

PACIFIC UNION RECORDER

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

VOL. 19

GLENDALE, (LOS ANGELES POST-OFFICE) CALIFORNIA, JANUARY 1, 1920

No. 21

A New Year

I want a new year. New things are not patched. So would I start my year all finely whole, No gaps of dull omissions meanly closed With poorly fitting fragments of dis-patch; No mendings of ignoble afterthought, But all one piece of steady warp and woof, A year entire as all my years should be.

I want a new year. New things are not worn, Not thin in places, ragged here and there, And loose bits hanging down; no year all frayed With fears and worries, bare before its time; But firm and confident, a brave new year.

I want a new year. Ah, but new things cost! Well, I will pay the price of this new year; The price of patience, and the price of time; The price of prayers ascending to the God Who was before all years began to be, And will be through the new years as the old; The price of partings from the lower aims, Of staunch adhesion, to the rugged best; The price of life!

I cannot pay the price. Pay Thou for me, O Christ, my brother Christ! Be Thou my patience, and be Thou my prayer; Be Thou my strength of hard, laborious will From out Thine endless ages with my God Bring newness to this little year of mine, So shall it be Thy year and not mine own, Yet doubly mine, as I shall dwell with Thee; Yes, doubly mine, as through it I shall pass To Thine eternity forever new.

—Amos R. Wells.

"We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths; in feelings, not in figures on the dial. We should count time by heart throbs. He most lives who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best. Life's but a means unto an end; that end, beginning, mean and end to all things—God.

—Bailey.

Missionary Volunteer Goals

(Read at a missionary volunteer convention, held in Glendale, Cal., November 12 to 16, 1919).

The goal plan was first instituted at the 1913 session of the General Conference. It was here that the division conferences were organized for the purpose of considering the best methods for further developing the work for the young people; and after discussion the workers in the missionary volunteer department concluded to try the goal plan. They made a fair estimate of the progress they felt ought to be made in certain directions during the year. Then a goal was suggested for the missionary volunteers for 1914.

When the reports for the fourth quarter came in, the department was pleased to see that every point of the goal had not only been reached but passed. And more than that the results had more than equaled the combined results of the two previous years, as will be noticed in the accompanying table:

	1912	1913	Goal 1914	Results 1914
Young people converted ..	520	780	1500	1814
Standard of Attainment certificates .	86	134	500	576
Reading Course certificates .	530	676	1000	1913
Raised for foreign missions	\$5856	\$9000	\$25000	\$19639

The results from the new plan was so remarkable that the department continued to set a goal for each year.

The great object of the goal is the salvation of souls; and the success of reaching this object depends upon you and me,—that is, upon every member of the young people's missionary volunteer society. Together

with this every member must be a working member, and have a definite goal for himself. This means that the least that we can do toward the salvation of souls is to be instrumental in bringing one to the cross of Christ.

Numerous suggestions could be made for the accomplishment of this work. Perhaps the best plan to follow would be the one suggested to the disciples by the Master, that is to begin in Jerusalem,—in other words in our home.

Let us each one ask ourselves these questions: "Are my mother and father Christians? Are my brother and sister safely sheltered in the fold? Has my dearest friend yet surrendered his or her life to the Master? Have those I work with from day to day received that peace of mind and soul? Have those sick ones whom God has entrusted to my care received the light of eternal life? If not, then why?"

Do you live the life before them? Have you a burden to see others saved in the kingdom? Can you give a reason for the hope that is within you? To be a successful soul winner we must have a thorough knowledge of the doctrinal points of our advent message. That is the only reason why the Standard of Attainment, the Bible Year, and the Reading Course were added to our goal.

How often in your experience has the privilege been offered to lead some one else to a better knowledge of the gospel, and yet that chance was lost because you yourself did not have that necessary knowledge to impart? If this has been your ex-

perience, why allow another week to go by without taking advantage of the golden opportunity offered you by your society to gain this knowledge by taking the Standard of Attainment? In so doing you will accomplish three things in one. First, studying to become a more efficient soul winner. Second, gaining a knowledge that will be a help and blessing to yourself. Third, doing your part to help your society reach its goal.

Soon our Master will appear. Will we have reached our goal and hear those joyful words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." J. D. Baker.

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY

There being a new issue of "Present Truth" every two weeks, sparkling with the latest and the best gems of message thought, newly and impressively illustrated, it will be a golden opportunity, to make it very effective in subscription form, and in personal systematic distribution. There ought to be millions of this new series used by our members the coming year in subscription form, and these subscriptions should begin the first of the year. There can be no doubt about the power and influence of this new series placed personally in the homes of the people as the papers come fresh from the press, twice a month. Order now from your tract society. The old numbers will be continued until their subjects are printed in the new numbers.

The subscription prices will be 25 cents domestic, and 50 cents foreign. (24 numbers). The constantly increasing cost of labor and material, force the following slight advance in prices of copies in bulk: 1 to 25 copies, 1 cent each; 50 copies, 40 cents; 100 copies, 75 cents; 1000 copies, \$6.00.

VOLUNTEERS ARE WANTED

for the
Morning Watch Circle
Bible Year
Soul-Winning Campaign
Reading Circle

Who is Wanted?

You.

POWER OF THE PRESS

"I have been shown that the press is powerful for good or evil. This agency can reach and influence the public mind as no other means can." Thus, in the book, "Life Sketches of Mrs. E. G. White," has the Spirit of prophecy emphasized the importance of publishing the truth through every available medium.

"We must take every justifiable means of bringing the light before the people," we read in Volume 6, page 36. "Let the press be utilized, and let every advertising agency be employed that will call attention to the work. This should not be regarded as nonessential. On every street corner you may see placards and notices calling attention to various things that are going on, some of them of the most objectionable character; and shall those who have the light of life be satisfied with feeble efforts to call the attention of the masses to the truth?"

Do the popular churches know the value of newspaper publicity? Scan the Monday morning newspaper, and you will see from a column to a page of extracts from the Sunday sermons of ministers of every creed. Shall we suppose that the reporters called at the homes of all these ministers, and begged them to write up their sermons for the paper? No, no. In almost every instance the ministers, knowing that the newspaper would be glad to print a report of the discourse, wrote out a synopsis and handed it to the editor.

As you look over the page, do you find a report of a Seventh-day Adventist sermon? Most editors are willing to publish free reports of our Sabbath services when our workers take the trouble to write out synopses of their discourses. It is not necessary to wait until after the service to do this. During the week preceding the time for the sermon to be delivered, a 300-word synopsis can be prepared. Of course, it will take from 20 minutes to half an hour to prepare such a report, but the benefits of this practice far exceed the labor expended.

We live in an age when the world looks to the newspapers for its news. Merchants, business and professional men, and the common people in general expect to find reported in the

newspapers every happening worth while. If the newspaper does not mention an occurrence, the supposition of the public is that it was of such small consequence that it was not worth reporting.

The meetings in our churches from week to week are not of little consequence. They are of the utmost importance both to our own people and to the public. They ought to be reported for the newspapers wherever the editors will publish them free, and each item ought to contain not only the name of the speaker and of the church, but also its location.

Charles Stelzle, the well known church worker, says in his book, "Principles of Successful Church Advertising": "The daily newspaper is without any question the best advertising medium for the church, unless you are seeking to secure the attention of a particular group of people, who may best be reached through a class journal, or unless you want to attract the attention of a limited number of people to a specific proposition. But for general publicity, the newspaper is unexcelled for our purpose.

"A magazine may have superior advantages for those advertisers who engage in a national advertising campaign, but the church seeks to attract the attention of the people in the city in which it is located. It can best do this through a newspaper which is read by the same

Pacific Union Recorder

VOL. 19

NO. 21

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 1920

Published Weekly by the
PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE OF
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

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

Subscription Price, 25 Cents a Year

B. M. Emerson	-	-	-	Editor
J. W. Christian	}	Associate Editors		
F. A. Coffin				

Entered as second-class matter November 18, 1919, at the post-office at Los Angeles, California, under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879. Acceptance for mailing at special rate of postage provided for in section 1103, Act of October 3, 1917, authorized November 18, 1919.

constituency that it is trying to influence.

"The newspaper has the advantage in appearing every day, therefore it is always up-to-date. It is read by practically every man and woman in town, and if an item of unusual interest is printed, it is talked about by everybody in the city. The newspaper is sought after by the reading public. It already has the entree into the homes of the people. It is not looked upon with suspicion. Indeed, most folks have the utmost confidence in the paper which they welcome into their homes. Therefore it is not necessary to overcome the prejudice of the reader, as might be the case with some other forms of publicity. Newspapers usually have large circulations, some of them issuing enormous editions. The newspapers reach more people than can be reached in any other way.

"The average newspaper will print in its news columns without charge, any item of general interest. This is the best kind of advertising—better even than the regular advertising space which is paid for, although the latter has a peculiar value in showing the public that the Church is wide awake.

"Sometimes ministers and churches complain about the inaccuracies of the newspaper, but they rarely give the newspaper the slightest assistance in getting the story straight. The reporter is looked upon as an intruder and a nuisance. He may easily be made a most valuable friend by showing him common courtesy. And if the minister will write out the synopsis of his address or sermon and send it to the office of the newspaper, it will prevent the garbling of his utterance, which a sensitive man so constantly fears.

"Many a preacher insists that the newspaper must come and get his sermon, if they want it, forgetting that the paper can get along without his sermon better than he can afford to have them do so, and even though they actually need it, they can not always afford to have a man spend nearly the entire evening in his church in order to get it. There may be many other sermons to have reported, and the reporter may not be able to write shorthand:

"Furthermore, the preacher knows best which points he desires to have emphasized in printing his address, which points the reporter may miss entirely, for reasons for which he may be not at all to blame.

"In some cities the newspapers will be glad to print on Saturdays a bright religious editorial written by an alert pastor. The churches should seek to secure the co-operation of the local newspapers in every way possible, and the minister . . . should be willing to go to considerable trouble in order to make the most of the opportunity of having the newspaper give the church and its work the widest publicity."

With the Spirit of prophecy urging us to make use of the press, to write for the newspapers, to herald the truth in a judicious way through "every advertising agency," and not to be satisfied with "feeble efforts to call the attention of the masses to the truth," together with the many words sent us by the Lord, urging us to warn the great cities without delay, is it not important that our workers write up their discourses for the public press, that the sermons they give in our churches from week to week may, with such explanations or modifications as are expedient, be given to the thousands of newspaper readers? When business men will spend hundreds and thousands of dollars annually advertising their wares in the newspapers, and when a minister and Christian worker of such wide experience as Charles Stelzle, urges home to his fellow-preachers the vital importance of writing up their discourses, should we be backward in taking advantage of this agency, the press, which the Lord assures us "can reach and influence the public mind as no other means can?"

Frank A. Coffin.

When we have practiced worthy actions awhile, they become easy: when they become easy, we take pleasure in them; when they please us, we do them frequently; and then, by frequency of act, they grow a habit.—Tillotson.

"It is never too late to be what you might have been."

FOREIGN LANGUAGE MAGAZINES

"Epidemics—How to Meet Them" Numbers Will Soon Be Ready

January and first quarter, 1920, issues of fourteen foreign-language magazines will be devoted to a discussion of "Epidemics—How to Meet Them." The contents will, to some extent, be translations of portions of the English work which is enjoying such a splendid sale.

Following is a list of the languages and titles:

DANISH-NORWEGIAN: *Evangeliet* Sendebud, January Magazine Number.

SWEDISH: *Tidens Tecken*, January.

GERMAN: *Zeichen der Zeit*, First Quarter.

BOHEMIAN: *Znamení Casu*, First Quarter.

FINNISH: *Totuuden Valo*, Special No. 3.

FRENCH: *Les Signes des Temps*, First Quarter.

HUNGARIAN: *Az Idok Jelei*, First Quarter.

ITALIAN: *I Segni dei Tempi*, First Quarter.

POLISH: *Znaki Czasu*, Special No. 6.

RUMANIAN: *Semnele Timpului*, Special No. 4.

RUSSIAN: *Znamenie Wremeni*, January.

SERBIAN: (To be announced), Special No. 1.

SLOVAKIAN: *Znamení Casov*, Special No. 2.

YIDDISH: *The Messenger*, First Quarter.

These special magazines should have a wide circulation. They contain the health message and will be appropriately illustrated. The front cover will be a photographic reproduction of nature at rest; the text will be made interesting by a liberal use of pictures showing approved methods of giving treatments.

Retail prices will be 15 cents per copy on all except the Danish-Norwegian and Russian, which will sell for 10 cents. In quantities of five or more the bulk rate of 8 cents per copy is granted. On the Danish-Norwegian and Russian the bulk rate on five or more copies is 5 cents per copy. Please note that five or more of each number must be ordered to one address in order to take the bulk rate.

Advance orders are solicited for

these "health specials" in each language. They will, in many instances, prove to be an entering wedge for other truths of the message. Will not all of our people interest themselves in the "strangers within our gates" and bring to them this important message? All orders should be sent to your tract society.

Pacific Press Publishing Assn.
Brookfield, Ill.

FIELD TIDINGS

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

H. S. Shaw, Pres. W. F. Field, Sec.
Box 1304, Fresno, Cal.

CHURCH SCHOOLS

The Parent-Teachers' Association of Fresno spent a profitable hour Thursday afternoon, December 18. Dr. Jessie Hare is president and is a strong worker. A number of committees were appointed to look after various phases of the work. Mrs. Fred Morton was elected as secretary-treasurer. The next meeting will be held the third Thursday in January.

A visit to Madera shows a marked improvement in this school. Mrs. Haney has worked hard to bring up the matter of order and also to get the children graded properly. On account of the influenza epidemic last year, and so many changes in teachers the children were nearly half a grade behind. This has been made up and they are well along in the next grade. Patrons are very much pleased with Mrs. Haney's work.

The Island school, the third largest in the conference, is full as usual. Brother and Sister Trubey are the teachers. This school is in need of a manual training room; the library also should be built up, as nine grades are carried and reference books are needed. This ought to be one of the strongest schools in Central California. A Parent-Teachers' Association would help to build up the school work, and we expect to start one soon after the holidays.

The Visalia school is held in the rear of the church. The order and the good work done by Mrs. Baker, assisted by Miss Hays, is worthy of special commendation. The boys are so anxious to take woodwork that they have made work benches, using them out-of-doors during work period and bringing them in at the close of school. There should be a good school building in Visalia, with facilities for manual training.

The Winton school has two teachers this year and carries nine grades, the older pupils meeting in the church building and the lower grades in a small building the brethren have procured and moved next to the church. Brother Tom Gallion will assist his brother in the school after the holidays. The attendance is not large, but the church is doing nobly to provide for its children. Brother and Sister Gallion have the work well in hand and show ability as teachers.

Alice Mina Mann.

NEVADA MISSION

M. A. Hollister, Supt. Eugene Woesner, Sec.
Box 2072, Reno, Nev.

WEEK OF PRAYER

Reports that have come from the Week of Prayer meetings indicate that the Lord was mindful of the needs of the sincere seekers, and many rich blessings are the result.

Elder George G. Sims was in the Standish section, and Brother H. A. Hartman, the local elder, states that the results of the effort of Elder Sims and his wife are very gratifying; the discouraged were helped, confessions were made, and the entire company advanced in the Christian way.

Brother David Hartman looked after the interests at Alturas, where a little company of new Sabbathkeepers are holding up the light. Here as elsewhere the weather was bad, the thermometer once getting down to 35 degrees below zero; but the true people of God have a weather-proof religion, and are not afraid to take it out in bad weather.

Brother C. L. Bond divided his time between Reno, Winnemucca and

Lovelock, with Brother H. L. Wallace taking part time at Reno. The writer spent the entire week at Fallon. The readings were given at 6:30 p. m., and preaching service at 7:30 p. m. Many victories were gained that we hope will see fruitage in the kingdom of heaven.

NEWS ITEMS

Brother Eugene Woesner enjoyed a holiday with his people at Hanford, not having had but two or three days at home since his discharge from the service.

Elder C. W. Fuller, with the assistance of Brother H. L. Wallace, began a series of meetings Sunday evening, December 14, at Las Vegas, in southern Nevada. We are hopeful that souls may be won to Christ as the result of these meetings. Remember these brethren in your prayers.

Brother Salvator Arrabito, our Italian laborer, finds a number of opportunities to tell the truth to his people, not only by means of Bible readings of which he has a good many, but while working with the Italian Harvest Ingathering paper he finds many interesting incidents and openings. These people seem very friendly to him and the message, and we are hoping that many of them will accept the light as it comes to them. His average receipts for the papers compare very favorably with the results among the American people, or about 40 cents apiece. Pray for the work among these people.

M. A. Hollister.

Have you noticed the missionary volunteer society topics for the first quarter? Some of them are: "Not Our Bit but Our Best;" "Making Jesus Christ Real;" "A Backslider;" "How to Meet Temptation;" "The Man Who Made the Supreme Decision."

Every young person should get the benefit of these excellent topics, and should help make the meetings in his society profitable. The more you give in your society meetings the more you will get out of them. Try and see!

CALIFORNIA

G. W. Wells, Pres. H. B. Thomas, Sec.
537 25th St., Oakland, Cal.

FROM OFFICE AND FIELD

Why should we not at the very beginning of the new year resolve to be more faithful and active in missionary lines? All around us are souls who need the saving influence of the gospel. It is our happy privilege to help them.

The auditing committee met at the office December 22 and gave careful consideration to the laborers' accounts for the past year. We were fortunate in having Elders E. E. Andross, J. W. Christian and H. W. Cottrell to meet with us at that time.

Very encouraging reports still come to us regarding the good meetings during the Week of Prayer. We are thankful to know that our people are drawing nearer God and each other. We are living in the time of the end; every sin and evil should be put away and all seek God for personal victory over sin.

The workers in our office have been exceedingly busy the past few weeks. The correspondence has been very heavy, and the orders to the Bible House have been many. We are indeed thankful for the splendid co-operation and earnest effort on the part of our people to build up the cause of God in our conference.

A number of our brethren living in the Bay cities, and especially interested in selling our books, have been gathering each Sunday morning at the office with Brother E. H. Abbott, our field missionary secretary, to study the best methods of Christian salesmanship. We are pleased to see this number increasing, and we sincerely hope that a large number of earnest, hard working colporteurs may be secured. This is a splendid line of service, and we solicit the prayers and co-operation of all our people in building up this important work.

"Strong souls have wills, feeble ones have only wishes."

The following statements are worthy of careful notice:

"By lending or selling books, by distributing papers, and by holding Bible readings, our lay members could do much in their own neighborhoods. The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the word in our books and periodicals. . . . Let us now, by the wise use of periodicals and books, preach the word with determined energy. . . . The third angel's message is to be given through this medium and through the living teacher."

G. W. Wells.

BOOK WORK AROUND THE BAY

We are told in Volume 9, page 63, that "the gospel of present truth is to be given to our cities without delay. Shall we not arouse to our duties?"

Readers of the "Recorder" will be pleased to know that God is raising up men and women in the California Conference to fulfill the above statement.

Brother Frank Murphy reports many good experiences in Daly City and San Francisco. Brother S. S. Moore is finding a number of people in West Oakland who are eager to read the message; and Brother Edward Entwistle is having success as he visits the business section of Oakland. Brother H. Hodges is rejoicing with the results he is having in East Oakland.

Brother H. Martin's name will appear on our list in the very near future. Brother Martin feels that the Lord is calling the former colporteurs back to their work. Indeed we will be glad to see Brother Martin, as well as a number of others, enjoying the privilege of attending our weekly canvassing class conducted in the conference office committee room each Sunday from 10 to 12 a. m., enter the work. God is blessing us in these meetings and we want to extend the invitation to all in the Bay district to come and study with us.

We believe we have some of the best territory to be had, and as we are just entering a new year, we must have many more workers in

this field. I want to help you get started.

E. H. Abbott.

RESULTS OF SYSTEMATIC DISTRIBUTION OF "PRESENT TRUTH"

On October 17, the "Present Truth" received the following letter from a man in Philadelphia, who signed himself as a minister of the gospel:

"Greeting you in Jesus' name, I am very glad to write you a few lines concerning your paper, 'Present Truth.' I have read it very carefully and prayerfully. I praise God for the truths it presents and I am thanking God for you, because I know He is working with you in giving out such wonderful truths. I am praying God that the people will give strict attention to the reading of 'Present Truth,' for they cannot lose heaven if they follow the teachings of this little paper. I am delighted with 'Present Truth' myself and would like very much to know how I can obtain some of them for my friends and loved ones, whom I know would enjoy reading them. Please reply by return mail. You have my prayers and thanksgiving in advance. May the Lord bless and keep you ever in love, peace and joy."

This party has been brought to conviction by having "Present Truth" delivered to him regularly each week, beginning with No. 1 and ending with No. 36. He had seen none of our people, neither had he read any of our other literature.

"For Backsliders Only" is now out in leaflet form. Those who read this heart-to-heart appeal in the "Review" a few months ago doubtless will be very glad to learn that it can now be obtained in leaflet form. The missionary volunteer society program for February 14 refers to this leaflet. But aside from this, many societies will want to use hundreds in their missionary work. Order from your tract society to-day. It is Missionary Volunteer Leaflet Series, No. 68.

"Character is made by many acts; it may be lost by a single one."

WORLDLY PLEASURES AND THE SOCIAL LIFE

(Read at a union missionary volunteer secretaries' council held November 12-16, 1919, in Glendale, Cal.)

There is probably no subject that should attract our earnest consideration more than this one.

Amos R. Wells in his little book, "How to Play," says: "I have never yet discovered why it is necessary to be unhappy and disagreeable because one has a soul. I have never yet found out why it is necessary, in order to learn how to work, to forget how to play."

It seems to me that Christians, and especially Seventh-day Adventists, should be the happiest people on earth. They have many sources of happiness at their command, and our social contact with others should be in keeping with the principles we hold dear.

The question arises, then, what constitutes worldly pleasures, and how shall we relate ourselves to them? Let the Word of God and the Spirit of prophecy answer the question.

"The life and spirit of Christ is the only standard of excellence and perfection." It is in the order of God that the mental and physical powers be trained, but our amusements should be in harmony with the lessons given by Christ. These lessons are to be exemplified in the lives of His children.

I have been unable to find one single instance where Christ taught the disciples to engage in amusements, neither did he teach them to live as aimless lives as butterflies.

Volume 4, page 633, says: "Those among Sabbath-keepers who have yielded to the influence of the world, are to be tested. . . . Many have united with worldlings in pride, vanity, and pleasure-seeking, flattering themselves that they could do this and still be Christians. But it is such indulgences that separate them from God."

"Parties for frivolous, worldly pleasure, gatherings for eating, drinking, and singing are inspired by a spirit that is from beneath. . . . Like Israel of old, the pleasure lovers eat and drink, and rise up to play. There is mirth and carousing, hilar-

ity and glee. In all this the youth follow the example of the authors of the books placed in their hands for study. The greatest evil of it all is the permanent effect that these things have upon the character." Vol. 3, page 66.

"The man who finds pleasure at the gaming table, the man who loves to indulge perverted appetite, the amusement lover, the frequenters of the theater and the ball-room, put eternity out of their reckoning. The whole burden of their life is, What shall we eat? what shall we drink? and wherewithal shall we be clothed? They are not in the procession that is moving heavenward. They are led by the great apostate, and with him will be destroyed." Vol. 6, page 407.

Quoting from Volume 5, page 78: "I am filled with pain and anguish as I see parents conforming to the world, and allowing their children to meet the worldly standard at such a time as this. . . . By their dress, looks, amusements, they surround themselves with an atmosphere which is opposed to Christ. Our only safety is to stand as God's peculiar people. We must not yield one inch to the customs and fashions of this degenerate age."

Again quoting from "Education," page 211: "As ordinarily conducted, parties of pleasure are a hindrance to real growth, either of mind or character. Frivolous associations, habits of extravagance, of pleasure-seeking, and too often of dissipation are formed, that shape the whole life for evil. In place of such amusements, parents and teachers can do much to supply diversions wholesome and life giving."

It is a fact that our young people should be guided in their social activities. Some say we are too narrow concerning such things, but "straight is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life," and if we are too broad we can not enter the narrow way.

Doubtless the reason for losing a number of our young people is because of our failure to guide them aright, for it is most often through the little things that seem so unworthy of our notice that great good or evil is brought into our lives.

Let us not think that Seventh-day Adventists alone are the only ones

who disbelieve in the dance hall, motion pictures, etc. Rev. R. A. Torrey says: "There is probably no institution that is doing more in our day to corrupt the morals, both of old and young, than the movies. A very large proportion of the movie plays exploit vice in its worst forms. They are attended by young men and women at the most critical period of their life. They arouse the vilest thoughts and passions. Their appeal is increasingly to that which is lowest and basest. They are proving the ruin of thousands of young men and women throughout the land, and are having a thoroughly demoralizing effect even upon men and women of mature years.

"Of course there are moving picture exhibitions of an entirely different character, but the demand of the majority of those who attend the movies is for that which is vile, and the moving picture companies are in the business for money, and they know what pays. Even when pictures of a higher class are presented, oftentimes something of the viler sort is worked in, and it is almost impossible to tell what one is going to see."

I was talking to a Catholic priest upon the subject one day and he said that to his mind the motion picture show and the dance hall were the greatest menaces to society, and he had forbidden the members of his parish to attend them.

Some one says, "Well, it almost seems that Satan has a monopoly on good times." But this is not the case. In Volume 1, page 514, where the servant of the Lord speaks of the amusements we can not approve, she says, "Something perfectly harmless should be substituted in their place."

Some most interesting and profitable social gatherings may and should be planned for our young people. A suggestive program would be, scrambled quotations, standard of attainment spelling match, question box, Bible games and music.

One can recommend many things in which there is no letting down of dignity, and things that are highly instructive and may be thoroughly enjoyed.

We might well take a lesson from the example of Moses "who chose rather to suffer affliction with the

people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season."

At the very best worldly pleasures are not lasting.

While we are planning innocent pleasures and amusements in our social life, let the record not be made of us as found in 2 Tim. 3:4, "lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God."

Daisy D. Harris, R. N.

"LIFE BOAT" FOR 1920

A Special Feature

During the year 1920 there will be published in the "Life Boat" under the title, "Footprints of Faith," the remarkable story of the wonderful providences and experiences connected with the founding and maintaining of the Hinsdale Sanitarium and "Life Boat" work. The "Story of Hinsdale" alone is so interesting that it is usually read at one sitting. The personal experiences of Dr. David Paulson, founder of the Hinsdale work and editor of the "Life Boat" magazine for fifteen years, are so closely connected with the story of the work that much of his own life history will be woven into it.

The first chapter of this series of articles will be published in the January number, giving Dr. Paulson's early struggles in getting an education.

Do not fail to subscribe. Only one dollar for one year. Address the "Life Boat," Hinsdale, Ill., or your local tract society.

OBITUARIES

Dinsmore.—William Albert Dinsmore, four-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Dinsmore, fell asleep in Jesus, December 10, 1919, at Mammoth, Arizona. He was sick five months, and his patience and sweet, lovable disposition won the hearts of all who knew him. His parents, two brothers and one sister are comforted by knowing they will meet him in the glad resurrection morning.

XXX.

Larson.—Lawrence Larson was born in Sweden, April 11, 1885, and died in Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 11, 1919. Since his conversion to the third angel's message, he has been a faithful member of the church. His dear wife hopes to soon meet him again where parting will be no more. Elder C. J. Kunkel assisted in the service.

W. Milton Adams.

Brines.—William J. Brines was born in St. Clair County, Mich., May 9, 1858, and died in Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 13, 1919. Brother Brines has been a consistent Christian for many years. He died in hope of a part in the first resurrection. He gladly gave his children to the cause of foreign missions and is survived by a son, Roland J. Brines, engaged in the work in China, and a daughter, Mrs. Ethel Brines Barto, laboring with her husband in India. The funeral was conducted by Elder Andrew Mead. Burial was at Santa Ana, Cal.

J. L. McElhany.

Stone.—Viola Pearl Stone was born in Maresan, Wis., April 5, 1888, and died at the Loma Linda, (Cal.) Hospital, November 26, 1919. She had been in ill health for several years. Miss Stone was converted and baptized when ten years of age. She came to California in 1890, attending Healdsburg College, San Fernando Academy, and lately Pacific Union College, and teaching church school eleven years. A father, mother and sister, residing at Bloomington, Cal., are left to mourn the loss of their loved one, and also to prepare to meet her again at the resurrection of the just. Elder G. B. Starr preached the funeral sermon at Colton, Elder L. E. Brant and the writer assisting in the service. Interment was made in Mountain View cemetery, San Bernardino, Cal.

H. G. Lucas.

Holmes.—Brother and Sister C. E. Holmes of Lodi, Cal., have experienced a double sorrow; first by the loss of an infant daughter, Patricia, who died October 20, 1919, aged one year and seventeen days; and again the family circle was broken by the death of a son, Wesley Alden, on October 28, aged two years and nine months. Services were held at the cemetery for each and were attended by many sympathizing friends. While the hearts of the parents are wrung by their loss, they appreciate the comfort that comes of believing that their darlings sleep and are safe for time and eternity.

D. T. Fero.

"Faithfulness in little things fits one for heroism when the great trials come."

ADVERTISEMENTS

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.

References from the conference president must accompany requests for advertising space in the "Recorder," where individuals are not personally known to the "Recorder" management.

Wanted.—Help in culinary department; also lady to work in hydrotherapy department. Good opening for right party. Write or apply to manager White Memorial Hospital, 304 North Boyle Ave., Los Angeles, Cal. 21-3t

Wanted.—Experienced laundry help, experienced pantry woman, and help in various other lines of work. Address manager Loma Linda Sanitarium, Loma Linda, Cal. 20-5t

Wanted.—Position on ranch with Seventh-day Adventists, by man and 16-year old son. Have had experience in ranch work, but will take any kind. Work on Coast preferred; can give reference. Address O. Anunson, General Delivery, Glendale, Cal. 202t

Study at Home.—If you cannot go to school, you can study at home and make as good improvement as you could in school, in proportion to the time you can devote to study. Form the habit of home study early, and practice it persistently. Write today for information about subjects, prices, and how to earn your tuition. Address C. C. Lewis, Principal, Fireside Correspondence School, Takoma Park, D. C.

Book Report, Week Ending December 26, 1919

Agent	Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Value	Del.
Southern California						
H. N. Brass	B. R., E. S.	43	8	\$ 1.75	\$ 44.25	\$ 56.50
R. L. McKenzie	P. G.	27	14		70.00	42.00
D. A. Dale	P. G.	15	12		62.00	
3 Agents						
Totals		85	34	\$ 1.75	\$176.25	\$ 98.50

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

Office Address—Box 146, Glendale, Cal.
President—J. W. Christian, office address.

Secretary and Treasurer—B. M. Emerson, office address.

Auditor—W. C. Raley, office address.

Educational Secretary—M. E. Cady, 2547 Piedmont Avenue, Berkeley, Cal.

General Field Agent—F. E. Painter, 802 East Acacia Avenue, Glendale, Cal.

Home Missionary Secretary—J. Adams Stevens, office address.

Young People's Secretary—W. W. Ruble, office address.

Religious Liberty Secretary—W. F. Martin, office address.

Publicity Secretary—Frank A. Coffin, office address.

Executive Committee—J. W. Christian, E. W. Farnsworth, E. M. Emerson, J. Adams Stevens, W. F. Martin, Clarence Santee, J. L. McElhany, M. M. Hare, G. W. Wells, H. S. Shaw, A. R. Sandborn, H. E. Lysinger, M. A. Hollister, M. E. Cady, F. E. Painter, G. W. Reaser, C. H. Jones, C. W. Irwin, Claude Conard, L. M. Bowen, W. W. Ruble.

A Happy New Year to our readers!

A PRAYER

O Lord, take Thou our hand
And guide us through the unknown
land,
Of this New Year.

And help us to forget
The grudge and folly, doubt and
fret,
And crushing fear.

But give in place a song
And love and power and faith most
strong.
Oh, be Thou near.

May health, true wealth, success,
Be also blessings with the rest,
For the New Year.

—W. A. Rex.

Wherever the gospel is received it changes hearts. Word has just come from Shanghai, China, of the conversion of a sister of one of Shanghai's millionaires, as a result of labor by one of our faithful Bible workers. This new convert owned a heathen temple in Hanchow, about 100 miles from Shanghai. When she became a Christian she felt she could not permit her property to be used for such a purpose, so went in company with the Bible worker to Hanchow to dismiss the priests and close the temple. Mrs. C. C. Crisler, writing of the incident, says there are prospects that the temple will be used, eventually, as a chapel for carrying our mission work in that city.

Brother Walter Harper, who for several months has been canvassing in Humboldt County, has returned south as far as the St. Helena Sanitarium. He writes: "I plan to be at this enchanting spot of earth, with its matchless environment of natural beauty, for the best part of the winter. It is so restful here. Wish more would come here and enjoy it, receiving its benefits to body, mind and spirit." Speaking of the progress of the work in the field, Brother Harper says: "Things are surely now moving out of ordinary lines. This is the almost universal testimony of the workers, far and near, and I believe it will be more so, as we near the end. I have seen the wonderful workings of the Master in remarkable answers to prayer, such as I scarcely ever witnessed before. I ask your prayers."

PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE

More than \$550 to build homes for our missionaries, and an annual offering amounting to \$350 help to show the foreign mission spirit of P. U. C.

All who attended the recital given by the music pupils on the evening of December 20, felt fully repaid. Music is one of the strong factors in keeping work and worry far apart at P. U. C. One-third of the students are taking music.

The college was especially favored with visitors last week. Professors W. E. Howell and M. E. Cady spent a part of the Christmas season with us. Professor Howell spoke twice on the progress of the educational work throughout the world, and of its relation to the advance of the third angel's message.

NOTICE

The semi-annual meeting of the Battle Creek Society, according to the by-laws and constitution, is hereby called to meet on the evening of January 10, 1920, at 8 o'clock, at 232 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, Cal.

W. H. Hall, President.
H. E. Sanders, Secretary.

Elder E. E. Andross, who has just returned from a missionary tour in India and Africa, conducted the Friday evening devotional meeting December 19. He also gave three other talks, mostly on the foreign missionary phase of our work. The last lecture, an illustrated talk on Africa, was especially interesting.

"If we form the habit of always being ready, we will not be overtaken as by a thief in the night," said Elder Luther Warren in a talk to the missionary volunteer society two weeks ago. Other parts on the program showed the value of "stick-to-it-iveness" in carrying out our life program. "A loafer," said one, "will feel out of place when a vacation comes." Those like Joseph, Moses, and Daniel, who have had the hardest times in the warfare of life will enjoy heaven the more.

A report of the quarter's home missionary work was given in chapel Friday. The missionary auto alone has traveled a distance of 900 miles, besides the many miles covered by the thirteen private machines that have taken part in the work. Thirty-two gospel meetings have been held, 2,000 papers distributed, and Bible readings are being held with interested families on Sabbath afternoons. One hundred and eighty-four individuals have taken part in distributing literature and in helping with the meetings. Meetings are being held every Sunday at Calistoga and at Monticello. The good attendance and the interest shown is encouraging. Reports of each meeting at Calistoga, including an announcement of the next meeting, are published in the local newspaper. This has been found to be a good way to reach the people and gain their interest. The best attended meetings now being held are at the Veterans' home at Yountville. Upwards of 100 attend each meeting. Here as elsewhere music has been found to draw as nothing else can. Instrumental and vocal selections form a part of nearly every service.

"He who never changed any of his opinions never corrected any of his mistakes."