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A Happy New Year

WHAT shall I wish thee?
Treasures of earth,
Songs in the springtime,
Pleasures and mirth,
Flowers on thy pathway,
Skies ever clear?
Would these insure thee
A happy New Year?

What shall I wish thee?
What can be found,
Bringing thee sunshine
All the year round?
Where is the treasure,
Lasting and dear,
That will insure thee
A happy New Year?

Faith that increaseth,
Walking in light;
Hope that aboundeth,
Happy and bright;
Love that is perfect,
Casting out fear, —
These will insure thee
A happy New Year.

Peace in the Saviour,
Rest at His feet,
Smile of His countenance,
Radiant and sweet;
Joy in His presence,
Christ ever near, —
These will insure thee
A happy New Year.

— F. R. Havergal.

THE OLD AND NEW YEAR 1925—1926

As we draw near the end of another year, it is very appropriate for the child of God to take an inventory of the year's work. It is worth while for our encouragement to check up the victories won. Also to note the losses and defeats, see just why, that in the future we may turn these defeats into victory through Christ our Lord.

1925 is almost past. Have we been faithful in the study of God's word and in prayer? Is our home the residence of holy angels? Have we faithfully done our part in the church, the prayer meeting, and the Sabbath school? Does the heavenly record show that we have been faithful in tithes and offerings? Has the missionary spirit been the propelling motive in our lives? How about it, are we really trying to guard our health by giving due regard to health reform principles? While we may see many failures, yet do not forget to count your victories and blessings. Thus we will be encouraged to live a better life.

Speaking to every individual the Lord says (Volume 2, pages 261, 262, 268):

"Another year of your life closes today. How can you look back upon it? Have you made advancement in the divine life? Have you increased in spirituality? Have you crucified self, with the affections and lusts? Have you an increased interest in the study of God's word? Have you gained decided victories over your own feelings and waywardness? Oh, what has been the record of your life for the year which has now passed into eternity, never to be recalled?

"As you enter upon a new year, let it be with an earnest resolve to have your course onward and upward. Let your life be more elevated and exalted than it has hitherto been. Make it your aim not to seek your own interest and pleasure, but to advance the cause of your Redeemer. Remain not in a position where you ever need help yourself, and where others have to guard you to keep you in the narrow way. You may be strong to exert a sanctifying influence upon others. You may be where your soul's interest will be awakened to do good to others, to

comfort the sorrowful, strengthen the weak, and to bear your testimony for Christ whenever opportunity offers. Aim to honor God in everything, always and everywhere. Carry your religion into everything. Be thorough in whatever you undertake.

"A new year of your life now commences. A new page is turned in the book of the recording angel. What will be the record upon its pages? Shall it be blotted with neglect of God, with unfulfilled duties? God forbid. Let a record be stamped there which you will not be ashamed to have revealed to the gaze of men and angels."

W. M. Adams.

A PERSONAL WORD TO MEMBERS OF THE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION (Ordained and Licensed Ministers, Bible Workers, Editors, Leaders in Educational and Medical Lines)

For some weeks past we have been very busy working out the necessary plans for the promotion of the Ministerial Reading Course for 1926. Everything is now ready,—the books are in stock with the tract societies, the printed announcement and registration blanks are in the field, and now, as the last thing, I wish to pass on a word of personal appreciation of the books chosen.

The aim of the committee has been to provide books of three types,—one dealing with all phases of the gospel ministry, one as a commentary, to aid in the deep study of the Bible, and still another of a devotional or inspirational class, to help the reader come into sweet fellowship with Christ.

The book that has been chosen to give instruction on the many phases of the gospel ministry is entitled "The Work of the Ministry." This book

was written by W. H. Griffith Thomas, who is recognized as one of the great preachers of the last half century. In his recent death, the religious world has sustained a great loss. He was a scholar, a humble Christian, a firm believer in the Bible, and a deeply spiritual minister. He ranked among the strongest and ablest fundamentalists throughout the world. The book chosen contains his greatest and best thoughts concerning all that relates to an able and acceptable minister of our Lord and Saviour. One must read the book to understand and appreciate its great value.

The books selected for spiritual uplift are "Steps to Christ," by Sister White, and "The Person of Christ," by Philip Schaff. It is not necessary to say anything regarding the value of "Steps to Christ." This little book continues to grow in the esteem of our workers as the years go by. No matter how many times one reads this book, it can be re-read with greater interest and profit. "The Person of Christ" is one of the best of the many books written by that great Christian scholar and theologian, Dr. Schaff. The book is not large in bulk, but it contains a great message. It brought me to tears more than once while I was going through it. This book exalts Christ as Saviour, Advocate and Redeemer in such lofty and reverent language that the reader's heart is softened, subdued, and filled with adoration for such a divine Friend.

The book selected to lead to a close, helpful study of the Bible, is a commentary on "The Epistle to the Galatians," by G. G. Findlay, of England. You will recall that in 1925 we studied Bishop Moule's commentary on "The Epistle to the Romans." As all know, Paul's "Epistle to the Galatians" is a companion volume to his "Epistle to the Romans." It deals with the great vital question of how men get the righteousness of God,—whether by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith. Findlay deals with this important question in a clear, masterly way, and from a thoroughly scriptural standpoint. He exalts law, and gives works their true place of importance, but he also recognizes Paul's firm and insistent position that righteousness is the gift of God, in response to faith in His Son, Jesus Christ. The book is full of excellent thoughts, and most help-

ful teaching.

And now may I invite you every one to join in this helpful course of study? I am sure that we all need the uplift which these books give. Every time I go over them, I become more enthusiastic as to their value and what they will mean to us during 1926, if we enter into the study calmly and prayerfully, with determination to avoid hasty and superficial reading. Every worker in North America can, by prompt action, have the books in hand ready to begin reading immediately. Let us act promptly, begin early, and read systematically and closely through the entire year. A. G. Daniells.

TO CHURCH ELDERS—INCOMING, OUTGOING, ABIDING

A recommendation passed at the recent Autumn Council in Des Moines, Iowa, of special interest to you, reads as follows:

"WHEREAS, There is a growing demand on the part of local church elders and other church leaders for a special Reading Course which will help them in the spiritual leadership of churches and companies; and—

"WHEREAS, It has been demonstrated that such help can be provided these workers by a carefully selected set of books to cover a year of reading; we therefore—

"RECOMMEND, That the Ministerial Association make a permanent feature of its work the selection of such books year by year as will provide the help needed, and promote this course vigorously under the name of The Auxiliary Ministerial Reading Course."

In harmony with this recommendation, we present to you the selection of books for 1926. Whether your term of office continues, begins, or expires with the opening of the new year, these books should be in your possession, and their study and use made secondary only to the Bible and the Testimonies of the Spirit of prophecy.

(1) "HOW TO LIVE THE VICTORIOUS LIFE" by "An Unknown Christian."

(2) "THE REAL HOLY SPIRIT" by Cortland Myers. (Companion volume to "Real Prayer" of the 1925 Course).

(3) "THE PASTORAL EPISTLES OF PAUL" by C. R. Erdman,—an Exposition of Paul's letters to Timothy and Titus.

(4) "I CRIED, HE ANSWERED"—A Testimony to Answered Prayer,

classified under eight headings, as follows: Prayer for Recovery of the Sick, For Financial Aid, Deliverance in Time of Danger, Guidance, Conversion of Individuals, Revivals, Various Objects, Missions and Missionaries. This little book will serve to good purpose as inspiration for the prayer and missionary meetings during the year.

COMBINATION PRICE on the entire set of four books, \$2.50 postpaid. Order through the tract society, and apply for registration blank and further information of value to church elders, to—

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PROVIDENCES IN THE HARVEST INGATHERING

During the morning of a recent field day at Delano there came a "slump," when it seemed impossible to collect more funds; but it was not a new experience, and I felt sure that prayer would "change things." It was 11:20 when I asked the Lord to give me one more dollar before noon. Eleven-thirty came—then quarter to twelve, and still no one would give; only two more houses remained in my territory and it was ten minutes to twelve when I reached the first one. I quickly knocked at the front door, but received no answer, so hastened to the rear. A lady answered, saying she was ill in bed, but that I might come in. I did so, apologetically, expressing my sympathy and quickly showing the maga-

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zine. She pointed to the table and said I would find some money there, and to take 50 cents. I thanked her and hastened to the next home. The lady said she didn't have a cent in the house, but when I said I would accept anything that was salable, she offered me a jar of fruit—well worth 50 cents for missions—and as I stepped into the street the noon whistles were blowing. The Lord had answered my prayer.

In the afternoon we had agreed to meet at four o'clock, as it was necessary for some of the company to return home at that time. I reached the corner near the machine at just four o'clock, but as none of the workers were in sight I decided to work while waiting. At the next house I received 50 cents; at the next, 25 cents. Then I came to a bungalow court. No one seemed to be at home, and as I was about to leave a lady came out of one of the houses where I had already knocked. I turned to meet her and quickly gave her a canvass for the magazine. She said she had been saving some pennies for Christmas, but felt impressed to give them to me, if I would accept the offering. She stepped into the house and returned with a handful—91 cents in all. I looked at my watch and found I had gathered \$1.36 in just fifteen minutes.

The Lord is waiting with many such experiences for us; but He cannot give them to us unless we place ourselves in the way of His leadings.

H. G. Warden.

KERN COUNTY

Sabbath, November 7, we held a meeting with the Wasco church. The interest demanded that a series of meetings be held. These were broken into by circumstances over which we had no control, yet the Lord held up the interest until the last. October 5 the Wasco church met with the Bakersfield members and ten candidates were baptized. Four of these were from the primary department and four from the ninth and tenth grades of the Wasco school. The other two were men who were working for Brother Arthur McReynolds and living in his home. There was a hearty co-operation on the part of the members of the church. It was a great pleasure to us to have with us in these meetings, our friend and companion of Pacific Press days, Simon Peter. The message is

just as dear to his heart as it ever was.

There has been a strong spiritual advance in all our churches during the Week of Prayer. All the churches in the county are over their mission goals except two, and they are making a strong effort to come through. Ford City is at the head of the list.

We are greatly pleased with our church school this year. We cannot see how it could be better. We are planning for a strong ninth grade next year. Our teachers are well qualified, and while they are doing strong work in the daily studies, they hold the Christian standards first. B. L. Howe.

SOME RECENT EXPERIENCES IN DELIVERING BOOKS

Having been asked by one of the summer colporteurs to make a delivery of some books which were long overdue, I promised to do my best, but assured him it was doubtful if anything could be accomplished, as the orders were from one month to six weeks late.

The first place I called was on an old lady, who was perhaps 75 years old. She said, "You're too late. I had the money a month ago, but it is gone now and I can't take the book." I assured her I was very sorry, but that she could not afford to not take it; and before she could find any more excuses, I commenced to tell her of the many fulfilling signs of our Lord's return, and the danger of being found unprepared because of our neglect of Bible study. Her attitude quickly changed, and in a few moments I had her promise to take her book, and make a payment on it shortly.

The next was also an old lady, and the book was "Home Physician." She had paid one dollar deposit. As soon as I told her who I was, she laughed and said: "You can have the dollar, I don't want the book. All it tells you about is diet and the water treatments, and I've been dieting for 20 years and have used the water treatments most of my life. It's no use, I won't take the book." I presented the best reasons I could think of, but she remained obdurate. Having a "Life and Health" magazine in my hand, I remarked: "You also receive this magazine for one year, and it alone may prove to be worth the amount you are paying for the book." I happened to open the paper at a picture of some young ladies jumping

over a fence and quickly remarked, "Who knows but in a short time after you have been practicing the principles taught in this book you too, will be doing such things as this?" She threw back her head and laughed heartily, saying: "It's no use, you can't get the best of a book agent, here's another dollar; I'll pay the balance later."

At another home a young married woman met me at the door. Almost the first thing she said was that she had learned it was an "Advent" book and she did not want it. No matter which way she turned for literature it always came from the Adventists. I asked her if she could not see providence in that—that the good Lord was trying every way possible to get the truth to her. She said she had not thought of it in that way. Then I made an earnest appeal to her for her own sake, her husband, her children, and for the Lord who died for her, to investigate the teachings of Adventists, and make sure whether or not they were right. She quickly set a date for the delivery of her book, and said she would pay in full at that time.

At another home the lady informed me that she and her husband were Roman Catholics, and that when she had informed him that she had ordered a Protestant book, he handed her \$5.00 telling her to go to the priest and get any book she wanted, but to go to no one else. She asked what she could do in such a situation. I told her of the warning the Lord has given against following blind leaders, and the awful curse pronounced in Revelation 13 against the ones who receive the mark of the beast. Then I begged her to search the Bible for herself and know God's will, and to know whether priest or preacher is correct. She said she would talk it over with her husband and I might telephone her later. She did so, with the result that I made an appointment to present the book to the husband some evening. Pray the Lord to impress the truth home to the hearts of these benighted souls.

At another home I called after dark and walked into the house with what I thought was a "Bible Readings" under my arm. The lady was very reluctant to take her book, but after much persuasion she commenced to count out the money, mostly small change. When she reached \$4.00 she said that was all she had, but would

pay the balance the next afternoon. In looking through my books the next day, I discovered that I had delivered a "Great Controversy" instead of "Bible Readings." At once I anticipated trouble, perhaps a demand for money back, and cancellation of order. Imagine the surprise when I commenced to apologize for my mistake to have her say: "Indeed you did not leave the wrong one, it's the finest book I ever read. I never closed my eyes till two o'clock this morning." I said nothing more, but thanked the Lord for causing me to make this blunder, placing that "heaven-sent torchlight of truth" in that needy home.

Other books were delivered and orders renewed for future delivery.

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NEWS ITEMS

Elder V. E. Peugh reported splendid Week of Prayer meetings at Fallon and Lakeview. The believers at Lakeview, Oregon, are very much in need of a place of worship, and during Elder Peugh's visit with them they started a fund to purchase a lot upon which they may erect a church. The Fallon brethren and sisters report that they have nearly sufficient funds to repaint their church.

We are hoping and praying that our conference may reach its full quota for foreign missions. We can do it, brothers and sisters, if every person does his best. All camp meeting and investment pledges should be paid in before the end of the year. If the Lord has in some special manner blessed you during the year, would it not bring happiness to your heart to give Him a thank-offering before the year closes?

Harvest Ingathering.—Every church in the conference has more than reached its Harvest Ingathering goal for the year. The total amount raised to date is \$2,626.47, or an average of \$9.41 per member. Think of the good that this will do in the needy mission fields and of the blessing that may result from so many personal visits and papers and tracts left in so many homes. May the Lord add His rich blessing to the faithful efforts of His people.

Elder A. B. Huenergardt and his family spent the latter part of the Week of Prayer, with the churches at Standish, Westwood and Indian Valley. They report splendid spiritual meetings in each of these places; also a good annual offering at the close of the week.

Elder E. E. Farnsworth reported that several souls were to follow their Lord in baptism on Sabbath at Reno. We are very pleased to welcome these new believers. We pray that God's richest blessing may rest upon them as they unite their hearts with those of His remnant people. These dear people are the fruit of the labors of Elders Dement and Farnsworth in their meetings held in Sparks.

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BUDDHIST SCHOOL IN IMPERIAL VALLEY

Yes, a Buddhist school in Imperial Valley. You may say, "Why head an article for publication in the 'Recorder' with such a headline?" Let us tell you, this condition is a challenge to every Seventh-day Adventist in the South-eastern California Conference.

We spend thousands of dollars sending workers to Japan and China to give the gospel to those dear souls there. Unquestionably this is the thing to do; but what about the heathen in California? Yes, that is the question. What can be done to stem the tide and inroads of heathenism right at our own door?

A few nights ago we heard an announcement over the radio, that the brother-in-law of the Emperor of Japan, a Buddhist priest, had just arrived in this country to dedicate a Buddhist temple. Wonderful news, isn't it, and also food for serious thought.

What Can Be Done?

That is another question, and one we must face, and by the help of God we believe the colporteur is the man of the hour.

In our recent visit with Brother Ferguson in Imperial Valley we are more than convinced that the colporteurs are striving to do the work that God intended should be done. We are instructed by the servant of God that we should reach every individual home, and this can easily be accomplished by

personal house-to-house evangelism by the colporteur.

January 15 of the new year will be the opening date of our colporteurs' institute which will be held in San Diego, and all those who mean business and expect to take up this line of gospel ministry should make all arrangements for their attendance at this institute at once.

Shall we not, dear brethren and sisters, make 1926 a banner year in the giving of the gospel through the printed page, so that instead of schools and temples being erected to the worship of Buddha in California, we may have Sabbath schools and churches erected, where the worship and adoration is bestowed upon the Creator and Saviour of this world. H. A. Rentfro.

PARADISE VALLEY

We should bear witness to the glory of God concerning His blessing upon us at Paradise Valley. Three months ago we left Oceanside where, with H. W. Gober and Miss Reathel Jenkins, an effort was nearing completion which has since resulted in the organization of a church of seventeen members in that place.

Coming to a new work with earnest prayer for wisdom to accomplish it, we have found it to be anything but an easy task. With a church of about 220 members, a student body in the training school of about 60, and a sanitarium registry of 82 patients, we have found plenty to do, and are only touching it with the ends of our fingers.

Our church has, of course, as usual, gone way "over the top" in Harvest Ingathering sometime ago. This means a very earnest spirit of real sacrifice and missionary zeal upon the part of the nurses, practically every one going out in the Harvest Ingathering. Including our unremitted funds, we stand, before the Christmas offering, always large here, at 92 cents a week.

The work with our patients in the sanitarium is largely a matter of merely sowing the seed, but several have accepted or are on the point of accepting the Sabbath. Some, were they not bedridden, could be baptized at once.

But that which really draws forth this report is what God has done for us during this Week of Prayer. Among the training school nurses who met separately at special forty-five minute services morning and night, there has

been a most wonderful revival. The work has gone very deep. The universal testimony was that it has meant far more to them than any other Week of Prayer had ever meant. Every day was filled with personal interviews. This personal work and the after-meetings lasted far into the night. Even before the Week of Prayer, prayer bands were organized to plead definitely for certain ones. These are being continued.

We are glad to say we have seen the glorious answer to our prayers and labors in the surrender of **every student** in the school. And not only was there complete surrender, but by faith they learned to claim victory as a gift and thank God for it.

Sabbath, December 19, 14 young men and women were baptized. This includes all in the school who had not previously been baptized, as well as a number of rebaptisms.

We are following up the work of the Week of Prayer every morning by studies earnestly attended to on "How to Abide in Christ," or "How to Make the Victory Last." We must not, we dare not go back of the line of cleansing and complete consecration. It is too late to sin, to have anything to do with sin, to listen to any suggestion to sin, to dally with any temptation to sin. We are trusting Christ for keeping power and continuous victory at Paradise Valley. Llewellyn A. Wilcox.

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LODI ACADEMY AND NORMAL

"The Nazarene," a sacred cantata by Charles Gabriel, was given by the Lodi Academy mixed chorus, in the First Methodist church, on the evening of December 22, under the direction of George W. Greer. He was assisted by Miss Lyla Kauble, organist, and Miss Yvonne Caro and Miss Fern Wyant, pianists. The chorus was made up of the Aeolian quartette, the Aeolian club, a male chorus, and a large general chorus.

The theme of "The Nazarene" is in keeping with the season and with the message our school is endeavoring to exemplify. Under splendid direction and sung with true feeling, it gives the story of the Master from His lowly birth to the glorious resurrection and exaltation by men and angels. Beautiful words, set to pure, devotional music, and sung with feeling and appreciation,

can but uplift and strengthen in the Christian life. The beautiful church was filled with an audience that was not disappointed in any way. Mr. Greer and his singers and musicians may know that their service of sacred song is a positive force for good both in the school and in the community; all are positively helped by the gift of harmony and melody.

A recent chapel period was devoted to customs and stories of Christmas in home and foreign lands. The costumes of the people represented helped to make the descriptions and stories more real. A fireplace and easy chairs and rugs, made the chapel stage very home-like and attractive.

The normal students and the children of the grades greatly enjoyed a visit by Miss Velma Wallace, who came home from Pacific Union College to spend vacation with her parents and many friends. Many of the academy students have been in Miss Wallace's classes, and are happy to greet her again.

The missionary volunteer service on the last day before vacation was of special interest. The general subject was the true and right way for Christians to spend vacation. A thoughtful study of this important phase of Christian life was presented by Sister A. J. Osborne, whose talks to and with the students are always welcomed. To stand true in the strength of the Lord, to resist temptation by claiming the promises of help from on high, to grow and prosper in this daily life by prayer and the study of the Word, to be loyal and faithful ever,—these are the privileges of the child of God. Especially should the young Christian seek to guard his steps, that the enemy may not have access to the life. Theodore Werner, of the normal class, described in a graphic way an ideal home-gathering in the holiday season, with grandparents and a host of the members of younger generations about the family board and the genial fireplace, with prayer and song and admonition, with reminiscences of long-passed days and people, with wholesome fun and helpful labor—true recreation for the busy days of study and work of the future. The students appreciate the efficient labors of Kenneth Cople, the leader of the society, in his plans and programs.

On the evening after the second Sabbath of the Week of Prayer, a number of students and teachers gathered in the chapel to study pictures covering the 430 years of sojourn and affliction of Abraham and his seed. The story was told by Max Hill. The pictures were kindly loaned by Brother H. N. Tolton in whose studio the slides were made. The fine pictures, artistically colored, helped to recall the thrilling and interesting events in the lives of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph.

A recent young people's meeting was devoted to the matter of proper conduct in church. Mr. Alonzo Neufeld and Miss Williams gave talks, and a group of six young people showed the right and the wrong way to behave. Two gave strict attention to the services, and did all they could to set a right example to the others. These four crowded into a few minutes enough bad manners to spoil an hour's service, and to show the students in the chapel how selfish and wrong the actions of ill-mannered people are. It is hoped that the example of the two will be followed by all.

Max Hill.

GRASS VALLEY

"This has been the best Week of Prayer in my experience," was the testimony of the members of the Grass Valley church, some of whom have been observing the Week of Prayer since its adoption by this people. With the exception of the Sabbath services, the meetings were held in the homes of Sister Silva and Brother and Sister Lotz. Many drove long distances over rough, mountainous roads, and never missed a service.

The Grass Valley church members are rejoicing that Doctor Wheeler and wife of Fresno have cast in their lot with them, to hold up the light and win souls in these mountain towns. Doctor Wheeler's long experience in this message will prove a great help to this company, many of whom are new in the truth.

Sister C. C. Ward, the church home missionary secretary, although a recent convert from Spiritualism, is receiving great blessings in selling the "Watchman," and other periodicals.

While thus at work, she met two women, and as she presented her paper, one exclaimed, "Adventist! Adventist!"

This is the people I have been looking for." The reason for her joy at finding an Adventist was that our literature had been given her by a sister in another town some months previous. She is now rejoicing in having found those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

Two meetings were held at the home of Brother and Sister Caldwell near Smartsville. Brother Caldwell spent a number of years at the Pacific Press, and was the choir leader of the Oakland church. Although now eighty years old, his voice is clear, and has the ring of a true veteran of the cross, looking for the soon appearing of his Master. It is good for one's soul to meet these isolated ones, and behold their courage.

O. B. Stevens.

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THE NEW YEAR

The New Year! What will it bring to us? What will we make it? These are questions that people generally are considering at this season. But the greatest questions, the ones that should most concern us are: What will we bring to Jesus, and what will we let Him give us during 1926?

The most that we can bring to Him is a sin-polluted heart for Him to cleanse and renew, and a body that is more or less defiled and diseased as a result of the entrance of sin into the world. We bring this, a poor offering indeed to the Prince of heaven, the Son of God.

Another thing we can bring to Him is the thank-offering and sacrifice offerings that we give to Him out of that which He so generously gives to us. When He blesses us it is with the very definite purpose that we may not be unprofitable workers for Him. He blesses us financially that we may use the very means He gives us, in such a way that the light of His truth and the joy of His salvation may be carried to others.

The New Year is just upon us; and with it comes new desires, new responsibilities, new opportunities. At this time also, one usually takes a retrospective view. Such a view of the records of our conference is interesting. In some ways it is joyous, in others it brings sadness; joyous because the record is some better than the previous year; sadness because it is not so good

as had been hoped.

A little comparison of 1925 with 1924 discloses a genuine cause for rejoicing. For ten straight months of 1924 we fell short each month of reaching the monthly quota for missions. In November the tide turned and we registered a surplus for the month. In 1925 the tide turned **three months** earlier, so that beginning with August and to the close of the year, each month shows an overflow. Encouraging indeed! And now that 1926 is upon us, shall we slacken our pace? No! No, let us not do that. Rather let us begin with the very first of the year and see to it that the California Conference keeps its head above water in the struggle against the enemy, in raising funds for Jesus' sake. Our monthly quota will be about \$10,500. Let us get away immediately the year begins, take our place in the front rank and never slacken pace through the entire year; never falling short, but rather registering an overflow each and every month.

Can we do it? Certainly! It will be far easier than to get way behind as we have done, and then try to overcome the handicap. Can we do it? Certainly! For our Captain, who has never lost a battle, will see to it that victory is ours, if only we do our part.

R. E. Kalfus.

NEWS NOTES

A Sabbath school rally was held at the college Friday night and Sabbath, December 11 and 12. In the social meeting on Friday evening many spoke of the value of the Sabbath school in their Christian life. One student told what the Sabbath school habit, formed in childhood, had meant to him. He said: "I am glad for parents who kept me in Sabbath school as a boy, for while I did not appreciate its value then, I know now if it had not been for the habit formed I would be in the world to-day. I started as a youth to work on the Sabbath for, as many young men do, I got the idea that I could not keep the Sabbath and make a living." He said the first week he worked at Sabbath school time he got a strange feeling; the second Sabbath it was harder to go past the time to start for Sabbath school; and the third Sabbath when it got to be about ninety-three, he could not stand it and packed his tools and stopped work. To-day he fully appreciates the Sabbath school and its blessings.

Elder C. K. Meyers and Elder G. A. Roberts made a trip to Humboldt County, leaving the office Monday evening, December 21.

Elder C. K. Meyers of the General Conference has been making a short visit here. He made a trip to the college for the week-end and his visit there was much appreciated by the student body.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Miss Charlotte Jewell, who taught very successfully for several years, has left the Glendale school and gone East. We were successful in securing the services of Mrs. Ward Hill, a teacher who has taught for us at various times for four or five years. She takes grades four and five.

I spoke to the student body of the Los Angeles Academy one day recently. I found that many of those attending had left the high schools to attend this school. The present attendance is 85. There are four teachers: Professor Lee R. Marsh, principal; J. E. Christiansen, Grace Morel and Inez Wallin.

In a recent visit to Santa Barbara, the writer met with the school board. So many grades were being asked for that Miss Esther Olsen could not carry them all, and arrangements were made for another teacher to assist in the lower grades. There being two schoolrooms, the shift was easily made. This means extra expense for the church members, but they do it willingly for the sake of the children.

The Glendale Union Academy is doing stronger work than ever before in its history. The students appreciate the efforts put forth in their behalf. The principal, Professor D. A. Ochs, is untiring in his efforts to make the school what it should be. Byron Dart is principal of the church school in which six teachers are employed. There are 167 academic students and 215 church school pupils. The board has employed 15 teachers, of whom nine are in the academy. Under the blessing of God, all the expenses are met promptly. The growth of this institution has been remarkable. I visited four of the church school rooms lately.

Recently I visited the Lincoln Park church school where two teachers are being employed. Both of these teachers, Mrs. Walter McKenzie and Mrs. Earl B. Ray, are new to the school, but are doing good and faithful work.

I spent an entire day at the Long Beach Academy where more than 100 pupils are enrolled in grades one to twelve. An excellent spirit of love and unity prevails, and the teachers are interested in their work. They work together as one, which is as it should be in these last days. Their school buildings are new and neat. I wish that all the children of the church would attend. Two sisters of the church who live near, prepare warm lunches for the pupils each day which is greatly appreciated. The school board is desirous of providing better equipment.

H. G. Lucas,

Twelve more souls have recently been baptized into fellowship with us in this closing message. Elder F. W. Paap baptized three into the Exposition Park church and Elder C. S. Prout conducted the services for the other nine a week ago Sabbath in the Central (Los Angeles) church.

Elder J. W. Rich reports that recently he had the privilege of baptizing eleven dear souls into this message. While the services were conducted in the Exposition Park church, the major number of those baptized took the step as a result of the effort held in Huntington Park during the fall. He states that more will follow these.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PACIFIC PRESS PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given, to all whom it may concern, that the annual meeting of the members of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the state of California, will be held at the office of the Association on Villa Street, in the town of Mountain View, county of Santa Clara, state of California, on Monday, the twenty-fifth of January, A. D., 1926, at 10 a. m.

The election of directors for the ensuing year, the advisability of amending, repealing, or adopting new by-laws, or such other business as may be necessary or proper to be transacted, will come before the members of the Association.

By order of the Directors.

C. H. Jones, President.
H. G. Childs, Secretary.

OBITUARIES

Sain.—George W. Sain was born in Indiana, July 30, 1857, and died in Selma, Calif., Oct. 19, 1925. Brother Sain had been a member of the Seventh-day Adventist faith for many years, and was a member of the church at Selma at the time of his death. He leaves a large family and many friends to mourn their loss. H. G. Thompson.

Webka.—Ralph Ernest Webka, son of Frank and Alma Webka, was born in Wellington, Kans., Feb. 19, 1909, and died in Keene, Texas, Oct. 10, 1925. As his parents reside in Phoenix, Ariz., the body was sent there for burial. Ralph was converted and baptized by Elder Ragan in Wellington, Kansas. Although converted in his youth, he lived a life in harmony with his profession, and was fitting himself for a place in the work of God. He died with the hope of meeting his Saviour in peace at His coming. He was attending the Southwestern Junior College at Keene, Texas, at the time of his death. He leaves besides the family, many friends to mourn his death, but not as those who have no hope. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer, assisted by Elder David Voth.

C. A. Winters.

Help Wanted.—Seventh-day Adventist men who desire to learn a good trade and draw wages while learning, and who live in Los Angeles or within daily driving distance from Los Angeles, Calif., please call Delaware 6283. 19-3t

Ford Sedan for Sale.—New 1926 "Tudor" model. Used only few weeks. Just nicely broken in. Owner must sell. If you contemplate buying a new car, please see me first. 611 Kimlin Drive, Glendale, Calif. Phone Glendale 4389-M.

Lentils for Sale.—New crop A-1 lentils, graded and cleaned well. Double sacked, shipped promptly and safe at seven cents per pound, by the 100 lbs., f. o. b. Farmington, Wash. Name your county. Address J. J. Wagner, Route 1, Farmington, Wash. 19-3t

A Bargain.—Twelve-room house with two to three acres in Plymouth, Calif. A-1 soil; about 75 fruit trees; grapevines and berries. In colporteur work; must sell. Price, \$2,500; \$500 down. Clear title. Full information on application. Address F. H. Davis, Plymouth, Calif.

For Sale.—At Paradise Valley, near National City, Calif., a large lot 129x132 ft., with modern five-room bungalow. Built-in features and hardwood floors. Near a graded church school and large church. For particulars, address Orpha Ford, National City, Calif., care Paradise Valley Sanitarium. 19-3t

For Sale.—Shoe repair shop with living rooms and bath. Established over two years; hand work, good location, no opposition. Near Glendale Sanitarium and Hospital. Reason for selling, I want to enter the colporteur work. For further information, write to William Besser, 2748 Colorado Blvd., Eagle Rock, Calif.

For Quick Sale.—Modern, new, well-built bungalow and two lots near La Sierra Academy, in alfalfa, for less than the value of house and one lot. Combined frontage of 90 feet on one street and 150 feet on other. Vacant lot is corner lot. A real bargain! Write or see A. L. Kiehnhoff, Route 1, Arlington, Calif. 20-3t

For Sale.—Four-room house. Bath, electricity, cabinets in kitchen. Lot 50x150; lawn, fruits, flowers. Chicken houses for 250 hens; brooder house for 400 chicks; furnace heated. Good location; four blocks from church school, seven blocks from church and academy. Price, \$3,000; \$1,200 down, balance like rent. Address Mrs. M. M. Row, 527 Pettis Ave., Mountain View, Calif. 20-3t

THE MOST REMARKABLE MEDICAL COLLEGE IN AMERICA. It is described in this way by William G. Wirth in the January "WATCHMAN," because it combines the healing of the body and the soul. Are you acquainted with it? Do you know where it is located? If you are not a subscriber, have your subscription start with the January issue and read all about this wonderful institution in our midst. By the year, \$1.75. Four or more, \$1.05 each.

ADVERTISEMENTS

SPECIAL NOTICE—TERMS

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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.

Bakery and Delicatessen for Sale.—Good business, fine location. Have accepted position in one of our institutions, reason for selling. Must leave by January 1. Address E. L. Knecht, 111 East Sixth St., Corona, Calif. Phone 631.

BOOK AND MAGAZINE REPORT, WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 18, 1925

Colporteur	Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Value
Southeastern California—					
H. A. Rentfro, Field Miss. Sec.					
A. M. Cott	P. G., G. C.	21	13		\$101.50
W. H. Ferguson	H. W., O. D.	7	6	14.10	40.10
Mrs. Elva Gibbs	H. W.	14	32		28.05
J. F. Kent	H. P.	26	8	1.50	56.50
Clyda Tompkins	H. W.	18	5		10.25
Miscellaneous					8.75
Mrs. J. L. Kay	Magazines	1	25		2.50
Mrs. K. E. Williams	Magazines	12	49		10.95
7 Colporteurs		99	138	\$15.60	\$258.60
Southern California—					
Emanuel Remsen, Field Miss. Sec.					
R. Walter Garratt	H. P.	25	7	\$ 2.25	\$ 61.25
R. L. McKinzie	P. G.	26	14	2.75	93.25
Charles E. Place	H. P.	40	11	15.90	69.05
Mrs. J. C. Way	H. P.	18	4	26.80	55.80
4 Colporteurs		109	36	\$47.70	\$279.35
Totals	11 Colporteurs	208	174	\$63.30	\$537.95

FAMILY ALTAR SERVICE SABBATH, JANUARY 2

During the last few years it has been customary in all our churches, in harmony with a recommendation of the General Conference committee, to devote the first Sabbath of the year to the consideration of the important topic, "Family Worship." It certainly is very fitting that a service of this kind should be held in our churches on the first Sabbath of the new year, and experience has demonstrated that it has been a great blessing to all of our people. It has brought before us anew the importance of keeping the family altar alive in our families, and many lost family altars have been restored.

Our churches will be glad to know that this service is again to be held in all of our churches next Sabbath, January 2. Splendid help and suggestions for this service will be found in the "CHURCH OFFICERS' GAZETTE" for January.

Pacific Union Conference Home
Missionary Department.

THE MINISTRY

Elder G. A. Roberts spoke at the college to the students and church one Sabbath morning a few weeks ago on the subject of "The Ministry," bringing out the thought that the greatest need of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination to-day is the need of ministers. The greatest need of the world in sin is ministry. Elder Roberts stressed the idea that those who expect to enter the ministry when through college should, while in college, devote themselves to the ministerial course. Even though Bible and public speaking are studied while one is acquiring a scholastic degree, this would not in itself qualify one for the ministry; while taking a ministerial or teacher's course one took physiology and materia medica and received his teacher's degree, this would not fit him to practice medicine. To deal with life and death questions of heart and soul is more important than to deal with life and death questions of the human body. The ministry can no more be successfully taken up as a side-line than the practice of medicine can successfully be taken up as a side-line.

A minister who ministers, whether as a preacher ministering spiritual things in the homes of the people, or whether as a doctor ministering spiritual and

physical things to the people will, if he is a true missionary, accomplish ten times as much as the one who merely preaches from the desk. See Vol. 9, page 124; "Counsels to Teachers," pages 503, 504.

The ministerial course at the college comprises instruction and practice, not only in preaching but in church organization, gospel finance, public speaking, language, art, voice culture, music, denominational history, current denominational activities; in fact it is sought to prepare young men for the denominational program of carrying the gospel to men, women and children in every walk of life in every land under the sun in this old sin-cursed world. True ministry,—evangelistic, medical, educational and physical—is a call of high heaven to this people NOW. And though preaching of itself and taken alone is but a part of the gospel ministry, yet it pleases God by even "the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE!

Are you a parent? And did you have the 1923 and 1924 LESSONS which were written especially for parents? So many have said, "I do want them, but it seems I can't find the money to pay for them." We are happy to find a way to help such ones.

Here at the General Conference building we are crowded, and must make room for the 1926 PARENTS' LESSONS. Therefore 1923 and 1924 LESSONS must be gotten off the shelves. So send 50 cents for either year, or \$1.00 for both, and they are yours.

How the parents do like them! We receive many letters of appreciation. Here is a thought from one: "The LESSONS mean a great deal to me. They are a wonderful help. I wish each of our churches could have a Young Mothers' Society."

A mother who subscribed late in the year writes: "Those splendid LESSONS have all arrived, some Friday and some to-day. As I was looking over the ones that came Friday, I began to wish I had some earlier numbers which might have dealt with the baby's diet for the second year, when, just this evening, I couldn't help glancing through the earlier LESSONS which arrived to-day; and there, to my delight, in the January number, is that

splendid article on the care of the baby during the second year. Just the very thing I wanted. Thank God, and thank you dear people. I have been praying daily ever since our darling boy came for wisdom to enable me to care for and train him, and now God is answering my prayers by putting these valuable LESSONS into my hands."

And here are a few words from the daughter of one who, both in public and in private, with her pen and with her voice, sought to build up better homes: "The PARENTS' LESSONS are splendid, and surely are doing a wonderful work for the fathers and mothers who are giving them attention. How glad mother would be to see this work for parents."

Take advantage of this opportunity, **now**. It will soon be too late, for the LESSONS are going, **fast**.

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Address: Mrs. Flora H. Williams, Ass't Secretary, Home Commission of the General Conference, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

WEEK OF PRAYER AT LOMA LINDA

This season was a time of refreshing for us. God did meet with us and showed us our need, and gave us faith and courage to take Him at His word, rejoice in His love, and pledge anew our consecrated service. Few there were who did not receive a special blessing. We had no help from the outside. The work was carried by the leaders and workers here, save at the academy and school, where the work was carried by Elder F. G. Ashbaugh, secretary of the young people's work for the conference, and the teachers. There were daily meetings with the medical students, the nurses, and with the entire church.

The Lord greatly blessed the work of Elder Ashbaugh with the young people and a baptismal class of thirteen is being prepared for the sacred rite. How thankful we should be for godly teachers whose faithful efforts for the salvation of their students make such results possible. A. M. Dart.

RELIGION AND THE MAILED FIST. In the January "WATCHMAN MAGAZINE" Earle Albert Rowell tells of the forming of a gigantic church trust—and the results. Let him present the vital facts to you through the pages of this Full Message Magazine.