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Home Missionary Council Held at Fresno, January 16-17, 1918

For the first time in the history of the development of our work in the Pacific Union Conference, a council of the conference home missionary secretaries has been held. January 16 and 17, the home missionary secretaries from all parts of the union, excepting the Inter-Mountain Conference, met in counsel at Fresno.

The following home missionary secretaries were present; G. A. Wheeler, Central California Conference; I. T. Reynolds, Arizona Conference; H. B. Thomas, California Conference; C. C. Morian, Southern California Conference; H. A. Hebard, Southeastern California Conference; Mrs. Belle C. Hall, Northern California Conference; Mrs. W. S. Holbrook, Nevada Mission Field; S. Donaldson, Northwestern California Conference; Elder B. E. Beddoe, Pacific Union Conference.

Also the following were present and joined us in our work: Elders E. E. Andross, N. P. Neilsen, E. H. Adams, Brethren Jas. Cochran, Ernest Lloyd, and Mrs. Mina Mann.

The overshadowing theme of our entire council was the distribution of

our territorial responsibility among the churches and among its members. The following interesting and convincing figures were brought to the attention of those present, showing the relation between the membership of our various conferences and their population:

Arizona	1 to	565
California	1 to	693
Central California	1 to	153
Inter-Mountain	1 to	864
Nevada Mission	1 to	446
Northern California	1 to	266
Northwestern California ...	1 to	169
Southeastern California ...	1 to	211
Southern California	1 to	409
Pacific Union Conference..	1 to	361
In whole world	1 to	12800

In this connection the following recommendations were adopted:

WE RECOMMEND, First, That the entire conference be thoroughly organized, and that the entire field be assigned to some church or company.

Second, That each church, or company, in the conference be thoroughly organized under the leadership of the missionary secretary until every member in the conference has been assigned to some definite work and territory.

Third, That all churches be divided into bands, under leaders, who will report to the church society; that each individual shall be held responsible for the work assigned him or her.

Fourth, That we encourage all workers to visit each home in their territory once each month, using as literature the weekly "Signs" or "Present Truth"; that at least one solicitor be selected by each band who will visit the interested ones and solicit annual subscriptions.

Fifth, That all lines of work such as visiting the sick, giving Bible readings, etc., be carried on, and that the

bands meet once each week to plan and pray for their work.

Sixth, That we recommend that the conferences use the "Work-Plan" sheet as printed by the Ohio Tract Society in organizing our churches.

B. E. Beddoe.

"There are some who are especially fitted to work for the higher classes. These should seek the Lord daily, making it a study how to reach these persons, not to have merely a casual acquaintance with them, but to lay hold of them by personal effort and living faith, manifesting a deep love for their souls, a real concern that they shall have a knowledge of the truth as it is in the word of God."

1917 Harvest Ingathering Campaign Completed

We have the pleasure of reporting, perhaps, the most interesting and effective Harvest Ingathering campaign that we have had in the Pacific Union Conference since we began soliciting funds from those outside the church in this way. The returns at the close of December show that the Arizona, Inter-Mountain, Northern California, and the Southern California Conferences, and the Nevada Mission had each passed their goal. Another nine hundred dollars in the total receipts would have put the Union Conference past its goal.

Every conference in the union received hundreds of dollars more than they received in the 1916 campaign. For the Union Conference, the increase of total receipts of 1917 over 1916 was nearly eight thousand dollars. The following table will be of general interest:

Harvest Ingathering Returns

Conference	Goal at \$1.87	Amt. Rec'd 1917	Amt. Rec'd 1916
Arizona	\$ 949.96	\$ 1,283.51	\$ 307.39
California	3,079.89	2,757.13	1,964.77
Central California	3,268.76	2,013.91	1,366.65
Inter-Mountain	1,402.57	1,567.80	643.75
Nevada	471.24	851.00	977.46
Northern California	3,020.05	3,349.08	1,955.82
Northwestern California....	2,526.37	2,502.61	1,674.88
Southeastern California....	3,164.04	1,982.03	1,324.04
Southern California	4,287.91	4,966.90	3,088.69
	\$22,171.00	\$21,273.97	\$13,303.45
Total Ingathering receipts, 1917.....			\$21,273.97
Total Ingathering receipts, 1916.....			13,303.45
Increase 1917 over 1916.....			\$ 7,970.52

B. E. Beddoe.

FIELD TIDINGS

INTER-MOUNTAIN

H. E. Lysinger, Pres. J. H. Weeks, Sec.
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Conference Items

We are sorry to report that Sister Leffingwell, our church school teacher at Grand Junction, is quite ill, but hope, however, she will be able to be in the schoolroom soon. Sister Lulu Davidson, of Fruita, has kindly consented to teach during Sister Leffingwell's absence.

Brother J. L. Sauder expects to join Brother F. H. Jenks, who is selling "Bible Readings" in southern Utah. Are there not other strong men who will give their lives to this sacred work? Brother, sister, does not the "still small voice" say to you, "this is the way, walk ye in it?"

Word comes from Brethren F. S. Chollar and F. A. Lashier, that their meetings began in Redvale, January 7, with an audience of twelve. By January 12 the house was full, forty or fifty being present. These workers are looking for a good harvest of souls, and ask us to remember them in prayer.

By this time, we trust that every church has received their mission clocks, and are watching, with keen interest, the hands of the clock move around toward the goal. May all put forth greater efforts to give freely, that the gospel may go to "every nation, kindred, tongue and peo-

ple," thereby hastening the coming of the Lord.

The writer has just returned from a visit to Logan, Salt Lake and Provo (Utah). This was my first visit to Provo, and, glad to say, it proved to be one of those visits that make you want to call again. Wherever we go, throughout the field, the brethren are full of courage; and knowing the ease with which our Harvest Ingathering goal was reached, are confident that the Inter-Mountain Conference can do greater things for God than has ever been done.

Brother H. B. Meeker, of Delta, Colorado, has been asked by the conference committee to accept the position as field secretary of this conference, and is now in active service. Brother Meeker hopes to find enough men and women who will take up colporteur work, so that a colporteurs' institute may be held in the early spring. All who would appreciate the privilege of attending such an institute, and receiving the instruction that will fit them to be active laborers in this closing work, please send in your name to H. B. Meeker, or J. H. Weeks at the office address.

H. E. Lysinger.

Salt Lake City Church Notes

Brother C. L. Roberts reports interesting experiences in connection with his book work. Many more of our consecrated believers should be going from door to door with the printed pages of truth.

For a number of months Brother C. H. Bates has been conducting

Sunday evening meetings at the county jail. These meetings seem to be appreciated by the prisoners, and we hope that some seeds of truth may be sown which will bear fruit.

Plans are laid for a spiritual feast during the general meetings to be held here February 7 to 10. We are hoping that our people from this end of the conference will avail themselves of this opportunity, and that there will be a good attendance. The church is planning to assist in making all comfortable who may come.

January 24.

W. M. Andross.

Montrose General Meeting

A general meeting is planned to be held at Montrose, Colorado, February 14 to 17. Elder E. E. Andross, the union president, will doubtless meet with us, and a real spiritual feast is expected. To miss the meeting may mean a greater loss than can be estimated in dollars and cents.

The Montrose church members are planning accommodations for those attending, but request that they bring bedding. Please remember this, and come prepared.

H. E. Lysinger.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

C. Santee, Pres. Verah MacPherson, Sec.
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Conference Items

Elders J. W. McCord and J. W. Rich commenced a series of meetings in Sacramento, the evening of the Sabbath, January 19.

Elder N. W. Kauble and Brother M. J. King have been holding meetings at Sutter City for about two weeks. Other laborers are assisting churches, and preparing places for meetings later.

Elder Meade McGuire held services with the students of the Lodi Academy during the last week, and today, Sister H. E. Osborne joined him to continue through the week. The Lord is richly blessing the effort.

The last quarter of the year, an average tithe of \$10.57 per member was paid in to the conference treasury. Who can estimate what the

blessing would have been if **each member** could receive the credit of that amount in the books of heaven? There are those who have looked on, but have received no credits for a share. How will it be for 1918?

The year 1917 was a year of blessing in many ways to the Northern California Conference. But with the blessings has mingled sorrow and separation. During the last six months of the year, fourteen members were taken from us by death. This has seemed to me a large number. January 1, 1917, our membership was 1615. January 1, 1918, our membership, above all deaths and apostasies, was 1753.

January 23.

Clarence Santee.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

N. P. Neilsen, Pres. G. A. Wheeler, Sec.
Box 1304, Fresno, Cal.

Pencilgrams

The church schools of this conference show an enrollment of 501. The present indications are that we shall need about thirty teachers next year. If all the conferences need the same increase, it is going to be a question where we shall secure the teachers.

Miss Lois Gilstrap is assisting Miss Rich with the Armona school. Miss Gilstrap taught a small family school the first of the year and is planning on being one of the regular teachers in a year or so. The Armona school has nine pupils in the first grade, making rather a large school for the teacher.

Prof. M. E. Cady visited the Fresno school this week and will speak at the church Sabbath, January 26. We shall either need to divide the school or provide a school building sufficient for four teachers. The latter would doubtless be the wiser and cheaper plan.

The volunteer societies have all reported with the exception of two. The total membership of those reporting is 413. We now have 19 senior societies and 13 junior. The juniors number 238. This makes us a total of 651. When all report, we will have about 700 members of the two branch-

es. "With such an army of workers as our youth might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Savior might be carried to the world." Our missionary volunteer societies are for the purpose of training our youth to work.

Alice Mina Mann.

Siftings

Elder E. W. Farnsworth met with our people at Bakersfield last Saturday.

Do not forget the 25 cents per week fund. The cause of God "moves forward by leaps and bounds," and we must plan to sustain it.

Our twenty-cent-a-week fund for 1917 was \$17,995.33, an increase of \$5,004.04 over that of 1916. This was a good gain. It was an average of 22.67 cents per week per member.

With sadness we chronicle the death of Sister Amelia Wolfson, which occurred at the home of her son, Brother P. J. Wolfson, near Merced, on Thursday, January 10. Sympathy is extended to the bereaved.

Our people will be glad to learn that our tithe for 1917 amounted to \$46,752.29, an increase of \$14,810.21 over 1916. It is more than twice as large as the tithe for 1915. We can but thank the Lord for this good increase.

Plans have been laid for the dedication of the new church building at Madera, Sabbath, February 2. We hope to have Elder E. W. Farnsworth with us; and an invitation is extended to our people of the surrounding churches to attend.

Remember the canvassers' institute to be held at Fresno, beginning Sabbath, February 16, and all who are interested in the book work plan to attend. We expect Brethren H. H. Hall and F. E. Painter to be with us a part or all of the time.

Brethren R. R. Breitigam and G. T. Vore will begin a series of meetings at Le Grande this week. The meetings will be held in our church, and we bespeak for these brethren an interest in the prayers of God's people in behalf of the effort.

Sister Lida Ackley underwent a severe operation this week, but we are glad to report that she is doing well, and indications are favorable at the present time for a good recovery. Let us remember her before the Throne of Grace.

Sister Gertrude Rodman, our Bible worker who has been working in Fresno, has just passed through a severe operation. Let us pray that it may prove successful, and that she may speedily recover, and be able to take up her chosen line of work again.

It was a pleasure to have Sister Lou Ellen Watts, one of the workers at the union conference office, spend a few days at our conference office last week. Sister Watts was connected with our office for several years before taking up work in the union office.

It has been planned to begin a series of meetings at Delano next Sunday evening. The meetings will be held in a neat, large auditorium in the grammar school building. Brethren B. L. Howe, R. L. Shoemaker and M. L. Rice will be connected with the effort. Pray for success.

We are glad to report that during last year 224 new members were received into the churches in our conference by baptism and on profession of faith. We thank the Lord for these souls, and pray that this year may be even more fruitful in saving the lost. Let us all do all we can. There is no greater work in this world than saving souls.

The officers' and general meeting held at Fresno last week was quite well attended. We were pleased to see so many of our elders and other officers present. The most of our churches were represented. Elders E. E. Andross, E. W. Farnsworth, B. E. Beddoe and Prof. M. E. Cady were present a part, or all of the time, and assisted in giving the instruction. The Lord came near and blessed us. Many were led to more fully realize the responsibilities that have been placed upon us as church officers. Plans were laid for more aggressive missionary work. The

whole conference will be districted, and definite territory given to each church. Thus we hope to reach every home in our conference with our literature, and be able to follow it up. When territory and responsibility is distributed, with the love for souls in our hearts, it can be done.

January 25. N. P. Neilsen.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

M. M. Hare, Pres. W. L. Mecum, Sec.
417 West 5th St., Los Angeles, Cal.

Glendale Bible Class

The following good report for the two months ending December 31, 1917, of Sister F. W. Merrill's Bible class, held in the Glendale church California, shows the interest aroused in missionary work there:

Bible readings held.....	13
Bible talks	74
Missionary calls	34
Missionary letters written.....	33
Papers mailed	137
Papers given away	121
Books loaned	40
Books given away	25
Tracts mailed and given away..	69
Hours of Christian help work...	67
Treatments given	48
Bouquets given away	48
Literature sold	\$38.25

May others be stirred to greater activity, and many souls be gathered in as a result of the faithfulness of this Bible class.

First Seventh-day Adventist Church, Los Angeles (Carr St.)

The First Seventh-day Adventist Church, known as the Carr Street Church, was organized on September 24, 1881, and located on Sixth street between Los Angeles and Wall streets.

About the year 1888 it was moved to 141 Carr street, its present location. On July 7 of the same year, Elder G. K. Owen conducted the first quarterly service in the new place. The membership of the church then numbered 64 and 32 are recorded as having attended this meeting.

The old records show that the tithe for the first three months of 1887 amounted to \$254.00, while for the corresponding quarter of 1898 it had increased to \$626.00.

This church has grown to be a strong factor in the work in Los Angeles,—in fact in Southern California.

During the year 1917, the missionary spirit has manifested itself in the gathering of souls. Quite a number have given themselves to God and identified themselves with the remnant church. Forty-nine new converts have been baptized, bringing the membership up to 418.

Due credit should be given to Bible workers and faithful members of the church for these new converts. The writer baptized three persons during the year as the result of one dear old sister's faithful missionary work. A rich reward will be given to the faithful soul-hunting church-member. There were eight re-baptisms.

The church certainly manifested a live interest in the Harvest Ingathering work. Many precious experiences were gained, and the Lord greatly blessed. Our goal of \$750.00 was more than realized.

After a number of years of inactivity in church school work, the members felt that this line should be taken up again. Accordingly, a school was started, and conducted in a rear room of the church until arrangements could be made for a permanent location.

Later, the old school building at Edendale was purchased, and moved a distance of seven miles to 1035 West Thirty-eighth street, a tract of ground leased for school purposes.

The building has been entirely remodeled. The cost has been very heavy. We have already paid out about \$1200 on the building fund and the operating expenses. The church is to be commended for the spirit shown in so freely supporting this good work. We have a good teacher who is doing earnest work.

Our tithes and offerings show a material increase. It may be of interest to some to see a comparative statement of some of the funds.

	1916	1917
20c a week	18.6	20.4
Tithe	\$ 5768.11	\$ 9297.98
Foreign missions.	1285.97	1541.31
S. S. offerings ...	1378.47	1648.96
Harvest Ingath'g.	488.20	795.10
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	\$10857.83	\$15739.03

These figures show a growth, and when we consider the rapid increase in the cost of living, it seems rather remarkable that so liberal a spirit is manifested. We are thankful that God's people are responding to the

leadings of the Holy Spirit, and trust that greater faithfulness and sacrifice will be seen during the year 1918.

W. Milton Adams,
Pastor.

A Decided Improvement

Doubtless our brethren and sisters in Southern California will be interested in the following figures on our home missionary work for the third and fourth quarters of 1917. Out of eighteen of the different lines of missionary work represented, thirteen show a gain over the report of the previous quarter.

Missionary letters written	726	1016
Missionary letters received	219	365
Number reporting....	570	674
Missionary visits....	1942	3175
Bible readings or cottage meetings held.	644	1090
Papers sold	755	3861
Papers given away...	6043	31390
Books lent or given away	1240	1548
Hours of Christian help work	1514	2725
Number of conversions	18	4
Offerings for home missionary work...\$108.65		\$1226

We are sure there have been more conversions as a result of the earnest efforts of our lay members, but which have not been reported.

It is gratifying to note that more of our members were faithful in reporting last quarter. We earnestly ask the co-operation of each member in this matter. We do not ask you to report for the sake of showing what you have done, but what the Lord has done through you. In other words, report it for Jesus' sake, and you need not fear that it will displease Him.

Another item of special interest in our summary this quarter is that more of our churches are holding weekly and monthly missionary meetings and trust that the next report will show a still greater improvement.

Quite definite plans are being laid for more aggressive missionary work in our conference, and we are sure our people will unite in executing these plans.

It is desired that each church

organize into bands—each band carrying on a certain line of work. For example, a "Literature Band," a "Missionary Correspondence Band," a "Christian Help Work Band," etc. In this way every member will be able to help in one of the several bands. Every one can have some part in working for souls.

Let each one determine to win at least one soul to Christ during the year. If we would glorify God, we must be fruitful. "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." We claim to be His disciples. Let us prove it by bearing fruit.

C. C. Morlan.

Correction

We wish to correct the item in the last week's issue of the "Recorder" stating that the Pasadena church raised 17.21 cents per week per member for the year 1917. It should have been 20.57 cents. This error was caused by their clerk reporting the wrong membership for the quarter ending December 31, 1916.

W. L. Mecum, Treasurer.

SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA

W. F. Martin, Pres. J. C. McReynolds, Sec.
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In and Around San Diego

The four days from January 12 to 15 gave time to observe the varied interests of the San Diego group of churches. Courage and progress are clearly in evidence to start the new year in the way of advancement. There are two thriving Missionary Volunteer societies, one at the G street church, and the other at Paradise Valley Sanitarium; the former under the direction of Elder Gilbert Schaffner, and the latter directed by Brother Cook. They are taking up the lines of study and work recommended by the General Department.

On Sabbath I met three of our young men from Camp Kearney, Brethren Geo. C. Nickle, Fred Klopfenstein, and E. C. Schneider. At the camp I visited with two others, H. A. Erickson and Fay Falconer, on Sunday. All are of good courage. The boys that I saw have good reports for the others. Some of our young men have been transferred to

Camp Kearny from eastern states lately, but I was unable to meet them.

The Paradise Valley Sanitarium is enjoying a fine patronage. Every place in the dining room was taken, and since coming home, I hear that more patients have come in and filled every room in the house. A coat of paint and other improvements make the place more attractive. A good spirit is evident among the family and among the guests.

The sanitarium school has grown to thirteen members. The eighth grade, which numbers four, is a busy class. Miss Atwood's patrons have a deep interest in the school; its success means much to the church of which it is an important part.

The G Street school can boast of this name only a little while longer, for a fine new school house is almost completed in the eastern part of the city. It is a modern building, constructed on lines characteristic of Southern California. This, with its

good position, will make it a splendid representative of the truth in San Diego.

Miss Ida Bennett and Miss Orpha Andrews are working hard and efficiently to carry the work well. Their pupils are working with them to make the most of their opportunities for a Christian education. Those taking ninth grade work are making good progress. Some are inquiring about San Fernando and Pacific Union College; this is a good sign of interest.

The University Heights church has a fine school under the direction of Miss McKenzie. Her enthusiasm is contagious, and the children are doing well. They have a promising garden—not little patches half cared for,—but a "school" garden. It is bringing in missionary money, too. The church is providing improved and sanitary equipment. The San Diego brethren mean business in their school work.

Max Hill.

Comparative Tithe and Twenty-Cent-a-Week Statement, January to December

Church	Tithe		20-cent-a-week Funds	Cts. per week per member	
	1916	1917		1916	1917
Anaheim	\$ 431.02	\$ 859.68	\$ 564.74	11.51	36.20
Beaumont	605.33	642.74	135.12	19.33	15.28
Blythe		177.29	156.15		27.09
Brawley	1597.00	2748.72	929.37	23.66	29.78
Brea	195.97	237.07	86.22	9.07	13.81
Centralia	287.45	673.18	265.07	6.65	20.39
Colton	413.81	663.20	308.58	26.83	22.82
Corona	52.05	34.16	22.57	13.21	3.94
El Cajon	750.93	426.86	174.38	20.08	27.94
El Centro	608.03	683.41	223.10	19.48	33.00
Elsinore		410.36	270.96		42.53
Escondido (English)	745.66	1129.09	546.85	9.88	14.60
Escondido (German)	111.52	21.00	27.69	7.35	2.95
Garden Grove	689.03	1115.41	492.21	6.51	14.58
Hemet	650.43	723.77	392.54	8.19	12.58
Hinkley	337.27	330.55	151.62	6.17	26.50
Holtville	657.28	923.57	318.06	13.83	16.53
La Mesa	164.92	181.05	144.46	18.46	23.15
Loma Linda	12070.49	14074.28	4576.46	23.67	22.11
New River	367.18	1362.49	393.07	30.65	21.59
Ontario	704.85	1147.00	489.27	11.91	23.52
Orange	716.17	1010.80	639.68	15.81	30.00
Palm City		186.27	178.87		41.69
Paradise Valley	3266.79	3339.43	1843.32	36.17	31.65
Redlands	1597.59	3352.70	801.33	21.14	22.66
Rialto	374.27	417.32	216.97	23.04	23.18
Riverside	1336.57	2837.46	1102.45	16.73	27.89
San Bernardino	759.70	1101.23	405.85	12.05	21.68
San Diego (G Street)	4541.39	4643.05	2294.34	18.13	20.91
San Pasqual	406.44	439.73	550.05	39.02	39.17
Santa Ana	1641.37	3196.27	1139.44	12.56	28.09
University Hts. (San Diego)	2647.78	2481.89	761.22	14.97	18.53
Personal	281.46	175.22	2464.86		
	\$39009.75	\$51746.25	\$23006.87	18.29	24.17

Gain in Tithe for year 1917 over 1916\$12,736.50
Gain in 20-cent-a-week fund (per week per member)0588

John C. McReynolds, Treasurer.

BOOK WORK

An Impressive Sight

That is what greeted the eyes of the Pacific Union bookmen a few days ago, when we were shown through the great stock rooms of the Pacific Press Publishing Assn. Imagine yourself looking at great stacks of truth-filled books. Picture a hundred thousand such volumes. We saw not merely one hundred thousand, but more than four hundred thousand—nearly a half million—such books; not pamphlets, or tracts, but books, either bound, or ready for binding, and the impression it made upon my mind has not left me yet. It made me think of a great munitions factory getting the shells ready for the soldiers at the front. This indeed, is what it is, and all of this ammunition will soon be shipped out to the faithful soldiers of the cross, who are out on the firing line preparing for the great "spring drive."

Books seemed to be everywhere. The shipping room was piled high with them, and the walls and floor space of the large stock rooms were covered with orderly stacks of books. We were shown one great heap of a thousand copies of "Great Controversy," Spanish, and told that these, and a thousand more just like them, together with a thousand copies of "Practical Guide," were to be shipped to fill a single order from South America.

Somehow, as I looked, I seemed to catch a vision of the thousands of homes scattered through the cities and villages, and among the mountains of that great continent where these books, and many others, would be carried by men and women whose faces were aglow with a beautiful devotion to the cause which they love. Let us thank God for such loyal workers, and pray that He may raise up many others to unite with them in this great work,—not alone in fields abroad, but in the homeland as well, thus forming a chain of "living witnesses" that will reach around the world.

During the past year 511 tons, or more than 20 carloads of books, pamphlets and tracts, have gone out from the Pacific Press, with a total

valuation of over \$500,000, a gain over last year of more than \$100,000. This is from one publishing house alone. The others have done about as well.

It is truly marvelous how the Lord has opened the way for our books to go. The doors to the homes and hearts of Protestants, Catholics and unbelievers are open to this message, and NOW is our great opportunity.

Who will respond to God's call to services before these doors are closed and barred, and the sign is hung out, "NO ADMITTANCE! TOO LATE!"

F. E. Painter.

Colporteurs' Convention

Our colporteurs' convention, or properly termed, "Missionary School," opens February 16, in Fresno, and continues until February 25 inclusive. Elder E. H. Adams will be the Bible teacher, and Brother F. E. Painter, our union secretary will be here to assist in the work, besides others.

Brother H. H. Hall, who has recently returned from Central America has promised to be with us on the opening Sabbath, and in the evening will give a stereopticon lecture on his six months' experience in Central America.

Health lectures have been arranged for with three physicians of long experience, and these will add much to the interest and value of the school.

The good Lord has greatly blessed the work of our faithful workers the past year, and already some are in the fold as a result of their labors. Brother Adams of Hanford has had the experience of customers calling at his house for more books. Others sent for him to call at their homes. Surely the time has come to finish the work.

C. L. Davis.

Importance of the Colporteur Work

"The canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order."

"The canvassing work is more important than many have regarded it. If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the people,

thus leading them to search the Scriptures."

"From the light given me, I know that where there is one canvasser in the field, there should be one hundred. Let canvassers go forth with the word of the Lord, remembering that those who obey the commandments, and teach others to obey them, will be rewarded by seeing souls converted; and one soul converted will bring others to Christ. Thus the work will advance into new territory."

"The time has come when a large work should be done by the canvassers. The world is asleep, and as watchmen they are to ring the warning bell to awake the sleepers to their danger."

As you read these quotations, are you carefully weighing their import? They are solemn words to us, from the Spirit of God. Do not pass them heedless by.

We are told that hundreds of men and women now idle could do acceptable service. Are you one of the hundreds? Do you hear a still, small voice calling you to service? If so, why then longer procrastinate? Time is passing; we are rapidly nearing the end. The souls that we might help to-day may by to-morrow be far from our reach, and forever lost.

I fancy I can hear a number say as they read these lines, "Yes, I hear the call, and I am planning to answer, just as soon as this, that, and the other obstacle is removed." My brother, it is Satan's trick to get you to ever see obstacles in the way of duty, and to wait for their removal, for while you are waiting, many souls are dying "without hope and without God in the world." Go to God with the hindering cause, and ask Him in faith to help you get away from it, and He will.

"Many of our people are to go forth with our publications into places where the third angels' message has never been proclaimed. Our books are to be published in many different languages. With these books, humble, faithful men are to go out as colporteur-evangelists, bearing the truth to those who would otherwise never be enlightened."

"The work of the canvassing-evangelist, whose heart is imbued with the Holy Spirit, is fraught with wonderful possibilities for good." "It

is not learned, eloquent speakers that are needed now, but humble, Christ-like men and women, who have learned from Jesus of Nazareth to be meek and lowly, and who, trusting in His strength will go forth into the highways and hedges to give the invitation, 'Come, for all things are now ready.'

To you whom God is calling to the colporteur work, will you not answer, "Here am I; send me." I will be glad to hear at once from any who will volunteer for service in the Inter-Mountain field.

H. B. Meeker.

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Special Notice—Terms

Advertising rate: 50 words or less, first insertion, \$1.00. Each additional insertion, if run consecutively, 50 cents. No advertisement will be accepted unless cash accompanies the same. Reference from a conference laborer or church elder must accompany notices from advertisers not personally known to the "Recorder" management.

Wanted.—Private teacher for girl of ten years. Good home; church privileges; small pay. Write for particulars. Address Mrs. T. E. Hare, Cutler, Cal. 2t

Any of our people wishing to locate near church and church school, where they can obtain work in a cannery during the summer, may write to the Sonoma Valley Canning Co., Sonoma, Cal., for further particulars. Cannery is operated by Seventh-day Adventists. 6t

For Sale.—Twenty-seven acres very best sub-irrigated land, five miles north of Lemoore, Cal. Near ten grade church school. Good improvements; family orchard; some wood on place; good alfalfa land. Good crops grown without the use of ditch water. Come and see for yourself. Address D. C. Starrett, Route A, Box 200, Lemoore, Cal. 2t

Notice of Annual Meeting of the College of Medical Evangelists

The annual session of the constituency of the College of Medical Evangelists is called to convene at Loma Linda, San Bernardino County, California, Monday, March 25, 1918, at two o'clock P. M., 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, President.
3t S. S. Merrill, Secretary.

Correction

We are sorry to have to call the attention of our readers to errors occurring in an article of our last issue headed "Review Subscriptions Increase in This Union." The tabulation at the foot of the article should have had the following words at the head of the columns, "Conference, Ins, Out, Present List, Goal List." Without these column headings, the tabulation would be meaningless to all except those who are fully familiar with the table, also the total "Ins" should have been 332 instead of 443.

Obituaries

Hayden.—Oliver S. Hayden was born Nov. 17, 1846, in Branch, Mich., and died in Fresno, Cal., Dec. 10, 1917. He was a believer in the message, and of later years enjoyed church privileges, but had not yet united with the church. Services were conducted by the writer in the Seventh-day Adventist church of Fresno, Cal. He is survived by a wife, daughter, and a step-daughter.

E. H. Adams.

Larson.—Anders Erich Larson was born in Sweden, March 16, 1871, and died at Morgan Hill, Cal., Jan. 10, 1918, aged 46 years, 10 months and 6 days. Brother Larson came to the United States in 1893, and has been associated with our people about twelve years. He died with a good hope of the resurrection and eternal life. He leaves two brothers in Sweden, and one sister residing in Pasadena, Cal., and many friends to mourn his decease.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer. Interment took place in Morgan Hill, Cal.

A. E. Place.
("Review and Herald" please copy.)

Ward.—Laura Ann Carter was born in the state of Ohio, July 28, 1878. She came West with her parents while still an infant. In the year 1893 she was married, and seven children were born to the union. In 1915, Sister Ward united with the Healdsburg Seventh-day Adventist church, remaining faithful to the end, although a great sufferer. She fell asleep January 6, 1918, aged 39 years, 5 months, and 9 days. To mourn her loss she leaves her husband and six children, a father, mother, three brothers and four sisters. She fell asleep in the hope of a part in the first resurrection.

J. Adams Stevens.

Book Report, Week Ending January 18, 1918

Agent	Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Value	Del.
Arizona						
W. H. Spicer	P.G.	6	6	\$.39	\$ 25.30	\$ 5.90
C. F. Innis	B.R.	38	10	6.30	47.00	18.45
G. F. Knapp	B.R.	77	13	27.60	99.11	49.10
Button Bros.	H.W.	26	30		48.50	10.50
4 Agents		147	59	\$34.29	\$219.91	\$83.95
Central California						
M. O. Adams	B.R.	67	2	\$33.10	\$41.10	
G. H. Reese	C.E.	40	72	1.20	19.20	
Mrs. Hollenstein	C.E.				36.70	
3 Agents		107	74	\$34.30	\$97.00	
Southeastern California						
H. E. Farmer*	Misc.	67	12	\$45.05	\$ 92.55	\$58.60
G. H. Reese	C.E.	26		12.70	12.70	12.70
2 Agents *2 Weeks		93	12	\$57.75	\$105.25	\$71.30
Inter-Mountain						
J. L. Sauder	B.R.	30	11	\$ 9.20	\$64.70	
C. L. Roberts	B.R.	23	2	4.25	13.25	
2 Agents		53	13	\$13.45	\$77.95	
TOTALS		400	158	\$139.79	\$500.11	\$155.25

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Editorial Policy for the "Recorder"

At a recent meeting of the Pacific Union Conference Committee, consideration was given to the "Pacific Union Recorder." A committee was appointed to draft recommendations as to the policy that should be followed in the handling of "Recorder" copy. For the benefit of our contributors and readers, the recommendations of this committee are given herewith:

1. We recommend, That the dignity and high standard tone of the paper be constantly maintained, avoiding all undignified expressions.

2. We recommend, That our workers be encouraged to frequently write reports of their work for the columns of the paper, and to send in brief accounts of interesting experiences that come under their observation.

3. We recommend, That as a general rule, general articles do not exceed more than one thousand words.

4. We recommend, That the editor use his discretion in the publication and arrangement of the articles and reports.

5. We recommend, That the editor use his discretion in admitting only advertisements that are in keeping with the high standard of the paper. Advertisers unknown to the editor must furnish references from a conference laborer or church elder.

Have you seen it? Did you get one? If not, why not? It is a beauty. It will help you every day. Yes, it is the "Morning Watch Calendar." Four thousand, two hundred were used in the Pacific Union Conference during 1917, but already over seven thousand of the 1918 edition have been sold. The price, you know, is only 5 cents.

Not Understood

"I don't see why John acts so. He used to be the best boy," said one mother to another. "My trouble is with Mary," was the reply, sadly spoken. "I don't seem to understand her at all." These sentiments, spoken and unspoken, are in the minds of all parents in almost every home.

There are two books that will help. One is "Thoroughly Furnished," Part I, by Coleman; the other is "Talks with the Training Class," by Margaret Slattery. The two sell together for 50 cents. These books form the basis of the Sabbath School Training Course for 1918. The Training Course articles in the "Sabbath School Worker," beginning with February, will enable teachers and parents to study these books in the light of Scripture and the spirit of prophecy. Never before have teachers and parents had so excellent an opportunity to study together the reasons why Johnnie and Mary act as they do. These books do not stop there, either, but they show how parents and teachers may give Johnnie and Mary the help they need, in the various stages of their development. "Not understood" is the real reason for many sad failures of parents and teachers that have resulted in our boys and girls turning to the world for their work and their pleasure. It is with the hope of greatly strengthening the hands of parents and teachers in working for the youth and children that the 1918 Sabbath School Training Course has been planned. Some who take these studies will be enabled to turn defeat into victory in dealing with their children. Who can afford to miss them?

A Soldier Number

Another opportunity (possibly the last) to get the truth before the "boys" in a pleasing manner offers itself in the February "Signs Magazine." Eight of the articles are of direct interest to soldiers. The cover, and in fact most of the illustrations throughout, depict the soldier in one way or another. Those who sell this beautiful number are quite sure to meet with success. Why not mail a copy to each acquaintance who has responded to the call?

A Harvest Ingathering Experience

"I called upon a prominent lady who was the widow of a physician, the daughter of a minister, and a sister of a lawyer. She gave me \$5.00 for missions. I gave her Present Truth No. 4, 'The Second Coming of Christ.' She became interested, ordered a full set, and then 200 each of the principal issues of the series for her friends. She gave a copy of No. 4 to a friend of hers, the dean of a college, and after reading it, he said he had compared it with the Scriptures, and found it was true, and exclaimed: 'Just think of all of these years I have been preaching the opposite.'"

Present Truth No. 4 cost this worker only a half cent, but it has made her a permanent, interested, influential friend, and caused the circulation of over 2000 other issues to be effectively placed with intelligent and influential people. Was it not a good investment?

Prof. M. E. Kern writes:

"While in Iowa recently I learned of one of our young men who had given up the truth, and who ran away and joined the army. When on sentry duty he picked up a copy of 'The Watchman Magazine' and read it. There was something in it that touched his heart, and he wrote back to his home, asking for forgiveness for the past, and his determination to be fully consecrated to the Lord." Magazines like the "Watchman" and "Signs" Monthly are causing many to think seriously about their soul's salvation. Are you doing your part to help increase their circulation?

An Embarrassing Situation

When some new "drafts" appeared before their commanding officers one Friday afternoon a short time ago and asked to be excused from service on the following day for religious reasons, they had no idea that the request would prove more embarrassing to their superiors than to themselves. Official Washington, upon being appealed to, reiterated our nation-old policy of religious liberty for all by issuing a general order to excuse from Sabbath service all who keep the day as a day of rest. Read all about in the February "Signs Magazine"—a "soldier number."