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The Educational Fund

At the biennial session of the Pacific Union Conference held at Oakland, Cal., in March, 1914, a plan was unanimously adopted for the raising of \$150,000 to pay off the debts on our educational work and to provide such additional buildings and equipment for the college and Fernando and Lodi Academies as were really necessary to enable them to do the best possible work in training our young people for service in the various departments of the cause of God. In addition to this, \$150,000 was to be devoted to the building of an intermediate school in Nevada, and a like amount to the same purpose in the Utah Conference.

This plan was to become operative June 1, 1914. Elder G. W. Reaser was appointed by the union conference committee to act as financial agent for the union and take the general supervision of the work of solicitation for the fund throughout the field, spending his entire time in that work. It was agreed by all the local conferences that whatever help might be needed to insure the success of this plan would be provided by the conferences.

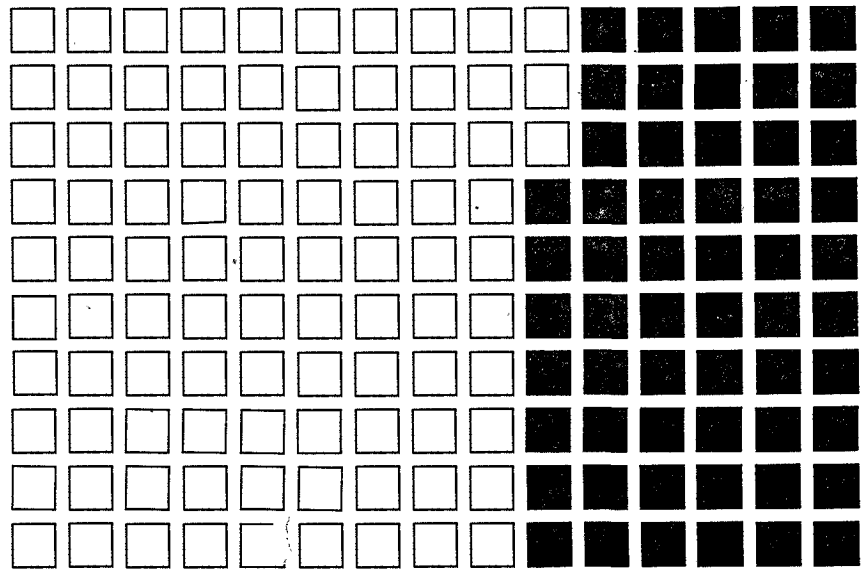
Eight and one-half months have now passed since we began the work of soliciting pledges on this fund. Notes amounting to about \$78,000 have been signed, and a check for \$14,927 has been received from the treasurer of the General Conference from the amount raised in this union in 1914 in excess of the 15 cents per week per member for missions. This gives us a total of \$92,927 on the \$150,000 fund leaving \$57,000 still to be raised during the ten and one-half months yet remaining of 1915 when the plan must be closed and the \$150,000 completed.

The blessing of God has so manifestly rested upon the efforts thus far put

forth in behalf of this fund that there can be no question but that the entire amount will be raised within the specified time. But it is evident that those only will share in this blessing who in some way help in raising the necessary money. Everyone must give to the extent of his or her ability. If you are so situated that you cannot assist to a reasonable amount financially as undoubtedly a few of the many are, you still can help in a very substantial way

The \$150,000 Educational Fund

The accompanying diagram shows the progress made to date in raising the \$150,000 educational fund. Those who are watching the results of the campaign for the liquidation of the indebtedness of our schools in the Pacific Union Conference and for providing much needed buildings for the education of our children and young people, will rejoice with the Union Conference committee to learn that since the first



by earnestly praying for those engaged in the work, and for the success of the plan, by talking courage and by using your influence in persuading others to contribute to the fund. What a blessed time it will be when the debts on our educational work are all paid, and when all necessary facilities are provided for the training of workers in the field.

E. E. ANDROSS.

of the new year there has been a gain of \$34,000 making a grand total of \$93,000 since the beginning of the effort some nine months ago. We still have ten and one-half months to complete the work. Up to a recent date some of our people have expressed doubt as to the possibility of raising so large a sum in our union conference. Doubtless by this time, every Seventh-day Adventist in the union will say, "It can be done." Let us all unite in saying,

"By the help of the Lord, it *will* be done." It would be a calamity to the cause that we love, to permit this campaign to fail. Therefore we must all talk courage, pray for success, and so far as lies in our power, cooperate with the Lord in the answering of our prayers by individually lifting this load.

We wish all of our people to know that for the first time since the late plan for securing money for missions was inaugurated, this union conference received a refund from the mission board, representing a surplus above an average of 15 cents per week per member. The check sent us by the North American Division amounted to the splendid sum of \$14,927.26. This has been applied on the \$150,000 fund and will be used at once in reducing our indebtedness.

If we put forth special effort on the 20-cent-a-week fund this year, it is almost certain that we will have the magnificent sum of \$25,000 for the current year to apply on our educational fund.

G. W. REASER.

Our Duty to the World

The latest word that has come to us regarding the Turkish question is "that all the valuable articles in the Ottoman Museum and the archives of the Sublime Porte and the Ministry of War have been removed from Constantinople to Asia Minor." It is reported further "that the Sultan is arranging to remove the court to the interior of the country."—*San Francisco Examiner*, February 8, 1915.

We have long looked forward to the very move now reported to be actually taking place. This of course may prove to be an incorrect report, but whether true or not, it soon must come, for the prophecy called for it, and it cannot fail. The question everyone should now ask himself is, "Am I ready for the end, and am I doing all in my power to prepare the world for that great day?"

Everyone can do much by contributing *each week* to the mission offerings a sum *not less than 20 cents*. If this were done throughout the North American Division Conference for 1915, about \$700,000 would be raised. This would give \$525,000 for our work in the General Conference mission fields and \$175,000 to apply on the indebtedness of our institutions. About \$25,000 of this amount would be returned to the Pacific Union Conference to be applied on the \$150,000 fund we are raising for our educational work.

With the rapidly fulfilling signs of the approaching end bringing us daily nearer and still nearer to the close of probation, every Seventh-day Adventist should now lay all his possessions upon the altar of consecration to be consumed as the demands of the cause of God in the earth may require. Now your property may be used to save the lost; but *soon* it will be too late.

If you are able, you should give not only 20 cents per week to the mission offering beside all other offerings that you may make for local church work, etc., but you should also give all that you can consistently above this amount to help make up the average of 20 cents for those less able than you yourself to give.

I would urge every church council to lay definite plans to keep this matter before their church each week, and see that the quota is raised and forwarded to the conference treasurer each month. The church elders and Sabbath-school superintendents must keep this matter before the churches and Sabbath-schools continually. If this is done, it will not be found a difficult matter to raise full 20 cents per week for the entire year.

It is the unquestioned duty of every believer in the third angel's message to do all in his power to carry this last message to all the world ere this generation now closing shall have passed away. Let all do their duty in this crisis.

E. E. ANDROSS.

Twenty Cents A Week

There is more in it than many think. Computing the membership of the Pacific Union Conference at 9000 it would mean \$93,600 for missions from this union conference in one year. If all the other union conferences gave at the rate of 15 cents a week per member, we would get back \$22,800 to apply on our educational fund. This would be an excellent amount indeed.

From latest reports at hand it now looks as though the other union conferences would reach 15 cents per week, and thus would draw nothing from our surplus. We only raised 18½ cents a week per member, and therefore our surplus will be about \$15,000, provided all the other unions raise 15 cents per member.

If our own good California Conference had given 20 cents a week we should have had \$6950.57 more than we do now. We are short that amount. (See the report in recent RECORDER.) What a pity that is! and yet we had sixteen

churches that gave over 20 cents a week per member, and twenty-one churches that fell short of raising their 20 cents a week, to the amount of \$8853, so what surplus the others had was not enough to balance this large deficit.

We ask all to study this report. If sixteen churches could make up 20 cents a week per member, why should not the other twenty-one? Is it because the sixteen are rich and the twenty-one poor? Look at the names and see if that argument will hold. Really, brethren, what does make the difference?

E. W. FARNSWORTH,
Pres. Cal. Conf.

Beginning Early

Perhaps the greatest factor in the advancement of the third angel's message throughout the world to-day, is our schools. It is largely from our schools that the fields, both at home and abroad, have been supplied with the present corps of laborers, and we look to our schools for young men and women to take the places of those who are constantly cut down by death, and to answer the calls from unentered fields. Then, too, we should remember that these educational institutions have been established in obedience to direct instruction from God through the spirit of prophecy.

With these facts in mind, let us consider the 20-cent-a-week fund for a moment. It requires 15 cents per week from each member of the church to sustain the present work in the mission fields. If we come short of this, the work abroad must suffer. We are glad to note that during the year 1914 this amount was met. But our schools are laboring under a heavy burden of debt. Just now the Pacific Union Conference is making a strong effort to lift this indebtedness so that we will be free from the load we now carry, and save the vast amount that is paid out annually as interest. Every cent that we raise on the 20-cent-a-week fund, above 15 cents per week, will be applied on this indebtedness. If all are faithful in this matter so that the full 20 cents per week is given, we will have, to apply in this way, almost \$25,000.

For the year 1914, the Pacific Union Conference fell short of this almost \$10,000. Why?—Not because we were not able to give it, but because we did not begin with real earnestness early in the year. During the month of December there was given by the union conference about \$26,000, and our

average per capita was raised from 14½ cents per week to 18½ cents. If we had worked with the same earnestness during the entire year, that required sum would have been easily raised. Shall we not start the new year, 1915, with a firm resolve to reach the goal?

What part have we as members of the Arizona Conference acted in causing the shortage of last year? Let each one ask himself the question. Then shall we not set our weekly average, to be paid as we go along, at 15 cents and then have but 5 cents per week for the year to make up in our general offerings and the ingathering work?

I feel that we are well able to go up and possess the land. This is the Lord's work, and if we follow Him, He will lead us to certain victory. Let us arise and roll away the burden of debt.

J. ERNEST BOND,
Pres. Arizona Conf.

The Key to the Situation

Our goal is an average of 20 cents per week for foreign missions from each church member during 1915. This goal can be reached if each member will lift according to his God-given ability, and begin lifting with the first of the year. If we wait until the close of the year, the load will be very heavy indeed.

Someone has said that the Sabbath-schools furnish "the key to the situation," in that the Sabbath-school offerings are a systematic, weekly effort to lift the load. Let us then make use of the key. Now, if we could succeed in getting all our church members to unite with the Sabbath-school, either as regular members or as members of the home department, and then encourage them to lift the load each week, it will not seem so difficult. We know that it is the steady, strong pull, and the pull all together, that will best succeed in getting a load out of a difficult place. The jerky, spasmodic effort is very uncertain.

It is well to have some diagram or graph before the school which will clearly indicate just what the donations are week by week. A large blackboard can be used. Draw thirteen perpendicular lines across the board, these lines representing the thirteen Sabbaths in the quarter. Then draw horizontal lines across the board, each of these lines marked to represent a certain amount in dollars and cents. Then a heavier zigzag line can be drawn across the checked board, indicating just the

amount of the donations for each Sabbath during the preceding quarter. Then indicate the donations for the present quarter, Sabbath by Sabbath, by a similar heavy zigzag red line, according to the amounts of the offerings. This will at a glance show just how our offerings are, and will also give us a striking comparison between the donations of the present and the preceding quarter. Or, if desired, the comparison could be made between the present quarter and the same quarter a year ago.

Advancement is our aim. Let us always aim to keep the red line above the white line. The graph on the board will appear a little like a weather chart, or the nurse's temperature chart. When the red line drops down low we know that a "cold wave" has come to the school and we hasten to warm it up by some thrilling missionary experience, setting forth the needs of the great cause that we love. Let us all pull together and the load will be lifted. Let us convert the jerkers into steady workers, and the shirkers into jerkers, and finally into workers. This is the key to the situation.

Three kinds of people will be found Where'er we go the world around;
And some of them are quite renowned.
One class will work with heart and mind,
Are always sweet and always kind,
And these we call the workers.
The second class will go by jerks,
Sometimes they stop, sometimes they work,
And these we call the jerkers.
The other class will always shirk,
They love to talk, they hate to work,
And these we call the shirkers.

N. P. NEILSEN.

How Does it Look to You?

One of two things is certainly true,—either Seventh-day Adventists have the greatest work on hand of any people in the world, or they are the worst deceived people known. Think of it—the world to warn and educate for the closing of earth's history in a brief period, and this with resources limited to the earnings of a comparatively small company of believers!

But this is just as it should be; for were we a numerous people, with abundance of means, no offering of ours could be counted a sacrifice. As it now is, that which would seem a paltry gift from a rich person, would be to almost anyone of our people quite a sacrifice. Yet the promise of being gathered by Christ when He comes to receive His own, is to those who have made an engagement of sacrifice service for His sake. Ps. 50: 5.

It was such a covenant on Christ's part that gave Him to taste death for you and me. So then, to be workers together with Him (1 Cor. 3:9), is to be a sacrifice worker, willing to give even life for the salvation of men. Can you do this, or do the allurements of worldly occupation and its comforts sway the mind in their direction?

The rapid accumulation of evidences that the closing scenes are just ahead makes it time for all to consider well this one important question; for when the great change shall actually come, then "whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?" Luke 12:20. It needs no logic to prove that it is better to yield these worldly effects into the hands of the Master now, while they can be used for the advancement of His work, than to hold them for the above significant question sure to be propounded at the close of one's career.

Why should one complain of frequent calls upon generosity, as though it were burdensome, when the Saviour's command is: "Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me, . . . for My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." Matt. 11:29,30. Did He not submit to every self-denial, upon leaving the riches of glory to take human nature, and die for you? Was it not a yoke, which meant heavy sacrifice?—Yes, indeed, and one in which only love could make bearable. Then why not learn to love Him, and His sacrificial toil enough to yoke up with Him in closing out the world work speedily? Then every sacrifice made will be turned into riches of glory, to be enjoyed throughout endless ages. Come then, let's lift at the load, and strain with Him at the yoke until the work is accomplished. What say you?

—J. O. C.

What Shall We Do?

Nineteen hundred fourteen has gone. Nineteen hundred fifteen is here. What can we do to be successful in raising 20 cents a week per member for missions?—First, make some plan to keep the fund up to date as you go along. Do not be satisfied to raise one-half or one-third of your apportionment as time goes by. Make some plan so that nearly all the money will be secured week by week as the Sabbaths come and go.

The following suggestions may be helpful: One Sabbath-school plans to raise nearly all by its offerings. If they do not get enough in the class collection they take another, either be-

fore school is dismissed or in the meeting that follows. In either case they propose to make it *all* up before the service is over.

In another Sabbath-school the brethren covenanted together to give a certain amount each Sabbath. Those who are so inclined give \$1 each, others 75 cents, some 50 cents, and so on until there is enough to make the amount required; and so, week by week, it all comes in and they do not get behind.

Another church throws all its church expense, including the church-school expense and teacher's salary, into the church expense account, and each member pledges to pay a certain amount each week on this account. In this way all church expenses are paid, and no collections are ever taken in meetings *for this purpose*. The way is thus left open for a missionary offering to be made *each Sabbath*, not only in the Sabbath-school, but also in the church service, and so those who do not attend Sabbath-school have an opportunity to contribute in the regular meeting. The church that adopted this plan raised its 20 cents a week and a little over.

Two or three other churches made use of what they call "self-denial boxes." Each family or person had a little box on the dining table, and each member of the family dropped in a penny after each meal. If the person had three meals a day this would make 21 cents a week. Of course many put in nickels, dimes, and quarters. It is unnecessary to say that the church that adopted this plan raised its entire amount.

Other plans may be equally good or better; but, brethren, have *some* plan, and work to carry it out as the weeks go by. Do not let everything run along without plan or purpose. Have a weekly goal to reach, and do not give up till it is attained.

These are only suggestions. Other plans may be equally good. Any kind of a plan is better than no plan at all, so adopt one of some kind and make it a success.

Who is responsible for the success or failure in the raising of missionary funds?—Without doubt the elders and deacons of the church, and this responsibility is shared equally by the superintendent and secretary of the Sabbath-school. In other words the officers of the church and Sabbath-school are the ones to look after this fund.

If a church succeeds in raising its share of this fund they should have the

credit; and if the church fails they should, to a great extent, be held responsible for the failure.

Let us all work to make this a complete success during 1915.

E. W. FARNSWORTH,
Pres. Cal. Conf.

Who Is It?

The Lord has asked an important question, which sounds as though He more than suspected some one or more were attempting to evade His reasonable demands. Indeed He proceeds to lay charge before some without calling names. Does He hint at your or my conduct? It may be that one and all would like to do as did the disciples of Christ at the last supper, when the Master said that one of them would betray Him. They each in turn asked, "Lord, is it I?"

Well, you ask, "What is it all about?" The question the Lord asks is: "Will a man rob God?" It is thought a terrible thing for one man to rob another, no better than himself. But this question is asked as though the thing could hardly seem believable. Yet the Lord says that "ye," that is, some one or more have robbed Him, not only in tithes but also in *offerings*. Mal. 3: 8, 9.

What does God mean by this? It cannot be that some one or more have sought to waylay Him, to snatch away His treasured belongings. No, that is not the thought. The word *gaba* used here means to "circumvent" Him in His household plans. The meaning, in turn, of the English word is to take a roundabout way to outwit another, in other words to deceive by artifice.

You say, That is just too bad for anybody to attempt. So might all agree, and yet the charge is made against some who profess to be of the Lord's household. In this investigation, nothing need be said about the tithe; for it must be that most of us at least would hardly dare to face the final result of using for *common* purposes in private life, funds that the Lord has made sacredly His own.

Let us, then, look at the matter of offerings. In withholding these, the Lord says that one circumvents Him in the plan of keeping His storehouse well filled. The bestowal of these sacrifices is accounted an "offering in righteousness," one "pleasant unto the Lord." Verses 3, 4. This being so, should one refuse or belittle an investment which is sure to give pleasure to Jehovah, and to return upon the head of the

donor the manifest blessings of the Receiver, and these so large that one has not sufficient capacity to entertain their fulness. Verses 10-12.

Could one but comprehend the increasing opportunities now offering for extended effort in carrying the message we love into regions beyond, and which cannot be fully embraced for lack of funds, and further to realize that the Lord's coming to take us home depends upon these remote parts having this "gospel of the kingdom" reach them, he would surely rejoice at the privilege of giving the 20 cents a week now being called for to help finish the work.

Besides, the promise is held out that if this union conference shall this year, reach the goal set, 5 cents per week will be returned to the union to assist in rolling away the reproach of debt that now encumbers our educational work. Why should not every member of our churches arise to shake off the incubus which has so long attended us, and go free from the bonds of debt paralyzation, to press the battle of evangelization to the very gates of victory? Let us all take hold of this thing with a will, and see what the outcome will be.

—J. O. C.

It Can Be Done

Six of the churches in the Central California Conference finished up the year 1914 with an average of more than 20 cents a week per member in their mission offerings. In one or two instances, churches that have gone beyond the 20-cent average have been, judging by conditions, those of which it would be the least expected. This forces us to the conclusion that the goal set by the General Conference is attainable. The churches which have passed the 20-cent mark are Chowchilla, Dinuba, Dinuba German, Island, Lindsay, and Reedley. It is now a demonstrated fact that our churches can do it.

In studying the progress of this fund during the year, we find that the average for the last half of the year was just about 20 cents, while for the first six months of the year it was only about half that. Nearly every church which won out at the close of the year was one which started in the first of the year with a 20-cent average. Then is not this one reason why more of our churches have failed?

How It Can Be Done

In nearly every church where the leaders have felt their responsibility in this matter, and through the year have

borne the burden of keeping it before our people, the church either reached the mark, or came near reaching it. Certainly the leaders must realize that in a special way the burden of raising the money in their church rests upon them, and in a special way they are responsible. They should feel the responsibility resting upon them so heavily that in turn they will lay the burden upon the membership. I believe that the blessing of God will be upon every man and woman who stands before the church in this way. In considering ways by which this task can be accomplished, we must first turn to—

The Church

No church can afford to neglect the second Sabbath readings. If these readings, prepared by the mission board, are passed over lightly, we will certainly lose because of it. Some of our churches are working toward a plan of raising money for church expenses and other similar funds by monthly subscriptions, so that the offering every Sabbath may go to missions. The churches that are trying this find that it is increasing the funds for foreign work, and the local funds are not suffering. Every church ought to feel that its duty has not been discharged until it has reached as nearly the 20-cent average as possible, and where it is possible, to go beyond that average. We are sure as our people sense more fully the needs of the hour and the nearness of the end that this will be done.

The Sabbath-school

One Sabbath-school in this conference in its offerings averaged more than 15 cents for every member of the church. Here then is an avenue that should be very carefully watched by church and Sabbath-school officers. In another Sabbath-school the elder constantly kept before the school the amount of the offering for the previous quarter. The following quarter their offerings Sabbath by Sabbath were just about double. Any method that will keep our people acquainted with just what is done will greatly stimulate the offerings.

The Young People's Society

If every young people's society would attain to the goal in foreign offerings set by the Missionary Volunteer Department, it would be another source of income to the church on its 20-cent funds. We are glad to report that our young people's societies have passed their goal in this regard.

Why It Should Be Done

There are two very important reasons why we should raise the full amount

this present year. First, our constantly expanding foreign work requires the full 15 cents. We cannot, therefore, think of reducing this amount for our foreign work a single cent. Second, if we average the full 20 cents, it will mean that several thousand dollars will be returned to us for our institutional work, and would, therefore, very materially assist in the raising of the final amount of the \$150,000 fund. These two reasons should stir every believer in this conference to his full duty in this work.

B. E. BEDDOE,

Pres. Central Cal. Conf.

Responsibility of Remnant Church

The people of the earth are now enacting the closing scenes of the rebellion against God's government. As the last moments pass rapidly through the hour-glass of time, the prince of darkness hastens the work of ruin, while the angel of mercy searches the multitudes with the light of the last gospel message. "The fast fulfilling signs of the times declare that the coming of Christ is near at hand. The days in which we live are solemn and important. The Spirit of God is gradually but surely being withdrawn from the earth. Plagues and judgments are already falling upon the despisers of the grace of God. . . . The agencies of evil are combining their forces, and consolidating. They are strengthening for the last great crisis. Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones." Testimonies, Vol. 9, p. 1.

In answer to the anxious questions of the disciples as to what would be the signs of His coming and the end of the world, the Lord said, "Ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: . . . Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows." Matt. 24: 6-8. Continuing, He said, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Verse 14. Truly can we say: "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears." Luke 4:21.

In this, the last generation, a generation boastful of its attainments and enlightenment, "darkness covers the earth, and gross darkness the people," because they have been lulled into a

false security by leaders who have turned deaf ears to the warning voice of prophecy. "But blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear. For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them." Matt. 13:16,17.

"The world is stirred with the spirit of war. The prophecy of the eleventh chapter of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfillment. Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in the prophecies will take place." Testimonies, Vol. 9, p. 14.

Nearly half the population of the earth are now engaged in a titanic struggle for the uncertain fruits of a victory that is being purchased by an appalling sacrifice. Millions of men have sprung into line at the call of their king.

"Now the church is militant. Now we are confronted with a world in midnight darkness, almost wholly given up to idolatry. But the day is coming in which the battle will have been fought, the victory won. . . . But the church must and will fight against seen and unseen foes. Satan's agencies in human form are on the ground. Men have confederated to oppose the Lord of hosts. These confederacies will continue until Christ shall leave His place of intercession before the mercy-seat, and shall put on the garments of vengeance. . . . This is no time for the people of God to be weaklings. We cannot afford to be off our guard for one moment." Testimonies, Vol. 8, p. 42.

"By aggressive warfare, in the midst of opposition, peril, loss and human suffering, the work of soul-saving is to be carried forward. At a certain battle, when one of the regiments of the attacking force was being beaten back by the hordes of the enemy, the ensign in front stood his grounds as the troops retreated. The captain shouted to him to bring back the colors, but the reply of the ensign was, 'Bring the men up to the colors!' This is the work that devolves upon every faithful standard-bearer,—to bring the men up to the colors. The Lord calls for whole-heartedness. We all know that the sin of many professing Christians is that they lack the courage and energy to bring themselves and those connected with them up to the standard." Testimonies, Vol. 9, pp. 45, 46.

The whole earth is to be lightened by the glories of the third angel's message.

the everlasting gospel, in its final setting. This places upon the remnant church the responsibility of providing the workers and the means for their support. In making calculations for the advancement of the work in foreign fields, the mission board has averaged the expense according to our membership. As the work has advanced, this average has grown, until now we are planning to raise in this union conference an amount equal to 20 cents per week for every member in the union. Many of the churches reached this average during 1914, and an enthusiastic campaign has been launched to make it the goal for every member of the church during 1915.

"God himself originated plans for the advancement of His work, and He has provided His people with a surplus of means, that when He calls for help, they may respond, saying, 'Lord, Thy pound hath gained other pounds.' If those to whom God's money has been entrusted will be faithful in bringing the means lent them to the Lord's treasury, His work will make rapid advancement. Many souls will be won to the cause of truth, and the day of Christ's coming will be hastened." Testimonies, Vol. 9, p. 58.

How may we be enabled to bring our financial requirements up to the standard demanded by the rapid growth of the message in foreign fields?—"The Lord desires His people to be thoughtful and caretaking. He desires them to practice economy in everything. If the workers in the mission fields could have the means that is used in expensive furnishings and in personal adornment, the triumphs of the cross of Christ would be greatly extended." "Indulge in nothing that is simply for display. Your money means the salvation of souls. Let there be systematic giving on the part of all." "My brethren and sisters, do not spend a large amount of time and money on self, for the sake of appearance." "Let every unnecessary expense be cut down." "My brethren and sisters, confess and forsake your selfishness and bring to the Lord your gifts and offerings." Extracts from Testimonies, Vol. 9, chapter, "Freely Ye Have Received."

"So God's work in our world is to be carried forward. Faithful stewards are to place the Lord's money in His treasury, that workers may be sent to all parts of the world. The church here below is to serve God with self-denial and sacrifice. Thus the work is

to be carried forward and the most glorious triumphs won." Testimonies, Vol. 9, p. 59. "May God help His people to arouse and walk and work as men and women on the borders of the eternal world. Soon an awful surprise is coming upon the inhabitants of the world. Suddenly, with power and great glory, Christ will come. Then there will be no time to prepare to meet Him. Now is the time for us to give the warning message." Testimonies, Vol. 8, p. 37. J. ADAMS STEVENS,

Supt. Nevada Mission.

FIELD TIDINGS

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Fullerton and Anaheim

Sabbath, February 13, was a good day for the above mentioned companies. For some time this date had been looked forward to as the time for the baptism of the candidates from Fullerton and tributary districts. As heretofore stated, there being no one to act as elder at Fullerton, these candidates were advised to join the church at Anaheim, and for that purpose gathered there on this date.

Elder C. F. Falkenburg, who had charge of the tent effort at Fullerton, was present to administer the ordinance of baptism, and in behalf of the church extended the right hand of fellowship to the candidates as they stood before their watery grave. The room was all but too narrow to accommodate the fourteen candidates as they stood abreast before the congregation. Two of these were from Anaheim.

One sad feature of the occasion was that the one who had so generously provided the house of worship, although wishing to be immersed with this number, because of physical infirmities was not even allowed to be present at the first baptismal service held in the Anaheim church.

As there seem to be indications that the field of labor of Mrs. Fitch and myself will soon be so situated as to take us away from Fullerton, my earnest prayer is that God will send someone to that place to hold together the little company which has been organized.

D. D. FITCH.

MISCELLANY

WANTED A BAKER.—Experienced baker wanted at once. Loma Linda Food Company. Address above, giving experience and references. 27-3

FOR SALE.—Alfalfa honey in five-gallon cans \$4 per can. It is light color and fine flavor. Sample free. Satisfaction guaranteed. Correspondence solicited. M. S. Dickinson, Los Banos, Cal. 24-3mo

WANTED.—Signs, Watchman, Instructor, tracts for missionary work. Prepay postage to insure my receiving them. Mrs. L. M. Maycock, 333 East Cleveland Street, Stockton, Cal.

WANTED.—Competent salesman to sell our brooms to the trade, also house-to-house representatives to sell to the consumer. This is a missionary enterprise to enable us to give work to worthy students. San Fernando Academy, San Fernando, Cal.

FOR SALE.—Twenty-seven acres near St. Helena Sanitarium; ten acres cleared. About fifty-five young prune trees. Good for chicken ranch, fruit and vegetables. Lots of water. Three and one-half miles from St. Helena. Ten minutes' walk to sanitarium and church-school of ten grades. Price, \$55 per acre. Apply to Robert A. Keller, Sanitarium, Cal. 28-2

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College of Medical Evangelists Annual Meeting

The annual session of the constituency of the College of Medical Evangelists is called to convene at Loma Linda, Cal., at 10:00 A.M., March 24, 1915, for the purpose of electing seven members of the board of trustees for the ensuing term, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

E. E. ANDROSS, Pres.;

S. S. MERRILL, Sec.

California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association

Notice is hereby given that the eighteenth annual constituency meeting of the above association will be held at Sanitarium, Napa County, Cal., Wednesday, March 10, 1915, at twelve o'clock noon, for the election of directors, amending of by-laws, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

E. E. ANDROSS, Pres.;

L. V. ROBERSON, Sec.

Railroad Rates to the Los Angeles Conference

As previously announced, the regular convention rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip has been granted by the Southern Pacific, Santa Fe and Salt Lake Railroads, for the Los Angeles conference which is called for February 18 to 23.

Tickets for this meeting will be on sale at all offices of these roads in California from February 16 to 23, and can be used for return from February 18 to 25, provided there are fifty or more presenting receipts from ticket agents showing that they have paid full fare in going to the gathering.

These receipts must be signed at Los Angeles by the secretary of the meeting and a representative of the railroads before they can be used for return trip at the reduced rate.

When the ticket is purchased in going to the meeting, be sure to tell the agent that you are attending the Seventh-day Adventist conference in Los Angeles, and ask for a receipt for the fare paid. When properly signed at Los Angeles, this will entitle you to return at the reduced fare if used on or before the Thursday following the close of the meeting.

CLAUDE CONARD,
Sec. Pacific Union Conf., S. D. A.

The Conference at Oakland

As stated in last week's issue of the RECORDER, the boundary lines in the California field north of the Tehachapi Mountains were adjusted at the Oakland meeting so as to make four conferences in the territory where three had formerly existed.

The following lists of officers were elected for these fields:

California Conference.—President, J. L. McElhaney; secretary and treasurer, H. B. Thomas; executive committee, J. L. McElhaney, C. E. Ford, R. S. Fries, M. A. Hollister, H. G. Childs, A. Brorsen.

Northern California.—President, Clarence Santee; secretary and treasurer, Verah MacPherson; executive committee, Clarence Santee, A. J. Osborne, T. H. Watson, J. W. Rich, Geo. F. Wisner, N. W. Kauble, E. J. Urquhart.

Central California.—President, N. P. Neilsen; secretary and treasurer, G. A. Wheeler; executive committee, N. P. Neilsen, E. H. Adams, T. E. Brown, G. A. Grauer, A. N. Loper, P. J. Wolfson, Nis Hansen.

Northwestern California.—President, J. Adams Stevens; secretary and treasurer, S. Donaldson; executive committee, J. Adams Stevens, E. J. Hibbard, S. T. Hare, L. M. Brown, E. C. Bond.

Elder C. L. Taggart was asked by the Pacific Union Conference committee to take the superintendency of the Nevada Mission field, made vacant by the election of Elder Stevens to the presidency of the newly organized conference in California.

A full synopsis of the Oakland meeting, together with financial reports and statistics will be given in an early number of the RECORDER.

CLAUDE CONARD.

Why Not Just Now?

The above question is regarding your RECORDER. When did you look at the label on the wrapper? It may be you have been too busy to think of that. Well, why not take time just now to look at it. It may be that the indication there will prompt you to renew your subscription at once. The RECORDER needs your support, and you need the timely information it is constantly giving in regard to the various movements which affect our work either for, or against it.

Need reasons be given why you and all other members of your church ought to be constant readers of our little paper? It may be said that even now there are at least six measures pending in the legislature of California, which look to the hindrance of our work. The foes of religious liberty are bestirring themselves greatly to overcome the defeat of last November. You will want to keep informed regarding their progress or retreat in the attacks being made. The RECORDER is the only medium we have for giving such information quickly.

Again, you want to keep in close touch with the efforts being made to raise the indebtedness on our educational work. You cannot fail to be interested in the report in this number, of the splendid assistance given that enterprise by the North American Division Conference. There will be other surprises coming right along, the thrill of which you ought to feel.

So your renewal of subscription is the first thing in order. Just think, it is only 50 cents for a whole year's information and good cheer. Send off the price now before you lose sight of the importance of doing so. Another thing,—talk this matter in the church. Find those who do not have the paper, and solicit their subscriptions. It will do them good, and give you a blessing besides.

Now don't let home business becloud this little duty. Go about the matter at once, and forward renewals and new subscriptions to Claude Conard, Box 146, Glendale, Cal. *Do it now*, and get the blessing that is coming to you for the effort.

This Is What Was Done

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It will be noted that our average run from 15½ cents per member to 55½ cents. The large showing for the Arizona Conference comes in part from a legacy to missions of \$4,790.45 which was applied on this fund. Also early in the year a special donation of about \$4,000 was received by the Southern California Conference. These contributions have been a great help in making the totals as large as are here indicated; for without these, the general average for the union conference would have been considerably lower.

One very encouraging feature in the raising of this fund in 1914 was the number of our larger churches which made up their full quota. Sixteen churches in the California Conference, among them Berkeley, Pacific Union College, Mountain View, San Francisco and Sanitarium have averaged 20 cents or more. Loma Linda, Paradise Valley, Pomona and Redlands were of the eleven churches in the Southern California Conference that paid in full. Six churches in Central California reached the goal. One church in Utah paid out; and as will be seen from the tabulated report, the entire fields of Arizona, Northern California and the Nevada Mission have averaged above the 20 cents.

The table below gives the total amount raised in each of the union conferences in the North American Division with average cents per member.

Union Conference	Amount Received	Av. cents per week per mem.
Atlantic	\$ 59,040.22	20.61
Canadian	10,217.15	21.06
Central	78,633.44	18.48
Columbia	70,085.25	20.03
Lake	99,167.92	17.18
Northern	67,568.32	20.60
North Pacific	56,251.71	15.46
Pacific	84,797.46	18.88
Southeastern	22,126.26	16.42
Southern	15,709.00	14.62
Southwestern	30,172.63	13.14
Western Canadian	16,667.10	24.58
North American Division	\$610,436.46	18.06

Five of the twelve union conferences secured more than 20 cents, and only two fell below 15 cents. The average for the North American Division was 18.06 cents, and the Pacific Union Conference stood almost one-third of a cent above this.

Under date of January 31, the Pacific Union Conference received a check from the treasurer of the North American Division for \$14,927.26, the amount above 15 cents a week per member which had been collected in this field. As per previous arrangement this sum will be placed on the educational fund indebtedness. If each union conference pays its mission quota, full 20 cents per week is contributed by all of our members in the Pacific Union Conference during 1915, \$25,000 will be returned at the close of this year to apply on our educational fund.

With three of our fields going above the required average last year, and so many of our larger churches in every conference reaching the prescribed goal; mindful of the assistance that will be rendered to our \$150,000 educational fund; and in view of the fast closing scenes of earth's history, and the soon return of our blessed Lord to claim His own, we believe that there is no doubt whatever but that our entire field will raise its full apportionment or more on the 20-cent-a-week fund in 1915.

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Read the article, "Why Not Just Now?" on page 7.

Referring to the \$150,000 educational fund, a recent communication from Elder G. W. Reaser states that one of the most encouraging experiences that they have had in the solicitation of money on this account was at the Pacific Union College, where the faculty, parents and students subscribed \$7177.50.

Of the \$78,000 that has been subscribed by individuals to date on the \$150,000 educational fund, \$6428.36 has been paid into the Pacific Union Conference treasury. This is being placed out at interest pending the time when the full amount shall have been subscribed, and all that has been received can be applied on the school debts and improvements.

There appeared in the issue of the RECORDER of January 28, 1915, a statement of the standing on the 20-cent-a-week fund in the California Conference for 1914. In this the church at Sanitarium is listed as \$183.44 short of raising its quota, giving an average of 18.6 cents per member. The corrected showing is \$16.56 over paid, giving them 20.13 cents per member for each week of the year.

The "Mission Offerings" clock, a reproduction of which appears in this issue, has been found by many of our church leaders to be a valuable assistant in keeping before the members the standing of the church to date on the 20-cent-a-week fund. We believe that these are being furnished free by the conferences in their territory. Is yours up where all the members can see what is being accomplished toward the mission goal?

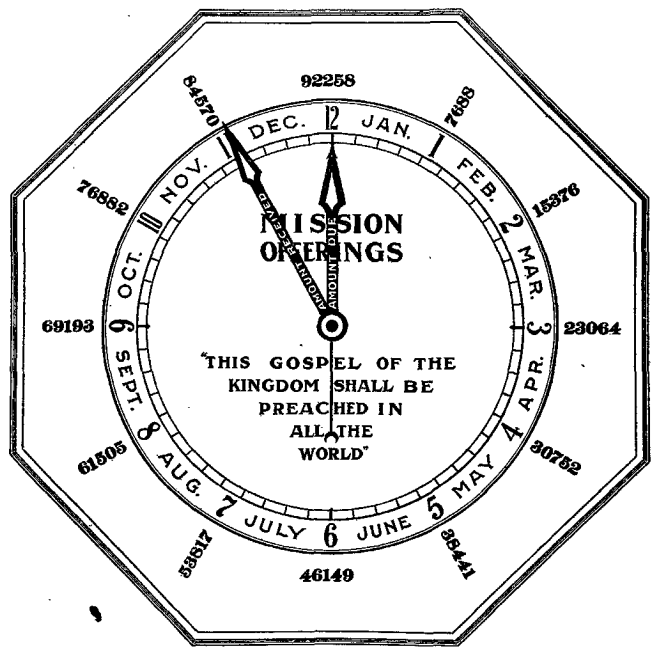
At least two churches in the Pacific Union Conference are planning to reach their full quota on the 20-cent-a-week fund if a good start is any indication. Word has come to us that Richmond and Pacific Union College churches, both in the California Conference, raised their full apportionment for January during that month. Richmond is a good representative of the smaller churches of the field, while Pacific Union College ranks among those of large membership. If these churches, under the unfavorable conditions which are known to exist, can keep up their quotas month by month, there would seem to be no valid reason why other of our churches should not do as well.

The Noblest of Adventures

"Can we dream of anything nobler and finer than this divine commission which our Lord gave to His church? Is there any exploit of chivalry, any glory of military achievement, any attainment of scholarship, any service of culture, even any height or depth of patriotic or humanitarian sacrifice, which can compare in simple beauty, grandeur, and worth with this superb ministry, in God's name, and at Christ's command, to the soul life of humanity?" Matt. 28:19, 20.

PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE S. D. A.

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This Is What Was Done

Our members in the churches of the Pacific Union Conference did well in their efforts toward raising the 20-cent-a-week missions fund last year. The cut at the head of this article shows just how our mission clock in the Pacific Union Conference office at Glendale pointed when full returns had been received of funds secured in the churches up to December 31, 1914.

On the membership basis reckoned at the General Conference office last year, this field should have raised \$92,258.40, at full 20 cents a week per member. The amount received was \$84,797.46, or \$7460.94 short of the goal. The average actually received per member was a little over 18½ cents a week.

The following table gives the amount contributed and the average per member for each conference in the field:

Conference	Full quota at 20 cents	Amount Received	Amount Short	Amount Over	Ave. cents per memb.
Arizona	\$ 2,433.60	\$ 6,734.98		\$4,301.38	55 ½
California	28,059.20	22,329.70	\$ 5,729.50		15.9
Central California	11,835.20	9,537.50	2,297.70		16.1
Northern California	11,845.60	11,898.18		52.58	20.1
Southern California	35,328.80	31,706.07	3,622.73		17.9
Utah	1,799.20	1,372.51	426.69		15 ½
Nevada Mission	956.80	1,218.52		261.72	25.5
	\$92,258.40	\$84,797.46	\$12,076.62	\$4,615.68	

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