


PACIFIC UNION RECORDER



"Then They that Feared the Lord Spake Often One to Another."

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The Field

The past week has been a busy one, but we are glad amidst the cares that come to us that we have had the privilege of meeting with a number of our fellow-believers in different places. It is always a source of encouragement to meet with those who love God, love the Bible, who pray in faith, and earnestly endeavor to meet God's expectations of His church in these last days.

One day was spent with the committee of the Central California Conference in Fresno. A number of important matters in connection with the local conference work were given careful consideration by the brethren, which doubtless will be reported later by the proper persons. It matters not where we go, or with what committee or board we meet, we find the same earnest spirit and determined purpose to do all in our power to help carry the gospel of salvation to those who know it not, thus hastening the glad day of the return of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Central California Conference has had rather an unfavorable experience. Elder N. P. Neilsen was

called from the presidency of the conference, to become president of the Hutchinson (Minn.) Foreign Mission Seminary. At the camp-meeting Elder J. A. Stevens was elected president, but we could not release him from his work as union home missionary secretary, and his labors in behalf of our young men in war service. These latter two departments are large enough to occupy one man's entire time, and keep him fully occupied. With the additional burdens of a conference more responsibilities are placed upon a man than we are warranted in doing. We are glad, however, that the work has moved along so nicely, and our brethren associated with Brother Stevens on the committee feel that all has been done that could be done under the circumstances. This situation must be changed, and we hope, under the blessing of God, to see such an arrangement made as will make possible the personal attention and consideration to the work in that conference which it demands. Brother Stevens has the absolute confidence of his fellow-workers, and we know he has done his best.

Sabbath morning, by invitation, the writer spoke in the Fresno church. This was my first privilege of meeting with the believers in this center of our work. It was certainly interesting to follow the Sabbath school through its various departments. All showed a deep interest in the study of the Word, and were faithful in doing his or her part in making the Sabbath school a success. It was the day for the thirteenth Sabbath offering, and from the little tots to the grandfather and grandmother, a real spirit of earnestness and love was manifested in giving of their means to the cause of God.

I did not learn what the offering amounted to, but it was one series of surprises to me as the different departments reported. Among other offerings, I was told a Liberty Bond was placed in the collection basket. The service following the Sabbath school was very interesting. It was quiet and orderly, and withal earnest attention was given to the Word spoken. The Lord came near and blessed us, and our own heart was refreshed as we contemplated the goodness and love of our God.

Sabbath afternoon it was my privilege to speak to our brethren at Dinuba. Here we have a nice company of believers—earnest, sincere and devoted to the progress of this message. It was a good, substantial congregation that gathered in this house of worship for the Sabbath afternoon service. Elder E. H. Adams had met with the church in the morning, and we were glad to meet him there in the afternoon. From this church we were motored to the Dinuba German church, where I spoke to the company of believers at five o'clock. About 75 attended this service. The members of the Dinuba German church are practically all farmers. They seem greatly to appreciate having the promises of God called to their attention anew, and from the reports of tithe and mission offerings we are sure that there are warm hearts in this place for the cause of God.

We wish especially to call attention to the little church school building that is now being erected. The brethren have felt for a long time the need of a church school, and this year they have put their hands to the task, and erected a splendid little building, and planned to open the school last Monday. They will have a large

school, and I am sure God's blessing will rest upon the church as they endeavor to make it, not merely a tuition school, but a real church school, with the church back of it to the fullest extent.

Mention might be made also of their neat chapel for worship. As we entered the door we were at once impressed with the sacredness of the house of worship. The floor and walls were neat and clean, and the entire conduct of the church bears evidence that they reverence God. I am sure this is pleasing to the Lord. How can we who live in comfortable homes feel at all like asking God to meet with us in His appointed house of worship unless we make it as neat and attractive, and keep it as orderly as possible?

After a light supper at the home of one of our brethren, we drove about 30 miles to Farmersville, where Brethren Brown, Breitigam and Miller are conducting a tent meeting. It was truly inspiring to stand before a company of 75 or 80 people, and give our reasons for being Seventh-day Adventists. The day was a busy one, but I thoroughly enjoyed it. We drove during the day upwards of 100 miles, and although we had a little mishap, I would be glad and hope some day to again make this same round, visiting our brethren and becoming better acquainted with those who love this cause.

May God give us grace, dear brethren, for our work, and keep us faithful and true to Him until the appearing of our blessed Lord.

J. W. Chrisuan.

True courage will keep away from danger, true courage will only incur risk and peril when duty demands. Let us learn this lesson.—L. D. Jones.

"My brethren and sisters, awake. I beseech you, from the sleep of death. It is too late to devote the strength of brain, bone and muscle to self-serving. Let not the last day find you destitute of heavenly treasure. Seek to push the triumphs of the cross, seek to enlighten souls, labor for the salvation of your fellow beings, and your work will abide the trying test of fire." Volume 5, page 466, 467.

HARVEST INGATHERING CAMPAIGN

Pacific Union Conference Goal, \$37,335

	Campaign Began	Reported to Date	Goal
Arizona	Sept. 1	\$ 411.95	\$1658.50
California			5355.88
Central California			5797.22
Inter-Mountain	Sept. 1	208.94	2187.90
Northern California			5014.60
Northwestern California	Sept. 4	415.08	4155.58
Southeastern California			5175.74
Southern California	Sept. 11	1410.84	7257.24
Nevada Mission			786.50

"INASMUCH AS YE HAVE DONE IT"

In the final judgment, as pictured in the twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew, the family of Adam is separated into just two classes, the "workers" and the "shirkers." The vast host of loyal, earnest workers are gathered at the right hand of the Great Judge. "And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matt. 25:40.

Far to the left is gathered that other company. "Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, INASMUCH AS YE DID IT NOT to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me." Matt. 25:45.

How thankful we all should be that the Lord "is long-suffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" because of wasted hours, neglected opportunities, and too often lack of loving interest in the perishing people all around us.

"All who receive Christ as a personal Saviour are to demonstrate the truth of the gospel and its saving power upon the life. God makes no requirement without making provision for its fulfillment. Through the grace of Christ we may accomplish everything that God requires. All the riches of heaven are to be revealed through God's people. Herein is my Father glorified, Christ says, that ye bear much fruit: so shall ye be my disciples.

"The sin of the world today is the sin that brought destruction upon Israel. Ingratitude to God, the neglect of opportunities and blessings the selfish appropriation of God's gifts—these were comprised in the

sin that brought wrath upon Israel. They are bringing ruin upon the world today.

"The tears which Christ shed upon Olivet as He stood overlooking the chosen city, were not for Jerusalem alone. In the fate of Jerusalem He beheld the destruction of the world.

"If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes."

"In this thy day." The day is nearing its close. The period of mercy and privilege is well-nigh ended. The clouds of vengeance are gathering. The rejecters of God's grace are about to be involved in swift and irretrievable ruin.

"Yet the world is asleep. The people know not the time of their visitation.

"In this crisis, where is the church to be found? Are its members meeting the claims of God? Are they fulfilling His commission, and representing His character to the world? Are they urging upon the attention of their fellow-men the last merciful message of warning?

"Men are in peril. Multitudes are perishing. But how few of the professed followers of Christ are burdened for these souls. The destiny of a world hangs in the balance; but this hardly moves even those who claim to believe the most far-reaching truth ever given to mortals. There is a lack of that love which led Christ to leave His heavenly home and take man's nature, that humanity might touch humanity, and draw humanity to divinity. There is a stupor, a paralysis, upon the people of God, which prevents them from understanding the duty of the hour."

Christ's Object Lessons, pages 301, 302, 303.

"God has opened fields before us, and if human agencies would but co-operate with divine agencies, many, many souls would be won to the truth. But the Lord's professing people have been sleeping over their allotted work, and in many places it remains comparatively untouched. God has sent message after message to arouse our people to do something and to do it now. But to the call, 'Whom shall I send?' there have been but few to respond, 'Here am I; send me.' Isa. 6:8.

"When the reproach of indolence and slothfulness shall have been wiped away from the church, the Spirit of the Lord will be graciously manifested. Divine power will be revealed. The church will see the providential working of the Lord of hosts. The light of truth will shine forth in clear, strong rays, and as in the time of the apostles, many souls will turn from error to truth. The earth will be lighted with the glory of the Lord.

"Heavenly angels have long been waiting for human agents—the members of the church—to co-operate with them in the great work to be done. They are waiting for you. So vast is the field, so comprehensive the design, that every sanctified heart will be pressed into service as an instrument of divine power." Testimonies, Vol. 9, pages 46, 47.

Walking as we do in the light of the knowledge of the prophecies that reveal the import of the great events now taking place in the world, how anxiously we should improve every opportunity to do our part in giving the gospel message to every soul that can be led to listen or read.

"Transgression has almost reached its limit. Confusion fills the world, and a great terror is soon to come upon human beings. The end is very near. We who know the truth should be preparing for what is soon to break upon the world as an overwhelming surprise." Testimonies, Vol. 8, page 28.

Today, with its precious opportunities for service, is ours. Tomorrow is always just beyond our grasp, and too often we permit its fancied advantages to lead us past days of duties waiting to be accomplished.

Men, women and children come within the circle of our influence for a day, as it were, and pass from us forever. In the final judgment we will be called to give account for every soul-saving opportunity.

"Shall I empty-handed be,
When beside the crystal sea
I shall stand before the everlasting throne;
Shall I have a heart of shame,
As I answer to my name
With no fruit that my Redeemer
there can own?"

"Service to God includes personal ministry. By personal effort we are to co-operate with Him for the saving of the world. Christ's commission, 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature,' is spoken to every-one of His followers. All who are ordained unto the life of Christ are ordained to work for the salvation of their fellow-men. Their hearts will throb in unison with the heart of Christ. The same longing for souls that He has felt will be manifest in them. Not all can fill the same place in the work, but there is a place and a work for all." Christ's Object Lessons, pages 300, 301. J. Adams Stevens.

Campaign News

"Rally Day" October 26. The Big Week October 28 to November 2. Fall into line everybody!

Set your goal high. Already several reports have been received of members who have gathered from \$25 to \$50. Many have averaged 50 cents per paper.

A correction. Last week's item comparing Southern California Conference's report with their Bulletin Number 2 a year ago should have said but \$200 was reported a year ago whereas Bulletin Number 2 of this year shows that \$1008 had been gathered.

Bulletin Number 3 from Southern California Conference shows \$1410.84, an increase of \$402 over last week's report.

Inter-Mountain Conference sends its first bulletin this week. They report \$208.94 from six churches, and expect this will be largely increased by returns from the other churches. Grand Junction leads with \$77.17.

Encouraging reports are coming in

from all parts of the Pacific Union Conference. Greater success than ever before has attended the Ingathering campaign in nearly every instance. The majority of the church members are at work in the conferences that began September 1, and from the enthusiasm manifested everywhere we should go well beyond the goal. People have been educated to give and God will give us favor with them as we go forward by faith.

Arizona

The Harvest Ingathering work in northern Arizona has been very promising. Brother C. F. Innis and the writer set our goal at \$200, at the beginning of the campaign, and are glad to report that we have over \$150 collected, and hope to raise the rest before the season closes. We have received donations from the amount of ten cents to \$25. Some gave us larger donations than we received last year.

We expect to start a series of meetings at Red Lake, Arizona, in a few days. We hope the "Recorder" readers will remember this effort at the throne of grace.

I. Parry Dillon.

Southern California

The San Pedro church school has set its goal for \$50, and the teacher, Miss Lois Painter, informs me that they now have \$31. One little girl from the school took the paper to one lady who really wanted to give something, but said she did not think she had any money in the house. However, she began to look around and soon found a milk bottle containing 287 pennies which she had been saving for another purpose, but decided to give them all to the girl for missions.

We hope that all of our church schools will set a goal and work until they reach it. Every child as well as older people can have a part in this campaign. The Glendale school is planning to do its part again this year.

The company from the White Memorial Hospital have been working hard, and have exceeded their goal. Elder W. H. Anderson reports \$128.13

to date. The goal was \$75.

Word was received last week that the San Luis Obispo church has gone far "over the top" and was still doing business. To date we do not know how far they have gone beyond their goal. We trust that other churches will reach their goals this week.

C. C. Morlan.

FIELD TIDINGS

NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA

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Eureka Meeting

For two years past there has been a general meeting held in Eureka and each time it has proven to be a great help and encouragement to the brethren in Humboldt county.

We plan to have another such meeting beginning about October 16 and continuing several days. More definite information will be given to the churches in the vicinity of Eureka by letter and it is hoped that a good many of the brethren and sisters from that part of the conference will arrange to attend this meeting.

We plan for Elder J. W. Christian, our union president, to be there and such other union help as he may arrange for, and of course there will be a number of our conference laborers who will attend. Above all we believe the blessed Holy Spirit will be with us to bless and teach and under His guidance we may fully expect a great feast and a spiritual refreshing.

G. W. Wells.

ARIZONA

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Camp Meeting

For the benefit of those who may plan on attending the coming camp-meeting, the following information may be of help.

In just about three weeks the Arizona Conference and camp-meeting will convene. The date set for this convention is October 31 to November 9, 1918.

A fine location has been secured in

the city of Phoenix. This place faces on the street car line and we feel sure that with this and other conveniences, the location will be ideal for the meeting.

It is almost impossible to secure rooms anywhere in the city. For this reason, we will be prepared to furnish tents on the grounds to all who order, at the following prices: Large tents, 12x17, \$5.00; small tents, 10x12, \$3.75. This includes fly and burlap carpet. The tents will be pitched and ready for your service provided we have your order in advance. Many have already ordered. It is not too late yet to order your tent, but we cannot promise to supply you if your order does not reach us very soon. Orders should be sent to the Arizona Conference Secretary, 615 North Tenth Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

We can supply furniture for tents at the following prices: single spring cots, .75; double spring cots, \$1.00; chairs (each), .20; tables, .50. We have been unable to get mattresses but will furnish straw at the campground. Ticks should be brought with you.

At the present time we do not plan on running a restaurant on the grounds. However, we are making plans whereby a delicatessen will be conducted, and hot foods can be purchased.

A good supply of sanitarium health foods will be on sale at the book tent. By bringing dishes with you we feel sure you will find it convenient and cheap to have your meals in your own tent.

A book tent will be located on the campground and a good supply of our books and tracts be on display. We trust all will take advantage of this opportunity to purchase books.

Let us know what day and hour you will arrive and we will see that someone meets you at the train.

"Let all come" is our slogan. Bring the children and young people. There will be separate meeting-tents for both the young people and children, and good workers for each. The first meeting of the convention will be held Thursday evening, October 31, at 7:30 p. m. You cannot afford to miss this gathering.

All churches should send in names of delegates to the Arizona Conference

session. Conference officers will be elected for the next biennial session. Those include conference president, conference secretary and treasurer, tract societies treasurer and secretary conference committee and heads of the various departments—Sabbath school, young people, educational, religious liberty, home missionary and field secretary.

J. Ernest Bond,
President Arizona Conference.

SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA

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President's Address, Southeastern California Conference

To the Conference Delegates and Friends Assembled on this Camp-ground:

"Grace to you and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

It has been two years since we assembled in conference session. At our last conference meeting, held in the city of San Diego, the delegates voted to hold our second session at the expiration of two years. In harmony with this action, we are now assembled.

During this biennial period, the business of the conference has been carried on by the executive committee elected at the last conference session. This committee now turns its affairs over to the regular chosen delegates.

The past two years have been filled with blessings, counted and uncounted. While the world, including our own fair land, has been torn by war, God's truth, the one thing that can bring real peace to the hearts of men, has gone steadily on, winning loyal supporters. It is indeed good to be connected with a cause that is so sure to win. It is splendid to know that the day of victory is so near.

The Lord has been good to us during the past biennial period. None of our regular workers have been taken by death. For this we give thanks. As a general thing, the health of our laborers has been good. During the summer of 1917, tent meetings were held in twelve places. During the spring, autumn and winter, other meetings were

held. As a result of these efforts a number are rejoicing in the truths of the message. During the year 1916 166 converts were baptized and taken into the church. In addition to these, a number of others began to observe the Sabbath, many of whom have since joined our churches. In 1917 190 were baptized.

Notwithstanding the needs of our own field, we have released two of our strong young men and their wives to answer the call for workers elsewhere. Elder C. L. Snodgrass, with his family, went from here to the Inter-Mountain Conference, where they are doing excellent service. Brother Harry McWhinny, with his family, sailed for India soon after the close of the General Conference. He is no doubt, ere this, in his chosen field, devoting his energies to the work there. These young men received their training in San Fernando Academy, and gained their field experience in our conference. While we regret to lose the labors of these brethren, yet it is a pleasure to furnish strong, young men to assist in weaker fields.

Since the last session of our conference, churches have been organized at Blythe, Elsinore and Fallbrook. A church building has been erected at Blythe. These churches will ask for admittance to the conference. There are 33 churches with a reported membership of 1841. At the close of 1916 the membership was 1692. While this shows an increase of membership of 149, more than this have actually accepted the truths of the message and been taken into the church. The apparent discrepancy lies in the fact that there has been, the last year, a careful and close revision of our church rolls. It was found that, in some cases, the names of people who have moved to other fields were still on our lists. Again it was found that some who had apostatized had not been disfellowshipped. This condition prevailed for a number of years. An effort was made to correct this, with the result that in certain instances the membership of some churches was materially decreased.

The card index system has been installed in our office and in most of

our churches. We hope by this means to keep in closer touch with our membership and a more accurate list of our constituency. The five counties embraced in this conference.—Riverside, San Bernardino, Imperial, San Diego and Orange,—contain a population of 201,194. With a church membership of 1841, there is one Seventh-day Adventist to every 109 persons.

One pleasing feature of the work in this field has been the result of labor done in localities where we have churches and companies of Sabbath-keepers. This illustrates and emphasizes the fact that the truths of the message will stand the test. They grow brighter, clearer and more attractive the longer they are known in any community.

Fields can not be worked out. They are cultivated by the preaching of the minister and the work of our lay-members. Men and women are looking for light and wondering what the present situation signifies. It is for us to take the Word of God and offer to them the full light of the future and tell them what all these things mean. At our last conference meeting steps were taken looking to the organization of a tract society. This has been done. For nearly two years now, we have been conducting our tract society, and the Lord has abundantly blessed this work. We are thus placed in close touch with the missionary activities of the conference, and can better supply the needs of the field.

It might be well to mention that fears were expressed two years ago that we would lose money in conducting the society. This has not been the case. The society has been self-supporting, and has shown a slight financial gain each year. One pleasing feature of our tract society work has been the large sale of the bound volumes of the Testimonies.

The finances of our field are very encouraging. The year of the conference organization, 1915, the churches in this field paid in tithe, \$36,928.40. In 1916 \$39,009.75 was paid, an increase of \$3,081.35. During 1917 the churches paid in tithe \$51,746.25. For that year our tithe increased \$12,736.50 over 1916 and \$15,726.75 over 1915. That is a tithe per capita of \$28.60, the largest in the union. We

are thankful for this evidence of loyalty on the part of our faithful people. It has ever been our purpose to plan so as to make the wisest expenditure of this money, that it may the best accomplish that for which it was given,—the spread of the message.

Our mission offerings have shown a corresponding increase. These in 1915, amounted to \$13,338.23, a per capita per week of 16.61 cents. In 1916, they reached \$15,652.23, a per capita per week of 18.29 cents; while for 1917 we received \$23,006.87, a per capita per week of 24.17 cents. During 1917 there was received \$9,668.64 more than in 1915. This has all been sent on to the mission fields, and we trust may have been the means of bringing the light of truth to many souls in the far-away lands.

In harmony with a recommendation passed at our last conference session, a legal corporation has been organized in our field, and we now hold the property belonging to our conference. For the best interests of our field, it seemed best to move the headquarters of the conference from Santa Ana to Riverside. We were fortunate in securing a good location at a reasonable rate in Riverside, and for nearly two years our work has been carried on from there.

Our Sabbath school work has shown a steady and pleasing growth. The interest in the daily study of the Sabbath school lesson has become much greater, the attendance has increased, and the offerings are much larger than they were two years ago. The average offerings now stand 15.8 cents per member of the Sabbath school.

Taken as a whole, our church school work is very encouraging. Last year 15 church schools were conducted. These employed 21 teachers, with an enrollment of 454 pupils. The past year we conducted three intermediate schools. San Fernando Academy is held jointly by the Southeastern and Southern California conferences. A number of young people from our conference attended the academy last year. We had a number of young people in Pacific Union College also. We hope to see many more of our young peo-

ple and children in the college, academy and the church schools in the future.

Strong and wise plans must be laid to care for those of our young people who can not attend any of our schools. This is to be done largely through the missionary volunteer department.

Our colporteur work has been a subject of careful thought and earnest planning, and yet it has not reached the desired plane. Our field secretary has worked carefully and conscientiously to build that line, and has met with some success, and yet it has seemed difficult to place the work on a solid footing. We hope for better days to come.

On the other hand, our home missionary department has made rapid strides. The secretary of this department spent a great deal of time among the churches and as a result there is an earnest and deep interest among the people to do what they can to finish the work.

A number of young men from our field have answered the call of their country and have either gone across the waters or are now in the training camps. Seventh-day Adventists are as loyal to their country as any people living and to-day stand for the **great principles** of democracy on which our Government was built. We sense the blessings of freedom which have come to us in this land of liberty, and love with a true devotion. We pray the God of nations to soon put an end to the struggle now going on, and bring out of it the right and justice that should prevail. It is pleasant to know that our young men have carried to the camps a spirit of truth and loyalty that not only has shown their loyalty to the Government, but their faithfulness to their God. May the King of Peace soon come and bring the day when wars shall cease, and when man will not take the life of his fellow-man.

This report will not be complete without a mention of the two splendid sanitariums located in this field. The one at Loma Linda is under the direction of the General Conference, but brings a blessing to our conference, situated as it is in our midst. People come there from all parts of the land. The devoted doctors and others connected with

this institution endeavor to make Loma Linda a place where God is feared and where much good may be done. Christian charity connected with medical skill is accomplishing much at Loma Linda. This institution being in our field, lays upon us a responsibility which, in the fear of God, we as a conference are endeavoring to meet.

Paradise Valley Sanitarium is located near National City, a suburb of San Diego. This institution as well as the one at Loma Linda, was launched under the direction of the spirit of prophecy. Those in charge are doing their utmost to see that the institution reaches the mark set for our sanitariums. There is a splendid spirit of co-operation, and a deep spiritual atmosphere pervades the place. The Lord is prospering the sanitarium. The conference and these institutions have a deep sympathy for the combined work of each other, and the workers in each branch are doing what they can to forward the interests of their fellow-workers.

In conclusion, I will say that the past two years brought to me many blessings. My associations with my brethren in the conference have been very pleasant. There has been no discord among the workers. All have had but one great aim in mind—to finish the work on time. When the great clock strikes the hour to close the books, we desire to have our work done.

My prayer is that the mind of God may guide in the affairs of this session of the conference, and that a great blessing may be given the people in the camp-meeting that shall follow.

W. F. Martin.

Opening of Loma Linda Church School

A real surprise came to the teachers and school board of the Loma Linda church school on Monday morning, September 16, when the hour came for the opening of the school. It had been suggested that our school would be small this year. You may imagine our pleasant surprise to meet 99 bright-faced youth and children on that first morning.

The faculty consisted of three experienced normal graduates—Mrs. W.

G. Wheatley, principal; Miss Edith Barnes, intermediate; Mrs. F. W. Gardner, primary. But our consternation was real when we realized that we had neither room nor seats to accommodate the more than 100 students who enrolled the first two days. So we (to use the modern expression) "got busy," and before the sun went down we had employed another teacher, who is also a normal graduate and a teacher for years, Mrs. Wade, from the North Pacific Union Conference, who had been but a few days in Loma Linda, and had applied for a place in the school. By Tuesday night, we had secured and placed in the fourth room 29 school seats, and things began to take shape and settle down to work.

Two weeks have gone by. Our enrollment has reached 108, and still more are coming. At the close of a pleasant reception for the teachers and new students, held the evening of September 28, a Parent-Teachers' Association was organized. This association will hold monthly meetings to consider the school interests and deal with difficult problems.

All are full of courage, and we feel that we have good reason to expect this school year to be the best so far in the experience of the Loma Linda school.

October 3.

C. McReynolds.

Loma Linda Sabbath School

Our Sabbath school gave over \$777 to foreign missions the last quarter. The thirteenth Sabbath offering amounted to \$170, besides a gold watch which was donated. A few details of the thirteenth Sabbath service might be of interest.

At the three entrances to the church were placed large cards bearing the words, "I Am On Time," which each member could read if he were not late; and if late, the card was reversed to read, "I Am Late." This plan has resulted in a marked improvement in punctuality.

The superintendent, Brother Claude Snider, opened the school, and Brother Fred W. Drake, of Los Angeles, offered the prayer. The important feature of the day was the offering for the Inca Union Mission, and this fact became apparent to everyone as he entered the church. The Sabbath

school artist had prepared a huge black arrow 21 feet long and 8 inches wide which he tacked up back and on either side of the rostrum in such a way that the very point touched the geographical spot on an eight-foot map of South America to which the offering was to go. Over the whole length of this arrow were neatly printed the words, "All our Dollars Point to the Inca Indian Union Mission."

It was a pleasure to Elder E. L. Maxwell to see this arrangement, and know that it meant help for the mission field dear to his heart because of his having spent years of toil for the Indians. Elder Maxwell was asked to give a talk on the activities and needs of this mission, which was enjoyed and very fitting. The offering was taken up in all the seven divisions before the class recitations so that the result might be known before the close of the school. As soon as the total sum was ascertained there suddenly appeared shining through the map at the tip of the arrow, by means of an electrically lighted box just behind the map, the large figures, \$169.97.

The raising of money is not the sole work of our school, for there prevails among the officers and teachers an ambition to see souls born into the kingdom of Christ. Several children and young people have recently been baptized and accepted into the church, partially due, we believe, to the work of the Sabbath school. September 29. W. A. Nary.

INTER-MOUNTAIN

H. E. Lysinger, Pres. J. H. Weaks, Sec.
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Conference Items

Order your Harvest Ingathering papers now.

A number are keeping the Sabbath as the result of the meetings conducted by Elder C. L. Snodgrass in Salt Lake City.

School starts at the Inter-Mountain Academy October 15 instead of October 1, as was first announced. Remember parents, we are held responsible for the welfare of our children.

In answer to our letter with reference to the "Relatives and Friends" edition or "Present Truth" we have received to date 195 subscriptions. We trust that each reader will be blessed by the visit of this little paper.

Our shipment of 1500 Ingathering papers have been sent out. We expect another 1500 soon, and have ordered 3000 more. This shows that the Inter-Mountain is going to do something this year. Our Harvest Ingathering reports show that we have received \$247.14 already.

We are very sorry to report that Elder W. M. Address is having to drop out of the work on account of his health. He is locating on his farm near Cedaredge. This is a severe trial to our brother, and a blow to the work in our field. Kindly remember Elder Address in your prayers.

Elder H. E. Lysinger returned from the northern part of Colorado, and brought with him several orders for the "Signs," "Review and Herald," and the "Pacific Union Recorder." Also several orders for the Harvest Ingathering "Watchman." He is now in California attending a union conference committee meeting.

ADVERTISEMENTS

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Book Report, Week Ending September 27, 1918

Agent	Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Value	Del.
Arizona						
A. E. Horn	P.G.	31	16	\$11.50	\$110.00	\$140.00
W. F. Mayers	P.G.	13	13	2.85	58.00	
2 Agents		44	29	\$14.35	\$168.00	\$140.00
California						
W. Pontynen	O.D.	7	26	\$ 5.00	\$100.00	
Miss B. Kurtz	W.C.	65			36.00	
2 Agents		72	26	\$ 5.00	\$136.00	
Northern California						
J. G. Lea	O.D.	18	4	\$ 2.85	\$ 16.35	
W. S. Brown	G.C.	18	3	4.75	17.75	
C. L. Brown	D.R., P.G.	40	15	5.00	65.00	
A. F. Pinkerton	O.D.	35	25	20.00	75.00	
Walter Harper	O.D.	45	34	15.00	95.00	
G. M. Wagner	O.D.		10	11.25	36.25	
6 Agents		156	89	\$58.85	\$305.85	
Southern California						
G. N. Foy	O.D.	1		\$ 6.50	\$ 12.50	
F. B. Desmarests	C.K., S.C.	2	7	1.50	14.00	
Olive M. Bell*	O.D.	38	6	2.50	18.50	
S. H. Coombs*	P.G.	44	12		64.00	
Bland E. Skelly*	O.D.	70	12	.25	34.25	
5 Agents *2 Weeks		155	37	\$10.75	\$143.25	
Southeastern California						
A. G. Owen	B.R.	31	5		\$ 23.00	
Totals		458	186	\$88.95	\$776.60	\$140.00

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1918

The executive committee of the Pacific Union Conference were in session in Oakland, October 7 to 11. Important matters pertaining to the work in this field were considered.

Elder J. W. Christian left the office the evening after the Sabbath for Lodi to meet with the executive committee of the Northern California Conference, to study the interests of the work in that field.

In a letter from Sister L. O. Pattison, written under date of September 20, 1918, from Honolulu, she says:

"Our party of 15 adults and five children sailed from San Francisco, September 14. Have had a very pleasant voyage thus far. At Shanghai we separate to our several different mission fields. Pray for the work in the regions beyond."

Elder G. W. Reaser recently made a trip to the mission that is being operated by our people near Thoreau, New Mexico, for the Navajo Indians. This work is being carried forward under the direction of a committee composed of representatives from the Southwestern and Pacific Union Conferences. Elder Reaser reports a very interesting and profitable meeting.

A Silver Wedding Shower for the Inca Indians

The time was Sabbath, September 28, 1918.

The place was the Bakersfield Seventh-day Adventist Sabbath school.

The shower was to commemorate the 25th wedding anniversary of the pastor and his wife—the Sabbath

school superintendent. The congregation had sung—

"Hear the dollars dropping!

Listen while they fall;

Ev'ryone for Jesus—"

He will get them all."

Young and old had passed forward and dropped their offering into the glass bank when, without announcement from the superintendent, Mrs. J. A. C. Hielt stepped forward and in a few well-chosen words presented the gift. This, it was planned, should be 25 silver dollars. It was more than that and all for the Inca Indians.

In view of the hour in which we live, the donors considered this gift more appropriate, more acceptable to the pastor and his wife, and more in harmony with our faith, than a surprise party with cake and ice cream, and with gifts of silver for the home.

Why not make your Sabbath school superintendent's heart glad, by celebrating your own and your friend's wedding anniversaries in a similar way? Let wedding bells suggest to your mind church bells set ringing in heathen lands by wedding gifts to missions. This will cause joy, not only on earth, but in Heaven, also.

Myrtle B. Hudson.

September 28.

The Power of the Word

All power in heaven and earth was given to Christ. He bestowed this power upon His Word and pledged it should not return unto him void. There is, therefore, a far greater power in, "Thus saith the Lord," than in all accumulated words and reasonings of men. The plain and all powerful Word is the need of the hour. He who delivers the Word is wielding the power of God. No greater, nor more effective work can be done.

Illustrating the power of the Word and its influence upon the minds of men, the following letter recently received by "Present Truth" is cited:

"Gentlemen:—Yesterday a friend of mine loaned me two copies of the paper you publish, 'Present Truth,' Nos. 15 and 16, 'The Bible Sabbath' and 'Who Changed the Sabbath.' I read them all through and I was so forcibly impressed with the truth of

your statements and claims, I wish to come in closer touch with the subject. I assure you, your papers contain thoughts worth while to a Bible student. If you are still publishing the paper, I wish to subscribe for it; and, if you can furnish me back numbers, I would like 10 copies each of No. 15 and 16. I also wish a copy of the eleven books, advertised in your paper, under the title, 'The World Crisis Series.'"

Meaning of Abba

This is a Chaldee word signifying father. When joined to the Greek word pater, which also means father, particularly in the ancestral sense, it intensifies the meaning, and covers not only the idea of one who has a fostering care over another, but also that of an ancestor. In the most terrible ordeal of His life, when facing the sternness of the cross and the grave, Jesus, in the agony of His soul, cried, "Abba, Father," as he pleaded for the bitter cup to be removed from Him. Mark 14:36. It is the only record of His addressing the Father thus, which cannot be considered as without significance. In that hour He would remind Jehovah that He not only regarded Him as a nourishing Protector, but that He based His plea on the ground of ancestral kinship. So, likewise, when Jesus is received into the human heart by faith and one is thus adopted into the family of Jehovah, he too, is permitted to use the same form of address to the throne of the universe. Rom. 8:15; Gal. 4:6.

J. O. Corliss.

Eternity stretches before us. The curtain is about to be lifted. We who occupy this solemn, responsible position, what are we doing, what are we thinking about, that we cling to our selfish love of ease, while souls are perishing around us? Have our hearts become utterly callous? Can not we feel or understand that we have a work to do for the salvation of others?

ARIZONA CAMP MEETING
Phoenix, Oct. 31 to Nov. 10