

# PACIFIC UNION RECORDER



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

VOL. 14

LOMA LINDA, CALIFORNIA, JANUARY 7, 1915

No. 23

## Pacific Union Conference S. D. A. DIRECTORY

Office Address.—Box 146, Glendale, California.  
 President.—E. E. Andross, office address.  
 Secretary and Treasurer.—Claude Conard, office address.  
 Educational Secretary.—M. E. Cady, 537 Twenty-fifth Street, Oakland, Cal.  
 General Field Agent.—C. E. Weeks, Mountain View, Cal.  
 Missionary Secretary.—Ernest Lloyd, office address.  
 Religious Liberty Secretary.—J. O. Corliss, office address.  
 Executive Committee.—E. E. Andross, Claude Conard, E. W. Farnsworth, C. L. Taggart, B. E. Beddoe, J. Ernest Bond, F. M. Burg, W. M. Adams, C. W. Irwin, C. H. Jones, W. C. White, D. D. Comstock, G. W. Reaser, M. E. Cady, J. Adams Stevens

### Too Busy

Too busy in striving to faithfully serve  
 the stress  
 Of our life as the days come and go—  
 Too busy to water with prayer and with  
 tears  
 The seed we abundantly sow.  
 Too busy with working for Jesus to  
 pause  
 And sit at His footstool of prayer;  
 Too busy commanding and guarding  
 His field  
 To learn what His orders are there.  
 Too busy with routine of cares in the  
 home  
 To seek Him alone through the day;  
 Too busy in striving to faithfully serve  
 To listen to Him and to pray.  
 How Satan doth gloat o'er this subtle  
 decoy  
 Of winding our life in this coil!  
 He knows, when too busy to watch  
 unto prayer,  
 Our triumph at last he will foil.  
 O, guard us from whirlpools that  
 threaten to wreck  
 Our bark, Heavenly Pilot, we pray!  
 And teach us the blessing of walking  
 with God  
 Through holy communion each day.  
 —Worthie Harris Holden.

## Transfer of Church Membership

LET ALL READ

"There is order in heaven, and God is well pleased with the efforts of His people in trying to move with system and order in His work on earth. I saw that there should be order in the church of God, and that system is needed in carrying forward successfully the last great message of mercy to the world." Testimonies, Vol. 1, p. 191.

In the system of organization and order that has been developed among us God has in a special way led. It has not been at the fancy or caprice of one man or of a few men that the organization that we now possess has grown to its present splendid proportions, but under the direct council of the Spirit of God through His chosen servant.

For many years now we have been reaping the benefits of this system which has made possible the world-wide work now being carried forward by this people. As we draw nearer the end, however, it will be more and more necessary to exercise care in preserving the order and harmony in our ranks that organization is designed to foster. "God is well pleased with the efforts of His people in trying to move with system and order in His work on earth."

Perhaps one of the ways in which we have lapsed from our established system most markedly is our loose way of keeping the church records. The church clerk is not wholly responsible for this condition. It is largely due to the fact that our brethren and sisters are not as careful as they should be to ask for letters of transfer when moving from one locality to another. They often permit their membership to remain where their home formerly was till in many cases it is impossible to ascertain their whereabouts. As a result of this negligence on the part of many of the

members, our church records, with scarcely an exception, do not represent the local membership of the church, but a very large percentage are non-resident members. Many of these never report to the church where their membership is retained and do not send their tithes or offerings to the church treasurer. This is unfair to the church, in that it leaves their records encumbered with inactive members, and, further, it imposes a heavy financial burden on the local members by requiring them to pay an additional sum equal to the amount to be contributed toward the mission and other offerings, beside lowering the membership percentage of their tithe.

This evil has been allowed to grow to such an extent that it has come to be a source of great perplexity to the officers of almost every church in the union conference. "What can we do to remedy it?" is the question confronting us wherever we go. It has become so serious that we must adopt some corrective measure even though it be the dropping of the names of such members as cannot be located. All who can be located should immediately take letters to the nearest church, and if there is no church near enough for them to attend, they should request a letter to the conference church. In the latter case the letter should be sent to the conference secretary who will record their name as a member of the conference church and will keep in touch with them by correspondence.

It is the duty of every church clerk to correspond with all absent members, and if they are not expecting to return within three months, and at the longest within six months, if the member is worthy of a letter, they should be advised to take one to their nearest church.

While the question of dealing with cases whose location you have failed to

discover is one that must be considered, I would not advise undue haste. Every reasonable effort should be put forth to ascertain their whereabouts before the name is dropped from the records, and then only in the regular way.

I would urge our brethren and sisters who have neglected the matter of transferring their membership to attend to it immediately. Do not embarrass the officers of your church by further delay. Let us heed the counsel of the Lord by strict adherence to all the rules of the church, for they mean much in insuring success to this great movement.

E. E. ANDROSS.

### The Light of Life

The Lord Jesus has said: "I am the light of life." Not only is He the light of all life in general, but there is a special sense in which He is the light of life. He is the light of a higher, an eternal life to those who choose to walk in the light that shines from God through the Lord Jesus. 2 Cor. 4:6. One does not have to wait for the reception of this light, either, until the dawn of eternal glory; for we may have it *now*, and in our earthen, bodily vessels. Verse 7.

But how can this be? one may ask. The Saviour has plainly stated the proposition in this wise: "He that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8:12. This statement was probably made in the temple at the commemoration of the feast of tabernacles. At this time it is said, on either side of the temple court stood a huge golden candelabra which was lighted at night. It is probable that in the presence of these, the statement was made.

The feast of tabernacles was to keep in memory the march of Israel's hosts through the desert as they were fed by the manna from heaven. They were then guided by a pillar of cloud by day, the heart of which was a torch of divine fire shining through the cloud at night, to supply light that the shades of darkness veiled from the sun itself. It is easy to see the Lord's comparison in alluding to His earthly mission. The great source of heavenly light had been veiled by the darkness of sin. The cloud of typical ceremonies had led the people in some degree, but it was desirable that they should know Him to have been the inner torch shining through it all.

The Shekinah in that ancient cloud may be considered prophetic of our

Lord's enshrinement in humanity, since He was the Word tabernacled in flesh. Even thus He was not known, until the memorable night of His transfiguration. Then the glory in Him shown through the human, and bathed His form in a wave of fiery light.

This was a demonstration of the apostle's affirmation that in Him dwells the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And yet the Saviour, possessing this wonderful attribute, asks that men permit Him to make His abode with them; that is, actually to dwell within them. When this request is granted, the most precious thing possible happens. As God in His fullness dwells in Christ, when He, the Lord Jesus, dwells in man, He brings with Him the fullness of the Godhead. What higher privilege could one ask? This is really being changed from one degree of glory to another, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. 2 Cor. 3:18.

Who are the delinquent ones under this arrangement? Why remain so, when the way to the higher life is so plainly set before us, and the Lord Jesus is pledged to give it, if we follow Him? —J. O. C.

### Nevada Intermediate School

For several months in the past the Pacific Union Conference committee has had under consideration the matter of establishing an intermediate school in the state of Nevada. Immediately following the week of prayer a committee on locating the school, chosen by the union conference committee, visited the state and investigated the advantages of several locations where our brethren offered to donate land for the school.

After careful consideration and earnest prayer for divine guidance, it was decided to accept ten acres of land located one and a quarter miles east of the town of Fallon. While Brother Miller, and each of the three Harmon brethren had made liberal offers of land, yet for several reasons the ten acres mentioned given by Brother William Harmon, was looked upon with most favor. These reasons were:

First, that some of the other sites offered were thought to be too remote from town, as a number of families residing in Fallon desire to send their children to the school.

Second, the location chosen is excellent land, in a perfect state of cultivation, with an irrigation system under which the water costs but 40 cents per acre a year.

Third, there is just enough of the land having a slight elevation to make a beautiful building spot.

Fourth, the conditions for pure well-water cannot be surpassed in the valley.

On the whole, the committee is confident that the great, productive agricultural valley, under a government irrigation system, in which the town of Fallon is situated, is the very best place in Nevada for a central school, and that the environment of the school will be pleasant and healthful.

It is the belief of the union conference committee that this valley offers the best opportunity to our people to secure homes in a rich farming district, that can be found in the state of Nevada, unless one locates far remote from church and school privileges. There is still much desirable land in this valley which can be homesteaded, and much of the land under cultivation can be bought at prices which appeal to those who have funds as preferable to improving the untamed desert.

Elder J. Adams Stevens, 325 West Fifth Street, Reno, who is the superintendent of the field, will be glad to correspond with any of our people who would like to locate near the new school site.

It is planned that as soon as the demand exists, a school composed of grades one to ten inclusive shall be conducted. It may be that developments will require the employment of only one or two teachers, and the erection of but part of the contemplated school plant for the present, but it is the plan to have the school in operation before the close of 1915.

While the Pacific Union Conference committee does not assume to advise our people to remove from one place to another, nor in case they wish to change their location, to give definite advice as to where they shall locate; yet it feels that some of our people, who are adapted by experience to agricultural pursuits, should meditate seriously upon the counsel given in the Spirit of Prophecy relative to locating their families in the country instead of remaining in the cities that are rapidly becoming more and more corrupt. The committee knows of no place in Nevada that will be so favorable, all things considered, as the valley adjacent to the new school site.

Our brethren of long experience in the valley will be glad to cooperate with Elder Stevens in giving counsel relative to good location. Serious mis-

takes may be made if the counsel of honest people, who have had experience in the locality, is not sought.

The altitude of Fallon is approximately 4000 feet, hence the winters are frosty; but Nevada winters are blessed with plenty of sunshine.

It is hoped that this new school, not yet named, may prove a great blessing to the cause of God in the Nevada Mission field. E. E. ANDROSS.

### "Liberty" Sentiment in High Places

#### "In Hearty Sympathy," Says Senator Perkins

"I am in hearty sympathy with the efforts of your Religious Liberty Association, and thank you for the *Liberty Magazine*, which I always read with pleasure."—George C. Perkins, U. S. Senator from California.

#### "Doing a Noble Work," Says Judge Simmons

"Please send me the club rates of your *Liberty Magazine*. I will endeavor to make up an order for the next number. It is doing a noble work, and I am heartily in sympathy with it."—Judge Cyrus Simmons, Knoxville, Tenn.

#### Representative Volmer "In Favor of Religious Liberty"

"I am heartily in favor of religious liberty and the absolute separation of church and state."—Henry Volmer, U. S. Representative from Iowa.

#### Senator Works Champions Civil and Religious Freedom

"You are right in supposing that I am interested in the principles of civil and religious freedom, and the total separation of church and state in civil polity."—John B. Works, U. S. Senator from California.

#### "Fundamentally for Liberty," Writes Senator Clapp

"I am fundamentally for liberty. There can be no such thing as liberty for the weak unless restraint can be placed upon the strong. The struggle of the ages has been, and is now, an effort on the part of the many to escape the tyranny of the few. It has been difficult for me in my fundamental way to find very much altruism in the make-up of men possessed with power."—Moses E. Clapp, U. S. Senator from Minnesota.

The *Liberty Magazine* is bringing people into the truth, and is breaking down prejudice. While attending the recent Idaho camp-meeting, I had a good visit with ex-Governor Steunenberg's wife, daughter and son. I asked

Sister Steunenberg how she received the truth. She said, "Your Religious Liberty Department used to send the religious liberty magazine to the governor, and he always read it and then brought it home. Through it I got hold of the true Sabbath, and I and the children began to keep it. I am thankful to God that the governor himself kept the last Sabbath of his life before Harry Orchard blew him up with the bomb." It certainly was refreshing to me to learn that this noble family came into the truth in this way.

One of the editors of the *Evening Star*, Washington, D. C., was taken ill recently, and went to the Washington Sanitarium for treatment. On various occasions this editor had expressed himself through his newspaper as being very decidedly in favor of Sunday legislation for the District of Columbia. While at the sanitarium, he picked up a recent issue of the *Liberty Magazine*, and read it through. He was thoroughly convinced after reading it that Sunday legislation and Sunday laws are wrong, and he has promised to use his influence in the future against compulsory Sunday legislation.

### Missions Knowledge for Church Officers

Our churches are now entering upon a new year of service for the Master, and should be studying how they can best round out the year in contributing toward preparing the world for the Lord's coming to gather His saints. Observation has shown that our people generally are generously disposed toward every legitimate gospel enterprise. Where laxness seems apparent in any degree, it should not, therefore, be charged to the rank and file of the churches, but to a lack of true leadership. But this is not to say that the church leaders are willingly deficient. Theirs is rather a lack of education in missionary lines, which ought and may be easily corrected. It has been truthfully said that "the value of intelligent office-bearers is greater than can be estimated, not only to the local church, but to the whole missionary enterprise."

A writer in *The Missionary Review of the World* for January, 1915, hazards this statement: "The office-bearers of the church—the men chosen to be leaders in spiritual things—should not only be interested in missions, but should know something about the past

history, and the present needs of the great world work committed to the church by her Lord. Yet the average church officer knows little or nothing about it."

While the closing sentence of this quotation was designed to apply to nominal churches, yet if one carefully considers the problem from the standpoint of our own churches, he must acknowledge its application to them as well. But is this necessarily so? Why should not each church elder study missionary literature, especially the history of those who have devoted their lives to that work, and so become enthused with the spirit that prompted their efforts? By this course one may become so filled with the missionary spirit, that he cannot forbear talking about it in his church services.

Believing as we do that God has committed to us a world-wide warning message, through which the nations are to be apprised of the Saviour's speedy return to earth, and that His early coming depends on the work committed to the church being performed, why should not missionary zeal fire church leaders to press the importance of that work upon all?

We have not mistaken our mission! God calls us to enter quickly upon the finishing of the plan to give our message to all the world. In the language of another: "The missionary program is not an ethereal, sentimental, effervescent dream; it is magnificent, hardy, worthy reality, and ought to command large investments of life, prayer, thought and money upon the part of all those who love the name of Jesus Christ, and await His appearing."

With such an exhortation from one who has recently visited foreign mission fields, shall not our church officers prepare at once to keep before their respective charges the growing importance of our intrusted work, hastily to warn the nations of the coming dawn of glory? The RECORDER editors would be glad to have correspondence with any who would make inquiry as to how their efficiency in church labors may be increased. —J. O. C.

A man can no more take in a supply of grace for the future than he can eat enough to-day to last him for the next six months, or take sufficient air into his lungs at once to sustain life for a week to come. We must draw upon God's boundless stores of grace from day to day as we need it.—D. L. Moody.

## MISSIONARY

### "Only Wait"

When the spirit, worn and weary,  
 'Neath its daily load of care,  
 Finds the pathway long and dreary,  
 And the burden hard to bear,  
 Tired with hoping, faint with fearing,  
 Sighs to reach the golden gate,  
 Then in accents soft and cheering,  
 Patience whispers, "Only wait,"  
 For a brighter day is dawning,  
 Joy awaits us in the morning—  
 In the beauty of the morning—  
 "Only wait."

O sad heart, whose soundless sorrow  
 Dares not let a murmur fall,  
 Only wait and trust the morrow—  
 God's great love is over all.  
 Only wait, O wounded spirit,  
 By the cross of life weighed down;  
 Thou shalt surely earth inherit—  
 Bear the cross and win the crown;  
 For a brighter day is dawning—  
 Joy awaits us in the morning—  
 In the beauty of the morning—  
 "Only wait."

—Selected.

### Living the Fragrant Life

Missionary *service* is a wide word, and covers a whole life. We cannot finish it up on the Sabbath, or confine it to certain evenings or meetings or special duties of any kind. "Where I am, there shall also my servant be"—everywhere, anywhere. We have been beautifully admonished to "carry His Spirit with you as Jacob carried the odor of the vineyards in his garments when he came into his father's presence." *This world is not so blind but that it can smell the fragrance of goodness.*

There is an old legend of a godly man whose wonderful deeds astonished the angels, and they came to learn the secret of his piety. Everywhere the man went, he diffused virtue as the flower gives out perfume, without being aware of it. The angels asked that this saint might be given the gift of miracles, and God consented. They asked the man if he would like, by the touch of his hand, to heal the sick. "No," he replied, "I would rather God should do that." "Then would you like to convert guilty souls, and bring them back to right paths?" "No; it is the Spirit's mission to convert; I only pray." "Would you like to be a model of pa-

tience, and draw men by your piety?" "No," said the saint, "if men were attracted to me, they might be estranged from God." "What do you desire?" said the angels. "That God would give me His grace; that I might do a great deal of good without knowing it."

The angels were perplexed. Finally they resolved that whenever the shadow of the man should fall, where he could not see it, the shadow should cure disease and comfort sorrow. So it came to pass, as the saint passed along, the hearts of men were cheered wherever he walked.

Thus may we go through the new year,—"*diffusing the fragrance of the knowledge of Him in every place.*" 2 Cor. 2:14, literal translation. Let us empty ourselves of self and make room for the flowers of submission, patience, gentleness, forgiveness, fairness and love. See how fragrant the very words are. They are like a breath from heaven. They are gifts of the Spirit. Jesus died that we might have them, and so be like Himself. Our lives must be samples of His life, and they can be and will be such when we let His life, in all its fullness, into our hearts to take the place of the old life of self and sin.

### Students Gather \$170 for Missions

In a personal letter from Sister Belle Hickox, a former Bible worker in the Southern California Conference and now at the Pacific Union College, there are some highly interesting paragraphs regarding her appreciation of the school, the renewed consecration of the students during the week of prayer and the good experiences in soliciting for missions. Regarding the latter, Sister Hickox writes:

"Last Tuesday a small company of the students went to Vallejo. We had a hard field because the town is strongly Catholic. The rain pattered down on us and a cold wind blew as we climbed the steps of the homes. But our courage failed not. We all brought a treasure to the Master's feet, 'from the least to the greatest.' Several of the young men went to Yountville and Rutherford (little towns) near St. Helena. All told, we gathered \$30 for missions. How happy we all were! As we came up old Howell Mountain that night songs of praise to the Giver of all good and perfect gifts filled the air. Half way up the mountain we found ourselves in a snow storm! Such merri-

ment! It was the first snow that some had ever seen.

"The next morning at five o'clock about twenty-five started for Napa in the rain. A few of the young men went to San Francisco. All returned triumphantly, having gathered \$140. It has been a time of great blessing for us. I wish I could tell you all the lovely things that happen here. Truly this is a 'goodly land,' and I enjoy it all so much."

We are grateful for the spirit of willingness and readiness on the part of our young men and young women to assist in the noble work of gathering means for our needy missions.

No one phase of activity among the young people is more full of promise than that of the keen interest they feel in the great missionary movement. And there is no surer means for the preservation of the faith and of holy living among our young people than their devotion to missionary endeavor and practical work for Christ.

ERNEST LLOYD.

## FIELD TIDINGS

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

#### Southern California Conference Presidency

Two years ago last summer the Loma Linda board invited Elder F. M. Burg, who was then acting as Bible teacher in Union College at Lincoln, Neb., to connect with the College of Medical Evangelists at Loma Linda as Bible teacher. He consented to accept the invitation, and was making preparations to leave College View for Loma Linda at the time of the Southern California camp-meeting at Glendale.

It was necessary at that time to find someone of experience to take the presidency of the Southern California Conference. After carefully considering the matter, it was decided to ask the Loma Linda board to consent to release Elder Burg for this position. He consented to make the change, and arrived on the campground before the close of the meetings. Since then he has served in this capacity, working unsparingly for the upbuilding of the cause of truth in this field.

All of our brethren and sisters in the Southern California Conference have appreciated greatly the untiring efforts put forth by Brother Burg in the office he has held. From several years' ex-

perience, I know that this position is a very taxing one on any man who is called to fill it. The responsibilities are continually growing heavier. Elder Burg has never spared himself in his endeavors to meet all the demands of the office, and I am sure our brethren and sisters greatly appreciate his work.

On account of the failing health of Elder M. C. Wilcox, who had been filling the position of Bible teacher at the Loma Linda College of Medical Evangelists, it became necessary to provide someone to fill his place. After a careful survey of the field it was deemed best to endeavor to find someone to take the presidency of this conference, and to release Brother Burg to fill the position to which he was called two and a half years ago.

When the matter was placed before Elder Burg he gave prayerful consideration to it, and finally decided that it was the Lord's call, and asked the conference committee to accept his resignation. This was not done to escape the heavy burdens that he had been carrying, but because he felt God was calling him to this responsible position at Loma Linda.

In harmony with the recommendation of the union conference committee, which gave the question careful thought, the local conference requested me to undertake the added responsibilities of looking after the interests of this conference until a proper person of experience can be found to fill the position as president. While I have all I could possibly attend to in the work of the union conference, I have consented to do the best I can to look after the interests of the work in the Southern California Conference, with the assistance of the brethren, until the office is properly filled.

Elder Burg is now engaged in his work as Bible teacher at Loma Linda, and feels that the Lord has guided in this change. I am sure that it will be quite a disappointment to our brethren throughout the Southern California Conference to learn of this change, but I wish to assure them that it has not been done hastily, or without due consideration. But after the union conference committee had given careful consideration to the interests of the work of the medical college that has been established for the training of medical missionary evangelists and missionary physicians for the entire denomination, they decided to release Elder Burg to fill this very important position, for

which he is so well fitted, and to undertake to fill at the earliest possible moment, the place thus made vacant in the Southern California Conference.

We are very glad that Elder Burg has not left the conference, but is located in our midst, and will continue to labor untiringly for the upbuilding of the work in this field, and all other fields to which students of the collegemay go.

E. E. ANDROSS.

### Glendale Sanitarium

Mrs. D. D. Fitch, since graduation, has joined her husband, who is conducting services in Orange.

With the passing of the Christmas season, we are daily enjoying the arrival of many new patients.

Miss Lillian Turner and Miss Lydia Judd, members of the graduating class, have returned to their homes for a short time.

Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Ruble of the Loma Linda College of Medical Evangelists have been guests of the Sanitarium for a few days during the holiday season.

The graduation exercises of the eighth class of missionary nurses were held in the S. D. A. church December 15. The class motto was, "In His Steps."

The Sanitarium male quartette, consisting of Messrs. E. C. Culver, I. C. Colcord, C. F. Marvin and C. H. Jones, have been assisting in the evangelistic services of the Los Angeles city and county jails.

A light, airy lecture room has been fitted up for the use of the members of the training-school, and alterations are being made in the business offices that will greatly facilitate the work of that department. A sanitarium store has just been opened with A. T. Hopman in charge.

### UTAH

#### Week of Prayer

The week of prayer has been a great blessing to our laborers and lay-brethren. As the ministers visited the churches, they would frequently hear such expressions: "We had a splendid meeting yesterday." "The meetings have been excellent this week." The following statements are from the churches and companies:

Salt Lake City.—We have just closed our week of prayer here. It was a most precious season of refreshing to each one. We had the readings every evening in the church, and they were well attended in spite of the intense cold. We are glad to report that we are of good courage and our faces are Zion-ward.—MRS. J. F. GASTER.

Provo.—The week of prayer closed with a lively testimony meeting. All spoke of the goodness of God and how they felt the Spirit of the Lord come into our midst, and of their desires to have a closer walk with Him. One lady, who never attended our meetings before, came to every meeting and seems very much interested.—W. O. WILLARD.

Ogden.—The week of prayer was a "time of refreshing" to the Ogden church. One lady, an outsider, said she desired to know the message that enabled people to pray and testify as Adventists do. A Sunday night meeting was held at her request and a goodly number attended. We are very thankful for the new church building.—U. E. MOWREY.

Brigham.—Just came from prayer meeting and we had a blessed time. Everyone bore testimony of the rich blessings they received during the week of prayer. One sister said that she never experienced anything like it. Our offering was \$42. I can truly say it was a blessed time for me also and very encouraging indeed.—ELDER H. G. GJORDING.

Logan.—Another week of prayer is passed. How many more? In all our meetings the Spirit of the Lord was indeed present. The readings were just what we needed at this time. In the time given to testify, there was not one who did not express himself as having received a special blessing. Prayer was especially offered for some who are in the valley of decision. Pray that they will yield before it is too late.—HENRY E. NELSON.

Green River.—We have had an enjoyable time during the week of prayer. While our numbers have been few, our collections have been good, considering the depressing times. Our annual offerings amounted to \$10. We have a Sabbath-school of sixteen, six of whom have moved thirty-five miles into the country. We have all taken an interest in getting literature before the

people. We look forward with interest to the course of meetings to be held here, when we expect to see more people accept the truth.—MRS. CHAS. MCPHERSON.

As the year 1914 closes, we look into the future with hope and courage for the work. Every valiant soldier can pray the prayer of Jeremiah who said, "Ah Lord God! behold, Thou hast made the heaven and the earth by Thy great power and stretched-out arm, and there is nothing too hard for Thee." Chap. 32:17.

W. M. ADAMS.

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

### Conference Notes

The first part of the week of prayer the writer spent with the Almond Grove church in Colusa County. A short time before I had spent two Sabbaths and Sundays with this church. At that time, and during the time of the week of prayer, we had most excellent meetings. On the evening of the last day we were with the church we had the pleasure of baptizing a dear brother who had spent more than a score of years in the ministry. He had never come in contact with our people or known of this message until a few months ago. We left others interested. We shall hope to visit them again before long.

The latter part of the week of prayer I was with the Chico church. A spirit to seek God was present, and quite a number made the Sabbath a day of fasting as well as a day of prayer. The Lord came in by His Spirit during both the forenoon and the afternoon meetings, and a goodly number of the young people gave themselves to the Lord. It was a very precious season indeed, and we shall long remember our visit to the Chico church.

During the few months past our work here in Sacramento and outside places has kept us very busy. A number have been baptized, and a great deal of literature has been distributed by the members. In the Sacramento church last Sabbath the Lord came very near to us in our communion service, it being one of the most precious that I ever remember of conducting. To the Lord be all the praise and glory. We are of good courage in the Lord.

A. J. OSBORNE.

### Week of Prayer at the College

Beyond our fondest hope, the Holy Spirit, coming in at our Friday evening meeting at the opening of the week of prayer, melted His way into all hearts, and thus revived all hearts. Several who were backslidden, and some who had never known the Lord, yielding to the tender wooing of the Spirit, came "forward," sought, and found peace in God. I did not count those who remained to the after meeting, but I should say that there were about 150.

From this time to the close of this blessed week, there was progress made,

until, on the following Friday evening, the good Lord claimed and received, so far as I could determine, the heart's affections and the surrender of spirit, soul and body of *everyone* present.

Wednesday evening will be remembered by all as a time of confession in which all participated. Beginning with the one who led the meeting that night, and extending to practically every person present. This prepared the way for further progress, and so this followed *naturally*, on Thursday and Friday evenings, culminating on the latter evening, as before mentioned, in a complete victory for the "Prince of the covenant."

What is it?—It is the latter rain, the rising of the people to a place where the "loud cry" of the message is beginning to be definitely felt. As a result, it seemed that nothing less than a heart of stone could successfully resist. Some who had gone through untouched every revival of the previous year, yielded grandly and nobly this time. The Spirit first broke, then melted, and lastly healed, those hitherto unyielding natures. But none of these were incorrigibles. They were just common every-day sinners, such as all of us were before we let the Saviour in.

### The Annual Offering

On the morning of the first Sabbath

of the week of prayer, the record in the treasurer's office showed that our 20-cent-a-week fund was lacking \$618 to make it complete. The next Sabbath at the close of the service, we found that we had collected \$640.19. One hundred and seventy dollars of this amount was collected by the students on Wednesday and Thursday amid snow and rain and mud, because we had hitherto been hindered from doing this good work. The balance came from the pockets of teachers, students and church members living here. Our membership is 154.

And the money came so easily and gladly from the "willing pockets" of the people that it seems apparent to us that the Lord found His way down through the heart into the pockets of all. And not one of us feels the poorer—I am sure.

This people have money enough to supply every need of this cause; and, "if first there be a willing spirit," all treasuries will overflow. May we not expect that soon, like the Israelites in the wilderness, we shall need to be restrained on occasions when special enterprises are placed before us?

E. J. HIBBARD.

## REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 19, 1914

AGENT	BOOK	HRS.	ORDS.	HELPS	VALUE	DELIVERED
<b>Northern California</b>						
J. Wesley Reed *	H. W.	25½	18	\$13.50	\$13.50	\$23.75
J. Wesley Reed	H. W.	29½	16	10.25	10.25	
Luella Evans	H. W.	19	22	13.30	13.30	13.30
Daisy M. Clough	H. W.	9½	22	9.75	9.75	42.50
W. E. Whitmore	H. M.	9	4	1.50	9.50	
Mrs. M. C. Higginbotham	H. W.	5	5	3.35	3.35	3.35
* 2 Weeks. 6 Agents		97½	87	\$51.65	\$59.65	\$82.90

## REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 26, 1914

<b>Southern California</b>						
H. E. Farmer	P. G.	6	3	\$ .50	\$ 9.00	
Chas. Millar	Heralds	16	6		14.50	
Frank Rose	P. P. F.	1	3		5.00	\$ 95.50
Luis Herrera	El Rey	31	17		30.60	
H. E. Jennings	Heralds	19	10		16.00	
Henry Bundy	H. W.	3	3		4.00	
E. Aubery Brown	H. W.	19	24		17.00	20.00
Miscellaneous					9.00	
7 Agents		95	66	\$ .50	\$105.10	\$115.50
<b>Arizona</b>						
G. H. Reese						\$70.00
<b>Central California</b>						
F. O. Jensen	P. G.	14	6		\$ 22.00	\$ 4.00
Marvel Beem*	C. S., H. M.	95	108	\$ .75	164.25	40.75
E. A. Primrose	H. M.	31	7	3.40	20.40	
E. J. Martin	G. C.	15	4	.75	9.75	
Leland Gilstrap	H. W.				22.00	
* 4 Weeks. 5 Agents		155	125	\$4.90	\$238.40	\$44.75



## That Institute

According to the announcement which appeared in a recent issue of the RECORDER, our colporteurs' institute opened Sunday, December 27. The meetings continued four days and a spirit of loyalty and devotion prevailed from the first, and the Lord came very near to us as we studied the different phases of the colporteur work. Our hearts were cheered as we heard the faithful canvassers relate their experiences of victory. (A few of these experiences will be published later.)

We were very glad to have Elders Andross and Corliss with us a part of the time. Their message gave us new courage and determination to press on in this good work. There was an average attendance of about twelve or fourteen, six of whom came right from the field to the institute; a few others who were in attendance will enter the work soon.

The testimony of every colporteur present had about the same ring; namely, a desire for more power in giving the message, and a determination to stay with the work until the last soul has been warned, the last book sold, and Jesus will come to His faithful with the glad words, "well done."

Let us pray for these colporteurs as we have never done in the past, and pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more such laborers. And, should you feel impressed that this is your work, be willing to say, "anywhere dear Saviour." C. C. MORLAN.

## MISCELLANY

FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN:—Modern house, five rooms, two screen porches, attic, basement, bath and pantry. Electric lights throughout. Located within three blocks of Pacific Press, S. D. A. church and ten-grade church school. Corner lot, 100x150 feet, cement walks, forty assorted fruit and ornamental trees. Small barn with drive in rear of lot. Reason for selling, owner going to Japan to assist in publishing work. For photographs and further information, write C. C. Hall, Mountain View, Cal., care Pacific Press Publishing Association. 22-3

The General Conference committee has prepared a new ministerial reading course for 1915, open to our workers of

all classes. The course is conducted by the General Conference Department of Education through its magazine, *Christian Education*. The January number is especially good for the course reader, containing among others the important articles: "Business of the Ministry," "What Does It Mean?" "Plagiarism," "Learn the Laws of Nature," "Our Second Year." This magazine and the four books for 1915 are clubbed together at the remarkably low rate of \$5 postpaid. Send for a registration blank. It will save time to send the money also. On the installment plan you pay \$3 now and \$2.50 later. Address the General Conference Department of Education, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

## Dangers in Education

The dangers in education are more dangerous than the dangers to natural life. The one puts the soul in peril, the other only the body. Spiritual dangers are far more serious than physical. The president of a Presbyterian college in North Carolina declares that the education now given in secular schools is a menace to the moral and spiritual interests of the young. In the magazine, *Christian Education*, for January he describes a still greater exposure of our boys and girls when they enter higher institutions away from home. The Christian college is the city of refuge for our children. If you want to keep in touch with the safe side of education in the school and in the home, invest \$1 a year or 10 cents a month in the Seventh-day Adventist magazine, *Christian Education*, published at our denominational headquarters in Washington.

## The "Signs" Weekly

The *Signs Weekly* gives the message and produces results; is appreciated wherever it goes. Read the following: "Falls City, Ore., November 7, 1914. Dear brethren: I will now take time to write a few lines in regard to working with the weekly *Signs*. I gave the *Signs* to five different families and one dear sister has taken her stand for the truth. To-day she was at meeting and offered her first testimony. As soon as I can, I want to take another club of the *Signs*, mine having expired. I know that the *Signs* does bring people into the truth. One man said that he sometimes read it twice."

"Indianapolis, Ind. *Signs of the Times*, Oakland, Cal. Gentlemen: If I remem-

ber correctly, my mother took a paper called *Signs of the Times* and it contained comments on all the current events. That was years ago. If your paper is still published, will you kindly send me sample copy and price, also list of tracts or short articles you may print on Bible teaching concerning the present wars? Your prompt attention will very much oblige, yours."

"Portrush, Ireland. Some unknown kind friend has been sending me for some time copies of the *Signs of the Times*, addressed as per enclosed. They have discontinued sending same for some time and as I am very fond of your paper and derive great help therefrom, I desire to become a direct annual subscriber. Please enter as subscriber from November 1, and oblige, yours sincerely."

We are watching with the keenest interest the progress of the *Signs Weekly*. Be sure and do your part in this noble effort,—two copies per week per member. Not a very heavy load, but what a blessed privilege of having a part in this great awakening, this advance move. F. W. PAAP.

## Obituary

SIMMONS.—Nelson Simmons was born in Canada in the year 1846 and died December 25, 1914, at Healdsburg, Cal. From Canada, Brother Simmons moved to Nebraska at the age of twenty-one. Here he was married and also accepted the third angel's message. He was elder of the S. D. A. church for years. He later moved to Oregon, where he joined the Eugene church; and his next move was to Ukiah, Cal., where he was elder of the S. D. A. church for several years. He last moved to Sebastopol, and was a member and an officer of that church when he died. He was confined to his bed for about eight months, but never uttered a word of complaint. He praised God up to the last and spoke often of His goodness, and his voice was often heard in song and prayer. He has been a devoted husband and a loving father, and highly respected by all who knew him. He had a great interest in missions and during his illness raised a fund of \$13.10 for the work in India. He died in the faith and the glorious hope of the resurrection. He leaves a wife and five children and a large circle of friends to mourn their loss. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer, who conducted the funeral from the Sebastopol S. D. A. church. ANDREW NELSON.

## Pacific Union Recorder

PUBLISHED WEEKLY BY THE  
PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE OF  
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

All matter for publication and correspondence relating to subscriptions should be addressed to Box 146, Glendale, Cal. Make money-orders payable to the Pacific Union Conference S. D. A., Glendale, Cal.

Subscription Price - - Fifty Cents a Year

CLAUDE CONARD - - - - EDITOR  
E. E. ANDROSS { - - ASSOCIATE EDITORS  
J. O. CORLISS }

Entered as second-class matter July 23, 1914, at the Post-office at Loma Linda, California, under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1915

The latest from Brother Claude Conard locates him at the St. Helena Sanitarium, busy with his auditing work. He expects to return to Glendale by the last of the present month.

A missionary convention is to be held next Sabbath, January 9, at the Carr Street church, Los Angeles. The best of help will be in attendance. Let those who desire a feast of good things plan to be present.

We were made glad this week to meet Elder A. E. Place, pastor of the San José church. His cheery face is always an inspiration to courage in the work. He came south to enjoy a much needed rest.

During the last week a combined young people's and educational convention was in session at Sebastopol. It is too early to give details of the meeting, but we are assured that it has been a successful and therefore a profitable gathering.

The man who wrapped his talent in the napkin was too sanguine. There never was an unused talent rolled in a napkin, but that, when taken out and put into the scales, was lighter than when first hidden away. "Weighed and found wanting!" Remember today, "Talents not used or misused become a menace."—*Matt. 25: 25.*

Elder Silas Davis called a few days ago at the RECORDER office. He is now visiting friends near Santa Barbara, preparatory to making South Carolina his field of labor, in harmony with the advice of the North American Division Conference in its late council. We wish him abundance of success and much of the blessing of God in his new field of labor.

Brethren W. P. Dayton and Celian Andross, with a few other college students, have lately held a week's series of meetings at Ukiah. They report a splendid attendance all through, and hope is held out that some fruit will result from the effort. It is cheering to find so much earnestness to labor for the Lord by these young men, and we pray that they may soon develop into strong workers for the Master.

It has been aptly said that one does not know what a statue is like by pulverizing its marble and chemically examining its atoms. It is just as impossible to comprehend God by analyzing His attributes. He is not to be known by adding the sum of His acknowledged inherent qualities. With the knowledge of *all* these single characteristics, there is something deeper than the human understanding of these which must be found to know the supreme One. What this indefinable essence is, no one can measure by human thought. He who would know God must yield obedience to Him daily and hourly, sinking self in the heavenly will, and so constantly grow into the living image of the Divine.

### What Matter?

What if your coat is patched and old!  
The worth of a coat is easily told.

A handful of gold will quickly bring  
A coat that is fit for a prince or king;  
But an honest heart and a willing hand  
Can never be bought in the world-wide  
land.

Remember that patches may cover a  
boy

Who some day may be the great world's  
joy.

If your soul be pure and your heart be  
true,

What can an old coat matter to you?

—Anon.

### A Sunday Bill

Senator Works of California, who has been counted upon as a staunch friend of religious liberty, introduced in congress on Monday, December 21, a bill to close all barber shops of the District of Columbia on Sunday. While this is not a national measure, if the bill becomes a law, it will commit the national congress more fully than ever to religious legislation.

Elder J. O. Corliss, religious liberty secretary for the Pacific Union Conference, requests that our people write

letters to Senator Works, protesting against the bill. The following form of letter may be used if desired:

Senator John W. Works,  
United States Capitol,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Having learned that on Monday, December 21, you introduced in the United States Senate a bill to close all barber shops of the District of Columbia on Sunday, I protest vigorously against the passage of this bill, or any other religious legislation. Sunday being a religious holiday through the decrees of church councils and ecclesiastical traditions, and therefore an establishment of religion, such laws are in direct violation of the American constitution and the principles upon which our government is founded. The first amendment expressly declares that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

Sunday laws are the first step toward a union of church and state, a system which the Dark Ages of papal persecution have shown to result in shipwreck to the state and demoralization to the church. In the very nature of things no religious law can be right, for if one is right, all are right. If it is right to force men to observe Sunday, it is also right to force them to be baptized, to go to church and to pray. If we begin to enforce church dogmas, we shall set up the state as dictator in religious matters, and by forcing good citizens to do religious acts contrary to conscience, makes them hypocrites.

That your constituency does not favor your action in introducing this Sunday bill is shown by its emphatic protest against a similar bill, proposed for California at the last election, and overwhelmingly defeated by the voters. This measure received the fourth largest opposition vote of any of the forty-eight measures on the ballot, the majority against it being 167,211.

Trusting you will see the evil of this measure, and will use your influence against it, I am

Respectfully yours,

This letter is only suggestive, and may be varied to suit the wishes of the writer. But let all who read this note enter their protest against this measure in some form. It would not be best, perhaps, for all to write identically the same letter, but we should let it be known that, as citizens, we do not approve of religious laws. As our sisters now have franchise in California, they should write, as well as our brethren. In some cases all the members of a church might sign a letter simply as *individual citizens*, and send it to Senator Works.