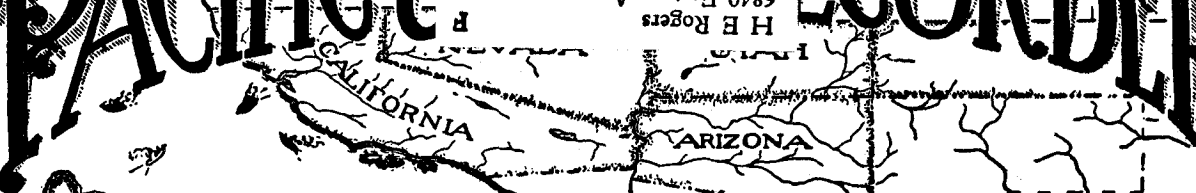


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"Watchman, What of the Night?"

SOME SOLEMN WARNINGS

The watchman must give the warning cry. Certainly the days are evil, and the enemy of our souls has come down with great power knowing he has but a short time. A noted Christian writer says of our times that, "We are living under the dark shadow of the greatest apostasy that has ever taken place. During the history of mankind there never has been such a wholesale turning away from the Source of national blessings in order to keep up with the gods of the heathen."

In Volume 8, pages 118, 119, we read:

"The line of demarcation between worldings and many professed Christians is almost indistinguishable. Many who once were earnest Adventists are conforming to the world, to its practices, its customs, its selfishness. . . . There is a stupor, a paralysis, upon many of the people of God which prevents them from understanding the duty of the hour."

Because of this "stupor," or "paralysis," Satan is leading many of the old and young into forbidden paths in following the world in fashion, amusements, and in worldly practices in eating and drinking. Long ago the record was of Israel that, "They were mingled among the heathen and learned their works. And they served their idols which were a snare unto them. Yea, they sacrificed their sons and daughters unto devils." Ps. 106:35-37.

Brother, sister, are you mingling too much with outside practices? Are you serving the idols of the heathen? We do not mean literal idols, but what

we love better than God and His cause is an idol. And by mingling among the heathen and learning their works, are you sure that you are not sacrificing your sons and your daughters unto devils? Many of the boys and girls are stumbling over the worldliness and bad example of their elders. God's word says, "Come out from among them and be ye separate."

There is a lesson also in the influence of the "mixed multitude." They were first to lead to apostasy. ("Patriarchs and Prophets," p. 408.) In the church of today also there has entered a "mixed multitude" who bring in the experiences, ways, methods, music, conversation, dress, and other things in general which conform to the world.

Many, both old and young, are caught in the snare of popular amusements such as the picture shows, frequently featuring sin, and loose family life, and sex appeal. John Phillips, of the Juvenile Court, Denver, Colorado, says: "The moving picture show is doing more to ruin the youth of today than the liquor traffic ever thought of doing."

It is the judgment hour, and Jesus is soon to come. How can we afford to pitch our tents toward Sodom at such a time as this? Jesus said, "Take up the cross and follow Me," and He also said that we should deny self. Many fail to do this when they indulge in questionable worldly pleasures and amusements.

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Good Business

As one talks with business men of the world today, he hears all sorts of replies to the question, "How are things going?" or "How's business?" Most of the answers, are unfavorable, such as "Pretty slow," "Nothing moving," or "Doesn't compare with a year ago."

Business magazines tell us that the business situation has shown no pronounced change during February, either in facts or sentiment, and that the indexes of production such as that of the Federal Reserve Board, which was 81 in January against 84 in December and 117 last August, are still in the decline. However, a weekly financial paper of the March issue tells us that the index now stands at 77, an all low level to date, but that the business outlook seems to show indication of improvement for the future.

With all the comments that are abroad in the land, one wonders whether or not there is such a thing as good business or a profitable business, yet even in view of all the perplexities that surround us, we have the testimony "The Saviour of the world has presented a most profitable business, in which rich and poor, learned and unlearned, may engage. All may safely lay up for themselves 'a treasure

in the heavens that faileth not.' This is investing their powers on the right side. It is putting out their talents to the ex-changers."—*Vol. 5, p. 259.*

"God tests men, some in one way, and some in another. He tests some by bestowing upon them His rich bounties, and others by withholding His favors. He proves the rich to see if they will love God, the Giver, and their neighbor as themselves. When man makes a right use of these bounties, God is pleased; He can trust him with greater responsibilities. The Lord reveals man's relative estimate of time and eternity, of earth and Heaven. He has admonished us, 'If riches increase, set not your heart upon them.' They have a value when used for the good of others and the glory of God; but no earthly treasure is to be your portion, your god, or your saviour." *Id.*, p. 261.

A good business then, and the business above all other types of business, is to send this gospel of the kingdom to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people.

C. L. B.

The Sabbath School

For more than fifty-five years I have been an appreciative recipient of the blessings of the Sabbath school. One of the most cherished memories of my boyhood days is the Sabbath morning walk of three miles along a southern New Jersey road with my father, on the way to Sabbath school. As we walked together we would repeat to each other the verses in the lesson for the day. The helpful influence of these Bible studies has remained with me and has been a very great inspiration to me all through the years. The appetite for the Bread of Life stimulated in the early studies in connection with the Sabbath school has continued to grow ever more keen until I have come to esteem it as a necessity far greater than for my physical food and "more to be desired than gold, yea than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the dropping of honey combs."

The study of the Sabbath school lesson means a *systematic* study of the Bible, and attendance at the Sabbath school for recitation of the lesson means getting together for an exchange of ideas in spiritual things and thus the members are built up, each and all, in the most holy faith.

I cannot escape the conviction that the Sabbath school exerts the dominating influence on its participants above any other of the Sabbath services. Listening to a sermon is of course receiving "meat in due season" but it cannot possibly replace the personal feeding upon the bread which came down from heaven, of which if a man shall eat thereof he shall never hunger. Active participation in Sabbath school privileges is surely an essential feature to a growth in grace and to a real knowledge of the truth.

GEO. THOMASON, M. D.

Pacific Union Conference S. D. A. Statement of Tithe Received for Two Months Ending February 28, 1938

Conference	Per 1937	Member 1938
Arizona	\$6.17	\$4.56
Central California	4.96	5.66
Nevada-Utah	3.88	4.94
Northern California	5.08	5.76
Southeastern California	6.48	6.55
Southern California	7.94	7.84
Hawaiian Mission	2.98*	3.07*
Pacific Union	6.14	\$6.39

Increase two months 1938 over two months 1937, in tithe per member, \$25.

Forty-Cent-a-Week Fund Statement for Nine Weeks Ending February 28

Conference	1937	1938
Arizona	.16-15	.11-53
Central California	.13-44	.14-52
Nevada-Utah	.13-27	.14-08
Northern California	.16-98	.18-04
Southeastern California	.16-61	.14-27
Southern California	.16-64	.15-77
Hawaiian Mission	.08-81*	.08-38*
Pacific Union	.15-73	.15-31

Decrease two months 1938 over two months 1937, in cents per week per member, \$0.42.

Sabbath School Fund Statement for Nine Weeks Ending February 28

Conference	1937	1938
Arizona	.11-33	.10-75
Central California	.11-58	.11-93
Nevada-Utah	.11-01	.11-84
Northern California	.13-14	.12-98
Southeastern California	.13-57	.12-68
Southern California	.14-41	.13-79
Hawaiian Mission	.07-76*	.07-27*
Pacific Union	.13-02	.12-70

Decrease two months 1938 over two months 1937, in cents per week per member, \$0.32.

* One month only.

C. L. BAUER, Treasurer.

Why a Better Sabbath School?

The real strength of a church is found in direct proportion to the size and type of Sabbath school that church possesses. The church membership is no stronger than its Sabbath school membership. The importance, therefore, of greatly enlarging and strengthening our Sabbath school membership is evident. I have never seen a real soul-winner layman who was not an ardent Sabbath school member. Why is all this?

First of all, because the Sabbath school has become one of the greatest soul-winning agencies in our worldwide work. Wherever the Advent movement has marched out over the earth to gather to itself the honest in heart of all nations, the Sabbath school has been the vanguard. More than any other department of our worldwide work, it comes into close touch with the largest portion of the families of the church. The Sabbath school is the mold of the lives of the greatest number of unconverted children, earliest in their lives, and wins them to Christ.

Secondly, the Sabbath school keeps ever before old and young the great call of the mission fields. The missionary idea is upmost Sabbath by Sabbath until, almost naturally the children and youth are trained to think in terms of a life service in saving others. It is the greatest single training ground among us as a people.

Thirdly, the mighty appeal of the Sabbath school to every heart coming in contact therewith, is toward greater faithfulness in the study of God's word. Therefore it has a tremendous influence in preparing God's people for soul-winning service.

Fourthly, the Sabbath school carries to the talented ones of the church the call of God to leadership. This is the greatest need of the hour in the church. In this crisis hour on the threshold of her greatest triumph, the church needs efficient leadership; a leadership who love and study God's great Book and whose hearts are filled with a vision and burden for lost men and women.

Let us now arouse ourselves and swell the membership of the Sabbath school until we go far beyond merely gathering in the missing members of the church. The Sabbath school has a mighty appeal to the hearts and interest of unconverted friends and neighbors.

We should unite now for a greater Sabbath school around the world.

LOUIS K. DICKSON.

The Door

The Sabbath school is often called "the door into the church." While this is true, it is interesting to think of it in connection with the individual who enters fully into the spirit and work of the Sabbath school—as a door into a richer, fuller, deeper, and sweeter Christian experience and service for the Master.

While all of the exercises of the Sabbath school are of great importance, in helping to bring about such an experience none is of greater importance than the systematic study of God's word. This affords an opportunity to come apart from the world with its cares and perplexities and provides time for quiet reflection in searching as for hidden treasure. It is at this time that the Spirit of God floods the soul with the revelation of precious gems of truth from His word.

When this is the experience, what a joy and privilege it is as we go in and out among men to impart some of these truths to others, as the disciples of Jesus said, "We can not but speak the things which we have seen and heard."

In this world filled with sin and woe what a boon to the weary, hungry, thirsting soul are the blessings and privileges the Sabbath school makes possible. May its influence continue and increase until we are all called to unite in that great school above.

GEO. H. SCOTT.

Why I Attend the Sabbath School

First, it has become a custom or habit with me. My parents accepted this message when I was only a boy, and at once we were introduced to and became members of the Sabbath school. For more than forty years I have attended the Sabbath school; as far as I know, I have missed only a few Sabbaths. If I should fail to attend Sabbath school I would feel that I was slipping, or backsliding. "Train up a child in the way he should go:" we read, "and when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Prov. 22:6)

As parents, we should think of the influence we have upon our children. With them, we should attend the Sabbath school regularly, and thus start them in the right path while they are young.

Second, I attend Sabbath school because it is a great spiritual blessing, help, and inspiration to my soul. It brings a blessing to me week by week that I greatly need in my Christian experience.

The Sabbath school is the church at study—studying the word of God. We read:

"Our Sabbath schools are nothing less than Bible societies, and in the sacred work of teaching the truths of God's word, they can accomplish far more than they have hitherto accomplished."

Every Seventh-day Adventist should be a member of this Bible society, the Sabbath school.

Third, I attend the Sabbath school because it is the main source of financial supply for our foreign mission work. Through the Sabbath school there is a steady flow of mission funds to the General Conference and from there to the mission field. If we should discontinue all our Sabbath schools and the offerings, it would mean that half of our missionary work in foreign lands would be discontinued, and no doubt half of our missionaries would have to return to the homeland for lack of support.

We are living in a time when the work of God is to be finished; certainly if ever our mission offerings were needed for the support of foreign work, they are needed now. May I appeal to every church member to become a member of the Sabbath school, and to attend regularly.

DAVID VOTH.

Temperance

On April 2, an offering for the Temperance work will be taken in all our churches. It should be an unusually large offering. "We should be at the head in the temperance reform." *Review*, Oct. 21, 1884. Are we? Temperance is to be presented as a part of the gospel, and will pave the way for other truths. (Vol. 7, p. 78.) Temperance presented with the signs of Christ's coming would shake the people. ("*Counsels on Health*," p. 434.) God's messengers are to warn editors, statesmen, thinking men everywhere, and bear a clear, decided testimony on temperance. "We should not work solely for our own people, but should bestow labor also . . . outside our ranks."

Someone has called liquor "the devil in solution." When we consider that "houses of prostitution, dens of vice, criminal courts, prisons, almshouses, insane asylums, hospitals, are to a great degree filled as a result of the liquor sellers' work" and that the police service caused by alcohol costs much more than all the revenue derived from the trade, one is led to inquire, What excuse is there for beverage alcohol? It is a business that fattens on lust and bestial appetite. It degrades the strong and pau-

perizes and criminalizes the weak. No rank or race is spared. Widows, orphans, tears, misery, degradation, despair, are common terms in this hellish traffic. From the distillers' worm to the finished product of "old" this or "old" that, the curse of God rests upon it, and the woes of its victims attend it. What is our duty?

"Many deplore the wrongs which they know exist, but consider themselves free from all responsibility in the matter. This cannot be . . . in our favored land, every voter has some voice in determining what laws shall control the nation. . . . The advocates of temperance fail to do their whole duty unless they exert their influence by *precept and example*—by voice and pen and vote—in favor of prohibition." *Review*, Nov. 8, 1888.

"When a ship is wrecked in sight of shore, people do not idly look on, but risk their lives in the effort to rescue men and women from a watery grave. How much greater the demand for effort to rescue them from the drunkard's fate."

"We need not expect that God will work a miracle to bring about this reform, and thus remove the necessity for our exertion, we ourselves must grapple with this giant foe."

This temperance fight is declared to be a "holy war," and young men are called upon to enlist and fight against appetite and lust.

Petitions are being circulated to place three measures on the ballot. Get into the front lines on this petition work. The United Dry forces are working in concert. Adventists should secure at least 50,000 signatures.

Would it not be wonderful if we could average one dollar per member in this offering, and have a fund to fight the liquor curse? Will you respond most liberally, and "come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty"?

F. G. ASHBAUGH.

Proposed Measures

The first measure is entitled "Prohibiting Liquor Traffic Near Schools." This declares it a misdemeanor to sell, give away, or expose alcoholic beverages within 200 yards of exterior boundaries of any public or parochial school or any children's public playground.

It makes a real difference how close to schools liquor is sold. A supervisor over ten Los Angeles high schools recently testified that all of the student-liquor problems brought to his attention came

from just two schools—the two having liquor joints near them.

"Advertising Sale of Liquor" prohibits window displays of liquor. Prohibits the advertising of any alcoholic beverage in or on any circular, handbill, billboard, or radio. Forbids in any liquor ad "a picture or other representation of any woman, child, or youthful person."

At every turn in the road, and a dozen places between, we face a billboard or neon sign advertising some brand of liquor. We dial the radio and liquor crashes through. We pass store windows piled high with whiskey, rum, and gin. That these devices are effective in increasing the sale of liquor no one can doubt.

"Alcoholic Rehabilitation Fund," is the title of the third measure. This requires that five per cent of alcoholic beverage taxes be deposited for use by State Department of Institutions for care and treatment of inebriates, and to compensate counties or cities for such care and treatment.

Before workmen's compensation laws were enacted, a disabled mechanic and his family became charges upon society. Now it is agreed that the industry that employs a man should bear the burden of his injury.

Alcoholism is like an occupational disease. The only difference is that it befalls the men and women in front of the bar instead of those behind it. Why should real estate be taxed for the care of the drunkard or the support of his family?

The proposed amendment will to some extent relieve the overburdened home owner. It will rehabilitate thousands of drunkards, return them to their loved ones, and make them assets to society once more.

Surely we can all work enthusiastically for the petitions that will place such admirable measures on the ballot.

Theological Seminary Summer Quarter

The summer quarter of our General Conference school, the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, begins June 8 and runs until August 30. It is divided into two terms of six weeks each.

This is not a school for our youth or for any one who should attend college. It is planned for those who have finished college or for workers who may not be graduates but whose age and experience qualify them to do graduate work. It is

primarily for college and academy teachers, sanitarium Bible instructors, ministers, and editors.

The Spirit of prophecy has said that "the true minister of Christ should make continual improvement" and that he should not be content to settle down without study and without making efforts to advance. The same is true, of course, of teachers and all workers. There is a saying that "while we live we grow."

The testimony of all who have attended is that the work has been a real stimulus to intellectual and spiritual improvement, and hence a preparation for better service. Elder C. O. Smith, Bible teacher at the Oshawa Missionary College, says:

"I consider this school as ordained of God to advance the scholarship and thus the efficiency of our workers who can attend."

Elder Orley Ford, missionary in Guatemala, says, "I go away with my mind awakened and food for thought and material for sermons for many months."

Prof. J. Alfred Simonson, principal of the Hawaiian Academy, says, "When we compare these lessons with outside schools, there is no comparison. I shall return to my work with greater confidence and renewed courage concerning the work we have to do."

We request all our people to pray for the success of this effort of the General Conference to bring help and new strength to the leaders of the advent movement all around the world.

Any who are interested in attending the Seminary should write for further information to the S. D. A. Theological Seminary, Takoma Park, D. C.

M. E. KERN.

"Health at Home"

"Health at Home," is the title of a new booklet just off the presses at Mountain View. The author is Dr. Arthur N. Donaldson. After reading it, I am sure you will agree with me that this book is absolutely the finest thing of its kind that has ever been published. It is not technical in any way, yet it is thorough, and I believe that anyone following its carefully prepared directions cannot fail to obtain results from the treatments outlined. Doctor Donaldson has really done a splendid piece of work in writing this book. Not only are the directions clear, but the book is well illustrated. It contains almost one hundred pages, covering the general principles of physical therapy;

water treatments; rubs, sponges, cold frictions; contrast baths, and compresses; sun baths, lamps, and packs; how to treat colds and bronchitis; sprains, neuritis, and rheumatism; fevers and local infections. Also, treatments are outlined for convalescents, chronics, and for those suffering with "nerves," as well as for diseases of the circulatory system.

We heartily recommend this book to all of our people, and believe that not only will it be most profitable to have such a book at hand for your own personal use, but that it will prove a real help in breaking down the prejudices of your neighbors as you lend it to them.

"Health at Home," belongs to the Crisis Series and will be one of the books used in the promotion of our Missions Extension program for 1938.

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Temperance Offering April 2

The union conference committee has requested that the regular church offering of Sabbath, April 2, be devoted to the cause of *Temperance*. As a church, we have been admonished by the Spirit of prophecy to take an active part in all temperance issues. Just now we have an opportunity to cooperate with the Anti-Saloon League by securing signatures on specially prepared petitions, which if successful will place certain temperance measures on the November ballot. All denominations are cooperating in this work and we should not come behind in lending our influence to break the power of the liquor traffic. This offering will be used to defray the expenses incident to the cost of thousands of petition blanks that will be used all over Southern California. The cooperation of every member is urgently needed.

E. F. HACKMAN.

God Hears the Prayers of the Faithful

In sending in their remittance for tithes and offerings, a family of isolated members gives an interesting experience which came to them at the time of the recent heavy rain and floods in California. The house in which the family lives is only about forty feet from a creek.

The creek was rising very fast and

they worked until late in the night to keep it from overflowing its banks. As the rain continued to fall and it seemed the creek would soon overflow its banks, which would mean the destruction of their home, the family knelt and asked the Lord to turn the water in another course. Within twenty minutes the water and subsided six inches and yet it was raging faster and harder. Even boulders were washing down the creek and making a terrible noise. Upon investigating the next morning it was discovered that a large tree had fallen and blocked the big head of water, forcing the creek to cut a new channel. Large boulders had washed in where the old channel was and had formed quite a wall of protection.

This experience illustrates how the Lord in times of stress and strain blesses those who are faithful in returning to Him His own in tithes and offerings. Let us all be faithful.

E. F. HACKMAN.

Bible Training Class at Lemon Grove

The following letter was received from Sister M. Bertha Davis, who is doing Bible work at Lemon Grove and writes concerning a Bible training class which she is conducting there. We trust the experience of this class and the practical demonstration of what can be accomplished through our lay members will encourage other churches to go and do likewise.

"I thought you would be interested in knowing about my Bible training class who are visiting or calling at approximately 700 homes every week, distributing the Bible Facts cards. We have distributed the first seven numbers.

"We have had eight lessons in 'How to Give Bible Readings,' and the class have actually given eighty-two Bible studies in La Mesa in the various districts assigned to them, since the classwork began. So you see I put them at work the very first week. You should hear their testimonies of experiences that they have. Thirteen of the class are my own readers, and it also includes two of our church elders, three of our church deacons, two deaconesses, the Sabbath school superintendent, the Sabbath school secretary, church clerk, missionary secretary, one division leader, church organist, and seven Sabbath school teachers. So it is pretty near 'the church at work.' We have one field day a week in which we make our calls and distribute the literature. Then

we expect to have ten weeks in the study of denominational history during which time we will distribute the balance of the sixteen numbers of the Bible Facts cards and continue our Bible studies and visits right up to camp meeting time.

"Then after camp meeting I plan to have the class take their same respective territories and during Elder Anderson's efforts distribute the posters of the meetings, personally invite the people to the meetings, and offer them transportation if they need it.

"I have never seen anything more wonderful than the way the church here is cooperating with the missionary program. We solicit the prayers of the conference brethren that positive results in soul-winning may be the reward for our labor."

E. F. H.

La Sierra

It is always an inspiration to spend a Sabbath with the La Sierra church. This is the home church of the Southern California Junior College. The auditorium seats 750 and is always filled on Sabbath.

The Sabbath school, under the able leadership of Brother L. A. Carr, is well organized and going somewhere. It is also a real training school for the young men and women of the college.

On Sabbath the A Cappella choir rendered a number of splendid selections. The new church calendar also appeared for the first time. The church is engaged in a number of missionary ventures and according to Elder Sorenson, the pastor, is doing more soul-winning work than last year. Our brethren and sisters love the advent message. They are sacrificing for it, as is shown in a goodly gain in tithes for the first two months of this year.

Our prayers go with La Sierra that God may make this church a worthy example to a worthy college. E. F. HACKMAN.

There Is "A Sound of a Going"

Last week I made a trip to Imperial Valley and worked two days with one of our colporteurs, Brother Holder, among the Spanish-speaking people. I found a live interest developing from the effort which Elder Robaina is conducting in Brawley, and also from the studies which he gives over the radio twice a week.

At our first call on Sunday we secured an order for "Patriarchs and Prophets."

This family told us they listened to the "father" speak on the radio. When we inquired if they ever listened to the Voice of Truth, the lady replied, "Yes, that is the program I referred to." We secured orders for "Patriarchs and Prophets" in almost every home we visited, and found these families were all listening to the message over the radio.

Monday morning we made a sale at the first home we visited. At the next home they wanted to know if we were "Jehovah's Witnesses." When we told them we were from the "Mexican Tabernacle" the lady said, "Oh! You are Adventists. Come right in. Brother Nelson is holding studies with us each week."

At the next place we found two Filipino boys seated, with their Bibles and a little read book, holding a study with the family. They invited us in, and after canvassing them we secured their order. One of the Filipino boys looked at the name of the publishers of the book and recognized it as an Adventist book. He then showed us the little red book he was using, and we were surprised to find it was Elder Haskell's hand book. These boys were not Adventists, yet they were giving a study on the third angel's message to a Mexican family. We were impressed with the statement that if we fail to carry the message the Lord will raise up a people who will. J. D. LESLIE.

News Notes

Our churches will be interested in a new leaflet of sixteen pages prepared by the Pacific Press Publishing Association, entitled "Behavior in the House of God." The leaflet is a reprint from pages 491 to 500 of Volume Five. In quantities of 100 the price is 2½ cents a copy, and where 1,000 or more are ordered at one time the price is \$2.00 per thousand. Single copies are 5 cents.

We are glad to inform our people that Brother L. E. Biggs, newly elected secretary-treasurer of the conference, will definitely take over his duties March 28. We extend a hearty welcome to Brother Biggs and his family.

Brother Herbert Griffith, the incoming Book and Bible House secretary, will take over his responsibilities April 1. We also welcome him and his family to our conference.

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Caution

Occasionally we hear of individuals soliciting, or attempting to borrow money from our church members for some personal project not promoted by the conference. The project or enterprise promoted for which funds are desired, may seem very important, and the promoter may have an appealing story to tell, but it is always a good and safe plan not to respond too quickly to such an appeal, but take time to investigate it and seek counsel.

Just recently we learned of someone contacting some of our people, endeavoring to secure funds for a certain enterprise, and we can not help but feel concerned. Many of our people have lost thousands of dollars by responding to similar appeals. All we can say is, Be slow to respond; investigate, and seek counsel. Learn all you can about the standing of the individual as a church member; and about his financial ability to successfully manage and operate his own business affairs.

The only reason for this notice is to protect our people and save them from a sad experience. DAVID VOTH.

Important Notice

Notice has appeared in a former issue of the RECORDER relative to the evangelistic effort that is to begin on Sunday night, April 3, in the Figueroa Playhouse, located on Figueroa and Ninth streets. However, we wish to again call your attention to the effort.

Elder Knox with his company of workers is planning to make this the strongest and most effective evangelistic effort possible. About nine of our churches will enter into the effort in a very definite way. Territory is assigned to each of these churches, and it will be worked systematically with literature and invitations during the campaign.

The Figueroa Playhouse will seat about 1,500 people. Because there will no doubt be an overflow attendance, Elder Knox is planning to hold two meetings on Sunday night: the first one beginning at 6:15 and the other at 7:30. We wish to urge just as many of our people as can do so to attend these meetings, and to take their friends with them.

Let us pray that the Lord may abundantly bless this effort and that many souls may be won to the message.

DAVID VOTH.

Camp Meeting

At our recent workers' meeting considerable study was given to the matter of our camp meeting this year. The whole matter was finally referred to the conference committee for further study and decision. Last week the conference committee gave study to the matter and it was voted unanimously to have a general camp meeting on our permanent camp meeting site at Lynwood, August 4-14.

Many of our people have been inquiring with reference to our plans for a camp meeting this year, and we are sending this brief note through the RECORDER to our brethren and sisters so they will understand the plans.

We are pleased to announce that the camp meeting cafeteria will be ready by that time, and also the academy building. It is possible that a pavilion will be erected but in case this should not be done, a large tent—large enough to accommodate all our people—will take the place of it.

We expect that this will be a very large camp meeting, and hope our brethren and sisters will begin early to plan for this important gathering.

DAVID VOTH.

The Bible House Says

It's here! "Golden Stories," a new book by C. L. Paddock, for boys and girls. One hundred ninety-two pages, packed full of interesting stories and pictures for boys and girls. Stories about animals and boys and girls and men and women. Stories that interest and educate and build character. Some of the pictures are in full color. One section of the book gives some simple lessons in drawing. Another part is devoted to the child just learning to read. The larger portion is for the boy and girl from ten to fifteen years of age. Stories that will be read over and over again.

Two beautiful bindings, with the name stamped in gold. Blue cloth that will not stain or fade, \$1.25 plus 4 cents sales tax, or \$1.29 postpaid. Two-tone red keratol, \$1.84, plus 6 cents sales tax, or \$1.90 postpaid. Your boy or girl will prize this beautiful book.

HENRY NORTON.

Glendale Church

We gratefully acknowledge God's leadership and blessing in the Glendale church during the past year. The church made a net increase in membership for 1937 of 103, bringing the present membership above 800. The tithe for 1937 totaled \$44,311.92, which was an increase over the previous year of nearly \$7,000. The mission offerings showed a gain of about \$2,500 totaling \$18,135.28. The local church expense fund amounted to \$8,270.03, a gain of more than \$1,250 over the previous year. The total funds raised by the church during 1937 amounted to \$71,151.54, a gain of \$10,848.93. The church raised fifty cents a week a member for foreign missions.

We are giving a free year's subscription to the *Signs* to the business men of this city in recognition and appreciation of their contributions to Harvest Ingathering. These men, without exception, when recently informed of this, were most enthusiastic in expressing their appreciation. We are also including the ministers in our *Signs* free subscriptions. The chairman of the Ministers' Association was delighted with this friendly gesture from our church.

We have a most loyal church in Glendale, and it is a pleasure to labor with these faithful souls for the finishing of the work.
C. J. COON.

White Memorial Church

We at the White Memorial church feel to thank God for the signal way He has blessed our efforts for Him during the past year. Souls have been baptized and a very active missionary evangelistic effort has been carried on in the vicinity of the church which we feel will result in many souls being won to the kingdom of God. Many of our members have been cooperating with Elder Spear's evangelistic effort, and in that way have endeavored to extend the truth to those who know it not. We are endeavoring to promote a strong home missionary endeavor under the leadership of our home missionary committee. *Signs of the Times* and others of our papers have been distributed in a systematic way.

Aside from this soul-winning work, which we believe is the first duty and responsibility of the church, we are pleased to report a strong financial showing for the past year. Our tithe, Sabbath school funds, and mission offerings

are above what they were a year ago. This is due to the hearty support of our members in all our financial endeavors. We have a very loyal church membership in the White Memorial and the objectives we have attained financially in the support of our denominational work are due entirely to the whole-hearted cooperation our members have given the leadership of the church.

A word must be said for the officers in the church and Sabbath school. They have all worked together in accomplishing their endeavors with the result that an advance has been made in a solid front. Our services have been broadcast to the patients and many of them participated with us in the spiritual benefits of our church service.
WILLIAM G. WIRTH.

East Long Beach

On Belmont Heights, three miles east of the business section of Long Beach, H. M. S. Richards conducted a tabernacle effort. The result was a good gathering in of new believers. Some of these united with the old church at Tenth and Linden. Others, with some from the Tenth and Linden Street church, were organized into what was then known as the Belmont Tabernacle church, and met in the tabernacle. When the tabernacle was removed we were fortunate in being able to rent the Presbyterian church, only five blocks distant, on the corner of East Sixth Street and Termino Avenue, where we now worship.

The name of the church, as it appears on the church sign, is "The Little Church in the Garden."

The Belmont Heights district comprises an extensive territory of Long Beach's desirable east highlands and two miles or more along the shore, including the Bayshore region and beyond. We are working and preparing for more intensive work in behalf of the many thousands of souls living in it who know not God's saving truth for these solemn times. Pray for our success.

At present we have 132 members. We have a strong Sabbath school with all its departments going successfully. Our home missionary service, a short and practical service, is held every Sabbath. Our young people's meeting every Friday night is a strong, well-attended meeting, and is conducting real missionary work. Our prayer meetings on Wednesday nights are filled with interest. There is a spirit of unity and courage in our con-

gregation, and we see large opportunities before us and open doors which we are of good courage to enter. We also have a well-organized, active, and successful Dorcas society.

The education of our children is not neglected, for we are in an academy district, and are operating also a union elementary school of eight grades. We have already organized this educational work for a strong elementary school for next year and also for the attendance of our academic students at the nearby new Lynwood Academy. We are determined to "be fruitful in every good work."

H. M. J. RICHARDS.

Monrovia

The "gem city in the foothills," and "beautiful for situation," is regarded by its citizens as being worthy of its title; schools, churches, clubs, and societies, and all kinds of business firms abound.

In the midst of this thriving community, the Monrovia Seventh-day Adventist church pursues its onward course with the great world-wide message which it represents. With a nucleus of settled, faithful members, mostly elderly people of limited means, all goals are met and some of them greatly exceeded. For at least five years, they have doubled the Thirteenth Sabbath goal, or more, once making \$5 per member on the Thirteenth Sabbath. Harvest Ingathering, Missions Extension, and other offerings have reached or exceeded the goal. Through the years the territory has been liberally and faithfully sowed with the "good seed" in the form of the printed page. These things have been done with very meager and unsatisfactory facilities. Our public services are held in the Masonic Temple, which is only available for Sabbath school and the service following. All goal devices, blackboards, maps, etc., must be placed and removed at each service. Prayer and teachers' meetings, the young people's meeting, and even the communion service must be held in private homes.

This year, for the first time, a church school with twelve pupils is being successfully conducted in a private home.

With the promised help of the Holy Spirit, a well-organized evangelistic effort here would build up the membership and provide adequate and permanent church and school facilities. Some interest exists, for visitors are present every Sabbath.

W. A. SWEANY.

Notes

A large group of officers representing the Sabbath schools of our conference met for their quarterly council with Miss Hopkins in the Glendale Sanitarium church Sabbath afternoon, March 19. Men and women upon whom the responsibility of this work rests gave encouraging reports. The privilege and responsibility of the teachers, our investment plan, and the Diamond Anniversary campaign were considered. Nearly all our schools have completed a card index file of membership and have the campaign well in hand.

Last Sabbath afternoon Elder J. E. Fulton told some of his recent experiences in Fiji to the members of the Santa Paula and Ventura churches. In the morning at the Santa Barbara church he related interesting incidents from his experience in the mission fields of the Australasian Division.

Brother A. E. Barnes is conducting a colporteur institute for beginners in the Spanish church. They are having an interesting and profitable time, and it is believed that good results will come of this meeting.

The churches are still working to reach their goals for the Lynwood Academy. The German church is the first one to reach her goal; the Inglewood and Central churches are next highest. Twenty-five thousand dollars is the goal set for the entire body of churches in the conference, and we are glad to report that one-half of this amount has been raised.

Prof. A. W. Spalding of the Home Commission of the General Conference is in our conference, and the following schedule has been arranged for him:

April 9, at 11 o'clock, in the Long Beach church Professor Spalding's subject will be, "The Sabbath was Made for Joy." In the afternoon at 3 o'clock there will be a union meeting in the Long Beach church, and he will speak on how "To Save Our Children From Drowning."

"Home Is the Foundation School" will be the subject presented in the Santa Monica church Sunday evening, April 10, at 7:30.

Monday evening at 7:30, in Paulson Hall, Professor Spalding will speak on "Who Is the Greatest." This will be a union meeting. "The Paths of Peace" will

be his subject Tuesday night, April 12, in the Glendale church.

We are receiving some interesting reports from our churches showing that the brethren and sisters are taking active part in the work. The following figures for the year 1937 have been sent us by Elder F. H. Westphal, pastor of the Edendale church: Tithe, \$2,874; mission offerings, \$6,140; in addition to this, the church gave \$733.70 for local expenses. His report indicated also that thousands of pages of literature were distributed; many Bible readings and treatments were given, and many Christian visits were made.

From his report we quote: "The church membership is seventy-one; some of them sick and aged. A few years ago it was thought to disband the church. Financially it is one of the weakest churches in the conference, but we are glad for the spirit of unity and cooperation, also the spirit of liberality. The young people did a good work in the singing bands for the Harvest Ingathering."

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

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Tithe and Mission Offerings

Through the abundant blessing of God we are able to report a splendid record of tithe and mission offerings for the first two months of this new year. Our tithe shows a 14 per cent gain over the first two months of last year, and our foreign mission offerings have shown a 3.8 cents per week per member gain over the same period of last year. This is a fine showing from our faithful membership, and we wish to express our appreciation for the loyalty which it shows on the part of our people for the advancement of God's work.

We are sorry all are not giving in proportion to their income as some are. We are made sad when we think of those who are "robbing God" by withholding their tithe. For "God reserves to Himself a portion of all that we receive. When this is returned to Him, the remaining portion is blessed; but when it is withheld, the whole is sooner or later cursed. God's claim is first; every other is secondary." *Vol. 5, p. 150.*

One brother has reported the following:

"Two brethren planted gardens together, side by side. The two gardens were on one plowed plot of ground. One had one side and the other had the other side. The gardens grew well and had equal chances to be productive. This certain year they had an early frost. They both were aware that the frost might kill their gardens that night, and so they sat up quite late and built fires to make smudges, hoping to keep the frost off. In the morning they got up early to see how they fared, and to their surprise the brother who had been unfaithful in the payment of his tithe found his garden totally destroyed while the one who had been faithful in paying tithe found his garden had been spared."

LOUIS K. DICKSON.

Missions Extension Offering April 23

It is none too early to begin planning for the Missions Extension offering to be received on Sabbath, April 23. We are planning that this offering shall be the largest of any Big Week offering in our history, and we invite all our faithful people to join with our conference leaders in making it so.

We are continually reminded of the shortness of time in which to finish the work of God in peace, and even now large sections of the world are in the throes of terrible warfare. What a day will bring forth in world affairs we do not know, and dare not decide in our thinking. God has given us these present hours of peace here in America for a purpose, and we should make the most of them.

Last year we reached the handsome figure of \$3,882.01 in our Big Week offering. This year we should have not less than \$5,000. Excellent small books have been prepared to aid us in raising this offering, and promotion material has been sent out to the field so that every church will be informed early of the plan this year. Let us not merely depend upon the sale of books to raise this offering. May the spirit of willing sacrifice, such as would emanate in richly sharing with Christ what He has placed in our hands, be seen in every life.

The worthy objects which have been designated as beneficiaries of the Missions Extension Fund this year demand and deserve our best efforts. Let every church and every member plan now for a large offering on April 23.

LOUIS K. DICKSON.

Strange As It Seems!

"15, 16, 17, 18—Say, you have a splendid increase here in the kindergarten." I whispered as I checked the actual attendance that day with the last quarter's report.

"Oh no, it's just the same!"

"Let me see the cards a moment. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.—What about those mothers over there, where are their names recorded?"

"Oh, I don't know. Let me see. You see here are their babies' names, but—"

"They are lost! Missing members attending Sabbath school every week. It is strange isn't it?"

"I'm so sorry."

"Sorry! Don't be sorry! Be glad—glad that we've found them."

Won't you check up and make sure your mothers who bring their babes to your kindergarten division all have their names recorded in the Mothers' class?

Thank you. ERIC B. HARE.

Wayside Notes

Orland, February 28. I was pleased to meet with the J. M. V.'s, their mothers and fathers, and Miss Flanagan. We had pictures on Burma at night, then invested six Friends.—It rained.

Red Bluff, March 1. Had a good time with the boys and girls at Red Bluff school. Mrs. Fowler, their teacher and leader, hopes to have some ready for investing soon. In spite of the rain we had a splendid meeting at night in the church. Elder and Mrs. Stevens are of good courage. The Lord is blessing them in their large district. There was so much rain that it was not wise to try to visit the home school at Oak.

Redding, March 2. Elder T. L. Oswald and Missionary A. E. Nelson from India joined me here, and at 6:30 we opened a Sabbath school convention. The church was packed. For two hours we studied Sabbath school problems, then turned the meeting over to Brother Nelson, whose mission stories and remarkable pictures thrilled the hearts of all.

Weaverville, March 3. When we arrived at the little church about 2 p. m. Sister Buntain announced the program for the day. Bible study at 3, Missionary Volunteer meeting at 4:30, India pictures at night. So Brother Oswald took the Bible study; I spoke to the children; and Brother Nelson took the evening meeting. The little church was packed. All enjoyed the pictures very much. There

is a splendid interest here; I believe a good harvest could be reaped if a worker could locate in Weaverville.

Smith River, March 4. After going over the hills through drizzling rain and countless detours caused by present slides and washouts, losing a fender in a close scrape with a stage in a snow storm, and ripping a 4-inch hole in a tube after picking up a 4-inch spike, we finally reached Smith River in good time to prepare for Sabbath and the evening meeting. We found Doctor Leland and Doctor Stump and their families well and happy, and the church well filled for the meeting. This is our northernmost Sabbath school on the coast, and not a few believers came from Oregon to attend the meeting. They extended a hearty welcome to keep going North.

Eureka, March 5. This was a big day in Eureka. Elder Oswald attended the Fortuna church for the morning services. Elder A. E. Nelson attended the Eureka church, and I intended to attend Arcata church, but no one came. I waited until 10:15 a.m., but still no one came so I returned to Eureka where I found the Arcata folks full of smiles, enjoying the special meeting there.

In the afternoon we spent a very pleasant two hours with the combined churches studying our Sabbath school work, and in the evening Brother Nelson showed his pictures and told his mission story to a church full of people. It is wonderful how *our* people love to hear about the work that *they* have been supporting but it is not surprising. Elder Oswald returned south from Eureka. It was necessary for him to go by bus as the trains had been discontinued owing to washouts. Elder Tupper is becoming thoroughly acquainted with his new district, and everybody seems very happy about it.

Garberville, March 6. We just had to see Brother and Sister Dukes as we sped on toward Ukiah where Brother Nelson had his next appointment. We were happy to see the success that has accompanied Brother Dukes' faithful work. Nine have been baptized and others are nearly ready.

Ukiah, March 6. Arriving at Ukiah we found everybody expecting another good meeting and we were not disappointed. The Lord blessed, and the church full of people responded heartily to the thrilling story as Elder Nelson showed the pictures and told of the triumph of the Cross in old India.

I was sorry to part company with Brother Nelson, but it was planned for me to spend M. V. Week of Prayer here while Elder Nelson went on with Elder Ritchie and visited our churches at Sebastopol, Sanitarium, Stockton, Fruitvale, Berkeley, and Oakland. We have very much enjoyed Elder A. E. Nelson's sojourn with us and wish him God's richest blessing as he goes on to other conferences with his thrilling tale of mission work in India. ERIC B. HARE.

A New Monument

Situated on a little hill to the right of the highway, midway between Camino and Placerville is a monument to Christian education. A new building erected last year will soon have the finishing coat of stucco applied, and plans for grading and landscaping the grounds are going forward. Playground equipment is being installed and soon we will have a completed unit that will be a credit to our educational system.

The material progress represented by the new school site, new building, and new equipment is indicative of the attitude of the community in regard to Christian education. With such loyal backing, our two teachers, Miss Christian and Miss Kachuck, have given of their energy and talents without reserve, and a strong work is the result.

It was my privilege to spend the last part of our spring Week of Prayer in this school, and it was a thoroughly enjoyable experience. It is always a pleasure to associate with our youth, but on occasions of this kind it seems that we come to know and understand each other better and the ties of friendship are knit a little closer. To have the privilege of studying, praying, and bearing a public testimony together for the Master as we seek to know Him, is a privilege indeed.

J. T. PORTER.

At Work

One of our isolated brethren, Brother James E. Roberts of Mendocino Woodlands, sends in his report of missionary work done for the month with the following encouraging note:

"I'm sorry that my report is not so large as the last one, but my readers had finished the twelve pamphlets I distribute and I have only one little book besides my big books. The one I loaned my small book to is slow at reading. The exceedingly wet weather coupled with other factors kept me from getting my big books

or pamphlets going again in February. I am glad to report that there are three in camp who have read all I have, and two besides doing this are reading *Present Truth*. Also one to whom I give my *Signs* tells me he passes it on."

Happy Faces!

It was Wednesday night. The prayer meeting room of the Lodi English church was hardly big enough to accommodate the crowd. Elder Fishell asked, "What shall I talk about?" "Why, the colporteur work, of course."

The text was Acts 3:6. Peter said, "Silver and gold have I none." What did he have? *Faith!* We need the faith of the early apostles and of the pioneers of this message. These pioneers could, for the most part, say, "Silver and gold have we none," but what did they have? Well-grounded faith! What they saw through faith we see in actuality. They hoped to see souls won through the meager supply of literature they had.

The enthusiastic testimonials of many proved again that our literature wins souls. Said one: "While teaching school in Wyoming, I found a 'Bible Readings' in the library and enjoyed it. Later I bought a 'Prophecies of Jesus.' I was keeping the Sabbath before I saw an Adventist minister."

Another quickly stood. "My neighbor, with a feeling of pride and great joy, exclaimed one day, 'I have a wonderful Bible. Would you like to see it?' 'Why yes!' It was 'Bible Readings' in the German language."

"See this splendid book I've borrowed," said a non-Adventist to one of our sisters. "My neighbor loaned it to me. I was afraid she'd want it soon so I've copied this much," (pointing to tablet full of material). It was the "Great Controversy."

There were six, seven, eight standing, eager to add their praise for what literature had meant to them.

"My son-in-law just yesterday said, 'Mother, do you know how many 'Desire of Ages' I have delivered?' 'No, Son, how many?' 'My old prospectuses show that I have delivered 1,000 of those precious volumes!'" This happy mother-in-law told me afterwards that the son-in-law worked all his way through college in this way.

Listen to these meaningful words from a dear sister: "My heart is thrilled when I hear how many are won to Christ by our literature. My first contact with Ad-

ventists was through literature. My neighbor, although she was a very busy nurse, brought me the *Review* weekly and asked me to mark the articles that I liked best. Invariably I marked Mrs. White's writings."

"We cannot too highly estimate this work; for were it not for the efforts of the canvasser, many would never hear the warning."—*Colporteur Evangelist*, p. 5.

After everybody had a part, men, women, and children felt like saying, "This is one of the best meetings!"—And it was. Happy faces are found at prayer meetings!

A. J. WERNER.

A Busy Week

The following experiences were sent in by Miss Marjorie Hoffman, a laymember in Sacramento. Miss Hoffman has been greatly blessed by God in her faithful, consecrated efforts for souls. We will let her tell her own story, and trust that many other laymembers may catch a deeper vision of the work to be done. Remember that Miss Hoffman works eight hours each day, her Bible work must come after that.

Monday nights Emma Grenz and Bob Hall and I go to a home where an average of seven wait for us to bring the message of our Master in words and pictures. We open with song, then prayer, and with help from God we bring before them the subject for that evening. It takes between thirty minutes and forty minutes; then we close with prayer, allowing a few minutes for questions.

Tuesday evening Miss Grenz and I go to a home in an exclusive section of Sacramento, where we have found hearts among the wealthy just as hungry for the truth as they might be in heathen lands. Here a family of four and generally four or five neighbors look forward to hearing what these things happening in the world today all mean. Four of these are keeping the Sabbath as a result of twenty-six studies we have given them. The little girl in this family was only five years old when she started keeping God's holy day all by herself. Her mother said she was determined to be ready for Jesus, even if her folks weren't, and so for six weeks she refused to shop with her mother, help her mother do any housework, or wash her doll's clothes on that day. She talked constantly of our Lord's return, and pled with her mother and father to keep God's commandments.

Her mother told me that all the sermons in the world wouldn't have had as much effect on her and her husband as the loyalty of that little girl, and as a result the whole family will soon be baptized.

Wednesday night we hasten out to a humble little home where we find fourteen anxiously awaiting our visit. In this group we have five children and five Sabbathkeepers. These folks are so interested that all week they look up verses to ask questions on. One kept his first Sabbath and said his first prayer aloud last week. This group is indeed very thrilling, and it is a joy no words can describe to work with them. We are through with our study early so that we can get to prayer meeting.

Thursday night we go way out to North Sacramento where from seventeen to twenty-one anxiously await our arrival. They are so interested and so anxious to know that they will hardly allow us to leave.

Friday nights we take all that we can and go to young people's meeting. I have no car, so depend upon the kindness of my church brothers or sisters to help out, which they always lovingly and willingly do.

Sabbath morning we get all that we can to church and Sabbath school. There are three families whom I found while at my business during the day that are now faithful followers of Jesus and His teachings. One mother has four little children.

Church is generally over by 12:30, and we hurry home to lunch and leave at 2 for our branch Sabbath school in North Sacramento where we have nine members enrolled. The church folks are very kind and help us out all they can. We generally have anywhere from twelve to twenty visitors. Emma Grenz is Sabbath school leader, I am secretary, and Bob Hall tells the children a special story and often speaks fifteen or twenty minutes (a sermonette) following our Sabbath school services. We divide the work among different members, giving all the young folks a chance to work. We find they are delighted and more than willing. Doing something for the Master seems to place a responsibility upon them that makes them feel their need of Jesus more, and even the little ones pray with us for a cleansing from sin, and a deeper experience with Jesus. A number of the new members among the younger set in church are thrilled over an opportunity

to work for the Lord; they seem eager to do anything just so they too may have a part.

Our little Sabbath school closes at 3:30 and then we all go to a poor section of Sacramento where we find a group of poverty-stricken folks. We divide into groups of two, giving out *Signs* or other literature, and invite them to come to where our cars are parked and join us in a song service. By the time we return to the cars we find quite a group waiting for us; we sing a few songs, then take turns each Sabbath speaking a few words to them of the wonderful love of Jesus. Then we ask to see the hands of those who wish special prayer, and generally many hands go up.

We hurry home to hold our prayer band which is the grand joy of the day. We do not hurry through *this* appointment with God, but we come together with a unity of spirit to praise God for His goodness, and plead with Him to cleanse us of all self and all sin, and then to pour out His Spirit upon us that He may use us in a very definite way to bring souls to Him. Then we take every soul we are working with to His feet, and there we leave them for Him to save.

After supper Emma and I leave for another Bible study. In this home we have a family of four; last Sabbath the little mother said, "We kept our first Sabbath today, and though we no doubt fell short in many ways, we hope to be perfect in it soon." After the study the mother requested special prayer, and when I asked her to pray she said she didn't know what to say as she had never prayed aloud before, but finally she found words and offered a beautiful heartfelt prayer, with tears streaming down her face. This lady and her husband were separated when I first met her in the store where I work, but after a few studies she tells us that the Lord brought them together again as a result and they are so happy, and the two lovely children are attending church also.

Now you see, God is wonderfully good to me, and to my fellow workers in His cause, for we are very busy and have a number of requests for studies that we haven't been able to fill as yet, because there isn't enough time in the week, or hours in the day; however, we have turned them over to others.

One night of every week as soon as I can get home from my Bible class I wrap and mail fifty *Signs* and other literature to interested folks, whom I have found

at the little stand where I work. I have a book with every name in, and all about them—what religion they are, etc. Every six months I write a personal letter to every one, and enclose in it a self-addressed postcard with a questionnaire on it. It is quite a job, but worlds of joy, and you'd be interested to know some of the prominent people on my list.

I am glad that God sees fit to use me in my everyday work at my little stand and I am thankful that we have a God whom we can take into our work with us, and know that if we are faithful and willing He will direct our every step and lead us all the way.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

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A Great Movement

The great forward movement in lay evangelism for which we have long hoped and prayed seems to be under way. There are now seven lay preachers' efforts in operation in the Central California Conference and a number are just ready to begin. In fact, we hope to have twenty lay preachers' efforts going by May 1.

A good attendance is noted by each of the companies conducting these efforts, and a goodly number of interested people are in evidence as these efforts move forward. The offerings seem to be taking care of the bit of advertising that is being done by each company.

One of the brethren writes of holding a little effort in the church of another denomination, for a large group of colored people. He has been conducting this effort for some time and there is a splendid interest. Just how long he can continue in the church building of another organization and preach to the congregation is problematical. This case merits the prayers of all those interested in the laymen's work in our conference.

We are very anxious that the recommendation passed by the Central California Conference Committee be carried into effect and that each of our churches where the lay talent is available for such efforts get these meetings in operation on or before May 1. Naturally, the territory surrounding the church should be visited with our literature and contact be made with all the interested people in the community before the public meeting begins. We reproduce this recommendation for the benefit of those who may not be acquainted with it.

"WHEREAS, our church buildings have been erected at so great an expense for soul-winning purposes, and in view of the fact that in many of our church buildings no evening meetings are now being held for nonmembers, therefore

"We recommend, . . . (2) That where district leaders or pastors are unable to carry out this program in the churches, and where there are consecrated, experienced laymen capable of conducting evangelistic meetings for the public, that we encourage the conducting of such meetings by the laymen under the direction and counsel of the conference worker in charge of the church in question."

Surely the conditions in the world today urge us on to do a mighty work for God. Why should our church doors be closed to our neighbors and friends when the last hour of probationary time is upon us?

Pray for the success of our lay evangelism efforts. JOHN D. HAYNES.

Baptism

Sabbath, March 12, six more people were baptized in the Turlock church. Five of these were the results of the labors of the Campbell-Spillman evangelistic company, and one was found by Elder Westcott in his work among the Portuguese.

The meetings in Livingston are pressing well; four of those baptized in Turlock were the results of these meetings. There will be another baptism Sabbath, April 2. In spite of the heavy rains and the fact that the meetings are being held in our church, we have had capacity crowds on many nights. The prospects are good for winning more souls to the message.

DON H. SPILLMAN.

PAUL CAMPBELL.

Missionary Volunteer News

The big Voice of Prophecy tent at Shafter was the center of interest for the Missionary Volunteers of Kern County on Sabbath afternoon, March 12. Each society in the district, including Kern Academy, joined in the rally and contributed music.

"Soul-Winning" was the theme of a symposium in which a number of speakers took part, including Elder H. M. S. Richards, Elder Haynes, Professor Berry, Professor Smith, Brother Nightingale, and Brother Davis. The King's Heralds sang a beautiful number in conclusion.

An offering amounting to nearly \$10 was given to purchase "Truth For Youth" leaflets to be used in connection with the tent meetings.

The societies in the district will continue their regular Missionary Volunteer meetings, placing special emphasis upon the band work in cooperation with the Voice of Prophecy campaign.

Reports of blessings received during the recent Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer are coming from many societies. Several societies conducted special meetings each night during the week. Brother Davis spent the week in the southern part of the field, visiting Shafter, Bakersfield, Santa Maria, Paso Robles, San Luis Obispo, and Monterey.

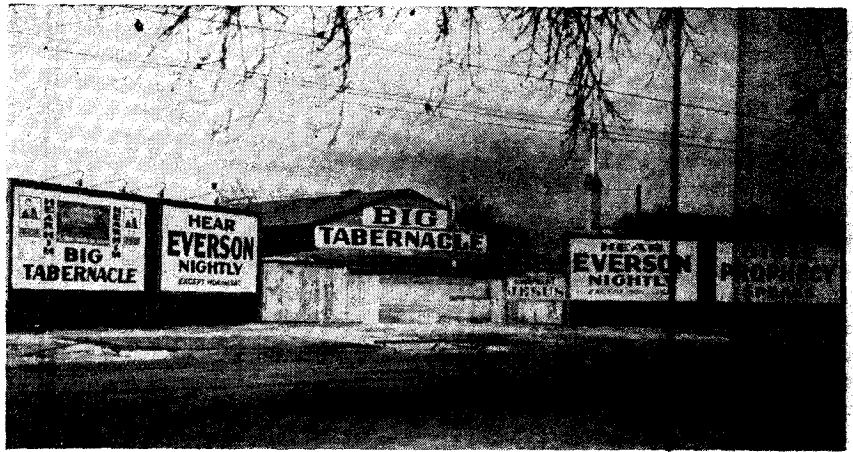
"Something Worth Reading"

Wednesday one of our sisters who is interested in colporteur-evangelism went with me, and we had a good day. We knocked at the door of a humble home; an elderly man came to the door and said his daughter, who was the lady of the house, was not home. If we would come back in an hour, she would perhaps be home. We went across the road and presented some children's books to a Japanese couple who could not read English. The little girl wanted a book, so they bought a twenty-five-cent copy of "Bed-time Stories."

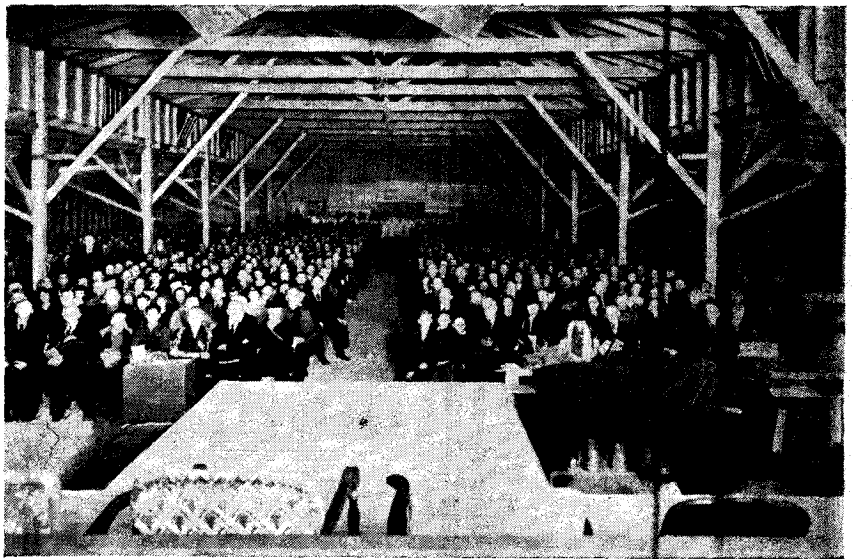
We went back to the first home and were gladly admitted. They had been here only a year, from Oklahoma. Mrs. _____ said her father was especially interested in the Bible, but they all read it quite a bit. I had only begun my "Great Controversy" canvass when Mrs. _____ called to her father, "Did the lady show you the book?" "No." She asked him to come in, and I began again. They both seemed especially interested, as were some visiting women.

When I reached the last chapter on "The Controversy Ended," the elderly man said, "I have a good book something like that" and brought out a well-worn copy of "Patriarchs and Prophets." "I bought this about thirty years ago, and have read it many times, and it is a good book." Quickly Mrs. _____ said, "Yes, it is a good book, but the volume this lady has is better." "Her book is better because it deals with our own time," the father replied.

He is ill and cannot work and depends on Mrs. _____ for his living. I ap-
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Tabernacle in Salt Lake City



Crowd Attending Meetings in Salt Lake City

NEVADA-UTAH

C. R. WEBSTER, PRES. G. B. NELSON, SEC.
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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

News Notes

We have greatly appreciated the visit of Elder A. E. Nelson, returned missionary from India. He has shown moving pictures and given mission talks in Fallon, Reno, Susanville, Salt Lake City, Provo, and at the Nevada-Utah Academy. The Nevada-Utah Conference is especially interested in mission work as it has sent out a number of missionaries to foreign fields.

Reports are coming in from the various churches on the *Signs of the Times* cam-

paign. Several churches are already over the top. We have set as our goal one *Signs* subscription for every member in the conference.

More than eight hundred are continuing to attend at the Salt Lake City tabernacle every Sunday evening. It is remarkable for Salt Lake City that after an effort of four months the attendance should continue to be so large. A number have been baptized and baptisms are being held every Sabbath afternoon in the tabernacle. Elder Everson has been especially touching on subjects that would be of interest to Mormons. Nearly fifty per cent of those attending are Mormons. Will you continue to pray that we will reach our goal of 101 souls as a result of this effort?

**DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY
SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
MARCH 5—JUNE 18, 1938**

OUR AIM:
An Increase in Membership every two weeks in every Sabbath school in the Nevada-Utah Conference.

We have just received sample books for the Missions Extension Campaign which begins early in April. One of them is called "Feet of Clay" and the other "Health at Home." Place your orders early at the Book and Bible House for these two new books just off the press. They will help you raise your goal of two dollars for this campaign.

C. R. WEBSTER.

"Something Worth Reading"

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pealed to the daughter and she said, "I want the book, but haven't the money now." I explained that I would take the order then, she could save up for it, and I would deliver the book in two or three months. She looked disappointed, and said emphatically. "But I don't want to wait three months!" I told Mrs.

I had a copy in the car and she could have it right away if she could get the money. The father had only \$4 in his purse, and she could find only fifty cents—the book was \$5.25. She said, "If you will come back at five, my husband will be home, and if he has the money I can get it."

At the next place I canvassed, the man told me that this elderly gentleman is a member of the Church of Christ and would not have any other literature. I sent up a prayer to the Lord that the book might be delivered that day,—and it was! When I arrived at five the woman met me at the door saying, "Do you have the book?" "Yes." She had even change and paid me, saying "I'm getting it for her," pointing to a girl who had come in from high school. "She reads all the time, and now I have something for her worth reading."

I went on my way with praises to the Lord, for He sold that book, and I am so thankful He counts me worthy of being an instrument in His hand to bring the truth to souls who are hungry for it. —A. COLPORTEUR.

Sunset Table

Friday, April 1, 1938

Arlington	6:09
Chico	6:30
Eureka	6:40
Fresno	6:20
Lodi	6:26
Los Angeles	6:12
Oakland	6:30
St. Helena	6:31
San Diego	6:08
San Jose	6:29
Poenix, Ariz.	6:47
Reno, Nev.	6:22
Salt Lake City, Utah	6:50
April 8	
Honolulu	6:16
Hilo	6:05



**The Voice
of
Prophecy**

Mystery

The night of December 16, 1937, will go down in the history of the Bay area, and in the history of this state and nation as MYSTERY night. The gentle, westerly winds fanned through the Golden Gate a thick muddy-like "pea-soup" fog. It was so dense that an ordinary automobile light would no more penetrate it than if trying to shine through battleship steel. I got lost trying to find my way home after closing the office for the day and ran point blank into a street corner curb, and there, almost against my bumper, mysteriously appeared two young men who, by invitation, piloted the car home, as I led the way walking in front. It was on this night that Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole, the Oklahoma bank robber and kidnapper escaped the twelve-acre Alcatraz Federal prison, located out in the middle of the Bay. These were the only two prisoners ever to escape the island alive. Their escape provoked one of the most intensive man-hunts ever instituted in Northern California. Their whereabouts is still a MYSTERY—purely a matter of speculation.

The above incident is not the only unsolved mystery in our world. You may read books and talk with licensed electricians and you will not ascertain the origin of electricity. They can tell you

Radio Hours

- R. CALDERONE
Italian Program
KLS, Oakland, 1280 kilocycles
12:30 p. m., Sunday
- L. E. FOLKENBERG
"Hope of the World"
KMJ, Fresno, 580 kilocycles
9:30-10:00 a. m., Sunday
- S. O. MARTIN
KHBC, Hilo, Hawaii, 1400 kilocycles
7:00-7:30 p. m., Sunday
- C. S. NICHOLAS
KFVD, Los Angeles, 1000 kilocycles
7:00-7:15 a. m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday (Spanish Program)
- C. S. PROUT
KGU, Honolulu, T. H.
10:30-11:30 a. m., Sun. (1:00 P. S. T.)
- H. M. S. RICHARDS
KMPC, Beverly Hills, 710 kilocycles
6:00-6:30 p. m., Sunday
- C. A. ROBAINA
Spanish Program
KXO, El Centro, 1500 kilocycles
8:15-8:45 a. m., Sunday
- H. G. RUTHERFORD
KUMA, Yuma, Ariz., 1420 kilocycles
1:30-2:00 p. m., Thursday (M. S. T.)
- SAGE BROTHERS
KYA, San Francisco, 1230 kilocycles
10:15-10:30 a. m., Sunday
- DUNBAR SMITH
KXO, El Centro, 1500 kilocycles
5:30-6:00 p. m., Thursday
- "THE VOICE OF PROPHECY"
Sunday, 9:00-9:30 a. m.
KMPC, Bakersfield, 1550 kilocycles
KXO, El Centro, 1500
KHJ, Los Angeles, 900
KDON, Monterey, 1210
KGB, San Diego, 1330
KFRC, San Francisco, 610
KVOE, Santa Ana, 1500
KDB, Santa Barbara, 1500
Thursday, 4:00-4:30 p. m.
KFXM, San Bernardino, 1210 kilocycles
- H. B. WESTCOTT
KYOS, Merced, 1040 kilocycles
1:30 p. m., Tuesday
As Boas Novas (Portugese program)
- PAUL WICKMAN
KDON, Monterey, 1210 kilocycles
8:30 a. m., 1:00 p. m., Sunday
7:00-7:15 p. m., Wednesday

Transcriptions
General Conference Publicity Series
KHUB, Watsonville, 1310 kilocycles
10:00 a. m., Sunday

the wonderful things it will do. Just so with radio. You may talk with radio manufacturers and radio technicians, and they cannot tell you "whence it cometh and whither it goeth" but they can tell you the wonderful things that are being done with and through radio, and we are slowly learning what can be accomplished in the spread of the message through it.

Search through the Spirit of prophecy writings, and you will not find the word "radio" mentioned, but you will find in (Continued on p. 14, col. 3)

PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE

Reported by Students of Journalism

A Cappella Choir Tours State for Eleventh Time

The eleventh annual concert tour of the Pacific Union College A Cappella Choir is now in progress under the direction of Miss Ivalyn Law, instructor in voice here. From nearly 50 regular, practicing members of the Choir, 33 have been selected to perform on the 10-day itinerary, singing their way into the hearts of their listeners with both sacred classic and the more beloved hymns. Their theme demonstrates the "Power of Sacred Song."

A note of program variety is presented with the assistance of a ladies' trio, a male octette, and a violinist. To date the itinerary has included Burlingame, Mountain View, Santa Cruz, Oakland, Berkeley, Hanford, Fresno, and Modesto, this evening of March 30. Thursday night, March 31, the Choir will sing in the Sacramento tabernacle of Elder Raymond Cales, in the Auburn First Baptist Church, Friday night, and in the Lodi Academy chapel, Saturday night, April 2. The group will return to the campus Sunday morning, April 3.

Alumni Homecoming Day Nears

"Letters are arriving almost daily from alumni," according to officials of the Pacific Union College Alumni Association, "indicating a ready response to the notice of a second Annual Homecoming Day, May 1." Plans are rapidly being shaped under the direction of six committee chairmen for an attractive Homecoming program.

Heading the committees responsible for the day are Miss Alice Babcock, Invitations; Miss Lois Christian, Program; Miss Lysle Spear, Food; Chas. E. Weniger, alumni president, Pilgrimage; Jay K. Battin, Finance; and E. H. Emmerson, Entertainment.

Included in the plans for the entertainment of the Homecoming alumni is the display of museum pieces in the recently-completed Alumni Museum cases. Personal invitations, in keeping with present plans, will be mailed, April 1, to all available Pacific Union Conference alumni.

P. U. C. Student Body Publish Annual

Following a decision of the Pacific Union Conference committee to grant P. U. C. the privilege of publishing an annual, the students and faculty of the College have launched a campaign for the *Diogenes Lantern*. The first yearbook of its type to be published in ten years, it is named after the rare Diogenes Lantern, school flower, which name has also graced the covers of former Pacific Union College annuals. The volume will be released to the public during the week of May 8-14.

"We are going to give our readers a 130-page book of which they can be proud," stated Kenneth H. Wood Jr. '38, editor-in-chief; "it will be, we believe, the finest thing of its kind ever to come from the hands of P. U. C.-ites." Working with Wood are Miss Goldie Raley '38, assistant editor; Raymond Moore '38, class editor; William Steinbach '41, art editor; Robert Garrett '38, photography editor; Walter Kennedy '38, typographic editor; Miss Miriam Brown '38, music editor; Miss Marguerite Lacey '38, organization editor; Philip Hoffman '38, business manager; assistant business manager, Pierson Comstock '38; and advertising manager, Oscar Tandy '38. Principal Richard B. Lewis, head of the P. U. C. Preparatory school, was chosen literary adviser.

Father-Son Dinner Comes April 17

The third annual Father-Son Dinner has been recently announced by officials of the Men of Grainger, men's organization of the campus, for the evening of April 17. According to plans laid by the various committees in charge of arrangements covers will be laid for more than 400 men.

Plunge Construction Progresses

After being halted by constant rains for nearly two months, work on the projected swimming pool for P. U. C. is again in progress. Finishing grading and gravel hauling are occupying willing hands until weather conditions permit the construction of forms and the pouring of concrete.

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the Book of God, in that marvelous 14th chapter of Revelation, this everlasting gospel that we are preaching world-widely is represented by an angel in the midst of heaven. Time is so exceedingly short that the great God of Heaven saw that the steamship, the iron-chariot, the automobile, the airplane, the printing press, telephone and telegraph, were too slow to finish His work in in this generation, so He just went out and harnessed "the wings of the morning" to herald His message quickly to a famishing world. The Voice of Prophecy penetrates the very citadel of Satan's empire—"the air" of which he is prince. It reaches people speeding along in automobiles, people in sanitariums, hospitals, gambling dens, houses of prostitution, the shanty of the poor, the mansions of the rich, everyone, everywhere. It enters where the preacher never darkens the door with his shadow.

Do you not think the Voice of Prophecy program should be on the air more than 30 minutes a week? Your response, financially, combined with that of the general public, will answer the question. Unquestionably, here is an opportunity and a need, and in all the history of this movement the Church of God has never failed to embrace an opening of this magnitude.

"The third angel of Revelation fourteen is represented as flying swiftly through the midst of heaven. . . Here is shown the nature of the work of the people of God. They have a message of so great importance that they are represented as flying in the presentation of it to the world." *Vol. 5, p. 206.*

C. C. MATTISON.

Percentage in Sabbath School

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watch this record but will aid the Sabbath school officers and members in their efforts to enroll every "missing" church member in some department of the Sabbath school.

Is your name enrolled? Or are you among the more than eight thousand church members who are listed among the "missing"?

OBITUARIES

KOKOWSKY — Ernest Frederick Kokowsky was born in Russia Sept. 29, 1846, and died in Alameda, Calif., Feb. 15, 1938. He came to this country in 1867, and had rejoiced in the third angel's message for more than fifty years. Brother Kokowsky united with the Oakland

loyal to this cause down through the years. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Words of comfort were spoken by the writer. C. R. GIBBS.

SUMP—Mrs. Florence Mary Sump was born in Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 8, 1865, and died in Richmond, Calif., Feb. 3, 1938. Mourning their loss are three sons and four daughters, all of Richmond. Sister Sump was a faithful member of the church for many years, engaging in the work of the Dorcas society and other church activities. She looked forward joyfully to the coming of Christ, and we have every reason to believe that she sleeps in Jesus. Services were conducted by the writer. CHARLES W. HARTWICK.

LINDHOLM—Brother Nels P. Lindholm was born in LaHolm, Sweden, April 14, 1857, and died in Oakland, Calif., Feb. 11, 1938. He was baptized in 1915, after which he united with the Central church in Oakland, where he remained a faithful member till the end. He was a true Christian and one who loved the message. He was truly one of God's children. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer. C. R. GIBBS.

ANDERSON—Mrs. Anna Anderson was born June 22, 1871, in Sweden. She was married to Mr. Andrew Anderson. Four daughters were born to them, two of whom survive. Sister Anderson passed away Feb. 3, 1938, in Los Angeles, Calif. She was a member of the Edendale church and her great desire was that she and her family might be re-united in the better land. She was laid to rest until her Master calls her in the resurrection morning. Words of comfort and hope were spoken by the writer. F. H. WESTPHAL.

ST. JOHN—Delmer L. St. John was born in Ransom Center, Mich., Aug. 23, 1869, and passed away in Mountain View, Calif., Oct., 27, 1937. He was employed by the Pacific Press Publishing Association for nearly twenty-five years, until ill health forced him to retire. He married Alice Beckwith in 1894. She passed away in April, 1937. Their children, Katherine St. John and Lucile G. Simhauser, two grandchildren, a brother, Milton St. John, and a sister, Mrs. Hattie Allen, are left to mourn. Services were conducted by Elders I. M. Burke and Paul Wickman.

RENSTROM—Annie C. Carlson was born Sept. 7, 1860, in Sweden. She passed away Feb. 27, 1938. In 1882 she was married to Charles W. Renstrom, who died in 1932. She became a Seventh-day Adventist shortly after her marriage and was a member of the Hughson church. She leaves to mourn, her daughter, Mrs. R. J. Weatherbee, one grandson, three brothers, and two sisters. Services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Elder Paul Campbell. DON H. SPILLMAN.

HARP—John M. Harp was born in Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 9, 1853, and died in Loma Linda, Calif., Feb. 11, 1938. He was united in marriage to Eliza Jane Morgan in 1881. To this union were born eight children. He early accepted the third angel's message, in the hope of which he fell asleep in Jesus. He engaged in the colporteur work, suffering much persecution, but enduring gladly for the love of the

OUR COLPORTEUR EVANGELISTS

"The Lord gave the word and great was the army of them that Published it."

E. M. FISHELL, *Field Missionary Secretary*

Week Ending March 18, 1938

Colporteur	Book	Hours	Value	Colporteur	Book	Hours	Value				
Arizona—											
C. E. TOWNSEND, <i>Field Miss. Sec.</i>											
Mrs B. O. Batson	B. P. S.	30	\$ 55.35	Cecelia McGee	H. P.	32	31.75				
J. H. Harrell	B. R.	43	15.85	Marvin Walter	B. R.	31	30.40				
Mrs Effie O. James	H. P.	22	8.50	8 Colporteurs 228 \$ 362.55							
Hazel Johnson	B. P. S.	61	34.75	Southeastern California—							
Sybil McDaniel	B. P. S.	33	2.00	J. D. LESLIE, <i>Field Miss. Sec.</i>							
Arthur Morgan	H. P.	42	157.60	Florence Burrell	B. R.	32	\$ 35.95				
Mrs. H. Peabody	Mag.		9.50	Patience Noecker	Mag.	42	26.30				
7 Colporteurs 231 \$ 283.55				Joseph Pierce	G. C.	101	71.25				
Central California—											
F. C. DENNEY, <i>Field Miss. Sec.</i>											
Mae Anderson	H. P.	30	\$ 12.25	Georgia Rader	Mag.	40	73.95				
Mrs. Lela Boag	H. P.	35	55.75	J. W. Reid	H. P.	35	100.00				
Esther Calvert	H. P.	16	9.60	Workers 28.50							
La Verne Cleveland	B. R.	36	21.00	5 Colporteurs 250 \$ 335.95							
B. Colporteur	H. P.	19	21.50	Southern California—2 Weeks							
Mrs. C. Harding	Mag.		45.50	A. E. BARNES, <i>Field Miss. Sec.</i>							
Mrs. M. Kroman	H. P.	2	22.50	Mary Allen	Mag.	26	\$ 28.50				
Marjorie Miller	H. P.	11	12.55	F. C. Allen	M. H.	80	37.55				
Helen Pickel	Mag.	29	34.05	Mrs. Brockway	Mag.	19	11.93				
Mrs. R. E. Ramage	H. P.	13	18.35	Gertrude Foland	M. H.	61	11.50				
Mrs. Vercouteren	H. P.	17	19.00	Ruby Kovell	Mag.	30	8.30				
F. S. Wolfe	B. R.	40	20.00	Virgil Logan	M. H.	40	46.00				
Workers 8.30				C. E. Miller	M. H.	16	25.23				
20 Colporteurs 383 \$ 300.35				F. H. Miller	M. H.	45	18.61				
Northern California—											
W. WEST, <i>Field Miss. Sec.</i>											
Mrs. H. Bauman	Mag.	28	\$ 19.60	Alberta Mills	Mag.	9	8.50				
Mrs. L. M. Belden		31	8.90	Peter Newman	M. H.	48	85.65				
A. C. Bivens	W. B.	12	11.90	Rose Slinker			9.50				
E. J. Kraft	G. C.	44	246.50	Ione Spaulding		31	10.40				
Alberta Lammerding	Mag.	30	10.50	Hazel Willard	M. H.	66	116.75				
Mary McCallum	Mag.	20	3.00	Mrs. L. Williams	B. R.	63	48.75				
				Lillian Winkler	Mag.	52	26.60				
				Workers 103 7.20							
				19 Colporteurs 689 \$ 500.97							
				Totals—59 Colporteurs 1,781 \$1,783.37							

Saviour. To his bereaved wife, two sons, five daughters, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren we commend the love and power of Jesus. Services were conducted by Elder A. R. Anderson and the writer. G. R. E. McNAY.

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BIBLE READINGS.—Sixty-nine readings arranged by Mrs. E. E. Parlin, especially helpful to one in Bible study, also in giving readings. Easily carried in satchel or pocket. Price thirty cents. Address Northern California Bible House, 537 25th St., Oakland, Calif., or Mrs. E. E. Parlin, 445 Rich St., Oakland, Calif. 34-3t

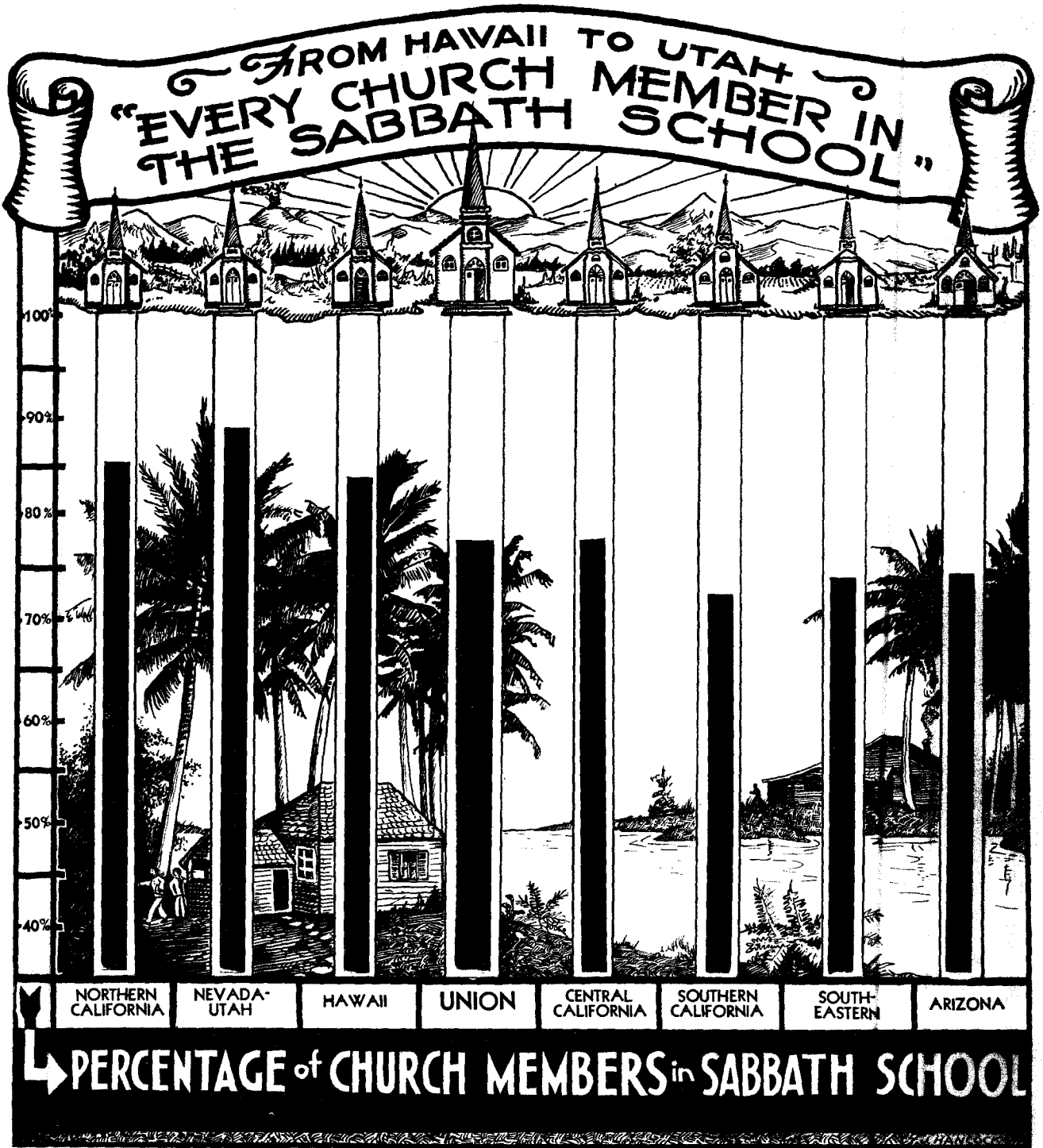
FOR SALE OR TRADE.—Reasonable price, or will trade for income property, 40 acres of good, level farm land, fenced. Good roads. Plenty of cheap ditch water, 75 cents an acre per year, every 12 days. 2 1/2 miles west of Atwater, Calif. Correspond with Morris E. Dee, Box 84, Bakersfield, Calif. 36-3t

Manufacturer wants A-1 salesmen, selling chenille bedspreads to merchants and other buyers. Unlimited territory. For information write Web-Tex Bedspread Co., 1202 W. Hubbard St., Mineral Wells, Texas. 36-3t

EARL SMITH'S DAIRY STORE.—106-A So. Glendale Ave., Glendale. (Formerly with Fosselman's.) The finest quality of Dairy Products for less. Rich milk, gal. 33c; 1/2 gal. 18c; qt. 10c. Large local, guaranteed ranch eggs, the best we can buy, at an attractive price. Ample parking in vacant lot south of store. 35-3t

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THREE ACRES AND SECURITY.—The magazine of small-area intensive agriculture. Read the stirring editorial, "It can be done on Three Acres," in April issue, now ready. Send ten cents for copy. Three Acres and Security, Professional Building, Elgin, Illinois. 36-3t



A project of vital interest to every one of us is now being energetically promoted in every church in the North American Division, and in many of our overseas churches. This is the Sixtieth Anniversary Membership campaign of the Sabbath School Department.

We depict for the first time the per-

centage of church members who are enrolled in the Sabbath schools of the Pacific Union Conference. This week we present the record of membership of December 31, 1937. Next week we hope to show the standing at the close of the first quarter of this year, March 26. Save this page, so you may compare the records

and see how each conference is improving its record.

After next week, this picture will appear every two weeks during April, May, and June. We are confident that our readers will watch with interest the record of progress. We hope they will not only

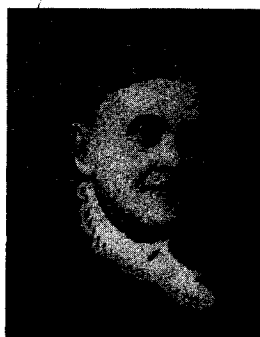
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March 26 to April 2

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Inspired Counsel Concerning Our Full-message Literature

By
**Mrs.
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 White**

Of Major Importance.—"If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures."—"Testimonies," Vol. 4, p. 390.

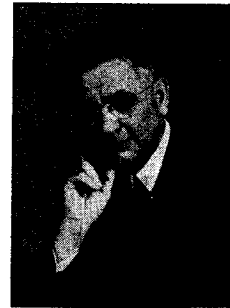
Advantage of Yearly Subscriptions.—"A mistake has been made in soliciting subscriptions for our periodicals for only a few weeks, when by a proper effort much longer subscriptions might have been obtained. One yearly subscription is of more value than many for a short time. When the paper is taken for only a few months, the interest often ends with the short subscription. Few renew their subscriptions for a

longer period, and thus there is a large outlay of time that brings small returns, when with a little more tact and perseverance, yearly subscriptions might have been obtained."—"Testimonies," Vol. 5, p. 399.

The Watchman—Its Place in the Work.—"THE WATCHMAN is to have a place in the field at large. It bears the message of truth as verily as do *The Review* and *The Signs of the Times*. It will accomplish much good if it is given an opportunity to do its appointed work in all parts of the world. Its field is wherever subscribers can be found for it."—*Special Testimonies, Book A.*

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Portentous Events



About present times the servant of the Lord has written: "The world is stirred with the spirit of war. The prophecy of the eleventh chapter of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfillment. Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in the prophecies will take place."—"Testimonies," Volume 9, page 14. It has been predicted by the noted Colonel E. M. House, the former confidential adviser of Woodrow Wilson, that in this coming universal conflict the United States will assume war leadership. And that reflection brings us to the realization that perhaps the most significant signs for the church in America are those which we see appearing right here in our homeland. "We are living in the time of the end. The fast-fulfilling signs of the times declare that the coming of Christ is near at hand. The days in which we live are solemn and important. The Spirit of God is gradually but surely being withdrawn from the earth. Plagues and judgments are already falling upon the despisers of the grace of God. The calamities by land and sea, the unsettled state of society, the alarms of war, are portentous. They forecast approaching events of the greatest magnitude."—"Testimonies," Volume 9, page 11.

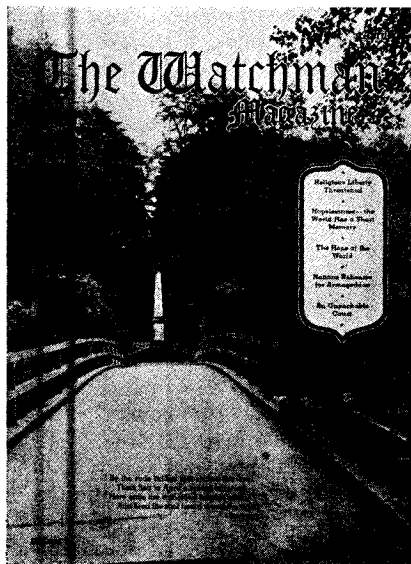
What better could illustrate the assertions concerning "the unsettled state of society" than the observation that, despite the efforts of the G-men to improve conditions, we still have an underworld army of 4,300,000 criminals. I quote again: "Bold robberies are of frequent occurrence. Strikes are common. Thefts and murders are committed on every hand. Men possessed of demons are taking the lives of men, women, and little children. Men have become infatuated with vice, and every species of evil prevails."—*Ibid.* Years ago I used to marvel at the statement: "Men possessed of demons are taking the lives of . . . little children," but no one can sit at the editor's desk and see the parade of pictures of sex criminals who attack little children, which are sent in by the commercial photographers every week, and fail to be startled into

the realization that here is a direct fulfillment of a definite though heretofore unexplainable statement made when such crimes were practically unknown.

Ninety millions of our population attend the movies each week, the films of most of which are not pitched above the age of the moron. In addition, 70,000 amateur groups are entertaining the public. When ancient Rome could no longer be entertained, that government collapsed, for society had already bogged down.

During the year 1937, 4,017 strikes occurred. These cost the country a total of \$5,000,000,000, or added between \$160 and \$175 to the maintenance cost of each family in the United States last year. Nothing like such frequency has ever before occurred. We have never even approximated such a large number of strikes, and despite the fact that our government has been more friendly to labor than any before elected to office, the solution of the problem confronting capital and labor is as distant as at any time in the past; for concerning our national officials' efforts the Lord has said: "They are struggling in vain to place business operations on a more secure basis."—*Id.*, page 13. "Through the working of trusts and the results of labor unions and strikes, the conditions of life in the cities are constantly becoming more and more difficult."—*Id.*, page 90. No wonder then that we have a recession! No wonder that the last survey discloses more than 10,000,000 unemployed, and the assertion has gone unchallenged that we have as large an army of unemployed as we had five years ago.

Can we turn to the nominal church for help at such a time? Let us quote



again from the servant of the Lord: "Even the church, which should be the pillar and ground of the truth, is found encouraging a selfish love of pleasure. When money is raised for religious purposes, to what means do many churches resort?—To bazaars, suppers, fancy fairs, even to lotteries and like devices."—*Id.*, page 91. That these things are seen in the church today needs no proof, and lotteries have become so popular that the public conscience no longer reacts unfavorably against gambling. In fact, one great religious weekly has said: "America is afflicted with a mania for gambling such as has not previously existed in this country except in the mining camps of frontier days." It then goes on to point out that the church has a definite responsibility for this condition, and cites the arrest of a prominent clergyman for misuse of the mails in promoting his "Miraculous Medal as a bait for his garden stakes." A great Catholic weekly suggests that these conditions arise from "piffing preaching," which would be corrected by a return to the Holy Scriptures. Surely Protestants should not be outdone in the advocacy of Bible teaching by their Catholic brethren.

There are those who believe that moral decadence will be corrected by religious legislation. Doubtless this occasioned the introduction of three dangerous bills into the Congress of the United States during this session,—bills which threaten the overthrow of the sacred liberties of the American people. The reform calendar with its blank days has been offered, despite the fact that it has just been rejected by the League of Nations. No Seventh-day Adventist need be told the dangers inherent in this bill which must almost insure the loss of the continuity of the weekly cycle and the identity of the seventh-day Sabbath. Another bill imposes a fine of \$5,000 or two years' imprisonment upon anyone who advocates or teaches principles of government based in whole or in part upon opposition to or discrimination against individuals of any particular race or religious creed.

The third bill would prohibit, under penalty of a fine of \$5,000 or imprisonment for five years, the sending of any "papers, pamphlets, books, pictures and writings designed or adapted, or intended to cause, racial or religious hatred, or bigotry, or intolerance."

While all three bills are dangerous, the last two most definitely abridge both civil and religious freedom. Should either of these pass, freedom of the press, of speech, and of soul would be at an end.



Perhaps all these bills will be defeated. Seventh-day Adventists should pray and work to this end, but some day some such bill is going to pass, which will make it a criminal offense not only to print literature which by bigots will be declared to be "intended to cause racial or religious hatred, or bigotry or intolerance," but to pay for the printing of such literature, to belong to an organization that prints or pays for the printing of such literature, or to sell or distribute such literature. Strangely, one of these bills singles out the native-born citizen. According to its provisions, an alien or a naturalized citizen would not be affected. The naturalized citizen or the alien could print and circulate anything that he pleased, but only those native born, who have descended from those who founded here a nation without a king and church without a pope, would be affected by its provisions.



Well will it be if our people are definitely aroused by the provisions of these bills which directly threaten our most sacred rights. Sooner or later a Sunday law is going to be enacted. Then will the character of the dragon mentioned in Revelation 13 be manifest in a nation founded upon and dedicated to the principles of civil and religious freedom. Opposition voiced or published against such Sunday laws will render one subject to the penalties of such a bill as the foregoing, and the public conscience will be inflamed to inflict its penalties by charges of bigotry directed against us by the clergy. Notice the following: "Yet this very class put forth the claim that the fast-spreading corruption is largely attributable to the desecration of the so-called 'Christian sabbath,' and that the enforcement of Sunday observance would greatly improve the morals of society."—*Great*

Controversy," page 587. Crimes of the most revolting character will be laid at our door because we do not favor religious laws. The rapid changes seen in America offer us no assurance that years must pass before such intolerance will be seen here. Certain it is that our publishing houses will be the objects of attack when that day arrives. Our literature will be proscribed, and those who offer it for sale or free distribution will be arrested and imprisoned. By

such omens of a terrible day should we be admonished to put forth greater efforts than ever in the distribution of our message-filled literature. By these developments would we urge that you make WATCHMAN-MESSAGE Day all that it should be to you and your church, and that you make possible the wide circulation of the message-filled pages of these magazines among your neighbors and friends.

JAMES EARL SHULTZ, *Editor*

"And after these things . . . The earth was lighted"



The opening phrase and practically the last words of Revelation 18: 1 attract our attention. For long years Seventh-day Adventists have believed that this verse provides the prophetic setting for the greatest religious awakening of modern times, the loud cry of the third angel's message.

It takes no more than a casual survey of the happenings among the nations of earth at this present moment to convince us that the time of trouble is right upon us, and that we are near the end. Racial and international animosities fanned to feverish heat, military preparations of gigantic proportions in prospect of another universal cataclysm, nations moving rapidly within the shadow of dictatorial and despotic leadership of unprecedented severity, both civil and religious liberty slowly being strangled under the rising tide of despotism,—all these crises of human origin and devising combine to complete the tragic picture portraying the final collapse of human civilization.

With this side of the picture we are all too familiar, and for present purposes we find a desirable source of comfort and cheer in the other aspect of the story. "And after these things . . . the earth was lighted with his glory"—the glory of God. To the faithful, believing child of God there is a marvelous significance attached to this inspired expression. Long years ago, in one of her first visions, the servant of the Lord saw this great awakening in all its glory, and presented it in the following words: "At the commencement of the time of trouble, we were filled with the Holy Ghost as we went forth and proclaimed the Sabbath more fully."—*Early Writings*, p. 27.

It is becoming increasingly apparent that we are moving into the scenes of the last act of the drama of earthly affairs. "The night of trial is nearly spent. Satan is bringing in his masterly power because he knoweth that his time is short. The chastisement of God is upon the world to call all who know the truth to hide in the cleft of the Rock, and view the glory of God. The truth must not be muffled now. Plain statements must be made. Unvarnished truth must be spoken, in leaflets and pamphlets, and these must be scattered like the leaves of autumn." — *"Testimonies," Vol. 9, p. 231.*

In this inspired comment the setting of the stage presents two important considerations. On the one side is Satan "bringing in his masterly power"; and on the other side our smaller message-filled publications, "scattered like the leaves of autumn," will "call all who know the truth to hide in the cleft of the Rock." And this brings us to a brief analysis of an essential act in this



great closing drama: utilizing our literature to reach the masses with the truth of God.

Practically thirty years have passed since a very definite message came to this people from One who spoke with authority, urging that our publishing brethren in Nashville begin to print a journal that would present our distinctive doctrines to the masses in every section of the country. Answering that inspired counsel THE WATCHMAN MAGAZINE soon made its appearance, and has continued its onward march through the years as a full-message journal of unique distinction. Following this excellent missionary adventure, and in answer to an urgent need of something of a similar nature for the colored race, THE MESSAGE MAGAZINE entered the field less than four years ago, and during this short span of its existence has created an enthusiastic response in every direction of the compass. During the past two years alone there has been an average of practically one hundred copies of these full-message journals placed in the hands of judgment-bound souls every hour of time, day and night. In this, as in other great adventures in the proclamation of the third angel's message, we are constrained to exclaim; "What hath God wrought!"

THE TRAIL OF SOUL-WINNING CONQUEST

One of our home missionary workers in New York state recently related the following experience: "In my work from door to door I met a Mrs. Blank, whose grandmother was a devoted Adventist. As soon as she learned I was a Seventh-day Adventist she immediately asked for a copy of THE WATCHMAN MAGAZINE, as she remembered her grandmother was a regular subscriber. I was glad to have a copy of the current issue, which I placed in her hands. Discovering she was interested in the truth, I endeavored to cultivate this interest by delivering a copy of THE WATCHMAN to her each month. She seemed much interested in the state of the dead, since a member of the family had joined the Spiritualists. Naturally she was anxious to learn all about this subject in order that she might be able to dissuade her relative from falling a victim to this great deception. I studied this subject with her briefly, and invited the entire family to attend one of the lectures on the subject by our pastor. They attended the meetings faithfully, and finally began to attend the special Bible study each Monday night. I visited the family recently, and found they had subscribed for THE WATCHMAN, and that they had

been paying tithes for some time. On a recent Sabbath four members of the family, including the mother and her daughters, were buried with their Lord in baptism. The father, an ardent reader of THE WATCHMAN, was present at the service. He was a theatrical manager for a number of years, but is now very much interested in the truth."

In similar vein, stories of thrilling adventure with THE MESSAGE MAGAZINE come to our attention from time to time. Only recently one of our faithful sisters in St. Louis, who has been doing most commendable work with THE MESSAGE MAGAZINE, sold two copies to a pullman porter at the Union station one morning. He took one copy with him to his lodging place, and left the other with the wife of a Baptist minister next door, who received and read it most graciously. A few days later the minister inquired of the porter from whom he received the copy where he could subscribe for it for an entire year. The minister stated that he had preached from the magazine with practically no changes in the material.

Time and space forbid an extensive rehearsal of a wealth of experiences with our full-message journals constantly flooding our office from every section of the country. It is sufficient for us to say that, in a unique sense, these journals have been ordained of God to occupy an essential place in the closing drama which will lighten the earth with the glory of God. This is evidenced, not only by unusual circulation records, but also the soul-winning results that follow along the trail of our WATCHMAN and MESSAGE magazines.

The times call to a prayerful consideration of some factors that will open

before you a door of opportunity for more fruitful soul winning.

1. *Subscribe for The Watchman or Message Magazine* for yourself and those for whom you are burdened. A careful perusal of the journal of your choice for an entire year will keep you in touch with the world situation in the prophetic mold, and will also provide an excellent and effective approach to individuals on your prayer list. A special subscription rate is now available. (WATCHMAN, 60c a year, or 3 yearly subscriptions for \$1.50; MESSAGE, 35c a year, or 3 yearly subscriptions for \$1.00.)

2. *Make* a liberal contribution to an offering during this special week, March 26 to April 2, to be used by your conference in placing THE WATCHMAN and MESSAGE magazines in the public libraries for an entire year. Thousands frequenting the reading rooms of these institutions will thus have access to these full-message journals.

3. *Dedicate* your talent to the work of selling WATCHMAN or MESSAGE MAGAZINES in your community. If you cannot devote all your time to this inspiring type of literature ministry, endeavor to spend at least a few hours each week selling or taking subscriptions for the magazine of your choice. Thus you will be making your happy contribution to the finishing of the work of God.

Let us determine to avail ourselves of the appeals of this special Watchman Week, and to utilize the facilities thus provided in our full-message magazines to direct anxious truth-seekers to our wonderful faith,—earth's most alluring hope amidst the tragic scenes of this mighty hour.

H. K. CHRISTMAN,
Circulation Manager

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BOOK AND BIBLE HOUSE

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NOTE: Any number of yearly subscriptions, your own included: WATCHMAN, 60c each; 3 for \$1.50. MESSAGE, 35c each; 3 for \$1.00.

[] Please send me copies of the current issue of THE WATCHMAN (MESSAGE)

at the special rate of 5c a copy. \$..... inclosed.

Please send me information concerning WATCHMAN (MESSAGE) worker's rates, selling instructions, territory, etc. I desire to devote at least hours each week to this work.

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