				
F. H. Jenks	32	22		\$ 87.50

A. R. Robinson†	36	9	2.75	49.75
"Easy Steps"				
J. L. Sauder†	(1) 22	1	.75	4.75
Miscellaneous				
Mrs. M. H. Blivent†	41			15.50
4 Agents	131	32	\$ 3.50	\$157.50
† 2 Weeks; (1) Delivery: \$62.75.				

**Week Ending May 11, 1917**

<b>Central California</b>				
"Bible Readings"				
B. T. Myers§	28	10	\$ 2.75	\$ 37.75
"Seer of Patmos"				
J. V. Pierson	17	7		10.50
"Daniel and the Revelation"				
F. P. Chedester§§	34	7	8.75	37.25
J. W. Goertz	28	9	9.25	45.75
Henry Goertz	28	7	5.25	36.75
"Practical Guide"				
F. O. Jensen	34	13		67.25
6 Agents	169	53	\$26.00	\$235.25
Deliveries:	§\$6.25;	§§\$16.50;	§§§\$11.25	
<b>Northern California</b>				
"Daniel and the Revelation"				
James Sims	24	2	\$ 5.25	\$ 13.25
<b>Southern California</b>				
"Daniel and the Revelation"				
D. T. Mackay	10	3		\$11.60
"Bible Readings"				
F. W. Mathisen†	4	4		12.50
Raymond Gunn(1)	96	18		80.40
Miscellaneous				
Ottie W. Smith ††	13			15.20
Louise Vlier	4			7.50
"World War"				
L. C. Maronville				15.00
6 Agents	127	25		\$142.20
Deliveries:	† \$63.95;	†† \$77.95;	(1) 3 weeks.	
Totals	1087	328	\$130.35	\$1341.45
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N. P. Neilsen, President.  
G. A. Wheeler, Secretary.

**\*Plan for Camp-Meeting**

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"— and — got the cow home, and I was going to milk her. — said, 'Take the 10-pound bucket, that's all she will give now. It has been over a month, and the feed is both scarce and dry.' But I had to call to the house for something more to hold the milk. The cow gives just as much as when we left. I did not like to leave the cow while she was giving so much milk."

If we will trust Him, God is willing to do for us more than can ask or think. If obstacles arise, why not seek Him, that He may open the way before us, that we may attend this year? How much longer conditions will permit us to hold camp-meetings we do not know. But surely this is an opportunity we cannot afford to miss.

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THURSDAY, MAY 24, 1917

President Wilson signed the new draft bill May 18, thus making it a law. At the same time he issued a proclamation, naming June 5 as registration day, at which time every man in the country who has attained his twenty-first birthday, and who shall not have attained his thirty-first birthday, is required to register at the registration place in the precinct where each has his permanent home. For this purpose registration places will be open on that day between 7 A. M. and 9 P. M. The penalty for violation of the law is imprisonment for not more than one year, and the individual will then be registered and made subject to military duty. Those within the age limits who will be away from home on registration day, or who are sick, must, before that time, secure registration cards from the city or county authorities, and mail them so as to reach the authorities on or before June 5. All our young men within the age limits specified in the draft law should not fail to register on June 5.

## Plan For Camp Meeting

Camp-meeting season is just before us. All our people should plan to attend. These are times of trouble. Rapidly transpiring events are ominous. None can afford to miss this opportunity for counsel, spiritual uplift, and association with others of like precious faith. The "Testimonies," in Volume 6, pages 38 to 40, make very plain our duty in this regard.

"It is very important," says the Lord to us through His Spirit, "that

the members of our churches should attend our camp-meetings. The enemies of truth are many; and because our numbers are few, we should present as strong a front as possible. Individually you need the benefits of the meeting, and God calls upon you to number one in the ranks of truth.

"Some will say, 'It is expensive to travel, and it would be better for us to save the money, and give it for the advancement of the work where it is so much needed.' Do not reason in this way; God calls upon you to take your place among the rank and file of His people. Strengthen the meeting all you possibly can by being present with your families. Put forth extra exertion to attend the gathering of God's people.

"Brethren and sisters, it would be far better for you to let your business suffer than to neglect the opportunity of hearing the message God has for you. Make no excuse that will keep you from gaining every spiritual advantage possible. You need every ray of light. You need to become qualified to give a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. You cannot afford to lose one such privilege."

One of our brethren living on a farm near Fruitland, Cal., thought he could not attend camp-meeting last year, because of the danger that his crops and stock would suffer. In a letter to one of our canvassers he tells how remarkably the Lord cared for these things as he moved out by faith. This is what he says:

"Yes, we did go to camp-meeting. I thought, what we must get is

spiritual blessing, even if everything at home should be destroyed. I know a little of the Lord's ways, and if things should be destroyed at home, even that would be a means in the Lord's hand to bring us nearer to Him.

"We had a good camp-meeting. Several of our best speakers were there.

"We came to Pilgrim's Home about 10:30 in the evening, expecting to find all, or nearly so, of our hay destroyed by the neighbors' stock and the deer. It is in a kind of a barn. But to my surprise it was just as when we left it. We camped there until morning, and went up to look at the beans and garden, expecting to find them all ruined by somebody's hogs and deer, as the deer are very bad there. But no. Everything was all right. We picked a bucket of string beans, dug some potatoes and a sack of turnips, and took them home with us, well pleased to find Pilgrim's Home in such good shape.

"Well, we went home, where we knew the custom of the hogs was to come in every day or so, and there was a small field of grain almost ready to cut when we left. I looked to find that gone to the chickens and hogs, but it is all there. The corn, both near the barn and in the vegetable garden, is all right. There has been no stock to destroy it.

"I asked — if she had seen any chickens yet. 'No,' she said, 'I expect they are all gone.' A little later I asked — if he had seen any chickens. 'Yes,' he said 'I saw them all in the chicken-house.'

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## Camp-Meeting Dates

Central California	- Recreation Park, Fresno	- May 24 to June 3
Northwestern California	Healdsburg	- June 7 to 17
Northern California	Oak Park, Stockton	- June 21 to July 1
Nevada	- Reno	- June 27 to July 1
California	- Beulah Park, East Oakland	- July 5 to 15
Arizona	- Prescott	- July 12 to 22
Inter-Mountain	- Grand Junction	- July 12 to 22
Southern California	- - - -	- August 2 to 12
Southeastern California	- Anaheim	- August 16 to 26
Arizona	- Safford	- August 16 to 26