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### HOME MISSIONARY

"And He saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Matt. 4:19. This is the gospel commission epitomized, and it is directed to every believer. "The church of Christ has been organized on earth for missionary purposes." "Appeal," page 28.

The Pacific Union Conference was among the first of the union conferences to encourage a revival of home missionary work, appointing a secretary and organizing a department to be wholly devoted to this great work. The wisdom of this action has been demonstrated by statistics showing approximately 2,000 conversions during the last seven years, indicating that there will be even greater results when all the members of the church have responded to the call to soul-winning service.

It is impossible to show by statistics the full results of home missionary work. Eternity alone can reveal the blessed fruitage in its fullness. Approximately 25 per cent of our laity are reporting missionary activity, but we believe a larger proportion are doing what they can to win souls. During the quadrennial period 1,753,072 papers were used in missionary effort; 173,217 missionary visits were made, and 51,565 Bible readings were held. Also 57,153 missionary letters were written, and \$24,748.51 was given for home missionary work. Other lines of missionary effort, such as papers sold, subscriptions taken, books sold and given, tracts circulated, Christian help work, clothing and meals given, and treatments administered, show the same good progress. The most encouraging item of all, however, is the 1,223 conversions, reported as a result of the faithful work of our laity.

The territory embraced within the Pacific Union Conference boundaries is vast, and the population small, comparatively, but the same prosperity has attended the Harvest Ingathering work here as elsewhere. The

financial returns alone reached \$89,383.29 for the four years, the influenza last year preventing us from making the amount a full \$100,000. The campaign for 1919 secured \$43,000, and plans are taking shape to raise a goal of \$5.20 per member during the 1920 campaign.

At the close of the quadrennial period the "Review and Herald" was going to 3,737 homes in the Pacific Union, more than 1,100 new subscribers having been added during 1919. This is 672 short of our goal, and every believer should help place this good paper in the homes of those not now receiving it. Approximately 16,000 copies of "Signs of the Times" are being used weekly by our people. This is well beyond Pacific Union's share of the "100,000 Signs" goal, but many more than this number will be taken by our churches for missionary work. The Northern California Conference was the first conference to go over the goal, South-eastern and California following closely.

A great revival in personal effort for souls has begun; \$21,000 worth of literature was purchased at our camp meetings last year, and an ever-increasing amount is going from the publishers to the churches. This is as it should be in these closing hours of probationary time. "The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church-membership rally to the work." "Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the word of God." Testimonies, Vol. 9, pages 117, 126.

The work is being finished. The victories of yesterday must inspire us to greater achievements tomorrow. "The church of Christ is God's appointed agency for the salvation of men. Its mission is to carry the gospel to the world. And the obligation rests upon all Christians." "Steps to Christ," page 81. Brethren and sisters, let us be faithful in fulfilling this trust. J. A. Stevens.

### MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER

The four years just closing,—four years freighted with eternal consequences and electrified by tense nerve and expectant minds, have been four years laden with opportunities for the young people of the Pacific Union Conference to demonstrate their loyalty to God, and their consecration to the task of finishing the work in the world in their generation.

During the quadrennial period four different men have occupied the position of union conference missionary volunteer secretary, and a part of the time the union has been without any secretary.

It has been my privilege to be connected with the work of this union less than seven months, and three months of this time was devoted entirely to camp meeting work; so we trust that the delegates will be very charitable in their conclusions when our statistics are presented.

The work in the local conferences has been as seriously broken into, and in some conferences many changes have taken place in this department. Therefore, the wonder is that the results are as good as they are.

What we need above anything else in the missionary volunteer movement is stability of leadership. Persons should be chosen who are first, evangelists; second, personal workers; third, organizers, who are thoroughly consecrated, and whose lives and interests are inseparably merged with that of the young people. Such leadership insures success and stability in this important work.

The faithful work of the conference secretaries has made possible the results that have been attained.

There are 148 missionary volunteer societies organized in the Pacific Union Conference, with a total membership of 4,057. This does not include one-half of the young people in the union, and a strong effort should be continued to win every young person and connect him with the work of the Lord.

Goals	1917	1918	1919	Goal
Statistics for the year 1916 are not available so we are able to report on the goals for only three years.				
Conversions .....	399	266	397	550
Standard of Attainment .....	128	155	115	175
Reading Course .....	776	1,120	1,183	600
Bible Year .....	65	94	280	450
Reporting Members .....	1,885	1,676	2,342	2,500
Missions .....	\$7,394	\$8,169	\$16,597	\$9,000

The goals for the Pacific Union Conference for 1920 have been chosen as follows:

Conversions .....	600
Standard of Attainment .....	200
Bible Year .....	500
Reading Courses .....	1,000
Missions .....	\$20,000
Every Member a Reporting Member.	

We expect to see every item of the goal reached during 1920.

#### Missionary Work

It is unfortunate that we are unable to secure a correct report of all the work done, but as yet this seems impossible. An earnest endeavor is made by the conference secretaries to encourage our young people to work and to report. We will mention only four items of the work reported for the past four years.

Missionary letters written....	24,909
Bible Readings held .....	12,127
Papers given away .....	500,000
Hours Christian Help Work	62,623
Number Young People baptized and taken into church	1,452

#### Societies

Societies are organized in our churches for a two-fold purpose: to save and hold our young people and to train them for service. If the societies are properly conducted these results always follow. One society that came under my personal obser-

vation had this experience during a period of fifteen years. The total membership of the society during this time was 55. The members are distributed as follows:

Five ordained ministers; one conference president; one academy principal; one history teacher in college; four school teachers; two union missionary volunteer secretaries; two conference missionary volunteer secretaries; four attending college, nine attending academies; fourteen colporteurs; three nurses; one Bible worker; one stenographer; seven outside the truth.

We are told by the Spirit of the Lord that "the church should awake and work as for life, or many of our boys and girls will be forever lost."

In closing this brief report we wish to express our heartfelt appreciation of the spirit of co-operation we have found in this union; and the material interest that is so manifest in the attitude of the union officers, the ministers, the workers and in the churches, toward the efforts put forth for our young people. It is nothing less than the fulfillment of the prophecy, "I will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse."

W. W. Ruble.

been introduced into councils of cities and towns in our union. With but few exceptions, these have all met defeat. The National Reform Association has grown very strong, and is now preparing a book on Christian civics which it hopes to have adopted by the state schools.

There is much to be done, and we need wisdom and discretion that the work of God may not be marred in our hands.

W. F. Martin.

#### PRESS BUREAU

There are 3,037,129 souls in the Pacific Union Conference. Forty evangelists, holding four efforts a year and preaching to 500 souls in each effort, would be obliged to spend nearly 40 years warning these people. By that time a new generation would have arisen. The printing press is the answer to the problem of heralding the gospel to the masses in a single generation. The newspaper as a rapid means of communicating information has been developed in the providence of God, we believe, for the very purpose of doing its part in warning the world speedily and effectively.

During the past four years the editors of the 750 newspapers published in California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah and western Colorado have printed no less than 5,195 articles concerning Seventh-day Adventists, our institutions and the Bible truths we hold. These articles contain matter nearly equal in quantity to the entire nine volumes of the "Testimonies."

Each year our principal camp meetings have been reported for the newspapers. Almost without exception the editors have been pleased to receive the copy submitted. Articles have appeared dealing with the Sabbath question, nature of man, state of the dead, millennium, judgment, second coming of Christ, new earth and kindred topics. Last summer Elder F. C. Gilbert's convincing presentation of the Sabbath truth, and his powerful appeals, caused many not of our faith to take their stand to obey God. The advertising agencies employed caused these individuals to attend the meetings, where they could be reached with the message.

In Volume 6, page 37, are these words, "As far as practicable, let the important discourses given at our camp meetings be published in the newspapers." Again, in "Life Sketches," page 214, we read, "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."

Our workers who have used the newspapers have had good results, in almost all cases. Elder John Knox

#### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

The importance of the religious liberty work is well set forth in the following words:

Let us "seek to arouse the spirit of true Protestantism, awaking the world to a sense of the value of the privileges of religious liberty so long enjoyed." "The National Reform movement has been regarded by some as of so little importance that they have not thought it necessary to give much attention to it, and have even felt that in so doing, they would be giving time to questions distinct from the third angel's message. May the Lord forgive our brethren for thus interpreting the very message for this time." Vol. 5, pages 715, 716.

The report of this department will cover but the work of one year, as that is the length of time I have been connected with it.

At the last meeting of the Legislatures in California, Arizona and Nevada, Sunday closing measures were introduced and strong efforts made to secure their passage. By diligent and wise efforts on the part of the

brethren these Sunday closing bills were defeated. No work with petitions was done in combatting similar bills in Arizona and Utah, but the principles that should govern the relations of church and state were set before the Legislatures, and caused them to reject religious legislation.

A hard battle was fought in California. The laboring forces were to quite an extent lined up for the bill, and sent a strong force to Sacramento to urge its passage. To offset this, we distributed about 450,000 leaflets, held a number of public meetings and secured at least 58,000 signatures to petitions of protest against the measure. A hearing was granted us in the assembly room of the Capitol. All of this had an influence in defeating the bill. Best of all, it brought the truth before a large number of people who otherwise would not have heard it.

The magazine, "Liberty," has a large circulation in our field and is exerting a strong influence for good.

Within recent months, more than thirty Sunday closing measures have

made himself friendly with newspaper editors at Orange during his effort there last summer. The wife of one editor accepted the truth. Her husband was much interested. An excellent interest was awakened among residents of Orange. Free grounds, water and lights were given us for our camp meetings at Orange, Santa Ana and Anaheim, the latter city adding a bonus of \$250 in cash.

The "Glendale News" published a column report each day during meetings held in Tropic in 1917 by Elder Philip Knox and Celian Andross. The editor of the "News" has also published many other articles about our work.

Elder C. L. Snodgrass says, "I have had the privilege of using all the space I have asked for." Elder L. E. Brant says newspapers in Redlands and the Palo Verde Valley published 50 feet of articles for him in 1919, while Elder L. E. Folkenberg was associated with him in meetings. Forty-three were baptized, some through interest created by newspaper reports.

California newspapers assisted us greatly during the Sunday law campaign last year. Not less than 100 articles were printed. The editor of the "Byron Times," not only published copy, but wrote us, saying: "I shall be glad to go to the bat for you this week with big screeching headlines and red ink. It will be a big one, and I hope you will be pleased. You may expect a long list of signers throughout the district where the 'Byron Times' circulates, and in Stockton, too." Ten days later he sent us a list of names signed to petitions which he, himself, had secured by solicitation.

As ambassadors of the heavenly King let us deliver faithfully to the great audience that must hear it, the message given us. Let us utilize to the utmost the efficient agency of the daily and weekly press, seeking ever for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that our labor may bear fruit for the heavenly kingdom.

Frank A. Coffin.

#### EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

During the biennial period, 1914 and 1915, there was an increase of 17 schools (elementary and intermediate) 20 teachers (in elementary, intermediate and advance schools) and 439 pupils. At the beginning of this biennial period we had 64 schools, 125 teachers, 2,128 students, and at the close of the period 81 schools, 145 teachers and 2,620 students. During the quadrennial period there has been an increase of 22 schools, 28 teachers and 953 students. Reports from all our schools January 12, 1920, indicate we are now operating 100 schools, taught by 175 teachers, having an enrollment of 3,647 students. This makes

a gain for the past six years of 36 schools, 50 teachers and 1,466 students. We have made a gain of 67 per cent in the attendance of our children and youth at our schools during this period. Just what per cent of those who are of school age are not attending our schools has never been accurately determined. I am clear in saying that it is no longer the "other half," but probably more nearly the other third. A number equal to 30 per cent of the membership of the union have already enrolled this year.

Our intermediate schools present a problem that is of special interest, and is pressing us for wise and proper solution. There are two classes of intermediate schools—the two-teacher ninth grade, and the three or four-teacher tenth grade school. Some of these schools are seriously considering the question of adding the eleventh and twelfth grades without providing dormitory facilities.

While we must not stand in the way of the growth and development of our schools and bring their advantages to as many as possible, yet it will weaken and cheapen our standards in education to add grades which our churches are not prepared to maintain on a high grade of efficiency by providing well qualified teachers and the necessary land and buildings, also with adequate library and laboratory facilities.

During the past six years 63 teachers have been granted permits and 184 teachers issued certificates without being granted permits. Of the 63 granted permits, 16 or 25 per cent were later issued certificates. So in all 200 persons were issued certificates. It is gratifying to know that while only 46½ per cent or 93 teachers are still following the profession of teaching, or in school preparing for better teaching, that 17 per cent or 34 teachers have changed to some other branch of our work or have married workers who are now laboring in home or foreign fields. This leaves 73 teachers or 36½ per cent who have dropped out of the organized work; but most of these who are still living are good loyal Seventh-day Adventists, and helping with their means, prayers and influence to advance the third angel's message.

The present certification of our teachers indicates a generally high grade of standing for the majority of the teachers. Nearly 68 per cent of 140 teachers, or 95, hold first grade and professional certificates, leaving about 32 per cent holding lower grade certificates and permits. Of the 95 teachers holding the higher grade certificates, 21

hold life certificates, 36 normal diplomas, and nine a college degree. The 45 remaining teachers, with one or two exceptions, are above the tenth grade in education, and the most of them have completed the academic course, and had either started on normal training or some other course of study.

The average monthly salary is \$54.15, only a trifle over the minimum salary (\$50.00) recommended by the General Department of Education at its council held last April and endorsed by the General Conference Spring Council which immediately followed. The average monthly salary previous to 1916 was about \$40.00. The average monthly salary last year was \$49.56, or an increase of 10 per cent. The salaries have been raised only about 35 per cent on the average, while the cost of living has far exceeded that. A few of our church and intermediate school teachers are receiving fair wages.—from \$60.00 to \$80.00 a month, but most of them are under-paid. Our church school and intermediate school teachers are not under conference or institution employ, and so each school board fixes the salary as it may choose.

Teachers' salaries ought to be liberal considering the fact that for one-third of the year they must seek their own employment, and many times on account of summer school and teachers' institute the summer vacation yields but little returns in a financial way. Is not this class of workers deserving of a larger and surer financial support?

In the following statement from the Spirit of prophecy our teachers are urged to consider the greatness and importance of their high and holy calling.

"Teachers should strive to realize the greatness of their work; they need enlarged views; for their work in its importance, ranks with that of the Christian minister."

"Our schools are the Lord's special instrumentality to fit the children and youth for missionary work. Parents should understand their responsibility, and help their children to appreciate the great privileges and blessings that God has provided for them in educational advantages.

"As a people who claim to have advanced light, we are to devise ways and means by which to bring forth a corps of educated workmen for the various departments of the work of God. We need a well disciplined, cultivated class of young men and women in our sanitariums, in the medical missionary work, in the offices of publication, in the conferences of different states, and in the field at large. We need young men and women who have a high intellectual culture, in order that

they may do the best work for the Lord. We have done something toward reaching this standard, but still we are far behind where we should be.

"The cause of God needs efficient men. Education and training are rightly regarded as an essential preparation for business life; and how much more essential is thorough preparation for the work of presenting the last message of mercy to the world." "Counsels to Teachers," pages 42, 43, 149, 538.

I am glad to report that we have a loyal, self-sacrificing body of teachers in our union, who are endeavoring to follow fully the instruction given in the Spirit of prophecy regarding our educational work. The new educational program adopted at the Washington, D. C., Educational Council, last April, is regarded by teachers and patrons as an advance move, and is being most heartily approved and carried out as far as possible the present year. Next year the program will be in full operation in most of our schools.

M. E. Cady.

#### PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT

It is with a feeling of deepest gratitude to God that I bring before the delegates to this conference a brief report of the progress of the colporteur work during the quadrennial period just closed. Since the last session of this conference nearly \$13,000,000 worth of our truth-laden publications have been sown broadcast over the world. The sales of the Pacific Press alone for the year 1919 amounted to \$1,359,000. This was \$72,000 more than our world-wide distribution of literature amounted to only eleven years ago.

What this vast amount of literature in the homes of the people means, none of us can comprehend; but already enough fruit has developed from the seed thus sown to give promise of an abundant harvest of souls that will be gathered from the East and the West, the North and the South in these closing days of God's work in the earth.

#### Book Sales

I am glad to say that the Pacific Union has had a modest part in contributing to this grand total. The sales for the past eight years are given, together with the totals for each four-year period.

Year	Subscription Books	Total Sales
1912	\$ 27,093.00	\$ 39,334.00
1913	32,173.00	44,457.00
1914	26,267.00	39,275.00
1915	25,261.00	38,893.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$110,794.00</b>	<b>\$161,959.00</b>

Year	Subscription Books	Total Sales
1916	\$ 43,178.00	\$ 56,324.00
1917	43,698.00	60,924.00
1918	54,061.00	78,667.00
1919	88,637.00	128,468.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$229,574.00</b>	<b>\$324,383.00</b>

From this tabulation it will be seen that the sales for the past four years have a little more than doubled those of the preceding four-year period. But perhaps the most encouraging feature of this report is seen in the great increase in sales recorded last year. This shows a gain over 1918 of practically \$50,000. It is interesting to note that this union conference sold \$15,000 more books last year than were ever sold in any union conference prior to 1919. Fully 80 per cent of these sales were made right here in California where many have felt for years that books could not be sold.

The average sales per hour in this field is also most encouraging:

	1916	1917	1918	1919
Union	\$1.60	\$1.49	\$1.95	\$1.97
Pacific	1.15	1.20	1.81	1.28
Central	1.32	1.62	1.86	2.00
No. Pacific	1.72	1.29	1.39	1.87
West. Can.	1.27	1.80	1.73	2.64

Following is given the sales of the local conferences for the quadrennial period:

Conference	1916	1917	1918	1919	Total
Arizona	\$ 8,064	\$ 6,373	\$ 9,080	\$ 23,517	\$ 23,517
California	12,359	11,738	15,102	22,588	61,787
California-Nevada	9,416	8,523	9,761	15,292	42,992
Central California	6,331	9,038	7,666	17,780	40,815
Southern California	19,604*	9,233	13,628	29,697	72,162
Southeastern Cal.	1,020	8,699	10,993	17,592	38,304
Inter-Mountain	7,592	5,626	14,068	13,065	40,351
Hawaii			1,071	3,406	4,477

\*Including Arizona

Cheering and inspiring as these figures are, they come far short of conveying an adequate conception of the great work that has been accomplished. The sum total of what has been done can never be expressed in terms of mathematical calculation; but the heart of the One who "went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil" knows and understands, and in the day of final awards He will not be "unmindful of the work and labor of love" of those who have followed His example.

#### Causes for Progress

First, the hearty spirit of co-operation between our field leaders, publishing houses and conferences; the sympathetic and helpful attitude of our conference presidents and committees, both union and local, has been greatly appreciated.

Second, the loyal and devoted men who have carried the responsibility

of leadership in the various conferences—our field secretaries. These men have labored earnestly to build up a strong corps of all-the-year-round colporteurs, and it is largely this class who have made the splendid record of the past few years.

But while we place stress upon the value of regular colporteurs, yet we do greatly appreciate the work done by the splendid young people who have entered the field from our schools, and we expect to have a larger number of students this year than ever before. The outlook is bright indeed, and this year opens with greater promise than last year, prosperous though it was. Our sales for January, 1919, were \$1,836.35, while for January this year they amounted to \$5,768.20, a gain of \$3,931.85, or over 300 per cent.

Our goal last year was \$90,000, and the Lord helped us to go away beyond that amount. This year we have had faith to raise our goal to \$170,000, and we believe that the same prospering hand which has blessed and guided us in the past will continue with us until the work is finished, and that this work will continue to grow and advance until probation closes. F. E. Painter.

"Character, like a well cut jewel, shines whichever way we approach it."

#### LODI ACADEMY

To the president and delegates of the Pacific Union Conference assembled in session at Glendale, February 13-23, 1920:

The present year is the twelfth in which educational interests have been located in the quarters now known as Lodi Academy. This report will sketch only the activities of the past eleven months.

For some time previous to March, 1919, the academy was under the direct supervision of the union conference. Representatives of the Pacific Union Conference, the Northern and Central Conferences met at Lodi on March 12, 1919, to consider the advisability of placing the institution under local administration. Plans were perfected by which the ownership and operation were transferred to the two local conferences named. The territories of these conferences, with the Nevada Mission, were assigned as the field from which stu-

dents might be drawn. Immediate control of the institution is vested in a board of seven members, three from each conference and the principal of the academy.

At this same meeting the academy debt, excepting \$9,200 in annuities, was removed. These annuities are the only permanent liabilities against the institution at the present time. Our current accounts can be more than met by cash on hand.

Aside from being a year of rearrangement, last year was one of grief to the academy family and patrons. The deeply regretted death of Prof. J. H. Paap on January 18 left the school without a principal for over six weeks. When this need was filled, apostasy took a toll. Elder J. W. Rich was called in from the field to take the Bible department. These enforced changes, with the unrest caused by the influenza epidemic in the school, caused a drop in the tone of school life. Toward the end of the year there was a rallying, and a prospect of better days.

This year the academic department has enrolled 158; the elementary school 119; or a total of 277. Approximately this is an increase of 40 per cent over last year. Fifteen full-time teachers and helpers are employed, with several others giving only part time to teaching.

We have felt our limitations in space very acutely. Figuring on accepted standards we have about half the floor space, and about half the lighting from windows that hygienic schoolrooms should have. The space in our dormitories has proved inadequate. Both dormitories have been full. In the girls' dormitory three have been placed in a number of rooms; and the ends of the hallways were partitioned off to provide other rooms. We do not like to tell students that we have no rooms for them. But this we have been compelled to do in some cases.

In addition to the regular academic course we give instruction in commercial and musical lines. Elementary normal subjects were introduced last fall with gratifying results. Fourteen young women are taking this work. We believe our academies can help increasingly in a very definite way to supply some of the help needed in our elementary schools.

Nearly \$5,000 has been spent in improvements and additions to our plant. A principal's cottage built on the school campus, cement walks between the buildings, opera chairs in the chapel, chairs in the girls' parlor, books for the library, etc., might be mentioned. Just now we are laying one-fourth of a mile of irrigation tile in our vineyard. A man has been employed to give his entire time to the development of the academy farm.

Lodi Academy has supplied workers in the past, and we believe right-

ly conducted it should provide still others. During the time covered by this report several students have been called out into work in the cause. The faculty is seeking to foster a spirit of deep religious conviction among the students. In the measure that this is found must our success be estimated. We feel the need of better facilities. The Lord's work is worthy of more than makeshift plans and makeshift equipment.

In our field we have many young people—over one thousand. More of these should have the advantages of our established institutions. We trust that Lodi Academy may be prospered so that it may serve its constituency and the cause of God in a better and more efficient manner than it has thus far been able to do.

R. A. Hare.

### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

To the representatives of the General Conference, Pacific Union Conference, and local conferences, Greeting:

We believe it a special providence that has made it possible in the face of an epidemic of influenza that has threatened to close all large gatherings, for this union conference session to be held. We unite with you in expressing gratitude to God for these present blessings.

As in other conferences, the past two years have been very encouraging in every way. The conditions, however, have been strange and without parallel, especially during the past year. The tense, nervous strain has been felt in all lines of business and labor throughout the conference.

#### Finances

Of our own membership I can report a larger per cent paying tithe than ever before. This, and the increased wage, a higher price also being paid for farm products, has materially increased the tithe and offerings in the Northern California Conference. The tithe paid into the treasury for 1916-17, was \$70,260.11, for 1918-19, it was \$112,675.50, a gain of above 60 per cent over the preceding biennial period. This was an average of \$32.14 per member for the two years, and \$34.50 for the year 1919, against \$21.11 for the preceding biennial period.

The offerings for missions for 1916-17 were \$21,532.56; for 1918-19, they were \$33,901.49, making an equal per cent of gain with the tithe. Sabbath school offerings increased from \$14,504.58, in 1916-17, to \$26,209.05 in 1918-19—nearly 80 per cent gain.

The membership of our missionary volunteer societies December 31, 1918, was 401. At the close of 1919, it had increased to 467. Missionary volunteer offerings for missions in 1916-17 were \$657.05; for 1918-19 they were \$4,180.81. This makes a

total from these three sources for foreign missions in 1916-17, of \$36,694.19, and in 1918-19, of \$64,291.35.

The retail value on sales of books for 1916-17 was \$28,726; for 1918-19, \$35,452.88.

During 1916-17 we appropriated to fields outside of our conference, \$25,098.80; for 1918-19, \$28,796.31.

Our mission funds for 1918 amounted to 33 cents per member, and for 1919, 39 cents per member.

#### Schools

The work of the church schools is encouraging. There has been an attendance of 382 the present school year, which is 67 more than the enrollment of last year.

There are 23 teachers employed in 15 schools. It has been impossible to secure the teachers needed at the time to open the schools, and as a result students,—children of Seventh-day Adventists,—have been compelled to attend public schools instead of having the religious instruction for which our schools were established. We trust that with present plans carried out, the calls may be answered in the near future.

#### Churches

We have 28 organized churches and 17 church buildings, three having been built during the last biennial period. In the same period three churches have been organized, and two companies recently accepting the truth, await organization. Our present membership is 1,852.

#### Conclusion

The last three months of the year 1919 were peculiarly perplexing and almost disastrous to the even continuance of our tract society and office work.

The impossibility of finding homes for a family made it imperative that our conference secretary and treasurer, our tract society secretary, and our home missionary secretary, purchase lots and build houses.

For some time before building, they rented only to be told that they must vacate. The brethren decided to let their building to contractors, but none would take the contracts. Hired carpenters were so pressed that they refused to work on the houses unless the men themselves would continue at the work also. This called them from office and church work, a large share of the quarter. At nights they examined the mails and attended to that which could not be deferred. Miss Ella McBroom faithfully stood by the office work and the doors were not closed.

These things seemed to be against us for the time, as it was largely the harvesting time of the year, but now, all are in their houses, the brethren are in the office and our courage is good to push forward the work for the untried year of 1920.

Clarence Santee.

## NEVADA MISSION

The writer has been in the Nevada Mission only about one and one-half years, therefore will give a report for the past year only.

### Territory

The Nevada field, which was organized in September, 1913, embraces all of the state of Nevada and the counties of Modoc, Lassen, Mono, and Inyo counties of California, with an area of 131,224 square miles, but with a very scattered population. This is as large in area, but for a few square miles, as all of the California Conferences together. Since January 1, 1920, Lincoln and Clark counties in the southernmost part of Nevada, were included in the newly organized Utah Mission because of their being more accessible to it; by this action giving to the Utah Mission about 19,000 square miles with a population of about 7,000. In Las Vegas of Clark county, we are conducting an evangelistic effort, the benefits of which will accrue to the Utah Mission.

### Membership and Finances

In 1913 at the time this field was organized the membership was approximately 175. To-day it is nearly 300. The tithe in 1914, one year after organization, was \$2,948. For 1919 our tithe was \$11,089. In 1914 the offerings to missions were \$1,219. Last year our total offerings to missions were \$6,034; the per capita for 1914 being \$23.41, while in 1919 it was \$64.77. Our twenty-five-cent-a-week fund for 1919 stands at 42-19 cents. Below is given a brief comparative statement of funds received for the past two years:

	1918	1919
Tithe .....	\$8,646.22	\$11,089.76
Missions .....	4,721.27	6,034.41
General Funds	342.91	462.57

Of our five churches, three own their church buildings, and two unorganized companies own theirs. Our corps of laborers numbers eight, including your superintendent and secretary-treasurer. During the year there were several changes in our force. Early in March Brother J. L. Humbert came to us from the Inter-Mountain Conference to take the secretary-treasurership, but in about three months he was forced to leave on account of a very serious illness. In his stead we secured Brother Eugene Woensner, who came immediately upon discharge from army service. In the early portion of the year an exchange was effected with the California Conference by which Brother Wilbur Holbrook was exchanged for Brother C. Lester Bond. Late in July Brother Salvator Arabito and wife came from Chicago to labor among the Italian people, of whom there are many thousands in our field, and among whom they now have quite a number regularly studying the Bible; and we feel sure that

some honest souls among them will soon respond to the Spirit's call. As a result of the year's labor our total gain in membership was 52, losses 25, leaving a net gain of 27, 19 of whom were received by baptism. Of our losses the largest proportion moved over the Sierras into some one or more of the California conferences.

### Educational

Last year we conducted four church schools with five teachers. This year we have two schools and four teachers with a total enrollment of 39 pupils; one at Fallon carrying up to nine grades, the other at Bishop carrying work to the tenth grade. If we could have secured additional teachers at the beginning of the school term we would have had two or three more schools.

### Religious Liberty

The enemy is still trying to steal away our liberties in Nevada as in other places, but we are thankful to God that through the prayers of His faithful children, the distribution of the printed page, and newspaper publicity coupled with personal effort, the attempt to place a radical Sunday closing law upon the statute books last year met defeat, getting through the Senate after a very stormy passage by one vote, one day before the session closed; and then after coming up in the Assembly it was tabled, but again brought up later, and finally the last hour of the last day of the session, it was put to permanent rest as all Sunday rest bills should be.

### Tract Society

Our tract society was given life in February, 1919, just about a year ago. The following figures will tell its history, and I think show that our constituency appreciate its presence in our field:

The retail value of sales amounted to \$2,927.48; amount of net sales, \$2,339.97; cost of merchandise sold, \$1,822.24; gross merchandise gain, \$517.73; total expense in operating during the year, including a portion of secretary's salary, \$257.30; net gain, \$260.43.

### Sabbath School

We now have eleven regularly organized Sabbath schools and thirteen home department schools with a membership of 322. The offerings for last year totaled \$1,846.40. The interest in the Sabbath school department is continually growing. Our Sabbath school membership now exceeds our church membership, thus overcoming one of the chief difficulties that the entire Sabbath school department faces. One instance of the interest in the Sabbath school is shown by the fact that last year one young lady about fifteen years of age walked ten miles every Sabbath in order to have a perfect attendance record, and because she loved the Sabbath school. I wish that

more of our members loved the Sabbath school as much.

### Home Missionary, Missionary Volunteer

One of the problems we face in our field is the matter of conducting our missionary work and maintaining separate organizations for the home department, and the senior and junior missionary volunteers. But we are succeeding very nicely by having them unite their efforts in missionary work, but each one reporting separately to his particular department. A few items of the work done by them in our field is as follows:

Papers distributed, 9,914; tracts distributed, 2,964; missionary visits, 954; Bible readings, 288.

In the Harvest Ingathering work during the year we reached the union goal of five dollars per member by November 15, and by the end of the year had exceeded that goal by \$231, making a per capita of \$5.84. One company averaged over \$23.00 per member. Our total is several hundred dollars over our best previous year's record; and in achieving this result none of our ministers were taken from their regular work, but all took part with the church members in their respective localities.

For all these, and other blessings, we praise the Giver of all good and perfect gifts.

M. A. Hollister.

## SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA

The past quadrennial period has brought to the Southeastern California Conference many blessings from the hand of the Lord. Our hearts are filled with deep gratitude to Him for all that has been accomplished in our field. We are far from satisfied, however, with the measure of service and devotion rendered in the past, and feel to unite with the other delegates and workers assembled in this union conference session in seeking most earnestly for a zeal and consecration commensurate with the needs of this time.

### Territory and Membership

Our conference territory embraces the counties of San Bernardino, Riverside, Orange, San Diego and Imperial. Quite evenly distributed over the large area of this field we have at the present time 33 churches. During the quadrennial period 641 people were baptized by our laborers. Our net membership at the beginning of the period was 1,692 and at the close 1,877.

### Laborers

It is not the purpose of the writer to enter into the details of the work during the past quadrennial period, as our connection with the field dates back only during the past year. Elder W. F. Martin, who was president of this conference from the time of its organization, up to the end of 1918, was called to take up work with the religious liberty de-

partment. A number of changes in our laboring force have taken place as other workers have been called to new fields. At the present time we have a laboring force of eleven ordained ministers, five licensed ministers, and fourteen other departmental and office workers. Our field is so situated from a climatic standpoint that we can hold evangelistic efforts in some part of the field the entire year.

All our departments are well manned and the work is moving forward. Time will permit but a general statement regarding each one.

**Educational**

Our educational work is under the direction of Professor Max Hill. Eighteen church schools are being maintained by our churches, employing 32 teachers. Enrolled in these schools are 515 children. With a constituency of 1,900 people, we feel that this indicates great faith in Christian education. It is impossible to overestimate the results of the blessed work being done by these schools. Surely nothing can be of more importance than the training of our children not only for the kingdom, but for useful places in the cause of God.

**Tract Society, Home Missionary, Colporteur**

Brother W. R. Goss and his assistants are finding themselves pressed to keep pace with the rapidly expanding business in our tract society office. During the quadrennial term our tract society sales have grown from \$11,891.45 in 1916 to \$28,124.12 in 1919. During the quadrennial term the total sales of our tract society amounted to \$77,775.22. Up to October, 1917, our tract society work was handled jointly with the Los Angeles office. At that time a tract society was established in connection with our own office. This work has been a great blessing to our field. We are thankful for the constantly increasing volume of business done by our tract society office. This is due in part to the devotion of our faithful colporteurs and in part to the organization of our churches by the home missionary department. We rejoice over the growing interest of our churches in home missionary work. We look upon our colporteur work, and the work of enlisting all members of our churches in soul-winning service as of the highest importance. Our conference committee endeavors to give the utmost support to Brother L. A. Reynolds, our field missionary secretary, and Brother V. E. Peugh, our home missionary secretary.

**Sabbath School**

The Sabbath school work has always received a fostering care in the Southeastern California Conference. No work seems to have a deeper place in the hearts of our people than that

of the Sabbath school. We now have 35 Sabbath schools in our field with an enrollment of 1,970 members, which exceeds our church membership. In the early part of 1919 our Sabbath schools climbed to a position on the honor roll by giving over fifteen cents per week to missions. For the last thirteenth Sabbath of 1919, twelve of our Sabbath schools exceeded the General Conference goal by giving more dollars than the number of church members.

**Missionary Volunteer**

We recognize in our missionary volunteer department one of our very important lines of work. We are glad to note an increasing interest on the part of many of our churches in fostering the work of our young people. We believe Professor Max Hill, who also heads this department, finds as fine a body of noble young men and women in the Southeastern California Conference as can be found anywhere.

**Religious Liberty**

Elder W. M. Healey heads our religious liberty department. In connection with our sister conferences splendid work has been done in meeting the issues on Sunday legislation. So far as we know every local issue has been met in a way that has brought victory. We rejoice over the Lord's blessing in this work.

**Financial**

Our mission offerings for the quadrennial period were \$99,203.26. For the same period our tithe income was as follows:

1916 .....	\$39,009.75
1917 .....	51,746.25
1918 .....	64,684.37
1919 .....	76,833.68

Total .....\$232,274.05

For this gain of nearly 100 per cent during this period we are truly thankful.

**Conclusion**

We look to the future with courage. The fact that a degree of blessing has attended our work in the past is, we know, an indication of what the Lord desires to do for us in the days to come. We join hand and heart with our sister conferences in the great task of finishing the work in the Pacific Union Conference. We stand committed to the policy of giving of our men and of our means that the work may also be speedily finished in all the world. We desire, with you, a consecration to this work beyond anything we have had heretofore. The blessings we so earnestly desire for ourselves we pray may rest upon the delegates and workers of our sister conferences.

J. L. McElhany.

“Many men owe the grandeur of their lives to their tremendous difficulties.”

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

While the writer made report for the Southern California field at the recent session of the Pacific Union Conference, the report was made verbally. In the following we have included the facts which we think will be of most interest to our people without any attempt to cover the report which was made in detail.

The four years comprising the union conference term which has just closed was a period in which marked evidences of blessing and favor rested upon us. While figures are not altogether a safe guide to follow in estimating the success of any work, yet they bear a certain relation to success, and we have been used to depending upon them, and, at least to a certain extent, in forming from them our opinions as to progress.

During the past four years the number of souls added to our churches in Southern California as a result of aggressive effort in the field totals 972. The net increase in membership for this period was 777. Our membership at the close of 1915 being 2,121, while on December 31 of the year which has just closed it stood at 2,898.

The membership of our 38 Sabbath schools is between 200 and 300 in excess of the membership of 40 Sabbath schools reported at the close of 1916. In our report it was explained that in a number of cases our churches are altogether too small to accommodate the full membership of our Sabbath schools. Hence, the reason at least in part for our Sabbath school membership being about 700 less than the membership of our churches. We trust, however, that the effort which is being made by a number of our churches to provide larger and more commodious places of worship will result in a definite blessing to our Sabbath schools in affording suitable accommodations for their work.

The enrollment of our church schools has increased about 35 per cent. the total number of children enrolled in 13 schools at the close of 1919 being 475.

An encouraging development is seen as a result of the activities of the missionary volunteer department. The membership for our 19 societies at the close of 1916 was 500; at the close of 1919 we had 39 societies with a membership of 821.

The showing made in tithe and offerings is very encouraging indeed. In 1916 the total tithe for the field represented a per capita average of \$21.22, or \$48,666.86; for 1917 the per capita increased to \$25.61, or a total for the year of \$64,905. In 1918 there was a still further in-

crease in the tithe per capita, the average being \$30.05, or a total of \$81,228.37 for the conference. The figures for the year just closed show a per capita tithe of \$38.08, or a total for the field of \$110,371.20. The grand total of tithe for the quadrennial period is \$305,171.43.

Our offerings to missions have increased from \$20,371.38 in 1916, which represented a weekly per capita average of 18-11 cents per member. Our mission offerings for the year 1919 stand at \$46,877.03, a weekly per capita average of 35-57 cents. The grand total of mission offerings for the four-year term reaches \$135,311.59.

It will be of interest to our people to know that their efforts through the Sabbath schools and the Harvest Ingathering campaign helped to make this improved showing. Our Sabbath school offerings in 1916 totaled a little in excess of \$9,700, while in 1919 the offerings amounted to \$19,700. In 1916 the Harvest Ingathering campaign yielded a little more than \$3,000, while the campaign for 1919 just closed brought into the treasury a little over \$9,000.

The figures from one of our departments will be read with interest. In our tract society there has been a marked increase in business. In 1916 the total retail value of business done was \$15,629, representing a net business of about \$10,000. In 1919 the retail business of the tract society reached \$47,140, representing a net value of business of \$30,259. In other words the total value of retail sales for the four-year period just closed was in excess of \$115,000, and the net value of sales for the same period of time being over \$76,000. As we close this portion of our report, we take pleasure in drawing special attention to the splendid showing in the sales of subscription books. We do not have the figures for the year 1916, but in 1917 the total value of subscription book sales in this territory was \$5,597; in the year 1918 there was a slight improvement over these figures, the total reaching \$7,962; however, 1919 was our banner year, \$18,917 worth of subscription books having been sold by agents in our field.

To us the foregoing represent many interesting features. It indicates that there has been a faithful effort on the part of all our laborers to achieve definite results. Surely the Lord has blessed us, and while, in a measure, this encouraging showing is due to the general prosperity with which our country has been blessed during the past four years, yet we know that to quite an extent it is the result of faithful and earnest

endeavor on the part of our laborers in the field, and in the office.

Encouraged by the past, we look hopefully to the future, and feel confident that as Heaven has hitherto been pleased to bless our united laborers as workers in this field, we may look forward with confidence to the future for larger results for God and for our fellowmen.

M. M. Hare.

**CENTRAL CALIFORNIA**

Our people of the Central California Conference send greeting to the delegates, assembled.

The Central California Conference was organized in 1911, with a membership of 1,064. At that time we had six ordained ministers, five licentiates, and four licensed missionaries. That year our tithe amounted to \$18,000, which was sixteen dollars per capita for the membership. The retail value of our book and periodical sales amounted to \$7,500. Our offerings to missions in 1911, amounted to \$7,979.

The territory of this conference is situated in Central California, including the counties of Tulare, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Mariposa, Merced, and all that part of Kern County, lying north of the Tehachapi mountains, our headquarters being located at Fresno, 2524 Mariposa Street.

We now have a membership of 2,239. We have seven ordained ministers, eight licentiates, and nine licensed missionaries. A few comparative figures may serve to show the trend of our finances for the past four years:

	1916	1917	1918	1919	Total
Tithe .....	\$31,942.08	\$46,752.29	\$57,206.45	\$76,910.83	\$212,811.65
Missions .....	12,991.29	17,995.33	29,681.43	37,126.71	97,794.76
Book and Periodical Sales..	7,654.13	10,935.71	13,855.42	26,773.73	59,218.99
Baptisms .....	147	174	108	130	559

We now have 45 Sabbath schools with a total membership of 2,042. The Sabbath school offerings amounted to over 15 cents per member last year.

There are now 650 young people belonging to our young people's societies in the conference, and scores of others belonging to families of our people within this territory, who are greatly in need of the help, which our young people's organization, through the blessing of God, could bring to them.

In this conference there are at the present time 21 church schools with a total enrollment of 645 pupils, and 32 teachers employed. Two of these are regular ten-grade schools; Fresno with an enrollment of 112, and Shafter with an enrollment of 65. The others are supposed to be eight-grade schools, although there are eleven teaching nine or ten grades.

A few weeks ago, when one of our schools opened, five of the brethren

pledged to plant an acre of cotton each, the product of which would be used for the support of the school. They plan to purchase five acres soon, and by united effort, plant some paying crop, allowing the pupils to spend some of their time caring for it, and the entire proceeds be turned to the support of the church school enterprise. Brethren, is not this a matter which is worthy of our study?

The Central and Northern California conferences have jointly taken over the Lodi Academy, and have assumed the entire ownership and responsibility of management and support, so that the territory covered by these two conferences will be served by this academy.

Improvement is going on continually at the Lodi Academy plant, and the outlook was never better for a great work to be done there for our youth. We have a splendid school there this year, with an enrollment of about 275.

There was distributed in our field, last year, 1,870 large books; 14,747 pamphlets; 12,500 tracts. We have made a conservative calculation of these books, booklets and tracts, and find them to contain a total of more than three million pages. This is equal to about 1,400 pages per capita; or in other words, it would equal 75 eight-page tracts for every Seventh-day Adventist church member within the territory of the Central California Conference. This would be equal to about 75 pages of reading matter for every family of

people living within the boundary of our local field.

Besides this there has been distributed by the people in our conference, during the past year, 135,000 papers. The above figures are not presented as though we felt we had done some great thing; yet we thank God that he has helped us hitherto and that we have been able through His mercy to baptize 130 people during this period.

We have been delighted as we have read the reports from our sister conferences, from time to time, as well as throughout the field, to see the progress being made in this great cause, which lies so near to our hearts. In a time like this when the hearts of all are being tried, and when the perplexities of life test the character of the faith we possess in this message, it is a wonderful thing to know that in every field, far and near, this people are one.



They are directed by the same chart and compass; they are all bound for the same port; they sail on the same vessel; under one captain, and if steadfast, will all arrive soon in the haven of rest. Some may possibly leave the ship, as some already have, and set sail on a vessel better suited to their liking, and by their fault-finding and criticism make the going hard for others, who are loyal to the message.

But beloved brethren, there will be a company of people remaining true, whose faces no storm can turn; whose hearts no difficulty can discourage; and whose loyalty, no criticism can change; and they will have the joy of seeing this movement triumph, and will together with the saints of other days be permitted to see the old war-scarred vessel, tied hard and fast to the pier within the desired haven, and they will find themselves saved, forever, from the dangers of the way. This question of loyalty is the question of our day, and must be settled in every heart within the life time of the present generation.

The delegates from our local field are here to represent to you that the people of the Central California Conference are ready with their hearts and with their sons and daughters, and with their means, to co-operate with our brethren in the struggle through which we shall all be called to pass in the finishing of this, the greatest work ever committed to mankind; and our desire is as one has said in other days: "Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God. Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if aught but death part thee and me." Ruth 1:16, 17.

This is our attitude, and we wish to be connected with every forward movement, which may be inaugurated to finish this work, in all the world, and hasten the coming of our matchless Lord.

H. S. Shaw.

**CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE**

During the last quadrennial period Providence has guided and blessed the people in the California Conference, and I esteem it a privilege to bring to the delegates and friends gathered here to-day a report from our field. God has indeed blessed us in basket and store. The Lord is good to all. He is full of compassion and is very gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. Only in eternity will it be fully revealed how much we have shown our grati-

tude to God for His bountiful gifts to us.

The territory of our conference has been well defined in the past, and of this I shall not speak. The membership is perhaps the largest of any conference. It now numbers 3,428, and I believe I can truly say that the major portion may be reckoned as loyal, true, faithful souls ready for every good work. Our people have given evidence of their interest in the growth of the work of God in all the world; and as we have continued to give men and means to carry forward the cause, it has kindled even a greater desire in our hearts to put forth stronger efforts to advance the message and see the work consummated.

We have earnestly endeavored to encourage and build up in our churches a stronger, spiritual life and lead them into personal service, and at the same time our laborers have met with some degree of success in winning new souls to the Master. Our records show that 829 were baptized and added to our list of Sabbath-keepers, the net gain being 630.

We have 39 paid laborers, 44 churches, and 19 church schools with 29 teachers who are doing creditable work. About 700 pupils are enrolled. We feel that we are fortunate in having each department well organized with strong leadership, and we hope to go forward with the work in a stronger way, if possible, than ever before.

We have heard it stated that "God's methods are men, and not statistics," but may we not conclude that reliable statistics do serve as a guide-board pointing the direction in which we are traveling. The following figures will indicate the rate of speed we are making. Beginning with 1916 the tithe by years has been:

1916 .....	\$ 61,210.19
1917 .....	77,754.85
1918 .....	102,920.00
1919 .....	126,728.00

Total .....\$368,613.04  
The offerings for the same period of time:

1916 .....	\$ 30,525.69
1917 .....	42,322.05
1918 .....	49,401.44
1919 .....	60,377.00

Total .....\$182,626.18  
This makes a grand total of \$551,239.22, in tithe and offerings.

It will be observed that in our conference, as well as others, a marked increase, both in tithe and offerings, was made last year over previous years.

Last year we reached our goal for missions and went over the mark \$16,800. In addition to this we gave \$15,000 surplus tithe, making our

total gifts to missions more than \$75,000.

Our Sabbath school department is worthy of special mention for it achieved wonderful things in raising funds. More than one-half of the mission offerings was raised through this channel. The missionary volunteers, likewise, did their part and went beyond the goal set for them.

Another point that may be of special interest. At the beginning of the quadrennial period our association books showed an indebtedness of \$55,000, but as a result of a strong and continuous campaign, and the special blessing of God, we are pleased to state that this entire amount has been cared for. It seems there is no limit to what can be accomplished by a united people under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

We are endeavoring to keep pace with the ever-increasing and rapidly developing work of our publishing department. Last year, with the co-operation of our faithful colporteurs, magazine workers and churches, our Bible House reached its zenith in sales. They amounted to \$39,000.

The Pacific Press Publishing Association, the St. Helena Sanitarium and Pacific Union College are situated in our field. Although we do not have direct supervision of these excellent institutions, we are pleased to make worthy mention of the splendid work being done by each.

We are deeply grateful to God for the increase of funds; for the measure of success that has followed our efforts; for the rich blessings we have all shared together; and we wish to ascribe praise and honor to our Lord for the victories gained. We are fully conscious of the fact that the work has not been carried on faultlessly during the past year, but earnest prayers have been offered that God might be pleased to cover the mistakes with His hand of mercy, and that all may work out to His glory.

In concluding I wish to take this occasion to express my high appreciation for the sympathetic co-operation manifested by the faithful laborers in our conference. Our faces are turned toward Zion, and I believe our hearts and hands are set to work for the Master. We pledge our undivided service and join with all the faithful in praying God to endue us with the blessed Holy Spirit to quickly finish the work of God in all the earth.

G. W. Wells.

"Fix on that course of life which is most excellent, and custom will render it most delightful."

**OBITUARIES**

**Edwards.**—Irene Margaret Edwards was born in Couer de Alene, Idaho, Oct. 5, 1902, and died in Tucson, Ariz., Jan. 28, 1920, being seventeen years, three months and twenty-three days old. At the early age of ten years she was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist church of Couer de Alene, Idaho. She has led a consistent Christian life, and we believe she was ready to meet Jesus. She leaves her mother and one brother, besides many relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

C. D. M. Williams.

**Fairman.**—Elizabeth Jane Fairman was born in Springfield, Ill., in 1840, and passed away Jan. 26, 1920. At the age of 20 she was married to Theodore W. Fairman, and a few months later came to California. In 1874 she heard and accepted the Sabbath message under the preaching of Elder J. N. Loughborough, at Yountville, Cal. She later became a member of the Chico church. She is survived by two daughters and one son. The Christian's hope sustained her through her last suffering which she bore with great patience and fortitude.

A. O. Burrill.

**Ross.**—Myrtle L. June was born in Manchester, Iowa, Feb. 29, 1884, and died at the home of her parents in Chico, Cal., Jan. 12, 1920. At the age of thirteen she was baptized and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church at Winthrope, Iowa. In 1906 she was graduated as a nurse in Des Moines, Iowa, and the same year came to California. September 25, 1907, she was united in marriage with John H. Ross. Surviving her untimely death are her husband, three children, her parents, two sisters and three brothers. A large congregation assembled in the house of worship on the occasion of her funeral service, held Wednesday, January 14. Interment was made in Chico. She bore her sufferings with Christian fortitude and courage, and met death with a strong confidence in God, a calm resignation to His will, and a firm reliance on His promises.

A. O. Burrill.

**Book Report, Week Ending January 30, 1920**

Agent	Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Value	Del.
<b>Southeastern California</b>						
George Hoffman	G. C.	50	12		\$ 69.50	
H. G. Warden	O. D.	44	8	15.05	43.05	
N. M. Horsman	M. H.	13	8		23.50	
B. R. Spear	M. H.	31	11	2.25	52.75	
4 Agents						
		138	39	\$ 17.30	\$188.80	

**WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 6, 1920**

<b>Arizona</b>						
W. F. Mayers	G. C.	42			\$222.00	\$ 8.05
J. R. Douglas	G. C.	12	10	1.25	14.75	34.00
U. M. Cooke	P. P.	23	17	1.00	83.50	161.75
C. Chamberlain	B. R.	22	2	9.00	18.00	39.50
Mrs. C. Chamberlain		4		3.00	3.00	104.50
G. W. Elliott	G. C.	25	9		45.55	22.00
6 Agents						
		128	38	\$ 14.25	\$386.80	\$369.80

<b>California</b>						
J. B. Nelson	Epid.	48		\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
E. M. Barron	Misc.	2		9.25	23.00	
Robert Peare	B. R.	38	10	2.50	32.00	
Frank Murphy	O. D.	25	1	7.10	10.10	31.10
Mrs. A. McCracken	P. G.	10	8	1.00	19.00	
G. A. Roth	G. C., P. G.	17	4	7.50	27.50	
Harry Hodges	D. R.	29	6	10.00	37.00	38.70
7 Agents						
		169	29	\$162.35	\$273.60	\$194.80

<b>Central California</b>						
Emma S. Hansen	P. G.	21	21	\$ 5.50	\$117.00	\$ 42.00
F. P. Chedester	P. G.	31	20	.25	105.25	74.25
P. Rawlinson	O. D.	26	7	1.25	24.75	52.50
3 Agents						
		78	48	\$ 7.00	\$247.00	\$168.75

<b>Southern California</b>						
D. A. Dale	P. G.	36	7		\$ 38.50	\$247.00
H. N. Brass	B. R.	31	4	1.00	20.00	33.00
J. J. Jarboe	P. G.	20	11		55.50	5.50
L. R. Herrara	G. C., P. G.	16	9	3.00	50.50	11.00
R. L. McKenzie	P. G.	31	12		63.00	99.50
5 Agents						
		134	43	\$ 4.00	\$227.50	\$396.00

**WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 13, 1920**

<b>Arizona</b>						
W. F. Mayers	G. C.	12	13		\$ 68.50	
C. Chamberlain	B. R.	8	2	1.10	11.10	
J. R. Douglas	G. C.	21	2		9.00	73.00
G. W. Elliott	G. C.	29	7		36.50	
U. M. Cooke	P. P.	11				93.50
5 Agents						
		81	24	\$ 1.10	\$125.10	\$166.50

<b>California</b>						
Mrs. A. McCracken	P. G.	13	2	\$ 7.00	\$ 19.50	
Harry Hodges	D. R.	28	3	20.40	33.90	12.25
G. A. Roth*	P. G., G. C.	37	4	2.75	27.25	
Robert Peare	B. R.	41	5	2.00	19.50	
Frank Murphy	O. D.	15	5		15.70	
5 Agents *2 weeks						
		134	19	\$ 32.15	\$115.85	\$ 12.25

**WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 20, 1920**

<b>Arizona</b>						
W. F. Mayers	G. C.	22	24		\$119.00	\$ 10.00
J. R. Douglas	G. C.	22	16		78.00	
C. Chamberlain	B. R.	30	4	14.25	33.25	70.75
Mrs. C. Chamberlain	B. R.	16	8	6.75	46.75	36.75
J. H. Ward	Misc.	23		49.80	53.80	53.80
5 Agents						
		113	52	\$ 70.80	\$330.80	\$171.30

<b>California</b>						
Harry Hodges	D. R.	29	4	\$ 11.50	\$ 33.00	\$ 25.25
Mrs. A. McCracken	P. G.	14	2	5.00	18.50	
2 Agents		43	6	\$ 16.50	\$ 51.50	\$ 25.25
<b>Central California</b>						
Emma S. Hansen	P. G.	38	23	\$ 13.60	\$138.10	\$204.10
F. P. Chedester	P. G.	57	47	3.00	237.50	130.50
P. Rawlinson	O. D.	67	20	4.75	91.25	15.50
3 Agents		162	90	\$ 21.35	\$466.85	\$350.10
<b>Southern California</b>						
J. C. MacCrimmon	P. G.	15	11		\$ 51.50	
J. J. Jarboe*	P. G.	45	27		124.50	10.00
L. R. Herrera*	G. C., P. G.	55	39	.25	193.25	59.50
H. N. Brass*	B. R., O. D.	24	4	1.00	20.50	26.00
R. L. McKenzie*	P. G.	49	33		159.00	120.00
D. A. Dale*	P. G.	59	24		120.00	
6 Agents *2 weeks		247	138	\$ 1.25	\$668.75	\$215.50

WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 27, 1920

<b>Southeastern California</b>						
H. G. Warden*	B. R.	86	43	\$ 59.60	\$277.60	
Isaac Cruz*	G. C., P. G.	98	110	18.75	557.75	
2 Agents *3 weeks		184	153	\$ 78.35	\$835.35	
<b>Total</b>		<b>1611</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>\$426.40</b>	<b>\$3917.00</b>	<b>\$2070.25</b>

**CALIFORNIA MEDICAL MISSIONARY AND BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION**

Notice is hereby given that the twenty-third annual constituency meeting of the California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association will be held at Sanitarium, Napa County, California, Wednesday, March 10, 1920, at twelve o'clock, noon, for electing directors, and transacting such business as may properly come before the meeting.

G. W. Wells, President.  
L. V. Roberson, Secretary.

**SPIRITUALISM DRIVES 100,000 BRITAINS CRAZY**

A recent cable from London stated that "one hundred thousand cases of insanity in Britain have been caused by Spiritualism."

During the latter part of the war, and since, spiritualism has been sweeping over England and it is now taking this country in the same way. Surely it is high time to let the world know the truth regarding this question by circulating such books as "Spiritualism versus Christianity," "The Other Side of Death," "United States in Prophecy," "Past, Present and Future," and similar publications.

The Loma Linda Nurses' Training School will receive applications for earnest, consecrated young men and women for the Course beginning August 15, 1920. A portion of the time in training is spent by pupil nurses in the White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles. An affiliation has also been arranged with the Children's Hospital in Los Angeles. Write for information to Superintendent of Training School, Loma Linda, Cal.

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**Tan-bark peelers** wanted by a Seventh-day Adventist company of lumbermen. Address Robert O'Neil, La Honda, San Mateo County, Cal. 29t2

**Wanted.**—To secure at once, a copy of the book, "Pagan Counterfeits in the Christian Church," by Brother Temple. Address Ellsworth Carpenter, Care Paradise Valley Sanitarium, National City, Cal. 29-2t

**For Sale.**—Vegetarian cafeteria, now operated at good profit; splendid location; large patronage; exceptional opportunity for Seventh-day Adventist. Address Sanitarium Association S. D. A., Room 304, Kerckhoff Bldg., Los Angeles, Cal. 27-2t

**Wanted.**—The Pacific Press Publishing Association is in need of more help in the various departments of its work. Young men and young women eighteen years of age and over are wanted. They must be in good health and in good and regular standing in the church. Steady employment to the right persons. Address Pacific Press Publishing Association, Mountain View, Cal. 29-2t

**Wanted.**—A young or middle-aged man for traveling companion on an auto canvassing trip east as far as New York. Address J. W. Beardslee, Coalinga, Cal. 27-t2

**Wanted.**—Two good house painters; Seventh-day Adventists preferred. Steady work; wages, \$6.00 a day. Address Arthur V. Fox, 21904 Gramercy St., Torrance, Cal. 29-3t

**Wanted.**—One or two men (married) for general work on farm. One with knowledge of machinery or tractor preferred. For particulars write to M. G. Tracy, Route A, Box X 6, Visalia, Cal.

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"YOU are writing a Gospel,  
A chapter each day.  
By deeds that you do,  
By words that you say.  
Men read what you write,  
Whether faithless or true.  
Say! What is the Gospel  
According to YOU?"

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**NEWS NOTES**

Missionary Volunteer Week,  
March 13 to 20.

Brother W. C. Raley, our busy auditor, is at the St. Helena Sanitarium completing the audit of the accounts of that institution.

Elder J. W. Christian and B. M. Emerson left Sunday evening to attend the college board meeting at Pacific Union College, March 1 to 4.

Elders A. G. Daniells, W. T. Knox, R. D. Quinn, W. F. Martin, and H. K. Christman have gone to the North Pacific Union Conference meeting, which began February 26 at College Place, Washington.

Elder R. A. Underwood, of the Central Union Conference, Elder William Guthrie, president of the Lake Union Conference, and Elder S. E. Wight, formerly of the Southern Union Conference, but recently elected president of the Central Union, called at the office during the week. They came to the Coast to attend the annual meeting of the College of Medical Evangelists.

Elder W. W. Ruble is at Loma Linda this week, assisting in the special meetings of their Missionary Volunteer Week. Owing to the spring vacation coming at the time appointed for Missionary Volunteer Week, they are holding services at Loma Linda, March 6 to 13. Elder Ruble plans to be at Lodi and Mountain View during the regular Missionary Volunteer Week, March 13 to 20.

“What we call the little things are merely the causes of great things.”

**RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**

(The following is a portion of Elder J. W. Christian's quadrennial report, which was omitted from last week's "Recorder" because of lack of space.—Ed.)

Owing to the strenuous endeavor on the part of some in the states comprising this union conference, to force upon the people legislation which would rob the commonwealth of its God-given right in the matter of conscience, and the continual and ingenious efforts pursued, with the evident turning of the tide in their favor, our union conference committee, more than a year ago, felt that consideration ought to be given to securing a man to give his entire time to an educational campaign along religious liberty lines throughout our field.

In harmony with this conviction, the union conference committee requested that the Southeastern California Conference release Elder W. F. Martin, then acting president of that field, from this responsibility to take the secretaryship of the religious liberty department in the union. This the committee of the Southeastern California Conference agreed to do, provided Elder J. L. McElhany, then president of the California Conference, could be released to take the work in the Southeastern California field. This was made possible by uniting the Northwestern California and the California conferences, and Elder G. W. Wells continuing as president of the united field.

Soon after Elder Martin entered upon his work as religious liberty secretary for the union, a request came from the General Conference, asking that we release Elder Martin to take the associate secretaryship of the religious liberty department, giving especial attention to the work in the western part of the United States and Canada. After careful study of the situation, and in counsel with Elder Martin, the union conference released him to the General Conference in harmony with the above mentioned request. While Elder Martin has been a General Conference man during practically the entire time since his release from the Southeastern field, we have asked him to continue as our union conference secretary in this line, as well.

A year ago, at the last Legislature of California, repeated and most strenuous efforts were made to secure the passage of legislation which would pave the way for the more strenuous laws that would take from the people their constitutional right of liberty and of worshipping God according to the dictates of their consciences. Elder Martin, with Elders W. M. Healey, N. W. Kauble, J. O. Corliss and others, worked earnestly both at Sacramento, the State Capitol, and throughout the field in public endeavors, in a campaign to ed-

ucate the people as to the meaning of the present agitation. As a result, every move on the part of the enemies of liberty was overcome, and the Legislature closed without passing any of the undesirable measures.

A new angle of endeavor on the part of those who are constantly seeking for religious legislation is seen in the many endeavors to localize the issue, obtaining from municipalities the enactment of legislation for smaller communities. Our brethren have been very earnest in their endeavors to meet these insidious moves on the part of the enemies of liberty, and in a large measure have been successful.

**JOINING BATTLE WITH  
SPIRITISM**

The present American tour of Sir Oliver Lodge, scientist and author, has been a triumphal march of progress for this gigantic deception. Many spiritualistic churches have been formed and thousands of dollars pledged to its propaganda. Men of prominence in society, business and religion are espousing its claims.

The publishers and editors of the "Signs" weekly, realizing the solemnity and importance of this movement, have issued a special Spiritism Number of the "SIGNS OF THE TIMES." The full 16 pages are devoted to a frank discussion of this great deception. The words and statements of its propagandist are analyzed and compared with plain scripture truth. Some of the titles of the articles are:

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