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Fasting and Prayer

When God's ancient people were brought face to face with some great crisis, and when, with sincere penitence and with fasting and prayer, they turned to God for deliverance, the mighty arm of the infinite One was always stretched out to save. When in the days of Mordecai all the Jews in the realm of Ahasuerus were confronted with the death-decree, Mordecai approached Esther, the queen seeking her assistance in behalf of their people, and she responded as follows: "Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day; I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law; and if I perish, I perish." Esther 4:16.

Again as Daniel was approaching the hour for the deliverance of his people from Babylonian captivity, he said: "I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes." Daniel 9:3. Then follows

a most remarkable petition to the God whose ear is not heavy that He can not hear, and whose arm is not shortened that He cannot save. In this prayer Daniel freely confessed his sin and the sin of his people, and he said: "Whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the Lord my God for the holy mountain of my God; yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel * * * touched me, * * * and he informed me, and talked with me." Verses 20-22. Immediately God responded to the prayer of this humble petitioner.

We are now approaching the greatest crisis in the history of this world since the hour when Adam left the gates of paradise.

"We have no time to lose. The end is near. The passage from place to place to spread the truth will soon be hedged with dangers on the right hand and on the left. Everything will be placed to obstruct the way of the Lord's messengers, so that they will not be able to do that which it is possible for them to do now. We must look our work fairly in the face, and advance as fast as possible in aggressive warfare. From the light given me of God I know that the powers of darkness are working with intense energy from beneath, and with stealthy tread Satan is advancing to take those who are now asleep, as a wolf taking his prey. We have warnings now which we may give, a work now which we may do; but soon it will be more difficult than we can imagine. God help us to keep in the channel of light, to work with our eyes fastened on Jesus our Leader, and patiently, perseveringly press on

to gain the victory." Testimonies, Volume 6, page 22.

The counsel of the faithful and true Witness is now being fulfilled in the experience of God's people. I wish to call the reader's special attention to the following sentence found in the above paragraph: "From the light given me of God I know that the powers of darkness are working with intense energy from beneath, and with stealthy tread Satan is advancing to take those who are now asleep, as a wolf is taking his prey."

Again I quote: "The ministers are asleep; the lay members are asleep; and the world is perishing in sin." Testimonies Volume 8, page 37.

If it be true that the ministers and the lay members are asleep, and that Satan is advancing to take those who are now asleep as a wolf taking his prey, is it not time that we should arouse and shake off the lethargy that is now creeping over us, and with fasting and prayer turn to God with all our hearts? When we compare our own spiritual condition with the standard of holiness revealed in the life of Jesus to which we must each attain if we are prepared to meet the Master in peace, surely we have great reason for repentance and contrition of soul.

"Satan's snares are laid for us as verily as they were laid for the children of Israel just prior to their entrance into the land of Canaan. We are repeating the history of that people. Lightness, vanity, love of ease and pleasure, selfishness, and impurity are increasing among us. There is need now of men who are firm and fearless in declaring the whole counsel of God; men who will not sleep as do others, but watch and be sober." Testimonies Volume 5, page 160.

Again I quote: "Now is the time when we should closely connect with God, that we may be hid when the fierceness of His wrath is poured upon the sons of men. We have wandered away from the old landmarks. Let us return. If the Lord be God, serve Him; if Baal, serve him. Which side will you be on?" Testimonies Volume 5, page 137.

"If the peace of God is ruling within, its power will not only strengthen, but soften your hearts, and you will be living representatives of Christ. The people who profess the truth are backsliding from God. Jesus is soon to come, and they are unready. The minister must reach a higher standard himself, a faith marked with greater firmness, an experience that is living and vivid, not dull and common-place, like that of the common professors. The word of God sets a high standard before you. Will you, through fasting and prayerful effort, attain to the completeness and consistency of Christian character?"

How blessed to know that "enfeebled and defective, needing constantly to be warned and counseled, the church is nevertheless the object of Christ's supreme regard." It is because He loves us with an everlasting love that He points out our defects, and tenderly entreats us to turn to Him. Today the Lord "is making experiments of grace on human hearts, and is effecting such transformations of character that angels are amazed, and express their joy in songs of praise. They rejoice to think that sinful, erring human beings can be so transformed." Testimonies Volume 7, page 16.

While this is true we must not forget the solemn warnings so clearly pointed out by the One who searches the heart and tries the reins, and before whom we must soon stand in the judgment. We are told, "The people who profess the truth are backsliding from God, Jesus is soon to come, and they are unready." But, thank God, we may yet "through fasting and prayerful effort, attain to the completeness and consistency of Christian character."

"If the Savior of men, with His divine strength, felt the need of prayer, how much more should feeble, sinful mortals feel the necessity of prayer,— fervent, constant prayer! When Christ

was the most fiercely beset by temptation, He ate nothing. He committed Himself to God, and through earnest prayer, and perfect submission to the will of His Father, came off conqueror. Those who profess the truth for these last days, above every other class of professed Christians, should imitate the great Exemplar in prayer." Testimonies Volume 2, page 202.

If we heed this counsel of the tender Shepherd to His people, and with contrition of soul turn to God with all our hearts, we have this blessed assurance: "Nothing else in this world is so dear to God as His church. Nothing is guarded by Him with such jealous care." "The Captain of our salvation will strengthen His people for the conflict in which they must engage. How often when Satan has brought all his forces to bear against the followers of Christ, and death stares them in the face, have earnest prayers, put up in faith, brought the Captain of the Lord's host upon the field of action and turned the tide of battle and delivered the oppressed."

In the light of the above instruction is it not quite important that we should observe the period, Sabbath, and Sunday, September 1 and 2, set apart by the North American Division Conference as a time of fasting and prayer? Shall we not at this time carry out the true spirit of the counsel given us in Joel 2:12-18, and if so, may we not confidently expect to see the fulfillment of the wonderful promise found in verses 21, 23 and 32 of this same chapter? "Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the Lord will do great things." "Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God; for He hath given you the former rain moderately, and He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain." "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call."

E. E. Andross.

"God calls upon His workers to annex new territory for Him. And ministering angels will cooperate with every member of the church who will labor unselfishly for the Master."

An Interesting Letter From China

The following is part of a letter recently received from Elder J. E. Fulton, president of the Asiatic Division Conference:

"I know you will be interested, Brother Andross, in hearing a few words about the progress of the work in this Far Eastern field. We have very much to encourage us. As a result of our re-organization of the field, I can see that our men are getting down to their work in splendid shape, and believe that the work will make more rapid progress than ever before. I am more than pleased with the way the different workers are taking hold. Already it is proving to be a great blessing that we have divided our field, placing these different sections in charge of men who are feeling the responsibility of setting the wheels of our organization into motion.

"I must tell you about a recent visit I made to Wenchow, a prominent city in the Chekiang Province. In company with Pastors O. A. Hall and K. H. Wood, I left Shanghai in a little three-hundred-ton steamer, and arrived at Wenchow on a Friday afternoon, where almost immediately inquirers commenced to come in to greet us. A service was appointed for 10 o'clock next morning. There are three congregations that have been meeting in different parts of the city on the Sabbath, but a union service was arranged for that day. There were present about two hundred, and some of these had come in from the street. We spoke on the great message of Revelation 14 and the second coming of Christ, and our talks were well appreciated by the people. We were kept very busy in the intermission in talking with the people and seeking to arrive at right conclusions concerning the situation. Some of the first ones who took hold in the meetings are well recommended by the other churches and are making good staunch believers.

"On Sunday forty men came in a body from the country representing six or eight towns where similar interests have sprung up, and requested that we work among them. They were especially fine looking

people, rather of the humble farmer folk, and I should say would make very substantial Christian people.

"In the next few days after the above mentioned delegation came to us, we had similar delegations of twos, and threes, and fours, who came from other parts of the country and told us the same story—that the country was ablaze with interest over the Sabbath truth, and they wanted us to visit them. All that many of them know is the Sabbath truth, and there will be a good deal of weeding out when we come to labor among them, but at the same time with wise help I feel satisfied that we would get quite a percentage, but here is the difficulty to man the field properly with wise help.

"Brother Wood remained there a few weeks longer after my return, and he now reports that the interest in the country is greater and more solid than that in the city itself. It is really a wonderful work, Brother Andross, that has been thrust upon us. With the work as we have it now in China, our workers are placed here and there in strategic points and it seems impossible to move any of them to this new field. The best we can do for the present is to send a native evangelist or two, but we ought to have more help. I wish that our people might be stirred to see the great needs of this field, and give as never before for the finishing of the work.

"A few days ago word came from Honan of a new interest in far away Kansu—in that western arm of the Empire that nestles right in the heart of Asia—where a man, who is a Jew by nationality and a Mohammedan by birth, having been born in Mecca, is now a Sabbath-keeper and has quite a large congregation (over 200) of believers in that section of the country. In fact I understand that the majority of those who make up the congregation are, with himself, immigrants. They lived for a time in southern Russia, then migrated finally to Kansu. He visited our mission at Yencheng not long ago, and was delighted to find others keeping the Sabbath. He has read the Bible through many times, and seems to be living in harmony with its teachings as far as he understands them. He

has been visiting relatives along the coast, and was on his way home when he met Brother Gibson.

"Really the report seems too good to be true, but those who have had a long talk with him seem convinced that he is a child of God. He has left for his home, and gives an earnest invitation for some of us to visit him and his people this fall. He desires to enter school to qualify himself further for gospel work. He stated that for years they have been praying that God would send them help in the form of a living preacher. He now returns to his home with courage, believing that God is opening up the way. If this is a genuine case, it would look as though God is opening doors for us in a most marvelous manner.

"If I had the time I should like to take this long journey to visit these reported believers in this distant part of our field. Kanchow, in Kansu, is far beyond where any other mission station is established, so far as we have record. It would be thirty-five days' journey from the nearest railway station going by mule team or sedan chair, about the fastest method of traveling that we could use. I wish you were here, Brother Andross, to go with us. Would it not give you a wonderful view of this great country? But I cannot go myself, as much as I would like, for I am booked to go to India on the last day of this month. I had a cable from Brother Fletcher, president of that union, stating that they wished me to attend their meeting in Rangoon, commencing in September. As the sailings of steamers are somewhat interfered on account of the war, I find it necessary to start somewhat early. I shall not return to Shanghai until late in January, 1918, making an extensive tour through different parts of India."

Dear brethren and sisters, in view of the great proximity of the end, and in view of the marvelous way in which the Lord is opening doors for the proclamation of this message in all lands of the earth, is it not our duty now to do everything in our power to make it possible to send more help to these heathen lands by contributing more freely of our

means for the support of labor, and also by preparing our sons and our daughters as rapidly as possible for labor in these great needy fields? Let us heed the injunction of the Master: "Sell that ye have, and give alms," disposing of our surplus holdings and placing our possessions as rapidly as possible in the cause of the Master.

E. E. Andross.

NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA

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News Items

Remember the call to fasting and prayer, Sabbath and Sunday, September 1 and 2. Begin NOW to search for any plague spots of sin in YOUR heart, that God may help to put it away. It is time for full surrender. Only then can God bestow the baptism of power needful to finish our heaven-appointed work in all the world.

Elder J. D. Alder writes that the interest in the Weaverville effort is growing. He says the people are somewhat conservative, but expects to stir things up before they are through. The new school building was not quite ready for the beginning of the year, which began at Eureka the 27th, but the school began in the old schoolroom, and the new building is being rushed to completion.

What are YOU doing to enlighten your neighbors concerning the meaning of the things that are stirring the world? Have you visited them, taken them tracts or papers, or given them a Bible reading? You know the meaning of these things—pass it on. "The master worker is God, and not finite man; and yet He calls upon men to be the agents through whom He can impart light to those in darkness." "An Appeal to Our Churches," page 22. He says: "Go work today in my vineyard." He said of Himself: "I must work the works of Him that sent Me while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work." John 9:4. And He said also: "As Thou has sent Me into the world,

even so have I also sent them into the world." John 17:18. Let every believer work earnestly in the little time left to warn the world of the coming of the Lord.

Miss May Holt, who has been doing Bible work in connection with the tent effort at Dixon, has been released to take charge of the church school at Berkeley.

Elder M. A. Hollister, formerly one of our conference workers, and who has been doing evangelistic work in the Inter-Mountain Conference, has been released to take up work with us again. He will take charge of the effort at Dixon where Elder Lysinger and Elder W. A. Johnson have been conducting an effort. Elder Hollister and family have already arrived, and he will enter upon his work as soon as it is decided where he will locate his family.

If you do not take the "Review and Herald" you are not keeping in touch with the wonderful progress of the message of encouragement for every member of the family. Send in a subscription, if it is only for six months, before you forget it. You will never consent to be without it again. It helps to brighten the way.

Elder E. A. Brown writes encouragingly of the interest at Covelo. Some are keeping the Sabbath, and the prospects are bright for a good ingathering of souls. Wind ripped the tent badly, the weather continues extremely hot, and a large part of the population were leaving for the hop fields, or to fight forest fires, but the interest keeps up just the same. Real opposition has developed, which encourages the company to believe there are honest seekers for truth there, and the effort will be successful.

Elder H. E. Lysinger has been called to take the presidency of the Inter-Mountain Conference, and will soon be leaving to enter upon the duties of his office. Elder Lysinger has been doing faithful work since entering our field, and it was with a deep sense of loss that we consented to release him. The prayers of our people will follow Elder and Sister Lysinger to their new field of en-

deavor, that the blessing of the Lord may attend them in all their efforts to hasten the finishing of the work.

J. Adams Stevens.

Items

Two hundred and sixty-five papers are not enough for 1500 members. Let us set our goal for 500.

You are missing something good every time you miss an issue of the "Recorder." Subscribe now; price, 25 cents.

Let us remember the call that comes to us to set aside the first and second days of September for fasting and prayer, and ever keep in mind that the benefits derived from such a period depend upon the individual. The whole world is looking to us for knowledge of the things that are coming to pass; and we must be prepared to give the glad tidings to all who ask. Let us unitedly seek God that we may be found of Him.

"Christians should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise. * * * The tremendous issues of eternity demand of us something besides an imaginary religion. * * * God calls for a revival and a reformation. * * * "Turn ye even to Me with all your heart, and with fasting and with weeping, and with mourning: and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God." "Prophets and Kings," page 626.

To every church elder and home missionary secretary has been sent blanks for "Review and Herald" subscriptions. If they do not ask for your subscriptions, ask them for a blank, fill it out and hand it back to them. Let every one, during this special campaign for the "Review and Herald," make it a personal business to solicit subscriptions. "The constant readers of the 'Review and Herald' are not among those whose confidence grows weak in the principles of present truth, or who say in their hearts, 'My Lord delayeth His coming.'"

S. Donaldson.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

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Murphys

Following the Stockton camp-meeting, a tent outfit was shipped to this place and work begun. It is a small mining town, where religion has not the highest esteem, many of the people being skeptics. Our congregations were not large at any time, although interest was manifest on the part of several.

We are gratified with the good work done by our local members, and it is largely due to their work that we were privileged to baptize seven at the close of the meeting, leaving several others who are keeping the Sabbath.

Owing to conditions prevailing the meetings are closing, but house-to-house work is continued by Sister Schachten. We believe a good work will still be accomplished for others who on account of influences were not privileged to attend the meetings.

N. W. Kauble.

J. W. Rich.

CALIFORNIA

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Conference Items

Have you subscribed for the "Review and Herald"?

Elder E. J. Hibbard baptized nine candidates last Sabbath. These souls were gathered during the effort in Berkeley. Probably as many more will be ready soon for baptism.

The writer recently visited the tent company at Morgan Hill. The effort there is conducted by Elder Hills and wife and Brethren John Livingston and Llewellyn Wilcox. We were pleased to find an increasing attendance and interest.

Miss Esther Francis has entered upon her duties as educational superintendent. She has been busy the last few days, as several of our church schools opened this week. The prospects are generally encouraging for most of our schools. A good corps of teachers has been engaged.

Our literature sales at the recent camp-meeting were most encouraging. Last year the sales amounted to \$1144.80, while for this year they were \$1434.94, being a gain of \$390.14. Thirty-five hundred copies of "World War" were sold during the meeting. Now is the time to scatter the printed pages like the leaves of autumn. Soon it will be too late.

"The 'Review and Herald' in every Adventist home in the California Conference!" Can we reach such a goal? Certainly. But we must have the cooperation of every church officer and member to do this. No argument is needed to convince any one who has read the "Review" that he should be a constant reader. Subscribe today. Get others to subscribe. Let everybody become interested.

The appeals made in behalf of foreign missions at one recent camp-meeting are still bearing fruit. A number of people have definitely undertaken to support native workers. There is still opportunity for others to do this. We will be glad to hear from you. A number of pledges made to missions are still unpaid, but we know these were all made in good faith, and that the money will be forthcoming soon.

J. L. McElhany.

August 23.

Oakland Intermediate School

The Oakland intermediate school was opened August 20 with a large number of students present. The best year in the history of the school is anticipated, and it should be, when we realize that this present year is the most critical one in the world situation. We are glad to state that a number of the children who attended public schools last year are enrolled under Bible instruction in the school. Surely our children of school age should be under God-fearing teachers, where they may prepare for the struggles ahead of them.

Miss Madge Moore, formerly of South Lancaster, Mass., is in charge of the primary room. She has had many years of experience in educational lines. The grammar grades

are taught by Mrs. R. S. Fries, who taught in the San Francisco school last year. The eighth, ninth and tenth grades are in the same room. These are taught by the principal. We pray that the Lord will greatly bless our intermediate schools and develop in them such godly young men and women that the last message may be speedily given to a dying world

Vernon Edward Hendershot,
Principal.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

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Items of Interest

Six persons were baptized by Elder B. L. Howe last Sabbath at Bakersfield in their new church building. A good meeting is reported.

Brother V. E. Toppenberg and family, who have spent several years in the mission fields in German East Africa, stopped off at Fresno for a few hours this week on their way to Loma Linda. "The stern necessity of a furlough to save their lives," caused them to come to this country.

The writer had the privilege of meeting with the Tulare church last Sabbath. The ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated in the forenoon. In the afternoon Elder J. B. Stuyvesant gave an interesting account of the work in Central America, where he has labored several years. He is in California on furlough because of his health.

N. P. Neilsen.

August 24.

Crossing the Plains

If we were crossing the wide, trackless plains, far away from civilization, while the hot rays of the sun were pouring down upon the wide expanse, there is one thing we would seek to do—we would keep together, otherwise we might get lost. And there would be one thing we could not get along without. We could dispense with some things that at other times might seem quite necessary. We could eat our lunch without the spoons or forks. We could get along without dessert, but we could not get

along without the water. That would be the crying need; and we must keep together.

We are crossing the burning plains of time, over the unknown trail toward "Father's house." We have not gone this way before. We must keep together in the faith. It will never do for us to draw apart in our views, or we may lose the way that leads homeward and be lost. Our people have had one great unifying factor under God, aside from the Bible and the Testimonies,—the good old "Review."

While other things may seem important, and while other papers may be good, there can be no paper more important for our people than the "Review." We feel the time has come when all our people should be encouraged to take this unifying agency. It is more important than some other things that may be counted necessary. A campaign is being launched. The time has come. More about it next week.

N. P. Neilsen.

Pencilgrams

The Bakersfield school has secured the services of Miss Edith Willits for the coming year. Miss Willits is a graduate of San Fernando Academy, and has attended the summer school at Pacific Union College this summer.

For some time Selma was not sure of having a school this coming year, as they had so few pupils in sight. Recently it was learned there were nine or ten to attend, and immediately steps were taken to secure a teacher. Mr. Allen Johnson, of Eureka, another Fernando graduate, was hired. Mr. Johnson comes well recommended.

It has been decided, in view of the conditions at the present time, to open the schools later than usual, and September 24 has been selected as the opening day. If boards find this is early for them, they may open one week later; if some rather open a week earlier, they may do so. But we should not vary too much, as it is bad for examinations, all of which must come at the same time. Then it also makes the schools close late in the spring.

The summer school was small compared with former years, but the teachers who were present were eager to get all they could, and feel the time spent in the work will be a great help this fall. When we looked over the field and its needs, we found a shortage of teachers, and it is a question where enough will be secured for the schools this coming year. We are short several in Central California so far, but hope to be able to find a few more.

It was decided at our council at Pacific Union College to urge all teachers to follow fully the instruction given in regard to teaching agriculture in our schools. Especially this year should we do all we can to raise food. We are hoping that a garden can be planted in connection with every church school and the children be taught the principles of gardening at least. It is also urged that lessons in simple cooking and household economy be taught in each school and some hot dish be cooked for the noon hour lunch.

Alice Mina Mann.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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Home Missionary Report

Doubtless our friends in the Southern California Conference will be interested in the following figures relative to our home missionary work for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1916, and 1917.

Kind of work	1916	1917
Bible readings or cot-tage meetings	1,349	3,849
Papers lent or given away	38,614	93,159
Tracts given away.....	37,111	77,023
Hours Christian help work	12,326	7,739
Missionary visits	4,531	8,676
Missionary letters writ-ten	1,662	2,764
Missionary letters re-ceived	605	971
Average number report-ing	210	449
Number observing 4th Sabbath missionary meetings	4	10

Number holding regular weekly missionary meetings 7 9

A careful study of these figures will reveal several things of interest. With one exception the figures for 1917 show a large gain over those of 1916. If, during the months to come, we can bring the last three items up to a higher mark all of the other items will show even a greater gain. The reader will note that only about 18 1-3 per cent of our people are reporting their missionary work. While the gain here shown is encouraging, should we not be more active in doing missionary work, and then be prompt in reporting it?

If you report your missionary work "for Jesus' sake," it will be pleasing unto the Lord.

We hope too that more of our churches will begin to observe the fourth Sabbath missionary service, as this will help to strengthen the missionary spirit of any church.

C. C. Morlan,
S. Cal. Home Miss. Sec.

INTER-MOUNTAIN

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Inspirations

Inspirations frequently come to us from those with whom we associate or correspond. While in Vernal, Utah, last winter, my heart was softened more than once by the prayers of little Clara, 5-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Clark, with whom I was stopping. Clara has heart trouble that doctors cannot cure. After coming home a request came from Sister Clark for the Grand Junction church to pray for Clara. We did so in a prayer meeting. In June Sister Clark wrote from Altonah, their present home in the Unita Reservation, as follows: "The children are all well but Clara. She is stronger than when you were with us. It seems like a miracle that she got better. She started to improve when the people in Grand Junction were praying. I know the Lord has blessed her, and I do thank Him for His loving kindness and mercy to me. I am going to raise beans to get the 20 cents a week." Millie,

Clara's little sister, also takes delight in doing and giving for Jesus. They are interested in their mother's tract and missionary work.

This morning Sister A. D. Long, leader of the Clifton (Colo.) church, was in the office with some fine fruit from her missionary apricot tree. For several years this tree has faithfully and liberally contributed to the cause of God. Before it was dedicated to this service, it was considered of little value.

And just this morning Brother H. F. Meeker, elder of the Glade Park church, called at the office. He spoke of how sparsely his neighborhood is settled, and how difficult it is for them to do personal home missionary work. Yet he took a supply of papers and magazines with him. Incidentally he told of receiving frequent calls to minister to the sick, one request having come more than twenty miles. Of course he responded. He is raising four rows of potatoes 44 rods in length—more than half a mile of potatoes for missions.

Our brethren at Palisades and Clifton have responded nobly to our effort to get the "Pacific Union Recorder" into every Seventh-day Adventist home in the Inter-Mountain Conference. These and other people in the valley are praying for the blessing of God upon the coming Harvest Ingathering Campaign. Those who have autos are planning on presenting the message, through the Ingathering "Watchman," to the people in the rural sections.

J. L. Humbert.

BOOK WORK

Report of Book Work

Agent	Hrs.	Ordrs.	Helps	Value
Week Ending August 10, 1917				
Arizona				
"World War"				
G. H. Reese and wife (1)*	120			\$4.65 \$79.20
"Practical Guide"				
I. T. Reynolds (2)	20	3		15.50
"Coming King"				
C. F. Innis (3)	49			6.60
"Bible Readings"				
G. F. Knapp (4)**	73	23		7.00 87.25
4 Agents	262	26		\$18.25 \$181.25
(1) Delivery, \$79.20; * 3 weeks; (2) delivery \$28.00; (3) delivery \$216.60; (4) delivery, \$67.00; ** 2 weeks.				

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"United States in Prophecy"			
Raymond Gunn*	56 13	\$39.25	
"World War"			
Mrs. M. Peterson	5	7.00	
Miscellaneous			
Ottie W. Smith	21	22.50	
Miscellaneous			
3 Agents	82 13	\$94.75	
* 2 weeks			

Week Ending Aug. 17, 1917

California

"Prophets and Kings"			
W. B. Pontynen (1)	20 10	\$4.50	\$49.50
(1) Delivery, \$22.50			

Central California

"Bible Readings"			
G. A. Kuhn	24 7	\$8.75	\$44.25
Iva Garner	22 5	4.50	22.50
B. T. Myers	16 3	7.00	17.50
"Heralds of the Morning"			
H. G. Higgins	23 7	3.25	21.75
Miscellaneous			
Mrs. C. Hollenstin			20.80
Mary Gleason	9 1/2		3.75
6 Agents	95 22	\$23.50	\$130.25

Northern California

"Bible Readings"			
L. A. Reynolds	47 10	\$19.00	\$70.00
Miscellaneous			
James Sims	38	14.60	14.60
2 Agents	85 10	\$33.60	\$84.60

Northwestern California

"Bible Readings"			
M. K. Graham	22 4		\$17.00
"Great Controversy"			
"Practical Guide"			
Walter Harper	40		114.50
M. A. Reese	26 3	2.75	14.75
"Prophets and Kings" and			
"Daniel and Revelation"			
Brethren Maycock			
and Boyd, (1)*	46 6	7.85	30.85
5 Agents	134 13	\$10.60	\$177.10
(1) Delivery, \$30.75; *2 weeks.			

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Although the August "Signs Magazine" cover and the pages throughout are attractive, the real merit lies in the live, interest-holding articles bearing on much discussed questions. The following titles convey some idea of their character:

"Dropping the Protest From Protestantism," "Challenged With a Text" (Sabbath article), "The Shattered Dream of World Empire," "Shadowgraphs of America's Tomorrow," "Man, the Marred Masterpiece" (Immortality), "Christianity's Emancipation Day," "Short-Selling the Future," "The Price of Opportunity," "The Gathering of the Clans," "The Storm Center of Europe's Whirlwind," "In the Land of the Rising Sun."

The Current Number of "Liberty"

There has just come to my desk one of the finest issues of this splendid magazine which it has been my lot to examine. The cover design is a photograph of the President surrounded by the stars and stripes. There are a number of illustrations, among which are a photograph of the president giving his message to Congress; of Senator Borah, of Idaho, a splendid advocate of free speech; and of other men of note in our country.

There are excerpts from other speeches which saved the freedom of the press to America; an article by Elder K. C. Russell, who has written and spoken many times on the great principles of liberty. Elder Russell's article is entitled, "The Civil Sabbath a Religious Cat's-Paw." There is the matter contained in a new and drastic Sunday bill introduced into Congress by Senator John Walter Smith. Elder W. M. Healey has a good article under the caption, "California Legislature Against Religious Legislation."

Other most excellent matter is in this magazine, which we trust that our people throughout the conference will take time to read carefully. These magazines can be secured through the tract society.

W. F. Martin.

Obituary

Wintemute.—Abram Wintemute was born in Ontario, Canada, April 2, 1832, and passed away May 3, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Viola E. Craycroft, in Fresno, Cal., thus being at the time of his death 85 years, 1 month, and 1 day of age. He came with his parents to the United States when 18 months old, residing in Toledo, Ohio, until 1869; moving from that city to Breckenridge, Mich., and from there moved to California, in May, 1876, locating at Tollhouse, where he resided a number of years. He spent the last ten years of his life in Fresno.

He leaves to mourn their loss two sons and one daughter, A. A. and J. G. Wintemute, and Mrs. Viola E. Craycroft, all of Fresno; eight grandchildren and ten great grandchildren, besides a host of other friends.

Brother Wintemute has been a Christian from early life. He became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church about 30 years ago, and has been a consistent member since that time. He was respected by all and loved by those who knew him best. His consistent life was a rebuke to the evil-minded and an encouragement to the Christian. We are confident that our brother sleeps in Jesus, and will come forth in the resurrection of the just.

Elder F. E. Brown conducted the services, assisted by Dr. H. O. Breedon, of the First Christian Church.

"Put your light on a candlestick, that it may give light to all who are in the house. If the truth has been given to us, we are to make it so plain to others that the honest in heart may recognize it and rejoice in its bright rays."

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 1917

"Heaven is to be reflected in the character of the christian."

Elder B. E. Beddoe spent Sabbath, August 25, with the church at Arroyo Grande.

Elder G. W. Reaser, who has been attending the Arizona camp-meeting, returned to the office the first of the week.

Elder G. B. Thompson, who has been attending the camp-meetings in the Pacific Union Conference, left the first of the week for Washington, D.C.

Elder Clarence Santee, president of the Northern California Conference, accompanied by Mrs. Santee, attended the Southeastern California camp-meeting.

Prof. J. S. Washburn and Prof. A. E. Hall attended the Southeastern California camp-meeting, recruiting students for the Pacific Union College and the San Fernando Academy respectively.

Special attention is called to the article, "Fasting and Prayer," by Elder E. E. Andross, which appears on the front page of this paper. Surely in this critical time all of our people will observe this fast. Let us seek God earnestly for more faith, for a deeper Christian experience, and special deliverance in this trying hour.

EDUCATIONAL

San Fernando Academy

Believing that the students and patrons of the academy are interested to know what is being done at the school this summer, a few items are here given.

First of all let none forget to work for our slogan—125 students for the coming year. This can easily be done, we believe, if there are earnest plans laid.

In the cellar will be found over 1000 quarts of as good fruit as was ever put into cans. There are over 100 quarts of plums, 500 quarts of apricots and about 380 quarts of blackberries. Peaches are now being canned. We are also preserving all the eggs laid during the summer.

Not a little repair work is being done. All the opera chairs in the academy building have been varnished, and the floors in the halls and class rooms have been painted. Considerable painting and other work is now in progress in the kitchen and sewing room. We believe the students will appreciate and enjoy these improvements.

The garden will help to solve the food problem. We are still planting, and expect that the garden will yield good returns. The tomato vines are very promising.

This is the place for all who have not completed the academic course. School opens September 12. Come at least one day before, and do not forget the one you are to bring. Send for calendar and ask to have a room reserved. If you do, it will be ready when you come. Let every one work and pray for San Fernando Academy.

A. Earl Hall.

"When whole-hearted work is done, the efficacy of the grace of Christ will be seen."

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August 15 to October 1

The "Review" in every Sabbath-keeping home.

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To assist in meeting the need for Polish and Roumanian literature, a special magazine has been printed in each language. These are called "Signs of the Times," and like the other magazines in foreign languages they have 24 pages and attractive cover in colors.

The following are a few of the leading articles in the Roumanian "Signs" Special: "Greatest of All Events," "Understanding the Times," "Christ Comes as King," "Christ and the Law," "Standard of Christianity."

In the Polish "Signs" Special are the following: "He Is Risen," "Mystery of Redemption," "True Source of Light," "Church Fathers and the Bible," "God the Source of Wisdom," "Nearer the Lord Through Prayer," "Second Coming of Christ," "Armageddon."

Will you not help to place these magazines, with their message of truth, in the hands of any Poles or Roumanians in your neighborhood? One dollar will pay for 10 copies of each, or 20 copies in either language. These magazines are not available at one cent a pound, but take the same rate of postage as tracts. The price of each is 10 cents. In quantities the rate is 5 cents a copy, postpaid. Order through your tract society.

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"Much remains to be done within the shadow of our doors,—in the cities of California . . . and many other are white already to harvest." John 4:35.

Our hope is that all pledges to the \$150,000 Educational Fund will be paid this year.
Have we not compassed this mountain long enough?