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

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## Another Inspiring Report

For many years our publishing department has been a large factor in the progress of the third angel's message, not only in the homeland, but in distant lands. More and more we are brought to realize that the men and women of to-day who think, enjoy the clean, wholesome literature put out by Seventh-day Adventists. Unnumbered testimonials from men and women in all walks of life bear witness to the hearty reception which our literature meets with the public.

Long since, we have passed from the mercenary side of our book work, to its missionary phase, and to-day we look not so much to the sale of books, as to the definite results in winning people to the message of truth. However, the figures of sales reveal to our minds in a tangible way the ever-increasing demand for the literature which we offer to our fellow men. From a letter just received from Brother J. R. Ferren, of Mountain View, I quote:

"One thousand dollars more for the first three months of 1920 would practically have doubled our sales over last year. This record is based on the colporteurs in our four large unions in the United States for the first three months of 1920, as compared with the same period of 1919. Twenty five thousand, seventy five dollars and thirty-five cents last year; \$49,132.55, this—a gain of \$24,057.20. This means supplying each of 8,625 homes with one of our large subscription books, which is 2,066 more than were reached during the same quarter last year.

"You will be interested, also, we believe, to note from the enclosed summaries that the general average

sales per hour have advanced encouragingly in each union conference, increasing in the entire territory from which reports have come, by 49 cents per hour. As you study these figures for the different unions, you will be impressed, as we are, with the way the Lord has blessed the colporteur work during these winter months."

To the Pacific Union Conference this means an increase of \$6,027.65, an increase in the average sales per hour of 41 cents over 1919, and 729 more large subscription books in the homes of our people than were placed in the homes for the same period in 1919. While these figures are not startling, they certainly show a good, healthy growth, and give us every reason to believe we shall reach the goal set by our conference field missionary secretaries at the Mountain View convention the first of the year.

Just now, while I am writing these words, our brethren are engaged in the first Big Week for the Pacific Union Conference. Brother Painter and every field secretary, and we trust, a number of our tract society secretaries, were in the field for the entire week. They esteem it a privilege to go out into the country, from home to home, with our regular colporteurs in these special endeavors.

At the close of the school year of our college and academies, we ought to see a much larger corps in the field with the printed page. There is a turning on the part of our people to this line of missionary endeavor, and indeed it is a most practical line to the church, as every one, old and young, can have a part in this work.

J. W. Christian.

## A GREAT LOSS

In this time of war, storms, strikes, etc., we have become calloused to a real sense of the terrible losses that are being suffered by the peoples of the world. It has been estimated that approximately 100,000,000 people perished in the influenza plague. The war occasioned the loss of many billions of dollars and millions of lives. Multiplied strikes have caused the loss of many millions of dollars, and untold suffering.

But a greater loss than these combined is impending. Jesus will come in all His regal splendor and power, and great numbers of people will be unprepared to meet Him. "For what is a man profited, if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" Matt. 16:26. They may be ready to welcome Him with joy if they will but heed the warning message.

How much greater will be the loss to those who knew their Lord's will and failed to obey it! "Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" Luke 6:46. "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Matt. 7:21. He "that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

We may be able to deceive our loved ones, even, as to our spiritual condition, but we cannot deceive the Great Judge. He knows every hidden sin. It is time to be ready. How earnestly we should search the Word, and with what entreaty should we seek God in prayer for victory!

Also we should keep in touch with the onward march of the message in all the world. How one's soul rejoices at the victories of the cross of

Christ in darkened lands! The "Review and Herald" keeps one informed and instructed as to the progress of this last work of God. Until July 1 the price will remain the same. Owing to a great loss in publication this last year the price must be increased. Keep in step with the movement by reading this good paper from week to week. "Every family should have this paper." Vol. 4, page 599.

J. A. Stevens.

### SUNDAY SHOWS IN ONTARIO

Ontario has just passed through a Sunday law campaign, which certainly was unique. I will here merely give the facts, and reserve comments, as the facts are sufficient.

A few years ago the City Council passed an ordinance prohibiting moving pictures and other amusements on Sunday. All places of amusement were thus closed till a few weeks ago, when the council amended the law, and permitted moving pictures to be given every Sunday, providing a trio of censors, appointed by the council, should declare the pictures to be religious or educational. The first time this provision should be violated the theater must be closed for four weeks, and upon a second offense, closed indefinitely.

When the amendment was first read at the council meeting, an objection was made by one or more members who suggested that the ministers' union ought to be consulted before its adoption. The following week the preachers were on hand with serious objections. The question was again postponed for a week. Again the clergy were on hand with various and sundry arguments against the amendment which permitted "movies" on Sunday. After asserting it would commercialize the day, and would permit competition to the churches, the ministers closed with the proposition that if the measure was passed they would call for a referendum vote upon it. In spite of the arguments, the council adopted the amendment, and the "movies" in Ontario were legalized upon Sunday.

The censors were appointed, and the "movies" began. The first night all was serene, but the second was the last, as the censors said the show was "harmless, but neither religious

nor educational." That closed the Ontario "movies" for a while.

The friends of the "movies" at once started a referendum campaign, and on April 12 the question was to be decided by popular vote. This vote was on the repeal of both the original ordinance and the amendment. Two sides lined up for battle. Those in favor of, and those opposed to the Sunday "movies."

Both sides opened with a rush, and as it seemed to be merely a question of the "movies" or not, we decided to remain out of the controversy, even though we might seem to stultify our own position, in not standing for the rights of every man in our republic. We knew of a certainty we would be misrepresented, and we knew some would misunderstand our position because of the misrepresentation.

We said nothing and did nothing till the clergy came out fair and square, and declared it was not a question of the "movies," but of Sunday protection and enforcement. It then became our duty to tell the people frankly that as Christians we protested against such an iniquitous transaction. One article was written, and printed in the daily paper. This brought to us messages from all parts of the city indorsing the positions taken. Another article appeared; this also brought commendation from Baptists, Methodists and many others. The Methodists and Baptists declared the principles we presented were the original principles of their own churches, and they be-moaned the departure of their denominations from their original principles.

As soon as our first article appeared, we were offered every inducement to unite with the "movie" men. This we refused to do, as we wished to oppose the entire movement from principle alone, and not become entangled with any other considerations. A third article appeared occupying a whole page in the newspaper. From this came compliments, even from many who voted against the very principles they indorsed in theory.

We felt that it was not only due the public, but our own church also, that we go on public record that we would

remain loyal to the gospel and American principles, although every other church repudiated them, so we held one public meeting. Elder W. M. Healey came, and gave a most excellent presentation of "True Americanism." We also distributed literature. With this we stopped, feeling we had done our duty.

All the regular stock arguments generally used in favor of Sunday laws were brought forward by the clergy. The laboring man was pitied, the "movie" management condemned in unstinted terms.

The clergy held a mass meeting which I attended. It did not apparently appear to them out of place for the chairman of the meeting to protest against commercializing Sunday, when his own place of business is open every day in the year, and unquestionably his income from Sunday business exceeds that of any other Sunday business in Ontario.

It was advertised that a special speaker from another town would address the meeting. As he lives in a city where the "movies" run every Sunday night, evidently he was not as fearful of them as the Ontario clergy for he did not once advocate the closing of the picture house, but he did tell them frankly they were trying to dam up the wrong end of the river. Then he advocated the very thing we had tried to get before them, that the needed reform was not in city ordinances, but in parental care, and purified home conditions.

The vote was taken, and under the

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slogan, "Shall Ontario have Sunday Movies?" they all voted. Those against the movies on Sunday carried the vote by nearly 400 majority. Thus a great moral victory was won, and much rejoicing followed, as the Sunday "movie" was gone, and that by such a large majority vote. But—

Let us remember that there was an ordinance closing all amusements, which ordinance was to be repealed or confirmed. The vote of course, confirmed the ordinance, and thus placed it beyond the power of the council to repeal or amend. Also bear in mind that there was an amendment permitting the opening of picture shows on Sunday, under the restrictions. In voting for the retention of the ordinance to close every amusement house the citizens had to vote on the amendment legalizing the Sunday movies. Thus they had to vote both "Yes" and "No" by their ballots. Thus by a majority of nearly 400 Ontario has a legalized "movie" show.

Being a referendum vote of the people this amendment has been taken out of the hands of the City Council, which is powerless to repeal it. Thus the clergy and the voters have given Ontario a permanent Sunday show. All have been caught in their own web.

The picture manager at once saw the joke, and sent an open letter to the daily paper, saying he would at once open his place on Sunday nights with religious and educational pictures only. He closed his article with an appeal to the churches and clergy to attend the shows, and to suggest any improvements that might be made.

The following night came an open letter from the other side, and although they had fought him at every turn, they now said: "We wish to assure you and your supporters that we were not opposing the operation of your picture theater on Sunday evenings under the present ordinance." The letter closes with, "Yours for good shows and a clean town."

C. H. Edwards.

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"God never asks us to believe, without giving sufficient evidence upon which to base our faith."

### IMPRESSIONS OF PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE

A visit to Pacific Union College is a pleasure to one who has once been a student there. The chapel, at last so nearly completed, with its new seats; the new class rooms made from the old chapel—of blessed memory to so many of us; the library and its six thousand volumes well arranged for ready reference and use; new equipment for chemistry and physics laboratories, the latest a spectrometer that brings joy to Professor Mortensen's heart; the pipe organ—but that demands a separate sentence. Brother John Arthur has taken a keen interest in the organ. It has grown under his care, till there are in addition to the original parts, many new pipes for the main organ, a group of pipes in the north gallery, some of them very large, placed beneath the floor, a very fine echo organ in the rear gallery, and a full set of chimes.

Chapel period is a time to look forward to. A selection on the organ comes first, and the attention given this part of the exercises demonstrates the influence of the instrument in the school. Following the hymn and prayer, some special feature is given—current events, ethical topics, or general instruction by faculty members. A chord on the organ is the signal for all the students to rise and pass, the organ continuing a spirited selection. One chapel period each week is devoted to the missionary volunteer society of the college. The members report much effectual missionary work in towns of the valley; many students have taken part in the work; thousands of papers and tracts have been distributed, and a number have been interested in the truth and are preparing for baptism. The "Missionary Ford" has had its share in this work.

With every seat in the chapel taken, and with every room in four homes fully occupied, the school has made corresponding progress in almost all lines. There is, however, one department that needs strengthening, the normal. That strength must come from the field. Churches and families should encourage

young people to prepare for this important branch of the work of God for this time. Young people must be made to appreciate this work; this may be done in a number of ways. The home teachers must be heartily supported, financially and morally; this means that the young people who are going through the church schools and entering the academies and the college must believe in Christian education, because of the results in their own lives and because they see that parents and patrons value such an education and respect the teachers and their work. Many young people would take this training if they were encouraged and assisted in a definite way—in a dollars-and-cents way. Then our teachers should be paid better; they cannot afford to teach for half the pay other workers receive.

So far as the normal department of the college is concerned, excellent work is being done, and the students in training greatly appreciate it. Sister Jessie Osborne and her efficient company of assistants are making the work of teaching attractive and as easy as possible for the future trainers of the children and youth of our churches. More wheat for the mill, is their cry.

My impression of the college homes is good. The worship hour, morning and evening, finds a spirit of devotion on the part of practically all. About fifty young men belong to the prayer bands that meet every morning in one of the rooms of the college building for a few minutes of study along practical lines, and then separate into groups of three or four for prayer. The young ladies meet in their home in the same manner. Such a group of praying students means much to the life and prosperity of a school; the blessing of the Lord is assured and realized. Their endeavor is to live so true to the standard of the Master that all the students will be led to own Him in their lives. Thus may the purpose of the college be realized, an army of young people trained and devoted to God and His work in the earth. Max Hill.

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"One example is worth a thousand arguments."

## FIELD TIDINGS

### CALIFORNIA

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#### A WORD OF CHEER FROM HUMBOLDT COUNTY

The work is onward here. The interest has grown to such an extent that we have had to place extra chairs in the church to accommodate the people. The entire church has been organized into prayer and missionary bands for the salvation of our children and neighbors. We, too, are in the procession now moving Zionward, in the finishing of the third angel's message.

Brother E. E. Beddoe occasionally brings from Pepperwood candidates for baptism. Sabbath, April 17, four were baptized, one from Pepperwood and three from Eureka. For such experiences we can only praise and glorify God. The "missionary volunteer week" brought rich blessings to the entire church.

In a few weeks we expect Elder Luther Warren to come to Eureka and unite with the workers here in a public effort. We plan to begin early enough so as to properly close one strong effort in the city of Eureka before camp meeting.

O. E. Sandness.

### CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

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#### CENTRAL CALIFORNIA, TAKE NOTICE!

It has been definitely decided to hold the Central California Conference camp meeting at Mooney's Grove, near Visalia, the same place it was held last year.

The time for the meeting has been set for May 27 to June 6. We are making this statement because we know our people are anxious to hear both the time and place of the camp meeting. We will write more about the meeting soon.

We expect the largest camp meeting this year we have ever had in Central California Conference.

H. S. Shaw.

### NEWS ITEMS

Last week Elder E. L. Neff went to Glendale in order to accompany his wife to Fresno. She has been taking treatment in the Glendale Sanitarium.

Brother Glen Morton, who is canvassing in Kern County, came home for a few days' visit. He called at the office and reports that he is of good courage and that he is having good success.

Brother M. L. Rice visited the newly organized church at Los Banos, Sabbath, April 10, at which time this church celebrated the ordinances for the first time. This church is contemplating the erection of a church building.

Elder H. S. Shaw attended the union conference committee meeting at Glendale, at which time the dates were set for the camp meetings. Our meeting is to be held May 27 to June 6, and at the same place as last year, Mooney's Grove.

We are glad to report that Brother F. E. Painter worked in our conference during the "big week." He and Brother L. M. Overholt worked near Coalinga. We have not yet received reports from our agents, but we understand that Brethren Painter, Overholt and Chedester averaged \$100 each by the middle of the week.

Brother M. L. Rice, who has been visiting the churches in behalf of the Spiritualism issue of the "Signs," says: "In every church where this matter has been presented, our people have responded by ordering sufficient papers to place one in every home in their district. In nearly every church they have raised more than the cost of the papers at the meeting when the matter was presented. 'Thy people shall be willing in the day of Thy power.'"

W. F. Field.

"The world is looking for the man who can do something; not for the man who can explain why he didn't do it."

### AMONG THE SABBATH SCHOOLS

Mrs. Earl Russell of Bakersfield has just completed the 1919 Training Course, and is entitled to a certificate.

We are glad to announce that a new Sabbath school has been organized at Orange Cove, with Brother John Barch as superintendent, and Miss Edith Friesen as secretary.

Alpaugh, Bakersfield, Caplin, Dinuba German, Gustine, Le Grand, Lindsay, Los Banos, O'Neals, Orosi, and Porterville are on the honor roll for the thirteenth Sabbath, March 27, having given a dollar offering for each church member.

April 10 was spent with the Sabbath school at Madera. One very noticeable feature was the quiet movements of the children's division. Mrs. Alley is in charge of this division. This church believes in hospitality with all their hearts. They are winning souls for the Master through work among their neighbors.

About thirty miles from Barstow is the Tranquillity Sabbath school. Sister Lizzie James is superintendent and James McClenahan is secretary. Through the kindness of Brother and Sister E. C. Wood we spent several hours with this little company, going by auto from Barstow Colony after the close of Sabbath school. A number of Sabbath-keepers drive from San Joaquin to the home of Sister James, where the Sabbath school is held at 2:30 p. m.

The teachers' meeting held in Fresno, the evening of April 21, was of unusual interest. Brother George Carlson, the superintendent, was chairman, and the lesson was taught by Brother Lowell M. Knapp. The plan in this Sabbath school is that the one who teaches the lesson at the teachers' meeting, shall, after teaching the same lesson to his class, give the review of the lesson before the whole school the next Sabbath. Thus the one who gives the review is well prepared, having taught the same lesson three times, and the work is of interest to those who are reviewed.

The Orosi Sabbath school, with a membership of 35, gave \$248.97 for the total offering for the quarter; \$72.16 was the thirteenth Sabbath offering. The average per week per member was 54.7 cents.

The Barstow German Sabbath school was visited by the writer on April 17. The children in this Sabbath school show that they have been well trained, and are students of the Word. Ten in this Sabbath school promised to take the Workers' Training Course.

The 1920 Training Course was organized at Visalia, April 14; at Exeter on April 15, and at Barstow English on April 16. Teachers' meetings were held in connection with each of these, and the leading workers in the church and Sabbath school were enrolled and the Workers' Training Course begun.

Membership honor roll is as follows: Alpaugh, Allensworth, Auberry, Dinuba German, Fellows, Gustine, Hanford Mexican, Le Grand, Los Banos, O'Neals, Orosi, Shafter, Wasco. In order to be on this honor roll, the membership must equal the church membership, plus one half of the intermediate division, and all of the primary and kindergarten divisions.

Myrtle B. Hudson.

#### ARIZONA

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#### ARIZONA CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

The regular biennial session of the Arizona Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in Phoenix, Arizona, in connection with the annual camp meeting, the date of which is May 20 to 30, 1920.

The camp will be located at the corner of McDowell Road and Tenth Street.

The churches of the conference are entitled to send delegates to the meeting, and representation is allowed on the following basis:

"One delegate for the organization and one delegate for each fifteen members or major fraction thereof."

Officers for the ensuing term will be elected, also such other business transacted as may properly come before the meeting.

This will be a very important meeting. All delegates should be in attendance. All the constituency of the conference should come and help make this the largest and best meeting ever held in our field.

A. R. Sandborn, President.  
R. E. Kalfus, Secretary.

#### ARIZONA CONFERENCE CORPORATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

The regular annual meeting of the Arizona Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists was held in Phoenix, Arizona, April 6, 1920. Owing to the small attendance it was voted to adjourn until Monday, May 24, 1920, at 11:00 a. m., the adjourned meeting to be held on the camp ground at McDowell Road and Tenth Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

The meeting will be for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year; also to transact any other business as may properly come before the meeting.

A. R. Sandborn, President.  
R. E. Kalfus, Secretary.

#### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

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#### FIELD ACTIVITIES

A successful home missionary convention has just been held in Stockton. This convention opened Thursday evening, April 15, with an officers' meeting and closed Sunday evening. Various topics of home missionary effort along campaign and band work were discussed in detail. Elder Clarence Santee spoke on Sabbath and Sunday, giving some very helpful studies and suggestions. Other interesting papers were prepared by local talent of the Stockton church along the lines of co-operation and reporting; also the young people's work. The missionary society ordered a club of 1,000 "Present Truth" of each issue for the remainder of the year. In the evening there was nearly \$25.00 worth of literature ordered to be used in missionary work in that city.

We are glad to see so many new subscriptions coming in for the "Review and Herald." All who are not subscribers to this good periodical would do well to subscribe before the first of July, as it will advance in price from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per year. None can afford to be without this good paper.

A complete tent outfit has been sent to Durham where Brother F. A. Johnson, together with the writer, expect to hold a series of meetings between now and the camp meeting season. We solicit the prayers of all our brethren throughout the conference that God will bless in this effort, and that the result will be a harvest of souls.

We are glad to note that most of our churches,—in fact all that are holding regular services, in the Northern California Conference, are now organized and all doing aggressive work by covering territory twice each month with "Present Truth." Over 20,000 of the special number of the "Signs" were distributed, as well as hundreds of the little books, "Epidemics" and "Spiritualism Versus Christianity."

F. M. Butterfield,  
Home Missionary Secretary.

"The condition of eternal life is now just what it always has been,—just what it was in Paradise before the fall of our first parents,—perfect obedience to the law of God, perfect righteousness."

#### ITEMS OF INTEREST

Reports of about 50 baptisms have been sent in from different parts of the conference since, and during, the missionary volunteer week. The largest number reported at any church is Lodi,—with 22. The week was a spiritual blessing to all.

Our people will be anxious to know where our next camp meeting is to be held. Our conference committee has had this matter under consideration for some time, and at our last meeting it was decided to hold the camp meeting this year in Lodi. The date is June 10 to 20.

Brother N. H. Conway, our conference field secretary, has received a call to connect with the North Pacific Union Conference as union field missionary secretary. At our last conference committee meeting this matter received attention, and inasmuch as the call comes for Brother Conway to take up union conference work, our committee felt that this conference ought to release him, and an action was taken by the committee to this effect. Brother James B. Nelson has been recommended to our conference to take the office vacated by Brother Conway, and in harmony with the recommendation, the committee voted to invite Brother Nelson to take this office in our conference. Brother Nelson has already entered upon his new conference duties.

By the time this issue of the "Recorder" reaches our readers, a tent effort will be in progress at Durham, conducted by Brother F. M. Butterfield and Brother F. A. Johnson. Brethren, remember these workers in your prayers, that they may be able to reach those who are honest in heart, but still in darkness.

April 16 to 18 a convention was held in the Stockton church by our home missionary secretary, F. M. Butterfield, assisted by Elder Santee. Besides the general instruction given, a number of the local brethren and sisters prepared papers upon different phases of the church work that were highly appreciated. William Voht.

#### QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

The Lord has blessed the work in our field during another quarter. While we have not reached our goal on the fifty-cent-a-week fund, we are glad to be able to report an increase of \$4,380.34 in mission offerings over the amount received for the first quarter of 1919. This has raised our average a week per member from 21 cents in 1919, to 39 cents for the first quarter of 1920.

In tithe receipts also, we are glad to report a substantial increase from \$11,594.44 received the first quarter of 1919, to \$17,711.36 for the first three months of this year.

The following tabulation, showing the standing of the churches at the close of the quarter, will be of interest:

Church	Tithe	Mission Funds	Cts. per Wk. per Member
Almond Grove .....	\$ 419.21	\$ 177.70	.80
Camino .....	165.60	41.33	.13
Conference .....	495.33	1,933.28	2.12
Chico .....	747.87	276.65	.29
Corning .....	162.83	80.71	.68
Galt .....	208.00	56.29	.24
Hughson .....	357.05	148.58	.35
Indian Valley .....	26.65	58.88	.22
Lodi English .....	5,891.35	1,801.78	.33
Lodi German .....	939.53	993.71	.65
Los Molinos .....	98.58	92.10	.35
Manteca .....	53.73	28.42	.54
Modesto .....	1,386.87	448.98	.20
Nevada City .....	195.25	76.76	.32
Oakdale .....	243.85	202.13	.39
Oroville .....	232.98	107.66	.25
Orland .....	109.47	72.42	.29
Paradise .....		2.50	
Placerville .....	45.95	43.45	.47
Red Bluff .....	156.52	94.44	.23
Redding .....	72.32	39.37	.17
Ripon .....	131.51	111.83	.23
Sacramento .....	1,958.74	488.12	.20
Salida .....	513.05	518.70	.33
Stockton .....	994.16	743.52	.43
Turlock .....	1,785.51	362.51	.16
Woodland .....	236.20	147.82	.32
Yuba City .....	83.25	58.40	.19
Northern California Conference.....	\$ 17,711.36	\$ 9,208.05	.39

William Voht,  
Treasurer.

#### SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA

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#### FROM BLYTHE

The dedication of the recently completed church for the colored brethren here occurred Sunday, April 18. It was a day that will long be remembered by those present. The neat little edifice, tastefully decorated with flowers, was crowded with members of both churches and their friends, who enjoyed the rendition of a well arranged program.

Elder E. W. Farnsworth, representing the Pacific Union Conference, delivered the sermon, the dedicatory prayer being made by Elder C. McReynolds, who has been in close touch with the progress of the work from its inception. Elder J. W. Miller, the pastor, presided. Elder Sydney Scott and Rev. John Gabrielson of the Methodist Episcopal church here, also occupied seats on the rostrum.

The church building was dedicated free of debt, a fact for which all the members are duly thankful. Attention being called to the unfinished condition of the interior, however, an offering of \$147.50 in cash and checks was received from those present—more than sufficient to cover the cost of the work.

Anyone desiring a more complete report of the dedicatory exercises, together with report of the sermon of Elder Farnsworth may address the "Palo Verde Valley Review," or the writer, enclosing six cents for paper and postage.

We are sure this tender plant, now taking root in this community, will be so watered and cared for that much fruit will be borne and a harvest of souls be ready for translation when the angel-reapers come forth.

Charles A. Cole.

"Those who themselves have been rescued from the hand of the enemy, should put forth every effort in their power to save other enslaved souls."

"Concentration is the virtue of all successful men."

**Obituaries**

**Dumont.**—William Dumont was born in Oxford County, Ontario, Canada, June 18, 1835, and died March 30, 1920, in Madera, Cal., aged 84 years, 9 months and 18 days. Brother Dumont came to Fresno County in 1877. He was one of the oldest Seventh-day Adventists in this section of the country, always taking an active part in church work. Surviving him are his wife, two sons and one daughter. The funeral was held in the Fresno church, the service being conducted by Elder H. S. Shaw, assisted by the writer and Elder A. S. Kellogg. We laid our brother to rest in the Mountain View cemetery, believing that we, if faithful, will meet him in a better land than this.  
E. L. Neff.

**Staal.**—Christian Staal was born in Denmark, June 3, 1838, and died in Barstow, Cal., April 6, 1920, being almost 82 years old. He came to this country about 50 years ago, settling first in Iowa, and later mov-

ing to California. He was married to Lena Peterson in 1874. He united with the Seventh-day Adventist church 44 years ago, and remained faithful until his death. He leaves his wife, four daughters and one son, beside numerous relatives and friends. They mourn, but not without hope, for we laid Brother Staal to rest believing that we will soon be permitted to see him again in that goodly land where the inhabitant will not say, "I am sick."  
E. L. Neff.

**Halstead.**—Mrs. E. Halstead was born in England, Nov. 27, 1850, and died at Morgan Hill, Cal., March 17, 1920. She accepted the truth in 1887 under the labors of Elder W. B. White, and remained faithful until her death. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. D. S. Kay, of Madera, Cal., and many friends to mourn their loss. The funeral was held in the Morgan Hill church, the services being conducted by the writer.  
A. E. Place.

**Myers.**—Little Mildred Maurine Myers, daughter of Darius and Susie Myers, died in Fresno, Cal., March 30, 1920. Mildred was almost ten years old at the time of her death. During her sickness, which lasted for several weeks, she was patient, and appreciative of all that was done for her. Her father, mother, one sister and one brother are left to mourn. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer, and we laid the little body to rest in the Mountain View cemetery. E. L. Neff.

**Carlock.**—Jacob Carlock was born in the state of Ohio, March 28, 1835, about 16 months after the "falling of the stars," being at the time of his death in Lodi, Cal., April 8, 1920, 85 years and 11 days of age. His last sickness was very brief, not lasting more than two hours, although he had been failing for some time. Words of comfort were spoken giving assurances of a resurrection, after which we laid him to rest till Jesus comes.  
J. W. Rich.

**Book Report, Week Ending April 16, 1920**

Agent	Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Value	Del.
<b>Arizona</b>						
J. R. Douglas	G. C.	32	29	\$ 2.00	\$140.50	
J. H. Ward	Misc.	15		10.00	10.00	10.00
2 Agents		47	29	\$ 12.00	\$150.50	\$ 10.00
<b>California</b>						
M. K. Graham	G. C., P. G.	5	3	\$ .50	\$ 20.00	
G. A. Roth	G. C.	7				15.50
H. Hodges	D. R., P. G.	14	3	2.75	19.25	29.60
Edward Entwistle	Misc.	30	460	115.00	115.00	115.00
4 Agents		56	466	\$118.25	\$154.25	\$160.10
<b>Central California</b>						
R. G. Morton	P. P.	40	7	\$ 65.05	\$103.05	\$ 53.60
F. P. Chedester	P. G.	39	29	12.75	173.25	121.75
P. Rawlinson	P. P.	37	5		23.50	9.50
3 Agents		116	41	\$ 77.80	\$299.80	\$184.85
<b>Southern California</b>						
H. N. Brass*	B. R.	57	15		\$ 77.50	\$128.35
S. H. Coombs	P. G.	14	4		20.00	
L. R. Herrera	P. G.	45	40	2.75	217.75	42.50
W. F. Mayers	G. C.	16	13		65.00	85.00
R. L. McKenzie	P. G.	34	22		115.00	70.00
5 Agents *2 Weeks		166	94	\$ 2.75	\$495.25	\$325.85
<b>Southeastern California</b>						
Isaac Cruz	G. C., P. G.	14	12	\$ 2.50	\$ 64.50	
H. G. Wardan	B. R.	24	6	15.90	33.90	
G. D. Hoffman	G. C.	17	7	3.75	48.50	
3 Agents		55	25	\$ 22.15	\$146.90	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>440</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>\$232.95</b>	<b>\$1246.70</b>	<b>\$680.80</b>

**ADVERTISEMENTS**

**SPECIAL NOTICE—TERMS**

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**Wanted.**—Domestic or culinary help. Address White Memorial Hospital, 312 North Boyle Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.

**Wanted at Once.**—An experienced Seventh-day Adventist shoemaker. Steady work; good wages. Address Fred Kleingbeil, 2115 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, Cal.

**Help Wanted.**—We are in need of lady workers in our culinary and domestic departments. Wages, \$13.50 per week. Living expenses are quite reasonable. A man is also needed for janitor work. Any one interested apply to sanitarium manager, Loma Linda, Cal.

**Wanted.**—Position as housekeeper in a Seventh-day Adventist home by a middle-aged lady desiring to have full management of the household. References given and required. Address Mrs. W. A. N., 1366 West Thirty-eighth St., Los Angeles, Cal.



NEWS ITEMS

Prof. W. W. Ruble spent a few days in Arizona.

Brother F. E. Painter returned to the office the first of the week from Central California where he spent the "big week."

Elder J. W. Christian is spending a few days among the conferences. While away he will visit Fresno, Lodi, Oakland and the St. Helena Sanitarium.

Last week was "big week" for our colporteurs. Those of our field missionary and tract society secretaries who were able to be in the field report some precious experiences.

Elder William Lewsadder, of Dayton, Ohio, has been invited to connect with the Utah Mission field, and will locate at Salt Lake. He hopes to reach his new field by June 1.

Elder R. L. Benton, of Minnesota, has responded to a call to the Arizona Conference. He will arrive about May 15, and will locate in Phoenix, serving as pastor of the church.

Elder J. Adams Stevens left last Monday evening for Utah in the interest of the home missionary work. He plans to visit Ogden, Logan, Salt Lake City; also Fallon and Reno in the Nevada Mission.

Elder E. L. Neff was a caller at the union office one day last week. He came down from Fresno to get Sister Neff and take her home. Sister Neff has been a patient at the Glendale Sanitarium for a couple of months.

Send a helpful word to your friend. It may be the very thing needed in an hour of trial. The Missionary Volunteer Department is putting out a set of seventeen cards, each bearing some helpful thought or noble verse. Use these for your card correspondence. Price, 10 cents.

"Accuracy is the twin brother of honesty."

ANOTHER IMPORTANT CHANGE

In the ever-widening circles of the advent message new and larger calls and demands are made upon us. Men whom we have learned to love and respect, and with whom we have had sweet fellowship in service are drawn upon for larger fields of usefulness; and we can only say, "God be with you," as we part with them for their new fields of labor.

At the recent General Conference committee council a request came for the release of Elder J. L. McElhany, president of the Southeastern California Conference, to the presidency of the Southern Union. After due consideration by the union and Southeastern California Conference committees, we reluctantly voted to release our brother to this larger field. Elder McElhany has served with much credit as president in the California and Southeastern California Conferences, and his large circle of friends and associate workers will all join in wishing the family heaven's richest blessings as they leave us, with a hearty welcome to return "home,"—for they are all natives of California,—whenever the opportunity shall permit.

We are glad to announce to the "Recorder" family that Elder B. E. Beddoe has been invited by the Southeastern California Conference committee to the presidency of the conference to fill the unexpired term made vacant by the call to Elder McElhany. Elder Beddoe has accepted and will enter upon his duties about May 10. This will give to the conference affairs an almost unbroken administration, and the plan for field work will go on uninterrupted for the spring and summer.

We bespeak for Elder Beddoe the same cordial and loyal support accorded his predecessor. He will enter upon his duties with the fullest

confidence and co-operation of his fellow workers in the Pacific Union Conference.

J. W. Christian.

PRAY FOR OUR COLPORTEURS

The following letter from Brother F. P. Chedester, who is engaged in the colporteur work in Clovis and vicinity, suggests a matter that is worthy the attention of all readers of the "Recorder."

Those who cannot engage in the colporteur work themselves can do much good by systematically praying for those who are hastening onward with the message of mercy.

"I wonder if our people pray enough for the colporteurs. One day this week about noon a peculiar providence came to me accompanied by a marked success. The next night when I was at home I asked my wife if she was praying for me on the morning before. She said, "Yes." I asked at what time, and she replied, "A little before noon." Prayer changes things. And when one is engaged in so important a work as canvassing for the truth, the evil agencies are sure to try to hinder him. Therefore, the church should intercede for the soldiers in the thick of the fight, as did Moses when Israel was besieged by the Amalekites.

"But how sad the experience when I learned to-day of the death of a man at whose home I visited a few days before. He was sick with pneumonia. I had an excellent opportunity to pray with him as the wife spoke of the doctor praying at home. But I neglected the opportunity, and now he is dead. May I keep in such close touch with the Lord, that I will follow the instruction given in Proverbs 3:28."

F. E. Painter.

CAMP MEETING DATES

Arizona	- - -	Phoenix	- - -	May 20 to 30
Central California	- - -	Visalia	- - -	May 27 to June 6
Northern California	- - -	Lodi	- - -	June 10 to 20
Nevada	- - -	- - -	- - -	June 21 to 27
California	- - -	Oakland	- - -	August 5 to 15
Southeastern California	- - -	San Diego	- - -	August 12 to 22
Southern California	- - -	Los Angeles	- - -	September 1 to 12