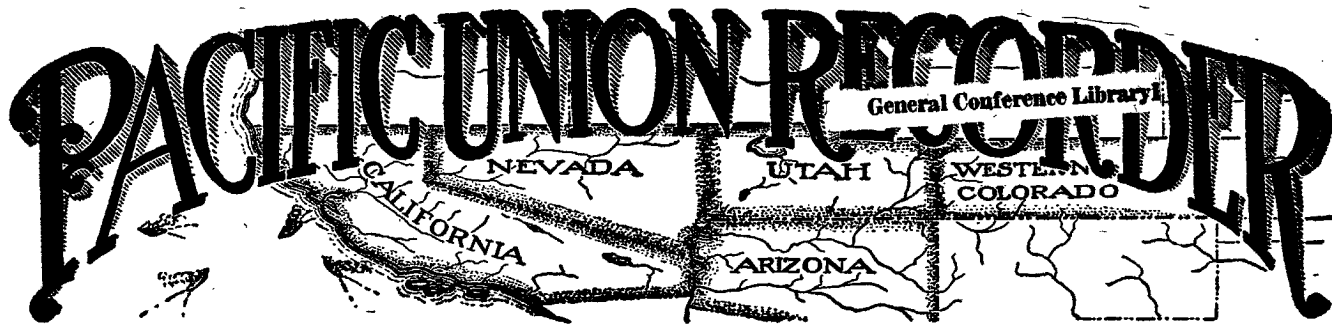


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A World-Wide Movement

The following is a portion of an article that appears in the September "Gazette," on Harvest Ingathering by Elder C. V. Leach:

"As an important factor in connection with the rapidly developing laymen's missionary movement, the Harvest Ingathering is taking on an almost universal swing around the world. Men and women everywhere are glad to assist in this work of heralding the gospel of the kingdom to the ends of the earth, and as a result, almost phenomenal success attends the efforts of the church in this direction.

"As an example of the good results obtained last year in new fields, we quote from the report of Elder L. L. Hutchinson, of the Hawaiian Mission:

"We raised more than \$1,700 in our Harvest Ingathering work. With our first lot of twelve hundred papers we raised \$1,200, thus averaging one dollar a paper. I think this a good record for ninety members."

"This gives the believers in the Hawaiian Mission field an average of nearly \$19.00 a member. The record of these new converts should inspire the believers in the North American field, where this work was first launched, to greater activity in this important work. It should also encourage those in our mission fields and conferences throughout the world to enthusiastically take hold of the Harvest Ingathering work, which promises to be an important factor in acquainting multitudes with this rapidly growing movement. Thousands of our church members will annually be brought into personal contact through this work with

people in all stations of life and thus become instruments in the hands of God to bring many across the line into the truth.

Beginning of the Harvest Ingathering

"The Harvest Ingathering movement had its beginning in a humble way. It is the Lord's usual plan to select a humble man upon whom to place the burden for a special work for which the time of development has arrived. In harmony with this plan, the year 1902 found Brother Jasper Wayne, of Iowa, leading out in the Harvest Ingathering movement. Brother Wayne's own words describing the beginning of this work are most interesting:

"In the year 1902, a small company of believers lived in Sac City, Iowa. An earnest desire filled our hearts to do what we could to advance the message in our neighborhood. In the fall of that year, the Pacific Press Publishing Association issued a "Capital and Labor" number of the "Signs of the Times," and solicited as large a circulation as possible. I ordered fifty copies, thinking this quite an undertaking. However, when the papers arrived at the post office, I unwrapped them, and began to hand them out to the people standing in the lobby, stating that the money received would go to foreign missions. Quite a hearty response was given, and in a short time all my papers were disposed of, with the exception of three copies. Having secured more than three dollars for a mission offering, I was highly pleased with the undertaking. About ten days later, on going to the post office as usual, I found fifty more pa-

pers waiting me. These were sent from the office of publication in Oakland, Cal., while the former package came from the state tract society office in Des Moines, Iowa. Not being a subscriber to the "Signs" at that time, I did not know, and no one from that day to this knows, how my order came to be duplicated. But there is One who does know, and knew from the first what use would be made of these papers. This was the beginning of miracles in the Harvest Ingathering.

"On taking the papers home, I said to my wife, "I will see how much can be secured for these papers for our Annual Offering for missions." I took them with me in the buggy, and the first man I accosted gave me fifteen cents, the next eighteen, and then a lady gave me twenty-five cents. This gave me courage to suggest twenty-five cents, which the people readily gave me. Some gave larger sums, and when the fifty papers were disposed of, some \$26 had been secured for missions. It was with feelings of deep emotion that I emptied the contents of that glass upon the table at the time of the Annual Offering. The possibilities in such an enterprise loomed up before me in all their proportions, and I at once ordered four hundred papers direct from the "Signs" office. These I carried with me for about a year, securing in all about \$100. This was turned into the treasury from time to time as it was taken in. Not only a handsome sum of money was received from this beginning, but a rich experience was obtained as I explained the object and aims of our work."

"Following this successful experience, Brother Wayne brought the burden of his heart to the leaders in the work, who from time to time

gave him encouragement and opportunity to present the plan at camp meetings and in the churches. The work was soon taken up and encouraged by the General Conference committee.

"In 1908 the first general campaign was conducted, and \$14,136.77 was received. In a little more than a decade from the time of the first campaign, in the year 1919, this sum was raised to more than one third of a million dollars, and this year, under the blessing of Heaven, the denomination proposes to raise one-half million dollars through the Harvest Ingathering effort for missions. As we behold the marvelous results, we can but exclaim in the words of scripture, "What hath God wrought!"

A Harvest of Souls as Well as a Harvest of Dollars

"While we appeal to the people to contribute to the advancement of this great missionary enterprise in a material way, our real objective is to win souls to the truth—to win the souls we are conversing with, and to win souls in a wider range through the money given by these individuals. The danger is that this Harvest Ingathering movement may become largely a monetary proposition. Sometimes we are inclined to feel that our responsibility ends when we have gathered our quota in dollars; but really our responsibility only begins when we find people who are sufficiently interested and sympathetic toward the movement to contribute to its support. Wherever an effort has been put forth to win souls in follow-up work, excellent results have been obtained. The following brief experiences will suffice to show that if we all would enter heartily into the follow-up work, we should have a harvest of souls as well as a harvest of dollars.

"One Harvest Ingathering worker, who has given special attention to the follow-up work, writes:

"I have personal knowledge of thirteen Sabbath keepers who have been led to accept the message through the Harvest Ingathering work."

"Another report is:

"Three ladies are now keeping the Sabbath as the result of the Harvest Ingathering work. Another family of seven are very much interested

in the truth as the result of this work. They have purchased five of our large books."

"And still another writes:

"Last October I called at a home with the Harvest Ingathering "Watchman," had a splendid talk with the lady, and made an engagement for Bible readings. She was deeply interested from the first, and is now a firm believer in the truth. Her three little girls are always at Sabbath school, and each brings a dollar in the thirteenth Sabbath envelope. The husband seems to be very favorable, and never has opposed his wife in her acceptance of the truth. I feel deeply grateful to the Lord for the share I had in presenting the truth to this sister."

"These experiences are among the first to appear on a long list of experiences received at our office. They show that where the interest created in the Harvest Ingathering work is followed up, souls are won to the truth. We hope that every Harvest Ingathering worker this year will give special attention to the follow-up work.

Our Goal Easily Attainable

"The world goal in this year's Harvest Ingathering campaign is one-half million dollars for missions. The individual goal is \$10 a member—an amount that can easily be raised in one day on the average. Last year, a few hours' effort usually sufficed to gather the sum of ten dollars. We would here urge that all conferences, churches, and individuals set a goal early in the campaign. Let us not be too conservative in goal setting. We usually accomplish what we set out to do. One of our good brethren describes his experience as follows:

"The first year his attention was called to the Harvest Ingathering work, he decided that he would not set a goal for himself; in fact, decided he would not do anything in the work. In spite of his decision, however, he received five cents for the Harvest Ingathering work. The next year he decided to set his goal at \$1. He did so, and reached his goal. The next year his goal was \$5, and he reached it. He continued to raise his goal from year to year as time passed. His faith was such that last year he set his goal at \$500, and received more than \$800. He as-

pires us that this year he will not be satisfied with anything less than \$1,000. Others have had similar experiences.

"It pays to set a goal, and set it high. In 1917 one of our schools set a goal at \$500, and reached it. The next year they set their goal at \$501, and reached it. But in 1919 they were not content to raise so small an amount, when other schools of the same size were gathering two and three times as much, so they set a goal of \$2,000—four times as large as it had been the previous year, and in three general efforts within a period of eleven days, they reached it.

"We would suggest a twofold goal, as follows:

"1. Determine under the blessing of God, that as a result of your Harvest Ingathering work you will win at least one soul to Christ.

"2. That you will not stop short of \$10 for missions as your part toward the General Conference half-million-dollar goal.

"It was Moody who wrote on the fly-leaf of his Bible, when on his deathbed, 'When God is your partner, make your plans large.' We are touching only with our finger tips the possibilities in this work. May the Lord enlarge our vision, and give us courage to go forward and receive from the world gifts to meet the needs of this growing movement."

DO YOU KNOW HOW CORN GROWS?

The Master knew. He was a carpenter; but I suppose when He was a lad He often went out with the peasants about Nazareth to plow and

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to sow and to reap. He shows Himself so familiar with all the processes of farming. He saw a good deal more on the farm than most farmers see, just as He saw more in the house than most householders, and more in the sea than most fishers. In all things He learned the spiritual lessons that the natural holds.

How does the corn grow? "First the blade," He said, "then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear." Mark 4:28. You do not get the harvest of your corn the day after you plant it. One who lived close to Jesus in those days and heard Him, afterward reminded us: "The husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it." James 5:7. Some of the corn we plant here in the South takes five months to mature, and it is the sweetest mill corn that grows. But we have some other varieties called "Hundred day corn," though they never seem bound to their time limit. But suppose I planted my Hickory King one week in May and because I wanted to move on and make another crop in the next county, should demand that it bring forth fruit the fifth day of June, would I get it? Should I grow impatient at its slow progress and declare it is no good? "The husbandman hath long patience."

Why should I expect truth to grow faster in the human soul than corn in the ground? Some soils and some climates will hasten maturity, it is true, and some persons under certain conditions and with certain educations, will receive truth faster. But have I finished my duty in truth-giving when I have dumped on some soul all the Bible doctrines I know? Shall I turn away impatient the next month because I see that person has not received the truth? The germ is there; under right care there will come "first the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear."

The monthly WATCHMAN MAGAZINE is a good corn grower. It does not stop with the first planting, and it does not expect a crop of souls always with the first issue. "I got a WATCHMAN MAGAZINE month after month," writes one correspondent, "brought by an agent. I was attracted from the first, but my interest was slow in developing. If it had

not been for the faithfulness of the agent and the quiet cultivation of truth in the magazine, I would never have seen the light I now see. Patient, persistent, gently cultivating, not forcing, but drawing along, that is the policy of the WATCHMAN MAGAZINE. THE WATCHMAN WINS. A. W. Spalding.

FROM FAR AWAY PITCAIRN

A Miraculous Deliverance

We quote the following from a letter written by Brother Walter Fisher Young to Pastor Lyndon, superintendent of the Eastern Polynesian Mission, and which appeared in the "Australasian Record":

"The church council gave me the privilege of taking a trip to Mangareva if I chose to go. The 'Messenger' (our boat) was to make a short trip to Mangareva, returning to Pitcairn as soon as possible. . . .

"I will tell you of our trip home and a miraculous deliverance. We were in sight of Mangareva for about four days owing to a calm; then a light wind blew, but not fair for Pitcairn. Afterward the wind increased to a strong head blow and it lasted for a long time. This seemed to strain the boat, and it began to leak very badly. On account of the strong head wind we made very slow progress. We sought the Lord that He would favor us with a fair wind that we might soon reach home, but it seemed as if the fair wind would never come. Still we kept on pleading with the Lord to remember and help us.

"Our food supply was fast running out. We were fifteen or sixteen days out before we sighted Pitcairn. The day we sighted land was Sunday, and we were that evening many miles to leeward of the island. Our last known food supply was cooked and eaten that evening. Though many miles from shore our captain lowered the boat and sent five men to row ashore to let the islanders know of our present condition on board. Floating on a leaky boat, without provisions, the few men left on board having to be at the pump day and night to keep the water from overflowing the ship, and working without food, we were growing weak and feeble.

"Day and night the boat from the shore tried to reach us, thus bring-

ing relief, but this was all in vain, for they never found us. From Sunday till Tuesday we were there in an almost helpless condition. The wind was contrary for us to make the land. In our distress we sought the Lord on board. Those on shore assembled in the house of God to seek help in behalf of those left on board the 'Messenger.'

"On Wednesday morning we sighted a steamship. We put the distress signal up, but the captain from the steamship did not see it, so passed us by. That same steamer passed close by Pitcairn. The boats made for her and succeeded in getting aboard. They presented the condition of the 'Messenger' to the captain, and God used that captain to answer the prayers of His people. The captain turned his ship around and went in search of the 'Messenger' until he found it. He saw the condition of the ship as well as those of us on board, and he took it in tow, trying to get it to land. But the 'Messenger' was fast filling with water, and would not be able to get to land. All cargo was taken from her and placed on board the steamer, and all hands left the 'Messenger,' not a life being lost.

"The 'Messenger,' which was now nearly filled with water, was sent adrift and has probably gone to the bottom. But how much we have to thank God for in using this sea captain to save our lives. Surely God sometimes waits till all human help has failed before He answers prayer. Is not our experience something like that of the apostle Paul?

"Last Sabbath a special thank-offering collection was taken. Praises to God as well as prayers were offered in the service. At that service there were those who had long kept their seats without standing up and bearing a word of testimony to the goodness of God, but during that service the Spirit of God came into our meeting, and quite a good number of both men and women took their stand for the Master anew.

"So we see how wonderfully God answers prayers, also the means He uses to touch the hearts of men. This miraculous deliverance is worthy of being printed in our papers that others may see the wonderful workings of God."

FIELD TIDINGS

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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SAWTELLE AND BEACH CITIES

The afternoon of August 9 the Santa Monica and Sawtelle churches met in Santa Monica to hear a farewell sermon by Elder W. H. Bradley. The preaching scervise was prefaced by a program given by the young people of the Sabbath schools.

"Hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown;" "Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord;" "the great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly," were some of the texts used.

In the spring of 1919 Elder Bradley moved to this locality to carry on evangelical work in the beach cities. The first series of lectures was given in the Sawtelle church. The meeting house could scarcely accommodate the crowds that came nightly.

The fourteenth of May, a tent was erected in Santa Monica, well equipped and manned. Probably no city on the coast was as prejudiced against Seventh-day Adventists as was that city when the tent company arrived. But no one knew that they were Adventists until the esteem and good will of the people had been gained. Such services seemed new to the people, and like starved souls they flocked to the tent for a spiritual feast. The words of one of the attendants are quoted:

"I have traveled and studied religions from every angle. My search lead me into Science, Higher Criticism, and other isms, until I felt to give up in despair. But at last I have found the long sought-for truth, and in this humble place. To me it is broad and deep. To me it is restful and satisfying."

After the camp meeting another effort was conducted by Elder Bradley in Ocean Park which lasted ten weeks. The attendance was good considering the size of the place and the weather. One evening when the workers gathered for prayer, the

wind was blowing at such a gale that it seemed there would be no tent or fixtures left if it kept up. The prayers were earnest and to the point, pleading that the Master who stilled the tempest on Galilee would calm this storm, and bring the people out to hear a message from His Word. Did God hear? Of course He did, and in ten minutes the wind stopped and the people gathered as usual. Many direct answers to prayer could be cited of these meetings.

Due appreciation should be given to the doctors and nurses for their part in the Ocean Park effort. The medical work was given a prominent place in the program and the attendance was greatly stimulated thereby. Many doctor books, cook books and Crisis series were sold and health magazines given away.

Soon after the close of the meetings some of the workers were called to other fields, leaving the evangelist and one Bible worker to follow up the work.

The members of the Santa Monica and Sawtelle churches are deserving of much credit for the assistance rendered during these efforts. Their attendance could be depended upon at the evening services. They gave and helped to distribute \$700 worth of literature, and as no space was given in the newspapers for church items, all of the advertising had to be done by handbills, which the members very kindly attended to.

A call came in September for a church school to accommodate the children of the two churches. This was made possible by the faithful burden-bearers of the churches, and a young man and his wife were secured to teach the little flock numbering between fifteen and twenty; but at the time of the holidays they tendered their resignations, which were accepted by the school board.

At that season of the year few teachers are available, and it was only after a long search that even one was found. In order that the school might continue, and a teacher be provided for the other room, the Bible worker was pressed into service in this capacity; and these two carried the work for about three months when a high school teacher, who had been studying the truth,

kindly consented to finish the term, thus releasing the Bible worker from that line of work.

During the young people's week a special effort was made to advance the spiritual condition of the school, and by the close of the school year both teachers and eight of the children became members of the church.

On the sixth of June, 1920, Elder Bradley surprised Venice with a tent meeting two blocks from its center. The subjects on astronomy were splendid for introduction. Elder Bradley has many of his texts on slides, and together with pictures, was able to illustrate nearly every subject. Many times the sweet voice of Sister Bradley has been heard in songs of praise in these meetings, finding an echo in every heart. A good interest kept up to the last. In all of these efforts the last meeting was the best attended of all, showing the tenor of the interest.

The retrospect over these series of meetings indicates a year and a half of wonderful blessing. God be thanked that 100 souls have been added to the church by baptism or profession of faith. Beside these there are over 50 children not yet old enough for church membership, some of whom will attend the church school.

The Santa Monica brethren have sold their church and are building a new church and school on Twelfth and Utah streets. The same teachers have been engaged to teach the coming year, and everything indicates a large attendance.

Elder Bradley and family leave this field for a time, answering a call of the Pacific Union Conference to take up evangelistic work in Salt Lake City. He has enjoyed the work here and loves the people he has been laboring for. The field to which he goes in as hard as any mission field, and Brother Bradley solicits your prayers that the truth may be made known and souls saved in that city as a result of his labors.

Reathel Jenkins.

"The dear Lord's best interpreters.

Are humble, human souls:
The gospel of a life

Is more than books or scrolls."

CALIFORNIA

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OAKLAND CAMP MEETING

It will be of interest to many of our brethren who did not have the privilege of attending camp meeting to learn something of it through the "Recorder."

The camp meeting attendance was the largest ever known in this conference. On each Sabbath there were about 3,000 people present and every night the large pavilion was filled to its utmost capacity.

From the very first there was a spirit of unity and earnest service manifested on the part of the workers and the brethren and sisters, and a desire to seek God for a richer experience. Every day the workers spent an hour together studying the Word of God, the needs of our field, and earnestly seeking God for renewed grace and power for better service.

The presence of God was recognized throughout the meeting in a very marked manner. Many hearts were touched and won to Christ, while others renewed their consecration to God and His service. Our God, who never turns a deaf ear to the united cries of His children, saw our great need and sent to us showers of blessings.

The preaching was especially practical and heart-searching, and led many to seek God and put away sin. We were indeed grateful for the excellent ministerial help provided by the General and union conferences, and our own conference laborers aided much in the success of the meeting.

The entire meeting was characterized by an earnest seeking after God. Many remarked that they had never attended a better meeting and one where there was less criticism. Surely this was as it should be. Now is no time to find fault or criticize the brethren. All we poor mortals need divine help and the sympathy and prayers of our brethren.

The business of the conference was carried on in a very pleasant way. There were two churches admitted into the conference, the one at La Honda and the one at Hollister. The records showed that 331 individuals

had been baptized during the past two years and our membership stands at 3,558.

Only a few changes were made in the officers. Elder C. Lester Bond was elected secretary of the missionary volunteer department to take the place of Brother L. L. Moffitt, who is going to Pacific Union College this year.

The report showed that our offerings to missions the past two years amounted to \$114,886.83, while the tithe for the same time was \$229,648, making a total in tithe and offerings of \$344,534.83. The net sales in our Bible House for 1919 were \$30,548. All these figures indicate devotion to the cause of God and consecration to His service, and the donors and workers for the Master would not recall the time or money invested in this message and work of heaven.

During the camp meeting there was about \$13,000 raised in cash and pledges for missions. More than half of this came in through the Sabbath school department. The book sales amounted to about \$4,300. On the lips of all, the words were spoken, "This is a great meeting." Surely God was in the place.

The camp closed with a note of victory sounding and the people returned to their homes rejoicing in the Lord. We are to give "the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip." We must not be among those "who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul." We are facing the stern realities of life, and we need to take advantage of every opportunity to fortify against the snares of the enemy. G. W. Wells.

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WOODWORKING TO BE TAUGHT

One of the strongest studies that will be offered in the Arizona Academy this coming year will be the instruction in woodworking. We are thankful to have the services of such a practical carpenter as Prof. C. E. Kellogg. Last year he taught woodworking at Lodi Academy, and dur-

ing this summer has had charge of the construction work of the two dormitories now being erected. Anyone who has seen his work will know that he is a first-class carpenter. A number of students have already stated that they are planning to take the course in woodworking.

Our schools have had much instruction from the Spirit of prophecy regarding manual training. It is our plan to make this a strong feature in the Arizona Academy. However, our school is just starting out, and does not have the proper equipment for teaching carpentry. This subject cannot be taught without tools. We have studied into the matter carefully, and find that with the elimination of all non-essentials, we can secure tools and benches for a class of eighteen for approximately \$400. This sum may seem rather large, but it must be remembered that tools have advanced in price more than almost any other goods.

At the last session of the Arizona Conference, held May 20 to 30, 1920, it was voted that for the present the offerings of all churches and companies throughout the Arizona Conference on the third Sabbath of each month be devoted to equipping the academy. It has been decided that the offering given on the third Sabbath of September be used to buy tools for the carpenter shop. Many of our brethren will have children in school, and they are vitally interested in their getting the right kind of training. There are many others who are especially interested in the question of manual training for our schools. Here is an opportunity for all to show their interest in this work, by giving a good large donation on September 18. Let all members of the Arizona Conference unite in raising \$400 on this day.

K. M. Adams.

UTAH MISSION

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Elder and Mrs. H. H. Votaw recently spent a little time at the home of Elder William Lewsadder in Salt Lake City. Sister Votaw is a sister of Senator W. G. Harding.

Elder J. A. Neilsen just returned from a trip to California in the interest of the work in this field.

A few days ago some of the members of the Ogden church went to Brigham for a special effort with the sale of the small books. There had been an automobile accident a short time before this and a young man had been killed. Those who went to sell the books were of course strangers in town. The first house that Brother J. L. Leach called at was the home of the parents of the young man who was killed. The mother was much interested in the little book, "The Other Side of Death," and she also bought a copy of "Our Paradise Home." Another member when distributing the Spiritualism "Signs" found at one place that the man and the woman were talking about Spiritualism at the time he came to the door. These experiences show us that the Lord is leading His people, and that He has a care over the literature that is distributed. We are told that the angels go before those who carry our literature to the homes to prepare the hearts of the people for this literature.

We are now at the time of the opening of the Harvest Ingathering campaign for this year. No doubt it will be of interest to the members in the Utah Mission to note the standing of the different churches on the fifty-cent-a-week fund at the present time as compared with the standing at the end of a few of the months past. The following shows the average donations per member for each week for March, May, June and July:

Church	Cents Per Member Per Week			
	Mar.	May	Jun.	Jul.
Salt Lake City	.34	.32	.34	.39
Ogden	.14	.20	.28	.31
Isolated	.19	.22	.30	.23
Brigham	.32	.20	.21	.23
Logan	.21	.21	.22	.23
Provo	.09	.08	.13	.14
Utah Mission	.24	.24	.28	.32

We are nearing the close of the year and we must not fail to do our part in raising the funds that are necessary to carry forward the work in foreign lands. Shall we not re-

solve to make this the biggest Harvest Ingathering campaign that has ever been carried on in the state of Utah? Supplies for this work may be obtained at the Utah Mission office, Box 909, Ogden, Utah.

W. R. Powers.

AN INCREASE IN BOOK PRICES

During the past eight months the price of book paper has doubled, thus making the present cost five times as much as pre-war prices, to say nothing of the increased cost of other materials entering into the manufacture of our books. It has therefore been found necessary to advance the price of certain books, the new prices being as follows:

Best Stories	\$1.50
Christ Our Saviour	1.50
Gospel Primer	1.00
New Testament Primer	1.00
Our Lord's Return	.50
The Other Side of Death	.50
What is Coming?	.50
The Christian Sabbath	.50
Spiritualism vs. Christianity	.50
Satan: His Origin, Work and Destiny	.50

The foregoing prices are effective at once.

Southern Publishing Association.

IN UNCLE'S FISHING TACKLE

Among the letters that came to the "Signs of the Times" office from the interested and inquiring, during the first week of August, the following from Pennsylvania impressed itself as being a bit unusual:

"I found a copy of your 'Signs of the Times' in a shipment of my dear uncle's fishing tackle sent by my aunt. Uncle passed away some months ago. The paper was in his fishing basket. I am enclosing an order for a three months' subscription to the paper."

We think the uncle had unusually good "bait" in his fishing basket. The incident reminds us of a letter that came to the office from a sister in Alaska some weeks ago. She wrote: "My boys are up here on a fishing trip. I am fishing too. My bait is the 'Signs of the Times.' It is the choicest bait of all. I am using it in some little towns where the truth is unknown."

Little do we realize, dear reader, how many and how devious are the

ways that God has of finding and impressing hearts. His Spirit works through the written as well as the spoken message. Let us be faithful and earnest in doing our part—circulating it everywhere. It is this constant distribution of the "Signs of the Times" that brings to the "Signs" office inquiries and subscriptions from persons who have become interested through reading what was given them. The "Signs" never loses sight of its mission—to warn and win. And it is doing both in a larger degree than ever before.

Remember—"More 'Signs' means More Souls." Ernest Lloyd.

ONLY BIBLE MENTION OF THE WORD ABANA

This is a Hebrew word, corresponding to "perennial," or "permanent" in English. Its only use in the Bible is in 2 Kings 5:12. The Syrians, in a certain ravaging expedition into the territory of Israel, had carried away a young girl, who was assigned as waiting maid to the wife of Syria's captain-general, whose name was Naaman.

This great man was afflicted with the loathsome disease, leprosy, and therefore excited the sympathy of the little waiting maid who said to her mistress: "Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria; for he would recover him of his leprosy." Upon hearing of this remark, the king of Syria sent Naaman with a letter to the king of Israel, asking him to heal the great soldier of his terrible malady.

The king of Israel thinking the mission was but a pretext for seeking a quarrel with him, made the usual sign of excessive anxiety before his counsellors. This was soon told to the prophet Elisha, who immediately sent word to the king inquiring why he had thus rent his garments. Upon learning the reason, he sent for Naaman to come to his house, so that he might learn the power of God through His prophet.

When Naaman appeared at Elisha's door, the prophet did not even go out to see the great man, but sent out a messenger to tell him to go and wash seven times in the river Jordan, when his flesh would again be like that of a little child.

Naaman was disappointed and angry. He thought that a great demonstration would be made over him, by which to accomplish the end he sought. "Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? May I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage."

This river Abana so highly thought of by Syria's captain-general took its rise on the mountain top of Anti-Libanus, near Zebdang and, in company with Pharpar flowed through the city and plain of Damascus, twenty-three miles distant. Ancient Abana is now called Barada or Chrysorrhoeas, and is the larger river of the two. It flows into the marsh Bahret el Kibliyah, where it loses itself. Fourteen villages are more or less dependent on that river for water supplies. C.

Obituaries

Conner.—Sarah Conner was born in Indiana the year the stars fell, 1833, and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Laura Hill, Hollister, Cal., July 23, 1920. She was the mother of seven children, six of whom survive her. Sister Conner accepted the views of Seventh-day Adventists about 25 years ago, and has been a real mother in Israel ever since, and was loved by all who knew her. She was laid to rest in the Hollister cemetery, awaiting the call of the Life-giver. Services were conducted by the writer.

L. E. Brant.

Johnson.—Silva Anetta, the nine-year old daughter of Elder and Sister W. A. Johnson was taken suddenly ill at their home in Vallejo, Cal., Monday, August 9, 1920, and died the following evening. Funeral services were conducted August 12, and the body laid to rest in the Vallejo cemetery. The large attendance of friends and the many floral pieces attested the sympathy offered to the bereaved parents. It is hard for us to understand why the bud should be plucked before the flower is permitted to bloom, but we are assured that God doeth all things well and that His great heart of love is touched with the grief His wisdom sees fit to permit.

J. D. Alder.

Book Report, Week Ending August 20, 1920

Agent	Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Value	Del.
Arizona						
A. E. Axtell	P. G., B. R.	41	37	\$ 8.00	\$223.00	\$ 3.00
Rollin Axtell	P. G., B. R.	36	21	5.00	126.50	6.50
G. W. Elliott	P. G., G. C.	46	16	4.80	101.30	11.30
Mrs. Jeffie Hawkins	P. G.	19	26		136.00	
L. M. Stump	G. C.	19	2	.25	11.75	74.25
5 Agents						
		161	112	\$ 18.05	\$598.55	\$ 95.05
California						
M. K. Graham*	G. C., P. G.	70	28	\$ 10.75	\$168.75	
1 Agent *2 Weeks						
Northern California						
J. G. Lea	G. C., O. D.	26	2	\$ 33.30	\$ 83.30	
James Sims	D. R.	38	8	2.50	43.50	
Mary Edison	P. G.	12	6		39.00	
3 Agents						
		76	16	\$ 35.80	\$165.80	
Central California						
V. E. Berry	P. G.	29	29		\$169.00	
A. V. Larson	P. P.	30	9	14.00	66.50	
Joseph Porter	P. G.	29	9		57.00	
F. M. Bagley	P. P.	24	10		51.50	
P. J. Nightingale	P. P.	34	5		29.50	
5 Agents						
		146	62	\$ 14.00	\$373.50	
Southeastern California						
Isaac Cruz	P. G., G. C.	17	22	\$ 6.00	\$122.50	
1 Agent						
Utah Mission						
G. W. Winn		46	40	\$ 2.50	\$244.50	
J. L. Leach		28	16	4.50	90.00	
2 Agents						
		74	56	\$ 7.00	\$334.50	
Totals		544	296	\$ 91.60	\$1763.60	\$ 95.05

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Advertising rate: 50 words or less, first insertion, \$1.00. Each additional insertion, if run consecutively, 50 cents. No advertisement will be accepted unless cash accompanies the same.

References from the conference president must accompany requests for advertising space in the "Recorder," where individuals are not personally known to the "Recorder" management.

For Sale.—Fifteen acres land in six-year old apricot trees, one mile north of Loma Linda Sanitarium. For terms and particulars address Sam Haffner, Three Forks, Montana.

Home Wanted.—A widowed mother dependent entirely upon own resources, has four children to care for. Unable to work and earn a living and at same time keep the children at home. Two of the younger children have been provided for. A home for two boys, aged nine and eleven years, is now greatly desired in a Seventh-day Adventist family where they will have the advantage of a good church school. For further information write Mrs. C. A. Lee, Glendale Sanitarium, Glendale, Cal. 3-t3

Found.—On the Visalia camp ground, a purse containing some money. Owner can secure same by writing to J. Gregory, Oroshi, Cal.

For Sale.—Small, modern five-room bungalow, with one acre of land, fifteen to twenty-minute walk from Pacific Union College. Bath and sleeping porch; also stove. Plumbing complete. Basement, but not completed. Some other work yet to be done, including installing electricity. Price, for quick sale, \$800 as it stands. G. W. Greer, Pacific Union College, St. Helena, Cal.

Wanted.—Young or middle-aged woman to live with young couple for several months to assist with housework. Nominal salary. Splendid opportunity for home during Los Angeles camp meeting with privilege of attending all services. Address Mrs. O. W. Dolph, 1230 South Main St., Los Angeles, Cal.

Wanted.—Carpenters to assist in the erection of the new school building and other improvements at Loma Linda; good wages to competent workmen. Also domestic help; wages \$16.00 per week, board and room reasonable. We can also provide employment for a few more graduate nurses at good wages. Address, Sanitarium, Loma Linda, Cal. 3t2

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Elder G. A. Grauer of the Central California Conference is attending the Los Angeles camp meeting.

Prof. W. W. Ruble spent last Sunday in Lodi counseling with the brethren regarding the work of the academy during the coming year.

Brother J. M. Rowse, manager of the Pacific Branch of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, is assisting in the book tent on the Los Angeles camp ground.

Brother W. C. Raley has completed the auditing of the institutions in the southern part of our field, and is now at Pacific Union College completing the audit for the past fiscal year.

Elder C. S. Longacre was a caller at the union conference office last week. Elder Longacre has been attending the camp meetings in this union during the past few weeks.

Miss Lavina Conner, one of our union conference workers, returned to the office the first of the week after a much needed vacation. She has been visiting relatives and friends in San Francisco and Fresno.

Brother I. T. Reynolds of the Arizona Conference, reports \$7.00 received from the first five Harvest Ingathering papers put out. Splendid beginning, isn't it? How many more have started? Have you ordered your papers? If not, why delay longer?

Elder J. Ernest Bond, secretary of the Spanish department of the General Conference, assisted by Brother E. R. Johnson, from the Pacific Press, is looking after the interest of the Spanish work on the Southern California camp ground.

Brother R. L. Pierce, manager of the Southern Publishing Association, reports a check for \$100, the first response to letters sent out in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering. Have you written your friends asking for a contribution on this fund?

The time for school to open again is rapidly approaching. Are you planning for your boy and girl to attend one of our schools? If not, why not? It is the duty of every parent to give the children a Christian education. Let all our children and youth attend one of our schools and receive a training that will fit them for a part in this closing work.

A Sabbath school convention for the Pacific Union Conference will be held in Oakland, September 22 to 26. Sister Flora Plummer, General Conference Sabbath school secretary, will be present. A meeting of the union committee will be held at the same time and place, so all may have the privilege of attending the convention.

The Southern California camp meeting, the last of the camp meetings in this union this year, is in progress. About 375 living tents have been pitched, all of which have been rented. The meetings during the day and evening are quite well attended, but the large pavilion hardly accommodates the crowds on Sabbath and Sunday.

Elder J. A. Neilsen, superintendent of the Utah Mission, spent a few days at the Southeastern California camp meeting. He called at the union office on his return trip. He reports that the work is progressing nicely in the Utah field, and that they are planning for their Harvest Ingathering campaign. He thinks Utah will reach its quota on the fifty-cent-a-week fund.

Mrs. Blanche W. Scoles, wife of Dr. H. E. Scoles died very suddenly in Eureka, California, August 23, 1920. Funeral services were conducted at the Jewel City Undertaking Parlors in Glendale, last Sabbath afternoon at 3 o'clock by Elder W. M. Adams.

Just as we go to press a card from Brother R. E. Kalfus, secretary-treasurer of the Arizona Conference, tells of the death of Brother H. O. Kaneko, a Japanese brother, who has been a faithful member of the Phoenix, Ariz., church, for a long time. Funeral services were conducted by Elder A. R. Sandborn, the president of the conference, assisted by Elder R. L. Benton.

The October "Watchman" will contain articles on Creation versus Evolution, The Second Advent, State of the Dead, Eternal Inheritance, Sure Word of Prophecy, Sabbath, and a special article by Elder I. H. Evans entitled, "The Far East and Its Meaning."

Order through your tract society.

"Were there no night, we could not read the stars,

The heavens would turn into a blinding glare;

Freedom is best seen through prison-bars,

And rough seas make the haven passing fair;

We cannot measure joys but by their loss;

When blessings fade away, we see them then;

Our richest clusters grow around the cross,

And in the night-time angels sing to men."

"Only as we get Christ into our hearts, and let Him dwell in us by His Spirit, shall we reach the true ideal of Christian life and experience."

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August 25
to
September 5
