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## Literature Evangelism a Mighty Challenge to Our People



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We are told that "God sees not as man sees. He lays out the work that He would have done, and you do not know which will prosper, this or that." *Vol. 2, p. 11.* "Saved by grace" will be the theme of countless millions who have lived down through the ages since the days of Adam. Men of all walks of life will be in heaven to tell the story of Jesus' love and His grace.

So to us in this last great age God has given the same story to tell to others, that we are "saved by grace," and that His plan is that all have a part in the giving of this message. The literature evangelism is the challenge for all at this hour. "The truth is to be scattered by all who claim to be disciples of Christ." "Christian Service," p. 68.

God's plan calls for a deeper consecration, a closer walk with Him, and for His ministers and laymen to go forth into the ripening fields. "They will find their harvest wherever they proclaim the forgotten truths of the Bible." *Ibid. p. 67.* His plan calls for an organization for bringing salvation to the multitudes which are groping in darkness.

Every-member evangelism is God's plan and He would have every church set to work, with the ministry as the administrators.

We are told of a minister who, inspired by the writings of the Lord's servant, districted his church until every member had a work to do in the distribution of literature preparatory to an effort. In the literature campaign, interested readers were soon noted. Cottage meetings were then held in districts where interest was manifested. As a result of the co-ordinated efforts of the church and the minister, 168 persons were interested and 138 were baptized.

"God sees not as man sees," and where the challenge of literature ministry has been accepted in its fullness and the church organized according to the talents of the individual members, souls have been "saved by grace."

In this day and hour when everything points to another great conflict, shall we not accept the challenge and carry the banner of Christ to the multitudes? Christ said, "I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done." John 13:15. Jesus, the Creator of the unlimited universe, of worlds without end, became the Redeemer of the one lost world, and said, "My grace is sufficient for thee." Rom. 12:9. His grace will be sufficient for you as you accept the challenge of bringing salvation to your friends and neighbors. May God bless you in your personal endeavors for Him.

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**Sunset Table**

Friday, September 24

Angwin	7:05	Oakland	7:04
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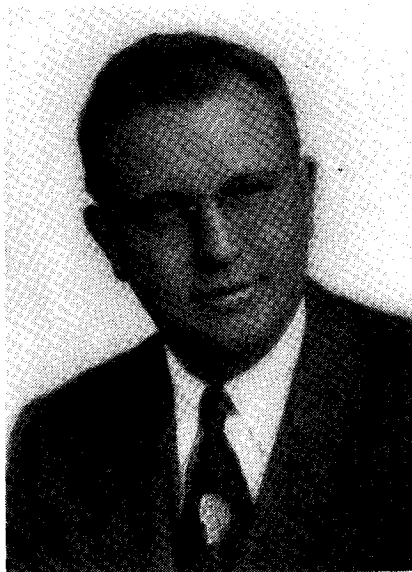
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**Listen, Youth!**

"You have fallen in love, haven't you? What! You haven't? Oh! You are fooling me. You have found someone that you would rather be with than anyone else in the world—one that you want near, talking with, walking with, and loving you 'always.' . . . One afternoon at the park, Bud and I saw Tom and Beth strolling arm in arm toward the lake."

Thus begins the short short story in one of the new *Share Your Faith* colorful leaflets. They are written for YOUTH, and there are eight different leaflets. Each one contains a story with a purpose and an appeal to Christian living.

"Pull to the Curb" is the title of another. On the front page is pictured a patrolman blowing his whistle. Then a short story and the application. "The Way Out" appeals to many who may be in trouble. "Meet my Friend," "The Greatest Mirror," "It Makes Good Sense," "The Great Divide," and "A Good Run, Sir" completes the set of *Share Your Faith* leaflets for our youth.



J. R. NELSON  
Missionary Volunteer Secretary  
Pacific Union Conference

Oh, yes! A neat little pocket to carry the leaflets will be supplied. This leatherette pocket fits into a lady's purse and gentleman's coat pocket very nicely. These leaflets will be distributed by the millions!

Now for the first time we have some colorful and very attractive leaflets with youth appeal for you to give away to your young friends. Leaflets that lend dignity to your missionary work and open up opportunities for Bible study. The printers are trying to keep up with the demands, and presses will be running night and day to keep you supplied. Get your supply at the Book and Bible House and always carry some with you. Remember, this is a good way to "share your faith" every day.

Thrilling experiences are coming to our youth daily. Just the other day I was told of a conversion as a direct result of these new "share your faith" leaflets. The *Share Your Faith* pocket

is a "must" for our youth today. Use it on the street car, on the bus, on the train, in your car, while you are walking, working or playing. Take it with you to school, to town and wherever or whenever you go. Give God an opportunity to work through you in this attractive way!

J. R. NELSON.

**The Hour Has Struck**

The hour has struck for the army of God to move into battle position and prepare for the triumphant hour of the remnant church in its closing struggle against sin. There is to be a company who will not bow the knee to Baal, even under pressure of public opinion. They will obey God's laws and honor His Sabbath. Over the rolling stretches of the great west, tens of thousands are yet to have opportunity of accepting Christ. The onward surge of this last warning message is to reach to every valley and hillside of our land. Laymen of the church are to unit wholeheartedly with the ministry in giving Bible studies and passing out literature. In numerous ways the message is to go, a short work is to be done, and all are to join for its consummation. The last warning message of Revelation is to be sounded throughout every conference.

We are glad to report that in the Nevada-Utah Conference, 27,566 pieces of literature were distributed by our laymen during the second quarter of this year. We rejoice to see our lay brethren catching the spirit of lay evangelism and joining the great army of the Lord as they move forward to proclaim God's truth for this time. We must reach out into every town and hamlet of this conference. Then we shall see what a challenge it will bring for scattered out over two large states and part of a third there live almost one million souls.

Many years ago Sister White penned the following instruction for this day and time. In Volume 9, pages 61 and 62, we read:

"We have been asleep, as it were regarding the work that may be accomplished by the circulation of well-prepared literature. Let us now, by the wise use of periodicals and books, preach the Word with determined energy, that the world may understand the message that Christ gave to John on the

Isle of Patmos. Let every human intelligence who professes the name of Christ testify, 'The end of all things is at hand; prepare to meet thy God.'

Also, on page 63 of Volume 9, we are reminded how important it is for us to do this work now: "Blessed, soul-saving Bible truths are published in our papers. There are many who can help in the work of selling our periodicals. The Lord calls upon all of us to seek to save perishing souls. Satan is at work to deceive the very elect, and now is our time to work with vigilance. Our books and papers are to be brought before the notice of the people; the gospel of present truth is to be given to our cities without delay. Shall we not arouse to our duties?"



R. ALLEN SMITHWICK  
President and Home Missionary Secretary  
Nevada-Utah Conference

Our lay brethren in many lands throughout the world are taking heed to this instruction. A prominent Protestant minister recently returned from Central America to render a report of mission activity in the countries south of our borders. He claimed that the Seventh-day Adventists are the most outstanding and successful and attributed their phenomenal growth to literature work through a laymen's movement.

Many conferences are reporting increases in our literature work through our lay brethren. One brother in this conference recently filled his pockets with tracts and called on every home in a suburb. Forty-two people, as a result, requested Bible studies. Some are already preparing to be baptized. Laymen

are kept more than busy following up the interests. Some have as high as twelve to fifteen present at a single cottage meeting. One brother in that same church told me he has four earnest requests from families for Bible studies and has not found a single open night available to study with these people. He is busy in the work of the Lord and devotes every evening to missionary work.

We are to return to the same methods used by the pioneers when the work began back in the early days. Could it be we are now witnessing a second surge of gospel activity here in America such as was known when this movement first got under way? Are we to see again the same miraculous intervention of God as was seen in far northern Michigan at the turn of the century? There a French-speaking Belgian Catholic by the name of E. Baurian and his wife read a single tract and began to keep the Sabbath. The Baurian home became a center of gospel activity and soon two other families joined. Brother Baurian set aside Sunday afternoons for Bible work and today, through the influence and godly life of this lay brother, almost one hundred souls comprise this frontier Adventist church of northern Michigan.

On page 264 of the book, "Education," we read: "Those who reject the privilege of fellowship with Christ in service, reject the only training that imparts a fitness for participation with Him in His glory."

R. ALLEN SMITHWICK.



### Opportunities in Literature Evangelism

Possibilities of literature evangelism in Southern California are perhaps greater than in any other conference. Certainly we have the population, not the largest, but Los Angeles County alone has approximately four million people and the population is growing by the thousands. But we have not only the population, but the membership—thirteen thousand in all—the largest membership of any conference in North America. With such membership scattered among this large population, the possibilities of literature evangelism in this conference cannot be estimated.

Think of what thirteen thousand consecrated believers in the soon coming of Jesus can do in the distribution



DAVID VOTH  
President  
Southern California Conference

of our literature! And for our encouragement, we should not be unmindful of what really is being accomplished. During the first quarter of this year 7,972,000 pieces of literature were passed out by our lay members in this conference. This is a wonderful report. However, we should also remember that not all our members took part. What a report we would be able to render if every member had made use of every opportunity to give away a tract, a paper or some other piece of our literature. "When you meet persons in cars, on the boats or in the stage who seem to have an ear to hear, you can hand them a tract." *Christian Service*, p. 151. "Our publications should go everywhere. Let them be issued in many languages. The third angel's message is to be given through this medium and the living teacher. You who believe the truth for this time, wake up." *Ibid.*, p. 149.

When we talk of literature evangelism, we should not forget that among our soul-winning agencies, our literature is right in the forefront. "Our publications are now sowing the gospel seed, and are instrumental in bringing as many souls to Christ as the preached word. Whole churches have been raised up as the result of their circulation. In this work, every disciple of Christ can act a part." *Review and Herald*, June 10, 1880.

It really is not necessary to try to convince any of our members of the value of our truth-filled papers, tracts and books in the winning of souls. In all our churches we have large numbers who became interested and finally accepted this message by reading our publications. The greatest interest in an evangelistic effort I have ever witnessed personally, was in a district where one of our colporteurs had visited the homes of the people several times and sold some of our books in nearly every home. In order to take care of the interest, three halls were finally rented and the attendance in all of them was so large, that the halls could not accommodate the people. A large number accepted the truth. The colporteur had sown the seed, and now it was springing up and bearing fruit. The final great ingathering of souls before the close of probation, will be due, to a large extent, to the literature distributed prior to this by our faithful people.

As workers and churches, we have a tremendous task. These millions of people must hear the message and God expects us to take the light to them. Let us make full use of our message-filled publications and quickly carry the message to every home.

DAVID VOTH.

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### Like the Leaves of Autumn

In Christ's teaching, He used many examples which He drew from the common things in this world. We find similar figures used in the Spirit of prophecy symbolizing the greatness of the gospel work in the closing scenes of earth's harvest.

In the treasure house of God's great creation, one cannot find a more beautiful scene than that of a river winding its way down the slope from a beautiful snow-covered mountain and on the banks of the river trees draped in many-colored leaves, which will soon fall to the ground. Such a scene is called to our minds by the statement in "Counsels On Health," page 466.

"Tracts . . . should be scattered like the leaves of autumn."

Every living tree in the forest responds to the call of the seasons. In the spring it shoots forth its leaves and blossoms. In the summer its fruit is developed. In the fall its fruit is



D. R. SCHIERMAN  
Home Missionary Secretary  
Southern California Conference

harvested. In the winter it rests, preparing for the coming season. Only a dead tree is not affected by these changes, does not respond to these calls.

When we look at our troubled world and the times in which we are living, we note many scenes which the prophets portrayed of the world just before the second coming of Christ. We find ourselves living in the fall of the year, the last hour of earth's harvest. Soon God's work will be finished. Do the calls of earth's harvest affect us? Friend what will this harvest mean to you?

With the beginning of the year 1948 we announced the intention of the Pacific Union Conference to distribute 15,000,000 tracts during the year. We have made a great gain compared with previous years, but we are still far short of reaching our goal. Have you had a share in this endeavor? The world is living in fear, the nations are perplexed, thousands of voices are asking, "What do these things mean?" Our truth-filled tracts hold up the Bible, which points the only way out for this world, the answer to all of these questions. As the fall colors enhance the landscape, so our tracts and magazines are draped in color to attract the attention of the people "like the leaves of autumn."

Shall we accept the challenge and join the army of workers who will

distribute the message-filled tracts and papers until they shall be seen all over the land "like the leaves of autumn"? It is the time of earth's harvest. Soon many will say, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8:20.

A solemn charge rests upon him who has been called of God into the light of truth. To him He says, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations." There are still many in our communities who live in darkness. If they should come to the end of the summer—earth's harvest—unwarned, will the Master be able to say to us, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant"? Let us prayerfully ponder the following Scripture, "Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel . . . When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, . . . the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked . . . thou hast delivered thy soul." Ezekiel 3:17-19.

Shall we not heed the call and do our part in scattering these message-filled tracts and papers and thereby hasten the coming of the Lord?

D. R. SCHIERMAN.

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### Literature Ministry in Southeastern California

Our workers and believers in Southeastern California believe in a literature ministry. They know the value of our good literature in winning souls to Christ and a very earnest faithful effort is being put forth to scatter this literature like "the leaves of autumn."

Our colporteurs are doing a good work and many many thousands of dollars worth of literature is being placed in the homes of Southeastern California Conference. Several of our members are joining our colporteur ranks and we are planning a successful program in distributing and selling our magazines as well as the larger books. Many believers in our churches are uniting their efforts with these colporteurs in placing literature in the hands of the people. In 1946 we scattered nearly a million and a quarter tracts and papers. In 1947 we distributed another million copies of our literature. In the first six months of

1948 we have scattered nearly six hundred thousand copies of our good papers containing the truths for these times.



H. H. Hicks  
President  
Southeastern California Conference

During July and August of this year our people distributed one hundred five thousand five hundred tracts and we have plans to greatly increase the scattering of our literature in the months ahead of us. We fully believe that we are entering upon the last days and our people plan to warn their friends and neighbors of the soon coming of Jesus. In all of our evangelistic efforts we plan to make good use of the printed page. Those who read and study become established in the truths of the third angel's message and remain faithful in the service of Christ.

The literature ministry is ordained of God and is an effective means of warning the world of the coming of Jesus and preparing souls for a place in God's eternal kingdom. There is room for all of our church members in the literature ministry. Let us pass on to others our own church papers. Keep tracts in your pocket to hand out at the right time. Eternity alone will reveal the results of faithful seed sowing. Our work is to sow the seeds of truth and God will water and care for it and give the increase.

H. H. Hicks.

### Winning Souls With Tracts

My own soul was won to Christ through the reading of tracts. I have always been interested in the circulation of tracts in large numbers, for I have met hundreds of people who found Christ and His great truth by the reading of tracts.

My wife placed tracts on my smokers' stand and I secretly read them. She did not see me read them, but after reading them I placed them on the smokers' stand and soon new copies were there for me to read. My interest was aroused and I began to search the Scriptures and rejoiced in the love of Jesus for me.

"Let every believer scatter broadcast tracts and leaflets and books containing the message for this time." *Christian Service*, p. 145.

"Our publications are now sowing the gospel seed and are instrumental in bringing as many souls to Christ as the preached word. Whole churches have been raised up as the result of their circulation. IN THIS WORK EVERY DISCIPLE OF CHRIST CAN ACT A PART." *Ibid.*, p. 146.

I have seen new churches raised up as a result of tract distribution. Tracts were delivered to 200 homes. Fourteen new members came out of these homes.

In the first place that I served as pastor there seemed to be no interest. I tried public meetings with no response. Then I went from door to door and left tracts. In two weeks' time enough homes were open for Bible studies to keep me busy day and night. Soon a fine group were ready for baptism.

The time has come for church members to scatter tracts and papers like the "leaves of autumn." In the trains, busses, streetcars, small tracts can be placed in the hands of all to read while riding. Then some can give tracts to those boarding ships. The reading rack will supply many who will find Christ as a sin-pardoning Saviour. Then, too, much good can be accomplished by a number of church members or youth handing tracts to the thousands attending large gatherings, such as fairs, orange festivals, and special events that bring large crowds together.

God tells us to "sow beside all waters" and we shall be blessed. Isa. 32:20. Then notice Ecclesiastes 11:6, "In the morning sow thy seed, and



A. D. BOHN  
Home Missionary Secretary  
Southeastern California Conference

in the evening withhold not thy hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." We are to be on the lookout all the time and ready to place good literature with the people everywhere. Remember: Important results will follow.

A. D. BOHN.

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### Possibilities of Literature Evangelism in Northern California

Soul winning is the work of the church and every member of the church by his direct action may be a soul winner, for the Lord has given "to every man his work." We but need to earnestly sow the seed and nurture the interest, and the Lord will give a harvest.

Let me relate an experience that came to my attention a little while ago. One of our church members earlier in the year made systematic calls each week to a certain number of homes, leaving in each home a magazine or leaflet. After a few weeks he talked with the mother at one of the homes. She said that just before he came she had been debating with herself as to which Sunday school she should send her children. Our brother told her about his Sabbath school and invited them to attend. But she was not in-

terested in the Sabbath. He left with her a little booklet on the Sabbath.

The first literature interested this mother in religious things for her children. Now this booklet stirred her heart regarding the Sabbath. Our brother and his wife called again and took this mother and her children to the Sabbath school. Later she wrote to this brother and his wife the following:

"I received the books a couple of weeks ago and I'm sorry I have been so long in writing to thank you for them. I am reading them and I'm learning a lot. The boys and I have attended Sabbath school regularly since you started us. The boys enjoy it very much and they are all looking forward to next Saturday. They all three have already memorized their verse for next Sabbath, even Roger my little three year old. Larry, the oldest, is the only one who isn't too shy to speak out in front of the class, but I believe the other two boys will feel more at home soon.

"I have so much to learn—I'm hoping I can attend prayer meeting Wednesday night. I believe that if I can learn to pray, everything else will be easier. I am hoping that by the time my husband gets back over here with us, we will be able to get him to meeting with us."



W. A. NELSON  
President  
Northern California Conference

This same brother told me another experience. He had been leaving literature each week regularly at a home with a family of four, including two small sons. After eight weeks the wife began to keep the Sabbath. Her husband strongly opposed her for a while. Now both this man and his wife have been baptized and both are active workers in the church.

Our brother, in telling me of his experiences in giving out our literature each Sabbath afternoon, said, "I just love to work this way."

The Spirit of prophecy says, "Let the leaflets and tracts, the papers and books, go in every direction. Carry with you, wherever you go, a package of select tracts, which you can hand out as you have opportunity. Sell what you can, and lend or give them away as the case may seem to require."

"Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days." The promise of the Lord is that His Word shall not return unto Him "void." The admonition of the Scriptures is, . . . "Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbor." Zech. 8:16.

W. A. NELSON.

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### Keepers of the Lights

Paradoxical as it may seem, Printers' ink—a black substance—has done the most to enlighten the world. Indeed, it is impossible to overemphasize the importance of literature evangelism through the printed page.

The Spirit of prophecy beautifully compares our publishing work to a lighthouse on a dangerous coast, constantly sending forth beams of light into the darkness of the waters to warn ships of the dangers that threaten them. Another writer says, "Books, papers and tracts are lighthouses erected in the sea of time."

Those on the coast have doubtless seen a lighthouse on a rocky shore, and can really appreciate the full beauty of this comparison. The lighthouse sends its beams far out through the darkness over the angry waters, warning approaching vessels of danger and showing them the safe way into the harbor. There is no other provision made for protecting vessels from the dangerous rocks along the shore, for the lighthouses are sufficient to save every ship from wreck and provide safe conduct into the harbor.



WALTER LIND  
Home Missionary Secretary  
Northern California Conference

Just as lighthouses have been provided for ships, so God has given us the means to reach every man and woman and child in the world. Our publishing houses are constantly sending forth great streams of tracts, magazines, and books—every one a beam of light to guide the reader past the dangerous rocks of deception and sin, safe into the still waters of the river of life.

But what good will all this do if the keepers allow the lights to go out? Of what use are tracts, books, and magazines stacked high on the shelves? None whatever. They must be *carried* to the people. And how willing we all should be to be *carriers of life!*

In one of His most beautiful lessons, Jesus announced His great objective in coming to the earth, "That they might have life." To give light and to save life has been God's purpose for His church from ancient time. Yes, we are the keepers of the lights. These last days bring us unprecedented opportunities. This is especially true in the field of literature evangelism. In our plans for a greater "win-one" movement throughout Northern California, too much cannot be said in favor of a wider use of these speaking leaves. Who can estimate their far-reaching influence? Like the ever-widening ripples resulting from the dropping of a pebble into a quiet pool is the influence of our literature.

As a voice in the wilderness, Seventh-day Adventist literature shows forth a lighted way to bewildered multitudes in the "valley of decision." Let us give the blazing pages of truth an unprecedented circulation throughout Northern California. May rivers of papers, books and tracts flow out from our churches.

The divine forecast is sure; "There is before the church the dawn of a bright and glorious day." "More than a thousand will soon be converted in a day, most of whom will trace their convictions to the reading of our publications."

The restless millions wait the light whose dawning will make all things new. Christ also waits; we alone are slow and late. Have we done what we could? Have I? Have you?

WALTER LIND.

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### The Need for Literature Evangelism in Arizona

It was of the people of the ancient city of Athens that the sacred writer recorded that they "spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or hear some new thing." In writing of the importance of the literature ministry we certainly cannot be accused of being like the Athenians in this matter. The circulating of gospel literature for the advancement of the kingdom of God is not new but a method both tried and proved many, many times and over a period of many years.

Think of Wycliffe of the early Reformation days and his corps of faithful young men circulating the gospel in printed form. The Waldensian missionaries, disguised as itinerant traders in silks, discreetly circulated the sacred writings at the hazard of their own lives. Even in the early days of the proclamation of the third angel's message, printed tracts and pamphlets were accorded a prominent place in the activities of the pioneers.

In contrast to those early days when the believers were few and their supply of papers and tracts was very limited, think of the veritable arsenal of books, magazines, pamphlets, tracts, and posters available today. Think of the books—large and small—for full-time colporteurs and part-time workers. Think of the papers, leaflets, and tracts, especially adaptable to public evangelism preparatory to the effort, supplementary during



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the meetings, and for follow-up work after the meetings. Think of our magazines, quarterly, monthly, and weekly; some of these, like the *Signs*, having miscellaneous topics each issue. Then there is the bi-weekly *Present Truth* having but one topic in each issue. There are our tracts for adults and others particularly adapted for our youth. There are the quarterlies specially prepared for branch Sabbath schools and Sunday schools, and *Little Friends* for the children. There are the small books and tracts for busy people, literature especially adapted for systematic distribution from house to house in person, and papers for regular delivery by Uncle Sam's postal service. There are the specialized lessons and enrollment forms for the correspondence courses, the lending libraries, and tract racks for travellers. Surely we can say as did the man who made the great supper and then instructed his servants to say to the guests, "Come; for all things are now ready," and then commanded his servants, "Go; and compel them to come." On the other hand, we must say as Jesus said, "The laborers are few."

But is there nothing new at all about this literature ministry? Well, yes. There is the modernized, two-color, up-to-date literature prepared to catch the eye of the modern color-conscious men and women. A set of thirty new color tracts entitled "Know Your

Bible" Series is now coming off the press, and a very striking set of "Share Your Faith" tracts in color is also available. The first issue of the new temperance magazine, *Listen*, has just made its appearance. Yes, there is something else new in this literature ministry—a new chance to do more each day than we ever have before. Let us thank God for this. And yes, there is something else—a new challenge in the rapidly fulfilling prophecies, omens of the swiftly approaching end. Will we heed this new challenge? Yes, and there is the new plan of follow-up work designed to make effective all our literature distribution and radio broadcasting. It is a plan so successful that Protestants and Catholics are copying it and attempting to challenge our leadership in this plan, namely the Bible Correspondence Course plan.

*Our Need in Arizona.* First, I would list twenty full-time colporteur recruits, and twenty part-time colporteur recruits, all of real talent and consecration organized under the leadership of our conference publishing secretary. And then, shall we say, one thousand part-time literature ministry volunteers. Just think what it would mean if we had such a volunteer army, all organized into a coordinated, continuous, aggressive literature drive under the leadership of the local pastors of the churches and coordinated by our conference home missionary secretary, each of these volunteers integrated into the over-all balanced pattern of a full-rounded literature ministry including the use of all the different types of literature referred to and utilizing every known method of distribution, with each individual of this thousand fitting into the over-all plan according to his ability, talent, and opportunities. This is what we need in Arizona.

C. E. ANDROSS.

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### Why I Believe in a Wide Use of Literature

From the pen of inspiration comes this challenge "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." "*Colporteur Evangelists*," p. 80. Yes, we have the last warning message and with this warning mes-

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### The King's Pocket League

It was in the spring of 1910 that we started the King's Pocket League on its splendid mission of soul-winning service. Today there are thousands of men and women over the world, young and old, who are faithfully carrying out the purposes of the same pledge that was taken by a small group thirty seven years ago when the League was organized in the old Southern California Conference.

Letters from various parts of the world tell of many who are pledged anew to the ministry of daily witnessing for the Master, in conversation and with our truth-filled literature, and of men and women who are now walking in the lighted way as the result of such witnessing. More and more the conviction deepens that the personal method of evangelism, the *individual work for individuals*, is the greatest of all methods in soul-winning service. The Master set the example in this as in all good works.

The work of the Pocket League is both simple and practical. A consecrated tract container, easily carried in the coat pocket or handbag means constant preparedness for the daily opportunity when it comes. And it may come any hour of the day. A literature pocket of some kind in the automobile is another helpful agency. The great thing in all this witnessing work is to be ready in spirit to speak and ready with tract or paper to leave with the person contacted.

There is nothing spectacular about this form of Christian service. It is a quiet ministry in personal endeavor, and one that brings great blessing to the worker as well as to the one for whom the work is done. We little know the far-reaching influences growing out of such a ministry. There are many in the cause of God today, conference officials, evangelists, teachers, colporteurs, and others, because of the influence of a tract or paper, and the spirit of the one who gave it.

The great need today in our movement is faithfulness to the work committed to His witnesses, faithfulness in making the most of the little opportunities in the daily routine of life. A revival of the witnessing work is needed in these days of materialistic activity. We must not allow the busy routine of secular affairs to make us forget the



ERNEST LLOYD  
"Father of the King's  
Pocket League"

greater business of the King. Let us be cultivating the habit of daily witnessing for the Master, and carrying the literature with us. Like any habit, it becomes easier with repetition. And it is a blessed habit.

ERNEST LLOYD.

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### A Tract A Day

The Advent movement was born a little over a hundred years ago. It was small at first and known only in a small section of the world. Many thought that it would come and go like a shooting star, but God Himself had called this work into existence. It was destined to remain and grow.

It is impossible to separate the growth and success of this great movement from the free distribution of literature. We remember how the early pioneers

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Mark 1:17, John 12:26.

(See Proverbs 11:30, Daniel 12:3, James 5:19, 20.)

I believe that Jesus' supreme desire is to win all men back to His Father. Experience shows that most of those who return are won through the individual efforts of His witnesses. Luke 19:10; 24:45-48.

As the purpose of Jesus in redeeming me included my becoming a personal witness for Him, in order that I may cooperate with Him in carrying out His plans, I will endeavor from this day, in conversation and with the printed pages that I am pledged to carry, to bring Him and His special messages for this time to the attention of individuals as I have opportunity, and I will ask God to open the way for such individual effort. This purpose includes the dedication of a pocket (or space) in which to carry the pages of truth.

See Matthew 28:19, 20, I Peter 2:9, 10, Philipians 2:12-16, Revelation 22:17.

Signed .....

Date .....

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bowed in prayer around the first publications. Men and women studied "with intense interest papers and a few pages of tracts upon present truth. They would read the evidences so wonderfully new to them, and would open their Bibles with a deep and new interest, as subjects of truth that had been dark to them were made plain. As they searched the Scriptures to see if these things were so, a new light shown upon their understanding, for angels were hovering over them, and impressing their minds with the truths contained in the publications they had been reading. . . . The Bible was to them a new book. . . . Their countenances were all aglow with happiness and holy joy."—*Life Sketches*, pp. 214, 215.

The blessing of God will attend the distribution of tracts now as then. There is no surer way to fulfill our aim, "The Message into every home in '48," than for every member of the church to join in the distribution of tracts and other literature. If each church member within the Pacific Union Conference would give out one tract a day there would be more than 1,400,000 tracts distributed in a single month!

As a people we must not lose sight of the fact that the contacting and gathering of souls for Christ is the most glorious work given to man. When this message takes hold of an individual

he becomes aflame for God and His work. The burden for lost souls rests so heavily upon his heart that he will exclaim, "Woe is me if I do not win someone to Christ!" We must reach out to the individual who is outside of Christ realizing that that soul will perish, be eternally lost, unless someone brings to him the word of life and makes plain to him the way that leads to life eternal.

Surely this is God's day of power and the church's day of opportunity. Never was there a better time than now to seek and save those who are lost.

*Hand out at least one tract each day!*

ORDELL R. REES.

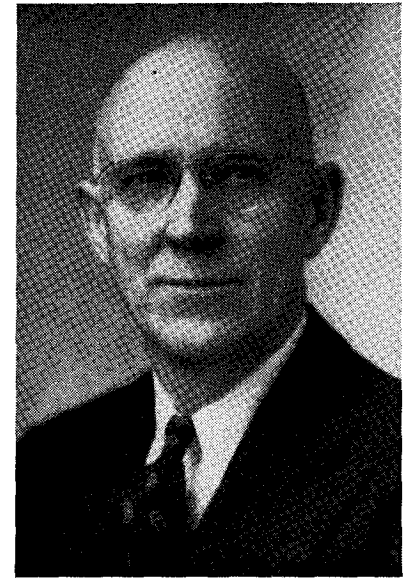
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### Possibilities of Literature Evangelism in Hawaii

The downpour had lasted for several days, the sea was rough and the tide was higher than usual. As it swept up over the sand and into the near-by brush it carried with it driftwood and other washed-up debris. Piled up along the shore and scattered along the beach the waves had deposited their cargo of flotsam. Near by there was washed up a copy of a book and a lady passing paused to see what this could be. She made out the words "Bible Readings for—." "Well," said she, "I'll pick that up, it looks worth while." She picked up the book, washed off the accumulated mud and took it home. As she began to read it, her mind was turned to the Bible. Soon she learned of the Sabbath truth.

On a recent trip to Kamuela I had the privilege of meeting her at the branch Sabbath school conducted by our laymembers near Honokaa. She now treasures this book as one of her prized possessions and has learned to love the truth she found therein.

Our colporteurs throughout the islands tell of people inquiring about the Sabbath, about the Mark of the Beast, about the coming of the Lord, and other Bible truths. Upon inquiry it is often found that they have been reading some of our truth-filled literature purchased perhaps years ago. An experienced colporteur working here in the islands stated that he believed it would be impossible in the course of one day's canvassing to find a half dozen homes that possessed none of



WILLIAM J. HARRIS  
Superintendent  
Hawaiian Mission

our books or papers. Each year for the last five years more than \$60,000 worth of gospel-filled literature has been placed in the homes of the people of this island field.

The best recommendation the colporteur needs is merely to state that his book is put out by the same publishing house as the one that puts out the books they have there on their table. "Bible Readings" opens the way for "Desire of Ages"; "Desire of Ages" opens the way for "Patriarchs and Prophets." One leads to another and many times we have been surprised by a stranger showing quite a comprehensive understanding of the truths that we believe and the message that we are proclaiming to the world.

This vast potential is bound to bring forth an abundant harvest in the kingdom of God. We have the promise that "some who buy the books will lay them on the shelf or place them on the parlor table, and seldom look at them. Still God has a care for His truth, and the time will come when these books will be sought for and read. Sickness or misfortune may enter the home, and through the truth contained in the books, God sends to troubled hearts peace and hope and rest." Indeed His word will not return unto Him void.

The eager, avid interest of the people of these islands for something better; the thousands of Oriental minds that are



ORDELL R. REES  
Home Missionary Secretary  
Central California Conference

now turning away from Buddhism to Christianity affords an unparalleled opportunity for literature evangelism and presents a tremendous challenge to the consecrated worker of the literature ministry to scatter our literature like the leaves of autumn and gather a bountiful harvest for the Kingdom of Heaven.

The possibilities for literature evangelism in Hawaii are as great as the promises of God. In aeronautical terminology we would say "ceiling unlimited."

WILLIAM J. HARRIS.

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### I Believe in the King's Pocket League

In view of the multiplied opportunities for a greater program of literature distribution, should we not make greater use of the "Carry a Tract With You" plan? Thousands of persons have moved into our territory in recent months and this affords a fruitful field for gospel-filled literature. We are told that in a large degree, the work that is to be accomplished by "that other angel which comes down from heaven with great power" is the work to be done through the truth-filled literature. The circulation of missionary literature is one plan of Christian endeavor in which every member of the church should have a part.

For many years, the "King's Pocket League" has enlisted those who devote at least one pocket or hand container to the carrying of truth-filled tracts. In the little book, "Christian Service," page 151, we read, "Carry with you wherever you go a package of select tracts." Many people have been brought to a knowledge of saving truth because a faithful member handed them a tract.

For some time now the home missionary department of the Pacific Union Conference has been urging and working for a greater work in tract distribution. We have undertaken the distribution of fifteen million tracts this year. Verily, if each one will devote a pocket or if each lady will devote a portion of her handbag to the carrying of a tract, then our literature will indeed be scattered like the leaves of autumn and reach many a soul who otherwise might not hear of this saving truth.

We are told if there is one work more important than another, it is that

of getting our publications in the hands of the people, thus leading them to search the Scriptures. Let each one ask himself, What am I doing in this important work of getting our publications in the hands of the people? Shall we not all join the King's Pocket League, devoting a small space in pocket or purse for minuteman service, that we may supply the honest people about us with soul-saving tracts and leaflets? These silent messengers argue with no one, offend no one, but silently and pointedly present the truths of God's Word. On the bus, on the train, and even on the planes, as we contact men and women of many walks of life, let us use these God-given opportunities to bring them saving truth. Many are longing for gospel light. It is unfortunate, yes, it is even tragic, for a Christian worker to be brought in contact with a hungry soul and then be unable to meet his need.



EDGAR F. WOODY  
Home Missionary Secretary  
Hawaiian Mission

A few days ago in the city of Honolulu a lady riding in a bus picked up one of our tracts. She read it with interest and her heart was impressed. She wrote us a letter expressing her hunger for truth, and requesting more literature to help her understand the Bible. Somebody had planted that seed on the bus; it may bear fruit in the kingdom of God. Was that "somebody" you?

Strength to resist evil is best gained by aggressive service. If each one of us will undertake to distribute but one tract a day, the results in the kingdom of heaven might surprise many of us. It is a simple task, an undertaking that each one can successfully engage in, and surely we should take as the very minimum the distribution of at least one tract a day. May we ever remember there will be no starless crowns; there will be no empty hands; there will be no fruitless saints in heaven. We may not be able to preach; we may be too tired to give a Bible study; but we can always hand a tract, with a smile and a word of encouragement, praying God's blessing upon it. We are told the seed sowing of the years will be ripened with the outpouring of the latter rain and an abundant harvest will be ours. Each member of the body of Christ must act his part in the work of God according to the ability and the opportunity God has given us. "God asks us to give His service the first place in our lives, to allow no day to pass without doing something to advance His cause in the earth." *"Prophets and Kings,"* p. 221.

Begin today as a member of the King's Pocket League to "carry with you wherever you go a package of select tracts." Only the kingdom of heaven will reveal the results of your faithfulness.

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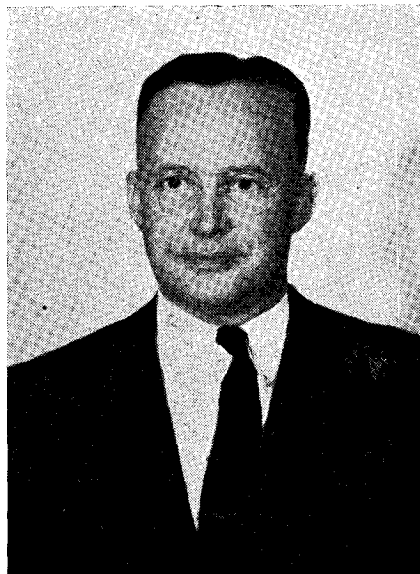
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### Why I Believe in a Wide Use of Literature

(Continued from page 7)

sage comes a great responsibility. "Let every Seventh-day Adventist ask himself 'What can I do to proclaim the third angel's message?' Christ came to this world to give this message to his servant to the churches. It is to be proclaimed to every nation, kindred tongue and people. How are we to give it? The distribution of our literature is one means by which the message is to be proclaimed. Let every believer scatter abroad tracts, leaflets, books containing the message for this time." Southern Watchman, January 5, 1904.

Our responsibility is to sow the seed. Little do we realize what may be the result of a paper given, a tract handed out, a word spoken for Christ. Let me illustrate with a recent experience.



ELLIS W. STORING  
Home Missionary Secretary  
Arizona Conference

On June 5, a lady united with the Tempe church by baptism. The story begins more than a year ago. One of our doctors subscribed for a large number of the *Signs of the Times*. At the first of the year he hired a lady to hand out these *Signs* in Tempe. This lady faithfully knocked at many doors leaving the *Signs* wherever possible. She found an invitation for a free Bible course and immediately wrote to the Pacific Press, asking to enroll. The request was passed back to our Bible school here in Phoenix. In approximately five months this seed sown bore fruit in a soul baptized into this last warning message.

Consider again a letter received from a minister in one of the Southern states. As far as we know, his only contact with the message has been literature—yet his reply to the personal consecration questions on one of his Bible lessons is as follows: "I believe we are living in the 'last days.'" "I know He has a message for our day." "I see that He has a people who will heed that message." "I certainly do choose by God's help to keep all His commandments including the fourth, or Sabbath commandment."

Every home stands as a challenge to us. Every individual is a soul for whom Christ died.

I am determined personally to give out more literature this year than I have

ever given before. Why? Because I want Jesus to come. I want to go home with Him where suffering and sickness and sorrow and death will be no more. Yes, I am going to distribute more tracts because I love Jesus and long for His coming!!

ELLIS W. STORING.

**Adventists and Tracts**

There was a time when Adventists were of all denominations the most prolific distributors of tracts. Now it is rare to see a well-prepared and well-kept tract rack bearing the Adventist name—in the railroad station or elsewhere. There is the ubiquitous Christian Science rack, an occasional Holiness rack, and the clean, inviting rack filled with Roman Catholic leaflets of modern and attractive design.

No longer do Catholics point to Adventists as being leaders in tract evangelism. They themselves are leading the Christian world in this Protestant form of propaganda. Recently Roman Catholic sources announced that their plans include the circula-

tion of 100,000,000 tracts weekly! No, that is not a mistake—the addition of too many ciphers. One hundred millions of tracts per week! We wish there was something on this keyboard more expressive than a simple exclamation point!

The Tract of the Month Club, organized ten years ago as a subsidiary of Good News Publishers (who printed 21,000,000 tracts last year) now known as Tract Club of America, definitely plans to circulate three million tracts weekly. Members, by the payment of two dollars annually, receive thirty tracts monthly, as well as other items.

Can not our imagination be quickened to look at the task before us in terms of big figures as we meditate on the shortness of time and the vastness of our task? Can not Adventists plan on circulating a million tracts weekly and thus do one hundredth as well as the Roman Catholics?

To this end, let us devise methods of reaching the public with attractive printed leaflets by the millions!

HENRY F. BROWN.



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### Temperance Signs of the Times

Because of the fact that the forthcoming issue of the *Temperance Signs of the Times* cannot be secured in large quantities, a suggestion has come from the field regarding an effective way to use last year's Temperance issues.

Doctor Thorp, of Salinas, had a stamp made, "Vote NO No. 2, Vote YES No. 12," and has stamped this on the front and back of the old Temperance issues of the *Signs of the Times*. These can then be distributed from house to house, and the splendid material will be just as effective as though it were a later issue. The principles are just the same. In addition, it will have the appeal which is greatly needed by the voters on the present liquor propositions.

We feel it is important to maintain the position of the two proposals the same as they appear on the ballot. That is, "Vote No on No. 2" should be first, and "Vote YES on No. 12" should be second.

Will conference temperance secretaries, local church secretaries, and pastors please take steps to locate unused numbers of the *Temperance Signs*, regardless of age. It will cost but little to have the stamp made which can be used in stamping these issues. Encourage your churches to take them out to the homes of the people preferably during the middle part of October, as they will be more effective just before the election.

F. G. ASHBAUGH.

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### Little Janet's Overflow Offering for Poland

"What are you crying for Janet dear?" said mother soothingly, "We are doing all we possibly can for you."

"I know, I know," sobbed little Janet, "but it isn't the pain, it's the Sabbath school I'm crying for. Today is Sabbath, and I can't go to Sabbath school."

Little Janet lived with her parents in Takoma Park, Washington, D.C., and she was the happiest little girl you could wish to meet anywhere, till one day she fell ill with an attack of rheumatic fever. But as you have already guessed, the worst part of the fever to her was, that for many Sabbaths she could not attend Sabbath school.

When she was only six years old,

another calamity fell upon her. She was smitten with infantile paralysis, and for many more weeks could not attend the Sabbath school she loved so much. However, in a few months she was up, and soon she was going to Sabbath school again. Her little arms and legs showed no signs of the terrible paralysis, but some of the muscles of the lungs were affected.

In spite of her handicap, however, she made good progress, till she was in the junior division of the Sabbath school.

Then one day she came down with measles, then whooping cough, and pneumonia on top of that. "Mother, I can't live much longer," she whispered one night, "but I'm not afraid to go." She asked for her Bible, read a little, and that was the last book she had in her hands. She gradually weakened, and in a few days fell asleep in Jesus.

I saw her playmates and friends go slowly by the little casket. I saw the courageous parents stoop to kiss their little one for the last time. I saw six junior boys with tear-stained cheeks carry that little casket to the hearse, and little Janet was laid to rest, safe in the arms of Jesus.

About three weeks later, there was a knock on my office door. I called "come in," and in came Janet's father and mother.

Silently the father brought out five one-dollar bills, two silver dollars, and eighty cents in change, and said, "This is Janet's money. She saved it up, a little here, and little there," then the other words he wanted to say just couldn't come out, so the mother added, "And we don't know what to do with it."

By this time the father could say, "We can't just spend it!—we couldn't do that," and the mother added, "We would like to do something special with it. Something that Janet would like."

Then they both looked at me as if I could tell them just what to do.

"How about adding it to the overflow offering for Poland this Thirteenth Sabbath?" I suggested.

"I think that would be wonderful," said the father.

"I am sure Janet would like that," added the mother.

"It's only a little," said the father.

"But maybe God can multiply it,"

added the mother, "As He did the little boy's lunch by blue Galilee."

And I think she's right, for I know one man already who is going to equal Janet's gift, on this coming thirteenth Sabbath.

ERIC B. HARE

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## La Sierra College . . .

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### Mrs. Palmer Resigns Position

Olive-Severs Palmer, after 15 years of service at La Sierra, has resigned her position with the college library.

As librarian for the past 12 years, Mrs. Palmer has been instrumental in expanding the book collection from 6,565 volumes to more than 21,000. In the twelve-month period from June 1, 1947-1948, 3,200 new accessions were made, a sum equivalent to 50 per cent of the entire library a little more than a decade ago.

Last October, in the Founders' Day program, Mrs. Palmer was among those honored for their pioneer contribution to the development of the school.

Mrs. Palmer first joined the staff as registrar in 1924, when the school was known as La Sierra Academy and Normal. She came with a background of experience as a teacher in English and language at Maplewood Academy and Washington Missionary College.

From 1928-36, she was registrar and librarian at Lodi Academy, returning to Southern California Junior College in 1936 to become a librarian. She earned her B.A. at Union College, took advanced work at Rutgers University, and in 1943 was granted the B.S. in Lib. Sc. by the University of Southern California.

During the years of her gracious supervision the library has been characterized by its quiet and efficient service. In 1936 it was still located in La Sierra Hall, in the rooms now occupied by the Department of Speech. With the completion of Hole Memorial Auditorium in 1937, the library was moved to the quarters formerly used for chapel on first floor. When the final move to Fulton Memorial was made last summer, the area was converted to the Art Department and a classroom.

The new library has been constructed with a view to an eventual 65,000 volumes. As much as to any other, the modern new structure stands as a tribute to one, who, for nearly half the life of the educational institutions at La Sierra, has served as its loyal head.

#### Concert Series Announced

Jan Pearce, American tenor, will open the La Sierra College concert series for the 1948-49 season when he appears in College Hall at 8:15 p.m. Saturday, October 16.

The series will also include the original Don Cossack Chorus with Serge Jaroff directing, November 20; the National Male Quartet, February 7; and William Primrose, violist, April 9.

Dr. Wilfred Airey, chairman of the Social Activities committee, announces that season tickets are now on sale at the college business office. Season reserved-seat tickets for the four concerts are \$6. Reserved seats for the individual concerts are \$2 and general admission is \$1.50. All prices include tax.

Two film-lectures will also be presented this year. Bruce Thomas will return October 30 with his "Spain the Cradle of Conflict," and Don Catlin will come February 26 with his Gold Rush commemorative, "Chasing Rainbows."

#### Listen Among the Churches

*Listen*, A Journal of Better Living, has arrived, and is enjoying a most popular reception, not only among our own people, but among the temperance forces everywhere.

September 25 has been designated by the General Conference as Temperance Day among all our churches in North America. On that day every church member will be invited to become an active member of the American Temperance Society. The following membership classifications and fees are suggested: Life—\$100 or more; Sustaining—\$10; Contributing—\$5; Regular—\$1; Junior 25 cents.

A special offering will also be received. Thus funds will be provided for the conduct of the greatest temperance crusade in our entire history.

Every membership, excepting the Junior, includes a yearly subscription to *Listen*. On this basis, we naturally

anticipate that every Seventh-day Adventist home will enjoy the quarterly visits of our new temperance missionary journal. However, every member of the business and professional group within reach of every church will be waiting for its message.

As an aid in financing *Listen* missionary subscriptions among business and professional groups, 25% of all membership fees, and an equal amount of the Temperance Day offering, is retained by each church. Survey the field, compile a list of the business and professional leadership in your community, and plan definitely to sponsor complimentary *Listen* subscriptions for them. Our distinctive message on true temperance reform will thus exert a mighty influence in molding public opinion, and will be the means of opening many doors for a larger work of evangelism.

H. K. CHRISTMAN.

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#### Let Us Give Generously

Every dollar given for missions is an investment that will pay a dividend in souls. It is the best investment you can make today, for it is an investment in eternal values that do not suffer depreciation nor inflation.

For this Thirteenth Sabbath we have a most needy project—the establishing of new schools and the strengthening of existing schools that have suffered the misfortunes of war. May the Lord inspire His people to give an exceptionally large offering. Time is short and what we do for the work in Europe must be done quickly. May this be our largest Thirteenth Sabbath Offering to date.

R. R. BREITIGAM.

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#### Yucaipa Church Dedication

Sabbath, September 25 will be a happy occasion for the membership of the Yucaipa church and their friends. The church erected a year ago has been completed and all bills paid and will be dedicated September 25.

The dedication sermon will be given by Elder C. L. Bauer, president of the Pacific Union Conference at 3 p.m. The writer will speak at the morning service. A number of our min-

isters who have worked in Yucaipa in previous years will be present. Special music will be a part of the services both in the morning and in the afternoon. Loud speakers will be placed in the basement of the church for the overflow who attend the dedicatory service. The Yucaipa church has had a remarkable growth in membership and the building which was expected to meet the needs for years to come is filled to overflowing each Sabbath. Elder Varner Johns is the pastor of this church.

Following the dedication of the building a series of evangelistic meetings for the public is planned. If our present growth in Yucaipa Valley continues, it looks as though we would have to plan for another church building or greatly enlarge the present one. The Yucaipa church has just finished a splendid new church school building which is well located with ample room for recreation, growth and development.

We appreciate these forward moves and the faithful leadership of the officers of the Yucaipa church and school.

H. H. HICKS.

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#### East Bay Associated Missionary Volunteer Rally

The Rally will be held Sabbath, October 2, beginning promptly at 3 p.m. Meeting will be held in the Berkeley S.D.A. church, 2236 Parker Street, Berkeley. Societies invited: Alameda, Beacon Light, Berkeley, East Oakland, Hayward, Martinez, Oakland Central and Richmond. A wonderful meeting is being planned, with guest speakers and special music.

#### Central California

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#### Lost and Found

There are quite a number of articles turned in to the Lost and Found department of the Soquel camp meeting that have not been called for. If you have lost or misplaced an article at that camp meeting and wish it returned, please drop us a card without delay. If it

is among the article turned in, we will forward it to you. All articles turned into the Lost and Found department at the Soquel camp meeting not called for by September 30, will be disposed of.

SCOTT DONALDSON.

### Fresno Report

We have a good report from Fresno as a result of the work being done by Elder Richard E. Berry and his evangelistic company.

To date, twenty-two have accepted the Sabbath truth. The Lord is indeed pouring out His Spirit upon this group. The first baptism was held September 5.

### San Francisco News

A series of evangelistic meetings will begin in San Francisco Sunday night, September 19, at the San Francisco Central church, California and Broderick Streets. This effort is being conducted by Elder C. S. Prout, Paul Nelson, Helen Clark, and Mary Vornholt.

These meetings will be of special interest to those not of our faith. New and interesting features will be presented.

If you have friends or relatives living in or about San Francisco, do not hesitate to urge them to attend these meetings. If you wish announcements mailed to any individuals, send names and addresses to Elder Prout, 1844 Broderick Street, San Francisco, California.

C. S. PROUT.

### Arizona

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### Organization Planned

Representatives of the churches in the Phoenix area met in the conference office August 24 and laid plans for the organization of a federated Dorcas society, the organization to be effected Sunday, October 3 during the Laymen's Institute.

It was recommended that Prescott, Buckeye, and the three churches in Tucson, be included with those in the Phoenix area. It is hoped that at least one other Dorcas Federation may be organized in Arizona for the purpose of this great work. Any Dorcas society

representative at the Laymen's Institute will be most welcome at this meeting. Come prepared to gain a real blessing and to be a blessing to others.

ELLIS W. STORING.

### Laymen's Meeting

Final plans are being completed for the Laymen's meeting to begin Friday night, October 1, at the Phoenix Central church. Delegates from every church and company have been invited to be present.

This meeting is one of the most important of the year. If you are a regular delegate be sure to be present at every meeting. If you have not been selected as a delegate, and can come, be sure to be present. God is calling for every consecrated man and woman in Arizona to heed the call and respond in great soul-winning efforts.

### Southern California

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### "This Is Your Day!"

A great Youth's Congress was recently held in Cracow, Southern Poland. It was the first such meeting to be held in ten years. One thousand eager, enthusiastic Advent youth, half of whom are mature students, were present. Filled with a passion for souls and earnestly desiring a training for the work of God, these young people have no school in which to develop their talents and prepare for the work. Elder J. J. Strahle who brings us this report was deeply impressed with the sterling character and earnest devotion of this army of young people.

After difficulty in gaining admission to the country Elder Strahle fortunately found an opportunity to meet President Beirut of Poland. The President and his cabinet ministers definitely helped us to get recognition as a church and to obtain full religious freedom where heretofore we had been merely tolerated.

During this interview the President stated that a certain church is trying to force the government to do certain things, but he believes every church should stand on its own feet. Elder Strahle commended him for this attitude remarking that we are proud of statesmen who see light in having

the church and state separate and who believe in religious freedom.

As our brother mentioned our fine group of youth in Poland and our interest in helping them to be better citizens by establishing training schools, the President briefly reviewed the present changing situation and then exclaimed very earnestly, "This is your day—make the most of it!" Do you not believe these words of this great statesman were inspired by the Higher Power? Our brethren in Poland have already purchased a beautiful site for a new school. God has opened the door for a great work to be done and it is our duty to press in before that door closes.

The same general conditions are found in Holland, Finland and other countries of Europe. Eager young people are ready to give themselves wholly to the work of God but we must help provide the schools in which to train them. The Thirteenth Sabbath offering to be taken September 25 will give you an opportunity to do what God wants you to do. THIS IS OUR DAY—LET US MAKE THE MOST OF IT!

RAYMOND CALES.

### ADVERTISEMENTS

Reference from the conference president must accompany request for advertising space in the RECORDER.

Advertisements are accepted for one insertion only. Rate: \$1.00 for fifty words or less. Cash must accompany the advertisement. Real estate sale advertisements are acceptable from owners when referring to one specific property. The RECORDER address is Box 116, Angwin, Calif.

OLD AUTHOR (now on pension) seeks inexpensive, permanent living quarters. Location: Southern California—city or country. Vegetarian. Quiet home of old booklover or artist preferred, especially of one wishing to become more proficient in the "delightful craft of manipulating the reader's mind." Write "Edlington," Box 122, Prather, Calif.

FOR SALE.—Modern 7-room home on extra large lot, recently refinished interior. Choice view overlooking Snake River. \$6,500; \$2,000 down. Write Garfield Shults, Homedale, Idaho.

FRESH GRAPE JUICE.—Starting in a few days will be pressing pure fresh grape juice from highly-flavored mountain-grown grapes. You can buy either red or white grape juice "press-fresh" and can it yourself or buy it bottled. Write or phone us now and place order. Neuharth Ranch, Angwin, Calif. Phone St. Helena 40-R-1 or 6-F-11.

FOR RENT.—Pleasant room, nicely furnished with large closet, twin beds and private bath. Also outside entrance to the room. Located one block from Lynwood church and school in excellent district. For immediate possession. Mrs. E. M. Wade, 11086 Pine St., Lynwood, Calif.

WANTED.—Woman desires home in country. Wish cabin home or housekeeping quarters with S.D.A. couple who are permanently located. Describe location, surroundings, prices, etc. Can work also. Mrs. Inez Warner, 1221 No. Brand Blvd., Glendale 2, Calif.

FOR SALE.—2-bedroom house, living room, kitchen, bath, and service room; also 3-room cottage, bringing income, on lot 78 ft. by 165 ft. Located on Pratt Ave., one mile to St. Helena, 2 miles to Sanitarium. Bus service to St. Helena, Sanitarium, Angwin. Rt. 1 Box 645-A, St. Helena, Calif.

WANTED.—Several good carpenters, plumbers, and electricians for reinforced concrete construction. St. Helena Sanitarium, Sanitarium, Calif.

FOR SALE.—New 6-room house, 1500 sq. ft. floor space. Modern, fireplace, tile drain-board, wardrobe closets; 3-room guest house can rent. Phone. 15 acres good soil, plenty water, state highway, 12 miles Grants Pass, near store, new sanitarium to open, price \$10,650. Samuel Werner, M.D., 741 So. 6th St., Grants Pass, Ore.

SABBATH MUSIC RECORDS.—King's Heralds, Del Delker, Organ, and Quiet Hour albums, some camp meeting sermons made to order on wire, tape, or disc. We have for sale wire and tape recorders and record players. Catalog of topics, prices, and equipment sent on request. Royal Recording Co., 1411 Sunrise Ave., Modesto, Calif. Ph. 824-J.

IT IS the first message a client reads. It is the cheapest form of advertising your business can do, and we specialize in that very thing. So, for your letterhead design, write or call H. Munson, 220 W. St. James St., San Jose, Calif. Phone Ballard 1193.

WANTED.—Couple to live in country in return for incidental repairs and minor chores. Equipment available to handle cow or poultry on equitable basis if desired. Part- or full-time salary possible to right man. Beautiful surroundings. Church near. Write Rt. 1 Box 406, Ramona, Calif.

WANTED.—Registered Nurse under 40 years, Christian, capable, energetic, with pleasing personality. Typing ability preferred. Five-day week in new office in Sacramento. \$220 per month to start. Opening about Nov. 15, 1948. Contact S. S. DeVine, M.D., 2530 H St., Sacramento, Calif.

FOR SALE.—10 acres 2 miles from St. Helena Sanitarium. Good 5-room house, deep well pressure system. Good barn. Some fruit, nut, and olive trees bearing, a few berry vines. \$7,000. Alfred L. Newton, Rt. 1 Box 556, St. Helena, Calif. Phone 15-R-3.

## Colporteur Evangelists

E. M. FISHELL, Publishing Dept. Sec.  
Reports Received Week Ending Sept. 4

	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
<b>HAWAIIAN MISSION</b>			
E. F. Woody, Pub. Sec.			
M. Bariantos	19	\$ 16.00	\$ 75.50
Anne Caton	16	21.75	21.75
Florentino Galeon	17	141.00	
Alfred Galvan	12	22.50	
Mrs. L. T. Leal	3		108.20
Wai Chow Leong	22	121.25	20.00
Benjamin Madrid	12	42.65	22.75
Robert McNeave	30	13.50	13.50
Annalie Messer	35	133.00	167.50
Anna Yun	29	12.50	31.50
10 Colporteurs	195	\$524.15	\$460.70

	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
<b>CENTRAL CALIFORNIA</b>			
A. Reiswig, Pub. Sec.			
Mack L. Owen	63	\$151.10	\$180.70
Richard Kroll	46		70.50
Paul Nelson	46	8.50	27.10
Verlene Youngberg	46	344.10	261.85
Ralph Bacon	40	46.50	46.50
George Hoffman	38	66.50	66.50
Elgin Frye	36	60.25	50.00
Marshall Sowder	34	155.00	155.00
Jo An Eyer	89	35.25	34.00
Walter Womack	28	60.75	60.75
Nina Buckley	48	194.25	194.25
Ann Kutcher	27	52.50	46.00
Ernest Fujimoto	39	21.50	68.00
Neander Harder	21	45.50	34.75
W. R. Marnella	20	66.00	66.00
Velma Murray	20	25.75	25.75
Louis Booth	19	21.50	21.50
Janet Holloway	19	47.10	14.25
Felton Bolden	18	4.00	4.00
Thomas Cleveland	17	6.40	6.40
Rudolph Krier	16	33.00	33.00
Thurston Lakin	15	13.25	13.25
J. E. VanDivier	13	44.50	44.50
Lillie Hamilton	13	135.50	135.50
Ida Mosel	12	12.75	12.75
Helen Pickel	13	38.70	38.70
Dorothy Weaver	10	20.00	20.00
Elizabeth Feddersen	9	70.00	10.00
Grace Gearing	5	27.00	7.00
Eunice Phelps	5	10.65	10.65
Genevieve Ragsdale	5	5.50	17.25
Marcelle Craig	2	2.75	2.75
Fannie Seymour	5	7.00	7.00
Aletta Pantel	1	37.98	37.98
34 Colporteurs	838	\$1,871.03	\$1,824.13

	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
<b>SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA</b>			
GEO. H. CARTER, Pub. Sec.			
P. Marsa	6	\$256.50	\$256.50
Nellie Talbott	15	46.25	46.25
Marcella Fandrich	33	36.75	36.75
Carrol Davis	45	36.50	36.50
Jessie Golay	28	35.50	35.50
Mrs. G. Schlaman	16	29.25	29.25
Eugene Currier	32	21.50	21.50
R. L. Underwood	13	18.75	18.75
Lucile Hopping	28	13.75	13.75
Blanche Glover	15	5.25	5.25
W. James	40	324.50	191.75
Mrs. I. Kabanow	35	71.85	71.85
Howard Carter	38	195.00	59.50

	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
H. A. Rossin	35	39.25	56.25
Welcome Church	38	45.00	45.75
Philip Follett	39	21.50	17.50
Eda Rosenberger		2.25	2.25
Elwood Staff	23	34.95	2.00

	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
18 Colporteurs	479	\$1,234.30	\$946.85
<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>			
L. L. DINWIDDIE, Pub. Sec.			
Mr. & Mrs. D. Belknap			
	92	\$161.50	\$ 40.00
Mrs. V. Fields	50	60.00	60.00
Isao Horinouchi	48	110.75	110.75
G. L. Byrd	87	168.50	168.50
LaVerne Cleveland	42	68.00	68.00
Neuman Larick	41	108.00	23.50
R. W. Garratt	57	128.90	128.90
W. A. Morgan	35	55.00	55.00
Mrs. E. M. Bauer	34	49.20	49.20
Burton A. McCabe	33	64.50	64.50
Mr. & Mrs. A. Russell	64	104.50	104.50
Henry Witherspoon	31	105.00	105.00
G. E. Novak	30	22.50	22.50
W. W. Christensen	27	16.50	16.50
E. E. Werner	25	67.00	67.00
Lonnie L. Thompson			
	17	41.20	41.20
Chester O. Sanders	18	72.50	72.50
Mrs. Eva E. Casteel	32	58.00	58.00
Gloria Jacobs	14	56.25	56.25
W. T. Mauk	9	90.50	90.50
V. R. Brenner	4	1.75	1.75
Irene Gerlack	2	14.27	14.27
Mrs. M. E. Odom		21.00	21.00
25 Colporteurs	792	\$1,645.32	\$1,439.32

	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>			
C. L. FINNEY, Pub. Sec.			
Arthur L. Eakin	46	\$150.00	\$150.00
Florence Cotte	39	32.50	32.50
Grace Izumita	34	99.50	99.50
Evelyn McAlear	33	43.00	43.00
Artie Leggett	55	137.75	137.75
T. C. Carter	27	109.00	109.00
Jean Nolan	27	96.50	96.50
James Miles	26	32.00	32.00
Ida Davidson	25	64.50	64.50
D. D. Dirksen	20	62.00	62.00
Iris Montgomery	17	4.00	4.00
Kathleen Parham	16	46.15	46.15
Jeanne Burgess	18	50.20	50.20
Bertha Seibert	12	93.75	93.75
A. H. Beckloff	10	104.25	104.25
Florence Pomerooy	10	34.75	34.75
Lillian Guild	9	104.25	104.25
Kathryn Kibler	3	5.25	5.25
Herbert Wiles	2	54.50	54.50
Pauline Luria	29	21.00	8.50
Elsie Knebel	7	35.50	23.00
B. F. Alexander	5	22.00	5.00
Ipbi Kim	88	376.25	9.50
Ellen Vogel	70	246.55	246.55
Mary Lou Gandy	69	64.40	240.40
Robert Peyton	55	7.00	15.25
Dick Serns	75	186.50	153.75
R. K. McReynolds	35	414.75	414.75
Beatrice Short	25	84.25	33.50
George Vannix	20	30.00	24.50
Del Wortman			2.75
Richard Haskew	40	25.00	25.00
Roland Wilson	10	3.50	3.50

33 Colporteurs	957	\$2,840.55	\$2,529.80
120 Colporteurs	3,262	\$8,114.35	\$7,200.80



ADLAI ESTEB  
Home Missionary Secretary  
Pacific Union Conference

### Methods of Literature Evangelism

Even milk bottles can become an effective method of distributing our precious truth-filled literature. Some years ago one of our good Seventh-day Adventist sisters felt the burden of circulating our literature. Every day she left a tract in the empty milk bottle that the milkman came to pick up. That milkman read those tracts.

One day the milkman came to her home in the middle of the afternoon and told her he had read every tract that she had given him, and asked her if she had any more literature like that. She was thrilled, of course, to learn that he was reading the tracts and supplied him with more of our literature.

Soon he had read himself into the truth. He gave up his work because he couldn't keep the Sabbath with that company and joined the colporteur army. He was successful, and it was not long before he was field missionary secretary in Indiana and later in the Missouri Conference. That milkman of yesterday is Brother P. M. Lewis, recently appointed publishing department secretary for the Canadian Union.

Brother, Sister, have YOU tried the milk-bottle method?

There are many ways of distributing our literature if we are alert. "Church members, awake to the importance of the circulation of our literature, and

devote more time to this work." "Christian Service," p. 147. We have been told to place in the homes of the people our papers, tracts and books that will silently preach the gospel for this hour. "This house-to-house work, searching for souls, hunting for the lost sheep, is the *Most Essential Work that can be done.*"—"Evangelism," p. 110.

But not only in house-to-house work can we circulate our literature. We are to scatter the precious pages everywhere. "Let the leaflets and tracts, the papers and books, go in every direction. Carry with you, wherever you go, a package of select tracts, which you can hand out as you have opportunity."—"Christian Service," p. 151. Let us revive the KING'S POCKET LEAGUE in every church. For 25 years my left-hand pocket of every suit has been dedicated to tracts. We have been told to "sow beside all waters." We never know which will prosper, but we do know that God's word will not return unto Him void. I hope you will read carefully the article by Elder Ernest Lloyd on the King's Pocket League. We call Elder Lloyd the "Father of the King's Pocket League." It was and is a great idea! A tract has

power. One drop of ink can make a million THINK!

A touching story is told of a man who was without work for several months. He was penniless and hungry. He had not had a mouthful of food for three days. He was discouraged and fingered a bottle of poison. Just as he was about to pull the cork and lift the bottle to his lips, he noticed a tract lying on the ground near him. He stopped and picked up the piece of literature. What good could he get out of just a piece of paper? But he read it through and he found a Saviour from sin and a source of help for all his troubles. He threw away his bottle of poison and turned to God with a firm purpose to be a Christian. He became very happy in a new and useful life.

In Los Angeles, California, a lady picked up a tract on the streets and read it through. A reference was made to the Sabbath and since the tract had our conference office address on it, this lady wrote in and asked for more information, especially regarding the Sabbath question. I wrote a reply and sent her some books. I also wrote to the pastor in that district telling him about the lady and her interest in the Sabbath through reading that tract.

Later the pastor told me that the lady had read the four books through before he could find her. She asked for baptism. There were four members of that family baptized—all because of that one tract and the follow-up work. And the tract was probably one that someone had thrown away. O, how happy we should be for the promise: "MY WORD SHALL NOT RETURN UNTO ME VOID."

I have read of one earnest Christian man who has left a tract at the door of every home in Minneapolis and is now covering the city for the second time. In New York City it takes only 400 men to read the house meters of that great city of some eight million people. Surely our church members could cover every city when we get organized like an army. Let us hear the clarion call: "Time is short and our forces must be organized to do a larger work." Vol. 9, p. 27. In doing that "larger work," literature—our great ubiquitous missionary—is indispensable.

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### New Life in Death Valley

A short time ago,  
Death Valley did glow,  
With miracles fragrant and fair.  
The rain fell for days—  
Men's hearts filled with praise,  
As beauty bloomed forth everywhere.

As long as men knew,  
Such flowers never grew  
From out of that dry desert ground.  
Then botanists came  
To count and proclaim  
That thirty-five new flowers were found.

For years o'er that land,  
In that hot desert sand,  
Those seeds had seemed silent and seared;  
Then a kind thoughtful God  
Kissed that dry desert sod,  
And a Garden of Eden appeared.

Can it be that good seed  
May be buried indeed  
In the desert of some heart—or mine!  
Just awaiting the hour  
When a heavenly shower  
Will call forth a new life divine?

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