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Prohibition

During the last few days much has appeared in the columns of the public press regarding the question of prohibition throughout Great Britain. The banishment of liquor has seemed necessary to many of the leading men of that nation because of the excessive strain that is now imposed upon them, due to the great war. It seems that they are unable to meet the demands that are made upon them, largely due to intemperance, and it is felt that if prohibition can be adopted, this situation largely will be remedied. Hence, King George seems to have taken the initiative step in this matter by banishing alcoholic liquors from his household. It is announced that other leading families are following the example of the king, and Parliament may pass a law banishing liquor from Great Britain. Thus temperance principles are gaining ground steadily in the world. I am quite confident that this is because of the fact that God would have people sober when the last invitation of mercy is sounded to this judgment-bound world. We must not forget that in 1916 another opportunity will be given our people, in part or all of this union conference, to vote on the question of temperance,

and it is our duty to do whatever we can to spread these righteous principles among the people.

Sabbath, April 17 our churches are asked to take up the question of supplying themselves with the temperance number of the *Instructor*, for general circulation among the people. I sincerely hope that all our officers will take note of this, and do all they can to give the *Instructor* a large circulation. This is perhaps the best temperance number that has been issued, and it deserves a very wide circulation. The work is onward, dear brethren, and let us rally all our forces, and hasten the glorious consummation of this blessed cause.

E. E. ANDROSS.

Medical Convention

March 21, 22 and 23 the medical convention for the Pacific Coast was held at Loma Linda. Doubtless a full report of this convention will appear in the *RECORDER* in due course, but it is proper that some mention should be made of this excellent meeting in this issue of the paper.

Dr. H. W. Miller, the medical secretary of the North American Division Conference; Dr. W. A. Ruble, the medical secretary for the General Conference; Elder I. H. Evans, and Elder W. T. Knox, the president and treasurer of the North American Division Conference, were all present at this meeting. Medical delegates attended from the North Pacific Union, as well as from the Pacific Union Conference, and the work was well represented. I trust this will prove to be a source of great strength to our medical work in many ways in this field. I am sure it will result in unifying the work and in giving greater courage to those engaged in this line of the work.

Following the medical convention, on

March 24 and 25, the annual meeting of the College of Medical Evangelists of Loma Linda was held. This also was a profitable meeting. While the delegation was not very large at this meeting, still matters of great importance to the work were considered. The meeting was adjourned to convene during the autumn council of the General Conference and North American Division Conference committees, to be held at Loma Linda, November 5 to 27. At this time a representation of the constituency will be present, and many matters will be considered that were not brought up at this meeting. There certainly never has been as much of an interest in our medical work as is manifested at this time, and I am very confident that every effort will be made to place our medical college on the very best basis. We certainly need the products of this school in every part of the world, and this will be more and more necessary as we approach the end of time, when the judgments of God will be abroad in the land, and men and women everywhere will need the health principles which have been so graciously given to this people.

E. E. ANDROSS,

Pres. Pacific Union Conf.

This is Important—Please Don't Forget It

There ought to be raised at once, the sum of \$250 for the maintenance of the religious liberty work in the Pacific Union Conference. Twice this amount would be much better, but in view of so many enterprises demanding to be financed, the conference office will try to manage with the small amount named.

Expenses in the religious liberty department have swelled to a large amount during the last six months. All will call to mind that more than half a

million leaflets were printed and scattered broadcast prior to the last November election. Considerable expense has been entailed by work done at the present legislature session at Sacramento.

It has now been decided to send the *Liberty* magazine for one year to each editor throughout the Pacific Union territory. This will mean 700 or more subscriptions. No one can deny that such a movement will be wise; for as these magazines go to the desks of these editors, many extracts from the magazine will find their way to the local readers through editorial comment or otherwise. The spread of the message demands that some such course should be taken for the general enlightenment of the people who do not have opportunity to hear the living preacher of these current truths.

But religious liberty funds are exhausted, and the treasury is empty. But in faith that the people will sustain the movement, the conference office has decided to venture ordering *Liberty* sent to the 700 or more editors in the Pacific Union boundary. It is expected that a special offering to meet this expense, and other incidentals, will be taken by all the churches in the union on Sabbath April 24. Shall not each one do his best on that day to meet this important issue? Let the elders of the churches so plan for this that in no case the result will be disappointing.

—J. O. C.

Resolutions

The following resolutions were adopted by the Pacific Press Publishing Association at its annual meeting held March 8, 1915.

Whereas, It is not only a divine injunction to be thankful, but common gratitude demands such expression; and—

Whereas, God has abundantly blessed the Pacific Press Publishing Association during the last year in His continual care over His work, in the daily blessings of His gospel of love and increasing prosperity during great stress of times; therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby express our sense of dependence upon Him and our gratitude and obligation to Him for all that we have to enjoy, and that we consecrate ourselves anew to His service.

"Signs of the Times"

Whereas, The startling nature of present-day events is arousing a widespread spirit of inquiry in the minds of thoughtful people everywhere; and—

Whereas, Both the name and contents of the *Signs of the Times* are well calculated to arrest the attention and engage the serious consideration of such people; and—

Whereas, Its record shows that it not only interests, but is a highly efficient instrument in persuading people to accept all phases of the third angels' message; therefore,

Resolved, That still more earnest efforts be made to increase the circulation by endeavoring to interest every church and company, however small it may be, in subscribing for, reading, and circulating a definite number each week; also by soliciting subscriptions, and mailing to friends, relatives and missionary names to be secured from the tract society office and elsewhere.

Resolved, That as our part in this general movement, we approve of the recommendation made by our directors to donate all the profit made on the *Signs of the Times* to mission work, and that the same plan be continued for another year.

"Signs of the Times Magazine"

Whereas, The call from the field for the *Signs of the Times Magazine* has been unusually great the past year, as indicated by the large increase in sales and subscriptions; therefore,

Resolved, That we recognize this as an opportunity for making the magazine increasingly effective in contents and appearance, and that we all work together to increase still more its circulation.

"Our Little Friend"

Whereas, *Our Little Friend*, having now entered upon its twenty-sixth volume, is meeting with success and favorable response in its recent additions—the large type page for the little ones, and the yearly temperance number; therefore,

Resolved, That we put forth more earnest efforts to place this pioneer children's paper in (1) every Seventh-day Adventist home where there are English-speaking children, and (2) in homes outside our own people where there are children, using as incentives these new features already mentioned, and also the Busy Bee Club, through which the children are encouraged to earn missionary money in various ways; and that this be done (a) by personal work, (b) through our canvassers, (c) by more extensive advertising.

International Publishing Association

Whereas, The board of directors of this Pacific Press Publishing Association, on the third day of March, 1915,

passed and adopted a resolution accepting the bill of sale, deed, and conveyance to this association by the International Publishing Association of College View, Neb., being dated the nineteenth day of January, 1915, by which said association granted, bargained, sold, and conveyed to this association all its good will, assets, claims, and demands, personal and real property of every kind, the Pacific Press Publishing Association to assume all the indebtedness of said International Publishing Association, and agreeing to pay the same, and to save and keep the said International Publishing Association harmless therefrom, and to carry out the object for which the said International Publishing Association was organized; now therefore,

Be it Resolved, That the said resolution of the board of directors of this association above mentioned be and the same is hereby ratified, approved, and confirmed, and the acceptance of said bill of sale and deed are hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved, and the assumption by this association of all the indebtedness of said International Publishing Association, and the agreement to pay the same and hold the said association harmless therefrom, is hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved.

Whereas, At the request of the International Publishing Association, and the approval of the General Conference committee and the North American Division committee, our board of directors has taken over the assets and liabilities of the International Publishing Association, and assumed the responsibility of continuing the lines of work formerly carried on by that association; therefore,

Resolved, That we approve of this action, and earnestly solicit the hearty cooperation of the Foreign Department of the North American Division Conference, and our brethren and sisters generally, in developing and building up this important branch of the Lord's work,—

a. By putting forth earnest efforts to help increase the circulation of the various periodicals, books, pamphlets, and tracts published in foreign languages; and—

b. By assisting in the work of soliciting funds for the free distribution of literature in the German, Danish-Norwegian, Swedish, and other languages.

Donations to Union Colleges

Whereas, Our constituency in the Pacific Press territory is making a

strong effort to pay off, during 1915, the obligations on its educational institutions; therefore,

Resolved, That we authorize the Pacific Press Publishing Association board to pay from its cash surplus \$1000 to each of the following colleges: Union, Walla Walla, and Pacific Union, it being understood that this amount shall be used in reducing their interest-bearing indebtedness.

FIELD TIDINGS

Solusi Mission, South Africa

Last week's mail brought us three RECORDERS; and in reading their many encouraging items, I felt impressed to send in a short report for the benefit of the RECORDER readers.

It has been just a year since we set foot on the Dark Continent, and the experiences through which we have passed have been such as to greatly strengthen our faith and trust in a personal God. He has indeed led us in a plain, but sure, path, and not once has our faith and trust been shaken in Him who has so plainly led us this far.

The work here at our first mission in Africa where we have been located for the past ten months, is onward although the European conflict and the Boer rebellion in South Africa have caused fear and unrest among the natives, yet they seem anxious to go to school and especially anxious for Bible study. During the past ten months the enrolment of the mission school has nearly doubled. There are now (February 7) 106 in the school, and still they keep coming. This is without any soliciting on our part. We are beginning to consider the sad necessity of turning them away. Like other of our missions and mission fields, we face the necessity of curbing our work instead of expanding it. Otherwise we would enlarge our school-house.

It is indeed a source of great encouragement to those of us out on the firing line, facing the enemy, to know that those at home are putting forth strenuous efforts to supply the means, so that the work will not have to be crippled more than necessary.

I am glad to say that God has been very good to us in these troublous times. The war has only affected us in bringing up the price of commodities. Due to the Boer rebellion, which is now practically put down, our mail has been

intercepted a few times and opened by the authorities, but finding nothing of a rebellious nature, the letters were sent right on.

Coming again to our work here at the mission: I am glad to say, twenty-nine of these black people were baptized a few weeks ago in a little stream near the mission buildings. To assist in this baptismal service was indeed a great pleasure. About twenty offered themselves to begin the new baptismal class. This is very encouraging, as the new class seldom begins with more than half this number. We are glad to be in Africa and among this people who are in such great darkness.

We are now in the midst of the rainy season, and it has been raining almost every day for over two months. Up to this date over two and a half feet of rain has fallen—32.50 inches. This is a welcome surprise to the country which has been passing through a long drought.

So far we have both been blessed with health and strength since coming up into the interior; but whether we will pass through this wet, mosquito season free from the fever or not, we do not know. We are full of courage and very thankful for the humble place God has given us in His great work.

We send greetings to the many friends and acquaintances in the Southern California Conference.

MR. AND MRS. RALEIGH P. ROBINSON.

CALIFORNIA Richmond

In the year 1900 there was no Richmond. Now it has a population of 20,000. The rapid growth of this place is to be credited to the Santa Fe Railroad Company, the Standard Oil Company and the Pullman Car shops, which are located here. There are several manufacturing establishments here, which give employment to hundreds of people. The inhabitants have come largely from the eastern states, and are very industrious.

I have held public meetings in the church, and distributed literature from house to house, held cottage meetings, etc. Some have become interested in the truth. Three have joined the church, —two by baptism, one by profession of faith.

Mrs. M. D. Utt is conducting a successful church-school in the rear rooms of the church, which is adding to the interest of the work.

ANDREW BRORSEN.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA Reduced Rates to Fresno Camp-meeting

The following lines will sell tickets on account of Fresno camp-meeting at one and one-third fare for the round trip: Santa Fe, Salt Lake, Southern Pacific and Western Pacific. Tickets will be sold going to the camp-meeting from April 28 to May 9 inclusive, and returning, April 30 to May 11 inclusive. Let all be sure to get a receipt for fare paid going to the meeting. We are informed that, if through any fault of the passenger to comply with the conditions outlined above, the railroad companies are not in a position to make refund of fare. This arrangement is upon condition that fifty delegates holding certificates are in attendance at the meeting. The meeting will be held at Recreation Park, Fresno. It is accessible by street-car from both Southern Pacific and Santa Fe stations.

G. A. WHEELER, *Secretary*.

Our Camp-meeting

After careful and prayerful consideration, it has been decided to hold our annual camp-meeting at Recreation Park, Fresno, this spring from April 30 to May 9. This is the same place where our camp-meeting was held last year.

The good interest that there is in Fresno at present, the large number who have already taken their stand for the truth, and the many who are still deeply interested, were reasons that led our committee to decide in favor of Fresno as the place for the camp-meeting this year. Fresno is a railroad center, and is easy of access to all parts of the conference. The park is a beautiful grove, with green grass and flowers in profusion. Those who attended the camp-meeting last year will remember the beautiful shade trees and lovely flowers found in the park. The street-car line runs past the grounds.

We are very anxious that this shall be the best camp-meeting that has yet been enjoyed in this conference. We are nearing the end of all things, and we should seek the Lord as never before. We expect that good help from outside our conference will be present to assist in the meetings.

We should begin at once to plan to attend. We can ill afford to miss these annual gatherings. Begin to pray that the Lord may shower rich blessing upon His people as they assemble together.

N. P. NEILSEN.

Items of Interest

Camp-meeting at Recreation Park, Fresno, April 30 to May 9. Plan to attend.

One person united with the Visalia church Sabbath, March 20, on profession of faith.

Elder F. E. Brown met with our people at Dinuba on Sabbath, March 20. A good meeting was reported.

The writer met with our people at Visalia and Lindsay on Sabbath, March 20. Good meetings were enjoyed.

Elder F. E. Brown expects to meet with the Lindsay church Sabbath, April 3, to hold quarterly meeting and to have baptism.

Elder F. E. Brown met with our people at Lemoore, Sabbath, March 6, and three souls followed their Saviour in baptism.

How is the Mission Clock in your church? Was it wound up last week? Is it losing time? Ask your church treasurer about it, if you are not sure.

Elder I. G. Knight, of Portland, Ore., has recently been visiting relatives and friends in our conference, and he had baptism at Dinuba a short time ago, and four persons were added to the church.

Brethren C. W. Fuller and Geo. Truesdell are assisting the Clovis church in the erection of a neat church building. They hope to have it completed by camp-meeting time.

Elder J. R. Patterson met with the Barstow Colony believers on Sabbath, March 20, and three persons were baptized and united with the church. We pray that the Lord may richly bless them.

Last Sabbath, March 27, Elder Patterson met with our people at Hanford. Three persons were baptized, and we understand that others expect to follow their Saviour in this ordinance next Sabbath.

Brother C. L. Davis, our field missionary secretary, has located his family at Selma. This will be a help to the Selma church, and at a recent business meeting, Brother Davis was elected elder of the church.

The attendance at the meetings now held by Elder F. E. Brown at Selma

has been excellent the past week. Extra chairs have been placed in the church to accommodate the people, and the interest seems to be deepening.

Elder F. W. Paap and Brother E. Lloyd met with our people at Fresno Friday evening and Sabbath, March 19 and 20, and spoke to them on the importance of home missionary work. Their instruction was much appreciated.

Elder F. E. Brown was called to Lindsay last Sabbath, March 27, to conduct the funeral of the late Sister Pearl Hussey, who passed away March 25, after a brief illness. He spoke to the Lindsay church after the funeral service.

Send in your order to the Central California Bible House, Box 1304, Fresno, for a supply of tracts and other literature. Our good literature should be scattered like the leaves of autumn, and we should do it now while the people are anxious to read.

Sister Lida Ackley, secretary of our Sabbath-school department, met with our people at Coalinga last Sabbath, and organized a Sabbath-school with sixteen members. She reports a good interest at Coalinga. We pray that the Lord may add many to their numbers.

Under date of March 26, Brother R. R. Breitigam, who is holding a series of meetings at Chowchilla, reports that the interest is still good, and that a number of families are deeply interested. We pray that the Lord may continue to bless the work at this place.

Brother J. W. Rich, our educational secretary, spent a few days in this conference recently and visited some of our church schools. We hope he will soon be able to visit all our church schools. Now is the time for the churches to begin to plan for the church schools next year. It is an important work.

The Fresno Sabbath-school donations for the first quarter of 1914 were \$183.62. Their donations for the first quarter of 1915 were \$273.53. This is an increase of \$89.91 for the three months of 1915 above that of the same period a year ago. Doubtless other Sabbath-schools in our conference have had an equally large increase.

Under date of March 31, Brother R. R. Breitigam reports that Sister J. H. Brown, of Chowchilla, who was seriously burned when their home was destroyed by fire a few weeks ago, is very low. She has been taken to the Long Beach Sanitarium for treatment. We extend sympathy to Sister Brown and her family in their affliction.

N. P. NEILSEN.

SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA

Word From the President

On my return recently from the South where I had been called on account of the death of my father, I found a telegram asking me to connect with the work in the Southeastern California Conference. In harmony with this, I closed up my work in the North Pacific Union, and March 6 left Walla Walla for my future field of labor.

On arriving in Mountain View, we found the Pacific Union Conference committee in session. It seemed good to see these brethren, most of whom I had met before. A cordial greeting was given me, which left no doubt in my mind as to my welcome. That same evening, by request of the committee, I went with Elder Corliss to Sacramento to assist him in some religious liberty work at the capital. We then went to St. Helena and the Pacific Union College. From there I came to Los Angeles and spent some time in committee meetings, planning for work in our field.

In company with Brother C. E. Rice, I went from Los Angeles to San Diego. Friday evening I spoke at Paradise Valley, Sabbath morning in the G Street (San Diego) church, and in the afternoon at the University Avenue (San Diego) church. At all these places I found good companies of earnest Adventist people. This truth is the same everywhere, and I felt much at home among my newly made friends. The Lord is blessing the work in San Diego and vicinity, and precious souls are accepting the truth.

The following Sunday was spent at Santa Ana with Elder Folkenburg, going on in the afternoon to Loma Linda. The week was spent there at the medical convention with conference committee and board meetings.

I wish to say to my brethren and sisters in the Southeastern California Conference that I have come here to join with them to finish the work of God, so we may soon go home. It is

my purpose as soon as possible to visit each church and company in the conference. We are planning to do aggressive field work during the summer. Pray for us, my brethren and sisters, that God may use His ministers to bring the light of truth to many souls that are now in darkness.

W. F. MARTIN.

Santa Ana

I am glad to tell all the brethren that March 20 I baptized six dear souls, at the Seventh-day Adventist church in Santa Ana. This was brought about by the help of the local elders, C. F. Folkenburg, and all members of the church.

M. SERNA.

Redlands

The work at this place is progressing and souls are continually finding their way into the fold. Last Sabbath, March 27, six dear souls followed their Lord in the ordinance of baptism. Others are in the valley of decision, who will doubtless unite with the church soon. The church here is growing both spiritually and numerically. We have just covered this city with the *Protestant Magazine Extra*.

Our church school is doing good work. It has nearly doubled in membership since the beginning of the term, and some of the scholars have already taken their stand for the truth. Remember us in your prayers.

L. H. PROCTOR.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Glendale Sanitarium Items

Elder Priege, from Haiti, recently gave a very stirring talk to our young people's society on God's guidance in foreign mission work.

We are glad to say that since our last camp-meeting, five patients have definitely accepted the truth, and one has been reclaimed. For this we rejoice.

We now have well established Sunday night meetings held in our church near the sanitarium. These meetings are well attended by many of the workers and some of the patients.

We have been pleased to entertain a number of our general and medical men, among whom may be mentioned, Elder N. Z. Town, Elder H. W. Cottrell, L. A. Hansen, Dr. H. W. Miller, and others.

A commendable missionary spirit is manifested in the case of two of our

nurses who volunteered to give all of their time in nursing a surgical case—a lady whose circumstances were such that she could not meet the expenses. We are pleased with this spirit of sacrifice.

We were sorry to lose Miss Pearl Fair from our surgical department. She has carried on her work very acceptably. We trust that her field of usefulness will be enlarged in her city work. Miss Faye Beggs, of Idaho, who takes up the work of surgical matron, is giving very satisfactory service.

We have in the surgical ward a remarkable case of faith in God—an aged sister whose hair is white in the service of the Master—recently underwent a very painful operation. Refusing all anaesthetic, she depended wholly upon her Saviour to help her to bear her suffering. She went through her operation in a wonderful manner, and is now nearly well,—a marvel to all except those who know the sustaining grace of Christ in time of need.

UTAH

Conference Notes

The Utah Tract and Bible Society ordered 1000 copies of the special *Protestant Magazine*, which have been scattered through our state. This has been the means of doing much for the cause of liberty, especially for the free press.

Brother J. F. Gaster, our tract society secretary, attended the convention held at Mountain View, Cal., for the bookmen and tract society secretaries. He reports a successful convention. It has been an inspiration to all who attended, and he returned home better prepared for his work.

Salt Lake City church has been greatly encouraged of late by accession of new members. Sabbath, March 20, four new ones were baptized, and March 27 five more joined the church by baptism. Others are interested and will doubtless follow soon.

Sister Esther Smith our Bible worker from Provo, writes: "Could we have a few weeks' meetings here in the church as soon as possible? I feel as if there were some on the verge of the kingdom who might be gathered in." We are planning to look after the interest there.

Our lay members—largely sisters—are doing a good work with the book, "World's Crisis." One order came to our office for 200; others for 100 each; still others for fifty, thirty and so on. The book is not only doing good, but new life is coming into those who have taken up the work.

Some faithful work has been done through the winter months by our canvassers. Over \$1700 worth of orders has been taken from January 1 to March 27, by only three men working most of the time and two others a small part of the time. Utah is a good field for the energetic, untiring, God-fearing canvasser.

W. M. ADAMS.

MISSIONARY

Brother Edgar R. McClain, employed in the office of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium, writes of the good work that may be accomplished with a motorcycle in distributing our literature out in the remote districts of San Diego County. His regular work prohibits his leaving the sanitarium for such work during the week, but he often devotes Sabbath afternoons to this splendid service, and often travels sixty miles on his trips.

Brother McClain carries about seventy-five neatly arranged rolls of literature on these trips, each roll containing one or two magazines, a paper and a tract. Bad roads, motor and tire troubles are not calculated to bring inspiration to such service, yet, notwithstanding these difficulties, this young brother remains constant in the good work of sowing precious seed among scattered people.

This method of evangelistic service is surely workable in other counties, and we urge those who own motor vehicles to employ them as much as possible in the great work committed to us.

—E. L.

Paradise Valley Sanitarium

The following report of experiences is from Brother T. L. Payne, the chauffeur at Paradise Valley Sanitarium at National City. He says:

"I am only a lay member, and have sometimes felt that I could accomplish but little good because of not being directly engaged in religious work. But God has shown me that I can do something for Him, and I thank Him for it.

"Some days ago I ordered twenty copies of the "World's Crisis," and at once began to sell them to passengers and those whom I met at the city. The first day I took three and sold them all on one trip. This encouraged me greatly, and the next morning I took three more and sold them so readily that I took seven at noon and placed them all in about fifteen minutes. I sold the twenty copies almost as fast as I could pass them out.

"My experiences teach me that the world is hungry for present truth, but Satan is endeavoring to blind men's eyes to the times in which we are living. He is using every device to hinder our work, but it will speedily triumph. I want my eyes opened to the opportunities about me. Day by day I am distributing our special numbers of papers and timely tracts, and have taken some subscriptions to our periodicals. May we all let our light shine just where God has stationed us."

Let me add that our Brother Payne's efforts along missionary lines does not in any degree militate against his efficiency as a chauffeur. His autos are missionary arsenals on wheels with ammunition in the shape of papers, tracts, and books in every pocket. We like to see the missionary touch in every department.

CHAS. E. RICE.

EDUCATIONAL

Union Conventions

A series of union conventions has been held in the California and the Central California Conferences. In the California Conference these union conventions were held at Mountain View, Sanitarium, Sebastopol and Oakland; in the Central California Conference, at Armona and Dinuba. In these union conventions, consideration was given to the educational, Sabbath-school and young people's work. The convention opened with a service Friday evening, and the closing service was held on Sunday night.

Inasmuch as the Sabbath-school work has been considered for a number of years in convention work, special emphasis was given to the educational and young people's departments. The spiritual side of the work was emphasized in all these conventions, and the response made gives evidence that our people are greatly interested in the growth and development of these

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 19, 1915

AGENT	BOOK	HRS.	ORDS.	HELPS	VALUE	DELIVERED
Central California						
E.J. Martin	G.C.	27	5	\$ 7.00	\$23.50	
J.V. Trimble *	H.M.	68	16	8.85	40.85	
* 2 Weeks	2 Agents	95	21	\$15.85	\$64.35	
Northwestern California						
Dr. E.A. Brown	P.G.	27½	5	\$1.20	\$21.70	
Southern California						
G.G. Brown	B.R.				\$ 3.00	\$24.25
F.W. Ross	H.M.	25			7.25	
H.E. Farmer	Misc.	4			13.75	
I.W. Blackburn	Misc.				14.00	
H.A. Williams	Misc.	10			7.25	
Fernando students	W.C.				107.50	
Mrs. M. Peterson	W.C.				7.25	
Walter Harper	P.G.				14.00	
Miscellaneous					16.00	
8 Agents		39			\$190.00	\$24.25
Utah						
J.L. Sauder	E.S.	29	9	\$ 6.50	\$ 41.50	
Paul Moore, A.R.	Robinson B.R.	67	13	1.75	46.75	
H.C. Holloway	E.S.	5	8	3.00	19.00	
4 Agents		101	30	\$11.25	\$107.25	

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 26, 1915

Central California						
F.O. Jensen	P.G.	27	19		\$67.50	\$36.00
E.J. Martin	P.G., G.C.	37	10	\$26.00	64.30	
2 Agents		64	29	\$26.00	\$131.80	\$36.00

two departments of the work which have to do with the training and preparation of our children and youth for the cause of God. As never before, we find the parents anxious to give to their children the opportunities of securing a Christian education.

Our churches are desirous that the young people's organization shall be carried on in such a way that all will be prepared to take their place in bearing responsibilities in the Lord's work, and our young people are nobly responding to the plans laid for them in the "Morning Watch," reading courses, reading the Bible and standard of attainment work.

In the conventions held in the California Conference, the writer was associated with Elder E. W. Farnsworth, president of the conference, Mrs. Vesta Farnsworth, Sabbath-school secretary, Sarah E. Peck, educational superintendent and Elder M. A. Hollister, the secretary of the young people's department. The local conference workers attending the conventions in the Central California Conference were Elder B. E. Beddoe, president of the conference, Elder N. P. Neilsen, pastor of

the Fresno church, G. A. Wheeler, Sabbath-school secretary and Miss Lida Ackley, educational superintendent and secretary of the young people's department.

I have greatly appreciated being associated with these workers in the conventions held in these local conferences, and believe our labors together, under the blessing of God, will tend to the advancement of the work in these three important departments of work.

We give the topics presented at these union conventions which will give an idea of the consideration given to the work of the three departments.

Union Convention Topics

- Missionary Volunteer Department:*
 - Organization of Our Young People.
 - Special Call to Service.
 - Power for Service.
 - The Society at Study.
 - The Society at Work.
 - Social Life of our Young People.
 - Hour for Questions and Counsel (conducted by secretary).
- Sabbath-school Department:*
 - Relation of the Home to the Sabbath-school.
 - The Review and the Reviewer.
 - History of Our Sabbath-school Work.

Normal Training of Sabbath-school Teachers.

The Spiritual Qualification of the Teacher.

Adult Attendance at the Sabbath-school.

What I Like in a Pupil.

What I Like in a Teacher.

Our Sabbath-school and Missions.

Hour for Questions and Counsel.

3. *Educational Department:*

The Divine Plan in Education.

Aim and Scope of Bible Study in Our Church Schools.

Junior Missionary Work in Our Church Schools.

The Church School Course of Study.

Relation of the School and Church.

Support of Our Church Schools.

Industrial Training in Our Church School.

Hour for Questions and Counsel.

It was planned to hold similar conventions in the Northern and in the Southern California Conferences; but plans laid by the Pacific Union Conference committee, called the writer to spend some time in connection with the effort to raise the \$150,000 fund for the relief of our schools in this union. It is hoped that some time later these may be continued until all our conferences have had the benefits that come from this convention work.

Now is the time for the people of God everywhere to rally to the work, and these conventions are one means of educating and enlisting all our people in the various lines of work that are carried forward under the third angel's message.

M. E. CADY,

Edu. Sec. Pacific Union Conf.

Learning to Float

A young man, distressed about his soul, confided in a friend. The friend said, "Did you ever learn to float?"

"Yes, I did," was the surprised reply.

"And did you find it easy to learn?"

"Not at first," he answered.

"What was the difficulty?" his friend pursued.

"Well, the fact was I could not lie still; I could not believe or realize that the water would hold me up without any effort of my own, so I always began to struggle, and, of course, down I went at once."

"And then?"

"Then I found out that I must give up the struggle, and just rest on the strength of the water to bear me up. It was easy enough after that: I was able to lie back in the fullest confidence that I should not sink."

"And is not God more worthy of your trust than the changeable sea? He does not bid you wait for feeling; He commands you to rest in Him, to believe His word, and accept His gift."

—*St. Louis Christian Advocate.*

MISCELLANY

WORK WANTED.—Adventist man and wife wish work on ranch in California—man to do light ranch work, wife to cook. Moderate wages. Address Mr. Chapman, 1120 So. Normandie Avenue, Los Angeles, Cal. 33-35

WANTED.—Competent salesman to sell our brooms to the trade, also house-to-house representative to sell to the

one male, six head young stock, 125 chickens and all farming implements, located seven miles from Modesto, two miles from Salida, one mile from public school, five miles from Seventh-day Adventist school and church. Good location and fine soil. For particulars address Morris & Jacobson, 807 Eleventh Street, Modesto, Cal., dealers in alfalfa, fruit and grazing land. 33-36

Notice to the Southeastern California Conference

At a recent conference committee meeting, when the entire committee were present, and after a full and perfectly free and frank discussion, it was unanimously voted to locate the headquarters of our conference at Santa

Can You Answer Them?

Will Prophecy be Fulfilled When the Turk Leaves Europe?

Is the End of the Nations of Earth Foretold in the Bible?

When Will the Battle of Armageddon be Fought?

Will the Papacy Regain its Former Power and Influence?

Are Plagues, Plant Diseases, Storms, Earthquakes and Wars, Signs of the End of the World?

These are some of the questions which are satisfactorily answered in the May number of the *Signs of the Times Magazine*. Those of our brethren and sisters who can possibly arrange for it should secure a number of copies for selling to business men and neighbors. Twenty-five at 5 cents a copy; fifty at 4 cents a copy. Retail price 10 cents a copy. Tract societies can fill orders promptly.



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consumer. This is a missionary enterprise to enable us to give work to worthy students. San Fernando Academy, San Fernando, Cal. 34-35

FOR SALE OR TRADE.—Large lot with three-room cottage, gas, electric lights and bath—one room screened. Beautifully located eight blocks from the Glendale Sanitarium. Price only \$1200. I would like a small country place. Address W. A. Yarnell, 1125 Twenty-seventh Street, San Diego, Cal. 35-36

FOR SALE.—Highly improved twenty-acre dairy ranch, eighteen acres alfalfa, family orchard; six-room modern house, large barn, well, windmill, tank and tank house, two horses, eleven cows,

Ana. Accordingly, in company with our treasurer and two members of the committee, I went there and after looking the town over, we found and secured a most excellent location for the office. The rent is very reasonable. The address is 617 East Fifth Street.

The committee appointed to divide the funds and property now jointly held by the two conferences will meet April 8. Then we are to move into our headquarters the 12th. Any communications intended either for me or Brother J. C. McReynolds, our secretary and treasurer, should be sent to the above address. All church and Sabbath-school reports and tithe should be sent there.

My brethren and sisters, pray that God's blessing may rest on the work of our new conference. W. F. MARTIN.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 1915

During the past few days, Brother J. J. Ireland, General Conference auditor, has been checking up the accounts in the Pacific Union Conference office. From here he goes to Keene, Tex., to audit the books of the South-western Union Conference.

Elder G. B. Starr, chaplain of the New England Sanitarium at Melrose, near Boston, Mass., has been visiting among the sanitariums of the West. With his wife he attended the Loma Linda medical convention, and has spent some time at Loma Linda, Glendale and Paradise Valley Sanitariums:

The church missionary secretaries (librarians) of the Southern and South-eastern California Conferences will kindly send all church missionary reports (including those for the past quarter), and inquiries regarding the home missionary work, to Brother Clyde Lowry, 417 West Fifth Street, Los Angeles, Cal.

At the request of the General Conference and the North American Division Conference committees, Brother E. G. Fulton, of Los Angeles, left Wednesday of last week to visit the Seventh-day Adventist sanitariums in the North American Division in the interests of better service and increased efficiency in management. He goes first to Boulder, Colo., where a medical convention is being held this week.

The Central California Conference committee held a meeting in Fresno, Sunday April 4. On Monday April 5, a joint meeting of the California and Northwestern California Conference committees was held in Oakland. A meeting of the St. Helena Sanitarium board was held at the sanitarium Tuesday, and on Tuesday night the graduating exercises of the sanitarium were

held there. Elder E. E. Andross, president of the union conference, left Glendale last Saturday night to attend these meetings.

The committee recently appointed by the Pacific Union Conference committee to study the sanitarium work in this territory, spent several days early last week at the Glendale and Paradise Valley Sanitariums. Among those present were L. M. Bowen, manager of the St. Helena Sanitarium; C. E. Rice, manager, and Dr. W. J. Johnson, medical superintendent of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium; Dr. V. H. Lucas, manager, and Dr. D. D. Comstock, superintendent of the Glendale Sanitarium, and Claude Conard; also E. G. Fulton, proprietor of the Vegetarian Cafeteria in Los Angeles, and W. D. Salisbury.

Clip! Clip! Clip!

Kindly clip out and mail to the Publicity Department, Pacific Union Conference, Box 146, Glendale, Cal., any articles concerning Seventh-day Adventists and their work which appear in the secular newspapers. This is the only means we have of knowing what articles about our work the papers are publishing. Clippings should be marked with the name and date of the paper from which taken. We need your cooperation. Thank you.

FRANK A. COFFIN.

Religious Liberty

It has seemed necessary to ask the officers of each church in the Pacific Union Conference to take up an offering in behalf of the religious liberty work Sabbath, April 24. This is made necessary by reason of the large amount of work along this line which we have carried forward the past few months, and are still continuing. In the article by Brother J. O. Corliss in this issue of the paper, you will see the nature of the work which we are endeavoring to do. This calls for a liberal offering, and we trust all will do their best to supply the needs of the work at this time.

E. E. ANDROSS.

Preparation Days

These are the days of the Lord's preparation, when again God is "shaking not only the earth, but the heaven also"—that everything not established on the "Rock of Ages" may come down; and that the kingdom which cannot be moved may be established.

In connection with this upheaval God is giving the "latter rain," in more abundant showers to the intent that the fruits of men's hearts may be manifest. This latter rain reveals what is in our hearts, as showers upon the dry land cause the seeds lying dormant there to spring up, whether good seed or bad. So the outpouring of the Spirit brings judgment on our carnal nature. Every false thing must be brought to light, judged and put away. It is first the natural man and afterwards the spiritual man. It is like a good housekeeper taking charge of a house, and cleaning it room by room, throwing out all dirt and cumbering effects. The Lord does not fill us all at once; but it is a cleaning process.—*Selected.*

Foreign Missions

The report of the standing of the conferences in the twenty-cent-a-week fund to February 28 has just come from the General Conference office at Washington, D. C., of the seventy local conferences and mission fields in the North American Division Conference, eight conferences in five unions are reported as having reached their quotas for the first two months of 1915. One union conference, the Atlantic, has reached the goal. Of the \$117,482.57 that should have been raised in the entire North American Division territory there was actually received at the Washington office \$63,626.38, or an average of 10.8 cents a member per week. This left a shortage of \$53,856.19.

A note from Elder W. T. Knox, the treasurer, calls attention to the situation and says:

"You will notice that we have failed to raise an amount equal to 20 cents by some \$53,000. I am hoping that the conferences will immediately enter upon aggressive campaigns in raising mission funds, and that in future months the showing may be far more favorable."

The Pacific Union Conference should have had \$16,803.49, and is reported as \$6580.14, or only about 7.8 cents per member. This is 3 cents below the general average, and is also less than the average per week per member for the same month of 1914, which stood at 8.4 cents.

Within the next few days, the offerings from the conferences for the month of March will be at hand. It is to be earnestly hoped that sufficient will be received to considerably increase the average. CLAUDE CONARD.