

# PACIFIC UNION RECORDER



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

## Reported Loss of Professor H. R. Salisbury

With sad hearts we read, a few days ago, in the columns of the daily press, of the reported loss of Elder H. R. Salisbury, at the time of the sinking, by a submarine, of the steamship Persia, in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea, near the Island of Crete. This comes to us as a great shock, knowing well that it will be such a serious loss to the work as a whole, and especially to the Asiatic Division, of which the India Union Mission recently has become a part. We are, at this writing, unable to say definitely whether this report is correct or not, but so far as we can ascertain, it seems to be authentic. It is reported as coming from the American Embassy in London, and also as being confirmed by the officials of the Peninsular and Oriental Steamship Line.

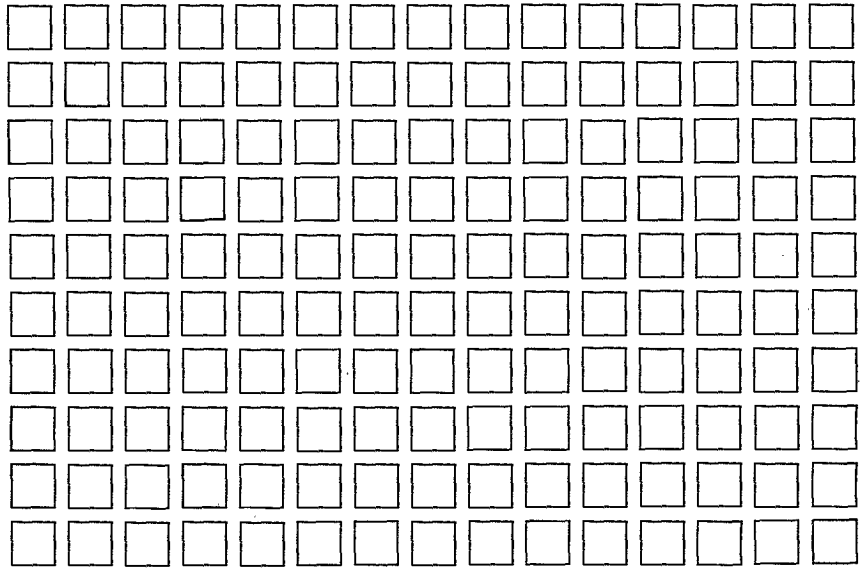
When Brother Salisbury left the recent council at Loma Linda, in order to reach India more quickly, he decided to return to his field by the European route, crossing France, and sailing from Marseilles across the Mediterranean. I understand he intended to take a Dutch steamer, but for some reason, unknown to us, it seems he sailed on the British steamer Persia.

It is reported that six life-boats were launched from the ship. Five of these have landed safely, but the sixth has not, as yet, been heard from. We still entertain the hope that possibly Brother Salisbury is safe in this boat. It may be possible that he disembarked at Alexandria, Egypt, and is safe. We can only wait and hope that in some way God has saved him from this death that seems to us so untimely.

At this writing we are unable to give definite particulars regarding Brother

Salisbury's life work. This undoubtedly will be given through the columns of the *Review* if later developments prove the truthfulness of the reports recently appearing in the papers.

Soon after Brother Salisbury finished his college work at Battle Creek, he went to Africa, where he was for several years connected with Claremont Union College. Later, while I was en-



For the past year and a half we have been putting forth every consistent effort to remove all of the black squares from the above diagram by the 31st day of December, 1915. With the blessing of the Lord and the splendid cooperation of our people in the Pacific Union Conference, the desired result has been accomplished. This means that the entire \$150,000 has been subscribed for the relief of our advanced schools in this union conference. The exact total is \$150,019.87.

If it were possible for all our membership to gather in one great assembly, it would be an appropriate thing to have a praise service. Such a gathering is impossible, but is it not fitting that every Seventh-day Adventist in our union conference should praise the Lord for accomplishing what seemed to many of us to be the impossible? The union conference committee heartily thank the Lord and the people for what has been accomplished.

And now that the grand total is pledged, shall we not all address ourselves to the task of paying our pledges, as nearly as possible, on time. Thus full relief will come to our school work, and this will also bring relief to other departments of the cause.

At an early date the RECORDER will publish the total of all money thus far paid on this fund.

G. W. REASER.

gaged in the work in Great Britain, and while Elder O. A. Olsen was president of the British Union Conference, we succeeded in securing the services of Professor Salisbury to start our educational work in that field. Brother Salisbury labored very earnestly in his efforts to establish the educational work in the British field, and was very successful. For some years we labored closely together, and I learned to esteem him very highly.

When, at the Gland council of the General Conference committee, Professor Salisbury was requested to return to America and take the position as president of the Foreign Mission Seminary in Washington, it was with great reluctance that he consented to do so, and it was with a deep sense of our loss in the British Union Conference that we finally consented to release him for that work.

He was then anxious to go out into some of the hard mission fields, and give his life to that work, rather than to return to America. At that time he had his heart set upon the Levant Union Mission field, including Turkey, Egypt and the Balkan states surrounding the Eastern Mediterranean. Now, according to the reports, it seems that he finds his last resting place in the waters that lave the shores of these lands.

While his heart was set on that field, he finally consented, upon the earnest request of the General Conference committee, to return to America. For several years he labored very efficiently as president of the Foreign Mission Seminary, and then was asked to take the work as educational secretary for the General Conference. While engaged in this line of work, at the General Conference held in Washington in the spring of 1913, he and his wife were called to take up work in India, he to become superintendent of the India Union Mission. He gladly left his home land once more, turning his face eastward, and since has labored very earnestly and successfully in building up the work in that great field among India's more than 300,000,000 souls.

Many of our readers will remember with great pleasure his earnest words at the recent council at Loma Linda. Brother Salisbury's life was given unreservedly to the work of the third angel's message. He was a very earnest student of the Word of God, entertained no side issues, and so far

as I know, never questioned any of the fundamentals of the truth as held by this people. He was a successful administrator, and led a very devoted Christian life.

Undoubtedly many will ask the question, Why should this cause be subjected to the loss of such an efficient worker, in the way indicated by the reports in the paper? While we are unable to answer this question, for "the secret things belong to God," yet we know that God still lives and reigns in heaven. He has not abdicated His throne, and He is still King of the nations. While "clouds and darkness are round about Him, righteousness and judgment are still the habitation of His throne," and we can well afford to commit all to the fatherly care of our great God.

We are living still in the enemy's land, and as long as the great rebel leader and his followers live, we are more or less subject to the dangers that must surround us. These come, not only in the form of disease, but also by accidents and calamities of various kinds. We have no promise of absolute immunity either from the ravages of disease or from the calamities that come to the inhabitants of earth. We may be sure of this fact, that while the workers may fall, the work will go forward to a final and glorious triumph.

The ten plagues that fell upon Egypt were typical of the seven last plagues that will contain the unmixed wine of God's wrath, soon to be poured out upon the guilty inhabitants of this earth. The first three of the ten plagues that fell upon Egypt evidently fell upon Israel also. It was not until the fourth plague was reached that God said, "I will sever in that day the land of Goshen, in which My people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there; to the end thou mayest know that I am the Lord in the midst of the earth. And I will put a division between My people and thy people. Tomorrow shall this sign be." Ex. 8:22, 23.

From the time when the fourth plague began to fall upon Egypt, until the tenth plague had carried off the first-born, God protected His people from their ravages. To-day "more and more, as the days go by, it is becoming apparent that God's judgments are in the world. In fire and flood and earthquake, He is warning the inhabitants of this earth of His near approach. The time is nearing when the

great crisis in the history of the world will have come, when every movement in the government of God will be watched with intense interest, and inexpressible apprehension. In quick succession the judgments of God will follow one another—fire and flood and earthquake, with war and bloodshed." Vol. 9, page 97.

These are to be followed by the seven last plagues. As ancient Israel was not entirely immune from the judgments that came in the first three plagues, so to-day God's people have no promise of absolute protection from all these judgments. But from the time that the first of the seven last plagues begins to fall, the Lord has promised, "No plague shall come nigh thy dwelling." Psalms 91:1-10.

Notwithstanding the fact that many of our workers have fallen at their post of duty by disease, and a few have been overtaken by calamities that have come to earth, still we must not forget that God has, from the time this message began, over seventy years ago, in a marvelous manner protected His servants. No other people of our numbers have traveled so extensively over the earth as Seventh-day Adventist missionaries. And yet, both by land and sea it has been evident that the angel of the Lord has watched over and protected them. For this we should be profoundly grateful to God, and should daily pray that He will never forget His faithful servants, but that He will keep them in the midst of perils, seen and unseen, as in the hollow of His hand. Let us daily pray that "as the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord" will be "round about His people" from this time forth and forevermore.

E. E. ANDROSS.

### California 1905, 1914

Upon the request of the executive secretary of the Church Federation of Los Angeles I secured for him figures showing the standing of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination in the State of California for the two years, 1905 and 1915. Though the latest figures are for 1914 instead of 1915, the report is that interesting to me that I am sure others will be interested. These remarkable gains should call forth the profoundest gratitude to God for the prosperity attending our work in California.

	1905	1914
Number of churches.....	88	149
Number of members.....	5758	9628
Tithes.....	\$77469.13	\$174642.90
To local and home missions.....	5022.08	52160.08
To foreign missions.....	13966.87	73982.49
Total tithes and missions.....	96458.08	300785.47
Per capita tithes.....	13.45	18.14
Per cap. tithes and missions.....	16.75	30.61

B. E. BEDDOE.

FIELD TIDINGS

ARIZONA

Young Peoples' Missionary Volunteer Work

[Report read at the annual session of the Arizona Conference.]

In 1908 at Mount Vernon, Ohio, what is known as the Y.P.M.V. Society was organized. The burden of this work was given to some very consecrated persons who have devoted their lives to this work, and it was my pleasure to become personally acquainted with them this summer.

Just a few items by way of comparison will be of interest to show how the work has grown.

In 1908 the membership was 6000, and in 1914 it was 55,000. The number of certificates issued for the Standard of Attainment in 1908 were 72, and in 1914 there were 677. The certificates for the reading course in 1908 were 55, and for 1914 there were 1914. This is certainly very encouraging to us.

The spirit of prophecy tells us that there is no greater work than to deal with the youth. A responsibility rests upon us for the young people, because Satan is using every means to entrap our youth, and we must build a hedge about them to keep them true and loyal to our Maker.

How may this be done?—One way is to do personal work and to show that their interests are ours. This was manifested in the earthly life of our Saviour. He came close to the people. He visited Zaccheus in his home; He came near enough to the leper as to lay upon his polluted body His own divine hand; He anointed the eyes of the blind with clay, and met others in private conversation.

Another way is to place the proper kind of reading before them. Nearly every young person likes to read, but many do not know just what to read, and consequently read whatever falls into their hands.

One great mission of this Y. P. M. V. Society is to encourage the young in proper reading by suggesting good books each year. Books are selected that will appeal to the lover of history and nature; also to instruct along the lines of our faith. This is arranged by our Missionary Volunteer workers for the benefit of both the juniors and the seniors. When we think that fifty per

cent of our youth are not in our schools, we must use some method to awaken a desire for something the world cannot give. There is no better way than to bend their restless energies to become workers for God.

In quoting Sister White, we read: "The person who is trained to read light reading cannot grasp or retain the plain truths of God's Word." "He who casts rich thoughts into the mind of a friend, gives as the angels give."

The goal set for 1915 is 2000 young people added to the church, 1000 certificates issued for the Standard of Attainment, 2000 are to read the Bible through, 3000 certificates issued for the reading course, \$25,000 to be raised for missions.

Our aim is high, but we are surely going to reach it.

For years there have been young people's societies throughout the denomination, but since we are organized it has grown, and a greater work has been done. In unity there is strength, and let me right here ask that our ministers in the field take a greater interest in our young peoples' work and become acquainted with it, and they will send the names of every junior and senior person to the state Missionary Volunteer secretary that she may become acquainted with them and get them into the conference society.

O, do you have a conference society? —Yes, we now have four societies. One senior and two junior societies in Phoenix and the conference society for the the seniors, but we want to form a junior society too.

The society in Phoenix has been organized for some time, but only the last two years has been using the department lessons. For at least six years they have taken a club of *Signs of the Times*, which by the use of a mailing list were sent out to interested persons. Several to my personal knowledge have come into the truth in this way.

The two junior societies have only been organized since January. We felt our time was so full that we could not hold the weekly meetings. But the attempt was made, and I am glad to say that the pupils entered into the meetings with a good spirit and studied better afterward, so the teachers feel now that they would not get along without their Wednesday morning meetings.

The older juniors sold 100 copies of the *Watchman* each month, and the

younger ones sold seventy-five copies of the *Signs of the Times Magazine*. The seed has been sown, and we hope to see souls in the new earth as the result of those pages of literature.

The goal set for Arizona for 1915 is: six young people converted, three Standard of Attainment certificates, six to read the Bible through, nine reading course certificates and \$122.50 for missions.

While we are still behind with this goal, we are not discouraged, for all are doing nicely to help, and we hope that before the end of 1915 our mark will be reached.

Eleven signed up for the reading course and five have already finished. Others are through excepting the last book or a part of it.

Twelve started to take the Standard of Attainment. One has finished and has his certificate. Two are about ready to take the examination, and others are half finished. We hope for these before the end of 1915.

Twenty began to read the Bible through and are doing nicely. Several young people have been brought into the truth. Fifty dollars has been raised on our Indian fund, and we will try hard to get the rest before this year is passed. The time is short and we must put our shoulder to the wheel and do all that we can.

Membership in senior society	----	30
Membership in junior society	----	20
Letters written	-----	97
Letters received	-----	37
Cottage meetings held	-----	76
Subscriptions taken	-----	11
Papers sold	-----	929
Papers mailed	-----	2488
Books sold	-----	170
Books lent	-----	84
Tracts lent	-----	385

We know that not all have reported the work that they have done, and this seems hard to get them to do. I wish that all could see the importance of faithfully reporting.

One says, "Let not your left hand know what your right hand doeth." The spirit of prophecy says that with some the left hand does not know what the right hand does because it does not do anything worthy of the notice of the left hand.

The lesson of Christ to the disciples was to rebuke those who wished to receive glory of men, not to apply to those who have the love of God at heart.

We are now living in a time when the work is to be finished. In order to do this we need the service of every Sab-

bath-keeper, and to know what each one is doing. It is only through the system of reporting that we can know the progress of the various departments.

We must be united and all stand together, and may the following words be the sentiment of every heart:

"Dear Lord, accept me as I am,

Thine let me ever be;

My strength, my time, my life, my all  
I'll consecrate to Thee.

"Too much time I've wasted,

Forgive me Lord, I pray;

My strength, my time, my life, my all  
I'll consecrate to Thee."

MRS. EMMA WHEELER.

### CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

#### Items of Interest

Let us resolve to do more soul-winning work this new year than ever before! It is a blessed work.

We are glad to report that Elder J. R. Patterson is able to take up his work again. He was with the Rolinda church last Sabbath.

Brother R. R. Breitigam went to Coalinga this week to hold a few meetings before the conference session. Sister Ada Bond, who is still located there, has been doing faithful Bible work.

Our people at the Island church have outgrown their church building, and they are now building a much-needed addition to the church. This will be used as an additional church school room; but it can also be thrown open into the church building and will thus give additional room for their public services. May the Lord continue to bless the Island church.

Dec. 31, 1915. N. P. NEILSEN.

The writer met with our people at Fairmead last Friday evening and Sabbath.

Eighty-six reading course certificates were issued in this conference in 1915. The goal was eighty-four.

Brother Edward J. Woods, one of the new members of the Fresno church, had a good day canvassing yesterday. He took orders amounting to \$14.35 in four and one-half hours.

We are glad to report that the Fresno church, which is the largest church in our conference, reached the goal of 20 cents per week per member for the world-wide work.

The conference auditing committee met at Fresno last Monday and audited the accounts of the laborers. We were glad that Elder E. E. Andross could meet with us and assist with his counsels.

On Christmas day one new member united with the Rolinda church on former baptism, and two others subject to baptism. They will be baptized as soon as arrangements can be made.

Elder E. H. Adams baptized five persons in Fresno last Sabbath. Thus the good work goes forward. We earnestly pray that the new members which come to us may be kept faithful unto the end.

The Fresno and Dinuba Missionary Volunteer societies have reached their goal for 1915 in every item. Others have reached it in one or more. We hope to see every society on the honor roll in 1916, and the way to do this is to start right now.

Two hundred forty-seven new members were received into the church fellowship in our conference during the last year. Of these 219 were received by baptism and the remainder on profession of faith and former baptism. During 1914, we received 155 new members.

Just plain, unvarnished honesty with our fellowmen is certainly the best policy in our dealings with them; and true unselfish honesty with God is our bounden duty. The Lord says that the tithe is holy unto Him. For us to withhold it is the opposite of plain honesty. We must return to the Lord His own, would we gain the blessing.

Sister Ruth Stever, assisted by Iva Garner, is canvassing for "Bible Reading" in Fresno. On calling at a certain home, an elderly lady said to them, "When you knocked, I was asleep with a book before me." So of course she ordered the book. This same lady purchased one of our books from Sister Clara Cornwell two years ago.

At least three new church schools should be started the coming year. We are planning on this. Our motto till Jesus comes: "Every child in the church, a member of the church school; every child in the school, a member of the Lord's family." The Testimonies say: "Wherever there are a few Sabbath-keepers, the parents should unite in providing a place for a day-school where their children and youth can be instructed." N. P. NEILSEN.  
January 7, 1916.

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

#### Items

Brother J. H. Miller and J. R. Dieffenbacher write that they soon will have several persons ready for baptism at San Luis Obispo.

Elder F. I. Richardson and wife have recently moved from Long Beach to Los Angeles. Elder Richardson will work in connection with the Southside and other churches of Los Angeles.

Brother Claude Jones of the Pacific Press was at the office here in Los Angeles a few days the first of the year. While here he spent some time working with Brother Clyde Lowry taking an inventory of the tract society stock.

The past few weeks Brother B. M. Emerson has been working with Brother Claude Conard auditing in Fresno, Sanitarium and San Francisco. During Brother Emerson's absence from Los Angeles, Mrs. Marie C. Forbrick is assisting in the office.

Sunday evening, January 21, Elder Alexander Richie began a series of meetings at Whittier. He was favored in an extraordinary way in making arrangements to use the Odd Fellows Hall. These meetings will probably run through the month of January.

January 1, Brother Harold Davis left Los Angeles for the Pacific Union College. He will spend the remainder of the school year there taking studies in the ministerial course. Brother Davis has been laboring in the Southern California Conference the past eight months.  
B. E. BEDDOE.

### Annual Meeting of Southern California Association of Seventh-day Adventists

The sixteenth annual session of the Southern California Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in the Carr Street Seventh-day Adventist church, at 141 Carr Street, Los Angeles, Cal.

The first meeting will convene at 2 P. M. Wednesday, Jan. 26, 1916. At this session officers will be elected, and other business pertaining to the annual session will be transacted.

The membership of this corporation embraces the members in good standing in all the churches of the Seventh-day Adventists in that portion of California lying south of the summits of the Tehachapi and Santa Ynez Ranges.

B. E. BEDDOE, *President*,  
B. M. EMERSON, *Secretary*.

### SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA Loma Linda Items

It is reported credibly that the church school in Redlands is doing well.

The hospital in Loma Linda is full and the managers are wondering what to do for others who are coming.

The school in San Bernardino is progressing finely with excellent results. This is Miss Nightingale's third year in charge.

Dr. A. W. Truman, of Loma Linda, has responded to the call of the Rialto church to serve as elder for the year 1916.

We are glad to learn that the Redlands church came out with a surplus over the full 20 cents per week per member for the year.

Sabbath, December 25, quarterly meetings were held by the workers who were sent out from Loma Linda, in Riverside, San Bernardino, Beaumont and Redlands.

The wind on Sunday blew down the tabernacle in Bloomington where Elder Brant is holding a series of meetings. He is assisted two nights per week by Elder Eurg and one night by Elder Starr from Loma Linda.

Sabbath, December 18, three were baptized in the Loma Linda church by Elder C. McReynolds, and Sabbath, the 25th, at 11:00 o'clock one was baptized by Elder J. A. Burden, and at 2:30 P.M., four from Rialto were baptized by Elder L. E. Brant. Twenty-three in all have thus far been baptized here by Brother Brant from the church recently organized in Rialto.

Elder W. F. Martin and Elder Falkenburg made a brief call here December 23 and plans were completed for the latter to connect with Elder Luther Warren in a tent meeting in San Bernardino to begin not later than the second week in January. Brother O. O. Tichenor is to be with them as tent master and the Medical Evangelistic class from Loma Linda will assist in visiting and general house-to-house work.

The program rendered by the Loma Linda church school the night of December 23 was a success in every way. The house was filled to its capacity in seating and standing room.

It did much credit to the students and the teachers also. It was very gratifying to the patrons and supporters of the school. Our people cheerfully support a school where the third angel's message is taught and the principles of the gospel are inculcated daily and the Spirit of God is manifested in the teachers' lives and work.

Every class and all the other folks in Loma Linda are busy these days raising money to help build the new hospital and dispensary in Los Angeles. Some are selling magazines; many students are selling "Ministry of Healing," and the church school children, who have undertaken to raise \$2.00 each, are selling the products of their garden and various useful things that their own hands have made, to secure their money. The church school children will be in the front rank with their part of the amount that Loma Linda has undertaken to contribute to the hospital fund. Every man, woman and child among us will want at least \$2.00 in the hospital to be built as a memorial to the name and work of Sister Ellen G. White.

### Southeastern California

It has been with a great deal of interest that we have watched the returns on the twenty-cent-a-week fund from the churches in our field. Now that we have heard from all, it is just as interesting to study the report. While it is not what we had hoped, yet there are some encouraging features in it. Six of our churches have exceeded 20 cents a week, and sorry to say, others have fallen far below. This has cut down the average till it equals but about 16½ cents a member for the conference. No doubt our people will be interested to know what the different churches have done, so we hope soon to get out a statement to send to each church. This will show the standing of each as related to this fund. However, we wish to speak of the most excellent work done by a few. At the head of the list stands Brawley which sent the hands of its clock around four times, started again and was going at a good pace when the new year overtook them. The people over there evidently believe in foreign missions. Not only this, but they think the Advent message should go to the world in this generation. The average for Brawley was 84.9 cents. Next comes Paradise Valley. This church had al-

most a twenty-four hour day. No doubt the trouble was the same as at Brawley: the year was too short. The 31st of December came too soon. The average for Paradise Valley was 37.5 cents. God will surely bless such liberality on the part of His people. It shows faith in God's message for this time. Loma Linda has an average of 21.9 cents a member which, considering the large membership is an excellent showing. Others which show a surplus are Redlands with an average of 22 cents. New River with 20 cents plus, and Holtville with 20.7 cents. The lowest is 4.5 cents. It would hardly be proper right here to state which church that is. It will show on the report soon to appear. May we not hope for better things for the year 1916. We might add that some others of the churches came very near the goal, among which we might mention Anaheim with an average of 18.3 cents. El Cajon shows the same average. University Heights shows an average of 18 cents. Hinkley almost reached the goal with an average of 19.1 cents. La Mesa has an average of 18.1 cents. Others have done well, one at least averaging over 15 cents. This one is Santa Ana. Now, my brethren and sisters let us consider this matter very carefully. When the report is sent you, give it some careful thought. Ask yourself the question, Am I doing what I can to hasten on the work of the Lord? Our self-sacrificing missionaries have given up all to carry the message to the world. God calls on us to support them in this work. "Sell that ye have and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not." W. F. MARTIN.

### SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA

The first annual session of the Southeastern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Seventh-day Adventist church, corner Eighteenth and G Streets, San Diego, Cal., Jan. 19 to 23, 1916. The first meeting will be held Wednesday, January 19, at 7:30 P. M. The session is called for the purpose of electing officers for the conference, and for transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

A full representation of the churches is desired. Each church is entitled to one delegate for its organization, and one additional delegate for each twenty members or major fraction thereof. Report of the delegates elected should be sent to the conference secretary, 617 East Fifth Street, Santa Ana, Cal.

W. F. MARTIN, *President*,  
J. C. McREYNOLDS, *Secretary*.

## NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA Conference Notes

Our principal aim: Two hundred baptisms in 1916.

Our missions goal: An average of 20 cents a member per week.

New clocks will be sent to the churches as soon as possible. Keep the old one on time until the new one comes. A plan is under consideration that promises to keep the clocks running fast to keep up.

Sister Belle F. Hickox, who has been associated with the company at San Rafael, has begun Bible work at Vallejo. It is planned to have a strong effort made there as soon as the weather will permit.

Several churches passed the mission fund goal, and several others came very near it. Now let us all make an early start and keep up. One church is already far ahead. Another reports having started with a good surplus. If we will, we can pass the goal the first quarter. Let us do it.

Elder W. A. Johnson, who has labored in Utah for several years, comes to this conference in harmony with the action of the recent union conference meeting. The conference committee has asked Elder Johnson to take charge of the work in Mendocino County. He will locate at Willits.

Elder M. A. Hollister and family left December 30 for their new field of labor in the Inter-Mountain Conference. Elder Hollister will locate in Salt Lake City, but Ogden will be his field of labor. Elder Hollister has done faithful service while in this conference, and it was with regret that we saw him and his family leave.

The week of prayer was a season of refreshing to all the churches. The Holy Spirit was present in more than the usual measure. Some who had drifted away came back, and several churches report conversions. The people enter upon the new year with a greater burden for souls and a deepened conviction that the message is hastening on to world-wide triumphs, and that the coming of the Lord is very near.

A recent trip to the northern part of the conference found the work making

encouraging progress. Elder J. D. Alder is in charge of the work in that section. Just before the rains began, he visited every isolated believer and all the interested ones he could find in Humboldt and Del Norte counties. This necessitated over 600 miles of travel over country roads. Thirty-six have been baptized in this section since March, and there is wide-spread interest.

Several students from the Pacific Union College were asked to visit the churches during the week of prayer. Their labors were greatly appreciated. A company consisting of Sister Alma McKibbin, Brethren Chester Holt and A. L. Baker, Sisters Harriet Maxson, Willeta Maxson, May Holt, and Effie Grant spent the holiday vacation with the Sebastopol church, where they held a short series of meetings. Their visit was a great blessing to the community and the church appreciated the help and encouragement that they received.

On December 25 a church of eighteen members was organized at Willits. Elder Andrew Nelson began work at this place in May, in company with Sister Laura Morrison and Brother Lester Bond and wife. Since camp-meeting Elder D. E. Robinson has been connected with the effort, and since the first of September he has had charge of the work there, Elder Nelson connecting with the effort at San Rafael. Several others are keeping the Sabbath and there is considerable interest. Sister Oleta Butcher is doing Bible work there. A neat dwelling has been opened for a meeting place, a slight alteration making a suitable place for the meetings and removing the necessity for building for a time. Four were baptized December 27.

J. ADAMS STEVENS.

### Missionary Volunteers

Are you observing the morning watch? "Prayer is so necessary, and the source of so many blessings, that he who discovered the treasure cannot be prevented from having recourse to it, whenever he has opportunity." Another has said, "Prayer moves the hand that moves the world." Think, dear friends, of the infinite possibilities before the one who has found the treasure. If this has been found, let us spend our first moments of the day learning its value, and if not, determine to search for it. You must have a calendar.

Read the Bible through during 1916. By following the outline in the back of the Morning Watch Calendar; you will complete the reading of the Bible this year. I desire the names of all in this conference who are following this outline.

C. S. PROUT.

### Willits

On Sabbath, December 25, a church was organized at Willits. This is the outgrowth of an effort that has been in progress since May. In October the tent was taken down, and since then a quiet work has been carried forward. Since decisions have been made, a new interest seems to be aroused, and the prospects are good for a healthy growth during the coming year. The membership of the infant church is eighteen, thirteen of whom are new members. An excellent spirit of missionary endeavor prevails among these, and plans are being laid for further aggressive work.

D. E. ROBINSON,  
OLETA BUTCHER.

## BOOK WORK

### A Christmas Present

The following paragraph is taken from a letter from one of the colporteurs: "Blessing upon blessing is all I have time to say. A whole German family for the truth seems to be my Christmas present—if they are true to the present outlook. I am pressing on, happier every day, as I realize God has enabled me to actually get started in this blessed work in which angels of God delight to be our attendants."

### What Are You Looking For?

"Unto them that look for Him shall He appear . . . unto salvation." "Abraham looked for a city . . . whose builder and maker is God." What an example is given us by God's faithful servant of old! With opportunities on every hand for amassing wealth, and reaching a position of honor among men, this truly royal "prince" refused to set his affections or his eyes upon the things of this world, but set his heart upon the world to come, and "looked for a city."

Dear reader, where are your eyes? What are you looking for? The new year opens before us? Does this mean for you another year to be spent in the service of self? Are you looking for the war to cease in order that commercial prosperity shall return and give greater opportunity for money making and worldly pleasure? Or are you looking for an opportunity for service

in the cause of God? Are you planning to reach out a hand to the helpless and distressed? Are you looking for those who are hungering for the truth, in order that you may feed them with the bread of eternal life? Whether you are or not, be sure of this, they are looking for you. Note the following:

"All over the world, men and women are looking wistfully to heaven. Prayers and tears and inquiries go up from souls longing for light, for grace, for the Holy Spirit. Many are on the very verge of the kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in." Vol. 6, page 71.

Shall they have waited in vain, and perhaps be lost at last, when you might have saved them? Our faithful colporteurs are finding many of these waiting, needy ones, and have the joy of seeing them drink in the words of Life. If you would like to share in this joy, secure a prospectus, and get in touch with the field secretary of your conference and go to work, and the Lord will bless your efforts.

At the opening of this new year, the prospects before the colporteur work in this union conference are much brighter than they have been for some time. We not only have more workers in the field, but they seem to be having better success, and all seem to be of better courage than heretofore. We are sure that the blessing of our Heavenly Father will be with those who, in sincerity and earnestness, give themselves to the work. Shall not all whom God has called to this work unite in making the record for 1916 the best we have ever known?

F. E. PAINTER.

### A Report

We are glad to say that quite a good many home workers' books have been sold for Christmas. And we hope the workers will not stop for Christmas, as these books sell well both before and after.

Our miscellaneous sales since last reported have been as follows: Southern California, \$210; Southeastern, \$446; Arizona, \$335.

Brother Jennings has been selling "Bible Readings" here in Santa Ana with quite good success.

Brother Ross is working Santa Marie. A nice shipment was made to him a few days ago. A colporteur in the valley sent in a report like this: Seven days, forty hours, orders \$181, delivered \$42.00. Can books be sold? They can if we will, and we will. Brother

Davis has left the field for school, but we are sure he is glad of the blessings received in the field.

We have a number of letters from those who are planning on the colporteur work. If there are those who have not written me and feel called to this work, I shall be glad to hear from you. Write me at Santa Ana.

H. A. HEARD.

### Another Book has Done Its Work

A few days ago Mrs. Nelson was out with the home workers' books, and in the course of a few hours she found a lady who is an Adventist. After Sister Nelson had taken her orders for some of the small books, the lady told her how she learned of the truth. Brother Secord had sold "Bible Readings" to one of her neighbors. A little later the neighbor loaned the book to this sister, and she became so much interested in it that finally the neighbor told her she could keep it. As a result of this, she continued her study of present truth, and is now a Seventh-day Adventist.

This is another evidence that God has a watch-care over every book that goes out, and it should encourage every one who is now engaged in circulating gospel literature. It also should encourage many who have at one time had a part in this work, to go forth with the printed page once more. We may not see results, but they are sure, for God's word has spoken it.

C. C. MORLAN.

## MISCELLANY

FOR SALE.—Small, modern bungalow on improved lot, 62½x150 feet. Bearing fruit trees and vines. C. R. Campbell, Loma Linda, Cal.

WANTED.—Experienced sanitarium cook and baker would like to correspond with some of our institutions in need of such service. Address J. C. Henson, Sanitarium, Napa County, Cal.

FOR SALE.—Alfalfa honey, light color and fine flavor. Five-gallon cans f.o.b. station, \$3.50. One-gallon cans by parcel post, first and second zones, \$1.10, one-half gallon, 65 cents, postpaid; other zones add additional postage. Address, M. S. Dickinson, Ingomar, Cal. 2-28-16

FOR SALE.—In Selma, Cal., a good five-room house on two splendid lots. Some fruit and plenty of

shade. Two blocks from Seventh-day Adventist church, and one mile from church school. Price, \$1700. Would accept \$1000 down and give time on balance. This property has been given to advance the message. For information address the Central California Conference, Box 1304, Fresno, Cal. 12-31-15

### Obituary

HILL.—Mrs. Bernice A. Hill, nee Conway, died at the Glendale Sanitarium of heart failure, Wednesday, Dec. 8, 1915. Sister Hill was born Jan. 16, 1861, at Glasgow, Scott County, Ill. She came to Colorado in 1882, where she was married to William J. Hill, July 2, 1893. They resided at Ouray, Colo., till 1911 when they located in Imperial County, Cal. There they made their home until her death. In 1903 Sister Hill embraced the third angel's message, and remained a faithful member of the church till she peacefully fell asleep in Jesus. She leaves a husband, one daughter and one son, besides a brother and sister to mourn her loss. She was laid to rest in the Forest Lawn Cemetery at Tropic, to await the return of the Life-giver.

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the goal. Some of our largest churches and some of the smallest have reached their goal, one church of fourteen members having paid 54.3 cents per member.

We are now just starting on the year 1916. Shall we not resolve that by the help of God we will reach the goal in every church in this union conference for this year. If this is done, it will be because the officers in each church take this matter up at once, first in their church council, then, after definite plans have been laid by the council in harmony with the recommendation of their local conference committee, in the church on the Sabbath, laying before all the people their duty to bear their share in the support of our world-wide work, even to the point of real personal sacrifice.

This must be kept before the people week after week throughout the year. It is not the large offerings that are given intermittently, but the small offerings that constantly are flowing like rivulets from a thousand sources, that make the great rivers of offerings, and thus this message, that soon will be heard in all the earth swelling into a loud cry.

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Telegraph advice from Portland, Ore., to local newspapers contain the information that the Oregon Sunday law has been declared, by the United States Court at that place, to be in harmony with both the American constitution and the Oregon constitution. The dispatch is as follows:

"Portland, January 4.—The Oregon Sunday closing law is in accord with federal and state constitutions, according to the decision of Federal Judge Wolverton. Judge Wolverton denied the application of the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company for an injunction against Oregon district attorneys to prevent them from enforcing the law."

A number of new songs have been published by Brother Charles P. Whitford of Orlando, Fla. Among these songs are "The Paradise Home," and "The Light in the Window up There," the two for 25 cents; and "When the Shades of Eve are Falling," price 25 cents. He is also mailing six of his favorite songs for 30 cents. The words are beautiful and the melody is pleasing. These songs will be a valuable addition to any music collection. For years Brother Whitford has been acknowledged a "Sweet Singer of the South," and everywhere his songs have taken well. Those desiring these songs should address him as above.

Our readers will be please to know that the 1916 Temperance *Instructor* is ready to mail. The publishers assure us that this new Temperance number gives evidence of eight years experience in getting out Temperance issues, it being by far the most practical Temperance issue ever published. We solicit the earnest efforts of our readers in the generous circulation of this new Temperance number. The special elections will soon be on. In

many places there will be local option elections. Our people ought to do all they can in getting the Temperance *Instructor* in the homes of the people just before these elections.

During the autumn council recently held at Loma Linda, several interested union conference presidents inquired as to the secret of the success of our educational fund campaign. The answer to their inquiry might be summed up as follows: There is a living God in heaven who has a special message of mercy to be proclaimed to all the world, and nothing that is essential for the suc-

cessful proclamation of this message is too difficult for Him to accomplish. To this people is committed the proclamation of His message, and no human instrumentality is more essential for the development of workers to proclaim the message than our school system. Therefore, faith in the living God and in His message is the first secret of the success which the Lord has given. He will always respond to our faith in His own purposes. Building on this foundation, we might add as adjuncts to success: A definite, comprehensive, unselfish, workable plan, to be completed in a given time; full cooperation of all of the leaders of the people in the plan; persistent and untiring effort on the part of chosen men until the desired result is attained; the campaign to be conducted on spiritual, rather than formal methods; and, finally, the blessing of the Lord of the harvest upon it all; this blessing received through prayer and the consecration of our lives and our substance to the finishing of the message and thus in bringing the glorious event of our Saviour's coming.

### Our Mission Fund

We are sorry that it is impossible to report in this issue of the RECORDER the standing of our union conference on the twenty-cent-a-week fund. The reports for December have not all reached our office yet. We are quite certain, however, that we will not reach the goal on this fund. The California Conference had a surplus of about \$600 above the 20 cents a week for its membership. This demonstrates that it is possible in this field to reach

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### Educational Fund

All will greatly rejoice with us over the fact that the \$150,000 Educational Fund has been fully subscribed within the time limit. The Lord has greatly blessed in the work of gathering the pledges for this fund. The Spirit of God has surely set His seal of approval upon the effort to roll away the reproach of debt from the educational work of our union conference, and we praise God that our dear people have so liberally responded, making this splendid report possible. This is certainly another evidence of the desire of our people to do all in their power to place this cause on vantage ground for the closing work of the third angel's message.

We are sure that our brethren will now plan definitely to meet their pledges at an early date, that the heavy load of interest-bearing indebtedness may be rapidly reduced.

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