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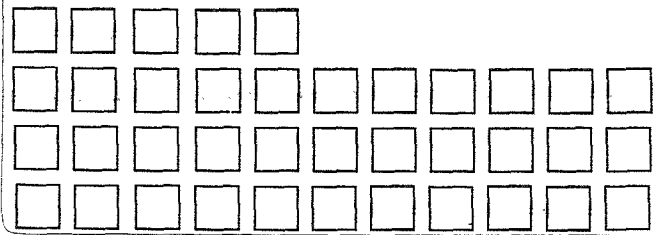
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## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PACIFIC PRESS PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION

### Synopsis of Proceedings

The twelfth annual meeting of the Pacific Press Publishing Association was held according to appointment in the Pacific Press Assembly Hall, Mountain View, Monday, Jan. 24, 1916. An unusually large number were in attendance, among the number being Elder E. E. Andross, president of the Pacific Union Conference; Elder H. W. Cottrell, president Western Oregon Conference; Elder J. L. McElhany, president California Conference; Elder J. A. Stevens, president Northwestern California Conference; Elder N. P. Neilsen, president Central California Conference; Elder J. O. Corliss, of Glendale, Cal.; Verah MacPherson, secretary and treasurer of Northern California Conference; H. B. Thomas, secretary and treasurer of California Conference; D. R. Sperry, secretary California Bible House; Dr. L. J. Bel-

As previously announced, the \$150,000 Educational Fund was fully subscribed by Dec. 31, 1915. Some money had also been received on this account in payment of pledges, etc., which is represented by the white squares shown below. When the entire amount has been collected, the light-house tower will be complete. Thirty-eight stones have already been laid, representing \$1000 each—\$38,000 paid in. The building will grow slowly or rapidly as the money is received.



knap, of the Garden City Sanitarium; George Jagels, Mayor of Mountain

View; W. L. Camp, cashier of the Farmers' and Merchants' State Bank of Mountain View; W. B. Holman, cashier of the First National Bank of Mountain View; C. F. Awalt, of the Southern Pacific Company; Elder W. C. White and C. C. Crisler of Sanitarium, Cal., and many other representative men.

In a few well chosen words, C. H. Jones, president and general manager of the association, extended a hearty welcome to the delegates. Thirty-two applications for membership had been filed with the secretary in harmony with the by-laws, and these were unanimously received by vote of the association. The new members consist largely of union and field agents and tract society secretaries.

The reports of the general manager, treasurer, and department managers showed the last fiscal year to have been one of the most prosperous in the history of the institution, the volume of business amounting to over \$623,000. (For summary of book and periodical sales see page 2.)

During the year 1,401,200 copies of the *Signs* weekly were circulated. This does not include 817,000 copies of the Harvest Ingathering number. Five hundred thirty-two thousand five hundred copies of the *Signs Magazine* and 940,800 copies of *Our Little Friend* were circulated.

If this sales report could present the real work which has been accomplished through the medium of the printed pages circulated by the Pacific Press, we think it would constitute the most

interesting reading. If we could place before you a picture of the army of men and women—young and old—scattered over our field, each worker hurrying from door to door with the precious message of truth, leaving here and there a truth-filled book or paper as a light in a dark place; if we could but see the work of the Holy Spirit and the ministration of angels as they cooperate with the human messengers, and could reveal how hearts are filled with new joy and hope as they read and accept the message that the books contain—if some of these things which are the real, the worth-while results which follow the blessed work of the colporteur, could be given, then this sales report would be very interesting, indeed.

The Pacific Press operates four branch offices—one at Kansas City, Mo.; one at Portland, Ore.; one at Calgary, Alberta, Canada; and one at College View, Neb.; all of which are in a prosperous condition. Recently the International Publishing House at College View, Neb., was purchased, and is now operated as one of its branch offices. The publishing business of the College View office is devoted wholly to the manufacture and sale of foreign books and periodicals. They publish many papers in the various languages, which have an international circulation. The foreign books have a large sale in the middle western states where the foreign population is large, as well as in all parts of the world.

The summary of book and periodical sales at retail prices is as follows:

	1914	1915	Increase
Book sales in United States and Canada ----	\$284,239.12	\$313,215.01	\$ 29,085.89
Book sales in foreign countries.....	44,532.50	49,995.80	5,353.30
Periodical sales, English (including Sabbath school Quarterly and Harvest Ing. <i>Signs</i> ..	142,354.82	235,745.95	93,391.13
Periodical sales, foreign (Int'l Pub. Assn.)		24,434.37	24,434.37
	\$471,126.44	\$623,391.13	\$152,264.69
Grand totals: Book sales 1915, including miscellaneous printing ...			\$363,210.81
Periodical sales 1915.....			260,180.32
Total retail volume of business.....			\$623,391.13

The following foreign periodicals are published by the College View branch: *Arbeiter*, *Hausfreund*, *Jugendbote*, *Zeichen der Zeit*, *Sendebud*, *Lys over Landet*, *Missionaren*, *Tidens Tecken*, *Signalen*. These periodicals are circulated all over the United States and Canada and in many of the European countries.

At this meeting a foreign literature department was organized, with H. H. Hall as manager. This department will promote the circulation of the foreign literature now published at College

View, and will assume the responsibility of publishing an eight-page paper in Russian, a quarterly magazine in the same language, and will print similar periodicals in Bohemian-Slavish, Italian, Polish, French, Yiddish, Servian, Roumanian and Bulgarian.

The time of the meeting was principally devoted to hearing reports of progress for the past year and in discussing plans for aggressive work during 1916.

The following resolutions and amendments were adopted:

### 1. Our Gratitude To God

It is only just that we should be deeply grateful, and it is meet that we should express our gratitude to God, in view of His goodness that has been over us during the last year, manifest, among other things, in the unprecedented volume of work the institution has enjoyed, when many of our fellow men have been unwillingly idle; in the preservation of the health and lives of our employees; in the financial prosperity that has attended our efforts; in the faithful work of employees, bookmen, and colporteurs; and in the widening fields and opportunities ever opening before us; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we hereby express our gratitude to God for His manifest mercies and His promises of still greater blessings, and that we consecrate ourselves anew to His work.

### 2. The Death of Mrs. White

The death of our beloved Sister Ellen G. White, July 16, 1915, was preemi-

nently a sad occasion to the Pacific Press constituency. Under God she was one of the founders of the institution. She has ever taken a Christian and motherly interest in its hardships, its trials, its prosperity, and its blessings. She has warned us of dangers, especially against the insidious and deceptive workings of sin and the following of wrong principles. She has, as God's messenger, set before us specifically the true principles of righteous-

ness, on the following of which real prosperity depends. Therefore,

*Resolved*, That we record our sorrow at her death, that we continue to study the instruction given us by the Lord through her, and that we earnestly endeavor to follow the counsels given.

### 3. Death of Clarence Hall

*Resolved*, That we express our deep and continued sorrow at the death of Brother Clarence C. Hall, December 19, 1915, and that we extend to his bereaved widow and children our sincere, heartfelt sympathy in their great loss.

### 4. The "Signs of the Times"

*Whereas*, Evidences are continually multiplying, showing the good work the *Signs of the Times* is accomplishing in giving the great saving truths to the world; and—

*Whereas*, The plan for an increased circulation recommended by the officers of the General and North American Division conferences seems to be good and workable; therefore,

*Resolved*, That a continuation of the same plan be followed; namely, the securing of a club by each church and company for missionary purposes, and a club of at least two copies for each isolated member.

### 5. The "Signs Magazine"

*Whereas*, The increase in circulation of the *Signs of the Times Magazine* from year to year indicates a growing interest in this journal on the part of the people generally; and—

*Whereas*, The students in our schools, and missionary workers in our churches, are finding it to be a great factor in giving the third angel's message to the world, and at the same time yielding sufficient financial returns to the laborers to support them in their work; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we continue to increase the efficiency of the magazine, and that more vigorous efforts be put forth to secure a larger corps of workers for it from our schools and churches, and that we encourage these workers to solicit yearly subscriptions in connection with the sale of single copies from door to door and in places of business.

### 6. "Our Little Friend"

*Whereas*, *Our Little Friend*, now entering upon its twenty-seventh year, is continually adding new features for the instruction and uplift of its young readers; and—

*Whereas*, There is an earnest desire that we should do more for children

younger than those of primary school age; therefore,

*Resolved*, That special efforts be put forth to meet the needs of the children both in the home and in the school, and that greater effort be made to secure the cooperation of our Sabbath and church school teachers and our tract society secretaries to increase its circulation.

#### 7. Assisting in Foreign Missions

In "Testimonies," volume 7, pages 144, 145, and 147, we read the following:

"As the message of truth advances into new fields, it is God's purpose that the work of establishing new centers shall be constantly going forward. . . . At various points in missionary lands publishing houses must be established. . . . In this work it is the privilege, yea, the duty, of our established institutions to participate. . . . Just as soon as an institution has gained a standing place for itself, it should reach out to aid other instrumentalities of God that are in greater need.

"As our publishing houses take upon themselves a burden for missionary fields, they will see the necessity of providing for a broader and more thorough education of workers. They will realize the value of their facilities for this work, and will see the need of qualifying the workers, not merely to build up the work within their own borders, but to give efficient help to institutions in new fields. God designs that our publishing houses shall be successful educating schools, both in business and in spiritual lines. . . . Let opportunity be given for all to acquire the greatest possible efficiency. Let them become acquainted with different lines of work, so that, if called to other fields, they will have an all-around training, and thus be qualified to bear varied responsibilities."

In view of the above counsel and the mighty appeal in the needs of the foreign fields, be it—

*Resolved*, That we approve of the plan to devote one-tenth of our net gain, and also such other donations as can be spared from surplus savings, for these purposes, as outlined in the following particulars, in counsel with the executive committees of the General Conference and the North American Division Conference:

(a) To assist in furnishing the necessary equipment to our mission printing plants in foreign fields where most needed, and also in establishing print-

ing plants in new fields, and assisting in their maintenance.

(b) To educate and train workers for these mission plants, such as managers, editors, general workers, and colporteurs.

(c) To secure translations of our books, tracts, etc., into various languages, as may appear to be necessary, in cooperation with those who have these lines of work in charge.

(d) To publish or assist in providing books, pamphlets, tracts, and periodicals, in languages that give no promise of financial gain, but which are needed in order to fulfill the gospel commission to carry this message "to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people."

(e) That in carrying out these resolutions, it be understood that the interest-bearing debt be liquidated as soon as consistent, and that the office shall maintain a high state of efficiency, in order that it may be able to supply quickly all demands from the field and meet emergencies that may arise.

#### 8. New Foreign Periodicals

*Whereas*, The last General and North American Division Conference council requested the Pacific Press to assume the responsibility of publishing a monthly eight-page paper in Russian and a quarterly magazine in the same language, and that we issue similar periodicals in Bohemian-Slavish, Italian, Polish, French, Yiddish, Servian, Roumanian, and Bulgarian, as soon as the demands are sufficient to warrant the undertaking; and—

*Whereas*, This is directly in line with the development of our foreign literature in which this institution has been engaged for the past ten years; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we heartily accept this opportunity to cooperate with our people in extending a knowledge of this message to the millions of "strangers within our gates" represented by these languages; and that these papers be published from College View, where we are already issuing the nine periodicals in German, Danish, and Swedish.

#### 9. A Foreign Literature Department

*Whereas*, The taking over of the International Publishing Association early in the year, with its investment of over thirty-eight thousand dollars; the acceptance of the recent action of the North American Division Conference requesting us to publish a long series of periodicals in

different foreign languages; the constant and large increase in capital invested in books and tracts in languages other than English at Mountain View and our branch offices, demand that more careful study and supervision be given to meet the peculiar conditions under which many of these publications must be marketed; therefore,

*Resolved*, That a Foreign Literature Department be organized, with such experienced help as may be found necessary to care properly for this developing line of work, the chief duties of which, at the present time, would be as follows:

(a) To promote the circulation of foreign literature.

(b) To cooperate still more closely with our sister houses in other lands, by importing from them or exporting to them signatures and bound copies of such books as it is found best to publish in one country only.

(c) To study the needs of foreigners in this country, particularly in our own territory, with the Foreign Department of the North American Division Conference, and our International Branch at College View, Nebraska, and do what we can to supply these needs so far as it can be done through our publications.

#### 10. Donations Distributed

*Whereas*, At our constituency meeting one year ago, a resolution was adopted recommending that the net profits of the *Signs of the Times* weekly for the year 1915 be donated to missions; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we hereby express our entire sympathy with the action, and recommend that the amount, \$2,048.83, be prorated to the conferences on the basis of the volume of business with this periodical during the year, and that the same plan be followed for 1916.

#### 11. Temperance

*Whereas*, A movement has been launched in California, and in other states as well, to abolish the liquor traffic by legislative action during this year 1916; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we heartily cooperate with the temperance forces in making this effort a success, by issuing a special temperance number of the *Signs of the Times*, also of the *Little Friend*, and such leaflets and other documents as may be deemed necessary or advisable.

### 12. Yearly Meetings

*Resolved*, That special efforts be put forth to secure a yearly meeting of our advisory committee with our board of directors, to study and plan our publishing work, and thus develop stronger and more aggressive action in our mission of saving souls in the great field.

### Amendments to By-Laws

On the by-laws of the corporation, your committee would present the following amendments:

That article 10, section 1, division secondly, be amended to read as follows:

"Secondly, the members of the executive committees of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, of the North American Division Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, of the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, of the Central Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, of the North Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, of the Northern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, of the West Canadian Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, of the local conferences of Seventh-day Adventists within the bounds of the above named union conferences, and the missionary field agents and secretaries of the said union conferences, and the missionary field agents and secretaries of the said union conferences, and the missionary field agents and secretaries of the said union conferences, and the missionary field agents and secretaries of the said union conferences."

That article 9, section 1, be amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. The powers and duties of the treasurer shall be to keep safely all moneys of the corporation which may be deposited with such treasurer from time to time; to draw, accept, sign, make, endorse, negotiate, and dispose of all or any bills of exchange, promissory notes, checks, drafts, and orders for payment of money; to pay and receive all moneys, and to give acquittance for the same; to discount, or deposit with or transfer to banking concerns, any negotiable paper, stocks, bonds, and other securities; to counter-sign the promissory notes of the corporation; to supervise and control the keeping of the accounts and books of the corporation; and generally to do and to perform all such other duties as pertain to his office, and as may be required of him by the board of directors."

The following is a condensed report from the treasurer:

<b>Assets</b>	
Money on hand and in banks	\$11,763.18
Notes receivable	7,513.53
Due from publishing houses and tract societies	44,928.69
Commercial and person. accts.	3,744.06
Real estate, buildings, and equipment at Mountain View, Kansas City, Portland, College View, and Calgary	\$183,506.01
Less reserve for depreciation 1907-1915	<u>47,668.78</u>
	\$135,837.23
<b>SUPPLIES</b>	
Bound books and manufacturing materials	\$161,836.05
Mountain View, Cal.	\$91,233.25
Kansas City, Mo.	24,456.10
Portland, Ore.	12,244.07
College View, Neb.	25,188.53
Calgary, Alberta, Canada	8,714.10
Total assets, December 31, 1915	<u>\$365,622.74</u>

### Capital, Surplus, Reserve, and Liabilities

<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Notes payable (within denomination)	\$47,612.36
Annuities	1,700.00
Personal accounts, royalty, etc.	7,863.66
Institutions, tract societies, etc.	4,027.57
Branch offices	<u>1,366.87</u>
	\$62,570.46

### RESERVE FUNDS

Unexpired subscriptions	\$ 9708.63
Reserve for royalty and profits on stock at branches	12262.39
Doubtful accounts	751.30
Employees' pension and relief fund	5811.61
Special fund	<u>7837.77</u>
	36,371.70
Total liabilities and reserve funds	<u>\$98,942.16</u>

### Capital and Surplus

Capital	\$96,351.65
Surplus	\$140,612.17
Net gain 1915	<u>37,341.64</u>
	177,953.81
Less donations	<u>7,624.88</u>
Surplus, Dec. 31, 1915	<u>170,328.93</u>
Present worth, Dec. 31, 1915	<u>266,680.58</u>
	\$365,622.74

The following named persons were elected as a board of directors for the ensuing year:

Directors: C. H. Jones, H. H. Hall, H. G. Childs, M. C. Wilcox, J. L. McElhany, James Cochran, B. M. Shull.

Advisory committee: E. E. Andross, Pacific Union Conference; R. A. Underwood, Central Union; Charles Thompson, Northern Union; H. W. Cottrell, North Pacific Union; H. S. Shaw, Western Canadian Union; E. W. Farnsworth, California Conference; N. P. Neilsen, Central California; C. Santee, Northern California; J. A. Stevens, Northwestern California; W. F. Martin, Southeastern California; B. E. Beddoe, Southern California.

At a meeting of the newly elected board of directors, they organized as follows:

President and general manager, C. H. Jones; vice-president, H. H. Hall; secretary and treasurer, H. G. Childs; auditor, J. J. Ireland.

One feature of the day particularly enjoyable from a social standpoint was the annual dinner. About 200 were seated at the first table. During dinner remarks were made by the president, C. H. Jones, Dr. L. J. Belknap of the Garden City Sanitarium, Dr. L. A. Reed of Mountain View, Elder M. C. Wilcox, Elder J. O. Corliss and Elder E. E. Andross. The Pacific Press orchestra, under the supervision of E. L. Chapman, furnished music during the repast. H. G. Childs, Secretary.

## FIELD TIDINGS

### NORTHWESTERN Annual Meeting of Northwestern California Conference

The first annual session of the Northwestern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Seventh-day Adventist church at St. Helena, Cal., Feb. 29 to March 4, 1916. The first meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 29, at 7:30 P. M.

At this session officers will be elected and such other business transacted as may properly come before the meeting.

The delegation is composed of one delegate for each church organization and an additional delegate for each fifteen members or major fraction thereof.

Each church should elect delegates at the earliest possible date, and immediately after the election the church clerk should mail the delegates' credentials, properly filled out, to the conference secretary.

A good attendance of delegates is desired. J. ADAMS STEVENS, Pres.

S. DONALDSON, Sec'y.

### "And the Sick Shall be Healed"

Elder M. A. Hollister reported the following as another miracle of God's healing power. We pass it on for the encouragement of others. In one of the churches visited by Elder Hollister during the week of prayer, there was a brother near death with tuberculosis. The disease had made such progress that he could speak only in a whisper, and he had to be supported when he tried to stand on his feet. He had been bed-fast for some time, and the case seemed hopeless.

At the beginning of the week of prayer, he requested the prayers of the church, and also asked for special prayer according to the instruction found in the fifth chapter of James. Elder Hollister was joined by Elder W. H. Saxby and prayer was offered. The Lord answered at once, and the brother was greatly blessed. He joined in the singing of several hymns, his voice sounding strong and full of joy. When Elder Hollister visited him early the next morning, the nurse greeted him with the assurance that "your patient is *very* much better!" A number of God's promises were rehearsed, after which the brother arose, dressed himself and walked without assistance. He spoke of how strong he felt, and of the goodness of God to His children.

He attended the week of prayer service the next day, and has attended church services regularly since. There has been no fever, and he is making steady progress toward complete restoration. The doctor and nurse are astonished at the case, and a deep impression has been made in the community.

"In visions of the night representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God's people. Many were praising God. The sick were healed and other miracles were wrought. A spirit of intercession was seen, even as was manifested before the great day of Pentecost. Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest. On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth. The world seemed to be lightened with the heavenly influence." Testimonies, Vol. 9, page 126. J.A.S.

### Siftings

Dr. G. E. Klinger's visit to the East has resulted in some improved methods in the medical department.

The Sanitarium church passed its goal on the twenty-cent-a-week fund nearly \$250. This makes all hearts rejoice.

Ten inches more rain has fallen here this winter than last year at this time, —thirty-one inches as compared with twenty-one a year ago,—so we are told.

Brother C. E. Rice, formerly of Paradise Valley, has entered upon his duties

here, and we anticipate for him a successful future as manager of this institution.

Miss Sarah McEnterfer, who was Sister White's companion and secretary for many years, spent a week at the sanitarium. She left us in good health and spirits.

Brother L. M. Bowen left us Thursday, January 6, for Loma Linda where he assumes the responsibilities of business manager. May the blessing of heaven attend his labors there.

Mrs. H. A. Hoiland and her daughter, Miss Olive V. Hoiland, are here, the former as a patient and the latter as her mother's companion. Miss Hoiland will be remembered as one of our church school teachers.

The new building progresses slowly because of the abundant rains which hinder out-door work and delay the hardening of the concrete walls. Two stories have been run in and the casing for the third is completed.

The big snow storm on New Year's day created a sensation when the hillside awoke and found the countryside covered with a white blanket four or five inches thick. It was a picture many of the younger generation had never seen.

Brother O'Neill, who runs the stage route, has sold the steamer and is replacing it with a Kissell ten passenger stage with seats arranged lengthwise. This will facilitate the loading and unloading of passengers. We are awaiting the advent of this roomy car with much interest.

A number of the nurses from the three classes have spent a very pleasant Christmas at their respective homes. All these have now returned, and as they with us enter upon the duties of 1916, it is with the determination that more zeal and devotion shall characterize our work.

Elder H. E. Lysinger, formerly connected with our work at College View, Neb., is a patient in the sanitarium and is responding well to the treatments. We expect to see him in good condition for work ere long. We appreciate very much the services he has rendered the Sanitarium church during his as yet brief stay with us.

The past year showed a considerable gain in cash receipts over 1914. The last week of 1915 was forty per cent in advance of the same week in the preceding year. The year 1915 was the best year, financially, in the history of the institution, excepting only the year that followed the earthquake, when so many flocked here for rest and recuperation from the shock of that terrible experience.

Some remarkable cases have occurred in which surprisingly gratifying results have been achieved in dealing with very stubborn conditions in the patients under treatment. God has blessed in a singular manner in the medical department, and our doctors recognize the hand of God in all the work of the past year. The patients, almost without exception, are well pleased with the care and treatment they have received.

While a retrospect of the past year reveals many failures, yet it is with sincere gratitude that we recount the many missionary efforts put forth by our nurses in the towns of Napa Valley. During three temperance campaigns we sold about 500 of the 1915 Temperance *Instructor*. A systematic distribution of tracts (on the envelope plan) has been carried on for many months. R. W. MUNSON,  
January 16. S. T. HARE.

### CALIFORNIA

#### California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

The forty-fifth annual session of the California Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists will be held March 6 to 9, 1916, at Mountain View, Cal., at which time officers will be elected for the ensuing term, and for the transaction of such other business as shall come before the meeting. The first meeting will be called at 10 A.M., Monday, March 6, 1916.

J. L. MCELHANY, *President*,  
H. B. THOMAS, *Secretary*.

#### California Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists

##### Legal Meeting

The twentieth annual meeting of the California Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the regular forty-fifth annual session of the California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists at Mountain View, Cal., March 6 to 9, 1916, for the election of a board of seven trustees for the ensuing term, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. The first meeting will be called at 3 P.M., Monday, March 6, 1916.

J. L. MCELHANY, *President*,  
E. E. PARLIN, *Secretary*.

### San Francisco

We are glad to report that the Mission Seventh-day Adventist church is growing spiritually, and also numerically.

Our quarterly meeting on Sabbath, December 25, was an inspiring occasion. There were present thirteen Russian converts to the message, and nearly all of these bore testimony in their native tongue, Brother Babienko acting as interpreter, and their faces expressed the joy that filled their hearts.

On the following Sabbath nine of these were received into the Mission church on profession of faith, and others by baptism.

Our Sunday evening meetings are well attended. One young man who has been a faithful attendant was baptized on Sabbath, January 8, and united with the Mission church.

Our young people's society, under the leadership of Sister Kuhns, is very progressive, and the young people enjoy their work.

I am having some interesting experiences in pastoral visiting and holding Bible readings.

One of our sisters inquired of a lady on a street car if she would like to have a Bible reading at her home. She said she certainly would. The sister invited me to meet her at the lady's home. She was deeply interested, and invited me to conduct a weekly study with her. After the fourth study, she began to keep the Sabbath, although the Sabbath question had not even been mentioned.

On another occasion a lady friend, whom she had not seen for nine years, called to see her at the same moment that I arrived for my appointment. This lady had never before met a Seventh-day Adventist. She was invited to take part in the Bible study, with the result that she kept the next Sabbath, and to-day they are both enthusiastic members of the Laguna Street church, and are doing all they can to interest their neighbors in this present truth.

A young lady stenographer, who had almost been carried away by the teachings of Christian Science and New Thought, after a few Bible studies, was also baptized and united with the Laguna Street church.

Dr. L. A. Reed's Sunday evening lectures at the Laguna Street church have created a wonderful interest in the message as is shown by the large attendance at every meeting, and I

trust that it will result in a harvest of souls.

We earnestly solicit the prayers of God's people for the continuance of His blessing upon the work in San Francisco.

JAMES TAPHOUSE.

### Annual Report of the Church of Alameda

We are grateful that throughout the year we have been able to enjoy all our regular Sabbath and mid-week services, the quarterly observance of the ordinances, and the week of prayer which was well attended, and blessed by the presence of the Holy Spirit, and all present pledged themselves to deeper consecration.

During the year, ten members were transferred to other churches, and one dropped for apostasy, and two sisters were received into fellowship, making a present membership of seventy, of whom twenty-nine are tithe-payers, bringing \$1908.40 into the Lord's treasury.

Offerings to foreign missions,	\$280.80
Home missions,	61.50
Harvest Ingathering,	30.90

We were able to meet our quota on the twenty-cent-a-week fund. Our librarian reports \$223.09 expended for literature; and the Sabbath-school superintendent reports \$403.55 for missions from our school of fifty-eight members.

We have a wide-a-wake young peoples society of thirty members under the able leadership of Sister Eliza Crane.

As our faithful elder, Brother J. R. Reed retires from office, we do thank him for all his faithful labors to this little flock, and we know that the Lord will reward him for his faithful stewardship.

We rejoice that Elder A. O. Tait will be with us this year; and under the leadership of our new local elder, Brother R. L. Bond, we cheerfully take up the duties which lie before us.

MYRTLE E. HERRMANN, *Clerk.*

### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA To Sustain Our Foreign Missionaries

This is a burden that rests upon our conferences in the United States in a special way since this great war has been in progress. We have called the supply for this need the "twenty-cent-a-week fund," because, to carry this great move successfully, this amount is necessary.

Faithfulness in carrying this light to the ends of the earth, will do far more to shorten the terribleness of the pestilence, starvation and death, both in the armies, and in the homes of destitute women, children and babes, than all amounts sent to the sufferers. While you may send food to a hundred sufferers for a time, in that same time, thousands are being placed in like conditions. The close of this message and the coming of the Saviour alone will bring a period to these calamities.

Our Northern California Conference churches did not make a continued effort during the whole year, that would insure the amount that we should have raised on this important fund. The last part of the year a more determined effort was made, and a part of the deficit of the first part of the year was made up. But it was not nearly our quota.

Dear brethren and sisters, let us commence with this first month, and carry our part. Then the shortage of the last year will not be faced again. This amount must come from somewhere, and the larger part will likely have to come from those who love the truth so well that they will sacrifice, *really sacrifice*, to see it advance—sacrifice the same as though they were trying to help their own son or daughter, who in a strange, foreign land, was writing to them for help. Until we feel this way, it is not really *our* message, and not being *ours*, we cannot hope for an abundant share in the rewards that belong to others. But it *is* ours. We have given up the world that we might stand with those who triumph with it. Every evidence shows that the day of rewards is not far distant.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

### CENTRAL CALIFORNIA Conference Items

Elder F. E. Brown baptized seven persons at Portersville on Sabbath, January 8.

Brother F. E. Painter, our union field secretary, met with our people at Fresno, Sabbath, January 8.

The new church building, just finished, at Rolinda will be dedicated Sabbath, January 29. Following the dedication, Elder J. R. Patterson will hold a series of meetings in the church.

During the conference session a number of persons decided to enter the

canvassing work, and a canvassers' class is being held at the Fresno church, conducted by F. E. Painter and C. L. Davis.

Our conference session is now in the past. The Lord blessed us, and a spirit of union and harmony prevailed in the meetings. A report of the meetings, the resolutions passed, and the business transacted have been given by others. Pray for the continued blessing of God upon the work. N. P. NEILSEN.  
January 21.

SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA

Loma Linda Items

The Sabbath services in the Riverside church have been conducted the last two Sabbaths by students from the College of Medical Evangelists.

Monday, January 10, we were glad to welcome the arrival of Brother L.M. Bowen to take charge of the business management of the college and the sanitarium. Everybody seemed glad to see him and to assure him of the most hearty cooperation in the work.

The Loma Linda church school board, at its last meeting, extended to its entire faculty of three teachers an invitation to remain with us the coming year. The principal, Mrs. Lottie Butka, and the primary teacher, Miss Marie Anderson, we understand will plan to remain. The intermediate teacher declined with regret on account of a plan to take some advanced work next year.

A series of meetings is being carried on in Armory Hall, San Bernardino, by Elders Luther Warren and C. F. Falkenburg, assisted by Brother O. O. Tichenor and the medical evangelistic class from the college at Loma Linda. Some of the regular medical students also are assisting in giving personal invitations to the people in their homes. A good attendance and interest have been the reward thus far. The meetings began Sunday night, January 9.

Thursday, January 6, at 7 P. M., a very interesting program was rendered by students, helpers, and other friends of Elder and Sister J. A. Burden. The meeting convened in the assembly hall. Some special music and recitations appropriate to the occasion were presented and speeches were made by several expressing appreciation for the

years of faithful service rendered by the dear people who have shown such devotion to the interests of the college and the sanitarium. Many others would have spoken if time had permitted. A neat little package was presented to them, of the most practical and valuable kind. Time was taken at the close to give and receive a hearty hand-shake and good-by, and the company of about 200 retired, feeling grateful for the privilege of showing this token of regard.

C. McREYNOLDS.

MISCELLANY

WANTED.—Address of J. C. Heistom. Please notify H. P. Lovejoy, Los Gatos, Cal. 24-26

FOR SALE.—Small, modern bungalow on improved lot, 62½x150 feet. Bearing fruit trees and vines. C. R. Campbell, Loma Linda, Cal. 24-26

FOR SALE.—Ten acres in Oakdale irrigation district, one and one-half miles from the town of Thalheim. Good house and barn, chicken yard and house, well and windmill. Three acres in alfalfa, fenced with woven wire. Balance partly checked and leveled for alfalfa. Very good soil. Reason for selling, too far from my business. Will sell at a bargain. M. S. Dickinson, Ingomar, Cal. 22-18

FOR SALE.—Wanted to sell treatment rooms. Have been in operation over three years. A good place for man and wife, who are nurses, wanting to do self-supporting work. Owner is leaving the state for other work and must sell. Terms, part cash and payments to suit. Write to Geo. M. Tolhurst, M. D., Spartanburg Treatment Rooms, Spartanburg, S. C. 25-28

FOR SALE.—Do you want a one, two and one-half, or a five acre tract of the best land in the Lodi district adjoining the Lodi Academy? Beautiful home sites. This land is owned by a sister who is getting old, and who wishes to get her money out of the land to put into church work, and in order to do this will sell all or a part of the above tract of land at reasonable price and on good terms. For further information address Mrs. Sine Pine, Lodi, Cal. 25-28

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taken their stand for it. I think I never saw a more promising class of young people graduated from one of our sanitariums than was recently graduated from this institution. Sixteen received their diplomas, having completed their nurses' course, and I think all of them are determined to give their lives to the advancement of this work.

On account of the request of the constituency of the College of Medical Evangelists, that convened in connection with the Autumn Council, that Brother L. M. Bowen, manager of the St. Helena Sanitarium, be released to take the position as manager of the Loma Linda institution, the sanitarium board reluctantly consented to release Brother Bowen to take up this work, and he is now located at Loma Linda, and is getting hold of the work there. He is of good courage, and is receiving the hearty cooperation of the entire family.

Brother C. E. Rice, formerly manager of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium, was called to take the place made vacant by the removal of Brother Bowen from the St. Helena Sanitarium, and Elder and Sister J. A. Burden are now located at Paradise Valley, Elder Burden as business manager and Sister Burden as matron.

While this makes a change in the business management of each of our four sanitariums in this union conference, yet I am glad to say that in each institution the prospect is very bright indeed, and we are hoping for better things for the future. We feel sure that the time has come when our institutions must become a stronger factor in the development of this work. They have done an excellent work in the training of young people for better service in the cause, and also in the dissemination of the truths of this message among a large number of patients, many of whom in the aggregate have embraced the truth, having received their first impressions of this message in our institutions.

There are many perplexities connected with the operation of our sanitariums, but it is very clear that God has directed in their establishment, and we sincerely request the earnest prayers of our brethren and sisters that this work may be carried on in harmony with His will, and that the influence of these institutions may be more widely extended and the results to the cause of God in the salvation of souls may be more apparent. E. E. ANDROSS.

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Among the union conference workers that attended the Southern California Conference last week were Elders E. E. Andross, E. W. Farnsworth, and Prof. M. E. Cady.

On account of further floods and unfavorable conditions, the Southeastern California Conference that was to have been held at San Diego this week has been indefinitely postponed.

Brother C. E. Rice, former manager of Paradise Valley, but now at St. Helena Sanitarium, visited the southern part of the state recently. He reports matters progressing nicely at Sanitarium.

In a recent letter dated January 28, Brother F. E. Painter, union missionary field agent, writes: "The book work begins to look more encouraging for the new year, especially in the Northern and Central California conferences. We have just had a good institute in each of them, and some very promising-looking canvassers have been present."

### Prof. H. R. Salisbury

Knowing that all our people will be anxious to learn if any further news has been received regarding the reported loss of Elder H. R. Salisbury at the time of the sinking of the steamship Persia in the Mediterranean, I pass on the following word just received from Brother W. A. Spicer. He says: "Friday we received a cable from Brother James, of India, reading, 'Survivors interviewed. Evidence is conclusive Salisbury lost.' Of course the evidence was really conclusive before, for he could not be silent and be in the land of the living so long as this. We held a memorial service yesterday at the Takoma Park church, the College church uniting."

I am indeed sorry that I cannot pass on a more encouraging word to our people, but it must now be evident to all that Elder Salisbury lost his life in the sinking of the steamer Persia.

It seems that he had news of the situation existing in his field that indicated a very serious state of affairs there, and he was fearful of an uprising among the Indian natives. This evidently led him to embark upon the route that gave promise of taking him to his home and his field at the earliest possible date, and may have been the reason why he exposed himself to the extreme danger of the European trip, rather than to return by way of the Pacific, which he supposed would have meant considerable delay in reaching his home.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Sister Salisbury and other members of his family in this sad hour of their bereavement. We rejoice with them also in the blessed promise given us in "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 8, page 253: "We are not to be sad, but cheerful, and we are to keep the Lord Jesus ever before us. He is soon coming, and we must be ready and waiting for His appearing. O, how glorious it will be to see Him, and be welcomed as His redeemed ones! Long have we waited; but our hope is not to grow dim. If we can but see the King in His beauty, we shall be forever blessed. I feel as if I must cry aloud, 'Homeward bound!' We are nearing the time when Christ will come in power and great glory to take His ransomed ones to their eternal home."

E. E. ANDROSS.

### Shall the Property of Our People Go to the State or to the Cause of God?

Recently an earnest sister, being advanced in years, willed all of her estate to our Foreign Mission Board. Not many months passed until she fell asleep. This sister passed away with the full assurance that all of her estate, except necessary court fees, would be used in winning souls and in hastening the coming of the King.

When her will was probated by the court, that cause which she loved so well, received one-third of her estate which was within the jurisdiction of the state of California, and the state treasurer received two-thirds, or twice as much as the cause, for such is the law of our state as regards property

willed to charity or for religious work.

This sister, had she been informed, and had she followed the instruction given, could have had full control of her property and the proceeds therefrom for her support while she lived, and at her decease all of it could have gone to the cause, at an expense for legal fees not to exceed \$5. But the court and attorneys' fees and other legal expenses added to the two-thirds which went to the state, left but little for foreign missions.

Some of the Pacific Union Conference men have felt it to be a sacred duty to carefully study the question of legal transfer of legacies and bequests, and can give our people, who may desire, such advice that will enable them to have all of their property go where they desire after their decease, and this with only a nominal expense for legal transfer.

Should not our people who have already made wills or who contemplate doing so, give careful attention to this matter? Is it not a sacred duty on the part of God's stewards to intelligently and safely conserve their property, for the benefit of dependent members of their families and for the cause of God?

"There are aged ones among us who are nearing the close of their probation; but for want of wide-awake men to secure to the cause of God the means in their possession, it passes into the hands of those who are serving Satan . . . Many are not exercised upon the subject of making disposition of their property while they are in apparent health. But this precaution should be taken. . . They should arrange their property in such a manner that they may leave it at any time." Testimonies, Vol. 4, pages 478 and 482.

G. W. REASER.

### Our Sanitariums

Since the Autumn Council held at Loma Linda in November, 1915, several changes have been made in our sanitariums in this union conference. Brother C. E. Kimlin is now acting as manager of the Glendale Sanitarium. We are glad to report a very good patronage and the outlook for the institution is good. We are in hopes that the year ending June 30 will show a very substantial net gain in the operation of the institution.

A splendid spirit prevails in the family, and a number are deeply interested in the truth, some having already

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