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The Proposed Sunday Law

Upon arriving in Sacramento, after being absent from the Capitol for some time, I found Elder W. M. Healey and Brother Frank Coffin at work presenting petitions, protesting against the passage of the Sunday bill. About 10,000 names have already been sent in, and there are many more yet to present. Some of the strong men of the Legislature have expressed themselves as opposed to Sunday legislation; and yet there are others who favor it. Committees from both houses, to whom the bills were referred, are to hold a joint meeting on Friday evening, March 7. At that time arguments for and against the bill will be heard. We pray the Lord that the right may prevail.

A large amount of mail was found awaiting me, most of which was petitions. It was at first thought that the hearing would be held on March 4, but now that it is postponed until March 7, it gives our people a longer time to work securing signatures to the petitions. This should be kept up until notice is given that such work is no longer necessary. This notice will be published in the "Recorder," and also given by our conference offices. In the meantime continue the work of distributing literature, and doing all possible to educate the people as to right principles relating to a union of church and State.

Some weeks ago the names of the Legislators, with their districts, were published in the "Recorder." If you have not already done so, look up these names, and write a personal letter to both the Senator and Assemblyman from your district; tell them of your opposition to the pro-

posed bill. This will have a splendid influence and will help to prevent the passage of the measure.

W. F. Martin.

California Newspapers Take Up the Fight

Many newspapers throughout the State are speaking in no uncertain tone in opposition to the Sunday closing bills now pending in the Sacramento Legislature. These items range all the way from short paragraphs of an inch or two long, to column and two-column articles.

The Gustine "Standard," in its issue of February 7, shows its colors, and gives warning of the danger involved in religious legislation. It says:

"The old Sunday law is up again before the legislature, and it is to be hoped that our legislators have the good sense to swat it so hard that it will forever keep quiet, but that is too much to hope for. It comes up in all sorts of camouflage, but it is, after all, just an effort to make somebody else do as we want them to do; it is the old spirit of intolerance that has worried the human race for thousands of years, and it dies hard. It pretends innocence, but it is the entering wedge of persecution. It asks only a few things to start with, but it will crowd the door open if it gets its foot in. Smash the foot before it gets in.

"California has got along fine without any Sunday law, and we can worry along without any now. There are enough things that a fellow can get in jail for besides doing something on Sunday."

Finishing the School Work

All of the schools in the union are planning to finish the year's work, by lengthening the daily session, or the school year, or both. This can be done where the pupils are old enough to do intensive work in their studies; but it is not wise, nor is it possible to push pupils in the lower grades without harm and loss to them physically and intellectually.

In the first three or four grades it will be better not to promote the pupils to the next grade (where from six to twelve weeks have been lost), but rather to begin next year where the pupil leaves off at the close of the year. The pupils, by some home study during the summer vacation, will be able to finish the work left over and also complete the next following grade during the coming year.

By following this plan the pupil will not lose a grade, and the work can be more easily and efficiently done, because the work is spread over a longer period of time, thus avoiding rush and pressure so injurious and detrimental during the early years.

We trust that patrons and school boards will co-operate in carrying out the above suggestions, which is made in the interest of your children, healthwise and otherwise.

M. E. Cady,
Union Edu. Secretary.

Fireside Correspondence School For Year 1918

The year 1918 was the banner year of the Fireside Correspondence School.

The enrollment of new students was 457, 113 more than for 1917, and double that of 1913. The number of old students was 310, making 767 in all.

The net gain for the year was \$323.77. The school has now overcome the unavoidable deficit of the first four years, has paid back to the General Conference the capital advanced to start the enterprise, and has accumulated a reserve fund sufficient to restore unused tuition in case it should be compelled for any reason to close its work, an event scarcely within the range of possibility.

Other index items also show encouraging growth. The number of certificates issued for subjects completed was 138, or 21 more than last year. The number of lessons corrected was 6,205, against 6,024 for 1917.

Bible Doctrines is still the most popular subject, having had 746 lessons corrected. English Literature comes second with 508 lessons, while Old Testament History has 372 lessons. Other subjects having above 200 lessons corrected are: College Rhetoric 248, Church History 308, Daniel and the Revelation 245, English Grammar 210, New Testament History 202, and General History 256.

The school has added the following new subjects during the year: New Testament Epistles, Testimonies, Bible Readings, First Aid, and Reporting and Punctuation, making the number of subjects now offered 53.

Many of the best testimonials we have ever received have come to encourage us during the year. We have space for only brief extracts from two or three. A lady says: "I want to express my sincere appreciation of the course in Algebra recently completed. I shall never regret having taken it with the Fireside Correspondence School, for I know I could not have obtained it so thoroughly in any other way."

A prisoner writes: "I was greatly benefited with the course in Bible Doctrines, more than words can tell, and I am more than pleased with the lessons in Old Testament History, they are so interesting to my hungry soul."

The prospects for 1919 are encouraging. By the middle of February we had enrolled 300 old students and 94 new students. It was the first of May last year before we reached the latter number. The receipts for

January were larger than for any other month in the history of the school. The receipts for the first six weeks in 1919 are greater than for the first four months of 1918. Nearly twice as many lessons were corrected in January as were corrected during the same month last year.

We thank the Lord for victories gained and press forward to greater achievements in His name.

C. C. Lewis,
Principal.

FIELD TIDINGS

CALIFORNIA

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Perhaps Your Last Opportunity

As we see the prophecies fulfilling so rapidly, we cannot tell when the last opportunity will come for us to do the work that the Lord wishes us to do. Brethren and sisters, we realize the night is far spent and the day will soon come when we will not be permitted to work for our loved ones and neighbors. Are you willing to let this opportunity pass by you with no more done than has already been accomplished?—We believe not.

Realizing that many want to work if they only know how, we are holding a colporteurs' institute in Oakland for the California Conference, commencing March 9 and closing March 14.

Many have thought and planned to enter the work some day. DO NOT DELAY! "Procrastination is" not only "the thief of time," but the thief of souls, which is infinitely more important. Are you willing to be robbed of souls? If not, your presence will be greatly appreciated at the institute, and I am sure that you will be well repaid. Special attention will be taken in each one so that all may be better fitted for the closing work of God in the earth.

As instructors we will have with us, F. E. Painter, the union field missionary secretary, J. M. Rouse, manager of the Pacific Press Branch, of Mountain View, N. H. Conway, from the Southwestern Union, who

will act as field missionary secretary of this conference, and the writer.

We solicit the prayers of all interested in this special branch of the work.

G. H. Barbee.

News Items

A colporteurs' institute is planned for in our conference. It will be held in the Oakland church, March 9 to 14.

The prospect for the book work in our field was never brighter. A number are preparing to devote their entire time to this very important work.

Elder E. H. Adams, of the Central California Conference, who comes to our conference to labor, has located in Oakland. He will act as pastor of the Oakland church.

The conference committee had a meeting at the office Thursday, February 27, to consider matters of special interest and importance pertaining to the conference.

Special attention should be given to all correspondence pertaining to the work of our Bible House. Brother O. J. Fisher is leaving the office, and Mrs. A. B. Francis is filling the vacancy. All mail intended for this department should be addressed to the California Bible House, 537 Twenty-fifth Street, Oakland, Cal., and not to any one individual.

The tabulated report of book sales for 1918 gotten out by the Pacific Press reveal some interesting facts. The figures show that in our conference the average book sales per hour was \$6.13. This is far the highest record made in any conference in the Press territory, and it indicates that without question books can be sold in this part of California. Who will respond to help us place the truth-filled books in every home in our conference?

We regret that we have to announce another change in our office force. For some months past Brother O. J. Fisher's health has not been good, and now it seems imperative that he give up his work in the Bible House. Medical advice has been given him to the effect that he should not

be confined to indoor work. Brother and Sister Fisher have labored hard to build up the work of this department. They are pleasant, congenial, faithful workers, and we are sorry to see them go. We sincerely trust that the change in work will be of special benefit to him.

We are pleased to announce that at a recent committee meeting, definite arrangements were made to carry forward the work in the Bible House without a break. Mrs. A. B. Francis, who has had years of successful experience in tract society work has been asked to take up this line of work in our office. We have reason to believe that she will fill the place acceptably from the first. Her husband will assist her and we are confident that together they will carry forward the work in a good strong way.

G. W. Wells.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

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Pencilgrams

Brother Ralph Chapman, who has charge of the grammar grades in the Hauford school, is giving his pupils military drills, which they are enjoying. They are also learning to move on time. Miss Ruth Bond has a full-room of primary children who are much interested in their work. Miss Bond is an exceptionally good primary teacher.

After the enforced vacation, the Island school opened with only two teachers. They are working hard to make up for lost time, but the school will have to keep open a few weeks after camp-meeting, in order to make up through the year's work. This school very much needs a library and we hope will have one in the near future. Pupils taking tenth grade work seem very much interested in their studies, and can easily finish them this year with diligent study.

The fifth Sabbath of each month having five Sabbaths has been set apart by conference action for taking up a collection for church school equipment. March has five Sabbaths. So March 29, the collection will go for this purpose. Isolated members and those churches where there is no

church school, can send in their money to the conference office for that fund, and it will be used to help the most needy schools. Many of the schools still lack maps and dictionaries. Other reference books are needed. "The future of society will be determined by the youth of to-day. Satan is making earnest, persevering efforts to corrupt the mind and debase the character of every youth; and shall we who have more experience stand as mere spectators, and see him accomplish his purpose without hindrance? Let us stand at our post as minute-men, to work for these youth, and through the help of God to hold them back from the pit of destruction. In the parable, while men slept the enemy sowed tares; and while you, my brethren and sisters, are unconscious of his work, Satan is gathering an army of youth under his banner; and he exults, for through them he carries on his warfare against God." "Counsels to Teachers," page 47.

Alice Mina Mann.

INTER-MOUNTAIN

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News Notes

Does your next door neighbor know that Jesus died for him? Tell him to-day! Use tracts, magazines, or papers.

The "Recorder" brings us each week the items of interest occurring in our union conference. You will find it helpful and well worth the small amount its weekly visits cost. Send us your name and 25 cents and get this good local paper for a year.

Elder H. E. Lysinger is visiting the churches of Utah and plans to present to them the great call of the mission fields. No doubt every one will be greatly interested in Elder Lysinger's visit and we feel that much courage and strength will be brought to the churches thereby.

Brother J. A. Neilsen is out in the field encouraging the churches to renewed activities in the part God has planned for them in the great work. A letter received from him yesterday was filled with enthusiasm with the response he had received from one

company. He plans to visit a number of the churches in Utah before returning to the office and we bespeak an interest for him in your prayers.

From the spirit of the Lord we have learned that the closing scenes in the great controversy between Christ and Satan would be rapid ones, and I am sure that every Seventh-day Adventist wants to keep fully informed of the rapid strides the message is making. This can be done by reading the "Review and Herald." If you are not a subscriber, send \$2.50 and we will enter your subscription for one year.

Brother J. H. Weaks, who for the past two years has had charge of this office has closed his work here. Thursday, February 20, Brother Weaks started for California, expecting after a short visit in Los Angeles to take charge of the office work with Dr. A. J. Sanderson in the El Reposo Sanitarium, at Berkeley, California. Our prayers go with Brother Weaks that God will richly bless him in his new field of labor.

The Lord is now calling upon every Seventh-day Adventist to enlist in active service in the final conflict. Thousands will respond, but some will refuse. It rests with every church-member to decide whether he will choose the side of ease and comfort in this world, or whether he will take the life of self-sacrifice and service, and finally stand with those who shall soon say, as did Jesus, "I have finished the work which Thou gavest me to do."

Plans are being made for Brethren J. A. Neilsen and W. A. Meeker to spend some time with the Salt Lake church in a "current events" campaign. It is expected that colporteurs' institutes will be held in this field in the near future, and we urge all our churches to thoroughly canvass their membership, and if there are any who should be in the colporteur work, send in their names to Brother Meeker. We have been told in so many ways, of the part the colporteur work will play in the closing message, and every Seventh-day Adventist heart should burn with a longing to see our young men and women taking up this branch of the great work.

S. Donaldson, Secretary.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

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Conference Notes

Our tithe receipts for the month of January were \$1500 more than for the same month a year ago. Let us keep up the good work.

We are glad to report that Elder J. W. Rich is again able to take up his duties in the field after spending some time at the Glendale Sanitarium.

Elder N. W. Kauble spent a little over a week in the California Conference in the interests of the religious liberty work. He reports good results.

We are glad to add a star to seven churches on our January statement, thus signifying that they had raised their quota on the twenty-five-cent-a-week fund for that month. What church will be next to be added to this list?

The Sacramento brethren and sisters are securing many names on the petitions against the Sunday bills, and some are engaged in giving Bible readings to interested ones. Others are preparing to take up a line of study under the direction of Sister Ella H. Osborne, that they may engage in missionary effort for their neighbors. The Sacramento Sabbath school is growing in numbers, especially the children's division. Several persons are expecting to go forward in baptism in the near future.

Elder M. J. King in company with Brother F. M. Butterfield engaged in holding two efforts, one at Englemine, located in the North Arm district of the Indian Valley, and another at Taylorsville, located in the central part of the valley. As a result of these meetings, four persons went forward in baptism, and an additional Sabbath school was organized at Taylorsville with a membership of eighteen. There are many more who are taking a great interest in the work. The Harvest Ingathering met with a great success; over-reaching our goal, and bringing the total to nearly \$90.00. Later, Brother Verah MacPherson and E. C. Peifer made an extended tour of the valley in the interest of the ingathering work. Although the past few weeks, the work has been greatly handicapped on account of the influenza, still the work is progressing, and all are of good courage.

Brethren Verah MacPherson and E. C. Peifer have been having some splendid experiences the past few weeks visiting among the churches in the interest of home and foreign missionary work. Sabbath, February 15, they visited the Turlock church, assisting in the eleven o'clock service, and giving a stereopticon lecture on Africa in the evening. The following Sunday night was spent in Modesto, where they also gave a lecture. On each occasion a good supply of trade books was disposed of. They find that the members of our churches are very active in the distribution of our liter-

ature. Sabbath, February 22, was spent in Woodland. We would ask that in your prayers you mention the home missionary work in the Northern California Conference; that it may become stronger, and that many souls will be won to the Master through the efforts put forth.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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Glendale Church

During the illness of Elder H. G. Lucas, pastor of the Glendale church, it has fallen to my lot to act as pastor, and in that capacity I have had the privilege of baptizing several candidates within the past two or three weeks. One of them was Dr. H. G. Hummel, who was led at the General Conference to investigate the truth, and as a result accepted in all its fullness, the message for this generation, with all his heart. He has connected with our Loma Linda school, and will complete his medical course at that institution, devoting the remainder of his life to the medical branch of the work.

The services conducted on Sabbath, February 22, were of unusual interest. We were favored with the presence of Elder J. W. Christian, president of the union, and Dr. H. F. Rand, both of whom assisted in the service. The program sent out by the General Conference was given. It was a most appealing message, and was strongly supplemented by Elder Christian's remarks. One statement

Comparative Home Missionary Report of the Conferences

Conference	Member-ship	Letters Written	Letters Recd	Mission Visits	Bible Readings	Subscriptions Taken	Papers Sold	Papers Given
Arizona	1917 467	777	255	1777	528	193	4413	22635
	1918 458	891	242	1666	749	262	3491	30516
California	1917 1849	2819	1151	13340	3683	1313	9448	147676
	1918 1864	3471	879	8972	3325	2673	8623	108851
Central California	1917 2002	1216	445	2437	1112	840	4541	34316
	1918 2252	1051	349	7651	1825	605	2111	65463
Inter-Mountain	1917 750	1661	522	3865	2421	291	291	24053
	1918* 765	673	276	1285	614	223	223	15161
Nevada	1917 291	283	110	1360	401	57	456	3418
	1918* 267	173	73	890	91	69	287	6471
Northern California	1917 1753	1184	453	2133	568	1938	997	39299
	1918 1795	980	302	1391	490	131	481	35503
Northwestern California	1917 1445	2724	817	4729	925	1469	2655	36909
	1918 1553	1913	590	4371	870	1802	6997	48933
Southeastern California	1917 1809	1856	566	4622	1506	917	4795	36318
	1918 1985	1389	612	2785	1302	4422	5844	65181
Southern California	1917 2398	3473	1097	10389	4413	981	8931	87603
	1918 2446	4168	1449	15368	4035	1376	10587	205327

*One quarterly report missing

that he made was a surprise to most of those present, and that was that this union conference during 1918 gave, in missionary offerings and surplus tithe, to the General Conference over \$326,000. A most gratifying fact. Surely our people are a liberal people and evidently are appreciating the significance of the instructions given in the testimonies on the subject of giving. The special missionary offering amounted to nearly \$110.

The church was crowded, again demonstrating the need for roomier quarters for this congregation. May God show us the right way to meet this situation. I believe He will.

The activities of the church have been so seriously disturbed by the two attacks of the influenza that time will be required to get back to the prosperous condition we were in last summer. Elder Lucas' labors were directed to wise ends and good results were manifest, till first the influenza, and then his illness disturbed the proper functioning of our church life. Attendance at Sabbath and mid-week services indicates that we are getting back to a normal condition.

Sister Jessie Cummings, our new young people's leader, is proving her efficiency by the way she is getting into the confidence of our youth, and consequently the young people's work is really "looking up," not because it is lying flat on its back, but because it is taking root and sending up a healthy growth of normal Christian development. God is blessing her labors.

One indication of healthy life is the organization of a Christian help band. Young people are seeking out the sick and aged and infirm and ministering to them according to their needs. This is truly Christ-like service, and makes one think of the Red Cross and its many noble activities. May our young people prove themselves worthy of wearing the red cross of Christ-like ministry.

The campaign against the Sunday laws has been going on; a large number of signatures to the petitions secured, and many more will yet be secured. In the interest of this campaign it was arranged for Elder C. H. Edwards, of Ontario, Cal., to speak in the auditorium of the High school in Glendale the evening of February 22. Quite a large audience greeted him, and with the aid of some fine stereopticon views he showed the origin of intolerance toward God's true people in all ages. After throwing many slides upon the screen that demonstrated the unmistakable unconstitutionality of Sunday laws, he briefly discussed the bill before the State Legislature and pointed out its contradictions and manifest weaknesses. All present felt the force of his cogent and persuasive reasoning, and left with a prayer in their hearts that the bill might be defeated.

The Glendale Sanitarium has enjoyed extraordinary prosperity this winter, and at present there is hardly a vacant room in the house.

I am glad to report that Elder H. G. Lucas, who has been in the sanitarium for some time, is making

good progress healthwise, and we hope ere long he will be able to take up his accustomed duties.

R. W. Munson.

HOME MISSIONARY

The Missionary Report

Comparisons are not always odious. The comparative report of the work reported through the home missionary department of the Pacific Union Conference during the last two years is deeply interesting,—especially so at this time, with a great denomination-wide revival of personal soul winning work just beginning.

In some lines of missionary endeavor the report for 1918 is not so large as for 1917. This is a matter of regret, to be sure, but it is encouraging to note that in some important particulars the 1918 report is much better than the one for the year before. For instance, the number of papers given away in 1918 exceeds by 150,000 copies the number used in 1919. Some 45,000 missionary visits were made, or about one visit per member each quarter during the year. The report should show this average per week, or more. No doubt more was done along every line of missionary effort than shows on the report; but as a rule the report does not show more because no more was done. Shall we not spend more time and strength in this blessed work, and then encourage others to do likewise by reporting, regularly, each week.

in the Pacific Union Conference for Years 1917 and 1918

Books Sold	Books Given	Tracts Sold	Tracts Given	Hrs. Christian Help Work	Clothing Given	Meals Given	Treatments Given	Offerings Missionary Work	Mis-sionary Work	No. of Conversions
710	472	167	6592	1411	557	\$ 74.00	67	\$ 219.20		8
414	423	151	3444	1773	365	78.20	138	336.51		18
3518	5061	1976	50977	5057	3273	648.40	327	664.51		96
2741	4471	827	14432	6091	2676	368.00	283	1190.13		70
1085	1990	314	7551	3046	1820	145.20	188	464.65		49
1789	1277	560	7992	3893	1373	142.40	188	418.49*		26
1202	1106	89	8717	2218	616	90.80	210	194.36		2
996	363	157	4975	984	336	24.60	14	209.82		47
391	256	0	1689	623	402	26.20	102	27.98		
177	192	3	1095	472	412	72.70	0	65.35*		10
457	1175	270	4607	1833	1574	158.80	122	356.60		48
1345	994	147	2898	2199	693	72.40	179	86.41		36
1539	1458	104	11138	6162	1697	288.40	145	734.49		57
2179	1155	652	8723	6000	1216	157.85	180	404.51		31
1648	1911	733	5388	2864	2226	296.80	173	589.37		50
2471	2097	850	10885	5489	1417	167.20	890	1300.09		76
2678	6211	1741	83044	8444	4632	459.60	643	2192.78		52
1767	4464	1263	42270	14216	3862	803.60	944	1367.37		44

It is a matter of great satisfaction to know that 358 conversions were reported as a result of personal soul-winning activity. Faithful work on the part of every member will result in several times this number of conversions this present year. Our motto has been, "Every Member a Working Member." Shall we not live our motto this year as never before, and add to it an individual motto; "One Soul Won."

One-fourth of 1919 is already gone. Were the opportunities and privileges fully occupied in soul-winning work?—You know. Surely the time has come when every believer in the third angel's message should be actively engaged in some line of personal soul-winning work. Let your light shine!

"The spirit of God is moving upon men's hearts, and those who respond to its influence will become lights in the world. Everywhere they are seen going forth to communicate to others the light they have received as they did after the descent of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. As they let their light shine they receive more and more of the Spirit's power." Mrs. E. G. White in "Review and Herald." "The Church of Christ is God's appointed agency for the salvation of men. Its mission is to carry the gospel to the world. And the obligation rests upon all Christians." To you, brother, sister, the Lord says, "Go work to-day in my vineyard." "Steps to Christ," page 85.

J. A. Stevens.

"Well, says one, the calls keep coming to give to the cause. I am weary of giving. Are you? Then let me ask, Are you weary of receiving from God's beneficent hand? Not until he ceases to bless you will you cease to be under bonds to return to him the portion he claims. He blesses you that it may be in your power to bless others. When you are weary of receiving, then you may say, I am weary of so many calls to give. God reserves to himself a portion of all that we receive. When this is returned to him, the remaining portion is blessed; but when it is withheld, the whole is sooner or later cursed. God's claim is first; every other is secondary."

BOOK WORK

Los Angeles Institute

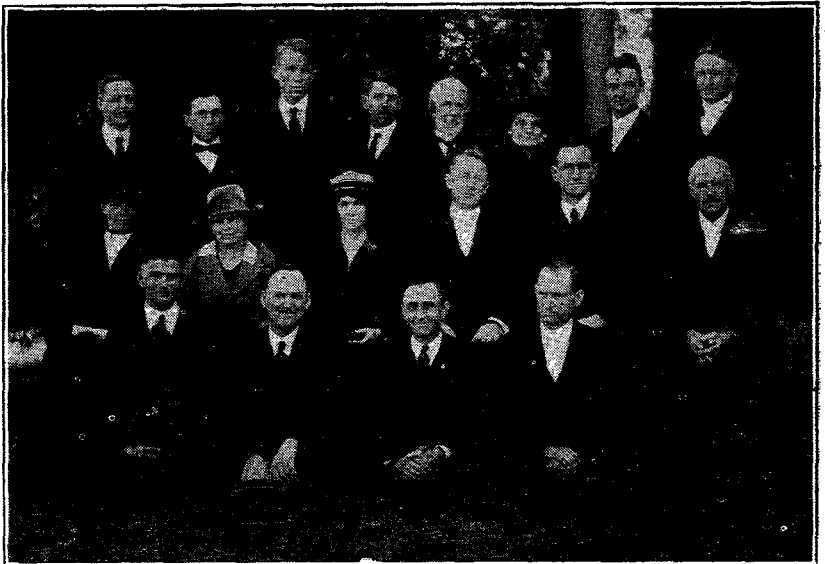
According to previous announcement our colporteurs' institute was held in the Carr Street church, Los Angeles, February 16 to 21. This was one of the best institutes that it has ever been my privilege to attend. All present seemed stirred with the all-absorbing desire to be of some service in these closing scenes of this world's history.

If all our brethren and sisters could have been in attendance at this convention, I am certain that their

session one week, yet under the leadership of Brother F. E. Painter, field secretary of the Pacific Union Conference, we quite thoroughly covered the study and drill necessary to qualify one to become successful as a soul-winner. Several attended who, having had quite an extended experience in this work, gave us help which was greatly appreciated.

Special attention was given to the spiritual nature of this work, showing that the colporteur is really an evangelist, going ahead and preparing the way for those who follow later.

One feature of the convention which Brother Painter introduced was the "round table discussion." This gave



Colporteurs in attendance at Los Angeles Institute, Feb. 16 to 21, 1919

Lower Row F. E. Williams, W. E. Luther, A. Reckart, J. L. Sauder.
Center: Mrs. F. M. Satariano, Mrs. Ettie Fehrman, Mrs. Olive Bell,
F. E. Painter, V. L. Beecham, S. H. Coombs.

Upper Row, F. B. Desmarests, William Walker, F. B. Skelly, A. Dimock,
H. M. Aldrich, Mrs. B. L. Mapes, Charles McCombs, L. M. Nelson.

conception of the great importance of this work as a soul-saving agency would have been greatly broadened; and could they have heard the clear cut testimonies, the earnest fervent prayers of those who are going out with the printed page this summer, they would have understood something of why a person will leave a good position, leave friends and associates—home, if need be—to do the work for which the Lord calls.

While the institute was only in

all an opportunity to take part in the discussion of various topics.

The real inspiration came when Elder M. M. Hare, president of our conference, Elder W. H. Anderson, of South Africa, and Elder S. A. Oberg, who has had a large experience in the work in Central America, spoke to us at the morning hour each day. As they pictured from the word of God and from actual experiences the importance of this and the great opportunity for doing good, all present

consecrated their lives anew.

One feature of the institute that should not be omitted is the courage manifested by those present, and the goal that each one set for himself or herself. Each one set 120 to 160 hours per month as a goal for time, and selling from two to three books a day amounting to from \$200 to \$330 per month as a financial goal.

These combined make a goal of over \$30,000 for the conference.

While we realize that this goal is high, and possibly might not be reached, yet we feel that this year will mark the greatest in the history of our work. V. L. Beecham.

California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association

Notice is hereby given that the twenty-second annual constituency meeting of the California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association will be held at Sanitarium, Napa County, California, Wednesday, March 12, 1919, at twelve o'clock, noon, for electing directors, and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting. 3t

J. L. McElhany, President.
L. V. Roberson, Secretary.

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The next course in the Loma Linda Nurses' Training School will begin on August 17, 1919. An affiliation has been arranged with the

White Memorial Hospital, Los Angeles, where student nurses receive a portion of their training. Write for information and application form to Superintendent of Nurses, Loma Linda, Cal. tf

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Annual Meeting College of Medical Evangelists

The regular annual meeting of the constituency of the College of Medical Evangelists will be held in Loma Linda, California, Wednesday, March 26, 1919, at 10:00 A. M.

The purpose of the meeting will be to elect seven members of the board of trustees for the ensuing term, and for the transaction of such other business as shall properly come before the meeting. 3t

J. W. Christian, President.
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Book Report, Week Ending February 21, 1919

Agent	Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Value	Del.
Arizona*						
W. F. Mayers	G.C.	55	11	\$37.45	\$ 91.95	\$125.45
1 Agent *2 Weeks						
Northern California						
George W. Winn	G.C.	31	11	\$13.65	\$ 66.65	
L. F. Strever	O.D.	44	24	3.75	65.25	
C. E. Leighton	O.D.	24	11	2.00	29.50	
3 Agents		99	46	\$19.40	\$161.40	
Nevada Mission						
J. F. Eads	B.R.	36	2	\$ 5.50	\$ 13.50	
Southern California						
D. A. Dale	P.G.	37	15	\$10.00	\$ 83.50	
Mrs. Emma Griffith	O.D.	11	3		8.50	
2 Agents		48	18	\$10.00	\$ 92.00	
Southeastern California						
H. F. Garland	B.R.	45	8	\$ 5.05	\$ 50.55	
H. G. Warden	O.D.	43	7	5.25	27.75	
B. E. Tefft	O.D.	10	3	4.85	13.85	\$ 8.00
3 Agents		98	18	\$15.15	\$ 92.15	\$ 8.00
Inter-Mountain						
F. H. Jenks	D.R.	29	10		\$45.00	
WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1919						
California						
John Nephew	B.R.	30	9	\$19.00	\$ 57.00	
John Borreson	P.G.	29	10	12.25	102.75	
Mel Gwarra	O.D.				15.00	
Mrs. Williams	B.R.		4		18.00	
4 Agents		59	23	\$31.25	\$192.75	
Totals		424	128	\$118.75	\$668.75	\$133.45

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THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 1919

Religious Liberty Notes

The editor of the "Byron Times" writes us that he is helping circulate our petitions. He says: "Here are about thirty names I picked up at random, as they came into and by the office.... Only one man refused to sign, and he was a grocer's clerk here.... The young man here in the grocery said he was for the bill because it would shut up groceries on Sunday, and he was tired of coming down on that day to work for several hours. I explained to him that the bill went further than any mere local matter, and struck at religious liberties, etc. He was not convinced, because he was looking at it from a purely selfish standpoint." If the editor of a secular newspaper, who is not of our faith, will throw himself into the religious liberty campaign in this way, in addition to giving us column after column of valuable space in his paper, ought we not, with all the light and opportunities we have, to do all in our power to enlighten our neighbors, and to secure petition signers?

Sunday law advocates in Brawley are circulating a petition to get a Sunday closing ordinance for that town. Their petition was to have been presented to the Brawley City Council last Monday night.

Elder C. S. Longacre writes that three Sunday bills are now pending in Congress. He says: "The pastors' federation have launched a campaign to close up all the theaters and moving picture houses on Sunday in the District of Columbia. They raised over \$1,000 last Sunday at a mass meeting, for the campaign."

All over the United States more

drastic Sunday bills are being introduced in the various State Legislatures, according to word just received from Elder Longacre. If California is once committed to Sunday legislation, it will not be long until exemption clauses will be removed, and the law for Sunday rest be made as drastic as the most ardent National Reformer could wish.

Some Interesting Facts

It is nothing short of marvelous the way the Lord has prepared the people of the world to receive the publications on present truth, and this is even more strikingly true in the territory of the Pacific Union Conference than in almost any other part of the field. This is indicated by the following facts, gleaned from Pacific Press reports of book sales:

Union	Population About	Sales in 1918	Average
Northern	6,000,000	\$107,257.65	\$1.86
Central	6,000,000	112,254.90	1.81
N. Pacific	3,000,000	68,671.55	1.39
Pacific	3,000,000	78,667.30	1.95

Thus it will be seen that while our population in this union is only half that of the Central and the Northern Unions, our sales have been about three-fourths as much as theirs, making a higher percentage to the population. It will also be noted that our average sales per hour is the highest of any field in Pacific Press territory.

This is all the more remarkable in view of the reputation that this union has sustained as a field for canvassing; many have believed that books cannot be sold successfully here. I do not think that this has ever been true, but certainly it is not true at the present time. There is a growing demand for our books because they explain the meaning of present world conditions, and remove the feeling of uncertainty as to the future which is causing the hearts of so many to tremble.

In view of this growing demand, at the recent bookmen's convention in Mountain View, the goal set for this union conference for 1919 was \$90,000 worth of books, and we really hope to make it not less than \$100,000.

To some this may seem a bit extravagant. But notice, at the colporteurs' institute which just closed in Los Angeles the individual goals set

by 12 colporteurs who were present total more than \$30,000 worth of books. These goals were set on the basis of reasonably full time with an average sale of two and three books per day. That does not sound very unreasonable, does it? The records that have already been made by some of these men show that with faithful effort these goals can be reached.

Undoubtedly this will be duplicated in other conferences, and I am confident that this present year offers the most favorable opportunity we ever have had, and probably ever will have for the dissemination of the truth of God by means of the printed page.

The territory is rapidly being taken. At the present time Southern California has most of the available territory assigned although one or two others might be accommodated. Other conferences in the union have just as good territory as shown by their average sales, and we can find room for a number throughout the field. Those wishing to enter this line of work should communicate with your local field secretary or tract society office.

F. E. Painter,
Union Field Secretary.

Well Timed

President Wilson's recent statement, "The fortunes of mankind are now in the hands of the plain people of the whole world," is recognized as a fact by people everywhere. Because of widespread interest in the situation and a universal desire for enlightenment, the editor of the "Signs Magazine," Elder O. A. Tait, is basing the April issue upon the sentiment above expressed.

The two big leaders, "The Religion of Anarchy," and "Will the World Doctors Effect a Cure?" together with an attention-commanding industrial cover, make the April number peculiarly fitting for the time. It is further strengthened by seven other articles, seemingly even better than usual, a center opening of scenes along the Rhine, Dr. Thomason's page on Health Conservation, a one-page editorial on the relation of capital and labor, and by other regular features and numerous illustrations of interest. It ought to sell exceptionally well.