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The Value of Time

The average man who has reached sixty years of age has spent 20 years in sleep, 8 to 13 years in labor, 4 solid years in eating, 5 years in childhood play, 5 years in school, 2 years reading, and about 2 years sick. From 9 to 14 years are unaccounted for and have earned him no benefits physically, financially or spiritually. In each day of twenty-four hours the average person is blessed with from 3 to 5 hours which can be rightly improved or fooled away.

The wise man has said, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven." Eccl. 3:1. Certainly now, in these closing hours of earth's history and of man's probation, we should improve every spare moment in our daily record that our credit on the books of heaven may be sufficient to carry us through eternity.

"Our time belongs to God. Every moment is His, and we are under the most solemn obligation to improve it to His glory. Of no talent He has given will He require a more strict account than of our time." "Christ's

Object Lessons," page 342. And yet how easy it is to fritter away our time, ever mindful, but never heeding the admonition that "procrastination is the thief of time." The admonition comes again, "seek ye first the kingdom of God," and yet how few there are who are actually doing this. All the pleasures of the world, all the cares of this life are summoned up as excuses to dissuade individuals from doing what the Savior requires of them in order to make their calling and election sure.

Our magazine work offers a convenient way to improve our time. It utilizes those spare moments which would otherwise prove our spiritual downfall. It is full of interest and requires practically no previous experience. As you engage in this work and talk with those who are seeking for light, you will experience a vitalizing force come into your life that will bring with it a refreshing of unspeakable peace, and happiness. Resolve to-day that you will sell a few magazines each week and let the children have a part in this great work of bringing salvation to others.

"The moments now granted to us are few. We are standing upon the very borders of the eternal world. We have no time to lose. Every moment is golden, and altogether too precious to be devoted merely to self-serving. Shall we not strive to use to the very best of our ability the little time that is left us in this life, adding grace to grace, power to power, making it manifest that we have a source of power in the heavens above? Resolve to redeem the time. Seek not your own pleasure. Rouse yourself! Take hold of the work with a new purpose of heart.

The Lord will open the way before you. Make every possible effort to work in Christ's lines, in meekness and lowliness, relying upon Him for strength. Understand the work the Lord gives you to do, and, trusting in God, you will be enabled to go on from strength to strength, from grace to grace. You will be enabled to work diligently for souls "while the day lasts; for the night cometh in which no man shall work. Who will seek God earnestly, and from Him draw strength and grace to be His faithful workers in the missionary field?" "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 9, pages 117, 186, 200.
C. E. Hooper.

No Vacation for Junior Societies

The church schools have closed for the summer, and the children, "glad in the freedom of school let out," have laid text-books aside and are ready for the long-anticipated vacation.

But what about the church school junior missionary volunteer societies? Have they closed too? When "teacher" left town and the school-house door was locked, were those fine, flourishing junior bands discontinued because no one had been chosen to take charge of the work during the summer months?

If such is the case in your church, a duty lies before you. The vacation season is the very time when our boys and girls need the steady influence of the junior missionary volunteer society. It will encourage them to read suitable and helpful books; it will direct their social activities; it will keep their interest directed in proper channels; it will train them in service. Every church where there are enough children, should have a junior society.

Call the attention of the church officers to the need for a junior leader. Agitate the question until it is attended to. The one chosen to superintend the work should be a strong, consecrated individual that the society may be conducted with good discipline, yet in kindness. Let the one selected as leader get in touch with the conference missionary volunteer secretary, that plans and information pertaining to the junior work may be sent to the proper one.

Do not wait for someone else to attend to the matter of urging suitable leadership for the children. You are as responsible as anyone for calling attention to the need. Remember, Satan does not go on a vacation in the summer; if anything, he redoubles his efforts. The children need every means of grace that can be supplied to help them to shun evil and do right this summer. Will you see that such is provided?

Ellen Iden.

FIELD TIDINGS

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

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Field Secretary's Report, Stockton Camp Meeting

In reporting the progress of the book work in the California-Nevada Missionary field, I am glad to tell you that the work has been going forward the past year in a very interesting manner. You who were here in this tent last year, will remember that I told you of a little county up in the high mountains just south of Lake Tahoe; that so far as our records were concerned no one had ever visited the 140 people reported living there; and on leaving the camp Brother L. A. Reynolds expected to have the honor of taking this message to those poor souls located among the snow-capped peaks of Alpine County. You will be interested to know that he found about 40 people located there instead of 140, who were mostly Indians, and that he delivered a number of our large books to them as well as selling a quantity of small books. I wish to emphasize the fact that there

is not a city or village as well as the highways and hedges that have not been entered in the conference of which you are a part.

If you will turn with me to Volume 7, page 140, you will find these sacred words: "In a large degree through our publishing houses, is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory." Truly our hearts have been made to rejoice over and over as we have seen rays of light shining from those who have accepted this message by the circulation of the printed page. Our faithful colporteurs who have gone out with a burden for souls, have realized that God has graciously blessed their efforts.

At the recent General Conference Elder A. G. Daniells made statements in reference to the colporteur work that are of interest to us all. He said: "I thank the Lord for His blessing that is resting upon our publishing work. Brethren, there is nothing like it on the earth. There is nothing like it in any denomination. They are not doing this. It is going beyond all our imaginations of many years ago. None of us ever imagined that we would ever have such a system and such success, and be circulating such great quantities of literature. We never would have supposed that we could go out into heathen lands, mission fields and get a system established there and see the heathen tramping from house to house with literature the same as in the homeland. But it is being done. It has passed the experimental stage. We have demonstrated already that this system for the circulation of our literature is just as effective there as here."

"There is no crisis with the Lord." This was the slogan of the publishing department at the General Conference. I feel that we should adopt it as our motto. "There is no crisis with the Lord" when we come to the publication and promulgation of the great world-wide message of mercy God has given us. Do we realize that God is in the movement and nothing can stop it? We are publishing literature in 94 different dialects, and languages; there are 134 periodicals, 562 books, 364 pamphlets, and

1,648 tracts. To purchase one of each it would cost you \$704.50. Think of it, brethren, under the blessing of heaven we are selling almost \$3,000,000 worth of literature annually. If you were living in 1854 you could obtain a copy of all our publications for only 35 cents. Indeed the written word is being scattered as the leaves of autumn."

"Then let us toil and let us pray.

The shining mansions wait;

The Master longs to call us home,

And close each pearly gate;

But honest souls are still unwarned,

And we must speed the call,

Or share the fate of those distressed

On whom His wrath shall fall."

—Lydia G. Stickle.

E. H. Abbott.

Field Efforts

Our good camp-meeting is now in the past, and our conference laborers have never gone out into the field facing such conditions as are confronting them at the present time. There is need of Christian forbearance and grace, that the saving message may go forward unhindered, and I appeal to every member to pray for them in a special manner as they once more take up the field work.

It is planned to hold tent efforts in the following places:

In Quincy, Elders N. W. Kauble and W. P. Dayton in charge, assisted by Brother James Crawford, who expects to join them in a short time.

Elder A. J. Osborne and Prof. W. B. Taylor will locate in Nevada City. Sister W. B. Taylor and Brother Howard Carter are connected with this effort also.

A tent meeting in Ripon will be conducted by Elder J. W. Rich and Brethren C. D. Stone and Earl Osborne.

Elder M. J. King and Brother F. M. Butterfield expect to labor at Engles Mill, in Indian Valley.

Elder T. H. Watson will labor in Stockton for a time, assisted by our Bible workers who are located in that place. Later he will visit points north where calls have been made for labor.

Clarence Santee.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

J. A. Stevens, Pres. W. F. Field, Sec.
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The Midsummer Offering

Word just received from Washington states that Sabbath, July 20, has been set apart as the day for the midsummer offering. A stirring appeal is made for the largest offering ever given in mid-summer. The mission board treasury usually begins to scrape bottom about this time, and now as never before funds are needed to open the work in the many new fields that are pleading for the message, and to sustain the work in the fruitful fields already entered.

In distant lands people endure great hardship to hear the message. Persecution is the lot of most of those who accept the glad tidings, but they are willing to sacrifice everything for the truth. Elderly women have walked hundreds of miles to attend a meeting; young men and women have been subjected to cruel torture for obeying the message—and so the work goes.

Let all the churches that took an offering on Sabbath, July 6, add it to the offering to be taken on July 20.

Central California has responded liberally to the calls this year. Shall we not do even better for this one?

J. Adams Stevens.

Happenings of the Week

Miss Emma Hansen canvassed three and one-half days in Clovis and Malaga securing \$93.00 worth of orders besides visiting and treating the sick. Ross Morris took \$18.00 worth of orders last Tuesday. One college student who gave him an order for "Our Day" stated that she had been wanting just such a book. Miss Agnes Hansen sold 80 "World In Perplexity" and secured 80 more to take with her on a camping trip.

While in company with Carol Bond, of Hanford, on Thursday, we took orders for 29 "World in Perplexity," most of which were sold for cash. One lady invited us in to show us a book that she was reading, and to our happy surprise we found it to be "Coming King." She had much to say in favor of the book. The

time has come to finish the work, and we are assured that our publications will be faithful witnesses to the end.

C. L. Davis.

Items of Interest

Elder E. H. Adams reports the baptism of five candidates in Hanford, Sabbath, July 6.

Elder R. R. Breitigam baptized two individuals in Visalia July 6. He says the young people are planning a strong campaign there.

The interest in the tent efforts continues good, and indications promise a good harvest of souls. Several new Sabbath-keepers are reported at Exeter.

Ten churches average better than twenty-five cents per week per member for mission. How does YOUR church average? Are YOU personally reaching the goal?

Brother B. M. Emerson, our genial union conference auditor, spent Tuesday, July 9, at our office arranging to turn over the treasurer's work to Brother W. F. Field, our new secretary-treasurer.

Prof. M. E. Cady spoke in the Fresno church on Sabbath, July 6. He also was present at a meeting held the following evening to consider how to care for the rapidly growing school work in Fresno.

Brother G. A. Wheeler, who has served the conference so faithfully as secretary-treasurer, has entered upon his duties as conference church missionary secretary, and will from now on devote his whole time to this important department.

The tithe in the Central California Conference for the two quarters ending June 30 amounts to \$22,858.77. This is an increase of \$5,546.82 over the same time last year. Surely God's people ought to be faithful in their dealings with God. His blessing is promised to those who return to the Lord His own in tithes and offerings. The offerings to missions for the two quarters ending June 30 were \$13,461.30, an average of 29 cents per member. This is an in-

crease of \$6612.22 over the same period last year. Surely the seriousness of the times should inspire all with a realization that it is time to do all we can to hasten the finishing of the work.

J. Adams Stevens.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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In the Field

The writer recently returned from a trip through the northern part of our conference, visiting all of our churches, companies and isolated members.

A small company of believers in Oxnard, who, as frequently as possible, meet with the company in Ventura, are striving to hold up the standard of truth, and are freely using literature to help give the light of God's truth to those around them.

In Santa Barbara the church is working faithfully with "Present Truth" and our small books. As a result of the home missionary work in that city, many are interested and some have asked for Bible readings. Sister L. E. Cox, who has been laboring in Santa Barbara has not only held Bible studies with interested ones, but has also taught some of the lay-members how to conduct these studies.

While Sister Cox has been called to another part of the field, and her help will be missed, yet the brethren and sisters in Santa Barbara are glad to have the services of Elder S. A. Oberg. He will not only be a great help to the church, in holding public meetings and conducting Bible studies, but having had several years of experience in Spanish-speaking fields, will help materially in building up the Spanish work, in which Brother Kelley has labored so faithfully for some time.

Elder Oberg is now holding Sunday night meetings, and a number of outsiders are regular attendants. On Wednesday evenings he conducts public services for the Spanish people. The missionary meeting on Tuesday night was well attended. The report of the secretary was evidence that the members are working.

Elder Olberg accompanied me to Arroyo Grande and San Luis Obispo. Elder J. R. Patterson, assisted by Miss Edna Reaser, has just closed a series of meetings in Arroyo Grande, and on Sabbath we were pleased to see some of the fruits of their labors. The little church here has worked faithfully during the effort. Both companies—Arroyo Grande and San Luis Obispo—ordered a good supply of literature to use in their work.

Elder Patterson accompanied me in visiting our isolated members at Templeton, Atascadero and Paso Robles. It is indeed encouraging to meet these dear people, and to learn of their missionary activities. They are of good courage in the Lord, and being isolated and not having church privileges, they desire, and need, the prayers of God's people.

On Sunday night a little company, including some outsiders, gathered in the Lodge Hall, in Santa Maria. Miss Edna Reaser is now doing Bible work here, and several persons have already begun to keep the Sabbath. This company also ordered a supply of literature.

At Lompoc we were very glad to meet Brother and Sister W. W. Garahan. Their faith in this message seems to grow stronger year by year.

May the Lord add His blessing to the faithful efforts these isolated members put forth, and give them souls for their hire is our prayer.

C. C. Morlan.

A Call to Service

"The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church-membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers.

"The salvation of sinners requires earnest personal labor. We are to bear to these the word of life, not to wait for them to come to us. O that I could speak words to men and women that would arouse them to diligent action! The moments now granted to us are few. We are standing upon the very borders of the eternal world. We have no time to lose." Vol. 9, page 117.

If there was ever a time in the history of this message when the

above had a direct application, it is now. It comes as a "call to service" to every man, woman, boy and girl in this denomination. Now should be the time when Isaiah 61:5 is fulfilled: "And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers."

Friends, we have the greatest work that was ever given to any people living on this earth. Can we be content without saying, "Here am I; send me"? You are more than willing, I am sure, to give yourselves fully if you knew where you could work to advantage. Let us again go to the word of inspiration. We read: "If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the people." Manual for Canvassers, page 15. A most important part of the work is open to you. Will you come and help us?

Reports coming in show that we have indeed reached the zenith of this work. God's spirit is working with wonderful power upon the hearts of the people. One colporteur recently passed all records when he took orders to the amount of \$1,039.50 in one week, only to lose this record in a few days when another took, in 49 hours, orders for \$1,050 worth of books. While these are exceptional cases, yet so far as I have been able to learn, there is not a field that has not made remarkable gains in the amount of literature sold during the first six months of this year as compared with any previous corresponding length of time in the history of our work.

In this conference the work is going with a force that it has never had before. Brethren Woods and Magnussen, two of our Fernando boys, are working in what has been difficult territory. This is their first experience, but the report of their sales have exceeded any that have ever come from this territory.

Herbert Cox, with no previous training or experience whatever, in the first four days sold \$45.00 worth of "Our Day." He is working in the vicinity of Sawtelle. Pearl Hodge, our youngest colporteur, sent in her first report of over \$40.00. Brother Ozono, our Japanese worker, has done excellent work among

his people. The Misses Thompson and Painter are getting nicely started in the city of Los Angeles.

But again we are admonished that "where there is one canvasser in the field, there should be one hundred." So dear brethren and sisters, we are appealing to you to help in this important branch of the message. Why not begin to plan definitely to take up this line of work? Southern California is calling. Will you come? Soon this work will close up. Soon the opportunity for presenting our literature will be forever closed. Let us work while it is yet day, for the "night soon cometh."

V. L. Beecham.

SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA

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Southeastern California Conference and Camp Meeting

The Southeastern California camp-meeting will be held this year on the Polytechnic High School grounds in Santa Ana, Cal., August 15 to 25. The conference session beginning Tuesday evening, August 13, will precede the camp-meeting, and we hope to finish the business of the conference before the camp-meeting begins on Thursday evening, August 15. All delegates should be in their seats at the first meeting of the conference on Tuesday, August 13, at 8 P. M. The roll will then be called and the regular work of the conference begun.

The city of Santa Ana gives us the free use of the high school grounds with the conveniences of the school building, the same as we had last year in Anaheim. The campground is only a few miles from the coast, so no doubt the weather will be nice and cool.

Our past camp-meetings have been a great blessing to our people and we are looking forward to a most excellent meeting this time. Elder A. G. Daniells, our General Conference president, will conduct a series of studies on the book of Hebrews. Those who heard the studies given by him last year know that a spiritual treat is in store for us. These brethren come to us with heaven-sent messages, and in this time of stress,

we can not afford to miss this feast of good things.

You should write for your tent reservations to J. C. McReynolds, 310 Loring Bldg., Riverside, Cal. The prices will be the same as last year.

W. F. Martin.

From the Field

Brethren John Knox and Clark Warren pitched their tent in Brea and plan to hold a short meeting there before camp-meeting begins.

Elders L. H. Proctor and H. C. Basney report a good interest in their meeting in Chino. Many earnest people attend the services each evening. Clark Warren and Miss Nary have been assisting them.

Elder L. E. Brant and Brother L. E. Folkenberg are finishing their tent meeting in Redlands. Miss Sherrill has been assisting them since school closed. Most excellent results have attended the work in Redlands. Thirty-four persons were baptized and other are keeping the Sabbath.

Elder C. F. Folkenberg and Brother R. G. Schaffner still have a good interest in San Diego. Miss Myrna Lee and Miss Rose Smith are doing Bible work in San Diego. A number are keeping the Sabbath and many others are interested. The tent was well filled with interested listeners last Sunday evening.

Many good improvements are going on at the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. The Lord has blessed and prospered His work at this institution. The patronage has been good the past year. A good class of patients received treatments and a most excellent spirit prevails among the workers. We are glad to have this sanitarium in our conference.

We are expecting great things at our camp-meeting in Santa Ana. Elder A. G. Daniells and other leading brethren from the General Conference, Elder J. W. Christian, president of our union, besides other union and our own local conference workers will take part in the meetings. The Lord will be present to bless. One special pleasing feature of our meeting and one which you can not af-

ford to miss will be Elder R. S. Owen's Bible studies on the book of Hebrews. This will be food to your soul.

It was the privilege of the writer with others to visit a number of our boys at Camp Kearny, several of whom have been sent there recently. We found them of good courage and true to principle. While we were not privileged to hold a regular meeting, a number of them gathered in a group and we had a good visit together. As we looked into the faces of these splendid, clean, young men, we thought of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon, and prayed that no fault could be found with them except concerning the law of their God.

July 10.

W. F. Martin.

Societies and Schools

Notice, children and young people! There will be a large stock of Reading Course books at camp-meeting. Bring your money to buy them. The books are splendid.

Our latest missionary volunteer society is the one at Blythe, in the Palo Verde Valley. The membership is not large, but the leader, Brother J. H. Cartwright, plans to make it a live, working society.

One of the most pleasant closing exercises of the year was given by the children of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium school, in National City. Miss Letha Atwood had trained the children very thoroughly, and the theme of the evening was well presented. The program was entitled, "The Life of Christ Told in Story, Poem, and Song." The name of Jesus will certainly be ever dear to children who give such a program.

Word comes that the brethren in New River have purchased a fine building which is large enough for church and school purposes. Brother and Sister Arthur Hollenbeck have been secured to teach the school, which promises to become one of our strongest intermediate schools. The brethren of Imperial Valley, who are parents of children and young people ready for grades nine and ten, would do well to plan to send them to this school.

"Goal Dollar Day." Last year our special day to raise the amount of our goal came at camp-meeting time, as in the case this year, August 24. Shall not every society leader urge each young person to have a dollar saved by that date? The young people of our conference are asked to raise \$1187 for the work in the Philippine Islands. Let us all work for it. Bring the offering to Santa Ana August 24, or give it to the society treasurer if you cannot come to camp-meeting.

At least four new schools will be added to our list next year. But there will be many of our children still outside the influence of Christian education. Do our parents realize that when they do not place their children where the Lord directs, they are virtually daring the devil to come and take them? There will not be many of the children of the last generation of earth's history in heaven who have not received a Christian education. We cannot ask God to go contrary to His own instruction to save our children and youth.

Several schools have given attention to Reading Course work this year. The primary children at Loma Linda, under the direction of Mrs. F. W. Gardner, secured twenty-four certificates. Miss Edith M. Barnes' school at Riverside secured twenty-eight. At Hemet, where Miss Alma Fink taught, thirty-seven certificates were received, several having read all three courses. Eight of Miss Ileen McKenzie's pupils at University Heights, San Diego, marched up for their "diplomas" on a recent Sabbath. Other schools have also sent in names. This is a line that parents can do much to encourage.

Max Hill.

Tract Society Items

The work of the tract society is onward. The sales for the first six months of 1917 were \$6422.83, and for the same period in 1918 they total \$8835.66, an increase of \$2412.83.

Every other Sunday we make appointment with one of our churches or sanitariums and be there with a supply of our books. In the nine Sundays we have been out, our sales

have amounted to over \$1600, which shows that our people are willing to buy our message-filled literature and loan to neighbors and friends, when opportunity is given at special rates.

Elder A. G. Daniells's new book "World in Perplexity," is certainly meeting with great success, and is just the book to loan to inquiring neighbors and friends, as it clearly sets forth the soon coming of our Saviour. The "harvest truly is ripe." Price, 25 cents. Ten copies, \$1.35, postpaid.

The new tract by C. B. Haynes, "Russellism, or the Coming of a False Christ," is just the thing each person should have in his pocket in meeting the objection that our literature is Russellism or has something to do with it. Price 5 cents postpaid. Special price in lots of 25 or more. Order of your tract society.

Southeastern Cal. Tract Society.

Southeastern California Association of Seventh-day Adventists

The second annual session of the Southeastern California Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the camp-meeting and conference at Santa Ana, Cal., August 13 to 25, 1918. The first meeting will be called to convene at 10 A. M., Thursday, August 15, 1918. The election of a board of trustees and other regular business will be transacted. All delegates to the Southeastern California conference are delegates to the association session. 3t

W. F. Martin, President.

J. C. McReynolds, Secretary.

Southeastern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

The first biennial (second) session of the Southeastern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene on the camp-ground in Santa Ana, Cal., August 13, 1918, at 8 P. M. It is expected that the business of the conference can be transacted before the commencement of the camp-meeting, the evening of August 15. The regular officers of the conference will be elected at this meeting, and other business pertaining to the conference transacted. All delegates should be present at the first meeting, August 13, 8 P. M. 3t

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Education Campaign

SLOGAN

Every S. D. A. Home Personally Visited

GOAL

Every Seventh-day Adventist Boy and Girl in Our Own Schools

Every Student in Our Schools a Worker

Push the School Census

In our educational campaign we are taking a census of all our boys and girls of school age. This is a very necessary feature of our summer's effort to arouse a new and deeper interest in Christian education, for it is part of our plan to follow up this initial campaign with continuous systematic endeavor toward our goal: "Every S. D. A. Boy and Girl in Our Own Schools."

We cannot do thorough work unless we know the name and address of every such boy and girl in our land. One effect of the war on the government's plans is a provision for registering the birth of every child in the nation from now on, with the avowed purpose of saving 100,000 more babies a year than heretofore, and of assuring to every child health and robust physical development. Can we do less for our 35,000 boys and girls of school age than to register them all and do our utmost to assure them the best possible conditions for spiritual development?

I wish, therefore, to urge every worker in our educational campaign to do faithfully his part to PUSH OUR SCHOOL CENSUS TO COMPLETION. Let every educational officer see that this is done in his territory. Let every reader of this article co-operate with the campaign workers in every way he can. If any boy or girl is overlooked, let parent or friend or somebody pass in the name and address to the educational superintendent or to the union educational secretary. Let not one boy or girl be left out.

W. E. Howell.

"If Christians were to act in concert, moving forward as one, under the direction of the Power, for the accomplishment of one purpose, they would move the world."

BOOK WORK

Progress

There is nothing more cheering to the genuine believer in the third angel's message than the evidences of its onward progress. The sooner the message reaches every nation, and kindred, and tongue and people the sooner will our work be done, "and then shall the end come," and we, if faithful, shall go home to the heavenly mansions where the roar of cannon and the rush of enemy hordes will no more threaten our liberties, destroy our peace, or rob us of the companionship of loved ones; where there will be no more broken hearts, no more starving millions, no more poverty and pain and sin. Heaven hasten the glorious day! But it cannot come until we can say with the Saviour, "I have finished the work which Thou gavest me to do."

Our task is far from its completion, yet I fear we sometimes fail to appreciate the magnitude of the work that is really being done. Many and varied are the means that are being used, and God's prospering hand seems to be in the work of every department. In no phase of our work is this more strikingly evident than in the publishing department.

The demand for our literature, both large and small, seems to be steadily growing. Evidence of this is found in the latest report sent out by the Pacific Press Publishing Association.

The accompanying table of sales for the period of six months for the Pacific Union Conference, and for the entire Pacific Press territory, shows a very encouraging gain over the same period last year.

Pacific Press Territory

	Subscription	Total Book Sales
1917	\$102,744	\$138,177
1918	172,382	220,157

Gain \$ 69,538 \$ 81,980

It will be noted that while last year was our banner year up to that time it has been greatly overshadowed by the sales thus far this year, so we can clearly see that the work is still going forward in a most remarkable manner.

Does this not indicate that we have reached the time when God is going to "finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness?" Dear reader, is it not time for you to so arrange your affairs that you may have part in the closing up of this glorious work? Consult the field secretary of your local conference.

Pacific Union Conference

	Subscription		Total Book Sales		Gain
	1917	1918	1917	1918	
Arizona	\$ 5306	\$ 2219	\$ 5699	\$ 2614	*\$ 3085
California	2855	7205	5043	9343	4300
California-Nevada	2707	3782	4510	5682	1172
Central California	2433	2930	3537	4780	1243
Southern California	2947	3306	4339	4835	496
Southeastern California	2056	1711	3136	3683	547
Inter-Mountain	2975	7485	3331	7980	4549
Totals	\$21279	\$28638	\$29595	\$38915	\$12311
Net Gain					\$ 9226

*Loss.

F. E. Painter.

Book Report, Week Ending June 21, 1918

Agent	Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Value	Del.
Inter-Mountain						
J. J. Schaefer	O.D.	57	31	\$.50	\$ 82.50	
F. Vance	B.R.	42	30	13.60	144.60	\$ 3.40
Geo. A. Nelson	O.D.	40	15	7.75	34.50	15.50
Ascar Snipes	O.D.	40	22	7.25	54.75	14.50
F. B. Jensen	O.D.	32	8		23.00	
Russell Johnson	P.G.	29	13		69.00	
Wesley Andress	C.E.	24	55		21.85	
Till F. Patton	B.R.	18	4	3.50	20.50	7.00
Chas Longlaw	B.R.	18	1		5.00	
J. E. Ford	O.D.	15	29		77.50	
10 Agents		315	208	\$ 32.60	\$ 533.20	\$40.40

WEEK ENDING JUNE 29, 1918

Central California

J. W. Beardslee	G.C.	19	7	\$ 1.50	\$ 32.00	
A. E. Horn	P.G.	44	11	14.50	55.00	\$ 97.00
J. E. Whitmore	B.R.	12	5	1.00	25.00	
G. R. Kuhn	B.R.	54	11	42.75	91.75	9.50
J. J. De Fehr	O.D.	17	9		44.00	
Ross Morris	O.D.	12	15	15.95	55.95	2.00
Emma S. Hansen	O.D.	26	16	29.50	71.70	
Rose Winterberg	P.P.F.	30			42.00	
8 Agents		214	74	\$105.20	\$ 417.40	\$108.50

Southern California

Herbert Cox	O.D.	22	11	\$.50	\$ 32.50	
Wayne Woods	O.D.	24	10	3.35	31.35	
Norman Magnessen	O.D.	26	4		21.65	
Pearl Hodge	O.D.	5	4		12.00	
4 Agents		77	29	\$ 3.85	\$ 97.50	

Inter-Mountain

Helen Bates	C.E.	50	159		\$ 39.70	
Frank Vance	B.R.	41	20	5.10	94.10	\$ 17.30
Oscar Snipes	O.D.	41	18	7.00	44.00	14.00
Russel Johnson	P.G.	41	6		26.00	
Geo. Nelson	O.D.	40	10	6.25	38.25	6.25
Fred Jensen	O.D.	39	36		102.50	
F. H. Jenks	B.R.	34	30	.75	140.75	
J. J. Schaefer	O.D.	33	16	.50	46.50	
J. E. Ford	O.D.	31	27		70.00	
J. L. Sauder	B.R.	21	22		111.50	
Wesley Andress	C.E.	10	20		6.35	23.55
G. L. Roberts						171.00
12 Agents		381	364	\$ 19.60	\$ 719.65	\$232.10

MISCELLANY

Help Wanted.—Mechanical and common laborers for work on the White Memorial Hospital, Los Angeles, Cal. This includes carpenters, painters, plumbers, etc. 3t

Wanted.—Names and addresses of persons (Seventh-day Adventists preferred) desiring employment in Vegetarian Cafeteria, Los Angeles. Address Vegetarian Cafeteria, Third and Hill Sts., Los Angeles, Cal. 2t

Wanted.—Position, by Seventh-day Adventist young man, 16 years of age. Would like work outside of the city, preferably ranch work, with some of our brethren. For further information write J. E. Baker, 3705 Morgan Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.

Wanted.—Small place (country preferred) of from one to five acres, not over one mile from church school. Unimproved land might be considered. Want land that will raise good garden and fruit. Coast or west side of mountains preferred to interior. Address P. O. Box 500, Chowchilla, Cal.

Sanitarium Association of Seventh-day Adventists of Southern California

The tenth session of the Sanitarium Association of Seventh-day Adventists of Southern California will be held on the camp-ground, corner Washington Street and Orchard Avenue, Los Angeles, Cal. The first meeting will be held August 7, 1918, at 9:00 A. M. This meeting is called for the purpose of electing a board of trustees for the ensuing term; to study the advisability of amending the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, and to transact other business that may properly come before the meeting.

The membership of this corporation consists of its board of trustees, and the members in good standing of the Seventh-day Adventist churches in California south of the summit of the Tehachapi Mountain Range, and also San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties, that are and shall be in attendance at any regular called conference or convention in the above described territory.

On this basis any person present who is a member in good standing of a Seventh-day Adventist church in either the Southern or Southeastern California Conferences, will be recognized as a member of the association and will be entitled to participate in the proceedings of the meeting.

W. F. Martin, Vice President.
B. M. Emerson, Secretary.

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THURSDAY, JULY 18, 1918

Northern California Camp-Meeting

The Northern California camp-meeting was held on the same grounds as last year—in Stockton—and a few things that were important factors in its success might be mentioned.

The business of the conference was largely finished on the first days of the meeting, making it possible to give the balance of the time to spiritual interests.

Elders J. W. Christian, W. H. Anderson and G. F. Enoch carried the larger burden of the general services. The Lord blessed them with freedom, and the message borne was "meat in due season."

This was preeminently a missionary camp-meeting. The note of consecration for service, and the needs of the great mission fields sounded throughout the meeting. Truly we are in the closing days of the message. Its rays are rapidly penetrating the darkest fields which remain unentered. When this is accomplished, we are assured that the end will come.

After the large offering taken at the General Conference, it was thought by some that the offering at the local camp-meetings would be small. But the Lord is arousing His people, and our offerings were larger than ever before.

Elders M. N. Helligso and G. W. Wirth rendered excellent help in the young people's department, assisted by Sister E. H. Osborne, our local secretary. Nearly all the young people who were on the grounds either re-consecrated themselves to the service of the Lord, or took their stand definitely for the first time. A few went away unblessed, but a loving God is calling yet, and not one of them is forgotten.

At the close of the afternoon service on the last day of the meeting, Brethren M. J. King and W. B. Miramontez were solemnly ordained to the gospel ministry. Elder G. F. Enoch read the charge of God to those who accept of this solemn service, with its admonitions and encouragements.

With the passing of this meeting, another mile-post is passed, and we again look out into an unknown year of trial and victory for the trusting saint.

Clarence Santee.

The Pressing Need of Teachers

In normal times our educational officers have experienced much difficulty in supplying a sufficient number of teachers for our local church schools. The shortage last year was more pronounced than at any previous time. Now that we are pushing a campaign to bring all our boys and girls into our own schools, it means that the need of teachers will be more pressing than ever before. We must increase the number of our elementary schools to accommodate the recruits from this campaign. The question of how to provide teachers enough has been a vital one from the beginning of our campaign.

In a recent letter to our educational secretaries and superintendents, the general department of education has suggested these four sources from which to draw an added teacher supply the coming year:

1. Seventh-day Adventist teachers now in the public schools.
2. Those who have formerly taught but are not now engaged in teaching.
3. The graduates from our colleges and academies.
4. Seventh-day Adventist graduates from normal schools.

Special Request

Will every teacher, prospective

teacher, or person who would consider teaching, who belongs to any one of these four classes, be kind enough to write to the union educational secretary or the educational superintendent of the local conference in which he lives, for more definite information about the need of teachers and how to enlist for teaching service in our own schools?

Will every reader of this paper who knows of anyone belonging to one of these classes please write to the union educational secretary or the superintendent, giving such information as he may have about such persons?

There is no higher service that can be done to the cause of educating our children than to comply with these requests, and otherwise work and pray to the end that our schools may be adequately supplied with teachers. We are working earnestly to bring in the recruits, and we must not fail to make the best provision possible for their care and instruction.

W. E. Howell.

Southern California Association of Seventh-day Adventists

The seventeenth session (first biennial) of the Southern California Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the Southern California Conference and camp-meeting, July 30 to August 11, 1918, at Washington and Orchard Streets, Los Angeles, Cal., for the purpose of electing a board of trustees for the ensuing term, and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting. All delegates of the Southern California Conference are delegates to this session. The first meeting is called to convene at 9:00 A. M., Thursday, August 1, 1918.

M. M. Hare,
President.

W. L. Mecum,
Secretary.

CAMP-MEETING DATES

Inter-Mountain	-	Salt Lake City, Utah	-	July 18 to 28
California	-	Beulah Park, Oakland	-	July 25 to August 4
Southern California	-	Los Angeles	-	August 1 to 11
Southeastern California	-	Santa Ana	-	August 15 to 25
Arizona	-	Phoenix	-	October 31 to November 10