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

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PERTINENT QUESTIONS FOR EVERY BELIEVER TO CONSIDER

Ques.—What is one of the surest evidences of the new birth?

Ans.—"Every true disciple is born into the kingdom of God as a missionary."—"Desire of Ages," p. 195.

Ques.—What is Christ's command to His followers?

Ans.—"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel."—Mark 16:15.

Ques.—How may I know that this "go ye" includes me personally?

Ans.—"Not more surely is the place prepared for us in the heavenly mansions than is the special place designated on earth where we are to work for God."—"Christ's Object Lessons," p. 327.

Ques.—Is God satisfied to have Seventh-day Adventists consume all their energies in the common secular occupations?

Ans.—"To every man God has appointed his work; not work in his fields of corn and wheat, but earnest, persevering work for the salvation of souls."—Vol. 5, p. 381.

Ques.—What was required of God's people in the typical day of atonement?

Ans.—"Ye shall do no servile work therein: but ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord."—See Lev. 23:25-30.

Ques.—In the time of the loud cry, from what classes does God choose His workers?

Ans.—"Men will be called from the plow and from the more common commercial business vocations. . . . They will proclaim the truth with power."—Vol. 9, p. 96.

Ques.—Whom has God delegated to take care of your flocks and your commercial affairs while you give the message?

Ans.—"Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the

alien shall be your plowmen and your vine-dressers. But ye shall be named the priests of the Lord: men shall call you the ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves."—Isa. 61:5, 6.

Ques.—Will the cause suffer financially if successful business men should leave their secular occupations to enter the colporteur field?

Ans.—"As we do this work, souls who have wealth will be brought into the truth and will give of their means."—Vol. 9, p. 101.

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WHAT WAS DONE WITH THE OVERFLOW

The following interesting letter has been received from Prof. C. P. Crager, Sabbath school secretary for the South American Division. We are sure that all who read this expression of thanks will feel that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

"South America rejoices and heartily thanks the Sabbath schools around the world for the liberality of our brethren which made possible the overflow of \$4,153.74 in the last quarter of 1923.

"This has made it possible in these difficult times, when no funds were available from any other source, to supply to our Lake Titicaca normal school the funds necessary for some simple dormitories.

"When visiting that field a few weeks ago and studying the situation, our hearts were made sad as we saw the conditions under which our teachers attending the summer school were living. While the school building had been put into condition through help received from the General Conference,

yet the funds had not permitted the putting up of dormitories, and the one hundred Indian teachers, some of them with families, were crowded into a dark basement without floor or windows, for sleeping quarters, under most unsanitary conditions. The winter school was soon to begin when the conditions, owing to cold and dampness, would be far worse, and yet we were compelled to tell the brethren that nothing could be done. How we rejoiced when we heard of the 'overflow,' and how those in charge of the work in that wonderful Indian field will rejoice to know that now they can go ahead and put up simple living quarters for our Indian students.

"These Indian teachers are doing a wonderful work, and the calls coming for more teachers mean that we must fill our normal school and quickly prepare more teachers to meet the calls.

"I dare say that never has an 'overflow' in our Sabbath school offerings come to a more needy cause, or at a more critical time than this which has come to South America, and we pray that it may inspire our dear people to greater sacrifice the world around, so that other fields may be led to rejoice from quarter to quarter as does South America this time. May God bless our Sabbath schools."

Shall we not each quarter give one field the opportunity for equal rejoicing?

Sabbath School Department.

THE AGED CALLED IN A DREAM

How old must one be to be released from the work of teaching the message through the circulation of our gospel literature? Aged people do not usually feel strong and vigorous. It is difficult for them to get around. Walking is wearisome to them. They often do not see clearly, nor hear plainly. But just how many of such infirmities must they

have, and how old must they be before the Lord excuses them from going out and successfully preaching the saving message to those who are groping in darkness by circulating literature containing God's last message to a lost world?

A sister eighty-two years old has had this question answered for herself in a dream which she believes came from the Lord. We quote her letter sent to "Present Truth" a few days ago as follows:

"Why I circulate 'Present truth' in all my infirmities is because I was shown a large company of people who had lost their way and could not find it again, and that I should circulate 'Present Truth' among them to lead them back in the right path—that they would accept the light and bear fruit. I followed the instruction I received, always repeating the One Hundred Twenty-first Psalm, and praying before I go out with the papers, asking God to bless the papers, and to give fruits for my labors; and I believe the papers are doing their work and God is accepting my efforts. I am being wonderfully blessed in the work, personally; and I am thankful that being passed eighty-two years of age I can have an active, successful part in the closing work. I feel so well and strong it seems my youth is returning to me. The wonderful experiences I have are worth more to me than anything that has come to me during the forty years spent in the message. Could not afford to be without these inspiring experiences. The blessings following me in my work leave no question of the call of God to the work I am doing in His name and strength."

SPIRITUAL DIETETICS

Yes, dietetics has a spiritual application, as shown by Prof. Clifford A. Russell in his splendid article appearing in the September "WATCHMAN MAGAZINE." It is a treatise on food and eating that will do your soul good as well as your body. Of course you will also want to share such good things with your friends and neighbors. This number will sell like the proverbial "Hot Cakes." It is obtainable from your tract society in lots of ten or more at only 10 cents each. Order today.

THREE MODERN HERETICS

This is the title of a very pointed and timely article in the October color number of the "SIGNS" by Professor George McCready Price, in which he deals with the recent heresy trials that have been given so much space in the religious and secular journals. With the war in the churches assuming larger proportions every day, this article from the pen of one who is well qualified to speak, cannot fail to attract the interest of the reading public. We are happy in being able to announce this strong contribution from the pen of Professor Price. Why not give this article wide circulation by distributing free or selling a number of this color edition of the "SIGNS?" You can obtain them in quantities at 4 cents each and sell them for 10 cents.

FIELD TIDINGS

CALIFORNIA

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IMPORTANT

That our constituency may have the privilege of its weekly visits, enjoy all the good things that appear in its columns, and be fully enlightened as to conference activities as well as general denominational plans, the conference officials are anxious for the "Pacific Union Recorder" to go into every Seventh-day Adventist home in our conference. If you are not receiving the "Recorder," or know of any home that is not, kindly send such information to our office. Should any home be receiving more than one copy, please notify us.

We invite all whose appreciation of the "Recorder" inspires in them a desire to share with the conference the expense involved to send to the conference whatever amount you may choose to apply on the "Recorder" fund.

Because our people move about more or less, it is impossible to keep an accurate mailing list unless every one is very particular to send in promptly to our conference office any change in their addresses, giving both the old and the new address.

G. A. Roberts, President
R. E. Kalfus, Sec'y-Treas.

THE END OF GOD'S PATIENCE

You keep the Sabbath, pay your tithe and are regular in attendance at church, and yet with all this it is possible that you are about to exhaust the patience of the Almighty. Prayerfully note the following from the servant of the Lord:

"I regard you, my brother, as in great peril. Your treasure is laid up on the earth, and your heart is upon your treasure. But all the means you may accumulate, even though it should be millions, will not be sufficient to pay a ransom for your soul. Then do not remain in impenitence and unbelief, and in your case defeat the gracious purposes of God; do not force from His reluctant hand destruction of your property or affliction of your person.

"How many there are who are now taking a course which must ere long lead to just such visitations of judgment. They live on day by day, week by week, year by year, for their own selfish interest. Their influence and means, accumulated through God-given skill and tact, are used upon themselves and their families, without thought of their gracious Benefactor. Nothing is allowed to flow back to the Giver. Indeed, they come to regard life and its intrusted talents as their own; and if they render back to God that portion which He justly claims, they think that they have placed their Creator under obligation to them. **At last His patience with these unfaithful stewards is exhausted; and He brings all their selfish,**

worldly schemes to an abrupt termination, showing them that as they have gathered for their own glory, He can scatter, and they are helpless to resist His power."—Vol. 5, pp. 350, 351.

"You have a little time of probation, will you improve it now, while Jesus is pleading His blood before the Father? He has graciously spared your life; but it has been like the barren fig tree, upon which year after year there appeared no fruit, nothing but leaves. How long will you continue to disappoint the Master? Will you compel Him to say, 'Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward forever;' or, 'Cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?' Oh, wait not for the Lord to put His hand against you, and scatter the property which you have accumulated. Remember that all your wealth will not give you one moment of sweet assurance and peace upon your dying bed." Vol. 5, p. 352.

Yes, dear brother or sister, it is possible that instead of nearing your eternal felicity, you are nearing instead the end of the patience of our God. Will you not, just now, carefully consider your possessions in the light of the above, and quickly dedicate your property to the cause of God?

"According to the amount bestowed will be the amount required. The larger the capital intrusted, the more valuable is the gift which God requires to be returned to Him. If a Christian has ten or twenty thousand dollars, God's claims are imperative upon him, not only to give his proportion according to the tithing system, but to present his sin offerings and thank offerings to God. The Levitical dispensation was distinguished in a remarkable manner by the sanctification of proper-

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ty. When we speak of the tithe as the standard of the Jewish contributions to religious purposes, we do not speak understandingly. The Lord kept His claims paramount, and in almost every article they were reminded of the Giver by being required to make returns to Him. They were required to pay a ransom for their first-born son, for the first-fruits of their flocks, and for the first gathering of the harvest. They were required to leave the corners of their harvest-fields for the destitute. Whatever dropped from their hands in reaping was left for the poor, and once in every seven years their lands were allowed to produce spontaneously for the needy. Then there were the sacrificial offerings, the trespass offerings, the sin-offerings, and the remission of all debts every seventh year. There were also numerous expenses for hospitalities and gifts to the poor, and there were assessments upon their property.

"At stated periods, in order to preserve the integrity of the law, the people were interviewed as to whether they had faithfully performed their vows or not. A conscientious few made returns to God of about one-third of all their income for the benefit of religious interests, and for the poor. These exactions were not from a particular class of the people, but from all, the requirement being proportioned according to the amount possessed. Besides all these systematic and regular donations, there were special objects calling for free-will offerings, such as the tabernacle built in the wilderness, and the temple erected at Jerusalem. These draughts were made by God upon the people for their own good, as well as to sustain His service.

"The responsibilities of the Christian business man, however large or small his capital, will be in exact proportion to his gifts from God. The deceitfulness of riches has ruined thousands and tens of thousands. These wealthy men forget that they are stewards, and that the day is fast approaching when it shall be said to them, 'Give an account of thy stewardship.' As shown by the parable of the talents, every man is responsible for the wise use of the gifts bestowed. The poor man in the parable, because he had the least gift, felt the least responsibility, and made no use of the talent intrusted to him; therefore he was cast into outer darkness."

Vol. 4, pp. 467, 468.

Every dollar not needed for the proper conduct of your business should be passed on to the treasury and that which you must retain should be dedicated by will or trust deed, or in some other way, so that when you are finished with it, it will go into the cause of God.

"Wait in deep humiliation before God. From this hour resolve to be the Lord's, doing your whole duty, trusting implicitly in the great atonement. Do this, and you will have nothing to fear. The remainder of your life-journey will be tranquil and happy, and you will secure to yourself that life which shall continue as long as God shall live." Vol. 5: p. 353.

We shall be glad to hear from any of our people in the California Conference who have money or property to dedicate to the cause.

G. A. Roberts.

IF MONEY GOES TO WAR

Of all the proposed plans for peace, none has met with the general support that the suggestion for drafting money and material, as well as men, has received. It is thought that in this way the moneyed men who are charged with fomenting strife, will be slow to give their support to plans for war. With the idea that this proposal will be enacted into law, many are beginning to feel that days of peace are ahead. But they are doomed to be disappointed, as Robert B. Thurber shows in a stirring article in the October color number of the "SIGNS." Help to warn your neighbors and friends by circulating this issue. You can obtain them in quantities at 4 cents each, and sell them at 10 cents.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

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PRAY FOR THE DISHONEST

Quite frequently in the prayers we hear—and pray—God is petitioned to bless "the honest-in-heart" that they might be led into a knowledge of present truth and be numbered with God's remnant people. This is commendable for it is our duty. But why leave out the dishonest, the "deceitful-and-desperately-wicked" in heart? This omission is doubtless unintentional, for our interest and sympathy are more naturally given to those who are honest.

It is God by His Spirit who causes the heart to be honest in the first place, and if one remains honest in heart he will be led to a knowledge of the truth. Continue to pray that this might be so, of course, but also plead for the Spirit of God to rest upon the dishonest and change them, that they, too, might be led to a saving knowledge of the truth.

For Jesus "came not to call the right-

eous, but sinners." He prayed for His enemies as well as for His friends; for the fighters of truth as well as for those having more favorable dispositions. And He exhorts us, "that, first of all, supplications, prayers, . . . be made for all men; . . . for this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."—1 Tim. 2:1-4.

H. W. Carter.

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SACRAMENTO

For the past six or seven months our church has been doing a splendid work in Sacramento. Through a series of Sunday night lectures and the untiring efforts of our workers, a class of twenty interested ones are being instructed by our pastor, Elder Julius G. White, preparatory to baptism.

On Sabbath, August 23, Elder White gave us a wonderful lesson in a sort of vacation farewell. When he asked if there were any in the audience harboring a definite sin in their hearts which they would surrender, twenty or more members stood up. When the call came for those who wanted to surrender all to God, almost every soul in the church responded. There could be no mistake about the Spirit of the Lord being in our midst at that meeting, and many received a great blessing.

Throughout the spring and summer a large band of church members has met weekly and studied the Testimonies, and this has proven a great blessing to the church. The church members are being purged of their sins and are seeking preparation for translation. A little series of health lectures has been given the church, which has thrown fresh light on nutrition and dietetics. Brother and Sister White are leaving us for a few days' rest, before taking up the fall work.

We are very sorry to lose Sister Bertha Barnes, one of our Bible workers, who leaves us soon to join her husband and take up her duties at Pacific Union College.

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ESCONDIDO

It was planned some time ago for the writer to labor in Arizona, and I find that many brethren and sisters think we are there. We answered the call to that field and packed our things, took them to the depot in Fullerton to be sent to Tucson, Arizona, and we started overland in our auto. We got as far as Loma Linda, and finding that we could not cross the line into Arizona on account of the disease among the cattle, we turned our attention toward another field.

The conference brethren thought best for us to go to Escondido to labor for a while, hoping that the work might be strengthened in that part of the field. They also asked Brother Raymond Cales to connect with the work in Escondido, which he did. After holding a few meetings with the church we began an effort, holding our meetings in the Ladies' Club House.

We continued for five weeks; our congregations were not large, but we had a nice little company each evening. The Lord has blessed our efforts and Sabbath afternoon, September 6, six followed their Lord in baptism, and we are expecting several others to be baptized soon. Some have renewed their covenant with the Lord and are uniting with His commandment-keeping people again.

Pray that the Lord may continue to bless the work in this part of His vineyard.
H. W. Gober.

PENCILGRAMS

Mrs. Kathryn Reid of Riverside, a normal student of La Sierra Academy, will have the grades at San Bernardino this year. Carl Gober has grades nine and ten.

Fullerton has secured Miss Alfhild Sandwich, a graduate of Walla Walla normal, as primary teacher. Miss Laura Shafer has the upper grade work. This school will carry eight grades.

V. R. Brenner will have the middle grades at the Paradise Valley school. Brother Brenner has had several years in the school work and will prove a valuable help to the school. Mrs. E. L. Carman teaches the sewing and nursing. This will be a strong department under her able teaching.

Mrs. Velma Albrecht has been secured for the school at Santa Ana. Mrs. Albrecht had her training at Pacific Union College normal.

Mrs. Laura Martin has the Escondido school. Mrs. Martin is an experienced teacher and we were very glad to secure her services. The school is small, but the patrons want the best.

Arthur Gober takes up the work at Hemet. He will have not only the school work but will assist in the church work. He will follow up the effort held at San Jacinto this summer.

Mrs. Ettie Brown, a teacher of many years' experience, will be principal of the Garden Grove school with Miss Anna Nightengale as assistant teacher. Huntington Beach plans on sending their children to Garden Grove this year.

Mina Morse Mann.

Don't forget the colporteurs' institute to be held in Loma Linda the first week in October. All those who are interested in this good work and who would like to have an active part in it, write to H. A. Rentfro, Box 584, Riverside, Calif., for further information.

Brother H. A. Rentfro and Orville F. Painter spent several days at Huntington Beach and Paradise Valley Sanitarium in the interest of the book work. They took with them a supply of books from the tract society to sell to the church members. They report a very pleasant and profitable trip, selling about \$275 worth of our books. Several sets of the Testimonies were sold as well as several sets of the Conflict Series. They also sold quite a number of the book by Elder MacGuire, "The Life of Victory."

There has just come from the press a little book entitled "The Battle of the Churches," by Elder William G. Wirth, Ph. D. This book takes up the question of Modernism and Fundamentalism. We believe that this book should have a wide circulation by our people in these days of infidelity and agnosticism. This book retails for 25 cents with 50 per cent discount to our people, plus postage. We would like to see a large number of our people sell this little book among their neighbors and friends. Order from your tract society.

MAGAZINE COLPORTEUR EXPERIENCE

I enclose my report for last week. I could have worked seven hours Wednesday, but I spent two hours talking to a lady over eighty years of age who said she did not read the Bible because it "contradicted itself, and because so many denominations proved their doctrines from it." With God's help I tried to explain many things she did not understand, and as she did not want a magazine, I gave her a tract on "Importance of Obedience." She promised to read it and thanked me so much for the trouble I took in explaining things to her, and invited me to call again. She is now on my prayer list. One thing she said was that she believed Saturday was the seventh day. I am in this work to seek for honest souls and give them the message for this time, and I need your prayers that I may be filled with the spirit of Jesus.

Kathleen E. Williams.

SANTA ANA SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION

September 6, the eight Sabbath schools of Orange County met at Santa Ana to consider the Sabbath school work and to plan for better schools and more zealous work. Elders J. J. Nethery, F. G. Ashbaugh, and Brother H. B. Thomas were present from the conference office and rendered valuable help. Elder and Mrs. Ragsdale of Santa Ana helped in many ways both before and at the time to make this first convention a success. Various members of the different schools had a part on the program and all worked enthusiastically. Various phases of the work were presented in the form of a dialogue by members of the Santa Ana school. Devices from a number of schools were shown and explained. Mrs. Ragsdale explained some beautiful charts she had made to represent the Sabbath school work when she had this department in the Arizona Conference. All felt it was good to be there and we believe that all went back to their home schools, determined to raise the standard and have better and larger reports in the future of work accomplished.

A recent letter from Sister Plummer of the General Department, informs us that we have 330 missing members in this conference. Where are they? Is each school trying to get on its home

department list all who cannot regularly attend Sabbath school? Then what about those members who can attend, but who rather roam about on Sabbath, visiting first one school and then another and having no settled Sabbath home? No one can have much enthusiasm over Sabbath school work and a real interest in it, who does not belong to any one school. Can we not arouse and see if our next report will not show that part of those missing members are no longer missing? If each Seventh-day Adventist will do his part and attend his home Sabbath school regularly, our report will make a much better showing.

Mina Morse Mann,
Sabbath School Secretary.

THOSE DAYS OF DELUSION BACK IN THE FORTIES

In the September "WATCHMAN MAGAZINE" Walter Clayton Moffett contributes an article called out by the book recently published by Houghton-Mifflin of Boston called "The Days of Delusion, A Strange Bit of History." This book has been given wide and extravagant publicity by leading periodicals and doubtless many of our people will meet the "ascension robe" stories on every hand. The article is not a review of the book but a positive presentation of the sanity, dignity, necessity and joy of the hope of the soon Advent. In a convincing way, without controversy or personalities, the ascension robe myth is disposed of. It is also fitting that the "WATCHMAN," an Adventist magazine having a wide circulation among non-Adventists, should meet this attack on the Adventist doctrine in the high class way this article does. The September number should not only be carefully read by every minister and worker, but recommended to every lay-man. This number seems to be an attempt on the part of the editors to make their best better, for the September "WATCHMAN" is unusually good and should have a tremendous circulation. It is obtainable through your tract society in lots of ten or more at only 10 cents each, or by annual subscription in clubs of four or more at only \$1.05 each. Order of your tract society to-day.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

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NEWS ITEMS

Sabbath, August 23, eleven persons were baptized at Hanford, two at Dinuba and two at Los Banos.

Elder B. L. Howe reports everything in readiness for the opening of their school in Bakersfield, and the outlook is good for an excellent school this year.

Elder and Mrs. E. L. Neff went to Pacific Union College Sunday, two weeks ago, where Merlin will be in school again this year. Tuesday Elder and Mrs. Neff went to the St. Helena Sanitarium, Mrs. Neff remaining there for about two weeks for a rest and some treatments. Elder Neff returned to Fresno Wednesday evening.

The thirteenth Sabbath has come to mean to every Seventh-day Adventist a day of special opportunity. It is the one day of each quarter on which we may bring an offering for the benefit of a certain mission field. September 27 is the next thirteenth Sabbath, and Malaysia is the field to which the offering will go. Malaysia is especially in need of help just now; doors that have long been closed to us are opening. Workers are needed to take advantage of these opportunities. Our dollars are needed to send the workers.

EDUCATION AND CRIME

Cold blooded, deliberately planned murders and other atrocious crimes are coming more and more to be laid at the door of young college and university students. In speaking of the recent most terrible crimes in history perpetrated by sons of wealthy parents, Bob Shuler, the noted Los Angeles divine, says, "Education that heads up in intellectuality, while it leaves man's heart barren of ideals and his soul parched for lack of spiritual motives is like the sharpening of the dagger of an assassin." Again he says: "I would rather my sons should retain their integrity and honor, should be grounded in the mighty fundamentals of morality and a spiritual life and face life without the knowledge of a single textbook than to know all the schools can give them and come to feel that these mighty moral and spiritual assets are out of date, old-fashioned, 'moss-grown,' and the like."

Bob Shuler is emphatic in his condemnation of our universities that rule the super-natural out of education and banish God from schools. He says, "The nation stands face to face with disaster," and "The American home is a wreck."

In the September "Life Boat," Hinsdale, Illinois, is published an abstract from Bob Shuler's magazine on this subject. Dr. D. H. Kress deals with the same problem from the physical standpoint in the same number of "The Life Boat." Send \$1.50 for your subscription or 15 cents for this number.

METHODIST MINISTER PREACHES FROM "SIGNS"

"The Reverend Andrews uses the 'SIGNS' in his sermons," writes the colporteur who sends the renewal subscription. "He is a Methodist minister with a congregation of over five hundred." This is in Centralia, Washing-

ton. This minister is doing just as any other ministers are now doing since they have come to know the "SIGNS OF THE TIMES" and its stand in behalf of the Bible.

An interesting incident was told recently by a former employee of the Pacific Press who has been a teacher of printing the past year at Esparta, Calif. In this small town there is a community church and its pastor is a bright, conscientious young man,—a strong Fundamentalist. He has had more or less opposition especially by one or two Modernist high school men. On a Sunday night just as school was closing the young pastor preached an anti-evolution sermon, and with it gave a Bible message that stirred the community.

Our Adventist young man was leaving the next day, and he met the pastor in the post office. In bidding him good bye, and congratulating him upon his sermon, he was just about to offer to send the pastor the "SIGNS OF THE TIMES" when he got a real surprise. "Do you know," said the minister, "I get my material for such sermons from a paper I get every week, 'THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES,'" and he took from his pocket an unopened number he had just taken from the post office. Then he told our brother that he had been a subscriber for two or three years and what a wonderful help the "SIGNS" had been to him. He was interested to learn that his Adventist friend had helped to print the paper for years, and to know more of the influence it is having in the world.

This is surely a most favorable time to introduce the "SIGNS OF THE TIMES" to ministers of other denominations.
J. R. Ferren.

THE STORM CENTER OF CHRISTIANITY'S CRISIS

Under the above title Elder Carlyle B. Haynes publishes in the September "WATCHMAN MAGAZINE" the second of five remarkably lucid and convincing discussions of crucial issues in the present controversy in the churches. In it he shows that if the Virgin Birth is rejected, the incarnation goes and, with it, humanity's Redeemer. The "WATCHMAN" is presenting vital truths in each issue and is gaining an everwidening recognition from fundamentalists around the world circle. It is receiving splendid support in a general way from ministers of other churches here in this country. However, the possibilities have only begun to be touched. Why not send the magazine by the year to all the Protestant ministers of your city or community? In clubs of four or more the rate is only \$1.05 each; single copies in lots of ten or more 10 cents each. Your tract society will be glad to have your order.

THE NEW BOOK

"The Battle of the Churches"

The readers of the "Pacific Union Recorder" will appreciate the privilege of becoming familiar with this new book by Professor Wirth on the question of "Modernism or Fundamentalism, Which?"

Perhaps we do not all sense as we should the fact that the so-called "popular" churches of to-day are being racked and broken up in many instances by the teachings of the Modernists. Many honest hearts are longing to remain by the fundamental principles of the gospel as outlined by the Word of God; too many people, however, are easily influenced and led astray by silvery tongued orators who teach that the miracles of the Bible are myths; that the virgin birth of Christ was not a fact; that there will be no resurrection of the body after death; that God is an intelligence and a personality, but not in human form, and bodiless, etc.

Believing as we do in the Bible in its entirety, we, as Seventh-day Adventists, are in a position to make a strong appeal to remain steadfast to the fundamentals of faith; we can warn our friends, neighbors, and all who can be reached by literature against the deceptive teachings of Modernists.

This book, "The Battle of the Churches," is issued as one of the Crisis Series, to be sold for 25 cents, subscription basis. You can present the book to laity and ministry alike. It is written for the lay-member as well as for the minister.

THE GATES OF INDULGENCE

A solemn arraignment of the leaders of two great denominations who have recently, in church councils, done away with the bans against such amusements as theater-going, dancing and so on is epitomized under the foregoing title by L. Harrison King in the September "WATCHMAN MAGAZINE." He shows that we have come to a significant epoch when the church itself obliterates the distinction between itself and the world. This is just the article you have been wanting to place in the hands of some of your friends, relatives or neighbors. You can obtain the September "WATCHMAN" in lots of ten or more from your tract society at only 10 cents each. This number contains many splendid things of vital import to thinking people and will be found a ready seller. Regular magazine workers and those who circulate the truth in this way should order at once as the edition will doubtless be quickly exhausted. Order of your tract society to-day.

OBITUARIES

Reno.—Matilda Reno was born in Wapello Co., Iowa, May 29, 1853, and died in Whittier, Calif., July 30, 1924. Sister Reno is survived by four children, two sons and two daughters, two of whom with the mother, have been Sabbath-keepers for many years.

B. L. Dieffenbacher.

Horton.—Jewell Ruby Catcs was born Nov. 4, 1902, in Muskogee, Okla. She was married July 2, 1918, to Sydney V. Horton, Jr. To this union

were born two children, one daughter and one son. She died in San Bernardino, Calif., Aug. 14, 1924. She is survived by her husband, one daughter, one son, and her father and mother. She united with the Seventh-day Adventist church at the age of fourteen.

A. M. Dart.

Cook.—Mary Jane Cook was born in Bloomington, Wis., Jan. 1, 1848, and died in Eureka, Calif., Aug. 20, 1924, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. J. McLane. Sister Cook accepted the message over 14 years ago and remained faithful till death. Sister McLane, her only daughter, mourns, but not without hope.

I. Parry Dillon.

Totten.—Lucius Totten was born in Terra Haute, Ind., Aug. 28, 1885. He was married to Emma McCubbins in 1880, and to this happy union seven sons were born, one of whom is the proprietor of the Favorite Cookie Company of Los Angeles and a member of the Lincoln Park church. The deceased united with this movement about three years ago in Seattle, Wash., and has remained loyal and faithful to the time of his death, which occurred Sept. 2, 1924. He was laid to rest in hope of the resurrection in the Forest Lawn cemetery, Glendale.

C. S. Prout.

Rauscher.—Anna Rauscher was born in Russia, April 29, 1860. She came to America about 30 years ago, living in Seymore and New Haven, Conn., for about eight years. Since then she has resided in Los Angeles. For more than 16 years she has been an invalid and constant sufferer. She united with the Carr Street church (Los Angeles) some 17 years ago and has been loyal and faithful ever since that time. Her Christian experience was developed in the very bed of affliction, and such a beautiful trust and wonderful experience as she had through all these years. She peacefully fell asleep Aug. 27, 1924. Funeral services were held at Forest Lawn cemetery, Glendale, Calif.

C. S. Prout.

Hobson.—Marian Ward-Hobson was born Jan. 27, 1850, in Troy, New York. In 1891 she was married to James R. Hobson at Custer City, South Dakota. They then moved to Hillsdale, Iowa, and thence to Montrose, Colo., where she embraced present truth. In the

year 1923 they came to Los Angeles, Calif., where they lived with Brother Hobson's daughter, Mrs. Barnard. Sister Hobson fell and sustained a broken hip which greatly weakened her and she gradually grew weaker until her death, which occurred Sept. 1, 1924. Interment took place in the Hollywood cemetery, Los Angeles.

C. S. Prout.

Torrence.—John Dayton Torrence was born Aug. 27, 1868, in Kempfield, Canada. He died Aug. 22, 1924, near Fort Bragg, Calif., as the result of a fall from a trestle, where he supervised logging work. Though in severe pain, he fell asleep expressing assurance in the pardoning love of his heavenly Father. He accepted the message about ten years ago. Brother Torrence is widely known in the lumber regions, and has an enviable reputation for patience, self-denial, honesty and industry. He was married in 1892 to Delia A. Huntley. His wife, three sons, and two daughters are left to mourn. Services were held by the writer in the Fort Bragg church, which was altogether insufficient for the large assemblage of friends.

Eugene A. Brown.

Bullock.—Alva Bullock was born in 1858 in Lancaster, Wis., and died as the result of an accident in Fallon, Nev. The body was shipped to his former home in Colorado, where funeral services were conducted in the Hygiene church, and burial made in the Longmont cemetery. He leaves a faithful wife and three sons. Funeral services were conducted by the writer who knew Brother Bullock when laboring in Nevada.

M. L. Rice.

Blowers.—Florence L. Blowers was born in Smallville, Neb., March 10, 1885, and died in Oakland, Calif., Sept. 1, 1924, aged 39 years. Mrs. Blowers united with the Seventh-day Adventist church about four years ago and was a faithful member of that body. She leaves to mourn their loss, her husband, four children, her mother, one brother and four sisters. She died in the blessed hope of the soon coming Saviour. Words of comfort were spoken from 1 Thess. 4:16-18.

C. F. Folkenberg.

"The follower of Jesus is Christian in spirit and in temper."

THEY HELP IN PARENTS' PROBLEMS

The Mothers' Lessons do not fly away above your head, nor talk in "hifalutin" language about the splendiferous ponderosity of things. They come right down to parents' daily problems, and offer specific aid in solving them.

Says a mother in Florida: "Every topic is so good that I feel I can't afford to miss any. I have bought two sets of expensive books recently for the children, but I find the Home Commission Lessons cover everything, and at a small cost and in a simple way. If only all mothers of our denomination could be influenced to take the course, for to me it seems a blessing to have these Lessons, and just what poor and rich need for better homes and churches."

And another in Oregon writes: "I want to tell you how much we enjoy the Lessons. I think they are just right, and I believe that's how we all feel. And I am sure they are doing much good in each family. A short time ago my little six-year-old daughter asked me, 'Mother, what does being born mean?' I don't know what I should have done then without the help these Lessons have given me."

Write for Outline to the Home Commission, General Conference, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

REPUDIATING HEAVEN'S CONSTITUTION

It is within only the past fifty years that the teaching has become prevalent that the Decalogue is abolished. In the September "WATCHMAN MAGAZINE" A. Delos Westcott shows three fundamental errors or fallacies in logic underlie this doctrine. What they are and how to answer them is set forth with great simplicity and clearness. The fact that the "WATCHMAN" deals with vital issues is one of the primary reasons why you should be a subscriber for it. It is obtainable in clubs of four or more at only \$1.05; single copies in lots of ten or more only 10 cents each. The September number is an unusually good seller. Your commission is 15 cents a copy; \$15.00 a hundred. Perhaps this is the chance you have been waiting for to earn extra funds for personal needs, church or mission pledges while at the same time doing pleasant and profitable home missionary work.

ADVERTISEMENTS

SPECIAL NOTICE—TERMS

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."

Wanted.—Lady wishes position as house-keeper. Willing to work, or to care for elderly persons or invalids. Address Mrs. Florence Irvin, Newport Beach, Calif. 6-2t

BOOK AND MAGAZINE REPORT, WEEK ENDING AUGUST 29, 1924

Agent	Mag. or Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Value
Central California—					
W. W. Christensen		22	2	\$ 3.00	\$ 19.00
Ray Duncan		8	8	1.50	66.50
J. F. Kent		32	14	.20	112.95
Gladys Peter		9		1.75	9.75
C. O. Trubey		69	11	14.25	103.25
3 Agents		140	35	\$20.70	\$311.45

WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 5, 1924

Arizona—					
Sotero Basterra	P. G., B. R.	108	20	\$ 6.00	\$102.50
Jose Castillo	P. G.	41	18	23.50	125.50
Elsie and Ruth Cornforth	Misc.	49	44		113.75
Daniel Romero	P. G.	52	15	16.15	105.15
J. L. Sauder	B. R.	66	28	10.75	168.75
6 Agents		316	125	\$56.40	\$615.35
Nevada—					
Oscar Gerhart	H. P.	52	10	\$ 7.75	\$105.25
G. B. Wright	H. P.	36	13	2.25	127.75
2 Agents		88	23	\$10.00	\$233.00
Northern California—					
Minnie B. Rogers	H. P.	20	11		\$ 76.00
W. I. Shultz	G. C.	21	12	1.25	68.75
2 Agents		41	23	\$ 1.25	\$144.75
Southern California—					
John Bell		11	4	\$ 5.00	\$ 25.00
Anna Tolbert	B. R. Crisis				11.75
2 Agents		11	4	\$ 5.00	\$ 36.75
Utah—					
Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Johnson	C. E.			\$15.75	\$ 15.75
Mrs. J. A. Neilsen				12.25	12.25
Nita Parry	G. C.	24	4	12.00	43.00
A. R. Robinson		31	5	4.25	42.75
Rosa Woodruff	G. C.	26	2	21.00	35.00
6 Agents		81	11	\$65.25	\$148.75
Totals.....	21 Agents	677	221	\$158.60	\$1,490.05

Employment Wanted.—By Jewish brother, aged 36; unmarried. Has just accepted the truth and was thrown out of employment. Is expert upholsterer. Address H. S. Hoffman, 312 North Boyle Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. 6-2t

Wanted.—Young Adventist couple with one child would like steady work with people of same faith. Could assist on ranch or do other lines of work. Would like to correspond with interested parties. Address Route 1, Box 136, Gridley, Calif.

Home Wanted.—On a farm with Seventh-day Adventists who will be kind to and patient with a boy eleven years old. Desire a good home where the boy will be brought up for Jesus. Any one interested will please write to Albert Ziegler, General Delivery, Redlands, Calif.

For Sale.—Fine home site within ten-minute walk of La Sierra Academy. Half acre lot. Near street car and bus line. Domestic and irrigation water. Electric lights, power, telephone. Beautiful view of valley. Property values increasing. Terms. Address J. A. Casebeer, Route 1, Arlington, Calif. 6-2t

Seven Beautiful Songs for church and home, with music for the piano: "The Mountain Flower," "The Wonderful River," "The Christian Banner," "The Battle of Ages," "The Fading Flower," "Lift Up Your Eyes," "The Flower Queen." Standard sheet music size, ordinary voice. All seven for \$1.25 postpaid. Order from Otto Lundell, Room 323, 155 North Clark St., Chicago, Ill.

Ill health compels sale or exchange of small place in Santa Clara valley. Are you interested in a bakery with a revolving oven on a two-acre fruit ranch? Apples, peaches, prunes and grapes. The best of water and climate. Eight-room house two blocks from railroad station; three-fourths mile from Sonoma. Near church and proposed church school. Price, \$6,500; terms. Also dried apples, prunes and peaches for sale; wholesale price. For further information, write to Luke A. Roth, Route A, Box 183, Sonoma, Calif. 5-2t

For Sale.—Three-room furnished house, nearly completed. Four blocks from Glendale Academy on large lot. Paved street. Bargain for cash or will give terms. Call at 2109 Eleanor Drive, or address F. H. Martin, 131 North Howard St., Glendale, Calif. 4-3t

Wanted.—To correspond with someone having a suitable place for an elderly couple, who are able to work, where they can keep the Sabbath and have work furnished to pay rent, and if possible part of their living. Address 3835 East Fourteenth St., Long Beach, Calif. 6-2t

Special.—The Radio Baking Co., 5686 York Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif., in order to introduce our health cookies and our entire whole wheat sticks, will sell for two weeks at the following prices: 4 lbs. health cookies or 4 lbs. health sticks for \$1.00, parcel post prepaid. These health cookies and sticks are made with brown sugar and Crisco. Send orders to above address.

For Sale or Exchange for Southern California property, one and three-quarters acres in Tulare Co., one mile from town, in bearing fruit—peaches, apricots, olives, etc.; also some berries. Four-room house, barn, garage, tank-house and engine; chicken yards. Underground irrigation system. Seventh-day Adventist church. Unable to care for same. Address A. L. Palmer, Route A, Lindsay, Calif., or inquire 819 Orange Grove Ave., Glendale, Calif. 5-2t

WHEN JOHNNY STARTS TO SCHOOL

Thousands of boys and girls are just leaving their homes for the first time to start their school life. Great numbers of them, as statistics prove, have physical defects that greatly handicap them in their school life. In a very practical way Dr. George Henry Heald in the October color number of the "SIGNS" sets forth the principal facts on the question of the school child's health. Every father and mother will want to read this article. You may buy this edition of the "SIGNS" in quantities for 4 cents each, and they will sell readily at 10 cents.

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NOTICE

Sabbath, September 27, is Harvest Ingathering Rally Day. A suggestive program of this service has been sent out and we earnestly urge that this day be observed in all our churches.

TO LODI ACADEMY STUDENTS

It is earnestly requested, because of a large amount of repair work now going on, that our students do not plan on being at the academy before Sunday, September 21. This co-operation will mean much to the efficiency of our opening exercises.

We trust, also, that our students will not come in later than Monday, September 22. It will be well if you have not already advised us of your coming, to do so immediately, as our dormitories are full and other arrangements will have to be made for housing our students.

Chester E. Kellogg, Principal.

A LITTLE REMINDER

That the time for our regular fall effort in behalf of a revival of our literature work is here. Our student colporteurs have left the field and returned to school, and we need a goodly number of others who will press in and fill up the ranks and keep the work going strongly throughout the fall and winter. This is in many respects the most favorable time of the entire year for our work. Such books as "Great Controversy," "Bible Readings," "Our Day," "Daniel and the Revelation," and "The Home Physician" are always in demand, as shown by the good reports of those who are selling them throughout the field.

PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE S. D. A. Sixty-cent-a-week Fund for Eight Months Ending August 31, 1924

Conference	Member-ship	Amount Due	Amount Received	Amount Short	Cents per Member per Week	Per Cent of Quota Rec'd.
Southern California	3,948	\$82,118.40	\$64,245.41	\$17,872.99	.46-94	78.23
Southeastern California	2,245	46,696.00	35,047.39	11,648.61	.45-03	75.05
California	3,751	78,020.80	49,067.91	28,952.89	.37-73	62.89
Utah Mission	182	3,785.60	2,349.37	1,436.23	.37-23	62.05
Northern California	2,200	45,760.00	28,164.93	17,595.07	.36-92	61.54
Nevada	284	5,907.20	2,756.88	3,150.32	.28-00	46.66
Central California	2,365	49,192.00	21,841.01	27,350.99	.26-63	44.39
Arizona	671	13,956.80	4,127.38	9,829.42	.17-74	29.57
PACIFIC UNION	15,646	\$325,436.80	\$207,600.28	\$117,836.52	.38-27	63.79

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT SABBATH SCHOOL OFFERINGS For Eight Months Ending August 31, 1924

Conference	Membership	Amount Received to August 31	Per Capita Per Week			
	1923	1924	1923			
Southern California	3,532	3,948	\$ 39,833.90	\$ 44,576.00	.32-22	.32-25
Southeastern California	2,220	2,245	22,712.83	24,975.08	.29-23	.31-78
Utah Mission	183	182	1,602.31	1,732.40	.25-01	.27-19
California	3,784	3,751	29,728.75	32,838.04	.22-44	.25-01
Northern California	2,135	2,200	19,517.52	18,374.07	.26-11	.23-86
Central California	2,224	2,365	17,786.46	17,163.29	.22-85	.20-73
Nevada	301	284	2,126.69	1,796.31	.20-18	.18-07
Arizona	633	671	2,835.34	3,286.73	.12-79	.13-99
PACIFIC UNION	15,012	15,646	\$136,143.80	\$144,741.92	.25-91	.26-43

B. M. EMERSON, Treasurer.

At this time of year also there is a very ready sale for our smaller publications, especially our home workers' books. On this list we have some of the most interesting and valuable small books published,—just what sensible people will be only too glad to buy for their children if they are given a chance. There are many brethren and sisters who could have success, do a noble work, and find a new interest in life for themselves if they would take up the sale of these good books from now until the holiday season at least.

For all such workers who feel the need of instruction and can arrange to attend, we are planning to hold several colporteurs' institutes throughout the field. The first one will be at Loma Linda beginning September 27. Another will be held at Fresno during the first part of November, and others will be announced later. While these meetings will be primarily for the benefit of those who take up our regular colporteur work, yet special attention will be given those who come desiring to handle the home workers' books. Get more detailed information from your local field secretary, and come praying that the special blessing of God will attend the meeting, and that many may go out to help find the honest-hearted "lost sheep" who are "scattered in every place." F. E. Painter.

"FOR ONE MAIN REASON"

"I appreciate this study for one main reason," writes one of our busy pupils in New Testament History. "It has brought me to my Saviour as nothing

has before." She goes on to tell of the joy she has experienced in following the life of the Saviour here upon earth, and closes with the words: "I feel that this study has meant eternal life to me."

Bible study pursued systematically under the guidance of a consecrated and efficient teacher is indeed fraught with rich spiritual blessings. Moreover, it is when we have been taught in the Word ourselves, that we become qualified to teach others. Knowledge of the Scriptures is the most precious kind of knowledge, and it is our privilege to grow in this knowledge from day to day. Well prepared lessons, and the help of a sympathetic, helpful teacher, are essential to the best work, and these the Fireside Correspondence School, of Takoma Park, Washington, D. C., is glad to furnish.

The expense involved in getting this instruction is very small, while the results in renewed spiritual power and ability to help others are very great. We are earnestly desirous of reaching all those whose hearts are drawn out to study the Word. M. E. Olsen.

THE WAR ON BOOZE

Many people in these apparently quiet days think that all is well with the country, and that no wars or rumors of wars are on even the distant horizon. But such need to be awakened to the fact that there is a war of great proportions going on right now in the United States, which involves the integrity of the very Constitution itself, and that is why the "SIGNS OF THE TIMES" in its October color number is publishing the article, "The War on Booze," by Utah V. Wilcox. This article sets forth the facts in a clear-cut way, and exposes the fallacy of the argument of the leading opponents of prohibition. You will be interested in reading this contribution, for it will give you excellent arguments on the right side of the question. Your friends and the reading public at large would enjoy this article.