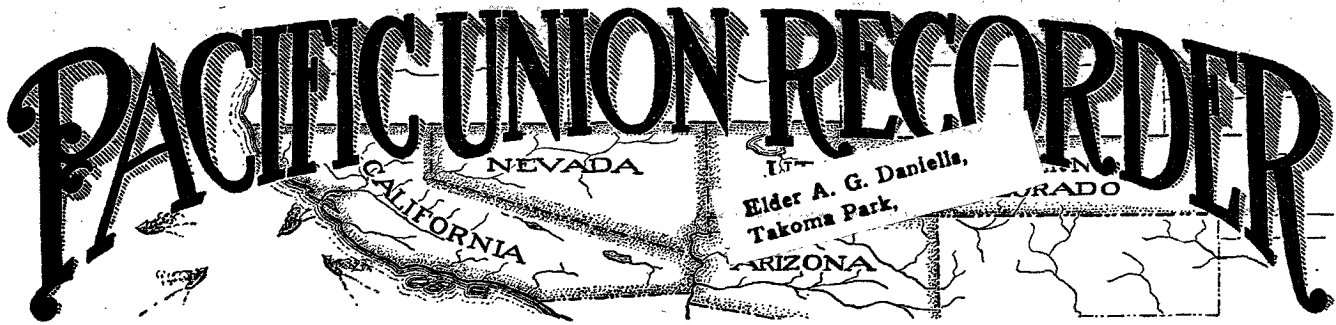


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## California's Sunday Law History

In view of the present agitation in favor of a state Sunday law, to be introduced into the legislature at its coming session, it may be of interest to know the history of Sunday legislation in California.

In 1855 a law was enacted prohibiting "all barbarous and noisy amusements on the Christian Sabbath." In 1858 another law was enacted forbidding the opening of stores, workshops or business houses, and the sale of all goods on "The Christian Sabbath." A test case was carried to the State Supreme Court, and this law was declared unconstitutional.

In 1861 a similar law was enacted, and the personnel of the Supreme Court having changed, a decision was obtained declaring the act constitutional. This law remained a dead letter for many years.

In 1880 a law was passed prohibiting the baking of bread from 6 P. M. Saturday to 6 P. M. Sunday. The Supreme Court held this to be unconstitutional because it was "class legislation."

In 1882 the Sunday law question was made a political issue, the Republican party favoring it, and the Democratic party opposing it. The people elected a Democratic governor, and the legislature of 1883 repealed the Sunday law among its earliest acts.

In 1893 an effort was made to obtain a Sunday law, but it was so amended as to become a law requiring all employers to allow their employees to rest one day in seven, without specifying any particular day. This measure was opposed by Sunday-law advocates, because it did not enforce the observance of the day they esteemed to be holy. This law still remains on the statute books, and is broad enough to cover the cases of all who do not desire their particular religious rest day enforced upon those who differ from them.

The present agitation in favor of any kind of a Sunday rest law is unnecessary, because the law already provides that all who desire to rest on Sunday must be permitted to do so. It is hard to see what more they could want, unless they wish to compel those who do not desire to rest on Sunday to do so against their will. It certainly would not be very conducive to real rest, and a peaceful frame of mind, to be forced to maintain an exterior attitude of rest which would be in reality about the hardest kind of work one ever did.

After repeated unavailing efforts to induce the legislature to pass a Sunday rest law, the initiative law was invoked on behalf of Sunday rest enforcement in 1914, with the result that the proposed measure was defeated by a majority of 167-211.

Any kind of Sunday legislation is unconstitutional before the supreme law of the nation, which says in the 14th amendment to the United States Constitution: "No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the law."

Now suppose a grocers' or barbers' bill should be enacted which would close stores or barber shops or both on Sunday. Even though it might permit those who observe some other day of the week to keep their places of business open, what would be the inevitable outcome? Simply this: They could keep their places open, to be sure, but there would be but little use, for no one except a very few who also observe some other day than Sunday would be allowed to patronize them on Sunday. The law might seem to protect the observers of another day, but it could not give them the "equal protection" demanded by the United States Constitution.

If the law should go so far as to grant Sunday observers the permission to patronize on Sunday the places kept open by observers of another day, they would get so much business on Sunday that the places forced to close on Sunday would feel they were being discriminated against. Any kind of a Sunday law would deny to somebody the "equal protection of the law."

Any law which makes any act a crime merely because that act is performed on a certain day of the

week, is an unjust law. If buying a loaf of bread, or getting shaved, is wrong on Sunday, it is wrong on every day of the week. Wrong is wrong because it is inherently wrong in the eyes of the civil law, without reference to the day on which it is done.

The only possible reason why any person can esteem any act to be more wrong on Sunday than on any other day, is a religious reason, for Sunday observance is a time-honored religious custom. No one would ever have thought of observing Sunday or any other particular day of the week if it had not been for religion, but religion and religious observances are not within the sphere of human legislation in this state and nation, for the first amendment to the United States Constitution says: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." The California State Constitution agrees exactly with the Federal Constitution on this point. No state can enforce any particular day of the week as a day of rest without discrimination in favor of some class of citizens.

George A. Snyder.

### Sunday Bills in Utah Defeated

Two Sunday bills, introduced into the Utah Legislature, were defeated when a vote was taken in the Utah House of Representatives last week, the legislature being in session in Salt Lake City. These proposed Sunday laws were House Bills 58 and 152. A strong effort was made to save House Bill 58, but it was defeated by a vote of 23 to 20. This was a very close vote, but we praise God for the victory for religious freedom in this instance. Writing of the sentiment in the Utah Legislature, Elder M. A. Hollister, religious liberty secretary in that state, says:

"There is a strong tendency among the legislators to favor such (Sunday) laws, as some of them said the bill (Number 58) was not strong enough; some wanted to include everything.

"Shortly after this, House Bill 152 made its appearance, but with an ad-

verse report. It was defeated by the House accepting the committee report. A minority report had been sent in with it, but as it was voted ridiculous, it was expunged from the minutes. I am herewith giving this report:

"Be it enacted that every man, woman, and child be compelled to attend church on each and every Sunday three times a day, once in the morning, once in the afternoon, and once in the evening, and all who fail to do so shall be judged guilty of committing a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of two hundred ninety-nine dollars or six months in jail for the first offense and for the second offense shall be hung, drawn and quartered."

"This last provision was for the purpose of showing to what extremes such legislation might be carried. It had the effect of making the bill so offensive as to be immediately killed. The chairman of the committee to whom the bill was referred, stated that another reason for the adverse report was the fact that there were not jails enough in the State of Utah to contain the offenders.

"There is a 'one day rest in seven' bill still to be heard from, but as yesterday was the last day that bills could be introduced, it is quite probable that we may count on victories over such legislation this year. We are thankful that the Lord is still holding the winds of strife in these matters, and giving us a little longer time in which to advance His work. 'To God be the glory.'"

The minority report, placing before the legislature a measure to compel church attendance on Sunday, was intended as a joke. But the time is not far distant when, instead of being a joke, such legislation actually will be passed, and an effort made to enforce it. It is our duty now to enlighten the public as to what is just before us.

California's three Sunday bills are still pending in the Sacramento Legislature. The lawmakers have, during the past month, been having a vacation from the legislative grind, but on February 26, last Monday, they re-assembled in Sacramento, and are now considering the many bills placed before them during the

first session. Senate Bill 69, Assembly Bill 172 and Assembly Bill 800 may be reported out of committee at an early date. The advocates of these bills are very confident they will pass.

F. A. Coffin.

## FIELD TIDINGS

NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA

J. A. Stevens, Pres.

S. Donaldson, Sec.

### At the Sanitarium

Sabbath, February 17, it was our privilege to have Elder F. W. Paap with us. His inspiring talk was much appreciated by all. At the close of his discourse a call for yearly subscriptions to the "Signs" weekly was made, and a ready response of 234 copies was given. Our people here realize the value of this soul-winning agency, and in the weekly missionary meeting, which is being held, these papers will be properly disposed of. We have a correspondence class started, and expect to follow up the mailing with earnest correspondence.

Elder Paap talked to the young people Friday evening. Sunday we were pleased to have with us Prof. C. L. Benson, who, in the short time he was with us, held five meetings with the young people. His visit was greatly appreciated.

C. S. Prout.

### January at St. Helena Sanitarium

The "Recorder" readers will be glad to know that our patronage for the opening month of 1917 was equal to that of June, 1916.

A covered walk connecting our chapel with the main building has just been completed. This will serve as a shelter in both fair and foul weather.

The senior class of 1917 enjoyed a visit to Mare Island navy yard. Prof. M. W. Newton of Pacific Union College kindly conducted the party, and all pronounced the investigation interesting and in all a perfect day.

Elder J. N. Loughborough is still with us. The 26th inst. numbered his 85th birthday. The dining-room matron, Mrs. Dora Basnett, appropriately decorated his table for the occasion. As a dessert there was placed before him a basket of cards bearing words of love from many of his friends. The aged servant of the Lord, with tears, spoke of his appreciation of the occasion.

Six young men from the Pacific Union College gave us a literary treat. As they interpreted many gems from the prolific pen of Henry Van Dyke, the gymnasium was packed with eager listeners. Another evening the sanitarium family enjoyed a musical treat. About sixty well-trained voices, from the college rendered a cantata, "The Nazarene."

S. T. Hare.

February 18.

**CALIFORNIA**

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

**Oakland**

My pastorate in the Oakland church ceased Jan. 1, 1917, accepting an urgent request made over one year ago by the Laguna Seventh-day Adventist church in San Francisco, but owing to pressing duties was unable to go sooner. I took charge of the work in the Oakland church May 1, 1914, serving as pastor two years and eight months. During this time 261 sermons were preached, 333 Bible readings were given, 715 other meetings held, baptized 177 persons, received into the church 165, and made 3100 missionary visits.

According to the annual reports from all departments of the church, last year far exceeded anything that has ever been accomplished in the Oakland church in the same length of time. This was made possible by the hearty cooperation of the large majority of church members who have stood loyal during the entire period.

While the work in some respects has been difficult, still the Lord has given victory all along the line, and to Him be all the glory.

Elder H. S. Shaw has been se-

lected to take my place, and we feel assured that still greater success will attend his efforts.

I am impressed very deeply that the end of all things is at hand, and while some of us may be called upon to pass through severe trials and persecutions, still we are assured that nothing can befall us but what the necessary grace will be provided.

C. E. Ford.

**CENTRAL CALIFORNIA**

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

**Conference Notes**

We now have 33 churches in our conference, including the Conference church.

The amount of tithe received at our conference office for January was \$2,460.93.

Good reports continue to come to us of the meetings now being held at Madera. Souls are taking their stand for the truth.

The writer returned this week from a union conference committee meeting held at Glendale. Many important matters were considered.

Our conference membership at the close of 1916 was 1748. This is an increase of 222 over the membership at the close of the preceding year.

Elder B. L. Howe was called to Armona last Wednesday to attend the funeral of Sister William Maschmeyer. Sister Maschmeyer was a member of the Lemoore church. We extend sympathy to the bereaved.

Sister Lovina Weatherwax, well known to many in our conference, passed away at Fresno last Wednesday night. We believe she sleeps in Jesus. A more complete notice will appear in due time.

We hope our young people will remember their field for this year, the Philippines, and that 25 cents a month from each of our young people means that this conference will reach its Missionary Volunteer Society goal.

Brother George Vore is continuing his meetings at Success, east of Porterville. He is also holding Bible readings at Porterville with interested parties. There is a call for hall meetings at the latter place.

We must not only try to gather in new members, but as a church we must do all in our power to keep our present members from drifting away from the Lord. A solemn responsibility rests upon us to look after the members of our flock.

The Dinuba church school is growing. The primary grades are in rather crowded quarters now. The work done here is commendable. A normal training greatly helps the teacher in her work. We hope some day to see all our teachers able to take a normal training.

Sister G. A. Wheeler went with Brother Wheeler to the Bookmen's Convention recently held at Mountain View, and from there she went to St. Helena to be with their son, Dale, who is attending the college. She will probably remain up there until the close of the school.

Writing from Bakersfield, Elder B. L. Howe says, "One lady accepted the Sabbath last Sunday night. She is very happy in her new decision. We have three others who are studying for baptism. Two besides these are studying the Sunday evening Bible lessons. They show a good interest."

Elder F. E. Brown began a series of meetings in the Lemoore church Friday evening, February 16. Meetings are being held every evening. We understand that the attendance is good, and an interest is manifested on the part of the outside people. Let us pray that some souls may be led to take their stand for the truth of God.

Sister Alice Mina Mann visited the Caplin and Dinuba church schools last week. Sister Carrie Rich, the teacher at Caplin, is much interested in her work, and the children are doing well. We hope to see this school grow year by year and ever be a light in this place

that will lead others to a saving knowledge of the truth.

Several church schools have already spoken for their teachers for the coming year. All the schools should be thinking about this so that the teachers may plan their work for the summer and for the next year. We expect that most of our schools will have a larger attendance next year than this. We see growth, and this is very encouraging.

A mass meeting was held at Bakersfield Tuesday evening and one at Hanford Wednesday evening of this week, for the consideration of the three Sunday closing bills now pending before our State legislature. At each of these places Elder N. W. Kauble gave an interesting lecture on the limits of civil authority and the injustice of these Sunday closing bills. The attendance was good, considering the unfavorable weather.

We are sorry to report that Elder G. A. Grauer was severely injured in an automobile accident last Sunday evening. Brother and Sister Conrad Gleim, of the Barstow Colony German church, and Elder Grauer were in a machine on their way to Madera when the accident occurred. The machine was overturned by the breaking of a wheel, and all were thrown out. Brother and Sister Gleim escaped any serious injury. It appears that Elder Grauer fell on his neck and right shoulder. For a while he was unconscious. He was taken to Madera and then to his home where he is at present. We hope that he may speedily recover. In a letter written by Sister Grauer for him, he says, "I have every reason to be thankful to the Lord that I am still alive. In fact, I can not understand how we came through so well. If it were not for the special providence of our heavenly Father, we should all be dead." Let us remember him and his family in our prayers.

N. P. Neilsen.

February 23.

It is easy to condemn; it is better to pity.

### SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA

W. F. Martin, Pres. J. C. McReynolds, Sec.

#### Home Missionary Campaign

Elder F. W. Paap and Brother Ernest Lloyd will conduct a Home Missionary Campaign in the Southeastern California Conference, beginning the last of February. The appointments are as follows:

Loma Linda—Wednesday night, February 28, at 7:30.

Riverside—Wednesday night, March 7, at 7:30.

Paradise Valley—Friday night, March 9, at 7:30.

San Diego, G Street—Sabbath, March 10, at 11:00 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

Santa Ana—Sunday night, March 11, at 7:30.

W. F. Martin.

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

M. M. Hare, Pres. W. L. Mecum, Sec.

#### Missionary Volunteer Secretary

At a recent meeting of the Southern California Conference Committee, it was arranged for Mrs. M. M. Hare to take the secretaryship of the Missionary Volunteer Department of the conference. Her successful experience in this line of work insures good help for the young people in the conference. All correspondence intended for this department of the conference work should be addressed hereafter to Mrs. M. M. Hare, 417 West Fifth Street, Los Angeles, Cal.

B. E. Beddoe,

Miss. Vol. Sec. Pac. Union Conf.

#### At San Fernando Academy

A large patch of potatoes has been planted for spring and early summer use. Other vegetables have been planted, some of which are up and growing well.

Every student in the academy has a copy of the Morning Watch. Time is given each chapel period to recite the text for the day. A large number are learning the texts, copies of which are placed in both homes where all can study them easily.

If mocking birds and fragrant orange blossoms are signs of spring, then spring is near. Yellow violets and other spring flowers are also in evidence. The orange harvest has begun in earnest.

The Missionary Volunteers hold regular meetings at the chapel time on Wednesday of each week. Practical topics are studied and discussed by the student members, who are thus gaining an experience in public speaking as well as in solving the problems of life. The interest is good.

On Washington's birthday Professor Lucas gave an instructive talk on the life and work of our first president. Elder H. S. Premier spoke of the flag, and what it stands for, telling the story of the writing of the song, "The Star Spangled Banner." A fund was raised for the purchase of a school flag.

While visiting the academy recently, Elder F. M. Burg spoke to the students regarding the responsibility that rests upon us in view of the nearness of our Saviour's coming. God has made provision for salvation; our part is to do the work before us. Elder Burg spoke to the church along the same line on Sabbath.

The Foreign Mission Band is divided to study two fields, South America and Africa. Mr. Earl Ray is leader of the South American division, and Mr. Raymond Owens of the African. Alternate Sabbath afternoons are spent in study of the fields, the divisions meeting in separate rooms. The Sabbath between is devoted to a study of general missions, all meeting together. Professor Lucas, with an executive committee, has general charge of the work.

The character of Daniel and his companions, as portrayed in the book "The Captivity and Restoration of Israel," was the theme of a chapel talk by Prof. M. E. Cady, on February 21. An erect form, a firm, elastic step, a fair countenance, undimmed senses, untainted breath, are desirable physical characteristics for the "children of a king";

and the mental attributes are no less desirable—keen comprehension, varied and extensive knowledge, and choice and exact language. Added to these an excellent spirit, and favor with God and man, our young people are equipped for life's labors and trials, disappointments and victories.

Max Hill.

## BOOK WORK

### Report of Book Work

Agent	Hrs.	Ordrs.	Helps	Value
<b>Week Ending February 16, 1917</b>				
<b>Central California</b>				
"Great Controversy"				
J. W. Beardslee	24	1	\$4.80	\$ 7.85
C. L. Davis	10	2	5.75	13.75
"Seer of Patmos"				
J. V. Pierson	9	7		10.50
3 Agents	43	10	\$10.05	\$32.10
<b>Southeastern California</b>				
"Daniel and Revelation"				
George Brown	18	17		\$ 61.00
Walter Harper				18.50
"Bible Readings"				
G. Fayette Knapp	18	9		37.50
"Armageddon"				
H. F. Garland			6.25	6.25
4 Agents	36	26	\$6.25	\$123.25
<b>Southern California</b>				
"Practical Guide"				
Ottie W. Smith*	1	2		\$6 .25
"Bible Readings"				
W. B. Dannels	9	4		16.00
Miscellaneous				13.25
Raymond Gunn	105	20		55.00
3 Agents	115	26		\$90.50
* Delivery			\$9.75.	\$ 3 weeks.
Totals	194	62	\$16.80	\$245.85
Deliveries,			\$9.75.	

### Plans for 1917

The convention of bookmen and missionary and tract society secretaries recently held at Mountain View was a very important gathering. Representatives of these departments, as well as union and local conference presidents, were in attendance from a wide range of territory, extending as far east as the Mississippi River, and as far north as the West Canadian union, which is said to extend to the North Pole.

Elders I. H. Evans, W. W. Eastman and F. W. Paap, and Miss Edith M. Graham were the representatives present from the North

American Division Conference. Their timely instruction and help, based on years of experience in the work, con-

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## MISCELLANY

### Special Notice—Terms

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**Wanted.**—A kind-hearted woman to help care for elderly lady and do light housework for a family of three. No washing. In return, the right person may have a good home. For particulars, address Box 224, Banning, Cal. 4t

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### College of Medical Evangelists Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the constituency of the College of Medical Evangelists is called to convene at Loma Linda, Cal., at 10 A. M., March 28, 1917, for the purpose of transacting such business as may properly come before the meeting.

E. E. Andross,  
President.  
S. S. Merrill,  
Secretary.

### California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association

Notice is hereby given that the 20th annual constituency meeting of the above association will be held at Sanitarium, Napa County, Cal., Wednesday, March 14, 1917, at 12 o'clock noon, for the election of directors, amending of by-laws, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

E. E. Andross,  
President.  
L. V. Roberson,  
Secretary.

### Glendale Sanitarium

The nurses' training school of the Glendale Sanitarium opens August 15, 1917. Those wishing to enter the course and avail themselves of the opportunity of a missionary nurses' training, should address the Secretary of the Training School, Glendale Sanitarium, Glendale, Cal. 2m

### Obituaries

**Strever.**—Mrs. Flora Strever was born at Fort Edward, New York, July 15, 1857. She was married at the age of 27, in Austin Minn.

They removed to California in 1910, and located near Hughson. Four sons and three daughters were born to them.

Being left a widow, Sister Strever's burdens were heavy, but her children, who are all in the truth, were her comfort.

She died at her home near Hughson January 30 at 10:30 A. M. The funeral was held at the Modesto Seventh-day Adventist church, Feb. 1, 1917.

We feel confident that her loved ones will meet her when Jesus comes. The Christian's hope is a comforting one in the hour of death.

Clarence Santee.

**Cole.**—Mrs. Maria T. Yale-Cole was born in New York State. She was a lady of refinement, and in earlier life of considerable means. Reverses in business affairs reducing her income considerably, she moved to California and settled in Glendora about 28 years ago. Soon after moving here, her husband, Menzo W. Cole, died, and was buried at Glendora in 1889. Sister Cole heartily accepted present truth when she heard it preached, and became a zealous home missionary, respected and loved by all who knew her. She continued to reside at Glendora for about 16 years; and 12 years ago moved to the State of Washington, where she died at the age of 83 years, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Kimberley, of Port Townsend, Washington. Her son died last August at Santa Ana, Cal.

Sister Cole's body was shipped back to Glendora, in order that she might rest beside her husband. A grandson and granddaughter from Santa Rosa attended the funeral. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Havens, of Orange (nephew and niece), also attended. The funeral services were conducted by the writer, in the undertaker's parlors, at Glendora, on Wednesday, January 17, 1917. We firmly believe that Sister Cole sleeps in Jesus, and that many good works follow her; and that she will be among the "blessed and holy" throng of purified saints, who will hear the voice of Jesus and come forth on the resurrection morning.

Alexander Ritchie.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 1917

Elders E. E. Andross and B. E. Beddoe visited Northern California last Sunday.

Brother B. M. Emerson and Brother James Howarth have been spending some time in Oakland, checking the books of the California Conference and tract society.

Brother S. E. McNeill, assistant auditor for the North American Division Conference, spent several days at the office of the Pacific Union Conference, in Glendale, Cal., last week, checking the books and financial records. He left early this week for Oklahoma City.

Elder I. H. Evans has been spending some time on the Pacific Coast. He attended the Bookmen's Convention in Mountain View recently, the annual meeting of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, the annual constituency meeting of the Loma Linda College of Medical Evangelists, and the sessions of the Pacific Union Conference Committee, held in Mountain View and Glendale.

Citizens of Long Beach held a religious liberty mass meeting in the auditorium Wednesday night, February 21. In spite of the rain, a fair-sized audience was present. Mayor Lisenby presided and Elder W. F. Martin, of Riverside, and Dr. P. T. Magan told the people why Sunday laws are wrong. Assemblyman Merriam said every barber in Long Beach had either written him a letter, called upon him personally, or telephoned to him, urging him to vote for the Sunday bill. He said he intended to do so, unless some

very good reasons could be shown why it should not pass. Pressure is being brought to bear upon legislators throughout the state by union leaders, men and retail merchants to force the passage of this law.

**Twenty-cent-a-week Fund for January, 1917**

Conference	Amt. recd.	Cts. per wk. per mem.
Nevada .....	268.70	35.62
N. W. California.....	919.50	16.39
California .....	1028.79	13.58
Arizona .....	269.45	13.01
Central California ...	784.24	11.86
Southern California ..	943.01	10.26
S. E. California .....	676.75	08.53
Inter-Mountain .....	272.67	08.48
Northern California..	264.53	03.53
Pacific Union Conf....	\$5427.64	10.75

The standing of the conferences in the Pacific Union Conference on the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund for January is given herewith. The Nevada Mission has raised nearly twice its quota, and five conferences have one-half, or considerably more than one-half. No doubt the other three conferences will improve their showing in the next report. The standing a conference has is not dependent alone on the conference officials, but upon each individual in the conference, so let every one do his best. That is the only way we will reach our goal this year. As a union we have only about one-half of the amount for January that we should have, and that is just that much more to raise later. It is much easier to keep up than to catch up when we are behind. Let us pray that God will direct us in this matter.

B. M. Emerson.

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tributed very largely to the success of the meeting.

I feel that we, of the Pacific Union Conference, have been greatly privileged in having this inspiring meeting held in our midst, and I am sure that its influence will be strongly felt here, and that it will prove a great stimulus to the work of circulating our books, periodicals and other literature in this field.

The year 1916 was a record breaker in the sale of literature on this message. The total book sales in this union amounted to \$56,324, exclusive of magazines and other periodicals. This is nearly \$12,000 higher than any previous record ever made in this union conference. But I am happy to state that we are planning, with the help of God, for still greater things for the present year, and the Lord has blessed us with a gain for the first month of more than \$850. To Him be the praise.

Among the measures planned for this year's campaign is a series of colporteurs' institutes to be held in the three advanced schools in this union. The dates follow:

- Lodi Academy, March 24 to April 3.
- Fernando Academy, April 7 to 17.
- Pacific Union College, April 28 to May 12.

It is felt that the time is here when more of the strong young men in our schools should have a part in the great work of carrying the gospel message in printed form into the homes of high and low. This personal method of reaching out after the individual as Christ worked for Nicodemus, and as Phillip worked for the Ethiopian, calls for the exercise of the highest talent, and there is need of educated and capable young men to engage in it. We trust that these institutes may result in enlisting a good number of strong young people in this work for the coming summer.

Those desiring a training for this work, who are not in the schools, will be welcomed at these institutes, and suitable arrangements will be made for them upon application to the field secretary of their local conference.

F. E. Painter.

Upon Thy Word I rest, so strong,  
so sure,  
So full of comfort blest, so sweet,  
so pure.  
Thy Word that changeth not, or fail-  
eth never.  
My God, I rest upon Thy Word  
forever.

—Selected.