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THE PRESENT BLESSING FIRST

In childhood days I longed to be a man,
 To join the world's mad strife, to scheme and plan;
 But angels hovered near to keep my feet
 And make their passing hours both pure and sweet.

To manhood grown this time seems best of all.
 My life I give to God, accept His call.
 Come death or life, my strength is all His own
 To use in earth's broad field, or lay it down.
 When years decline, O blessed thought for me,
 He'll not forsake nor less His portion be.
 The bow is largest when the day is done.
 It brightest shines when near setting of the sun.

When the last page of life is written o'er,
 My hands I fold to take the pen no more,
 I still can say with heart in perfect peace
 The wine is best at closing of the feast.

Clarence Santee.

What Next?

Do you know that a winning cause calls for constant push? It is presumed that every reader of the "Recorder" believes the enterprise it stands for means continued prosperity, and a successful outcome. But this means a many-sided contest, rather than a partial, or special issue. The third angel's message embraces the entire remedial gospel for every anti-Christian measure destined to afflict the last generation of men.

In reality, it is the gospel of the kingdom—that is, the royal authority of the Lord Jesus Christ—which must fit men and women joyfully to receive the Master when He comes. When this has been given as a witness to all nations, then the end will come. Matt. 24:14. So the coming of the Just One, must depend on the sacrificial activity of those to whom is committed the trust of heralding the last proclamation of peace and righteousness to a sinful world.

Besides maintaining local evangelistic work, there is committed to us the duty of carrying the message to distant parts, even to the "regions beyond." There is yet another important phase of the message, which the prophecy of Revelation 13 points out as one of the startling signs of the times, with which this people must deal. Like an astute general, the master of worldly sorrow, contrives to calm the people into lethargy upon this line, by causing a partial cessation of activity on the part of the world in fulfilling this prophecy.

But it will pay us to be wise as to the Satanic program, and prepare for the "general drive" that is surely preparing to drive us from the field. Listen to the warning of truth on this point: "As the storm approaches, a large class who have professed faith in the third message, but have

not been sanctified through it, abandon their position, and take refuge under the banner of the powers of darkness. . . . When the test is brought, they are prepared to choose the easy, popular side. . . . They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren." "Spirit of Prophecy," Vol. 4, page 426.

Surely the reader of this does not want to be found in this class at the latter day. But it is easy to see that in this case, some of our foes will be those from our own household. What then ought we to do? This is it: "Evangelists should be finding their way into all the places where the minds of men are agitated over the question of Sunday legislation and the teaching of religion in the public schools. It is the neglect of Seventh-day Adventists to improve these providential opportunities that is hindering the advancement of the cause." Vol. 9, page 51.

Everything now indicates that the end of the conflict is not far away. But even now we have this to meet: "In the last conflict the Sabbath will be the special point of controversy throughout Christendom. Secular rulers and religious leaders will unite to enforce the observance of the Sunday; and as milder measures fail, the most oppressive laws will be enacted." "Spirit of Prophecy," Vol. 4, page 444.

To meet this terrible issue we must make provision beforehand. The time has been announced for a general offering toward this Sabbath, February 23, is Religious Liberty day, when a generous gift from every one will be expected. Why should not the churches of the Pacific Union Conference maintain their past reputation in this behalf, and give a substantial sum on that day?

J. O. Corliss.

Harvest Ingathering for 1917

"Over the top." It is very gratifying to find that we have passed our goal by nearly \$20,000. We wish to sincerely thank every one who took part in this grand united effort.

The circulation of considerably over 1,000,000 copies of the "Watchman" is a task. As a result of this united effort many thousands know more of our movement and message than ever before. Great blessings have come to us as we have put on the armor and gone forth to the warfare.

The following report by union conferences for 1916 and 1917 will be studied with interest. It is our plan to give a report by conferences in the columns of the "Review." You will be interested to see just how your conference came out as compared with others.

Unions	1916	1917	Gain
Atlantic	\$15,721.41	\$17,742.02	\$2,020.61
Central	13,531.53	10,403.23	*3,128.30
Columbia	18,732.37	2,685.30	7,962.93
East Canadian	4,342.35	5,206.30	1,377.95
Lake	19,748.69	25,201.15	5,493.46
Northern	13,611.65	17,869.32	4,257.37
North Pacific	9,508.35	14,603.53	5,095.18
Pacific	13,303.45	21,227.14	7,923.69
Southeastern	3,870.11	7,353.20	3,483.09
Southern	4,265.24	6,121.80	1,856.56
Southwestern	4,892.17	4,955.72	73.55
West Canadian	4,435.78	11,013.32	6,577.54
Miscellaneous		223.45	225.45
Totals	\$125,953.10	\$169,170.18	\$46,345.38
Gain over 1916			\$43,217.08

*Loss

We wish that space would permit of our giving a detailed report of what some churches and individuals have done. We are certain that with more experience and better organization we can do more during 1918.

F. W. Paap.

Healed by Prayer

The following is written for the benefit of the many friends and relatives of Sister C. E. Knight, who is now on furlough from the South American field. She came to the St. Helena Sanitarium a few months ago, very much run down in health, and needing a heavy operation. After due examination and preparation, the operation was performed successfully; but for weeks she lay in a critical condition. Her system was so full of malaria and other poisons, that frequent chills had to be combated by constant treatments. As little or no food could be retained on the stomach, her strength was daily failing. Man's extremity was now God's op-

portunity to work. The instruction given in James, the fifth chapter, was closely followed.

On a beautiful Sabbath afternoon, the elders of the church gathered around her bed, and in response to her request, she was anointed. We did not dictate to God as to what He should do, but simply and fully presented her case. Our faith took hold of what seemed best. To God be all the glory, for from that hour she began to mend.

It was Sister Knight's wish that this story of healing be told that others might rejoice over "what God hath wrought."

S. T. Hare.

FIELD TIDINGS

INTER-MOUNTAIN

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The Conference School

Quite often recently we have been asked the question, "How is the Conference Intermediate school building at Rulison progressing?"

One of the most important and serious problems with which the Inter-Mountain Conference has to cope at the present time, is school facilities for our young people.

A number are forced to go to public schools this year thereby being deprived of that instruction which is the foundation of all education. Others are attending schools in other conferences and for some, the railroad fare has been more than they could afford. One young man from Campion Academy writes that it will be necessary for him to leave school before the term expires. He says that his railroad fare costs so much, he hasn't the money to finish school. He inquires of the progress of the school at Rulison, and intends to go there next year. Others are waiting for the privilege of attending this school. We feel that we must be ready to receive all students of the intermediate grades by next fall.

Now as to the progress of the building. The cement work of the basement is finished. The building is to consist of two rooms, besides the basement, and at the most conser-

vative estimate, will cost close to \$2000 when finished. About \$300 is in hand with which to begin the building. Our policy is to pay as we go, but realize that \$300 will not go very far. It is not enough to enclose the frame work.

At a meeting of the conference committee, January 1, it was thought best to raise 65 per cent of the funds needed, before beginning the erection of the building. How and where shall we raise this money? There is one place to go—to our loyal brethren and sisters who comprise the constituency of the Inter-Mountain Conference.

Through His spirit, the Lord has spoken to us in the following terms: "To parents He sends the warning cry, Gather your children into your own homes; gather them away from those who are disregarding the commandments of God, who are teaching and practicing evil. . . Establish church schools. Give your children the word of God as the foundation of all their education. . . Where are your children? Are you educating them to discern and to escape the corruptions that are in the world through lust? Are you seeking to save their souls, or are you by your neglect aiding in their destruction? . . . There ought to be many whose hearts are touched by the pitiable situation in which our youth are placed who realize that Satan is working by every conceivable device to draw them into his net. God requires the church to arouse from its lethargy, and see what manner of service is demanded in this time of peril. . . The lambs of the flock must be fed, and the Lord of heaven is looking to see who is doing the work He desires to have done for the children and youth." Vol. 6, pages 195-197.

Will we, by our neglect, aid in the destruction of our children? We answer, "A thousand times, no!" Shall we not bestir ourselves, and do the work God desires us to do?

Brother N. A. Johnson, the contractor, is now ready to begin work on the erection of the building, and the brethren at Rulison, realizing how scarce labor will be when the busy season comes, have donated about \$75 more work, to help Brother Johnson.

We plead with those who are able,

whether you have children or not, to give of your means just now, to help save our youth. Give as readily as you would to save the children of the heathen, for they are just as precious. Send your donations to the conference office.

H. E. Lysinger.

NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA

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Conference Items

Elder M. A. Hollister visited the churches in Humboldt County January 29 to February 3 in the interest of our missions goal.

Open doors in mission fields are clarion calls for increased liberality. Remember the goal is 25 cents per member for missions.

Brother C. L. Bond is now located at Lakeport. He plans a busy campaign with literature between now and General Conference.

Elder A. Nelson tells of encouraging progress at Vallejo. A short series of meetings will be held in the church beginning February 23.

A large number of new subscriptions for the "Review and Herald" have recently come in. If you haven't subscribed, do it now. "It brightens the way."

May be your "Recorder" subscription is about to expire. The price is still 25 cents per year, 1/2 cent per week. Send in your subscription before you forget it.

Elder M. A. Hollister baptized one individual at Vacaville, January 26. Sister Laura Morrison is following up the interest there, and reports several keeping the Sabbath.

As a result of the effort at Ukiah, conducted by Brethren J. R. Dieffenbacher and Alonzo Baker, twelve new believers have been baptized. Several more will be baptized at the first opportunity, and a number of others are keeping the Sabbath.

February 1.

J. Adams Stevens.

Ukiah

Early in November we commenced our effort in Ukiah. Although our location, situated in a hall upstairs, and not in the center of town, did not seem to be the best for meetings, yet the attendance from the beginning has been very gratifying, averaging about 100 an evening. As a result of this series of meetings, 12 were recently baptized and six more are awaiting another opportunity. Elder M. A. Hollister has spoken several times during the meetings and administered the ordinance.

Three of the local pastors have attacked us very vigorously, one of them challenging us publicly to debate the Sabbath question with him. He was invited to present his views, and the following evening we replied from the Word. The vote of the audience was that the law and the Sabbath are still obligatory upon Christians.

The Baptist minister was very cordial to us until our distinctive truths were presented; indeed, he advised his congregation to attend our meetings at every opportunity. But the Sabbath truth together with the law caused a decided revulsion of feeling on his part, and of late he is admonishing his flock to forcibly close the door in our faces. However, quite a number of his congregation are making decisions for the truth.

The members of our own church have been faithful in attending the meetings, and have remodeled and repapered the church in anticipation of new members coming in. It now presents a neat and dignified appearance, and with the addition of another room which is planned, it will be a very comfortable and pleasant place in which to worship.

We thank the Lord for what He has done for us and through us in this place, and we are easily repaid for our labor by the joy which the new ones manifest over their new-found truth. We are praying that their "first love" may continually grow.

J. R. Dieffenbacher.
Alonzo L. Baker.

"Christ has purchased us by the price of His own blood. He has paid the purchase money for our redemption, and if we will lay hold upon the treasure, it is ours by the free gift of God."

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

C. Santee, Pres. Verah MacPherson, Sec.
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Conference Items

In every country where God has faithful children, there is the same spirit of looking forward to other lands with a missionary spirit.

Almost every Sabbath a baptism takes place in some one of our churches. Sabbath, January 26, a company came to the Lodi church from Stockton, and six were baptized in the Lodi baptistry.

Brother Verah MacPherson, our secretary and treasurer, visited Mountain View and San Jose, January 28 and 29, visiting the grave of his only brother, near San Jose, while away.

Sunday was a special convention day. Prof. M. E. Cady assisted in the instruction to conference employees and church officers. We feel sure that a forward step will be made in the churches as a result of this meeting.

This is how the faithful ones of India are teaching their lukewarm brethren: "Go ye into all the world," we say to our missionaries. "Stay right here in my pocketbook," we say to our rupees. We take an interest in missions, but we keep our money on interest. "Thy kingdom come," we pray. Ah, we must send our money and fetch it. The Lord will judge us, not by our prayer books, but by our account books." India logic. Is it good?

Friday and Sabbath, January 25 and 26, we were favored at Lodi with the presence of Elders E. E. Andross and E. W. Farnsworth. Elder Farnsworth spoke Friday night and Elder Andross spoke to the congregation on Sabbath at 11 o'clock. Sabbath afternoon Elder Meade MacGuire held a meeting for the young people. This closed a series of meetings that Elder MacGuire has been holding with the young people of the school, and which were especially helpful to many of the students, and also to the faculty.

Clarence Santee.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

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

Twenty-five cents per week is our goal for 1918. Will your church reach it?

The writer attended the Pacific Press annual meeting and a meeting of the union conference committee at Mountain View the first part of this week.

Three persons were baptized at Tulare last Sabbath by Elder F. E. Brown. We pray that they may remain faithful to the truth they have accepted.

Remember the canvassers' institute to be held at Fresno, February 16 to 26. Brethren H. H. Hall and F. E. Painter are expected to be with us a part or all of the time.

Elder E. H. Adams met with the Dinuba church last Sabbath. Arrangements have been made for him to meet with this church the fourth Sabbath of each month.

It is with deep sadness that we chronicle the death of Sister Lida Ackley last Monday afternoon. She was apparently getting very well after her operation, and was hopeful of a speedy recovery when her heart suddenly failed her during a severe coughing spell, and she passed away within a few moments. A more complete account will be given on another page. Our conference will deeply feel the loss. Sympathy is extended to the bereaved.

February 1. N. P. Neilsen.

SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA

W. F. Martin, Pres. J. C. McReynolds, Sec.
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Since January 1, 1917, I have been laboring among the churches of Orange County. During the months of January and February, meetings were held two nights a week in each of the following places: Orange, Fullerton, and Garden Grove.

On Sabbath, February 24, I had the privilege of burying 16 dear souls with their Lord in baptism: three from Orange, five from Fullerton

seven from Garden Grove, and one from Santa Ana. The Orange church was filled beyond its seating capacity. Many outsiders were present to witness this solemn ordinance. Two more were baptized Sabbath, March 24.

May 10 we began a series of meetings in a new 50 by 70 khaki tent at Fullerton. Having no ministerial help, Brother Winters, elder of the Orange church, kindly assisted in the effort. Also Miss Myrna Lee and Miss Myrtle McGill did very efficient work as Bible workers. As the result of our combined efforts, 18 souls were added to the church by baptism, making a total of 23 additions to the Fullerton church during 1917. Having no church organization there, all joined the Anaheim church until Sabbath, December 29, when Elder W. F. Martin organized the first Seventh-day Adventist church at Fullerton, with a membership of 23 faithful souls rejoicing in the light of the third angel's message.

July 4, in company with Elder H. C. Basney, Brother H. McWhinney and wife, Miss Lee and Miss McGill, we moved our tent to Placentia, three miles east, and began meetings the following night, with a small attendance. As the result of this effort, three earnest souls are keeping the Sabbath, and were baptized by Elder Basney.

On July 19 I was suddenly stricken with perforation of the stomach, caused by a gastric ulcer, and was hurried to the Loma Linda Sanitarium, where, by quick work on the part of the doctors and nurses, aided by God's blessing, my life was spared, although a serious operation was necessary. From this I have fully recovered, and feel very thankful to God for His blessing through it all.

I attended the Anaheim camp-meeting, after which Elder R. S. Owen and I held a meeting at Santa Ana, where eight dear souls were baptized and united with the Santa Ana church. Several others are interested, some of whom are keeping the Sabbath.

During the year, 47 have been added to the church by baptism, and three others have been reclaimed. Nearly all the Orange County churches are rejoicing for having passed the twenty-cent-a-week goal, and are all determined to meet the twenty-

five-cent-a-week goal for 1918, thus helping to finish the message to the world.

Pray for the work here.

L. E. Brant.

Schools and Societies

A new school has been added to our list. It is in the home of Brother A. Logan, of Calipatria, in Imperial Valley. Mrs. H. E. Farmer is the teacher. There are seven children in attendance. We welcome our sixteenth school.

The calls for Bible Year schedules have been the despair of Brother W. R. Goss of the tract society office. A large shipment of supplies is now on hand, and the schedules will be sent out as soon as possible. The list of Bible readers is growing long. Surely every Seventh-day Adventist, old and young, should read the Bible regularly. The little schedules will help.

Miss Lura Atwood writes of the Junior society at El Centro: "The children are sure we can more than reach our financial goal. They are earning their money; it is not being given them. They have \$9.80 now."

At Riverside there are 17 pupils. The number taking the Reading Course is 17, and the number of Bible Year members is also 17. They are working to reach their financial goal of \$1.80 for each member.

The Missionary Volunteer society at Santa Ana, under the leadership of Mrs. H. E. Buckhelm, is planning active missionary work. A club of "Signs of the Times," furnished by members of the church, is the material for the work. The matter of cottage prayer bands is being taken up by old and young. The pupils of the church school are also interested in missionary endeavor.

At Escondido a company of 16 pupils, taught by Miss Laura Sturges, are working together with a fine spirit to do a good year's work. They begin the day with the "Morning Watch," and several are reading the Bible through. The church is feeling the influence of the school in a spiritual uplift, a power to draw the members together.

Again a country school leads! The San Pasqual church is adding to their school a room for domestic science

and one for woodwork. Classes in each will be started soon. The enthusiasm of the children is no greater than that of their parents, who feel that nothing is too good for their children. It is to be hoped that every other school in the conference will follow the lead and make provision for "manumental" training.

Junior society reports come in regularly, but several of the secretaries of the senior societies cause no end of worry by their delay in reporting. We can scarcely label our efforts missionary work when we neglect such important matters as reports. The habit of slighting responsibilities which we have assumed, is a dangerous one,—one on which the great Missionary can not look with favor. Secretaries, please take notice.

Max Hill.

HOME MISSIONARY

Our New Department

At the request of the conference home missionary secretaries in this union, and by action of the Pacific Union Conference Committee, this "Home Missionary Department" is being opened in the "Recorder." The need of greater publicity regarding the importance of the organization of our church members for service is felt by all the leading workers in our union. This will become as interesting as any department in the paper.

Interesting items from every part of the union will appear in this department. Helpful suggestions from various of our ministers and other workers together with experiences of our people who are actually working out great plans will make this department of general interest.

While conference presidents and conference home missionary secretaries will give special attention to furnishing brief articles for this department, we invite all our workers and church officers to report briefly any experiences which they feel sure will be of encouragement to others in organizing our churches for service.

B. E. Beddoe.

San Francisco Churches

Word comes from Brother H. B. Thomas, the home missionary secre-

tary of the California Conference, telling us, "We presented the home missionary program in the Laguna Street church, San Francisco, last Sabbath and they responded to the plan nobly. Sixty-eight people signed the definite pledge to do something each week and to report their work. They will have a missionary meeting the fourth Sabbath of each month, and started their work by ordering 5000 'Present Truth' on which they will place a rubber stamp inviting people to attend the Sunday night lectures held by Elder R. S. Fries. We are to put the plan in operation at the Mission Street church, San Francisco, next Sabbath."

Fifteen Hundred "Signs" for Long Beach

For many weeks our tract society workers have been working overtime in listing up and ordering the large numbers of "Signs" subscriptions that have been coming in. From every part of the field word comes that our churches have been increasing the size of their "Signs" clubs. Many churches have multiplied the number that has been taken heretofore.

Of peculiar interest is the latest news in this regard. On Sabbath, February 2, the Long Beach church subscribed for a club of 1551 copies of the "Signs" weekly for one year. Our members there seem to appreciate that we are entering upon a great forward movement. Plans are being worked out to thoroughly district territory adjacent to, and including, Long Beach. The plan also contemplates the organization of the church in such a way that practically every member of the church will accept territorial and soul responsibility.

Central California Being Organized

Brother G. A. Wheeler, the home missionary secretary of the Central California Conference, writes that Elder N. P. Neilsen, the president of the conference, was calling a meeting of the conference committee to meet February 4, assigning definite territory to each church in the conference. It is planned to assign every square mile of territory in Central

California to the churches. There will not be a city, town, or district that has not been assigned definitely to some church. Their plan contemplates reaching far up into the mountains, searching out people in most remote sections of the conference.

In this great work being organized in the conference it is anticipated that vast quantities of literature will be needed. To give some idea of the magnitude of the work, as seen by the leaders in the conference, our readers will be interested to know that 50,000 copies each of several numbers of the "Present Truth" have been ordered merely as a part of the literature that is to be used. Besides this, thousands of copies of the "Signs of the Times" weekly will be used. It is a great forward movement, never to end until the work is finished.

BOOK WORK

Why Is It?

Why is it we are negligent in doing that which God would have us do? Why is it that those who believe the Saviour's coming will be in our day do not do more than they are doing? Why is it that our sisters who want to do something more than they have done do not do it? Why is it at the beginning of the year those who have worked with the home workers' books quit? Why is it you have time to work in November and December, and haven't time to work in January and February?

Brethren and sisters, the time has come to do something twelve months in the year. This is God's work in which we are engaged, and you are drafted. Are you going to claim exemption? Let us with the power of the Lord arise and do that which He would have us do.

Perhaps you have thought of working,—some of you have said so, some are thinking of it now. Let us quit thinking and go to doing. Soon probation will close; it will then be too late, so join us now and we will unitedly hasten the Master's return. Those interested in the circulation of our good books, write to G. H. Barbee, 537 Twenty-fifth St., Oakland, Cal.

Book Report, Week Ending January 18, 1918

Agent	Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Value	Del.
California						
Miss A. Newgard	W.W.		116		\$ 29.00	
Mrs. Pratt	W.W.		24		6.00	
Dr. Barbour	F.Q.		140		35.00	
Mrs. Gallion	W.W.		300		75.00	
L. M. Overholt	B.R., G.C.	35			35.00	
5 Agents		35	580		\$180.00	
Northern California						
M. A. Reese*	Misc.	40½	8	\$ 7.80	\$ 29.60	
James Sims	P.G.	44	3	20.85	31.35	
L. A. Reynolds*	B.R., P.G.	88	10	13.50	66.00	
3 Agents *2 Weeks		172½	21	\$42.15	\$126.95	

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Arizona						
G. F. Knapp	B.R.	20	1	\$13.00	\$ 19.50	\$24.25
W. H. Spicer*	P.G.	45	23	9.00	119.00	24.25
2 Agents *2 Weeks		65	24	\$22.00	\$138.50	\$48.50
California *						
S. A. Wright	C.E.S.				\$12.00	
L. M. Overholt	P.G.	70			31.00	
2 Agents *2 Weeks		70			\$43.00	
Northern California						
L. A. Reynolds	B.R.	35	5	\$ 4.25	\$28.25	
M. A. Reese	Misc.	29½	3	10.00	17.80	
James Sims	D.R.	37	1	4.50	15.75	
3 Agents		101½	9	\$18.75	\$61.80	
Southeastern California						
H. E. Farmer	B.R.	40	14	\$12.30	\$75.30	
TOTALS		484	648	\$95.20	\$625.55	\$48.50

MISCELLANY

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For Rent, Sale or Exchange.—A 3.64 acre place in San Fernando, three

blocks from Seventh-day Adventist Academy. Six-room house, bath, closets, cellar, gas, electric lights; concrete incubator house, capacity 10,000 eggs; orange and olive trees, family orchard, garden, berries. Would exchange for Loma Linda property. Address Box 41, Loma Linda, Cal. 2t

Papers for Soldiers

Each week the Missionary Volunteer Department of the Pacific Union Conference is mailing out copies of the "Review and Herald," the "Youth's Instructor," and the "Pacific Union Recorder" to all our soldier boys from this union whose addresses we have. Since the addresses of soldiers in training are changing so frequently, we have found it necessary to receive these papers in quantities at the union office and remail them. In this way our boys may receive papers every week if they keep us informed regarding changes in address.

We wish that every registered

young man liable to service would take special note of two things:

First, if he desires to receive the above mentioned papers weekly, he should write to the Missionary Volunteer Department, Pacific Union Conference, Box 146, Glendale, Cal., giving his camp address the **very day** he is located in an army camp.

Second, he should also keep the department posted regularly regarding any changes which may occur in his address.

Persons desiring to assist in meeting the expense of sending out these papers thus, will kindly send contributions to their local conference treasurer, labeling same "Soldier Boys' Literature Fund."

B. E. Beddoe.

Papers Wanted

Brother S. B. Taft, of the Fort Apache Indian School, at White River, Arizona, sends a call for literature for the once famous fighters, the Apache Indians. There are about 6000 Indians on the reservation. Brother Taft, whose address is given above, would like a continuous supply of old or new copies of the weekly and monthly "Signs," "Review," "Watchman," "Life and Health," "Youth's Instructor," tracts and books. The more pictures the papers have the better. He would especially like copies of "Our Little Friend."

The Slacker

He said he was thirty-one. A raid was made upon his home, the family Bible was consulted and it was found that one figure in the date, 1887, had been changed. The 7 was changed to 6 of course. Did it make any actual difference in his age? Likewise the writer of "The Slacker" article, which appears in the February "Signs Magazine," reasons that the true seventh-day Sabbath, which was established for all time, is none the less the Sabbath, even if a man or a group of men at a later time substitute another rest day. The message is in a pleasing form in the February "Signs Magazine."

"Our garden had never looked so lovely to me as on the day of our return. I recognized an expression of the love of Jesus in every shrub, bud,

and flower. . . . There was a beautiful pink flower in the garden called the rose of Sharon. I remember approaching it and touching the delicate petals reverently; they seemed sacred in my eyes." Do you know the source of this little question, which tells of the wonderful joy that filled a young girl's soul when she gave her heart to the Saviour? It is selected from Volume I. page 19, of the "Testimonies for the Church." How many of our Missionary Volunteers have begun the special Testimony reading course? Have you? It is interesting as well as very helpful.

E. A. I.

The Two Crossings

The February "Watchman Magazine" has a very striking and significant cover design entitled "The Two Crossings." In the year 1776, George Washington, our first President, crossed the Delaware to engage the British and throw off all foreign entangling alliances, thus making democracy safe in America. Now in the year 1918 we find President Wilson by the side of Great Britain, leading this nation across the Atlantic in one supreme effort to make democracy safe for the entire world. Covers like this on our magazines appeal strongly to the public, and help to render the articles contained in the magazine of deeper and more significant interest.

Obituaries

Ketchum.—George Ketchum was born February 9, 1836, in Missouri, and died at Hollister, Cal., January 14, 1918, aged 81 years, 11 months and 5 days. Brother Ketchum accepted the third angel's message many years ago. He rests in hope of a soon-coming Saviour. His wife, one son and daughter are left to mourn.
A. D. Benton.

Whitney.—Mrs. Mary Whitney was born in New York in the year 1844. She was married during her twentieth year, and shortly afterward became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. For the past few years she has resided in Napa, Cal., where, after a prolonged illness, she passed away at 10 P. M., Dec. 30, 1917, in the hope of a glad resurrection. She leaves a fond husband.
S. T. Hare.

Osborn.—Mary Catherine Osborn, nee Graves, was born Sept. 27, 1870, at Murphy's Camp, Cal., Nov. 7, 1917, in Fresno, Cal. She was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church for 27 years, and especially enjoyed the blessed hope as the end drew near. A husband, three sisters, and a brother mourn her loss. We laid her to rest, at Lemoore, Cal., to await the call of her Lord.

E. H. Adams.

Holman.—Georgia L. Corbett was born at North Adams, Mass., August 12, 1851, and died at Los Angeles, Cal., January 14, 1918. In 1878 she became a Seventh-day Adventist and was joined in marriage to Elder F. M. Lane. Elder Lane died in 1889, and in 1890 she was married to Brother Frank J. Holman, whose death occurred at Tustin, Cal., in 1915. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Beth Vance, a grand-child and two sisters. Funeral services held at Santa Ana, Cal., January 17, Dr. B. E. Fullmer and the writer officiating.
G. D. Ballou.

Snook.—Margaret Adams was born in the state of New York, March 17, 1833, and fell asleep Dec. 20, 1917, at her home in Healdsburg, Cal., aged 82 years, 9 months, 3 days. She came West in 1865, in which year she was married to William P. Snook. Three sons were born to this union. Sister Snook was a pioneer member of the Healdsburg Seventh-day Adventist church, having accepted the truth under the labors of Elder J. N. Loughborough. Always a faithful representative of the message, Sister Snook sacrificed for the advancement of the truth. One son, Marcus A. Snook, remains to mourn her passing. The funeral was conducted by the writer. The interment was at Santa Rosa. J. Adams Stevens.

Nichols.—Charles M. Nichols was born at Vernon, Vermont, in 1838, and died in Lodi, Cal., Jan. 11, 1918. He was converted at an early age, and accepted the third angel's message in 1860. In 1864 he was united in marriage to Sarah Richmond, and came to California in 1893. Brother Nichols has served as elder of the Lodi Seventh-day Adventist church for several years, also as missionary sec-

retary about three years. His faithfulness and zeal in the service of his Lord will have a lasting influence. He leaves a wife and three children, Fred Nichols, of Modesto; Mrs. C. E. Holmes of Lodi, and Mrs. Battee, of Lockeford, and fourteen grandchildren. He awaits the Saviour's call to life in the Lodi cemetery.

D. T. Fero.

Gussa.—Anna M. Herman was born at Davis, Wisconsin, March 30, 1868, and died January 6, 1918, at Palisades, Colo. She was married, Sept. 17, 1889, to Herman Rudolph Gussa. He was laid to rest about three months before her death. She was the daughter of Chas. J. Hermann, who was a minister of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Three children are left to mourn, but not as those who have no hope.

H. E. Lysinger.

Wolfson.—Mrs. Anna Howell Wolfson was born at Wolverhampton, England, Feb. 13, 1845, and died near Merced, Cal., Jan. 10, 1918, aged 72 years, 10 months, and 27 days. When four years of age, she came to America with her parents, and lived in the eastern states for several years. She came to California about 58 years ago, the transcontinental trip being made by ox team.

She accepted the truth and was baptized in 1908, and united with the Merced church of which she remained a member until her decease. Six sons and one daughter, besides other relatives survive her. The funeral services were conducted by the writer, and we laid her to rest until the voice of the Life-giver shall call her forth to immortality.

N. P. Neilson.

Six Hundred and Sixty-six

Some venturesome writers have tried to make these figures fit the kaiser and even Nero. Our readers will all agree with Brother Stemple White's statement in the March "Signs Magazine" that "God has the number of the most mischievous, arrogant, and Heaven-defying religious-political machine in this world." Brother White's wonderfully clear explanation of the matter is bound to make a profound impression on all who read it.

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The Pacific Union Conference committee met at Mountain View on January 29, for the discussion and decision of important questions in connection with our work.

Brother B. M. Emerson, secretary and treasurer of the Pacific Union Conference, has been auditing the books of the Central California and Northern California conferences during the past two weeks.

The annual meeting of the Pacific Press Publishing Association was held at Mountain View, Cal., a week ago last Monday, January 28. A full report of this meeting will appear in a later issue of the "Recorder."

Elder E. E. Andross spent a few days in Arizona last week, attending the meeting of the auditing committee of the Arizona conference at Phoenix, and speaking to our people at the Phoenix church on the Sabbath.

With this issue the "Recorder" opens its columns to a new department in which will be presented the home missionary work of the union field. We believe these items will be read from week to week with much interest.

Brother and Sister J. L. Brown, who for a number of years have been laboring at San Salvador, Central America, are in California, on furlough for a year on account of Elder Brown's health. They expect to attend the coming General Conference in San Francisco. At present they are visiting relatives in Pasadena. Brother and Sister Brown were in San Salvador at the time of the earthquake. Sister Brown is a relative of Elder J. O. Corliss.

Lida Ackley

Miss Lida Ackley was born in Wisconsin, March 18, 1869, and died January 28, 1918, aged 48 years, 10 months and 10 days. She gave her heart to the Lord and was baptized at the early age of twelve years. For eleven years she taught public school, and began teaching church school at Sand Prairie, Wisconsin, in 1903. She had a deep interest in the children, and was always willing to sacrifice for the cause she loved.

In 1906 she came to California with her folks, and taught church school at Fresno for five years. Many of our young people will remember her as their faithful teacher.

Sister Ackley was the first educational and young people's secretary of the Northern California Conference. In September, 1913, she connected with the Central California Conference as secretary of the Sabbath school department. The following year she was asked to also carry the work of the educational and young people's departments in connection with her Sabbath school work. This she did acceptably, but it was found that it overtaxed her physical strength and in 1915 was relieved of this work. From that time until her decease, she devoted all her energies to the Sabbath school work and to corresponding with the isolated ones.

Upon advice from physicians, she recently underwent an operation, and was apparently getting along nicely, and we had hopes that she would soon recover, when during a severe coughing spell her heart suddenly failed, and in a few moments she had passed away.

She lived an exemplary Christian life and manifested strong faith in the Lord, and had learned the secret of resting in the arms of her Saviour. She labored on; oftentimes almost beyond her strength. Although a great sufferer at times during the last few months, she was not heard to complain, but was reconciled to the will of God, and bore her suffering patiently, knowing that our heavenly Father knoweth best. She leaves her aged father and mother, one brother, one sister and many other near relatives to mourn their loss, but not without hope.

The funeral services were held in the Fresno church. There was a very large attendance; many being present from different parts of our conference. The services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Elder E. H. Adams. A touching letter, containing a message of advice and instruction to our young people, written by Sister Ackley shortly before she went upon the operating table, was read by Sister Opal Stone.

While someone must be found to take her place in her chosen line of work, it will be most difficult to find anyone to fill her place as she filled it. But our Father knoweth best, and like her, we will trust him and be reconciled to His will and humbly submit to His decree.

She is now resting from her labors, but we know that the influence of her Christian life will continue to be felt; her labors of love will still bear fruit in the salvation of souls. We committed her to God, knowing that soon the voice of the Life-giver will call her forth from her resting place to Father's home on high, where we shall meet again never more to part.

N. P. Neilsen.

"General Conference Bulletin"

The next General Conference will be held in the Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, March 29 to April 14, 1918. A daily Bulletin of the proceedings will be issued as has been the custom for a good many years. The Bulletin will be published by the Pacific Press Publishing Association.

It is now less than two months until the conference convenes, hence none too early to place orders for the Bulletin. This will be the most important General Conference ever held, and surely every Seventh-day Adventist will want to read the Bulletin. The price has been placed exceedingly low, only 50 cents. Send orders to your tract society office.

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