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

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An Encouraging Outlook

No one can estimate the value our literature has been in the promulgation of the light of present truth. It has been the pioneer and the opening wedge to many a hard, difficult field; meeting opposition undaunted; overcoming obstacles with a persistency that would acknowledge no defeat; knocking at the heart-door of many a weary traveler along life's pathway, pointing them to a better life,—a better world than this.

Over and again we are admonished by the Spirit of prophecy that "canvassing for our literature is a missionary work and should be conducted from a missionary standpoint. Those selected as canvassers should be men and women who feel the burden of service; whose object is not to get gain but to give light to the people." This sets before us the true object of our colporteur work. This has not always been the aim that has prompted our brethren and sisters who have taken up the sale of our publications, nor even those who have been leaders in our publishing work. But a new day has dawned, and our publishing houses throughout the world are operating with the one object of preparing literature with which the consecrated worker may go from door to door, bidding men and women "look and live."

A vast host of our brethren and sisters have been employed in the sale of our literature. Some have made a grand success; others have been at least partially, if not entirely, failures. One reason for this lies in the fact that not all are salesmen. To meet strangers and interest them in a work that they have never seen or heard of, that stands unrecommended

by the public press, is not a light task. Still, consecrated men and women whether educated or uneducated who, with a burden on their hearts, have gone from place to place have met with success. One should know this gift and should recognize a call from God to do efficiently and with confidence and line of missionary endeavor.

Another reason for failure on the part of some lies, doubtless, in the fact that they have been looking at the "loaves and fishes." From Volume 6, page 317, I quote: "The reason why many have failed in the canvassing work is that they were not genuine Christians; they did not know the spirit of conversion. They had a theory as to how the work should be done, but they did not feel their dependence upon God."

The outlook for our book work in the Pacific Union Conference is very bright. During the first three months of this year we sold \$17,287.60 worth of literature, as compared with a little over \$16,000 for the same length of time last year. A good substantial gain is made in the regular subscription book sales, which is a source of great encouragement. These truth-laden books cannot help but bear a harvest for the kingdom of God. It is not my purpose to give a financial report of our sales for the first part of this year, but it is interesting to note that with the exception of the North Pacific Union, the Pacific Union Conference leads the Pacific Press territory in total sales for the first quarter of 1919. I see no reason why we should not do a much larger work than has yet been done in this field with our literature.

What is needed is a class of good, sturdy men and women who will take up the book work as a life work. God calls men to the book work, as truly as He calls them to be preachers, teachers, medical evangelists or any other line of God's great missionary undertaking. It is a mistake for us to go out merely between times and feel that that answers God's call to us unless circumstances prohibit more time being given to the sale of our literature. Surely God is calling for men who will enlist and stay by the work the year through.

From a letter just received, written by Brother V. L. Beecham, field missionary secretary of the Southern California Conference, I quote: "While the Lord has wonderfully blessed the work in this conference, we have every reason to believe, can it be carried on as now, that the coming month will show a larger gain than anything we have yet done. It might be of interest to you to learn that we now have seven married men with families ranging from three to six in the family, who, with the exception of one, are making their living fully at this work. This one exception, we believe will make good after a little more experience." Surely such a report from a man who gives his entire time to the promotion of the sale of our literature cannot help but appeal to us. If more would give themselves to this work the year through we would see far greater results than have been even dreamed of.

May it not be that God will call upon some who read this little report and place upon you a definite burden for this work. If so, write to your conference missionary secretary at once, or to Brother F. E. Painter, our union field secretary, and we shall be more than glad to arrange with you

for a time and territory to work. Time is short; the field is white ready for the harvest. Who will accept the sickle and enter the harvest to gather grain for the great day of God?

J. W. Christian.

Neighboring For God

The idea is not a new one. The only wonder is that we do not make the most of this greatest of all methods of evangelism—one that is open daily to each of us. Those who are living the upright, healthful, Christian life before their neighbors, and who have cultivated the habit of engaging in this kind of endeavor—neighboring for God—are always enthusiastic over it. They say there is no better way to eliminate prejudice, or to get people over that foolish notion that Seventh-day Adventists are cranks, or actually to make converts to the cause of truth. Who has not heard some "outsider" say of a brother or sister, "He is a nice man," or "She is so sweet," or "I thought she was a bit peculiar to say the least, when I saw her going to church on Saturday, or starting out with those papers; but now that I know her I think she is just lovely"? Oh, there is nothing like this personal contact work,—neighboring, if you please. And a little of our timely literature is a great help to one in making this neighboring work count for the kingdom. Here follows some evidence:

Only a fence and some prejudice stood between them—an Adventist lady and her neighbor. The conversation drifted from pleasantries to that always mutually interesting topic, "world conditions." A copy of the "Signs," which, as our sister probably said, "satisfactorily explains these very conditions," was gladly received an hour or two later. Result?—The Adventist lady isn't queer any more, the prejudice is but a memory now, for the woman and her husband too are good S. D. A.'s. Neighboring with the "Signs" is a capital idea.

"Prized" is the correct word to employ in telling of a prominent Baptist minister's attitude toward the "Signs," which he bought each week from a "neighboring" worker. Said he: "The paper is worth \$115 to me, not merely \$1.15. I wish all my

neighbors had it." He had the "neighboring" idea, you see.

"Wife, I believe this is just what we have been looking for," said an interested man who had been looking over a copy of the "Signs" that had been left by a young "neighboring" worker. This couple did not need any urging when a second visit was made to secure their subscription. Shortly thereafter one of our ministers set up his tent for a series of meetings, and it was his happy privilege to baptize this man and his wife.

The members of a certain Michigan church got an inspiration, or vision, of its possibilities, or something, and engaged in a careful house-to-house canvass for subscriptions to the "Signs" weekly, and to their delight secured nearly 300 of them. We have recently learned that several individuals have joined the church in that place as a consequence of the effort. This splendid result can be duplicated anywhere in America at any time. The only requirement is a WILL to do it. **Let's do it.**

You can obtain a canvass from your tract society secretary, if you can not get one from your church elder or missionary secretary. The special one that has been prepared for this "neighboring" work is right to the point. Don't wait for it, however, if it does not reach you in a reasonable time, for you will probably find that you are equal to the occasion. You should charge your subscribers \$1.50, the full yearly price. Your tract society will charge you but \$1.15, provided, however, you secure and turn in five or more subscriptions. This, you see, leaves a margin or commission of 25 cents on each subscription for you.

Don't put this off until you can find time; take it. Plan your home work so you can give at least two hours of each day next week or during the following one. Don't let Satan persuade you to hesitate when the Spirit impresses you to go. It was Wilburforce who said, "If my religion is true, I am bound to propagate it: if it is false, I will change it." We believe our religion to be true. Let us, then, go forth in the name of our Lord, and for the sake of needy souls, and propagate "the faith once delivered to the saints."

Are Parents Blind?

The following, taken from a personal letter from a conference president, expresses what many of our people feel concerning the loss of so many of our young people. A suggestion is also made as to one of the causes which we parents will do well to consider:

"The most painful thing that I have seen in over thirty-three years' connection with this people, and in more than twenty-seven years' direct experience in the work, has been the wandering away of our boys and girls. I think I could tell a few stories that have come under my personal observation which would make most of our fathers and mothers cringe. The confidence that most parents have in the innocence of their own children is appalling. Their children are so different from other folks, they know that their boy or girl is all right, and finally they wake up and find that somebody else, on the outside perhaps, knows a little bit better than they do. And as I look back and remember the many people who have come into the message under my observation, having children, and that as the years went by the children drifted away. I want to tell you that it has made me heart-sick."

There are two extremes. Some parents do not seem to see any good in their children, and are all the time telling them how worthless they are. And this sort of thing creates the very condition which they deplore. We are warned in the Bible to be careful not to discourage our children.

Another class cannot see their children's faults, and are always willing to defend them if any question is raised in the school or community about their conduct. Nothing can be more harmful. One of the saddest things in the lives of teachers and ministers is to see children developing evil characters and being trained for destruction by this very thing.

Parents, if questions are raised concerning the conduct of our children let us choke our pride and be quick to investigate the matter impartially. Be sure of this, that you are more likely not to be informed when your children are doing wrong than you are to be told of some wrong doing when they

are not doing wrong. Remember that if you welcome suggestions and help in your difficult work of rearing your children, that will encourage your true friends to help you. And while some things may be said by some people that will hurt you (and that will likely be done anyway) you will always have reason to rejoice that you maintained an attitude of approachableness on this subject.

M. E. Kern.

A Last Call

Those who have been studying the inspiring Morning Watch texts thus far this year will agree that we never had a more helpful calendar than the one for 1919. Though three months have passed since January 1, it is not too late to purchase the calendar and to enjoy its benefits with thousands of others.

Even one month's study of these beautiful scripture texts is worth far more than five cents, and there are yet nine months in which to use the 1919 Morning Watch calendar. If you haven't one of your own, or if you have a friend who is without it, do not wait a day longer to secure copies. Order of your tract society.

If the tract society informs you that its supply is exhausted, assure the secretary that more can be obtained from the Review and Herald Publishing House, Takoma Park, D. C. All standing orders have at last been filled, and there are still several hundred on hand.

We regret that the printing office handling the calendar was late in printing it and was unable to supply the entire field before New Year's. The influenza epidemic was partly responsible for this, as the office was seriously handicapped by the illness of several of its workers. We expect to avoid this difficulty the coming season by having the 1920 calendar printed very early, and ready for shipment by October 1.

Missionary Voluntary Department.

Working Our Cities

"Unless more is done than has been done for the cities of America, ministers and people will have a heavy account to settle with the One who has appointed to every man his

work." Vol. 8, page 35. "Let not the great cities of our land be lightly passed over and neglected." "The work in the home field is a vital problem just now. The present time is the most favorable opportunity that we shall have to work the e fields." From address by Mrs. E. G. White, 1910.

Who will answer this appeal from the servant of the Lord and circulate the special May issue of the "Watchman Magazine." Some of the vital subjects in this issue are, "Will Socialism Rule the World?" A study of Revelation, chapter eleven, entitled, "When Right Conquered Might." The effect of evolution on the world's imagination is portrayed under the subject of, "A Fogged View." Other good articles are, "A Son of the Soil," "God Stoops Down and Whispers," "Tested Seeds," "Why Do You Pray?" The Outlook, the Register, and the Simple Truth will contain strong features in this issue.

With such an array of gospel truths presented in such a forceful way there should be hundreds enter the Lord's work in our cities. No form of literature is more current than our monthly magazines and certainly none more appealing to the reading public. As one reader expresses it: "Another factor which makes your magazine valuable is that it has news of the day that is necessary to know, and when a business man has so little time, he will read the religious as well as the current news as it is all placed before him." Will you be one to help circulate this splendid issue of the May "Watchman?"

C. E. Hooper.

Reporting—Why, When and How

(Paper prepared and read by Brother E. C. Peifer, at Lodi home missionary convention.)

"A good report maketh the bones fat." Prov. 15:30. At first reading this may seem to be a figurative statement, but a recent medical discovery proves it to be a statement of fact. It has been found that it is in the marrow of the bones that the red corpuscles of the blood are formed. A good supply of these are necessary to the health of the body. If, therefore,

good reports make the bones fat, or, in other words, make the marrow of the bones fat and in good condition, so that the body is built up, we have a good reason why we should report the home missionary work we do and its results.

If we take the Bible, that which is our guide, we can only draw our conclusion that the greater part of it is a record or report of God's people and their dealings with others who do not serve Him. The wonderful record we have of Creation is a report of our Savior's work, and as this record gives to us trust and confidence in the power of our God, it sets before us the example of reporting for the benefit of others. We might refer to many other Bible experiences that as we are told were written for our admonition and learning. In the promotion of the third angel's message, we are all to have a part.

"Let all have a part to act. Train the young to do what is appointed them, and from week to week let them bring their reports to the missionary meeting, telling what they have experienced, and through the grace of Christ what success has been theirs. If such reports were brought in by consecrated workers, the missionary meetings would not be dull and tedious. They would be full of interest, and there would be no lack in attendance." Vol. 6, page 436.

"With many, the left hand does not know what the right hand does, for the right hand does nothing worthy of the notice of the left hand. This lesson of Jesus to His disciples was to rebuke those who wished to receive glory of men . . . I was shown that this scripture does not apply to those who have the cause of God at heart, and use their means humbly to advance it." Vol. 1, page 193.

Report blanks are supplied to the church missionary secretary, who in turn distributes them among the members. On these blanks different kinds of work are itemized, and a place to write down just the amount of work done. At the end of the week when these are filled out, they should be returned to the church missionary secretary. Where the young people

have a society, it is customary for them to report through that channel. Many find it difficult to remember just what they did each week, but if all will take advantage of the space especially prepared in the Morning Watch calendar, noting down the work done for the Lord each day, reporting would indeed be a simple matter. For those that do not have church privileges, or are isolated members, reports should be sent direct to the home missionary secretary of their conference. These are usually sent in at the end of each month.

"By their good works, Christ's followers are to bring glory, not to themselves, but to Him through whose grace and power they have wrought. It is through the Holy Spirit that every good work is accomplished, and the Spirit is given to glorify, not the receiver, but the Giver. When the light of Christ is shining in the soul, the lips will be filled with praise and thanksgiving to God. Your prayers, your performance of duty, your benevolence, your self-denial, will not be the theme of your thought or conversation. Jesus will be magnified, self will be hidden, and Christ will appear as all in all."

"Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing," page 120-121.

"Opportune,"—that is the word that fits the case. You see it is this way: Elder Tait, editor of the "Signs" periodicals, has hit upon the happy idea of devoting the major part of the April "Signs Magazine" to the league of nations program, radicalism, and the big problem of capital and labor. Could it be more opportune? "Will the World Doctors Effect a Cure?" and "The Religion of Anarchy," are two of the leaders. The cover, depicting a bare-armed laboring man with sledge hammer in hand, is bound to get and hold attention. Some will make record sales with this extra strong number of the "Signs."

"That is a good day in which you make some one happy. It is astonishing how little it takes to make one happy. Feel that the day is wasted in which you have not succeeded in this."—Talmage.

FIELD TIDINGS

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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Mission Funds

The first quarter of 1919 having just closed, the standing of each church on the twenty-five-cent-a-week fund would be of interest, and is given below. Eight churches have either reached or passed their goals. This is a better showing than during the first quarter of 1918, the average for the conference being four and one-half cents per member higher. Since a good start has already been made, let us take courage and keep up the offerings from week to week so that our next report will show more churches "over the top."

One star indicates that the goal has been reached, two stars that the goal has been passed, and three, leading the list. Which church will be the leader next quarter?

Twenty-five-cent-a-week Fund Statement January to March, 1919

Church	Amount Received	Cts per Wk per mem.
*Arroyo Grande ...	\$ 99.73	25.00
Boyle Heights ...	262.72	15.24
***Burbank	148.42	36.07
Bell	12.55	7.50
Carr Street	968.98	17.04
Conference	11.07	2.77
Covina	38.74	15.06
Eastside	77.06	11.98
Edendale	63.46	12.33
Fernando	349.27	16.96
Florence Avenue ..	70.75	10.78
Furlong	90.91	8.72
Gardena		
Glendale	508.81	11.99
**Glendora	35.23	34.24
Graham	53.78	24.18
***German	195.93	40.09
**Hawthorne ...	92.08	35.77
Hollywood	77.76	21.59
Lancaster	5.00	2.77
Long Beach	511.24	16.98
Mexican	35.95	11.17
Norwalk	63.61	14.98
Pasadena	207.79	10.83
**Pomona	402.43	34.20
Rivera		
San Luis Obispo..	19.10	4.50
San Pedro	92.83	14.72
Santa Barbara....	133.61	11.29
**Santa Monica ..	107.52	34.67
Sawtelle	153.60	16.35
Southside	247.46	12.65
Vermont Avenue..	111.31	17.66
Watts	6.65	19.14
Whittier	6.31	2.37
**White Memorial	205.18	31.90
Personal	234.88	

\$5701.72

W. L. Mecum Treasurer.

One of our churches with a long-standing reputation for small attendance at prayer-meeting is experiencing a revival—the still, small voice kind—and the evidence of it is seen in an increasing interest and attendance at the Wednesday evening prayer service. When the Holy Spirit begins the work of stripping off our garments of self-righteousness and showing us the filthy conditions underneath, the heart longs for the fellowship of praying souls. The seasons of refreshing and quickening are here.

Sabbath school officers in several churches recently began looking up resident church-members who are not enrolled in the Sabbath school, and although this work has only nicely begun, it is safe to say that nearly 200 members have already responded to these efforts. Every church-member ought to study our present lessons, and in the light of them closely examine the character of his faith and Christian experience. God's Word is speaking very clearly, and it is possible for each of us to know that we are building with gold, silver and precious stones a structure that will endure through all eternity. If you are not a member of some Sabbath school, join immediately, and share in the showers now falling.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

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Wanted,—Help from every Sabbath school in the conference to put Central California on the "honor roll." Word has been received from Washington, D. C., that we are 96 subscriptions short of our goal, which is 283 subscribers to the "Sabbath School Worker." Consider this an "S. O. S." call and come to the rescue. Besides the usual good things, the May "Worker" will contain the Rally Day program and the menu and recipes for the Rally Day luncheon. Let your subscription begin with this number. The assignments for the Training Course are given in the "Worker." Every worker in the conference should have this aid. This means officers and teachers, and I am sure parents would find the eye-

gate pictures a real help in interesting their children in the weekly Sabbath school lesson. Send in through the usual channels, and send now. Southern California's goal is 304, but she is on the "honor roll" with 33 subscriptions above her quota.

The Shafter and Wasco Sabbath schools united in having a convention which was held at Shafter last Sabbath. Elder J. T. Boettcher spoke on "the love of God" at the eleven o'clock service and Elder H. S. Shaw preached on the subject of "freedom in Christ" at the evening service. We trust that those present will never forget these splendid sermons. Elders G. A. Grauer and B. L. Diffenbacher were also present and assisted. Music was furnished by the choirs of the Wasco and Shafter churches. The afternoon was spent in discussions, papers were read, and short addresses were given. About 20 members were present from the Bakersfield Sabbath school. A spirit of harmony prevailed and many consecrated themselves anew to service in the Sabbath school work.

On the thirteenth Sabbath at Bakersfield the Sabbath school superintendent, Sister Lenore E. Howe, and the pastor, Elder B. L. Howe were presented with over \$50.00 which they desired should be added to the offering for missions. This made the Bakersfield thirteenth Sabbath offering \$217.12, and the offering for the quarter \$384.63. This is over \$4.00 per member for the quarter. This causes joy, not only to Elder and Sister Howe, and to the donors, but joy in mission fields, and we are sure there was joy in Heaven as well.

Myrtle Hudson.

Tithe Statement January to March, 1919

Church	Amt.	Cts. per	Tithe
	Rec'd	wk.pr.mem.	
Armona	\$ 172.82	13.3	\$ 981.57
Bakersfield ..	451.56	33.5	1192.68
Barstow	5137	14.3	391.25
Barstow Ger..	72.11	26.4	70.72
Burrough	74.12	21.5	299.88
Caplin	122.66	24.8	321.10
Chowchilla ..	79.79	13.3	366.52
Clovis	23.55	10.0	65.64
Coalinga	20.87	7.6	14.50
Conference .	130.86	16.7	634.16

Dinuba	477.85	31.4	1746.24
Dinuba Ger...	499.23	66.2	180.88
Dos Palos....	88.35	56.6	116.95
Exeter	68.38	11.6	278.29
Fresno	1352.94	21.6	2846.11
Hanford	208.10	16.5	417.61
Hanford Mex..	5.30	3.4	16.70
Island	165.42	9.3	947.11
Laguna	82.95	31.9	210.34
Laton	8597	254	129.44
Le Grand ...	8.84	5.6	14.00
Lemoore	91.99	9.7	603.62
Lindsay	83.85	26.8	290.24
Madera	132.24	24.8	281.22
Merced	64.02	17.6	296.15
Porterville ..	69.74	10.3	311.45
Rolinda	131.39	21.5	220.84
Selma	161.98	24.9	589.77
Shafter	515.77	66.1	1190.18
Tulare	42.18	11.6	165.55
Visalia	62.18	9.2	334.38
Wasco	66.34	21.2	536.36
Winton	154.19	23.7	268.40
Personal	48.70		268.40
	\$5913.61		\$16674.40

W. F. Field,
Treasurer.

SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA.

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Tract Society Items

Although the first quarter's sales for 1918 were far beyond the first quarter's sales for 1917, yet our first quarter's sales for 1919 went far beyond our 1918 record. This shows the Lord has set His hand to the work to cut it short, in spite of the many difficulties.

The two new books, "On the Trail of Livingston," by Elder Anderson, and "Fruits from the Jungle," by Dr. Wood, are experiencing a wonderful sale. As these books are in the Reading Course this year, we are sure all will wish a copy. Price, \$1.00 each, postpaid. Order from your tract society.

One of our colporteurs at Santa Ana had given a canvass for "Bible Readings," and was unable to take the order, but noticed an interest; so he gave the family a copy of the "Marked Bible." A few weeks had past, and this colporteur was viewing over his work and could see no result from his labor. He was wondering if he was accomplishing anything for the winning of souls, when the postman brought a letter from the family who received the "Marked Bible," stating that they had begun to keep the Sabbath from the reading of this little booklet and they wanted the

colporteur to come and give them some help on other subjects. As a result the whole family of four are ready to unite with the church. Needless to say this colporteur was greatly encouraged to press forward. You should have some of these little booklets to lend to your neighbors. They bring results. Price, 15 cents; ten for \$1.00, postpaid.

W. R. Goss.

NEVADA MISSION

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News Items

Elder M. A. Hollister left Monday afternoon of last week expecting to visit our people at Tonopah, Goldfield and Beatty, Nevada.

Sister Rose Lull is doing some good work with small books and magazines at Susanville, California. Reader, could you not do such work for the Master?

Brother C. L. Bond writes of having begun house-to-house work with "Present Truth" at Lovelock and of having already found some interest. He asks us to remember his efforts at the throne of grace.

There is a great deal of splendid virgin territory for colporteur work within the bounds of the Nevada Mission field, and we are anxious to correspond with both experienced workers and those thinking of taking up this line. Surely God will especially bless those who will "come over and help us."

We regret to learn from Brother J. J. Hanley that the Railroad company has transferred him and about all the brethren under him to Marysville, California; that Brother D. V. Methvin contemplates going to Idaho soon, and therefore the Sabbath school at Calneva, California, has been closed. However, the whole field is the Lord's, and perhaps these brethren are needed more where they are going. Brother Hanley has faithfully held up the light of truth about four years at Calneva. He states that the people of that vicinity are now leaving because of inability to obtain water for their land.

J. L. Humbert.

BOOK WORK

Training Workers

Perhaps a brief survey of recent colporteurs' institutes held in the Pacific Union Conference, and what they mean to the work in this field, may be of interest. Institutes already in the past were held at Los Angeles, Oakland, Salt Lake City, Delta, Colo., and Lodi Academy. The aggregate attendance at these meetings was 70, and while some of these may be hindered from entering the field, enough of them will take up the work to greatly augment our present little army of colporteurs. It is gratifying to see that practically every one who attended the Los Angeles meeting is actually at work with the books, and that their efforts are being rewarded.

Brother N. H. Conway, field secretary of the California Conference, is now busily engaged in helping those who were with us in the Oakland institute get started, and Brother Meeker is busy in the same way in the Inter-Mountain field. I greatly enjoyed my visit to that conference, even though the attendance at the two institutes held was not large. This has proven a very fruitful field for the sale of our books, even in the Mormon strongholds in Utah.

The attendance at the Lodi Academy institute was 20 to 25. Eight of these were from outside the school, and the rest were students. One commendable feature of this meeting was the fact that though the students were very busy with their regular studies, they were faithful in their attendance at our classes. Professor Hare and his staff of teachers gave us the heartiest co-operation in this effort, and gave the students who attended every possible consideration. This meeting was conducted by Brother E. H. Abbott, field secretary of the Northern California Conference, and the writer.

Our next institute will be held at Pacific Union College, April 27 to May 7. We expect all of our field secretaries in California to attend, and hope that this will prove the strongest effort of this kind ever held in that school.

There is need of a large number of capable young men and women from this advanced school to employ their talents in helping to scatter the page of truth like the leaves of autumn, for it is "in a large degree" by this means that the loud cry of the third angel's message is to be given. We are told that "the canvassing work properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order," and it is therefore worthy of the best efforts of the most talented. The demand for our literature seems to be growing all the time, and everything seems to indicate that just now is our time to get into this work, for "soon it will be more difficult than we can imagine."

F. E. Painter.

"Signs Magazine" For May

The cover of the May number of the "Signs Magazine" pictures an angel of this world's peace sitting in the doorway of the temple of peace. Beside her on a scroll are the stipulations that the League of Nations has laid down concerning armaments, armies and navies. On the other side is a sacrificial altar upon which all they who would enter into permanent peace must lay their cannon, their sword, their submarine and their torpedoes.

In a strong editorial, the truth is taught that "armed peace" inevitably leads to war; and since the nations are unwilling to discard and junk their armies and navies, and because greed and suspicion are still existent, and because the Bible says that Armageddon is on the near horizon, the world's greatest war is not past, but future.

Of the eight or ten interesting articles in this issue, the following are of special significance:

A Fraudulent Key

Christian Science purports to be the key to health. It denies the existence of disease, and then claims to heal. It teaches, "Man has a sensationless body," but claims to relieve pain. A convincing article on the fallacy of mental healing.

There Hangs a Pall

It is unfeeling selfishness on the part of the rich, and retaliatory vio-

lence on the part of the poor that threatens this world with troubles too black to contemplate.

The Churches are Losing—The Theatres are Gaining

Shall we make laws to end the competition?

Obituaries

Graham.—Harriett Anna Graham, was born in Pennsylvania, Aug. 18, 1837, and died March 11, 1919, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. W. England, in Montrose, Colorado. Sister Graham has for years been a devoted member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and though for months a constant sufferer of rheumatism and complications, she patiently bore her lot to the end and died in the blessed hope.

W. M. Address.

Gordon.—Amelia Armand was born May 28, 1861, in Kalmar Lane, Sweden, and died in Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 5, 1919. In 1888 she came to America. In 1905 she moved to Los Angeles and was there married to Charles Gordon in 1907. Sister Gordon was a charter member of the South Side Seventh-day Adventist church where she remained a faithful member until the time of her death. She leaves her husband, three sisters and one brother.

W. M. Adams.

Nielsen.—Esther Iva Nielsen was born in Sparks, Nevada, April 1, 1917, and met a tragic death March 4, 1919. This was a sad blow to the loving parents, brothers and sisters; but they all look with strong faith to the Lord, who passed through the gates of the grave and holds the keys in His hand, and will soon liberate all who have been faithful to Him. Many sympathizing friends attended the services, conducted by the writer, in the Reno Seventh-day Adventist church.

M. A. Hollister.

Blosser.—Nicholas James Blosser was born January 14, 1834, in Pennsylvania, and died April 1, 1919, in Willits, Cal. He crossed the plains in 1850 for California, settled in Willits ten years later. He was baptized in 1915. He leaves six brothers, of which he was the oldest. His son

Fred patiently cared for him in his last lingering illness, and shares in the bright hope. The writer presented the thought of life only in Christ and the climax of His glorious appearing.

Eugene A. Brown.

Methvin.—Clair Methvin was born in Lakeview, Ore., Aug. 10, 1880, and died March 3, 1919, in Portola, Cal. Shortly before his illness he accepted Jesus as his Saviour through the efforts of Elder G. C. Sims and his brother, Dorr Methvin, who had been a minister in the Baptist Church, but accepted the message about a year ago. He had the pleasure of seeing his brother grow in grace during the few days from his conversion to his death. Brother Clair desired to unite with our people, but before an opportunity to do so was offered he took sick. He leaves a wife and four children. Words of comfort were spoken from those texts which point to the time of the resurrection.

David Hartman.

Collins.—Emma Collins was born in Bromwich, England, Nov. 22, 1862, and died at San Jose, Cal., March 23, 1919. Her parents came to America when she was twelve years old. At the age of 27 she was united in marriage to F. F. Harrison. To this union were born eight children, six boys and two girls. All but one survive. Sister Harrison had been a faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for more than thirty years. Her last months were attended by intense suffering, yet through it all no word of complaint or murmur was heard. She had unshaken faith in Christ to the last, and her works did correspond. She sleeps in the Saratoga cemetery awaiting the Archangel's trump.

A. M. Dart.

Importance of Daily Study

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Light from God's Word penetrates it. Jeremiah says, "Thy words were found and I did eat them." Job said, "I have esteemed the words of His mouth more than my necessary food."

We must not get the idea that the Sabbath school is just a place where we can go for an hour, and learn all

that we will need to know for a week. As well might we take one good meal every Sunday morning and expect it to give us strength and vitality for the week's work. Rather let us feed daily upon the Word, a little at a time, that we may digest it; that it may be a part of us; that we may be growing and developing all the week. Then when we come together for the Sabbath school, we can enjoy a feast of good things by going over the lesson together and we shall be a help and blessing to each other. A lesson studied only on the Sabbath can never be so deeply impressed on the mind, nor have that effect on the heart and life, as it would be if studied in parts each day of the week, and then firmly pressed home by the teacher of the Sabbath school.

A. V. Farnsworth in "Western Canadian Tidings."

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A Special Offer

In order that all our people may have opportunity to procure the twentieth annual Special Prisoners' "Life Boat," published in May, and subsequent numbers, the publishers are making a special offer of the "Life Boat" for eight months, beginning with the May number, for only forty cents. This offer holds good only until May 25. Write to-day. Address The Life Boat, Hinsdale, Ill.

Good Tidings

Recently several very interesting letters have come from our workers in different parts of the world telling of the ever widening influence of our grand old missionary paper, the "Signs of the Times." We quote:

Tokyo, Japan, Jan. 20, 1919.

"You will be interested to know that a well educated Japanese lady, wife of a mine official, who has been reading the English 'Signs of the Times,' and some of our books, has just requested to be allowed to join our church. She first heard the truth at a lecture by Elder Daniels in Hiroshima.

"(Signed) Alfonso N. Anderson."
Vigan, Iloca, Sur,
Philippine Islands.

"The past two years kind brethren in the States have been sending me a club of thirty 'Signs of the Times' weekly; these I have remailed to students, teachers and officials. Several have taken hold of the truth as a result, while there are a number who are interested.

"We could use a regular club of fifty 'Signs' to good advantage. They

are read and re-read, and there is really a wonderful opportunity for missionary work with them. I hope our supply will keep coming.

"(Signed) Roy E. Hay."

The "Signs" weekly has also been used in large quantities in India for over two years, and as a result a number have accepted the truth.

The following is a paragraph from a letter written by one of our union home missionary secretaries who has been assisting in several institutes recently:

"One of the topics which we discussed at each institute was 'the Signs weekly as a Soul-Winner.' In the discussion of this topic we gave all an opportunity to express themselves relative to their view of the influence of the 'Signs.' It would be encouraging to you I know, to meet with the people in such institutes and to have all the way from one-third to one-half tell you, that it was wholly or largely through the influence of the 'Signs' weekly that they are in the truth."

These multiplied evidences continually coming, showing the "Signs" to be such a mighty agency in bringing people to a knowledge of the truth, should certainly encourage our people to redouble their efforts, especially as we are just now engaged in a campaign in behalf of the paper. There is something about the weekly visits of the journal and the variety of subjects that does have effect. Our goal is fixed at 100,000 this year, but really it ought to have a much larger circulation than that. When we think of a sixteen-page weekly for \$1.00 in clubs, or \$1.15 when mailed to individual lists, coupled with the results, can it be said our enthusiasm is running too high? Had you ever thought that a bound volume of the "Signs" makes a much larger book than "Great Controversy?" In fact, if it were bound it would make a volume of 800 pages.

Importance of Daily Study

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed." These words, spoken by Paul to Timothy, are just as applicable to every individual who professes the name of Christ, whether he be a minister, a Bible worker, a

Sabbath school teacher, a canvasser, a mechanic or just a plain everyday farmer.

"No man liveth unto himself, no man dieth unto himself." Every man, woman and child has an influence. To everyone has been given a work, and God would have us study to make that work as near perfect as possible, that when it shall be brought into judgment, as the Lord says every work shall be, we may be "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

The man who is engaged in severe physical labor, must see to it that the physical needs are abundantly provided for; food that will be digested and assimilated, that it may build up the broken down tissue and give strength to the body to resist the onslaughts of disease, and every crisis through which it is called to pass, as well as to give strength for the daily labor. To do this, we think it necessary to partake of food at least three times a day, and a failure to supply the necessary amount of food at the proper time, sufficient for the daily labors and exigencies of life, will result in a gradual decline in strength and a corresponding inability to accomplish the work for which it was ordained.

If then we find it so necessary to provide for our physical needs, how much more necessary that we see to it that our spiritual needs are not neglected; that daily food is provided that shall build us up and make us strong to resist the onslaughts of evil. Our spiritual natures are called upon to resist the most wily of foes. "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world." Our foe was once the Prince of Light in heaven, but with six thousand years' experience as the ruler of the darkness of this world, how may we hope to successfully meet him? It can be done only with that weapon God has given us for that purpose, 'the sword of the spirit, which is the Word of God.' "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Satan never has been able to stand before it, and never will. The darkest cloud that he can bring upon this world must disappear as one ray of

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