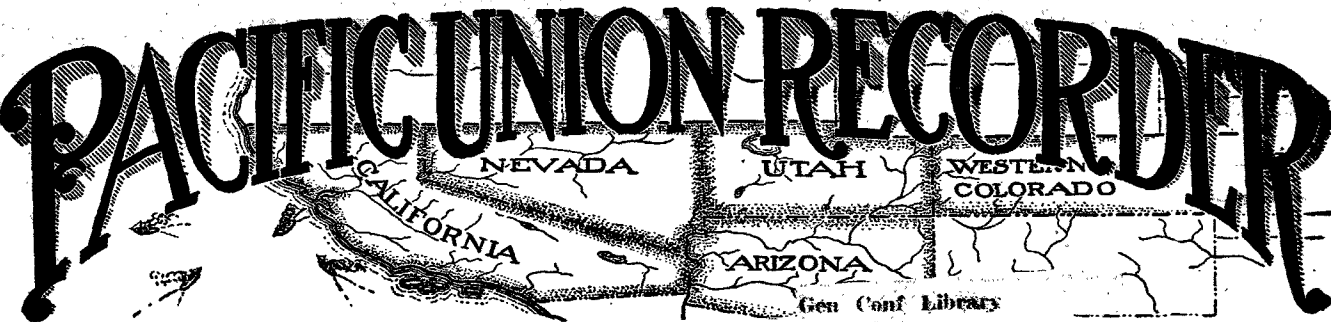


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Our Missions in Africa

I would like to have you in the homeland get a grasp on the situation which confronts our missionaries in heathen and non-Christian lands. As we talk over the needs of the millions now in darkness, let us gain from the experience of Noah the lesson God would have us learn. God called upon Noah to preach the warning message of the flood, but Noah was also called upon to work. We, too, must work. It will cost us something to finish the giving of the message of the kingdom in all the world.

Our African missions are all industrial training schools. The natives come to us without money. In all the years I have conducted mission schools I have never received five cents in tuition. But those who come are able to work, and we tell them their labor is worth money to us. On all our mission stations we require that the boys and girls work with their hands six hours a day, and we have never had a nervous breakdown among any of our pupils. They spend five and one-half hours at their books and six hours at toil. When

night comes, they are tired enough to go to sleep.

Although we receive no tuition, on the other hand, there is not a mission station in Rhodesia where we ever buy a mouthful of food for our students. We grow enough to feed them, and have a good surplus to sell every year to meet the expenses of clothing, books and other necessary things. I believe this is as it should be.

Practically all that you, in this country, contribute for the furtherance of the missions out there, is the money for the support of the white workers, in charge of the mission schools, and the funds for the farm tools and stock, and for the erection of our houses. We certainly need them. It is not even good business to send men and women—your missionaries—to a far-away heathen land to live in a mud hut with a grass roof which leaks terribly, and which the white ants will soon destroy. Many a night we have tried to sleep with umbrellas over us to keep us partly dry. Some of our workers have laid down their lives because of just such conditions, but things are much better now than they were when we began our mission operations. The houses we now have are a real protection against the elements.

God has blessed us with good crops the most of the time on our Rhodesian mission, and we have succeeded in carrying the school, boarding the pupils and selling cattle, grain and fruit for cash amounting to about \$3,000 a year for the last nine years. This money has enabled us to carry the school. However, if you are a farmer, you know you do not receive cash for your 1919 products in January or February. We sell our gain in October or November. To operate the mission for a year costs about \$4,000

in actual cash. Two years in advance, before our crop is even planted, I make up my estimate of the expense of the mission station, and perhaps ask the Mission Board to send me \$1200. They divide the \$1200 by 12, and send me \$100 a month. So I must carry that mission for nine months before I get my other \$3,000 by the sale of farm products.

The trouble is, dear brethren and sisters, that our work in the great mission fields is so large, and is growing so fast that the blanket of funds you provide us is not big enough to cover us all. There has not been enough in the mission treasury so that there could be a surplus to adequately meet the needs of the field. But we, in the far-off mission lands believe the promise, "My God shall supply all your need, according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus," and He does it. It does a man good to see the providence of God working this way and that, so that the needs are provided for.

We in the homeland should take upon our hearts the burden of looking carefully after our mission funds, and seeing that they are kept well up month by month, not waiting until the time of the annual offering during the week of prayer to square up any deficit. Of course, we ought to square it up by that time if we have any deficit, but it would be a great blessing if month by month we could see our mission offerings pass the mark a little way.

—W. H. Anderson, in talk at Carr-street church, Los Angeles.

"Everything in the universe calls upon those who know the truth to consecrate themselves unreservedly to the proclamation of the truth as it has been made known to them in the third angel's message."

The Call of the Hour

The days of probation are fast closing,—the time is nearing when the great crisis in this world's history will be reached. Soon the destiny of every soul will be settled.

Oh, that we might sense fully the times in which we live, that the people might know the time of their visitation! There are thousands who have not heard the testing truths for this time, who are still unwarned of the impending doom awaiting them.

"Intense earnestness should now take possession of us. Our slumbering energies should be aroused to untiring effort. Consecrated workers should go forth into the field clearing the King's highway and gaining victories in new places." The question is asked, "Is it nothing to you to know that every day souls are going down into the grave unwarned and unsaved?"

"Heavenly angels marvel that those who for so many years have had the light, have not carried the torch of truth into the dark places of the earth."

"Heavenly angels have long been waiting for human agents—the members of the church—to co-operate with them in the great work to be done. So vast is the field, so comprehensive the design that every sanctified heart will be pressed into service as an instrument of divine power."

We are told again that, "Those who have the spiritual oversight of the church should devise ways and means by which an opportunity may be given to every member of the church to act some part in God's work. Too often in the past this has not been done. Plans have not been clearly laid and fully carried out whereby the talents of all might be employed in active service."

We should be thankful that under the leadership of the Holy Spirit plans have been laid to utilize the talents of all who surrender themselves for service. Not only is there work for evangelists, pastors, teachers, Bible workers and colporteurs, but there is opened up to every believer unlimited possibilities in personal soul-saving service. We may scatter tracts, papers, and the truth in printed form; and we are especially anxious to have each one take

hold of the Harvest Ingathering work just now.

It is not learned and eloquent speakers that are needed now, but humble, Christlike men and women who have learned from Jesus of Nazareth to be meek and lowly, and who, trusting in His strength, will go forth into the highways and hedges to give the invitation, "Come, for all things are now ready."

There is earnest work for all. We have not time to spend in self-gratification. Every day, every hour, souls

are going down to ruin, and God is calling upon all to enter His service and spread the message of truth.

If all our people would rally to the call of the hour, standing shoulder to shoulder, uniting our forces, following our Captain, the work in the campaign would be quickly done, a large sum of money would be secured and our goal reached. Thus God's name would be glorified, the truth advanced, and all believers encouraged.

G. W. Wells.

HARVEST INGATHERING CAMPAIGN

Pacific Union Conference Goal, \$37,335

	Goal
Arizona	\$1658.50
California	5353.88
Central California	5797.22
Inter-Mountain	2187.90
Northern California	5014.60
Northwestern California	4155.58
Southeastern California.....	5173.74
Southern California	7257.24
Nevada Mission	786.50

"Just as I Expected"

Doubtless you have heard of the woman who prayed one night that the Lord would cause a mountain to be removed from in front of her house. And as the story goes when she looked out of the house the next morning and saw that the mountain was still in front of the house, she exclaimed, "Just as I expected!"

How about your success in the Harvest Ingathering work this year? Has it been "just as you expected"? What did you expect? Those who have gone out expecting success have not been disappointed, although in some instances some of us have been a little surprised, for we have been more successful than we had expected.

We have not heard directly from very many who have been out this week, but judging from the success that has attended the efforts of the few from whom we have heard, this will be our banner year in Harvest Ingathering collections. Elder W. H. Anderson, who is on furlough from

South Africa, is working with the folks at the Dispensary and White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles, and he tells me that all who have been out thus far have averaged more than one dollar per hour.

One sister who lives in a court consisting of six cottages collected \$1.35 in five of the homes. Our tract society secretary, Brother C. L. Cyphers, has collected \$15.00 to date, and expects to get that much more. The writer has worked over some territory which he covered last year, and finds that the offerings this year are practically double what they were last year.

Have you begun to work your territory yet? What are you expecting, success or failure? Are you expecting large or small offerings? According to your faith be it unto you."

You will usually get what you have faith to go after. Let us not procrastinate in this work. Now is the time to begin, and let us set our goals high and determine to reach them during the month of September. It can be done.

C. C. Morlan.

Inter-Mountain

Representatives from the churches of Grand Junction, Glade Park, Grove Creek, Collbrand, Clifton, Fruita and Rulison met together at Palisade, Sabbath, August 31. The attendance was large, and as plans were presented for the Harvest Ingathering cam-

paigned a spirit of cooperation was manifest.

The officers of the different churches met with Brother J. A. Neilsen and divided their territory. Elder W. F. Kennedy, Brethren W. G. Cope and J. A. Waters were appointed as a committee to work the Uinta country of Utah. The plan is for those appointed to work with these brethren to go over in automobiles, and cover this territory.

We must get in the best part of this campaign in September. Brother J. H. Weeks spent the last week in August in the Harvest Ingathering work. The new papers were not here, so he used last year's papers. He raised \$72.42 in cash. Why not every one plan to spend a week in this work? If you do our goal for the conference will soon be realized.

H. E. Lysinger.

Harvest Ingathering Items

Be sure to read Elder Lysinger's report of the campaign in Inter-Mountain.—\$72.00 from old papers. Great!

Reports from Northwestern California bring word of success. Eureka, Ft. Bragg and Vallejo are doing well.

The Northern California Conference office force have set their goal at \$100, and have made good progress toward it.

A tract society secretary received \$10.00 for one paper, and \$5.00 for another. The brethren are meeting with a liberal response everywhere. "There is no crisis with God."

"Procrastination" is a notorious thief. Do not let him rob you of your Harvest Ingathering blessing. Do not put it off till "tomorrow." Go work today in my vineyard,—and report.

Try having a "Field Day" in your church. Endeavor to have the whole church devote a day to the campaign. Get together early; meet again at noon; in the afternoon the territory can be finished and the day closed with an experience meeting. This plan proved a great success in many places last year.

J. Adams Stevens.

Northwestern California Harvest Ingathering Suggestions

President Wilson said that those who were selling books containing the Word of God "seem like shuttles in a great loom that is weaving the spirits of men together." Every believer in the third angel's message should be a shuttle in the great loom. If this were true, the work of God in the earth would be quickly finished. This great conflict which has involved almost the entire world is calling upon hundreds and hundreds of our men to do their part in this great struggle, and the places thus left vacant in God's work must be filled. The opportunity of every laymember is before us in the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

President Wilson has also said, speaking of missionary work. "I, for one, hope that there may be no slackening or recession of any sort." Should we not use the Harvest Ingathering as a means of telling our friends and neighbors of this wonderful message, as well as to secure from them funds to finish the work in distant parts of the earth?

The time in which we live is the call from God for every believer to put on the armor and go forth to battle in His cause. Will you do your part?

Each church should organize,—have a Harvest Ingathering campaign committee, with a captain to direct the work, all the adjacent territory districted, a leader appointed for each district, with the balance of the church-members working with the appointed leaders. In this way each believer can have a part in the finishing of the work.

Those churches which organized for work during the "Present Truth" effort would probably secure the best and quickest results in the Harvest Ingathering campaign by using their present organization.

Your church has been sent a thermometer to register the enthusiasm you as a church put into this Harvest Ingathering work. See that it is placed in a conspicuous place so that you may be encouraged to actively participate in this campaign.

You have friends living at a distance from you. Write to them, send them a paper, invite them to take part in this great work. If you do

not know the kind of a letter to write, drop us a card, and we will send you some forms that may be followed. Do not delay—"Now is the accepted time."

Word comes from Vallejo that they are starting to work and expect to finish all their territory within three weeks. Last year Vallejo doubled what they did in the Harvest Ingathering work in 1916. Watch them double 1917's work this year.

In a letter just received from San Rafael we are told that they have organized for the Harvest Ingathering campaign, and this statement is made in the letter, "I feel we must hasten to the work." Let this be your aim.

The Lord has set a goal—"This message to all the world in this generation." This is a great undertaking. Success is assured. If we think big things, plan big things, pray for the Lord's help, we will do big things.

Let each one contract with God that we shall do our part in this campaign in behalf of the rapid finishing of the message of God's love. "Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the wealth [margin] of the Gentiles shall come unto thee." Isaiah 60:5.

M. A. Hollister.

FIELD TIDINGS

NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA

G. W. Wells, Pres. S. Donaldson, Sec.
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Interesting Items

The time has fully arrived for all to engage in the Harvest Ingathering work.

Brother Harlan Olson gave us a pleasant call at the office on his way to Pacific Union College. He assisted in the tent effort in Willits, but has now returned to college.

Brother Norman Howe, who assisted in the work at Eureka, attended the teachers' institute in Lodi, and is planning to teach the higher grades in the church school in Healdsburg.

We are pleased to report that several pledges made for missions have been paid, and this with the regular weekly offerings brings our standing on the twenty-five-cent-a-week fund up nearer the goal. We are thankful for this good showing.

We were glad to have Elder A. Nelson call at the office recently on his way to St. Helena. He expects to place his daughter in college and then return to Willits to resume labor there. He speaks encouragingly of the work in Willits.

Very encouraging word comes from Brethren C. L. Bond and E. E. Boddoe of the meetings in Hydesville. Their attendance is quite regular and in addition to the interest shown at the tent, many homes are open to them where they can give studies. It is always an encouraging omen when we can get into the homes of the people and study and pray with them.

A great responsibility is laid upon the officers of all our churches just now to see that the entire church is organized for definite service in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. Without further delay, work should begin; organize your forces, district your territory, and begin aggressive warfare at once. The success of the campaign largely depends on the cooperation of all. If each church and believer will do its share our goal will be reached, and that means more than \$4000 for missions will be realized in our conference. Let each do his part.

The writer was at St. Helena, Sabbath, August 31, and greatly enjoyed a visit at this place. The brethren were encouraged and helped as we sought God together. From this place I went to the sanitarium in the afternoon and spoke to a large audience in the interest of our great missionary movement and finishing the work. Elder M. A. Hollister met with us also. He had addressed the church at the morning hour. That afternoon more than \$100 was contributed to secure literature and to meet the expense of mailing the papers. This church is so situated that it can not reach many people by personal visits, so the members are cheerfully taking up the work by missionary correspondence.

G. W. Wells.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

C. Santee, Pres. Verah MacPherson, Sec.
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Brother and Sister W. B. Taylor left Nevada City a few days ago to prepare for their work another year in Pacific Union College.

We greatly appreciate their field work during the vacation, and are assured that it has been a profitable experience in the leading of souls to the light of life.

Brethren Howard Carter and Earl Osborne have also returned home to prepare for entrance into the college at its opening.

We pray the Lord to bless in a special manner our young men as they seek a preparation in His work. The times are serious, and the passing hours are of great value.

Clarence Santee.

Nevada City

The meetings in Nevada City continued from July 16 to August 25, when Brother and Sister W. B. Taylor had to leave to resume work at Pacific Union College. This we very much regretted, as a number of interested ones were not yet established.

Brother Howard Carter left a few days later to prepare to attend college. In addition to other assistance given in connection with the meetings, Brother Carter sold a number of the small books. We feel sure that seed has been sown and an influence exerted by the effort that will bring further results.

While the attendance was not large, several became interested. So far three new ones, adults, have signed the covenant, together with ten others who previously had kept the Sabbath, some of whom had formerly been members of the Grass Valley Seventh-day Adventist church, some years since disorganized.

We are hopeful that others will obey, and that we shall be able to organize a church in this part of the conference. Some of our faithful consecrated Adventist families from the larger churches, from the light the Lord has given, could be of great help in establishing the work in such places as this where the companies are small or new.

The writer is impressed that the

present is a favorable time, so far as prices are concerned, to secure little homes in the mountains. There seems to be considerable property to be secured cheap, as many have left their homes to find more remunerative employment offered by the Government, and others, owing to war conditions.

A. J. Osborne.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

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Pencilgrams

Two of our teachers attended the Santa Ana institute, Mrs. Ada Allen, who will teach in Tulare, and Miss Alice Hiscox, who is to teach at Rollinda. Another teacher attended the Walla Walla summer school, Miss Abalen Lappert, the teacher for Winton. With but few exceptions all our teachers attended an institute in either one or the other of these places.

Owing to several families moving away from Burrough, the school must discontinue unless the few remaining families exercise much faith and move out with hope and prayer that others will join later. Laton has not decided as yet regarding a school for this year, and Selma may drop from the list. We are sorry to see any church discontinuing its school work, but on account of lack of pupils this of necessity has to be done.

The teachers' institute held in Lodi is in the past. Without exception, I think I am safe in saying that it was the best that has ever been held in the state. The instruction given was practical and along lines most needed. One teacher whispered very emphatically one day, "I am getting now just what I have been wanting." This seemed to voice the sentiment of all. We had seven sessions each day, and seldom was a teacher absent from any one of these meetings.

The early morning services were conducted by Elder Clarence Santee, and were intensely interesting as well as helpful to us in Bible teaching. Mrs. Osborne's lessons on school administration gave practical instruction of great help to all. Miss Frye's talk on primary work proved

an inspiration to the primary teachers. Miss Francis helped to make the junior volunteer work take its rightful place in our school curriculum. Other instructors assisted in making this institute one long to be remembered.

Brother Roy Jorgensen, who had been chosen as principal of the Dinuba school, was called to go to camp before the close of the institute. This position is yet to be supplied. Brother H. E. Giddings, Jr., also attended the institute, and will be placed soon. We hope to see Brother and Sister A. W. H. Millard of Chico, take the Shafter school. Brother and Sister L. M. Knapp have been invited to teach in Fresno, Sister Knapp taking the first three grades, and Brother Knapp teaching grades seven and eight. Orosi plans to have a small school this year, with Miss Opal Striplin as teacher. Madera will also open a new school, and although it will be necessary to start the school in the church building, they expect to build a school house immediately.

The following teachers from the Central California Conference attended the Lodi institute, and the place where they will teach is also indicated:

- Mrs. Minnie Miller, Bakersfield.
- Leeta Roberts, Chowchilla.
- Ethel Walder, Fresno, grades 4-6.
- L. L. Rockwell, Fresno, principal.
- Louise Maxson, Island, primary.
- Mrs. Mae Hanley, Armona, principal.
- Ruth Carr, Armona, primary.
- Stella Reed, Dinuba, primary.
- Ruth Braymer, Barstow Colony.
- Opal Striplin, Orosi.
- H. E. Giddings, Island, principal.
- Mrs. E. M. Giddings, Island, intermediate.
- Margaret Borland, Caplin.
- Ruth Bond, Hanford, primary.
- Nellie Black, Madera.
- Alice Mina Mann.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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Dedication of Southside Church

Members of the Southside church, Los Angeles, having succeeded in raising sufficient funds to meet the entire amount of their church indebtedness, the building was formally

dedicated Sabbath afternoon, August 31, 1918.

Elders M. M. Hare, president of the Southern California Conference, H. G. Lucas, W. M. Adams and Phillip Knox, assisted by the church elder, took part in the service.

In 1911 Elder J. W. McCord and A. S. Booth held a series of meetings in the section of Los Angeles where the Southside church is located. Those of our people already living in that portion of the city, together with those who accepted the truth during this effort, there was a sufficient number to warrant the organizing of a church. A lot was purchased at 666 East Thirty-sixth Street for \$1,000, for which the church gave its note. Funds were raised at the time to build the church building but the note for the lot has stood until recently. In the last effort to free the church from debt more than enough funds were raised.

Elder Adams offered the invocational prayer. Elder Lucas gave the dedicatorial sermon and Elder Knox offered the dedicatorial prayer. The services were concluded by a few timely remarks by Elder Hare on reverence of the house of God.

Southern California Conference and Camp Meeting

The biennial session and annual camp-meeting of the Southern California Conference, held August 1 to 11 on the grounds at West Washington Street and Orchard Avenue, was an inspiration to our people, and was attended by a large number, both of our own members and those not of our faith. The crowds were especially large at the evening meetings. The

presence of Elders A. G. Daniells, W. H. Anderson, Meade MacGuire and E. W. Farnsworth was greatly appreciated by all our people. With much interest they listened as Elder Daniells told them of the great advance strides being made in the mission fields, where it seems as though the Lord had opened all doors before us, and where the insistent calls for workers are far more than we can meet. In some places entire companies have been raised up thru reading matter alone, and are earnestly pleading for more and better instruction. The needs abroad call upon all for more liberal giving than ever before, and for an active part in the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

Elder W. H. Anderson's talks at the morning devotional hour early in the camp-meeting, when he told of his experiences in the heart of Africa, were intensely interesting. For 23 years he has presented the gospel to natives who, a few years ago, were the wildest savages. In Matabeland itself, which Livingstone, in his day, felt compelled to avoid because of the warlike character of the inhabitants. Elder Anderson, with other of our missionaries, planted a mission station, and have conducted it with growing success. With this station in successful operation, Elder Anderson pressed onward into the wild interior, crossing the great Zambezia river, to establish work among the Batonga people. These natives did not have even a written language, so that besides learning to speak their tongue, without grammar, dictionary or printed matter of any kind, it became our missionary's duty to translate the New Testament into the Chitonga. This work he completed

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Agent	Signs	Watchman	Life and H.	Foreign	Total
Miss V. Adams	150		50		200
Mrs. Althaus		25			25
Miss B. Bryson	100	100	25	267	492
Mrs. A. Best	200	200	200		600
Mrs. Gardner	78	20	19		117
Mrs. C. E. Halliday		600	200		800
Mrs. A. C. Jenkins	400	350	225		975
Mrs. E. O. Jewel	200	200			400
Mrs. I. Richmond	50	50	50		150
Horace Strickland			54		54
Miss W. Simpson	500	100			600
Mrs. Smith	10	10	85		105
Miscellaneous	12	45	292		349
Totals	1700	1700	1200	267	4867

C. L. Cyphers, Secretary.

while still among them, and the book has been published by the British and Foreign Bible Society.

The young people's meetings at the camp were conducted by Elder M. N. Helligso and Sister M. M. Hare, Elder Helligso representing the union conference and Sister Hare the local field. Elder MacGuire rendered valuable help in these meetings.

Five new churches, Hollywood, Lancaster, Covina, Redondo-Hawthorne and Bell were received into conference membership by vote of the delegates. Elder M. M. Hare, president of the conference, in submitting his biennial report, said that in two and one-half years 617 have accepted the truth and united with our churches in this field. Of these 187 united with us in 1916, 305 in 1917 and 125 in the first two quarters of 1918. Between January, 1917, and the time of the conference, 24 evangelistic efforts had been held. The Southern California Conference has now 37 churches, and a membership of 2633.

The biennial report of Brother W. L. Mecum, secretary-treasurer of the local field showed that the tithe for 1916 was \$48,666.86, and for 1917, \$64,905, an increase of \$15,238.14, giving a total for the two years of \$113,571.86. In 1916 the mission offerings amounted to \$20,371.38, or a weekly average of 15.11 cents a week per member. In 1917 they reached \$31,336, or 28.04 cents a week per member. During the 1916 Harvest In-gathering campaign \$3,088 was raised, and in 1917, \$4,900.

Among important actions taken by the delegates was the vote to hold conference sessions annually instead of biennially, and to elect all departmental secretaries instead of having them appointed by the conference committee. Because of the heavy burdens resting upon Elder Hare, the delegates decided to give him assistance which would enable him to visit the churches more often. Accordingly Brother W. D. Salisbury, of Glendale, was chosen to act as an assistant for the handling of business matters in the local field.

The report of Miss Jennie L. Ireland Sabbath school secretary, showed that during the past two years new Sabbath schools have been organized at Paso Robles, Vernon, Inglewood, Huntington Park, Covina,

Bell, Santa Maria and Boyle Avenue. During 1916, 125 perfect attendance cards were issued, and in 1917, 1063 such cards were awarded in token that these individuals had attended regularly and on time throughout the year. Fifty persons took the Sabbath school teachers' training course in 1916, while in 1917, 108 took this course.

Prof. H. G. Lucas, in submitting his report of the educational department for the two-year conference term, said a good natural development in the local conference school work has been seen, and that new school buildings or additions have been erected at Arroyo Grande, Pasadena and Santa Barbara, and at the Carr street church school. Sixteen teachers were appointed, the enrollment was more than 300.

The progress of the canvassing work was reported by Brother W. L. Beecham, field missionary secretary of the local conference. Seven col-porteurs are now employed, and several others will soon take up this line of work. The average sales per hour are fully as good as in other fields, and he showed that where aggressive work is done, good results are seen.

The missionary activities of the conference were reported by Brother C. C. Morlan, secretary of this department. During the last two years the average number of our members reporting their missionary work was 432, or about 18 per cent of the membership. Those who reported wrote 5535 missionary letters, received 1969; made 25,556 missionary visits, gave 6290 Bible readings, mailed 140,511 papers, gave away 141,974 message-filled leaflets and spent 14,612 hours in Christian help work. As a result of their work 52 conversions were reported. During the second quarter of 1918, 772 members reported their work.

Brother Morlan mentioned particularly the strong campaign carried forward in the local field with the "Present Truth" series and the "Signs" weekly. One sister, he said, in giving away 100 "Present Truth," some "Signs," tracts and books, had led two to keep the Sabbath. She reported a number of other persons interested. The good work done by the Long Beach church was given special credit.

Regarding the work with our magazines, Brother Morlan said that two years ago, when the Southern California Tract society was supplying both the local conferences in Southern California, and also the Arizona field, about 600 copies per month of each magazine were being used, while now, with only one conference, from 1300 to 1900 are being used each month. "Only a few weeks ago I met a man in one of our churches who first became interested in the truth through reading the magazines he bought from month to month," continued Brother Morlan. "He has now been baptized, and is a member of the church."

The work of the tract society for two years was reported by Brother C. L. Cyphers, who said the total book and periodical sales in the local field for 1916 were \$15,629.50; in 1917, \$22,124.10; during the first six months of 1918, \$14,718.30, and for the two and one-half years, \$52,471.90. The increase in business of 1917 over 1916 was \$6,494.60. The net operating gain for 1917 was \$362, in spite of the fact that the tract society operates on a very small margin of profit. He reported that the world crisis series of books, including the "Christian Sabbath," "Armageddon," "The Other Side of Death," "The Food Question," "A World in Perplexity," "Spiritualism versus Christianity" and others have become very popular with our own people, as well as with those not of our faith, and that during the two years several thousand copies were sold in southern California.

Sister Hare, reporting the work of the young people's societies during the two years, said that in 1916 12 Standard of Attainment certificates were issued, one in 1917, and 15 during the first half of 1918. In 1916 34 Reading Course certificates were issued; 40 in 1917, and 37 during the first half of 1918. "We now have 14 senior societies," she said, "and until the church schools closed we had nine junior societies, with a membership of 559. Last year we organized a conference society. It is our aim to have every consecrated young person become a member of one of these societies.

Gratitude to God for His protecting care during the interim since the last

conference session was appropriately expressed by the delegates, who also voiced their sympathy with the bereaved relatives of Elder George I. Butler and Charles F. Marvin. The delegates also expressed anew their loyalty to the government, particularly in these days of stress, and recorded their appreciation of the evident pains taken by officers in charge of the various military camps to respect the religious convictions of young men who are members of this denomination.

That the separation of church and State, and freedom to worship God without hindrance, according to the dictates of the individual conscience is a fundamental principle of Americanism, and that Sunday laws, no matter how worded, are religious laws, and in conflict with true American principles, was the sense of a resolution passed in protest against any such measures which may be presented before any of the law-making bodies in this conference.

The delegates decided to set the goal for missions this year at 25 cents a week per member, in harmony with the General Conference plan, to begin the Harvest Ingathering campaign in September, with an individual goal of \$3.00 per member; and voiced their support of the movement for nation-wide and state-wide prohibition. They also pledged anew their confidence in the divine origin of the spirit of prophecy, and to a more careful and faithful study of these volumes. It was the sense of those present that a set of the "Testimonies" ought to be in the home of every Sabbath-keeping family in the conference.

The goal of the Sabbath school department, as expressed by an appropriate resolution, calls for an enrollment of all church-members in the Sabbath school, an increase of the average attendance and a decrease of tardiness, daily study of the Sabbath school lessons, every teacher taking the training course, every officer and teacher a subscriber to the "Worker," personal work for every pupil, and liberal offerings to missions.

In passing resolutions on home missionary work the delegates recognized the counsel of the spirit of prophecy that "church members are to do evangelistic work in the homes of their

neighbors who have not yet received full evidence of the truth for this time," that "time is short, and our forces must be organized to do a larger work." It was decided that the conference be thoroughly organized to reach every family, definite districts being assigned to each church or company, each church or company to subdivide its district with leaders for each subdivision. It was also decided to hold short institutes at certain centers to instruct leaders and such others as may attend, that the time of the regular fourth Sabbath morning service in all our churches be given to a short sermon or study on home missionary work, followed by campaign reports and plans; that weekly missionary meetings be held in each church, and that Bible reading bands be organized to train lay-members to give Bible readings to interested neighbors and friends.

Officers elected for one year as follows: President, M. M. Hare; secretary-treasurer, W. L. Mecum; executive committee, M. M. Hare, W. D. Salisbury, W. M. Adams, G. A. Snyder, V. H. Lucas, C. A. Burrows, S. W. Beasley.

Credentials and licenses were issued as follows: Ministerial credentials, M. M. Hare, G. A. Snyder, W. M. Adams, H. G. Lucas, V. H. Lucas, C. J. Kunkel, Alexander Ritchie, Philip L. Knox, S. A. Oberg, J. R. Patterson, Dr. W. J. Johnson; ministerial licenses, W. H. Bradley, E. A. Mathwig, E. R. Reynolds; missionary licenses, W. L. Mecum, W. D. Salisbury, Miss Jennie L. Ireland, Mrs. M. E. Hoyt, Mrs. M. M. Hare, Mrs. F. W. Merrill, C. L. Cyphers, F. D. Nichol, C. C. Morlan, Reathel Jenkins, M. Belle Shryock, V. L. Beecham, Anna L. Kimlin, Edna L. Reaser, Mary Treber, Mrs. A. A. R. Temple, P. B. Bontemps, A. E. Hall; medical missionary credentials, Dr. Julia A. White; honorary medical missionary credentials, Grace L. Ford.

Frank A. Coffin.

Articles to Be Republished

In the August "Signs Magazine" appeared an article by Elder W. M. Healey which was in the nature of a review of the book by Dr. Gamble entitled, "Sunday the True Sabbath of God." The magazine containing this article was sold out early, and we

have received letters from scores of our readers requesting that the article be reprinted. It will appear in the October 29 issue of the "Signs" weekly. This paper should be placed in the hands of every minister of all denominations in this country. The arguments set forth by Elder Healey are certainly unanswerable.

In order that the publishers may know about how many extra copies to print, advance orders of this issue should be placed if possible before the paper goes to press, which will be about October 15. The price per 100 copies, \$2.50. The publishers will handle individual lists, wrap and mail, for 3 cents a single copy.

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Elder J. W. Christian, president of the Pacific Union Conference, spent a few days in Oakland, Lodi, Santa Rosa, Pacific Union College and St. Helena Sanitarium early this week in counsel with our workers there.

Elder J. Adams Stevens returned to the Pacific Union Conference office from Fresno early this week. On this trip he has visited Lodi, Oakland, Santa Rosa and Mountain View in the interest of the home missionary work.

Tentative plans have been laid for the holding of a meeting of the Pacific Union Conference committee in the Oakland church October 7 to 11. Those in charge of our sanitarium and school work in the union doubtless will meet with the committee members to study the general situation and lay plans for the upbuilding of the work.

Elder L. E. Froom, of Mountain View, has accepted editorial work with the Shanghai publishing house, and will sail for China soon to take up his duties. In accepting this new work, he has resigned his position as an associate editor of the "Signs of the Times," and Brother Alonzo L. Baker has been chosen to take this work.

The special three months' series of the "Signs" beginning with the issue of September 3, is meeting with a wide circulation, particularly in the Pacific Union field. Our people realize the great value of this truth-filled medium for giving the message to their friends and neighbors. The coming of the Lord, a question in which thousands upon thousands of

persons not of our faith are interested, will be the principal theme of the "Signs" for 13 issues.

The teachers' institute for the Southern and Southeastern California, and Arizona conferences, which has been in session on the Santa Ana camp-ground since August 26, closed Thursday, September 12. Both these institutes have been successful in every way, and doubtless Prof. Cady will send a report for the "Recorder" a little later. Owing to the keen interest our people are taking in the educational work, there may be a shortage of church school teachers in some conferences.

The teachers' institute for the Northern California, Northwestern California, Central California and California conferences, and the Nevada Mission, held for several weeks in Lodi, closed a week ago last Monday night. Among those who spoke to the teachers were Elders Mcade MacGuire, W. E. Howell, G. W. Wells, J. Adams Stevens, Clarence Santee, M. N. Helligso, and Dr. Elsie Merritt. Prof. M. E. Cady, educational secretary of the Pacific Union Conference, was in charge.

Elder E. E. Andross, vice-president of the General Conference for North America, spent Friday, Sabbath and Sunday in Glendale and Los Angeles, counselling with union and local conference workers. He left Sunday night for Oakland, and will sail from San Francisco soon for the Orient. He will be accompanied by Elder and Sister C. W. Flaiz, of College Place, Wash., president of the North Pacific Union Conference. Elder Andross expects to visit Japan, China, the Philippine Islands, Java, India, Burma, Korea and Manchuria, returning to the States next May.

We are now entering our Harvest Ingathering campaign. Surely all our brethren and sisters will show their interest and loyalty in our mission work by taking an active part in gathering in funds for this purpose. We are pleased to give our "Recorder" readers two articles in this issue

giving experiences of men who have been in the mission field. We trust you will read these articles and then do all in your power to assist in giving the gospel to those who are groping in darkness.

Do It Now

Bone-dry war prohibition is now an issue in Congress. From an economic standpoint as well as morally, intoxicating liquor is a great waster. The brewers are said to have used 2,949,249,292 bushels of grain in their manufacturing last year. The beer industry alone is said to be using the equivalent of 5,000,000 loaves of bread a day. The beer and wine octopus is said to have used 470,000 freight cars last year. It takes 300,000 farmers to raise the material which goes into the liquor, and 300,000 more men to brew and dispense it. The people are spending \$2,500,000,000 a year for intoxicating drinks, besides what they spend for penitentiaries and asylums. Kindly write your Congressmen and United States Senators at once, urging them, in a respectful way, to pass this legislation. It will help them if they know they have the support of the people in this move for prohibition. Write now, before it is too late. Senators should be addressed, Sen., and Representatives, Hon. United States Senators from California are: James D. Phelan and Hiram W. Johnson. Representatives in Congress from California, by districts, are: First District, Clarence F. Lea; (2d) John E. Raker; (3d) Charles F. Curry; (4th) Julius Kahn; (5th) John I. Nolan; (6th) J. I. Elston; (7th) Denver S. Church; (8th) Everis A. Hayes; (9th) Charles H. Randall; (10th) Henry Z. Osborne; (11th) William Kettner.

From Arizona Marcus A. Smith and Henry F. Ashurst are the United States Senators, and Carl Hayden the Congressman.

From Nevada Francis G. Newlands and Key Pittman are the United States Senators, and E. E. Roberts the Congressman.

From Utah Reed Smoot and William H. King are the United States Senators, and Milton H. Welling and James H. Mays, the Congressmen.

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