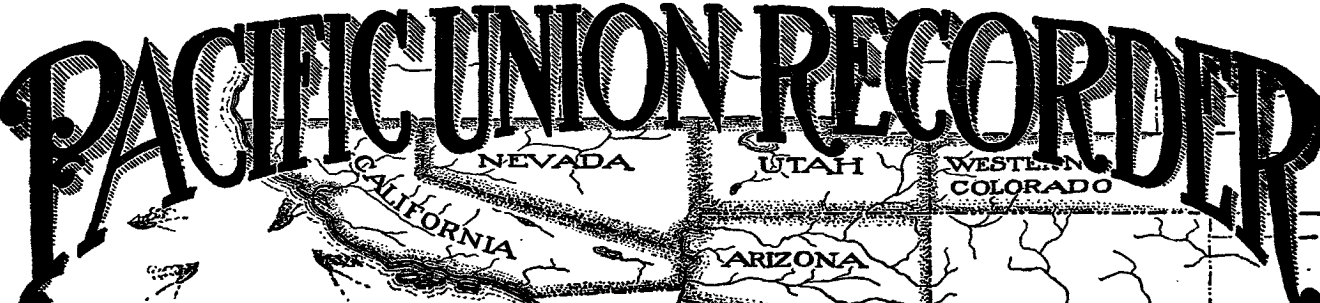


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Advance strides in home missionary work by enlisting every member as a winner of souls, enlargement of the Mexican work, and an energetic and continuous religious liberty campaign were planned by the delegates of the Arizona Conference at their first biennial session, held in the Phoenix church, Third and Pierce Streets, January 9 to 12. The recommendations of the conference called upon the incoming conference committee to "give careful attention to the procuring of competent help" for extension of work for the Mexican people, and provided that "a full line of literature in the Spanish language be carried by the tract society." It was further recommended that the union conference petition the General Conference through the Bureau of Home Missions to give definite study to the needs of the Spanish-speaking people, and secure for this work definite leadership.

The delegates expressed their appreciation to the Pacific Union Conference for sending the "Liberty" magazine to all State officials in Arizona, approved the decision of the conference administration to send it to all State legislators, and urged that the churches furnish the magazine to all county and city officials, and to teachers in the higher institutions of learning. It was also decided that proper persons be selected in each locality to get in touch with the State legislators from their respective communities by letter or personal visit, setting before them the true principles of religious liberty. The work thus outlined is timely in view of the repeated efforts to enact a state-wide Sunday law for Arizona more stringent than the one passed a few years ago, and in view of the

Sunday ordinances now in force in Yuma, Douglas and other places, and agitation for similar measures elsewhere.

Purchase of a new school site with in easy access to Phoenix street cars, and the erection and equipment of a complete school plant, was another recommendation of the delegates. It was decided that every needful provision be made for operating a school containing grades one to ten inclusive, and for maintaining a boarding home providing Christian influences for those obliged to leave their parents to attend school. The resolution also provided that this enterprise be completed without incurring indebtedness. The chief objection to the present school plant is its location.

It was recommended that "our workers set before our churches the importance of the Morning Watch, Standard of Attainment course, Bible Year, and Reading Courses, urging our youth to organize for a definite work."

Four new churches, with a combined membership of 73, were added to the conference, these being at Nogales, Cottonwood, Los Posos and Glendale.

The following officers were unanimously elected, to serve the conference during the coming two years. President, J. Ernest Bond; secretary-treasurer, R. E. Kalfus; secretary Sabbath school and missionary volunteer department, Mrs. Jessie H. Dillon; religious liberty secretary, E. C. Boger; field and home missionary secretary, I. T. Reynolds; executive committee, J. Ernest Bond, E. C. Boger, I. P. Dillon, I. T. Reynolds, R. E. Kalfus; conference school

board, J. Ernest Bond, E. C. Boger, R. E. Kalfus, I. T. Reynolds, D. L. Wagner, John Mundall, C. D. M. Williams.

Credentials and licenses were voted as follows: Ministerial credentials, J. Ernest Bond, E. C. Boger, I. Parry Dillon; ministerial licenses, F. M. Owen, L. B. Ragsdale, C. F. Innis, I. T. Reynolds; missionary licenses, Ishmale D. Sanchez, Augustine Sanchez, Jessie H. Dillon, Mrs. E. C. Boger, Ethel H. Bond, Lena E. Williams; honorary missionary credentials, Mrs. M. T. Poston; colporteur licenses, W. F. Mayers, A. E. Horn; church school teachers' licenses, Mrs. Daisy D. Sturges, Miss Orpha A. Andrews, Miss Ellen B. Lambeth.

(Note: Although the "Recorder" has not published the biennial reports of conference presidents in the Pacific Union field, yet because of the fact that the influenza epidemic made it impossible for most of the delegates to the Arizona Conference to attend their meeting, we publish the president's address in full. Ed.)

Elder J. Ernest Bond, president of the conference, in submitting his biennial report, said:

Two years have passed since we last met in conference session. In harmony with the action taken at that time no meeting of the conference was held during 1917. These have been years of great moment. "We are living in the time of the end. The fast-fulfilling signs of the times declare that the coming of Christ is near at hand. The days in which we live are solemn and important. The Spirit of God is gradually but surely being withdrawn from the earth. Plagues and judgments are already falling upon the despisers of the grace of God. The calamities by land and sea, the unsettled state of society, the alarms of war, are portentous. They forecast approaching events of the greatest magnitude."

"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." Vol. 9, page 11.

These predictions are now being fulfilled in the great world events. Not alone are great and rapidly changing events being written in the histories of the world, but those written of the church of God in the books of heaven are equally marked. And while the growth of the Arizona Conference has not reached the goal set by its officers two years ago, as we look at the great world field, we cannot but exclaim, "See what God hath wrought!"

We welcome the delegates to this sixteenth session, the first biennial session of the Arizona Conference, and are pleased to place the burdens of the conference into your hands. As the representatives of the churches in this field, upon you will rest the responsibility of fixing the policy of the conference for the coming year.

It is with regret that we have been compelled to postpone this meeting for two months because of the plague which has visited our country, as well as all other parts of the globe. Our work has been greatly hindered in all departments, and our offerings much reduced because of being unable to conduct services during the past three months.

During the biennial period 17 public efforts have been held in the following places: Yuma Valley, Maricopa, Tucson, Benson, Nogales, Safford, Clifton, Duncan, Casa Grande, Glendale, Peoria, Prescott, Cottonwood, Williams, Flagstaff, Winslow, Spring Valley and Garland Prairie, and considerable Bible work has been done in and around Phoenix.

This work has resulted in 53 baptisms for the year 1917, while in 1918 there were 45. Several have been added by profession of faith; so in spite of the fact that a number have apostatized, there has been an increase in the membership of the conference of 107 from 512 two years ago to 619 at the close of 1918. It is with much regret that we see those who have known the message relaxing their hold and slipping back into the sea of lost humanity. And we would urge those who minister the gospel to learn the secret of getting men converted to God.

Five churches have been organized since our last meeting: Yuma Valley, with a membership of 15; Glendale with a membership of 21; Cottonwood with a membership of 14; Los Posos, south of Safford, with a membership of 18, Spanish-speaking; and Nogales with a membership of 14 at date of organization, and about 20 at the

present time, most Spanish-speaking. We have at present 17 organized churches in the conference.

You will be interested in the growth of our membership for the past five years. It is as follows: At the close of 1913 it was 267; for 1914, it was 306; 1915, 467; 1916, 512; 1917, 580; and for 1918 it was 619. While there has been a steady growth, we shall hope for a larger growth during the coming year.

The faithful labors of Elder and Sister L. L. Hutchinson in connection with the effort at Cottonwood resulted in the donation of a good lot and sufficient money to erect a neat church building, which is much appreciated by the people of the town, it being the only church there.

Since our last conference the following laborers have left our conference for other fields: Elders and Sister P. L. Knox, to Southern California; Brother and Sister E. E. Morrow, to Central California; and Elder and Sister L. L. Hutchinson, to the Hawaiian Mission. The following have been added to our force of laborers: Prof. L. B. Ragsdale, who for three years was principal of the Conference school; Brother C. F. Innis, who recently came from Guatemala Mission; and Elder E. C. Boger, who just returned from the West Indian Union.

Perhaps our greatest gains have been along financial lines. The tithe for two years ending December 31, 1918, was \$25,862.62, of which \$10,134.17 was received during 1917 and \$15,728.45 during 1918. The following table will show the growth in tithe for five years past:

1914\$ 5,075.92
1915 5,844.01
1916 6,039.29
1917 10,134.17
1918 15,728.45

This shows a gain of more than 50 per cent for the year 1918 over the previous year. And while some of this is due, no doubt to the high price of produce and an advance in wages, we are inclined to attribute most of it to a spirit of faithfulness that is taking possession of our people.

The total offerings to missions for the years 1917 and 1918 were \$9,529.88, of which \$4,213.57 was received in 1917 and \$5,316.31, in 1918. This is an increase of mission funds over the two preceding years of \$4,607.02, while the tithe showed an increase of \$13,985.32.

While realizing the importance of giving all our children church school privileges, because of peculiar conditions prevailing in this field, we have been unable to establish a school outside of Phoenix. The Conference school has made a good showing the

past two years. Last year the total attendance was over 70 and for the present year almost 80 have been registered. We hope before long to make it possible for every boy and girl of Seventh-day Adventist parentage in the field to be in a denominational school.

The Sabbath school and young people's work have made substantial gains. Because of the large percentage of our membership being isolated, we have failed thus far, in our endeavor to get each church-member to become a member of the Sabbath school and each young person a member of the missionary volunteer society.

Early in the year 1917 arrangements were made to have the conference and tract society office re-established in Phoenix. We feel that this has been a great blessing to the work in Arizona, considering the fact that the war called most of the field men away, we feel that our book scales have been excellent, and the home missionary work has played a good part in the conversions to the message during the past two years.

We pray that the coming year may bring greater success and larger blessing to the cause in this field; that every one will stand by each line of the work; that we may all join in the Sabbath school movement, the home missionary movement, the missionary volunteer movement, and that when these movements have accomplished the great work for which they were organized we may all join in the great praise service that will be held in the eternal kingdom as the Saviour "sees the travail of His soul and is satisfied."

J. Ernest Bond.

Sunday Closing Bill Chloroformed

California's Sunday closing bill has been put to sleep. The committee on Capital and Labor of the Assembly, at a meeting held Thursday evening, March 13, voted to lay it on the table. There it rests, and unless action is taken to call it out of committee, it will sleep to death. Rumors are afloat of several brand new Sunday bills which have already been drafted, and which, it is said, are to be introduced; but the many petitions sent in by our people, bearing about 50,000 names of California citizens opposed to Sunday legislation, the hundreds of letters written to Senators and Assemblymen in protest against religious laws, and the numerous personal interviews with these men by Elders Martin and Healey, together with the pressure which leading business men

have exerted against the Sunday bill, have had tremendous weight. Numerous newspaper editors throughout the State have taken up the issue, and have endeavored to show their readers the evil outcome of such a precedent as a Sunday law will establish.

The Assembly room was comfortably filled with interested listeners, when, on the evening of March 7 Mrs. Anna L. Saylor, of Berkeley, chairman of the Assembly Public Morals committee, called the meeting to order and announced that the committee had met to hear arguments for and against the proposed law. She announced that in the discussion each side would be given one hour, and that as there were twelve speakers in favor of the bill, and only four against it, those in favor of the bill would be given five minutes each, and those opposed, fifteen minutes each.

Those who championed Sunday closing were G. W. Haight, representing the union barbers; Frank O'Brien, representing the Retail Shoe Clerks' Union of Alameda and San Francisco Counties; Walter Despite, of the Retail Clerks' International Protective Association; J. B. Muir, representing the Retail Butchers of Alameda County; G. W. Banzhof, president California Bakers' Association; William M. Foley, secretary California Bakers' Association; Louis Reiger, of the Bakery Employees of San Francisco; George Kidwell of the Teamsters' Union; Roe H. Baker, vice president State Federation of Labor; Frank B. Connolly, secretary Retail Grocers' Association of California; J. A. Goldie, of the Sacramento Bakers' Association and Senator L. L. Dennett, of Modesto.

These men, in their arguments, declared that they needed the Sunday law in order to meet foreign competition. Persons who kept their places of business open on Sunday were referred to as "unscrupulous." One speaker went so far as to say that if a law can be enacted to do one or two men good, "and the others get hurt, let them get hurt."

The statement was also made that if the Sunday law interferes with the business of those who wish to keep open on that day, they should close up and go to the country where they came from. The assertion was made

several times that no religious element enters into the Sunday bill.

Elder W. M. Healey, in answering the arguments put forth by proponents of the bill, showed that Sunday labor or business is by no sense unscrupulous, and that all Sunday laws are religious, no matter who may father them. He showed that the long, dark history of the middle ages, when millions were slain for their faith, began with the making by the Emperor Constantine of the first Sunday law.

"I trow," he continued, "and without successful contradiction, that the same causes bring the same results. Though we say that this proposed law is for the barbers or for the grocers, that it is to crush out their opposition—say what we will, Sunday rest is religious in its nature. It makes no difference whether a man gives me strychnine pure or whether he camouflages it with bread, it has the same effect on my system. For these men to say they are not religious men has nothing to do with the question. The law, once placed upon the statute books stands as it reads, and obliges all people to rest upon a religious day, and if there are not religious elements in this country to enforce it, why have they been here for the last 37 years, in this very Capitol building, trying to secure the passage of a Sunday law, except during very recent years? Why are they not here tonight?—I will tell you why. Because they have found out that the Legislature of this State will not pass a law which has a religious clause in it, or which is religious in its effect. So they have retired, and now we are told there is nothing religious in this, that it is to crush out competition. Has the State of California got down to this that it must crush out every man or woman who runs a little store because he or she runs in opposition to big men of business?"

Elder W. F. Martin gave a brief history of the course of Sunday legislation in California, called attention to the filing of nearly 50,000 names of protesters against the pending Sunday bill, and outlined the underlying principles of religious freedom. He referred to the Congressional Sunday mail report, which declared that "the

proper object of government is to protect all persons in the enjoyment of their religious as well as civil rights, and not to determine for any whether they shall esteem one day above another, or esteem all days alike holy."

Mr. H. A. Dutton, of Los Angeles, president of the Los Angeles and Southern California Retail Druggists' Association, appeared in defense of true Americanism, showed that California already has a one-day-rest-in-seven law, and illustrated the ridiculous inconsistencies in the Sunday bill. He said it would be impossible for a druggist to tell whether many articles were to be used for medicinal purposes or put to some other use. The druggist would be in constant danger of unintentionally breaking the law, he said, and could not sell a hot water bottle, a clinical thermometer, baby food nor a rubber nipple on the first day of the week. "They have a law in a Massachusetts town which provides that a man cannot drive his automobile on Sunday only to and from church," said Mr. Dutton, in illustrating the lengths to which Sunday law champions will go.

Advocates of the bill said they had some ladies who wished to be heard if the committee were going into executive session, but a motion to adjourn was made and carried. Most of the committee members seemed satisfied of the injustice and harmfulness of the bill.

Note: Since the foregoing article was written the Sunday bill has been given further consideration by the Capital and Labor committee of the Assembly. The bill was on the evening of March 27 given a favorable recommendation by this committee, and sent back to the Assembly. With its numerous amendments, it will be discussed and acted upon by the lower house as soon as it can be reached on the file.

Frank A. Coffin.

"If you will go to work as Christ designs that His disciples shall, and win souls for Him, you will feel the need of a deeper experience and a greater knowledge in divine things, and will hunger and thirst after righteousness."

Nevada Sunday Law Tabled

The Nevada State Legislature adjourned Thursday night, March 20, and with the closing day, the last of two Sunday closing bills ended their existence by being tabled.

These bills had a rather stormy passage through the Senate and Assembly, in the Senate getting through by one vote, and arriving in the Assembly on the last day but one before adjournment, being reported out of committee favorably; but as soon as they came up for consideration, our friends (their enemies) began, first with one amendment, striking out an entire section; this carried, then another striking out a vital word in another section; thirdly, one that was suggested for the first section which would have destroyed the effect of the entire bill. Finally a motion prevailed to lay them on the table permanently.

We see the hand of the Lord in this, for support against the bill came from unexpected sources, as one after another pointed out inconsistencies in such legislation.

Now is our time to work while our liberties are still preserved. Let us rally to the work, for the final victory will be ours through the Lord's help.

M. A. Hollister

FIELD TIDINGS

ARIZONA

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Conference Items

Brother J. R. Douglas is doing quite well in selling the small Spanish books in Phoenix. He says it rejoices his heart that the people are still willing to buy the truth-filled books.

W. F. Mayers, one of our colporteurs, is having good success in selling Spanish "Great Controversy" in the Morenci district. Brother Mayers is very much interested in the Mexican people.

The series of meetings at Glendale, conducted by Elders E. C. Boger and C. D. M. Williams and Brother L.

B. Ragsdale closed last Sunday night. Many interested outsiders attended regularly. Elder Williams is to follow up the interest in that locality.

For the first time in history the Arizona camp-meeting is probably to head the list of camp-meeting dates. May 15 to 25 is the time set. Let us join together to make it a feast of good things, and first along spiritual lines.

Our conference president spent some time last week in Nogales, where Brother F. M. Owen has been laboring for some time. The brethren there are looking forward to the time when they will have a church building of their own in which to worship. We trust their desire will become a reality.

Brother I. T. Reynolds spent ten days in and around Phoenix in the interests of home missionary and field work. He has been helping two new colporteurs to get started in the Salt River Valley. He has recently stirred up the home missionary interest in the Globe, Miami, and Bisbee districts.

Elder I. P. Dillon reports the organization of a new Sabbath school of thirty members at Chloride where he has labored for some time. He reports a lively interest. Elder J. E. Bond will probably spend a few days with him following the union committee meeting held in Glendale, California this week.

R. E. Kalfus.

NEVADA MISSION

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Items of Interest

The Reno church is making substantial plans for a good church school the coming year.

Brother J. T. Eads has been selling "Bible Readings" in Reno. He came into the office recently with a nice rush order for immediate delivery.

Elder M. A. Hollister left for Southern California to attend a union conference committee meeting. He plans to visit his parents at Chino and his sister's family at Glendale.

It has been a number of years since he visited the old home.

Sister M. A. Warmack, who came from Goldfield some time ago, recently had good success with the Harvest Ingathering "Watchman;" but owing to impaired health was obliged to discontinue and go to her sister in Los Angeles, California.

You will be interested in Elder M. A. Hollister's report of the Sunday closing bill in the Nevada legislature appearing in this issue; also in the following headlines of an excerpt from an item in the Nevada State Journal:

"Sunday Closing Bill Killed in Assembly.....The law might fit New England, but it had no place in the sagebrush. The motion to table prevailed and it is lost for this session. Reno will not be bothered with the Sunday closing law for two years at least."

Brother A. F. Pinkerton, who has for some months been selling "Our Day" and other message-filled books, also handled magazines at Ely, Elko, Winnemucca and other points, recently came to Reno and did good work. He left for Pueblo, however, about a week ago, answering a call to make Colorado his permanent field of labor. It afforded the writer, who has known Brother Pinkerton since 1897, great pleasure to meet him here, and it was with a sensation of sincere regret that we saw him depart from this needy field.

Brother C. W. Pierce, elder of the Reno church, and also a member of the Nevada Mission Committee, has just lost his position as manager of a large commission firm because of religion. Once before his connection, with this concern was severed for the same reason, but he was called back. However, the senior member of the company, who considered the inconvenience due to conscientious scruples, overbalanced by business acumen, is now deceased, and the course of the present management reminds the Bible student of that of the "king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph." Brother Pierce, full of courage, will open a business of his own. We pray God to abundantly bless this honorable business man and faithful missionary.

J. L. Humbert.

CALIFORNIA

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Items of Interest

Has your church given her share for missions? Have you done your part? Look up the record! Ask the church elder or the treasurer.

Elder R. S. Fries reports having had two baptismal services, at which time more than a dozen precious souls united with the church by baptism.

Brother and Sister C. H. Brooks, our ship missionaries now use a club of 183 "Signs" weekly, 27 of the "Signs Magazine," and 27 "Watchman."

Brother H. B. Thomas visited Sonoma recently on business matters of the conference. While there he had a pleasant visit with a number of the brethren.

Elder G. W. Wells visited the brethren at Santa Rosa recently, conducting the mid-week prayer-meeting. He greatly appreciated seeing the brethren there once more.

Two members of the Mission Street church of San Francisco are planning on doing a large work with "Present Truth" around Daly City and South San Francisco. They have taken 1,000 papers to begin their work.

Word has just been received that Elder J. D. Alder, who has charge of the work in Humboldt County, has started meetings in Blue Lake. He reports that the interest is good, and that they hope to continue the meetings for at least ten days.

God has greatly blessed our conference. Our tithe receipts are running higher than ever before, but we are sorry to see the offerings for missions not increasing proportionately. Let us all take a careful inventory of our funds and give as God has prospered us.

The Oakland church was greatly favored last Sabbath by having Elder W. H. Anderson with them. Elder Anderson has for many years been a missionary to Africa, and in his stirring discourse he told of his ex-

periences in the work there, and appealed to the people for larger giving to the cause of missions.

Elder James Taphouse, who is laboring in the Fruitvale church, reports four people baptized on Sabbath, March 22. He conducts a Bible class Sunday evening of each week. The special condition in joining this class is that each one has to give the reading to some one else before the next meeting.

Brother N. H. Conway, our field missionary secretary, is locating his family in Berkeley. He has found it very difficult to secure a place in which to live. Brother Conway is a man of experience in the book work, and we fully expect to see this work grow. The prayers and co-operation of all is earnestly solicited for this important work.

Elder A. M. Dart is conducting a public effort in Santa Clara, assisted by Brother Wilbur Holbrook, and others. It is reported that, although the attendance is not large, a number are interested and are coming regularly. Let us pray that God will bless the efforts of the brethren at this place and that many souls will be won to His kingdom.

Elder G. W. Wells spoke at the Mission Street church in San Francisco last Sabbath. Immediately after the service he hurried to the train, and joining Elder Andrew Brorsen at Richmond, went to Martinez, reaching there in good season for the afternoon service. This was his first visit to both of these places, and his presence and timely instruction was much appreciated.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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News Items

Word has just been received from the Glendale Sanitarium that Sister J. R. Patterson, who recently underwent an operation at that institution, is rapidly recovering.

An active interest along home missionary lines has been reported from the Pomona church where Elder S.

A. Oberg recently held a short series of meetings.

The April "Signs Magazine" can be had at the tract society for seven cents each in quantities of five or more. This is the "Labor Special" and is an exceptionally fine issue.

Brethren A. Dimmock and F. E. Williams started on a canvassing trip between Saugus and Bishop, March 27, taking with them \$250 worth of "Practical Guide."

Brother William Walker, one of our colporteurs, who has just made his first delivery since entering this line of work, reports a 100 per cent delivery and one extra book sold in addition.

Elder S. A. Oberg has been holding meetings every night for a week in San Fernando, and reports a splendid attendance at every meeting. Elder J. A. Stevens had charge of the meeting last Sunday night at which time a home missionary committee was arranged for, and the church is now being organized for good aggressive home missionary work.

A large number of visitors were present at the Sawtelle church Sabbath, March 22, as a result of Elder W. H. Bradley's effort in that place, and it is hoped that there will be a substantial increase in the membership of the Sawtelle church as a result of this effort.

Brother C. C. Morlan and his wife left Monday, March 24, to visit relatives in Kansas. They will be gone for a few months, and it is hoped that this change will be a great benefit to Brother Morlan healthwise. Let us remember this faithful servant of the Lord in our prayers, that God may soon restore him to normal health that he may again be able to enter the work that is nearest his heart.

Brother S. Schafer one of our San Fernando boys, who is now in Camp Kearny writes: "Three boys who have been discharged the last month or more are now in the canvassing work for the first time, and the Lord is abundantly blessing their efforts. Others expect to soon join the noble army of canvassers. As we

had many precious hours together in the evening we talked over what we expected to do when discharged, and there was not one worldly ambition expressed. While we waited before the Lord we always went away refreshed and encouraged to render due service unto Him." Brother Schafer expects to take up the canvassing work in the Southern California Conference when released.

C. L. Cyphers.

A Few Results of Home Missionary Work

Much has been said relative to the number of dollars worth of literature which has been sold. A few instances of the good that is being accomplished as a result of this precious seed-sowing, would doubtless be of interest. Sister L. E. Cox, one of our Bible workers purchased in the neighborhood of \$75.00 worth of literature during the past eighteen months, including Gospels, Testaments, Bibles, clubs of "Life Boat," "Present Truth," and 80 or more "Marked Bible" and "Ella Simpson" which she had sent to the San Quentin Prison. Two of the prisoners, serving life sentences, and who have given their hearts to the Master, have been co-operating with her in the distribution of this literature in their respective divisions of the prison. A paragraph or two from their letters follow:

"Some time ago you sent quite a number of Spanish Bibles and they were all given out in a day or two. To-day I have seen the result. The Word of God has done a good work in the hearts of some poor lost souls. Nine men came out and acknowledged their Saviour, taking their stand to henceforth fight the fight of faith in our Master's cause, and I truly believe these souls have been added to His kingdom. In this same letter this brother asks that 20 more Bibles be sent as soon as possible. We are glad to report that Sister Cox has sent these and we feel sure many others will take their stand for the Master as the result.

Another writes: "While it is true that I do not meet many of the men here, those with whom I do associate all respect me for my consistent Christian life. I do not say this

boastfully, either. What I am I owe to God. Only through His grace am I permitted to live day by day as I should. At the present time one or two are beginning to ask for the secret of my ability to live as a Christian should. Perhaps I will be able to do some little thing for my Master yet.

"In answer to your question as to how many have accepted the truth, will say that I know of only two who have gone all the way—given up the use of tobacco and accepted all the teachings of the Bible. Many are deeply interested in the books and papers and have heard the complete message. Some are already professing to be Christians. As I was going through the yard yesterday I caught a glimpse of one of the Spanish Testaments you sent us. It was in the hands of a Mexican boy and the backs were all covered neatly with paper to protect them. I did not speak to him as I did not know him, and then, too, I do not speak Spanish very fluently. However, I could see by the way he was keeping the book that it was a choice treasure with him."

Do you not think, dear reader, that this money spent for literature was well invested? Let us pray for these dear souls, brethren and sisters, that God will continue to bless their efforts and that as a result many more of the inmates of the San Quentin Prison may yet take their stand for truth.

C. L. Cyphers.

SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA

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Blythe

Recently the writer spent some days in Blythe visiting the members of the church and some interested people. Sabbath, March 1, three earnest ones were baptized and united with the church. One who was ready for baptism was not able to be there on account of illness in the family.

Some time was spent in assisting in locating the tent and arranging for the opening of a series of meetings to be held by Elder Sydney Scott, our colored evangelist. A choice location was secured and the tent pitched and nicely equipped.

The meeting opened Sunday night, March 2, with an audience of 200 or more, and I think fully half were white people, some of the leading citizens of the town being present.

Special attention was given to the plans for music which was very attractive. Excellent attention was given to the opening discourse on "The World Outlook." A collection to apply on expenses taken the first night amounted to nearly twelve dollars.

Monday night the audience was nearly as large and nearly all were those who were out the previous night. Tuesday night it was the same, and from letters received from Elder Scott and others, I learn that the interest is increasing, both among the white as well as the colored people. We find that color does not make so much difference with people who are hungry for Bible truth.

Brethren, pray that Elder Scott may be able to reach many in that town and country, and a great harvest of souls may be reaped for the Lord.

C. McReynolds.

Obituaries

Knox.—Phillip Richard, the darling baby boy, and only child of Elder and Mrs. Phillip Knox, was laid to rest in the Forest Lawn cemetery near Los Angeles, Cal., age one year, 6 months and 27 days. After an illness of several months the little one fell asleep Feb. 7, 1919, at the home of his parents. Our brother and sister mourn their loss, yet with a bright hope of having little Richard again soon, when the Life-giver shall come. The services were conducted by the writer assisted by Elder M. M. Hare.

W. M. Adams.

Fresk.—Kristine Fresk, wife of Gustaf Fresk, fell asleep Feb. 14, 1919. She was born in 1881 in Denmark, where she was converted and united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1905. She graduated from the nurses' course from our sanitarium at Scodsbury, later coming with her husband to this country, where she is known to many connected with our health institutions. She leaves, besides her husband and step-son, five little ones. Elder R. R. Breitigam spoke a few words of comfort to the

bereaved, pointing out the blessed hope that if faithful we may meet her when Jesus calls her from her rest in the tomb.

George T. Vore.

Snyder.—Elwin Winthrop Snyder, born Feb. 26, 1865, in Vineland, New Jersey, died at Reeves, Ga., Feb. 15, 1919. When but eighteen years of age he left his home entering the employ of the New England Conference, since which time he has been uninterruptedly connected with missionary endeavor in various parts of the world, being the pioneer missionary in South America, together with two other young men.

In May, 1895, Elder Snyder was married to Estelle Jane Ketring, and together with his wife, labored for several years in the Cuban field. Many strenuous years in the enervating tropical climate began at last seriously to undermine Brother Snyder's naturally strong constitution, making it necessary for him to discontinue his work there and return to the States.

Several months ago he again took up pastoral work in connection with Dr. Hayward's sanitarium in Georgia. Brother Snyder fell a victim to the prevailing epidemic of influenza. His body was returned to Los Angeles and on Sabbath, February 22, funeral services were held in Glendale, the services being participated in by Elders M. M. Hare, V. H. Lucas, G. W. Reaser and the writer.

Brother Snyder's remains were laid at rest in the cemetery at Tropic, Cal., there to await the voice of the Life-giver, which he undoubtedly will hear in the summons of the first resurrection.

Dr. George Thomason.

quantities on request. J. L. Webster, care Pacific Union College, St. Helena, Cal. 4t

The Next Course in the Loma Linda Nurses' Training School will begin on August 17, 1919. An affiliation has been arranged with the White Memorial Hospital, Los Angeles, where student nurses receive a portion of their training. Write for information and application form to Superintendent of Nurses, Loma Linda, Cal. tf

The Glendale Sanitarium desires consecrated young people to enter the Nurses' Training Course which will begin August 15. Through an affiliation a portion of the nurses' time will be spent in the White Memorial Hospital, Los Angeles. Write at once for application blank and information to the Superintendent of Nurses, Glendale Sanitarium, Glendale, Cal.

Arizona Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists

The annual meeting of the Arizona Conference Corporation of Seventh-day-Adventists will be held in the Phoenix Seventh-day Adventist church, at the southeast corner of Third and Pierce streets, Phoenix, Arizona, on Tuesday, April 8, 1919, at

10 A. M. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected at this meeting.

The churches of the Arizona Conference will please elect delegates to the above meeting on the basis of one delegate for the church, and one delegate for each fifteen members or major fraction thereof, and send in the names of delegates to the secretary, even though not able to be present. The meeting will no doubt be adjourned to a later date.

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Book Report, Week Ending March 14, 1919

Agent	Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Value	Del.
Northern California						
L. F. Strever	O.D.	55	35	\$13.80	\$114.30	
M. V. Huey	O.D., P.G.	23	4	1.25	11.25	
G. M. Wagner*	G.C., P.G.	56	11	16.20	67.20	
G. W. Winn*	G.C.	72	36	40.15	209.65	
4 Agents *2 Weeks		206	86	\$71.40	\$402.40	

Nevada Mission						
J. F. Eads*	B.R.	65	10	\$ 5.75	\$ 49.75	
*2 Weeks						

WEEK ENDING MARCH 21, 1919

Arizona						
F. W. Mayers*	G.C.	87	46	\$10.45	\$228.95	\$167.15
J. R. Douglas	W.C.	29	46	26.35	26.35	26.35
2 Agents *2 Weeks		116	92	\$36.80	\$255.30	\$193.50

Southern California						
S. H. Coombs	P.G.	26	14		\$ 73.00	
D. A. Dale	P.G.	15	6		30.00	
F. B. Desmarests	P.G.	42	7		39.00	107.50
Mrs. Emma Griffith	O.D.	3	1		5.00	12.50
Charles McCombs	G.C.	9	1		5.50	
L. M. Nelson	P.G.	35	11	4.50	59.50	61.00
A. Reckart	B.R.	33	6	1.35	32.35	
J. I. Sauler	P.G.	10	5		25.50	54.50
William Walker	P.G.	24	5		34.00	24.50
9 Agents		197	56	\$ 5.85	\$303.85	\$260.00

Southeastern California						
H. G. Warden	O.D., B.R.	16	6	\$ 6.95	\$ 32.95	
Mrs. B. A. Rogers	O.D.	14	4		11.00	
2 Agents		30	10	\$ 6.95	\$ 43.95	

Totals		614	254	\$126.75	\$1055.25	\$453.50
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THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 1919

Brother F. E. Painter has been attending a colporteurs' institute which was held in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Elder W. F. Martin went to Sacramento the first of the week in the interests of the religious liberty work.

The revenue and financial statement of the Arizona Conference will appear in the next week's issue of the "Recorder."

Elder J. W. Christian was in Oakland last Sabbath. From there he went to the St. Helena Sanitarium and Pacific Union College to counsel with the brethren regarding the work in these institutions.

March 27 the Pacific Union Conference Committee were in session at the office. Among other things the dates for our camp-meetings were fixed. These will be announced later. Consideration was also given to our young people's work. We hope to be able at an early date to announce that some one has been secured for this important line of work.

We are pleased to have Elder B. E. Beddoe call at the office a few days ago. At the time of the General Conference in San Francisco, one year ago, Elder Beddoe was invited to connect with the General Conference Sabbath school department as field secretary. With his family he moved to Washington, D. C. Last fall he suffered a severe attack of the influenza, after which, on account of his physical condition, it became necessary for him to return to a warmer climate. He has been greatly benefited by his return to Southern California, and will be able to again enter the work in the near future.

Wednesday, March 26, the annual meeting of the constituency of the College of Medical Evangelists was held at Loma Linda, California. There were in attendance at the meeting Elders A. G. Daniells, W. T. Knox, C. S. Longacre, R. A. Underwood, Charles Thompson, William Guthrie, Prof. W. E. Howell, in addition to the members of the board and constituents who reside in this union.

Encouraging reports, telling of the progress of the institution in its various departments, were presented by Dr. Newton Evans, president of the college, Dr. Percy T. Magan, dean of the Los Angeles division, Dr. H. W. Vollmer, medical superintendent of the sanitarium, L. M. Bowen, the business manager of the college, S. S. Merrill, the treasurer, and M. C. Lysinger, assistant manager of the Los Angeles division.

The medical college since it was opened a few years ago has enjoyed a steady increase in attendance, the freshman class of 1918 being by far the largest class to enter, and the prospect is good for even a still larger class at the beginning of the next school year.

The denomination has invested thousands of dollars in our medical college; but this is a splendid investment if those of our young people desiring to receive a medical training can get it in our own medical college and thus be saved to the cause. Already several of the graduates from our medical school are filling positions of responsibility; some in foreign fields, others in the homeland, and others have been called into the service of our country.

It was a source of satisfaction to listen to the reports of progress of the loyalty of our young men and women to the medical college, and of the splendid work which is being done by them while taking and after finishing their course.

During 1918 more than eighteen thousand patients were received and treated at the Dispensary in Los Angeles. This is about one-third more patients than was handled by the oldest medical school of Southern California during the same period, although it has been operating for a number of years. The treatments given at the Dispensary range from simple hydrotherapy treatments to operations at a cost of from ten cents to a few dollars.

Special Peace Number

The April issue of the "Watchman Magazine" will be devoted to the question of peace from the standpoint of the scriptures. It affords a wonderful opportunity for presenting the message of the hour.

Partial Contents

"The Angels of the Seven Wars."
This is also the subject of the cover design.

"Enduring Peace, and the League of Nations."

"He Was Made Our Peace."

"Our Great High Priest."

"One of the Deeper Causes of the War."

"The Sabbath in the New Testament."

"Where Do You Pray?"

Pictorial

This number is unusually beautiful. The color work is extended from the middle section—"Is the Volcano Extinct?"—to the full page illustrations, "The Garden of the Gods," and "The Garden of Gethsemane," both illustrating the special articles facing them, and to a beautiful page setting of Mrs. L. D. Avery-Stuttle's consolatory poem, "This Cup Shall Pass."

This is the number for a special whirlwind campaign for the three-fold gospel message. It comes at the psychological moment, when men's minds are turned with desire towards peace. It points out the fallacies of man-made peace, but comfortingly it reveals the Saviour who makes peace within the soul now, and eternal and eternal peace at His soon coming.

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