

PACIFIC UNION RECORDER



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

VOL. 17

LOMA LINDA, CALIFORNIA, JANUARY 24, 1918

No. 25

Pacific Union Conference S.D.A.

DIRECTORY

Office Address.—Box 146, Glendale, California.

President.—E. E. Andross, office address.

Secretary and Treasurer.—B. M. Emerson, office address.

Educational Secretary.—M. E. Cady, 537 Twenty-fifth Street, Oakland, Cal.

General Field Agent.—F. E. Painter, 620 Acacia Avenue, Tropic, Cal.

Home Missionary and Young People's Secretary.—B. E. Beddoe, office address.

Publicity Secretary.—Frank A. Coffin, office address.

Executive Committee.—E. E. Andross, E. W. Farnsworth, B. M. Emerson, B. E. Beddoe, W. F. Martin, N. P. Neilsen, Clarence Santee, J. L. McElhany, J. Adams Stevens, J. Ernest Bond, W. S. Holbrook, H. E. Lysinger, F. E. Painter, M. E. Cady, C. H. Jones, C. W. Irwin, G. W. Reaser, L. M. Bowen, Claude Conard, M. M. Hare.

A Forward Movement

The end of all things is at hand. Like the muffled tread of the thief in the night, it is stealing upon us, and but few, if any, realize fully its great proximity. In view of the solemnity of the times, the church of God is now called upon to organize a mighty, concerted forward movement that will embrace every believer in the third angel's message.

"Let the gospel message ring through our churches, summoning them to universal action. . . Inspired with the spirit of Him who gave His life for the life of the world, they will no longer stand still in impotency, pointing to what they cannot do. Putting on the armor of heaven, they will go forth to the warfare, willing to do and dare for God, knowing that His omnipotence will supply their need." Testimonies, Volume 7, page 14.

"Heavenly angels have long been waiting for human agents—the members of the church—to cooperate with them in the great work to be done. They are waiting for you. So vast is the field, so comprehensive the design, that every sanctified heart will be

pressed into service as an instrument of divine power." Testimonies, Volume 9, pages 46, 47.

Already heavenly angels are on the field waiting for the members of the church to cooperate with them in the great work of making ready a people prepared for the Lord. Shall we keep them waiting longer, or shall we now respond to this call from our great General, and take up this task, so long neglected? Shall we not organize our forces, dividing the territory into districts, and definitely placing responsibility upon each member of the church, pressing every sanctified heart into service as an instrument of divine power?

Already it has been planned to begin this campaign in our union, by devoting the public service Sabbath, January 26, to this line of work. The work of organization cannot be completed at this time, but it may be begun. One of the most effective agencies in missionary labor is the weekly "Signs of the Times." Speaking of this paper, Sister White has said: "Our brethren do not all see and realize the importance of this paper. . . The silent preacher, enriched with precious matter, should go forth on the wings of prayer, mingled with faith, that it may do its important work, shedding the light of truth upon those who are in the darkness of error."

On account of the increased cost of production, it has been found necessary to raise the subscription price of this paper, beginning with February 1, 1918. We have, therefore, but a few days more in which to place our order for this most excellent paper for missionary purposes at the reduced rate. Clubs should now be renewed, so that the old rate may be secured for the coming year. Churches

also might order clubs in advance for tent and hall efforts, for the laborers in their conferences. The value of this periodical as a means of bringing the truth before our friends and neighbors and those unacquainted with this message, is beyond estimate. I would therefore urge our people at this time to consider seriously the matter of placing their orders at once for this paper, thus preparing for the great campaign upon which we are now about to enter. Money invested at this time in this cause will be transferred to the kingdom.

"Would you make your property secure? Place it in the hand that bears the nail-print of the crucifixion. Retain it in your possession, and it will be your eternal loss. Give it to God, and from that moment it bears His inscription. It is sealed with His immutability. Would you enjoy your substance? Then use it for the blessing of the suffering." Testimonies, Volume 9, page 51.

E. E. Andross.

Sunday-Closing in Southern California

Plans for the enactment of a stringent Sunday-closing law in Los Angeles have been set on foot within the last few weeks by the grocers. William F. Ireland, who was appointed to represent the United States Food Administration in the territory in California south of Santa Barbara, is championing the Sunday-closing movement.

Mr. Ireland first called a meeting of the butchers of Los Angeles, and secured their endorsement to a Sunday-closing program, with the provision that all refusing to close were to be boycotted by the wholesalers. The exception was made that Kosher

markets (conducted by the Jews) might remain open until 11 o'clock Sunday morning, provided they closed all day Saturday. Then he called a meeting of the grocers, and placed the plan of the meat market proprietors before them, obtaining their approval, and consent to do likewise. Next he called a meeting of the bakers of Los Angeles, urging the importance of the meeting because of the necessity for food conservation, and stipulating that all engaged in this trade must be present. After telling them what the butchers and grocers had done, he suggested that they adopt a similar closing plan.

Having secured the consent of the bakers, grocers and butchers of Los Angeles to stringent Sunday-closing, coupled with early closing hours on week days, and a meatless Tuesday and wheatless Wednesday, he visited many other cities in Southern California, and induced the merchants in these various places to follow the same plan, the threat that all supplies from the wholesalers would be cut off hanging over the head of any merchant who failed to adopt the Sunday closing.

Investigation has showed that Sunday closing is not now a part of the program of the United States Food Administration, and that no orders to this effect were issued to Mr. Ireland from the State headquarters in San Francisco.

That an effort will now be made to secure a Sunday-closing ordinance in Los Angeles is the report published in the newspapers of that city. This is said to be backed by the Southern California Retail Grocers' Association. It will be remembered that the grocers of the State put forth a strenuous effort while the California Legislature was in session last spring, to secure the enactment of a Sunday law for the State similar to the one voted down by a heavy majority at the 1914 election.

The program of both the grocers and the barbers of California seems to be one to secure Sunday ordinances in as many California cities as possible. The barbers have already secured Sunday ordinances in San Bernardino and Sacramento, and have made an effort, unsuccessful thus far, to push a similar ordinance through the Los Angeles City Council.

While the government has as yet issued no orders to close on Sunday, the fact that a man who is connected with the food conservation forces is apparently championing the Sunday-closing cause, makes this move appear to be a semi-official one, and places individuals who do not close their stores on the first day of the week in the unenviable light of "slackers." It is a principle well established and specifically stated in Article VI of the United States Constitution that no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States. While not specifically stated, this principle also applies to the question of citizenship, neither the State nor the government holding the right to place a religious question before the individual as a test of his loyalty.

Sabbath observance is a matter of conscience, a question of religion. A man is accountable alone to God for his religious faith, and time of worship. His fellow men have no right to compel him to conform to their ideas of Sabbath-keeping. To permit him merely to open until time for church service Sunday is only to tolerate him. Such restrictions do not recognize that he has any rights whatever in the matter. Furthermore, the very fact that he is required to close his store at the time church services usually begin, shows that the real motive for Sunday-closing is a religious one—an endeavor to get all to go to church. While the importance of attending church should not be discounted, compulsion in religious matters is both un-Christian and un-American.

F. A. Coffin,
Corr. Sec. Religious Liberty Dept.

Papers for Soldiers

Each week the Missionary Volunteer Department of the Pacific Union Conference is mailing out copies of the "Review and Herald," the "Youth's Instructor," and the "Pacific Union Recorder" to all our soldier boys from this union whose addresses we have. Since the addresses of soldiers in training are changing so frequently, we have found it necessary to receive these papers in quantities at the union office and remail them. In this way our boys may receive pa-

pers every week if they keep us informed regarding changes in address.

We wish that every registered young man liable to service would take special note of two things:

First, if he desires to receive the above mentioned papers weekly, he should write to the Missionary Volunteer Department, Pacific Union Conference, Box 146, Glendale, Cal., giving his camp address the **very day** he is located in an army camp.

Second, he should also keep the department posted regularly regarding any changes which may occur in his address.

Persons desiring to assist in meeting the expense of sending out these papers thus, will kindly send contributions to their local conference treasurer, labeling same "Soldier Boys' Literature Fund."

B. E. Beddoe.

To Help Our Boys and Girls

There is now a Junior Standard of Attainment Manual. This is just what you need for studying to become junior members of Attainment. This little manual contains two lists of study questions with references—one list on Bible doctrines and one on denominational history. On these questions the Junior Standard of Attainment examinations will be based.

This manual makes it possible for every ambitious boy or girl of junior age to become a junior member of Attainment. Surely many will procure this leaflet at once, and try to be ready to take the test in either Bible doctrines or denominational history, and possibly in both subjects, next May. Who will be first? Order from your tract society. Price, 6 cents. Leaflet No. 58.

A Few Suggestions

Serve small helpings.

Take only what you are likely to eat.

Endeavor to make every meal a "clean plate meal."

Especially avoid waste of any fat.

Cut bread should be used to make zwieback, rusks, roasts, etc. Do not throw it out.

Remember the food you throw to the garbage must be replaced by other food and makes that much less to go to Europe. It is a crime to waste food.

FIELD TIDINGS

INTER-MOUNTAIN

H. E. Lysinger, Pres. J. H. Weeks, Sec.
122 South 8th St., Grand Junction, Colo.

Salt Lake City Church Notes

Brother J. L. Sauder plans to leave early next week for the southern part of the state, to connect with Brother F. H. Jenks in the colporteur work.

Elder H. E. Lysinger spent a few days with us on his return trip from Logan, where he has been holding a few meetings with the church. He plans to meet with the Provo church on Sabbath.

It is gratifying to see Brother A. R. Robinson in his place regularly at the services of the church. For some time he has been stationed at Fort Douglas serving in the hospital department of the army.

The church is making preparations for the general meeting, to be held here February 7 to 10. It is hoped there will be a good attendance from the surrounding churches, as well as from our isolated believers in this part of the conference. Arrangements are being made for the entertainment of those coming in from other places. It is planned to provide lodging and breakfast free to those in attendance. It will be appreciated if those coming will bring blankets, or other bedding, that might assist in making them comfortable while here. Elder E. E. Andross is planning to be with us during the meeting, as well as local conference laborers. Let us pray that the Lord will use this occasion wonderfully to His glory. Remember the dates,—and be sure to come.

January 17. W. M. Andross.

Ogden and Vicinity

The year 1917 belongs to the past, —a new year has been given to us. Just what the year 1918 will bring we do not know. It is like a new book with 365 pages, but it is closed. No one has ever read it, neither can any one read more than one page a day.

The past year has been blessed and

prosperous. In many ways all, I am sure, have much to thank our good and merciful heavenly Father for.

At the beginning of the year 1917, I was holding a series of meetings in Spring City, Sanpete County, Utah. A little later five were baptized there. We thank the Lord for these dear souls. One of them (Sister Bosen) is now canvassing with good success.

My time since has been divided between the churches of Ogden and Brigham, and some time has also been spent with the Logan church. The week of prayer was a season of great blessing in all of these churches. Brother H. C. Holloway, of Salt Lake City, met with the Ogden church the first part of the week, and with the Logan church the latter part. His help was very much appreciated.

The writer spent the first part of the week of prayer with the Logan church, and the last four days with the Brigham and Ogden churches. The Lord came very near. All consecrated themselves anew to God, and expressed a sincere desire to do better than ever before. The last Sabbath an offering was taken, and many gave freely. The amount given by the Brigham church, of only eight members, was over \$35.00. Their Harvest Ingathering funds amounted to \$34.00,—one sister gathering in nearly \$25.00.

The Brigham church has decreased in membership, but not in spirit and courage. Four have fallen asleep in Jesus—being buried in the dust; a few have fallen asleep in sin, and are buried in worldly pleasure; and several have moved away to other parts of the country. We expect two dear souls to join soon by baptism.

Ogden church is also prospering, although a very large church debt here proves quite a hindrance to the work. We have good prospects and quite a number are interested in this precious truth. So we "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Remember the work here in your prayers. H. G. Gjording.

"God alone is a thousand companions; he alone is a world of friends. That man never knew what it was to be familiar with God, who complains of the want of friends while God is with him."

NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA

J. A. Stevens, Pres. S. Donaldson, Sec.
Box 408, Santa Rosa, Cal.

Conference Items

Our 1918 goals: "One soul won" by every member, and an average of 25 cents per week for missions. Begin early to do your bit.

Elder J. D. Alder and Brother L. O. Pattison will conduct a series of meetings at Blue Lake, between now and the time of the General Conference. Elder Alder reports continued progress in the northern section of the conference.

Brother S. Donaldson, our home missionary secretary, attended the home missionary council held at Fresno, January 16 to 18. We are planning a vigorous home missionary campaign in all our churches, and "every member a working member" is the slogan.

Brother C. L. Bond, who has been laboring in Trinity County since last July, has been asked to spend some time in Lake County. He will probably be located at Lakeport. Three people began keeping the Sabbath there recently as a result of the meetings held last summer.

The elders' and workers' council held at St. Helena January 9 to 12 was a very profitable gathering. The instruction of the visiting brethren was greatly appreciated, and we feel sure that all returned to their fields of activity better prepared to carry forward the various lines of our work. Elder B. E. Beddoe remained over Sabbath for the auditing committee, and spoke at the Vallejo church Sabbath afternoon. The accounts of the laborers and other financial interests of the conference were considered by the auditing committee. The conference committee held a short session afterwards to plan for the work between now and the time of the General Conference.

According to latest reports, there are 115 families of Seventh-day Adventists in the Northwestern California Conference who do not take the "Review and Herald." Is your family among the ones that are missing the spiritual uplift that comes

with the weekly visits of the "good old Review"? There is a message in the "Review" for every member of the family. If you subscribe before February 1 the price will be \$2.25, and in addition you will receive Present Truth free. It would be well also to include 25 cents to renew your subscription to the "Recorder." A large number of subscriptions in the Northwestern California Conference expire between now and the first of April. Perhaps yours does, too. Subscribe now before you forget. With the exception of the "Recorder," practically all of our periodicals increase in price February 1. Be sure your family club is renewed at the old prices.

January 18. J. Adams Stevens.

CALIFORNIA

J. L. McElhany, Pres. H. B. Thomas, Sec.
537 25th St., Oakland, Cal.

Comparative statement of offerings received from the churches, January to December.

	1916	1917
Annual Offering	\$1,175.23	\$ 1,341.28
Blind	2.75	1.00
Church School		
Equipment	10.77	5.60
Y. P. Fund—		
Missions	444.61	347.03
Mem. Hospital	1,179.04	224.03
Harvest Ingath	1,964.77	2,757.13
Mid-Summer		
Offering	494.62	92.63
Misc. Foreign	239.00	1,281.50
Misc. Home	150.13	184.83
Foreign Missions	3,462.50	6,624.36
\$150,000 Fund	2,900.30	1,226.11
Relig. Liberty	71.61	105.33
Sabbath School		
Donations	7,246.64	8,093.56
Thirteenth Sabbath Offering	2,178.71	1,875.91
	\$21,520.68	\$24,160.57

H. B. Thomas,
Treasurer.

Comparative Tithe Statement, January to December

Church	1916	1917
Alameda	\$ 1,896.04	\$ 2,396.14
Berkeley	2,344.55	2,205.91
Byron	517.20	479.50
Conference and		
Personal	535.95	577.14
Fruitvale	2,522.28	2,196.12
Hayward	622.64	493.57
Hollister	386.66	437.06
Los Gatos	112.76	101.27
Martinez		733.22
Mission (San Francisco)	1,450.56	1,632.58

Morgan Hill	556.20	463.98
Mountain View	8,158.07	10,928.14
Monterey	211.07	396.83
Oakland	7,591.68	8,038.80
Richmond	769.63	768.32
San Francisco	4,625.85	6,155.27
San Jose	2,166.90	2,913.17
Santa Cruz	620.78	1,043.71
Soquel	104.15	181.85
Watsonville	63.35	163.07

\$35,256.26 \$42,355.65

H. B. Thomas,
Treasurer.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

N. P. Neilsen, Pres. G. A. Wheeler, Sec.
Box 1304, Fresno, Cal.

A Year of Progress

Success has crowned the efforts of a willing, loyal people in Bakersfield, during the year 1917. A tithe of \$4181.76 has been paid and a total of \$5330.66 sent to the conference office by the church treasurer. The total amount received from all sources of church activities is \$9662.66, and adding the money handled by the tract society, the church has a grand total of more than \$10,000 to its credit for the year 1917.

During the last six months a new church building and a church school building have been erected. All bills are paid up to date, and the buildings are complete, with the exception of screens, outside painting, and seating of the church. The women's club is looking after the inside furnishing, and God has laid upon the heart of one sister the burden (blessing) of securing the means for painting. A good sum is in hand. The money for seats has also been secured, and the contract will soon be placed. The secret is, "every one lifts."

The local missionary work has had a remarkable growth. More of our papers are taken, and more literature distributed than formerly. A campaign on the 25-cent books, led by Mrs. B. L. Howe, has succeeded beyond our highest expectations. The proceeds have all been devoted to missionary work. This eliminates the commercial idea, and is the secret of the success of the workers, and the blessing they receive. Over \$200 worth of these books have been sold. The time is here for this work to be done everywhere. The people are anxious to receive our literature, and our brethren and sisters are

ready to take it to them if they are directed just a little.

At the time of the launching of the food campaign we set apart one Sabbath and Sunday for a special program. Sabbath morning Sister J. A. Hiatt presented the true foundation for food conservation by outlining the diet ordained for man. Sister R. H. Schwartz gave a very instructive and practical lesson on "Common Diseases and Simple Remedies." Sunday evening Dr. R. H. Schwartz showed the great need of giving close attention to the teeth. The instruction given cannot fail to be of lasting benefit to those who heard and will apply it. Brother J. A. Hiatt spent some time on "Stomach Ailments and Their Treatments."

B. L. Howe.

Twenty-Cent-a-Week and Tithe Statement, January to December, 1917

Church	Amt. Recd	Tithe
Armona	\$ 1284.48	\$ 3928.55
Bakersfield	1063.37	4155.96
Barstow	1252.67	949.78
Barstow (Ger.)	281.00	839.53
Burrough	141.87	362.61
Chowchilla	304.53	904.19
Conference	312.28	728.22
Clovis	94.83	106.28
Coalinga	103.23	138.57
Dinuba	1121.65	3728.38
Dinuba (Ger.)	503.43	1413.84
Dos Palos	278.87	1104.81
Caplin	428.55	1338.10
Fresno	3566.55	10190.50
Fowler	52.49	149.45
Fairmead	122.37	188.01
Hanford	939.57	1485.07
Island	1426.11	3267.49
Laguna	220.72	482.76
Laton	209.86	429.01
Lemoore	231.30	775.26
Le Grand	134.21	254.60
Lindsay	219.85	585.35
Merced	337.47	1174.51
Madera	89.51	155.34
Porterville	249.64	499.95
Reedley	78.24	279.00
Rolinda	247.97	547.16
Selma	304.11	2575.87
Shafter	508.88	1508.55
Tulare	228.53	460.02
Visalia	416.77	942.77
Winton	245.91	807.43
Miscellaneous	994.51	300.37

Totals \$17995.33 \$46752.29

G. A. Wheeler,
Treasurer.

Pencilgrams

Only two teachers' period reports lacking! This is getting more encouraging each period, and we are

looking for the time when there will not be one delinquent report. The junior reports have also come in well. This is just as important as any other part of the school work, and we trust that from now on there will be no failure in reporting of this branch of our work.

Miss Amy Rich has decided not to accept the Winton school as teacher, as reported last week. Miss Nellie Black has offered to take it for a few months, at least, and we hope she will be able to finish the term. A Missionary Volunteer Society has been organized at Winton, with Brother Hatch as leader, and Brother Peterson as secretary. We expect some good reports each quarter from this society.

A large class expect to finish the tenth grade in the Fresno school this year, and as an incentive to classes coming after them, they are planning to conduct appropriate exercises, and receive their certificates of promotion. A number are planning on going to the academy, while some will enter a training school for nurses. There is also a large eighth grade here, and we hope to see every member of the class finish the work with credit.

The Central California missionary volunteer societies have been given the privilege of building the girls' dormitory for the Philippine Academy. If each member helps, if each society takes up the enterprise now, working at it each week, there will be no difficulty in raising the means for this splendid work. Weekly donations, planning for definite sums, using devices to increase interest,—all these will help.

The Burrough church has organized a missionary volunteer society, and all, with the exception of one, I understand, are taking the reading course; all are reading the Bible through, studying for the Standard of Attainment, and observing the "Morning Watch." The leader, Miss Bertha Messick, reviews the Bible assignments at the weekly meetings, thus helping to create an interest. Last Sabbath "Genesis" was reviewed, and one who was present reported that it was one of the most enjoyable and interesting meetings she had ever attended. Here are a few hints for other societies. Alice Mina Mann,

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

M. M. Hare, Pres. W. L. Mecum, Sec.
417 West 5th St., Los Angeles, Cal.

Standard of Attainment

Last week a package was sent me from the members of the Furlong church containing about 25 examination papers on the Standard of Attainment. Some of the papers were excellent. Several of the young people from the Carr Street church had also taken the examinations, and the leader told me that she was disappointed to find the questions so easy. At Long Beach there are three classes organized for study.

Two new leaflets have recently been prepared. Leaflet No. 57, senior denominational history study questions, price 1½ cents, and leaflet No. 58, junior Standard of Attainment Manual, price 6 cents. Order from the tract society, 417 West Fifth St. Remember also that the Bible Doctrine texts for the Standard of Attainment study are found near the close of your 1918 "Morning Watch Calendar."

Mrs. M. M. Hare.

An Opportunity

Have you ever stopped to consider the facts in the very interesting and instructive narrative contained in Luke 8, verses 26 to 40? Jesus and his disciples, after the stilling of the tempest on Galilee, sojourning for a brief time in the country of the Gadarenes,—the restoration of the demoniac and the destruction of the herd of swine—and the leave-taking as the people urged the Master to leave their coasts. Listen to the earnest appeal of the restored demoniac, as he besought the Master that He might remain with him, "but Jesus sent him away" after, at most, only a few hours of association and instruction, saying, "Return to thine own house, and show how great things God hath done unto thee." Do you recall the results as "he went his way, and published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him?" When Jesus returned that way again "the people" (those who had so urgently besought him to leave them) "gladly received him; for they were all waiting for him."

Has this experience no lesson for us? One, naturally far less favorably situated for labor, than the most humble church member of to-day, simply showed what great things God had done for him. Result,—many were prepared to receive Jesus.

Can we do less than he did? Shall our response be a less faithful service? Is ONE SOUL FOR GOD too great an undertaking, or too high an aim for 1918?

Why not arrange for a supply of soul-winning material next Sabbath, January 26, "Signs" Day, and then follow this up with a consistent effort in behalf of souls during 1918? Brethren and sisters, let us do it.

M. M. Hare.

Statement of Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund, January to December, 1917

Church	Amount Received	Cts. per week per member
Arroyo Grande ...	\$ 265.93	21.31
Boyle Heights ...	1,403.67	27.54
Burbank	285.74	32.32
Carr Street	3,986.47	20.44
Conference	54.18	20.44
Conference	54.18	06.12
Covina	384.43	32.14
Eastside	401.17	14.28
Edendale	250.07	09.61
Fernando	1,718.09	20.02
Florence Avenue...	488.73	15.16
Furlong	510.61	17.85
Gardena	75.48	09.67
Glendale	4,166.42	26.26
Glendora	150.04	16.97
Graham	269.57	11.02
Lancaster	83.09	63.91
Long Beach	5,124.21	70.38
Los Angeles German	857.81	109.97
Mexican	68.97	05.52
Norwalk	397.68	21.24
Pasadena	1,638.01	17.21
Pomona	1,901.89	50.79
Redondo	310.79	31.45
Rivera	524.30	28.80
Santa Barbara ...	705.01	15.95
Santa Monica ...	494.87	35.24
San Pedro	521.82	22.80
San Luis Obispo..	185.40	13.20
Sawtelle	571.12	14.84
Southside	810.47	15.28
Vermont Avenue...	456.79	19.96
Vernon German ...	192.31	30.81
Watts	115.23	09.63
Whittier	683.54	77.32
Personal	1,282.09	

\$31,336.00

W. L. Mecum,
Treasurer.

SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA

W. F. Martin, Pres. J. C. McReynolds, Sec.
310 Loring Bldg., Riverside, Cal.

Reaching the Goal

"Many whom God has qualified to do excellent work accomplish very little, because they attempt little. Thousands pass through life as if they had no definite object for which to live, no standard to reach. Such will obtain a reward proportionate to their works.

"Remember that you will never reach a higher standard than you yourself set. Then set your mark high, and step by step, even though it be by painful effort, by self-denial and sacrifice, ascend the whole length of the ladder of progress." "Christ's Object Lessons."

Our Sabbath school at the Paradise Valley Sanitarium, had been generally liberal in offerings each Sabbath up to the thirteenth Sabbath of the third quarter. Naturally as the thirteenth Sabbath approached, the question arose as to whether we should make a special call, and for what amount, or should we simply ask the school to give liberally. As the superintendent asked the question, various suggestions were made, and it was decided to ask for \$40.00. The plan was to block off the mission field into forty squares at \$1.00 each. They were taken so quickly that more squares were added until the donations reached \$80.00.

The same question as to what should be our goal for the harvest ingathering was raised, and brought before the church council. On account of the many calls that had come before the people—the Liberty Bonds, the Red Cross, and a number of others—many felt that it would be difficult to reach the goal of \$2.00 a member set by the conference, which would mean \$224.00 for the church. Others thought it should be higher, so the church was divided into twelve bands, and each band was asked to set a goal. This resulted in the church goal being set at \$300.00. Many misgivings were expressed, but the leaders kept the matter before the church, giving reports of the work done at each prayer meeting, young people's meeting and Sabbath service. The result was that the church gathered \$320.00.

The week of prayer offering amounted to \$182.50.

When it came to the thirteenth Sabbath of the fourth quarter, all thought the offering would probably be only medium. At first it was thought that \$50.00 would be a reasonable goal, but in view of the great need of literature in the Asiatic Division, it was felt we could not do less than we had done for the West Indies. So the goal was set at \$103. The plan was to have 100 large stars at \$1.00 apiece and 30 small stars at 10 cents apiece. Feeling that personal consecration was more important than any other gift we could offer, the entire school was asked to re-dedicate themselves to the work of God for the coming year. At the close of the prayer, all were asked to state how many stars they would take. Every star was taken in a few minutes, and others called for until the offerings reached \$134.76.

Had there been no goal set we feel confident that the offerings would have been much less.

J. A. Burden.

Loma Linda Church

Loma Linda church has made a good record during 1917. The report of the church treasurer shows that the tithe for the year past amounted to \$14,134.50; and that the offerings to missions were \$4,529.06, being \$389.86 more than the amount of the twenty-cent-a-week goal. The food conservation figures for the eight weeks ending December 28, 1917, showed that 16,823 wasteless meals had been eaten, 16,874 meatless meals, and 6,413 wheatless meals.

California Conference Twenty-Cent-a-Week Statement, January to December, 1917

Church	Quota	Amt. Recd.
Alameda	\$ 117.60	\$ 1,350.07
Berkeley	1,196.00	1,603.38
Byron	124.80	311.17
Conference and Personal	166.40	1,551.35
Fruitvale	1,653.60	1,206.11
Hayward	218.40	220.94
Hollister	239.20	76.07
Los Gatos	156.00	14.13
Mission (San Francisco)	707.20	939.00
Monterey	312.00	147.57
Morgan Hill	187.20	444.06
Mountain View	3,109.60	5,298.32
Martinez	124.80	263.33

Oakland	4,149.60	4,297.33
Richmond	384.80	409.34
San Francisco	1,778.40	2,545.88
San Jose	1,289.60	972.85
Santa Cruz	468.00	568.83
Soquel	72.80	132.60
Watsonville	72.80	76.07

Totals \$17,128.80 \$22,413.40
H. B. Thomas,
Treasurer.

BOOK WORK

Change in Date of Institute

It has been found necessary to change the date of the colporteurs' institute that was to be held at Fernando Academy, from January 26 to February 6, to February 9 to 19. Those planning to attend this institute kindly take notice of the change in date.

F. E. Painter.

The College Colporteurs' Band

The colporteurs' band at Pacific Union College started on its work for the remainder of the school year. The task of organizing was a real pleasure, for we had the hearty cooperation and support of Prof. C. W. Irwin and his faculty, and the friendly interest of the students.

Those taking part in this effort at the college were Brethren C. L. Davis, C. C. Morlan, G. H. Barbee, H. A. Hebard and the writer.

The interests of the colporteur work, the story of victories gained, together with the opportunities for capable, educated young men and women were presented in the chapel service on two successive days, the second service being a very interesting symposium.

One interesting feature was the inspiring colporteur songs that were sung by some of the students.

When the call was made for those who wished to join the band, about 50 young people filed into the appointed room.

Two of the young men,—Julius Schaefer and Alfred Jensen,—were elected as leaders, and Miss Field was chosen as secretary.

Under the leadership of these young people, I am sure the band will do good work, and will serve to deepen the interest of the school in this

branch of the service, and will also help to prepare these earnest young workers for practical service when school is out. F. E. Painter.

Important Notice to Magazine Workers

Owing to the congestion of the mails, due to the discontinuance of passenger trains carrying mail matter, unfortunate delays are liable to occur in receiving copies of magazines ordered. To offset, in part, such delays, and to render more efficient service under present conditions, we have notified the tract societies that they may telegraph, at our expense, all orders amounting to 250 copies or more, which will insure our receiving such orders from two to five days earlier. If there are several orders, each consisting of 50 copies or more, but totaling 250 altogether, these also may be telegraphed in a night letter.

This telegraphic service is given with the understanding that, where possible, orders shall be placed far enough ahead to insure a satisfactory delivery.

MISCELLANY

Special Notice—Terms

Advertising rate: 50 words or less, first insertion, \$1.00. Each additional insertion, if run consecutively, 50 cents. No advertisement will be accepted unless cash accompanies the same. Reference from a conference laborer or church elder must accompany notices from advertisers not personally known to the "Recorder" management.

Wanted—A man over draft age to work on a farm. Church privileges. State wages. Address R. H. Schwartz, 1900 Orange St., Bakersfield, Cal. 1t

Relinquishment For Sale.—One hundred acres, fenced. Six acres cleared and plowed; eight acres partly cleared; four-room house; abundance of water; plenty fuel timber; good location, twenty miles from Loma Linda. For information write Box 65, Loma Linda, Cal. 3t

For Sale.—Twenty-seven acres very best sub-irrigated land, five miles north of Lemoore, Cal. Near ten grade church school. Good improvements; family orchard; some wood on place; good alfalfa land. Good crops grown without the use of ditch water.

Come and see for yourself. Address D. C. Starrett, Route A, Box 200, Lemoore, Cal. 2t

Any of our people wishing to locate near church and church school, where they can obtain work in a cannery during the summer, may write to the Sonoma Valley Canning Co., Sonoma, Cal., for further particulars. Cannery is operated by Seventh-day Adventists. 6t

THE HALIFAX DISASTER

(Continued from Page 8)

where every house was destroyed. They all feel that the Lord miraculously delivered them, and they are praising God for His protection and care.

"When viewing such scenes of disaster, we are forcefully impressed with the fact that the judgments of God are abroad in the land, and we are also reminded if the words of the Saviour, when He said, 'Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.'"

The world is full of the machinery of destruction, and grievous calamities are falling on every hand. But thank the Lord the miracles of God's providences are protecting His people. "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them." Ps. 34:7.

James Howarth.

Notice of Annual Meeting of the Pacific Press Publishing Association

Notice is hereby given, to all whom it may concern, that the annual meeting of the members of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, a corporation, organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the state of California, will be held at the office of the association on Villa Street, in the town of Mountain View, county of Santa Clara, state of California, on Monday, the 28th day of January, A. D. 1918, at ten o'clock A.M.

The election of directors for the ensuing year, the advisability of amending, repealing, or adopting new by-laws, or such other business as may be necessary or proper to be transacted, will come before the members of the association.

By order of the directors.

C. H. Jones, President.
H. G. Childs, Secretary.

4t

Obituary

Ward.—Mrs. J. H. Ward died at Lakeport, Cal., January 8, 1918, aged 65 years, 11 months and 12 days. She began to keep the Sabbath in the year 1906, was baptized and united with the Kelseyville church in 1915. She sleeps in assurance of the life to come. She rests in the Kelseyville cemetery awaiting the coming of the Life-giver.

Mrs. R. Stapp.

Book Report, Week Ending January 4, 1918

Agent	Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Value	Del.
Northern California						
Mrs. J. Gallion	Misc.				\$ 77.50	
James Sims	D.R.	30			15.60	
L. A. Reynolds	B.R.	16	4	4.50	23.50	
3 Agents		46	4	\$4.50	\$116.60	
Southern California						
F. B. Desmarests*	ElRey	83	43	\$3.80	\$95.80	\$160.00
1 Agent *2 Weeks						
Inter-Mountain						
C. L. Roberts	B.R.	46	17	\$7.25	\$76.75	
1 Agent						
TOTALS		175	64	\$15.55	\$289.15	\$160.00

Week Ending January 12, 1918

Miss Weeks	W.W.				\$ 8.75	
Miss Gallion	W.W.				50.35	
Miss Newgard	W.W.				23.50	
Miss Boyd	W.W.				102.50	
Dr. Barbour	F.Q.				30.00	
L. M. Overholt	B.R.	22		2.50	29.50	
Clyde House	B.R.	57½	10	14.90	53.25	
7 Agents		79½	10	\$17.40	\$297.85	

Pacific Union Recorder

PUBLISHED WEEKLY BY THE
PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE OF
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

All matter for publication and correspondence relating to subscriptions should be addressed to Box 146, Glendale, Cal. Make money-orders payable to the Pacific Union Conference S. D. A., Glendale, Cal.

Subscription Price - Twenty-five Cents a Year

B. M. EMERSON - - - - - EDITOR
E. E. ANDROSS { - - - ASSOCIATE EDITORS
F. A. COFFIN }

Entered as second-class matter July 23, 1914 at the Post-office at Loma Linda, California, under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 1918

"Review" Subscriptions Increase in This Union

Word just received from the "Review and Herald" office informs us that during the month of December 332 subscriptions were received for the "Review." During the same month, only 63 subscriptions were discontinued. This means that the number of subscriptions during the month of December increased 269, bringing the present total of subscriptions in our union to 2663. The Southern California Conference has the largest number of subscribers. Their readers number 564. Southeastern California, however, has the largest number as compared to its membership.

It is gratifying, indeed, to see the excellent showing this union has made in the number of "Review" subscriptions the past few months. Since the subscription price advances the first of February, we ought to increase our number of subscriptions by at least 500 before that date. Even after the excellent increases that were made during the months of November and December, it is estimated that there are still over a thousand in our union who are not receiving the "Review."

Below is a record of subscriptions received during the month of December. Also figures showing our present list of subscriptions as compared to our goal:

Arizona	18	1	85	169
California	38	8	344	549
Northern Cal.	32	8	321	529
Central Cal.	66	4	348	549
Southern Cal.	66	11	564	764
Southeastern Cal.	60	9	441	554
Northwestern Cal.	32	11	346	461
Nevada	7	5	54	84
Inter-Mountain	13	6	160	245
Totals	433	63	2663	3904

B. E. Beddoe.

The Halifax Disaster

On the morning of Dec. 6, 1917, occurred one of the greatest disasters of recent years. One-half of the city of Halifax, Nova Scotia's proud metropolis and great Canadian port, was razed to the ground by a gigantic explosion, when the steamer, "Mont Blanc," a munition ship, collided with the Belgian relief ship, "Imo." In a flash 1266 persons were stricken dead, about 6000 injured—blinded, crippled and maimed for life—and 25,000 people made homeless in bitter winter weather.

When the explosion happened, Elder A. V. Olson, the president of the Eastern Canadian Conference, was on board the Maritime Express en route to Halifax, to buy a boat for our colporteur work in Newfoundland, and was just a few hours' ride from the city.

Of his experience in locating our people and the wonderful providence of God in caring for them, we quote from his article which appeared in the "Eastern Canadian Messenger" of Dec. 18, 1917, as follows:

"Long before reaching the city we could see the lurid glare of the burning ruins against the inky heavens, and when ten miles out we began to notice the broken windows. At the outskirts of the city our train was brought to a standstill by piles of debris thrown across the tracks. Carrying our heavy luggage we groped our way in the darkness amidst the wreck and ruin. The air was filled with a sickening odor of burning flesh. Autos and wagons were hurrying to and fro as best they could with their loads of dead and wounded.

"Arriving at Elder Chapman's home, I was thankful to find him and his family alive and uninjured, though every window in their house had been shattered and doors splintered. They were all seated in the dining room having family worship when the crash came. Flying glass and other wreckage fell in heaps around them, and yet they all escaped without as much as a scratch or a bruise. Surely the protecting hand of God was over them.

"Shortly after my arrival, Elder Chapman and I went down to a large nearby hospital to visit a wounded sister. The awful scenes we there

saw I would gladly erase from memory if it could only be done. Every available space in the institution was filled with the wounded, the dead, and the dying. The beds were full, the floors in the hallways, floors in rooms everywhere were covered with sufferers lying on mattresses or heaps of rags. Everything was soaked with blood. All had been cut and gashed by flying glass, and bruised or crushed by falling timbers. Many were mangled and mutilated beyond recognition; their faces like pieces of raw meat, with eyes gone, noses cut off, and ears missing. Many, too, had been fearfully burned by fires that broke out in their wrecked homes. Doctors and nurses were working to the point of exhaustion setting broken limbs, extracting glass, splinters and plaster from wounds; cutting, sewing, cleaning and bandaging; while men, women and children came and went in search of missing loved ones. The moans and shrieks of the suffering were heart-rending.

"Early the next morning, in the face of a raging blizzard that added to the misery and wretchedness of the people, and rendered rescue work well-nigh impossible, we set out in search of our people, the majority of whom had resided in the completely devastated region. The scenes that greeted our eyes at every turn baffled description. . . .

"Shortly after the explosion fires broke out among the ruins, and soon a large area of the city was a veritable lake of fire. Scores, if not hundreds, of bodies of men, women and children pinned under the wreckage, many of them alive, were destroyed by the flames. We saw men who had escaped, digging in the ashes of their homes for some trace of their families; some found their charred remains, others found only the ashes, while still others found not a thing. . . .

"After a search of two or three days, we were able to locate all our people, and we are glad to say that with the exception of one little baby girl, who was still missing when we left, all are alive and most of them uninjured. This is marvelous, especially so, in view of the fact that the majority of them lived in the section

(Continued on Page 7)