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Pending Sunday Bills

Three Sunday bills were recently introduced into the California Legislature. These are of a very drastic nature, and if enacted into law will make possible a repetition of the persecution of former centuries upon all who would refuse to yield to the dictation of the state under the control of the church.

Two of these bills exempt all saloons from the penalties provided for those who violate the provisions of the bills, while one of the bills requires the closing of all saloons on Sunday, but permits the sale of intoxicating liquors when they are furnished as part of a regular meal served in the dining room of a hotel, boarding house or restaurant. A fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$200, or imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed 30 days, is provided for all violators of the proposed law, and upon subsequent conviction both the fine and imprisonment are to be imposed.

It is declared to be the special duty of each "magistrate, district attorney and peace officer in this state

to inform against and diligently prosecute any and all persons guilty of the violation of any provision of this act, either upon credible information as to any such violation, or upon reasonable cause to believe that there has been any such violation." This would institute a system of espionage which would surely be intolerable.

It seems that these bills have been so drafted as to enlist, as far as possible, the support of the various labor organizations, and two of them to enlist the saloon element in their passage. It seems to be the conviction of many that they stand a very good chance of passing the Legislature.

For long years we have been looking forward to the time when "by the decree enforcing the institution of the papacy in violation of the law of God, our nation will disconnect herself fully from righteousness." California stood for many years as the sole representative among the states of the union of complete religious freedom. But last autumn Oregon repealed an old Sunday law that had stood for many years on its statute books, and now joins California in granting to all her people perfect religious liberty.

The past few years the advocates of Sunday legislation have been very zealous in their efforts to bring California into line with the other states of the union by the enactment of a Sunday law. This has been repeatedly defeated in the Legislature (and finally was defeated at the polls by an overwhelming vote against any Sunday law at the election in 1914. But once more our legislators are assailed by the advocates of Sunday legislation, who have so drafted their measures as to beguile the unwary

into voting in favor of religious bigotry and oppression.

"As the approach of the Roman armies was a sign to the disciples of the impending destruction of Jerusalem, so may this apostasy be a sign to us that the limit of God's forbearance is reached, that the measure of our nations' iniquity is full, and that the angel of mercy is about to take her flight, never to return." Testimonies, Volume 5, page 451.

This is evidently about to be fulfilled and it certainly behooves the people of God to pray most earnestly that the Lord will enlighten our legislators upon this question, and prevent, if possible, the enactment of any such law. Our efforts to show the legislators the evils of all Sunday legislation will be quite expensive, and I would urge the elders of our churches to keep before the people the necessity of a liberal offering on Sabbath, February 24, in behalf of religious liberty.

E. E. Andross.

Medical Evangelistic Work

A self-supporting missionary nurse writes: "I have a very interesting case now on hand of a little child about 18 months old, who was suffering with tubercular meningitis. The doctor said there was no hope of recovery. The father being an old patient of mine, called on me to go up to his house to see the child. On examining it, I told him there was no hope of its recovery as far as human skill is concerned. With a few words of cheer and encouragement, I directed his mind to the great Physician who has never lost a case, and on finding him interested in the matter of prayer, I related some Bible instances in which

God heard those who prayed for the sick and they were healed. His wife feeling her hopeless position, fell on her knees beside the bed of the sick infant, and called for me to pray. This I did, and upon rising from our knees all felt that God had heard our humble prayers, and that He would do the right thing.

"From that time the child has improved, and so much so that the doctor is puzzled about it, confessing that he does not know what to make of it. We have had several prayers since and some readings from "Ministry of Healing," which have led to a desire to read the book through. After three weeks' improvement the patient was out of all danger, so you see how the Lord has been working. We are now arranging for Bible readings and the husband has even expressed his wish to keep the Sabbath. Such experiences only tend to strengthen our hold on God, and prove to us that our heavenly Father is just as willing to heal the sick in these days as when Christ was upon earth."

This brother and his wife, both nurses, conduct treatment rooms with which, as William Carey said of his cobbling, they "pay expenses." Their life work is to give this warning message, and the Lord has signally blessed them. A number of a good class of people have been brought into the truth by their efforts.

Missionary Department.

FIELD TIDINGS

NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA

J. A. Stevens, Pres. S. Donaldson, Sec.

Sanitarium Church, 1916

A few gleanings from the annual report of the St. Helena Sanitarium church may prove of interest.

Membership, 234; tithe, \$8124.91; average per member, \$34.72.

Foreign missions, \$2526.61; average per capita, \$10.80.

Memorial hospital fund, \$155.67.

Home missionary and local expenses, \$1150.91.

\$150,000 fund, \$639.30.

Church school building and equipment fund, \$1414.29.

Conference tents, \$36.00.

White Mountaineers' schools in South, \$70.89. Also five barrels of clothing.

Religious liberty, \$11.38.

Total tithes and offerings \$14,129.96

Salaries paid to teachers .. 1,056.51

Grand total\$15,186.47

Average per capita of all contributions, \$64.89.

This has proved to be the banner year in the history of the Sanitarium church. The last highest average was a little over \$50.00 per capita.

Such a report stimulates us to do still better work for the coming year. There will be considerable increase in membership for the year 1917. We are glad to report that the spiritual condition of the church is prosperous.

S. T. Hare,

R. W. Munson,

Pastors.

CALIFORNIA

J. L. McElhany, Pres. H. B. Thomas, Sec.

Martinez

A Sabbath school was organized at Martinez Feb. 12, 1916, of seven members. It prospered. Some were added from time to time. On December 30 we organized a church of eleven members.

The regular officers were elected.

The elder and the deacon were ordained to their respective offices at the same time.

The Lord added His blessing, and we felt much of the spirit of God during the services.

Andrew Brorsen.

Army, Navy and Marine Ship Mission

Oakland and San Francisco

Quarter Ending December 31, 1916

"Every church-member who has a knowledge of the truth is expected to work while the day lasts; for the night cometh wherein no man can work." Volume 9, page 26.

Papers, periodicals and tracts received, 3244.

Papers, periodicals and tracts distributed, 2161.

Bibles and books given away, 38.

Papers mailed, 8.

Ships visited, 166.

Army posts, hospitals, reading rooms, prisons and waiting rooms visited, 52.

Books loaned, 3.

Expenses, sundries, \$5.25.

Total distribution during quarter, 2207.

We take pleasure in thanking all those who have contributed toward the support of the ship mission during the past year, and request your continued support for 1917. All mail matter should be addressed to the undersigned at the Western Pacific Mole, Oakland.

Eva J. Brooke,

Secretary.

January 30, 1917.

Conference Notes

At a recent meeting of the California Conference Committee credentials and licenses for the year 1917 were granted as follows:

Ministerial Credentials

J. L. McElhany, A. Brorsen, C. E. Ford, R. S. Fries, L. E. Froom, W. F. Hills, A. E. Place, James Tap-house, H. S. Shaw.

Missionary Licenses

Mrs. Eva J. Brooke, G. H. Barbee, Miss Ida B. Hudson, Mrs. Vesta J. Farnsworth, Miss Celia A. Green, Mrs. Ada LaFrance, Mrs. J. L. McElhany, Mrs. A. H. Parlin, Miss Sara E. Peck, D. R. Sperry, H. B. Thomas, Y. Watanabe, Otto E. Woensner.

Departmental officers were appointed as follows:

Tract Society: D. R. Sperry, secretary; H. B. Thomas, treasurer; G. H. Barbee, field missionary secretary.

Sabbath School, Mrs. J. L. McElhany, secretary.

Educational, Miss Sara E. Peck, secretary.

Missionary Volunteer, Mrs. J. L. McElhany, secretary.

Religious Liberty, R. S. Fries, secretary.

Home Missionary, H. B. Thomas, secretary.

Elder E. J. Hibbard, who has been laboring in San Francisco, reports that as a result of their effort just closed eight have already been baptized and 19 others are definitely keeping the Sabbath.

H. B. Thomas.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

N. P. Neilsen, Pres. G. A. Wheeler, Sec.

Items of Interest

An English Sabbath school has recently been organized at Shafter, with a membership of 16.

Elder F. E. Brown baptized one person at Armona last Sabbath. We understand that some are deeply interested in the truth.

Sister Mina Mann visited the Porterville church school this week. She reports that they have an excellent school, and that the children take a deep interest in their work.

Good reports come to us from Success, where Brother George Vore is holding meetings. Elder F. E. Brown met with them Thursday evening of this week. About 60 were in attendance.

We are glad to have Elders G. W. Reaser and F. E. Brown with us at the Lindsay general meeting. We have enjoyed good meetings, although the attendance has not been very large up to this writing.

Good reports come to us of the meetings at Madera. The attendance is good and the interest is increasing. Let us pray for the blessing of God to continue to rest upon this effort.

We enjoyed good meetings at the Bakersfield general gathering. The Sabbath and evening services were well attended. We were glad to have Elder E. E. Andross with us. We were also glad to notice the good work done in the church school, under Sister Attie Howe as teacher.

Sister M. I. Reeder, who has been teaching the Tulare church school, was called to her home at Glendale because of the severe illness of her daughter, and as some families have moved away from Tulare, the church school has been discontinued for this year.

We are sorry to report that it has become necessary for Sister Florence

Walder to give up her church school work at Hanford because of an attack of appendicitis. Sister Edith Willitts, of Bakersfield, has gone to Hanford to take her place.

N. P. Neilsen,

February 2.

An Interesting Letter

We have received a letter from Brother R. W. Smith, who, with his family, has recently gone from our conference to the Hawaiian Islands as missionaries. They arrived in Honolulu on January 11, 1917. In describing a trip from Hilo to the volcano, Brother Smith writes:

"It is impossible for me to describe the beauties of the ride up the mountain, winding in and out among the beautiful trees and through the sugar cane plantations. During this ride of forty miles we arose gradually to an elevation of 4000 feet. All along the road we saw ripe raspberries, growing wild in quantities. Upon reaching an elevation of about 3000 feet, we came to a strawberry ranch and saw a man picking nice berries, and selling them at five cents a quart.

"About eight miles before we reached the volcano, we visited the sulphur banks where pure sulphur could be picked up. From these sulphur banks to the volcano, smoke and vapor are seen coming from every crevice in the ground. We arrived at the volcano about 4:30 p. m., and found people by the hundreds. It is impossible for me to describe this great burning pot to one who has not seen it. The boiling lava is only 116 feet from the top. We were very fortunate in seeing it at this time, as it is generally much lower than this. The red-hot lava is moving and boiling and flowing, spouting up into the air and sending the lava up on the bank like a serging sea. We stayed there until after sundown and watched the glow."

It was decided for them to locate on the Island of Mani, which is the second largest island of the group, and where little work has ever been done. Their address will be, Wailuku, Mani, T. H.

N. P. Neilsen.

INTER-MOUNTAIN

E. A. Curtis, Pres. J. F. Gaster, Sec.

Conference Items

At Salt Lake City some good people have accepted the truth since camp-meeting.

Our colporteur work at the present time is moving forward very encouragingly, as the reports published in the "Recorder" show.

The auditing committee met January 1. Elder B. E. Beddoe was with us. We had an enjoyable time and the Lord blessed in arranging the work very satisfactorily.

Elder H. G. Gjording has recently closed a series of meetings at Spring City, Utah. Several have accepted the truth and are awaiting baptism. A promising Sabbath school is being conducted there.

The church schools in Salt Lake City, at Palisade and at Cedaredge are doing excellent work. A small school is also conducted at Ignacio, in the southern part of Colorado, from which we hear encouraging reports.

Our tithe income has been quite encouraging, totaling \$10,982.14 for the year 1916. We fell short \$1862.37 of reaching our goal on mission offerings. We regret this very much, and hope that we shall do better in the coming year. We trust that from the beginning of this year all will do their best.

We are of good courage in the Lord, and plan to push forward to the best of our ability.

E. A. Curtis.

Sabbath School and Young People's Work

A pleasant trip of almost six weeks among the Sabbath schools and isolated Sabbath-keepers just ended the first day of the year when I returned home to Dolores, Colo. The preceding Sabbath and the first Sabbath of the week of prayer were spent at Aspen, Colo. Sister Neller and I had some good experiences in the Ingathering work, and God bless

sed us with several dollars for this cause. The people seem to look for her each year and are glad to help our mission work along. The little Sabbath school of seven members is trying to be faithful in holding up the light there.

The Lord added a few dollars for the cause at Carbondale and Glenwood Springs. The last Sabbath of the week of prayer was enjoyed with the little company at the latter place. The addition of four members to their Sabbath school circle forms an interesting story. The Spirit of the Lord had led Sister Frost to invite a lady and her children to attend our Sabbath school. Suspiciously at first, the mother consented to let the little girl go, and later, as the little one reported the excellent services, the two little boys met with those who "keep Saturday for Sunday." Their reports so interested the mother that she asked that the Sabbath school might be held in her home, so she, too, might receive the benefits therefrom. Needless to say, the school was happy to transfer their place of meeting to this open home, and there we met for a long-to-be-remembered Sabbath service. The mother and the children are learning to love the truth, even the little boys refusing to labor on the Sabbath, and the prospects seem good that the family will accept the message.

The faithful home department members at Newcastle were visited, and a short visit made at Silt. Some means were given at the former place for our mission cause, as the business section was solicited.

At Palisade the church school, under the able supervision of Miss Mae Johnson, was visited. The excellent spirit of harmony and co-operation there among the church members and the school is good to behold. God is surely blessing there, and the children as well as parents seem to be getting a new hold on God.

The Clifton Sabbath school believe in setting a goal for missions, and reaching it. They were expecting God to bless them with \$70.00 as their offering for the quarter. Realizing the need for trained teachers, there were seven that enrolled for

the new 1917 Sabbath School Teachers' Training Course. One Sabbath was spent with this school.

Friends were visited at Grand Junction, and it was our privilege to get the inspiration from a live missionary meeting under the direction of Brother J. F. Gaster.

At Cedaredge, as at Palisade, we were cheered by the good testimonies as given at the prayer-meeting. Here, too, the church school was visited, this school being taught by Miss Lenna Hough. The spiritual interest seems good, and the children are taking an interest in their studies in this the largest church school of the conference.

The time spent at the Delta general meeting was indeed a period of refreshing. Especially did the young people receive new inspirations and higher ideals. At the meeting in which the educational interests were considered \$40.15 was contributed in cash and pledges for the church school work. The Sabbath school work was also given attention, and several enrolled for the 1917 Sabbath-school Teachers' Training Course.

It was a privilege to meet again for a Sabbath with the believers of Paonia. Sister Jones and Mattie and I spent two days in disposing of some Ingathering "Signs," and were happily surprised with the generous response at a time so close after Christmas. On the Sabbath a sweet spirit of consecration was experienced, and there seemed to be a general desire and determination to make 1917 a better year than 1916, with God's help.

I am now at home, and will be glad to receive reports from the Sabbath schools and isolated believers as soon as possible. May God give to all a renewed determination to press forward. Victory is ahead; let us reach forward to the final triumph.

Mrs. J. T. Spriggs.

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Church and Intermediate Schools

Special interest is manifested in some of the churches in the union regarding the establishment of standard intermediate schools. These schools carry ten grades of work, and must not have less than three

teachers if they are recognized as up to the standard. In addition to the teaching force, the intermediate school must meet certain requirements regarding library, laboratory supplies and general equipment. When these conditions are met, the school will be accredited by Pacific Union College, and the students are exempt from final examinations prepared by the general department of education, and entrance examination to advanced schools in the union.

The intermediate schools employing three teachers during past years, and most nearly coming up to the standard are those conducted at Mountain View, St. Helena Sanitarium, Healdsburg, Oakland, Loma Linda, Cal., and at Phoenix, Arizona. Three more can be added to the list this year: Los Angeles, San Diego, and Glendale. The latter church is to be highly commended for the earnest, serious and rapid way in which it approached and solved the problem of establishing a first-class, up-to-date intermediate school plant during the summer vacation, having the building in readiness for occupancy when the time came for opening the school in September. The three-room building (with a small additional room for library) is a credit to the cause of Christian education, for the building and grounds are neat and attractive in appearance, and all the arrangements are wholesome and sanitary. The church made an investment of about \$3500, to purchase the grounds, erect the building and equip the school plant. More books for the library and other school equipment are being provided as means will allow.

The churches in Los Angeles are considering the question of consolidating their schools and erecting one central school building, which could be provided with stronger teachers and better facilities than separate schools. If a central school is provided, an effort will be made to choose a quiet location, suited to school life. The San Diego churches are also considering consolidation.

Our people in Humboldt county are deeply stirred over the matter of providing better opportunities to educate their children, and already two or three council meetings have been held over this question. Their counsel has ripened into action, resulting in the purchase of two acres of land just outside of Eureka city limits, on which a four-room intermediate school building is to be erected. The lumber firms of Eureka are responding liberally to the request for donations of building material, and present prospects indicate that nearly all the lumber, doors and windows will be donated

for the establishment of this central school for Humboldt county, and adjacent counties on the north and east. Only ten grades of school work will be offered by the school. Our people in this northern section of California have already subscribed \$1200 toward this school enterprise, and an effort is being made to raise the amount to \$2000. Several of our brethren who are carpenters have offered large donations in labor, and it is expected that the work of erecting the building will be done without cost. It is indeed refreshing and most gratifying to see how our people, not only in Humboldt county, but throughout the union, are rallying to the call of God to provide their children with the opportunities and facilities necessary to gain a Christian education.

Advanced Schools

The combined enrollments of Pacific Union College, Lodi and Fernando academies, Oct. 23, 1916, were 457, a little less than it was a year ago at that date; but the enrollment of the elementary and intermediate schools is 247 more than a year ago, increasing from 1833 to 2079. This increase is gratifying, and we hope for a like increase in our advanced schools the coming year. There are enough young people in this union to fill these advanced schools to overflowing. These schools have strong courses of study, fitting for various lines of work in the message, and they have also strong faculties composed of Christian men and women, who, while they recognize the value and importance of knowledge, yet regard the development of strong, noble character as the great end of all educational effort. "Wisdom is the principal thing."

Let there be a strong rallying effort made in behalf of our children and our schools. We are living in the time for the fulfilment of the prophetic promise: "All thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children." Isa. 54:13.

M. E. Cady.
Pac. Union Conf. Edu. Sec.

BOOK WORK

Colporteurs' Institute

Arrangements are being made for a colporteurs' institute to be held in the California Conference following the Bookmen's Convention which is to be held at Mountain View February 6 to 16. The definite time and place for the institute cannot be given just at this writing, but will be announced next week.

Elder W. W. Eastman, secretary of the Publishing Department of the North American Division Conference, will be present at this institute, as he has arranged to spend some time on the coast following the convention. He will take the burden of the instruction in this meeting, and this will be an invaluable opportunity for those in the California and the Northwestern California conferences who are interested in this line of work, to secure a training under the most favorable circumstances. There should be a large number who will take advantage of this opening, and prepare for a part in the fast closing work. Soon the "day" will "pass as the chaff,"—the day of precious opportunity will be gone forever, and the "night" will come "in which no man can work."

Those who are interested should write to G. H. Barbee, 537 Twenty-fifth St., Oakland, Cal. Suitable arrangements will be made for the entertainment of those who attend.

Let the old canvassers who are out of the field come back and once more buckle on the harness. "God calls the canvassers back to their work. He calls for volunteers also." There is room for all who have a real burden to work for the Master and help to win souls. May it be demonstrated now more strikingly than ever before that "the call of the hour is answered by the coming of the man."

F. E. Painter.

Report of Book Work

Agent	Hrs.	Ordrs.	Helps	Value
Week Ending January 19				
Central California				
F. O. Jensen*	6			
"Great Controversy"				
J. W. Beardslee	14	2	\$1.00	\$8.00
2 Agents	20	2	\$1.00	\$8.00
*Delivery			\$54.50	

Inter-Mountain				
"Bible Readings"				
G. H. Hewitt	46	13	\$12.00	\$ 68.50
F. H. Jenks	38	15	4.00	72.50
A. R. Robinson	20	8	3.00	39.00
J. L. Sauder †	32	14	7.55	70.55
4 Agents	136	50	\$26.55	\$250.55
Delivery: †			\$45.00	

Northern California				
"Daniel and Revelation"				
James Sims	26	2	\$ 5.75	\$12.75
"Bible Readings"				
L. A. Reynolds	40	8	4.75	42.75
2 Agents	66	10	\$10.50	\$55.50

Week Ending January 26, 1917				
Northern California				
"Bible Readings"				
M. A. Reese*	84	24	\$10.60	\$94.10
L. A. Reynolds	48	8	9.00	43.00

E. Abbott and F. Painter	6	5	.75	20.75
"Daniel and Revelation"				
James Sims	30½	1	8.00	11.50
Miscellaneous				
Mrs. G. M. Price	10		21.00	21.00
*2 weeks.				

California *				
"Bible Readings"				
L. M. Overholt	61	12	\$6.75	\$51.75
L. P. Warner	44	4	1.50	16.50
2 Agents	105	16	\$8.25	\$68.25
*2 Weeks.				

Northwestern California *				
M. A. Reese §				
"Practical Guide"				
Wirt Lucas	40	11	\$4.00	\$42.00
2 Agents	40	11	\$4.00	\$42.00
Delivery: §\$212.60. * 2 weeks.				

Southern California				
"Bible Readings"				
W. B. Dannels*	59	20		\$ 85.50
"Great Controversy"				
F. W. Ross †	7			
R. N. Gunn	59	9		32.50
Ottie W. Smith †	15	1		5.00
4 Agents	140	30		\$123.00
Deliveries: †\$27.00; †\$8.00; *\$39.00.				

Totals	685½	157	\$99.65	\$737.65
Deliveries: \$386.10.				

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1917

S. E. McNeill, of Washington, D. C., who is in the West auditing the books of our various institutions and union conferences, is at the Pacific Press office in Mountain View this week.

Elder A. O. Tait, editor of the "Signs of the Times," has been very busy the past two weeks attending various meetings in different parts of California. He spoke during the general meeting at Riverside, and also attended the meetings in the Northwestern California Conference, held at St. Helena.

The Pacific Union Conference office has been moved from 1108½ Broadway to 908 Broadway, Glendale. This gives more commodious office rooms. The work throughout the union field is growing rapidly, making necessary a large amount of administrative detail. To do this work properly the change to larger quarters was found necessary.

In a statement issued by Robert Lansing, secretary of state, he says, regarding President Wilson's peace note, "The sending of this note will indicate the possibility of our being forced into the war." In this connection read the article, "Will America Enter the War?" by C. B. Haynes in the "Watchman Magazine" for March.

Both the twenty-cent-a-week goal and the Harvest Ingathering goal for North America was exceeded last year, according to word which has just come from the Washington headquarters of the denomination. On the twenty-cent-a-week fund

\$769,807.58 was received last year, or \$26,961.58 more than the goal. The Harvest Ingathering goal was \$100,000, and the returns last year \$126,158.66. In 1915 the amount raised during the Harvest Ingathering campaign was \$78,333.25.

Brother H. H. Hall, manager of the book department of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, returned last week from a long trip to the West Indies and the Canal Zone in the interests of a branch publishing house in the Canal Zone. Brother Hall is said to have found the steamer schedules very unreliable on account of the war. While traveling on British boats, he learned that no lights are permitted, be-

cause of the danger of submarines. Such time as he spent on deck in the evening was in total darkness.

The dried fruit so kindly donated by friends of our missionaries in India will be shipped by the Sanitarium Food Company very soon. Those wishing to send fruit in this shipment should forward it to the food company at St. Helena, Cal., at once. Just now funds are needed with which to pay for the containers in which the fruit is packed, and the freight to India. Those who wish to help, should send contributions direct to the food company. The company can hardly be expected to prepare the fruit for shipment and bear the freight also.

Pacific Union Conference Educational Statistics

Conferences and Schools	Year 1915-1916			Year 1916-1917, Oct. 24		
	Schools	Teachers	Enrollment	Schools	Teachers	Enrlmt.
California	7	12	310	8	12	254
N. W. California	10	14	346	10	14	297
Northern California	12	18	283	15	20	319
Central California	12	15	267	18	21	352
Southern California	13	17	331	11	15	327
S. E. California	17	21	393	13	18	372
Arizona	1	3	51	2	4	85
Nevada	3	4	47	3	3	48
Inter-Mountain	3	3	43	3	3	25
Totals	78	107	2071	83	110	2079
Pacific Union College..	1	20	300	1	20	265
San Fernando Academy..	1	9	118	1	8	89
Lodi Academy	1	9	131	1	10	103
	81	145	2620	86	148	2536

Our Schools and Our Children Some Statistics

The accompanying statistical table indicates the numerical strength of the educational work in the Pacific Union Conference as reported Oct. 23, 1916; and also shows the numerical strength of the work at the close of the preceding school year. With an increase of five church schools, and an addition of three teachers to the entire teaching force, we have at nearly the beginning of the present school year, an enrollment of but 84 students less than the entire enrollment of the preceding year.

The educational work is making a steady, encouraging growth from year to year. During the past three years there has been an increased enrollment of 457 students in all the schools of the union; yet there is opportunity for still greater growth, as only a little over one-half of our

children and youth are attending our schools.

Parent-Teachers' Meetings

We confidently expect a much larger attendance the coming year, as many of our churches are holding one meeting a month for the purpose of becoming better acquainted with the principles of Christian education. This study will give a clearer view of the privileges and responsibilities of the churches in the matter of providing their children with the advantages of a Christian training.

A small leaflet has been printed giving topics for consideration at the parent-teachers' meetings held during the year. These topics have been selected from the book "Counsels to Teachers," a work that ought to be in every home, as well as in the hands of every teacher. These leaflets can be secured from the superintendent of schools in your conferences.

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