

PACIFIC UNION RECORDER

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

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The Best Yet

The accompanying statement gives our final figures on the offerings to missions from this union for the past year. We believe every one will be interested in this. It is the best report along this line we have ever sent out from this office. Each field in the union has exceeded its goal. In the past, several conferences have been over at the end of the year, but this is the first time all the conferences have been over at the end of the year.

For this most excellent showing we are grateful to our Father in heaven. His watchful care and manifold blessings during the past year have been manifest continually, and it is very fitting for us to pass on to the General Conference for the carrying forward of His work the largest amount for the year ever sent from this field.

As stated before, each field passed its goal, and the standing for the union is 35-27 cents, or about 10-25 cents over its goal. It will be of interest to our readers to know that during 1919, \$239,439.50 was forwarded to the General Conference as mission offerings from the Pacific Union Conference territory. The gathering of this large sum was only possible through the faithful co-operation and liberality of our people, both old and young.

That our people may know what has been contributed by each field on the various offerings that make up our twenty-five-cent-a-week fund figures, a tabulated statement of the funds by conferences is given.

For the month of December we forwarded to the treasurer of the General Conference a draft for \$78,435.63, of which \$53,296.02 was for missions. On the membership basis at which our missions goal for 1919 was figured, our weekly average per member for December was about 91 cents, or nearly twice the amount of our goal for 1920.

Dear reader, we trust you will appoint yourself a committee of one to see that our record for 1920 is as good, so far as our mission quota is concerned, as it was for 1919. "The fields are white already to harvest;" let us "work while it is yet day"; let

us "hear the Macadonian cry," and furnish the means, God will furnish the men, to quickly finish the work. What will your answer be?

B. M. Emerson, Treasurer,
Pacific Union Conference.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

No doubt most of our people throughout the Pacific Union remember the agitation for Sunday closing in at least three states of our union last winter. Especially was the battle strongly waged in California. In Arizona and Nevada, Sunday closing laws were introduced and our brethren in these places fought intelligently and faithfully against these bills.

Since the failure of the fight in California to secure state-wide Sunday closing laws, the advocates of

Twenty-five-cent-a-week Fund in Pacific Union Conference For Twelve Months Ending December 31, 1919, Compared with December 31, 1918

Conference	Amount Due	Amount Received	Amount Over	Cents per Member per Week 1919	1918
Nevada Mission.....	\$ 3,575.00	\$ 6,034.41	\$ 2,459.41	42-19	.36-00
Northern California..	22,789.00	35,714.25	12,925.25	39-18	.33-63
Southern California..	32,942.00	46,877.03	13,935.03	35-57	.30-80
Central California.....	26,351.00	37,126.71	10,775.71	35-22	.32-65
California	43,043.00	59,877.68	16,834.68	34-77	.30-63
Inter-Mountain	9,945.00	13,778.94	3,833.94	34-64	.25-04
Southeastern Cal.....	23,517.00	32,077.16	8,560.16	34-09	.32-35
Arizona	7,540.00	7,953.32	413.32	26-37	.22-23
Pacific Union	\$169,702.00	\$239,439.50	\$ 69,737.50	35-27	.30-99

Conference	Annal	Harvest Ing.	Mid-summer	Missions	Sabbath School	Special Foreign	Total
Arizona	\$ 236.04	\$ 2,846.07	\$ 254.86	\$ 1,607.23	\$ 3,009.12	\$	\$ 7,953.32
California	3,972.52	7,859.96	998.79	15,579.95	28,397.85	3,068.61	59,877.68
Central California..	1,862.84	4,181.31	496.53	12,364.44	16,832.62	1,388.97	37,126.71
Inter-Mountain	1,095.08	3,079.83	268.75	3,497.60	5,688.35	149.33	13,778.94
Northern California	2,634.29	5,734.56	328.73	10,761.76	14,548.69	1,706.22	35,714.25
Southeastern Cal.....	2,476.82	5,176.17	550.74	5,942.02	17,388.63	542.78	32,077.16
Southern California	2,821.59	8,096.81	859.54	13,975.04	19,701.42	1,422.63	46,877.03
Nevada Mission.....	200.83	1,606.27	64.54	2,250.16	1,846.40	66.21	6,034.41
Totals.....	\$ 15,300.01	\$ 38,580.98	\$ 3,822.48	\$ 65,978.20	\$107,413.08	\$ 8,344.75	\$239,439.50

religious legislation have been endeavoring to capture the state by piecemeal. In a number of places Sunday closing ordinances have been introduced in cities and towns. Strong pressure has been brought to bear by ministers and different organizations endeavoring to secure the passage of these bills. Very few of these, however, have succeeded.

Now my brethren and sisters, I assure the stand taken by the legislative bodies is largely the result of education, mainly through the medium of the magazine, "Liberty," and other of our literature. Of course, personal work has had its effect in this. Men told me last winter at Sacramento that they could not vote for Sunday closing bills of which they had learned the nature from "Liberty" and the "Signs."

Many of the subscriptions to the "Liberty" expire with the beginning of 1920. These should all be renewed. The conference should also send the magazine to the members of the legislature, editors of the daily and weekly papers and the leading attorneys in their territory. Then when men are chosen to go to the state legislature they will have a knowledge of the principles of liberty. It would be well also to furnish the magazine to the officers of the cities and towns, as they are men of influence and often go to the legislatures. Then, again, these men need the message and can get it by reading "Liberty." Your orders should be sent through the tract societies.

W. F. Martin.

"WHAT IS THAT IN THINE HAND?"

"What is that in thine hand?" the Lord asked, when Moses tried to excuse himself from doing the missionary work to which he had been called. And Moses said: "A rod." What could that rod have to do with the subject before them? This probably was merely the rod he had been using out on the plains of Midian while watching the flocks of Jethro. Only a rod. That was all.

"Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh?" Moses had asked the Lord when the plan for his great missionary enterprise was first laid before him. Then he went on explaining

to the Lord why he could not go. He was sure the people would not believe him. But the Lord promised to look after that part of the enterprise. Then he told the Lord that he could not talk. He was slow of speech. Of course, that would be a great drawback in pleading the cause of a downtrodden people in the courts of Pharaoh. But the Lord knew all about it and in His plan made provision for this deficiency.

And then when Moses ceased making excuses, the Lord sent him to work with that same rod. A simple tool, you say,—worthless it would seem in the great work outlined for Moses to do. Still Moses took the rod as the Lord commanded and went to work. But there had been a change in Moses and in the rod. Moses had given himself and his rod to the Lord. And when he went down into Egypt, it was with "the rod of God in his hand." (Ex. 4:20).

"The divine command given to Moses," says "Patriarchs and Prophets" "found him self-distrustful, slow of speech, and timid. He was overwhelmed with a sense of his incapacity to be a mouthpiece for God to Israel. But having once accepted the work, he entered upon it with his whole heart, putting all his trust in the Lord. The greatness of his mission called into exercise the best powers of his mind. God blessed his ready obedience, and he became eloquent, hopeful, self-possessed, and well fitted for the greatest work ever given to man. This is an example of what God does to strengthen the character of those who trust Him fully, and give themselves unreservedly to His commands."

Young friend, "What is that in thine hand?" O, no, your hands are not empty. You can live a life that will draw others to Christ; and you can pray. "And the earnest effectual prayer of the righteous man availeth much." You can speak a word for the Master in the social meeting, and when among those who know Him not; you can pass out papers and tracts; perhaps you can carry God's message in song to others, or give Bible readings, or nurse the sick. Every talent counts in the Master's service.

Never say, "O, what I can do doesn't amount to anything." The little lad had only a lunch basket in his hand. He might have said, "O, this is nothing for that crowd." But when it was consecrated to the Master, it became a feast for thousands. Young friend, "What is that in thine hand?" Give it to the Master. Give Him your time, your talents; let Him direct you daily in your work. That is all He asks. He will look after the results.

Some one passed out a tract,—a very simple piece of missionary work. But God used it as a mighty rod for working miracles first on hearts at home, and then on heathen hearts in far-off India. It sent Dr. Scudder and his wife to India. Mrs. Scudder gave thirty years of service; Dr. Scudder thirty-six. In all, about thirty members of that family gave their lives to soul-winning work in the Gibraltar of heathenism. And this great "Scudder movement" can all be traced back to a little tract that some one left in the doctor's office.

"What is that in thine hand?" Give it to the Master! Let us give Him our all for service. Let us give Him our best, not our bit, during 1920.
Matilda Erickson.

"Good thoughts are no better than good dreams unless they are executed."

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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 the 26th day of January, A. D., 1920, at 10 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.

See notice of special meeting.

SPECIAL NOTICE

While the regular annual meeting of the Pacific Press Publishing Association will be called according to the date given in the foregoing legal notice, yet on account of the general meetings to be held in Mountain View in connection with the Bookmen's Convention, February 8, 9 and 10, and the Pacific Union Conference session, Glendale, Cal., February 13 to 22, at which time a large number of our members will be present, the regular annual meeting will be adjourned, no objections being offered, to Wednesday, February 11, 1920, at 10 a. m. At that time all the business that is usually transacted at the regular annual meeting will be presented for consideration.

We therefore extend a hearty invitation to all the members of the Pacific Press Publishing Association to attend the meeting on February 11.

By order of the directors:

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

"The gem cannot be polished without friction,
Nor man perfected without trials."

FEBRUARY "SIGNS MAGAZINE"

The "Signs Magazine" is brimful of interesting and truth-telling articles for February. Five contributions center about that truth that is fundamental to the third angel's message, freedom in matters of conscience and religion. The year 1920 marks the three-hundredth year since the Pilgrims landed on a "stern and rock-bound coast" to plant the standard of liberty, especially religious liberty, on a soil that was not contaminated with the germs of oppression; hence the publishers of the "Signs" deemed this a good time to sound aloud the tocsin of freedom of conscience. And it is a most appropriate message for the time, too.

This issue of the magazine will contain stirring and instructive articles from Elders Longacre, Gilbert, Fries, Russell, Healey, Rine, Wilkinson, Lewis, Thompson, MacGuire, Franks, Wirth and Spalding. These articles will appeal to those not of our faith, and will satisfy the soul of every Seventh-day Adventist. Help give the February "Signs Magazine" a large circulation.

FIELD TIDINGS

SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA

J. L. McElhany, Pres.
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FROM THE FIELD

Elder J. A. Stevens, the union home missionary secretary, and Brother V. E. Peugh, secretary of the home missionary department in our conference, conducted a successful home missionary convention in Riverside, January 2 to 4. We rejoice to see the deepening interest in this very important line of work.

Elder E. E. Andross, vice-president of the General Conference for North America, spoke to the Loma Linda church on the evening of January 1. He gave an intensely interesting account of his visit to Africa. We wish all our members could hear the story of God's wonderful providences in connection with our work in the dark continent.

A number of our churches have recently enjoyed the privilege of visits from Elder W. C. White. His messages are always enjoyed by our people.

Two efforts are now being started in the Imperial Valley, one at Calipatria by Elder D. D. Lake and Brother C. A. Winters, the other at Brawley by Elder John Knox and Brother Melvin. Munson. Brother George Owen and Sister Harriet Sherrill are assisting in the Brawley effort. We trust all will unite in praying that a harvest of souls will result from these efforts.

NEVADA MISSION

M. A. Hollister, Supt. Eugene Woesner, Sec.
Box 2072, Reno, Nev.

RETROSPECTIVE

With the ending of the year without doubt all of our brethren and sisters are anxious to know something about the success of our Harvest Ingathering campaign. We are glad to tell you that we exceeded the conference goal of \$5.00 per member by \$231.27, which means a per capita of \$5.84. This is surely a good record, and every one who added anything to this achievement I am sure feels repaid for the effort. The little company at Winnemucca with a goal of \$30.00 kept adding to it until \$140.48 was gathered, a per capita of \$23.41.

On the twenty-five-cent-a-week fund we reached 42 cents per member. This ought to encourage us to believe that the 50-cent goal set for 1920 will not be hard for us to reach. If we will remember that one-half of this 50 cents should be given through the Sabbath school each week, and the other 25 cents to be made up by other offerings, this will help us to keep pace with the goal in the early weeks of the year. Of course, there are some who will not be able to do this, so those of us who can should put in some extra every week.

"Lift brother lift,"
Lifting makes the burden lighter."
By beginning this lift at the starting of the year the final lift at the end will be much easier. What are you investing in this, the biggest business in the world?

On the whole we have much to cause us to rejoice, for surely the Lord did greatly bless us during 1919 in many ways; and as this has been a good year for us, I hope that 1920 will be a year of wonderful advancement for every member in the Nevada Mission on his way toward the kingdom. Shall we not pray, one for another, that the Giver of every good and perfect gift may help us so to live each day of the new year that we may fit ourselves for the reception of that wonderful gift, the Holy Spirit, that we may finish the work He has sent us to do.

M. A. Hollister.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

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AUBURN AND ROSEVILLE

"Ye are the light of the world," said Jesus. "A city that is set on a hill can not be hid." Matt. 5:14. With this thought in our minds on the afternoon of the Sabbath, December 27, we organized for permanent, proficient activity our new Sabbath school in the city of Auburn, situated in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

The constituency of this school now numbers 26 members. Our plan for the ensuing year is to keep up our offerings for foreign missions, and every member to be present at the opening of the school. The pace has already been set by two of our young ladies, Mabel Smith and Zella Miller, who live in the country districts, and yet they have reached the "being present" goal throughout the past quarter. With this goal before us, and the pace already set, we are sure to be a "light set on a hill," and our accomplishments for God can scarcely be estimated.

Brother S. H. Lindt and the writer began a series of meetings here in August, 1919. The only Seventh-day Adventists in all this locality were Brother and Sister Webb, whose aid, comfort, and constant attendance has been a great satisfaction to us; and when we came to organize the company into a school their presence and aid were appreciated more than ever in carrying the work to a successful conclusion. God will be sure to reward faithfulness

of this kind when He is putting forth an effort for the lost and dying world.

The following Sabbath found us busily engaged in the work of electing new officers in the Sabbath school at Roseville, another new school not yet one year old; and our hearts filled with gratitude to our heavenly Father to see the superintendent, assistant superintendent, and secretary elected from the ranks of those who have accepted the truth within the past few months, who, when I first landed in Roseville were leading members in the Sunday schools of the place. God is calling His children and finding them a place in the great movement that will close His work as far as this earth is concerned.

The membership of this school is 25. A good number, however, have left for other places where it will be more convenient to secure labor, as Roseville is an absolute railroad town, and those who work there are compelled to labor on the Sabbath. But we hope that the faithful few will keep the lamp of life burning for those who still do not see their way clear to stand for the present truth. One fact worthy of being emphasized regarding this school is the element of sacrifice attending its members. In spite of the fact that it pays \$6.00 per month for a place to hold its meetings, the offerings for foreign missions do not drop below \$3.00 for each Sabbath.

For these two "light" houses I thank God, and to His great and holy name be all the praise and honor and glory. To me is the complete satisfaction and peace of soul that God has seen fit to let me have a small part in this mighty movement.

C. L. Snodgrass.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS

Some of our young people have done well in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. Two of our juniors collected over \$25.00 each. Another junior went out and received a very small amount and came home discouraged. Her mother encouraged her to try again. After praying, she went out again and collected \$5.00. This same girl has given an order for 50 of the pamphlets on "Epidemics."

All who finished reading the Bible through in 1919 should send their names in to the writer at once. A bookmark will be sent to those who report.

January 17 is young people's day and will be observed in all the churches. The program for the morning service will be found in the January 8 issue of the "Review." Let us plan and work for an interesting and profitable service. The offering will be credited to the young people's society to apply on the 1920 goal for missions.

The reports are not all in yet, so we can not tell how we stand on our goals, but we have exceeded some of them. The goals for 1920 are much higher; but we will have something to work for, and with the co-operation of all our young people we can reach them.

In one church, 13 young people were converted and added to the church during 1919. Are you working for the young people in your church? The following poem was composed and written by one of our juniors, Verne Albert Smith, aged seven years:

"Play, little boy, play.
God is with you all the day.

"God is sorry when you stray;
So be careful of your way.

"By your actions every day,
You may teach others God's way.

"Pray, little boy, pray,
God forgives your sins away."

Mrs. E. H. Osborne.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA OROVILLE CHURCH DEDICATED

The newly constructed Oroville church was dedicated with appropriate services Sabbath, December 27, Elders Clarence Santee and J. W. Rich and Brother and Sister C. D. Stone participating. Miss Dorothy Thew was also present from the Lodi headquarters of the Northern California Conference.

This being the last Sabbath of the year, quarterly meeting was held, with the celebration of the ordinances of the Lord's house. The Oroville church was organized about three years ago. There are now 30

members. A church school of 13 pupils is being conducted. We ask an interest in the prayers of all our people, that our efforts in behalf of those living in Oroville may be fruitful.

F. A. Williams.

CALIFORNIA

G. W. Wells, Pres. H. B. Thomas, Sec.
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CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

One of our blind brethren is selling the book, "Epidemics," in Oakland and vicinity, at the rate of 50 copies a day.

Elder Andrew Brorsen spent several days last week at Willits looking after the interest of the work at that place.

The 1920 catalog of publications can be had for the asking. Every home should have a copy, especially in view of the price changes.

More attention should be given to placing our truth-filled books in the homes of the people. This important work should be greatly revived in our conference.

Our goal for missions for 1919 was \$43,043. We passed this goal by more than \$16,800. The tithe receipts for the past year amounted to \$126,728.38.

The retail value of our book, tract, and periodical sales for the year 1919 exceeded the sales of the previous year by nearly \$9,000, the total value being \$38,928.18.

Brother Harlan Olson, who has been laboring in San Jose, is now located in Watsonville, where he will hold some meetings as opportunity opens, and encourage the company of believers there.

Our faithful brethren responded so generously to appeals to meet our goal for missions the past year, that we start in the new year with a feeling of confidence that the needs of the hour to finish the work and supply funds for the mission fields to the amount of 50 cents a week per member will appeal to the reason and generosity of our people, and we will all arise to the situation and supply the needs.

Elder J. D. Alder is making quite an extended trip among the churches in the northwestern part of our conference in the interest of the home missionary work and the Harvest In-gathering campaign.

The church officers should keep in mind that Sabbath, January 17, is Missionary Volunteer Day, and a very interesting and helpful program has been arranged by the general department that should be given due consideration.

Without doubt the church of God during her long eventful history has never stood face to face with a more definite mission than it does to-day. Never has it looked into more opening doors nor listened to so many pressing calls. These demands should lead us to make whatever personal self-surrender and sacrifice, consecration, and earnest endeavor may be required to meet the pressing needs not only in men but means.

We are facing an extraordinary world situation. The world's most trusted leaders are all alert in pressing their various plans for betterment and uplifting of mankind. Should not the church of Christ arouse and put forth a supreme effort to persuade men to accept Christ as their personal Saviour, and shall we not press forward this new year with our heaven-appointed work with greater zeal and earnestness than ever before?

G. W. Wells.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

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AMONG THE SABBATH SCHOOLS

On the first Sabbath of the new year, the Fresno Sabbath school unanimously voted that the 1919 Sabbath school goal should be doubled during 1920, or 30 cents a member per week.

Central California reached the Dollar Day goal for the thirteenth Sabbath offering for Korea and Japan. This amount of \$2,027 is our offering toward supporting the work for one year in that field. "Thy people shall be willing in the day of Thy power." Let the Lord be praised.

The writer is making a visit to the newly elected Sabbath School officers and has visited Porterville, Exeter, Caplin, Visalia, Lindsay, Hanford, Armona, Lemoore, the Island, and Barstow Colony during the past two weeks.

Last September the superintendent of the Armona Sabbath school, Brother Nazareth J. Gevrekian, resigned his position and went to Pacific Union College to finish his pre-medical course. He returned to Armona for the vacation period, and on the evening on January 3 the Armona church and Sabbath school gave a reception in honor of Brother and Sister Gevrekian. During the evening Sister Gevrekian was asked to give her experiences in escaping from the Turks. She did this in a very modest, winning way, giving the praise to the One who watched over her and protected her through all her journeys. She has been in this country four years, first taking the nurses' course at the Washington, D. C., Sanitarium. After completing her course, she followed this profession for one year, coming to California only a short time ago.

The report of Workers' Training Course certificates to date is as follows: Tranquillity one; Armona two; Porterville two; Fresno four; Lemoore thirteen, making a total of 22 certificates issued. Those who have earned certificates since the last report are: Sisters Elva Teague and Minerva Brown, and Brother Arthur N. Bierkle, of Lemoore; Sisters Olive Bagley and Hattie Jackson, of Porterville; Helen Stepanek, Sisters Jennie Powers and W. A. Friddell, and Brother S. Swinson, of Fresno. We hope this good work will continue. We have promised to earn 150 certificates and we must not fail to keep our promises. Many are hard at work, but have not yet completed the course. Superintendents and secretaries should take this course and should encourage their teachers to do so also. We are striving to increase the efficiency of our Sabbath schools and this is one of the ways we can do this. We have until March 1 to finish the Sabbath school Workers' Training Course. Be faithful.

Myrtle B. Hudson.

PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE

Within the last three weeks, four new class rooms have been made out of the "old chapel." These rooms have long been needed, and their use is appreciated by both teachers and students.

The 200 seats formerly used in the chapel have been transferred to the various class rooms. Henceforth, every student, whether he is in the recitation rooms or in the chapel will be assured of a regular and comfortable seat.

Elder J. W. Christian and Brother F. E. Painter, together with a number of our conference missionary secretaries, spent a few days with us organizing the book work for the year at the college, and arousing a new interest among the students in this important branch of the work.

Last week President Irwin was called south in the interests of our union conference educational work. As he is a member of the accrediting committee for our academies in this union, he with the other members of the committee, spent several days reviewing the work of San Fernando and Lodi academies.

On Tuesday evening, December 30, the young women of South Hall had charge of an entertainment given in honor of the young men. On the following Thursday the boys returned the compliment. On both occasions the friends from outside the "homes" were invited in to enjoy the program, and incidentally, the refreshments, with the others. The dining room was crowded to the limit of its capacity each night.

Last week we were glad to welcome a number of new students who have enrolled for the work of the second semester of the school year. There are indications that the attendance during the last half of the year will be even greater than that of the first, a thing which has not happened heretofore in the history of the college. The majority of those seeking to enter the school at this time will have to be turned away on account of lack of room and suitable accommodations.

FROM A FORMER LABORER IN OUR FIELD

Anticipating our change from Porto Rico to Venezuela, I wrote Sister Raff for the names of the young people there so that I could begin acquaintance with them by correspondence. She replied that my request reminded her of the boy who was pouring water into a squirrel hole and when asked how many he had caught replied, "When I get this one and two more I shall have three." She said that in their membership of about eighteen they have one young person.

This looks like a rather small number in a population of three million. During our stay in Santurce, Porto Rico, a number of the additions have been good, substantial young people, and we trust the same may be true in Caracas, Venezuela.

I hope you will not only "watch us grow" but that you will pray for the accomplishment of that object.

In these countries where Catholicism is so strongly entrenched it is often very difficult to gain access to homes. This may sometimes be accomplished by friendship made with the children on the street by the presentation of picture cards. Nothing is more appropriate for this than the Sabbath school memory verse cards. By sending these cards to us our young people will be having a part in the work in this large and needy field. Postage on printed matter from your home to us in Venezuela is one cent for two ounces, the same as it would be to a friend in the same city in which you live. My address is Apartado 128, Caracas, Venezuela.

D. D. Fitch.

BOOK SALES—1919

Readers of the "Recorder" should have the privilege of seeing the truly inspiring report of book sales in the

Pacific Union Conference for the year 1919, which has just come from the Pacific Press. This report follows:

BOOK SALES			
Conference	1918	1919	Gain
Arizona	\$ 6,373.60	\$ 9,080.03	\$ 2,706.43
California	15,102.65	22,588.91	7,486.26
Northern California-Nevada....	9,761.80	15,287.43	5,525.63
Central California.....	7,666.00	17,780.60	10,114.60
Southern California.....	13,628.80	29,697.68	16,068.88
Southeastern California.....	10,993.85	17,562.35	6,568.50
Inter-Mountain	14,068.80	13,065.01	*1,003.79
Hawaii	1,071.80	3,406.00	2,334.20
*Loss			
Totals	\$ 78,667.30	\$ 128,468.01	\$ 49,800.71

Such a report as this ought to bring encouragement and rejoicing to every soul who loves the truth and desires to see it advancing. It should give fresh inspiration and a new ardor to the faithful workers who helped to roll up this splendid record, and should impart courage and faith to many others who ought to join our colporteurs' army and have part in the triumphant onward march of God's cause in the earth.

A gain in one year of fifty thousand dollars worth of our truth-filled books in California is truly marvelous. This is more than our total sales were a few years ago. The work is advancing with an amazing pace, and will soon come to a triumphant close. This new year ought to, and doubtless will, show a still more wonderful increase. Who will

join us in helping to make the year 1920, with the blessing of God, the greatest and best year our publishing department has ever known? Right now, at the opening of the year, is the time to begin. The days glide by so swiftly, and we have so few of them left before the door of opportunity, and the door of mercy shall close forever. "The night cometh in which no man can work." Today "many are on the verge of the kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in." This fact constitutes the strongest call that heaven can make for our service. Delay no longer, but write to your tract society office at once for an outfit and instructions, and then help to rescue some of those who are waiting for the help which you can bring.

F. E. Painter.

ADVERTISEMENTS

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.

References from the conference president must accompany requests for advertising space in the "Recorder," where individuals are not personally known to the "Recorder" management.

Wanted.—Help in culinary department; also lady to work in hydrotherapy department. Good opening for right party. Write or apply to manager White Memorial Hospital, 304 North Boyle Ave., Los Angeles, Cal. 21-3t

Wanted.—Experienced laundry help, experienced pantry woman, and help in various other lines of work. Address manager Loma Linda Sanitarium, Loma Linda, Cal. 20-5t

Wanted.—Home with Christian people, in state of California, for two bright boys, aged five and eight years. (Parents American). Want to place both in same home for adoption. Address J. O. Benjamin, 1729 Grove St., Oakland, Cal.

For Sale.—Improved Magoon strawberry plants; this variety said to be best in cultivation; heavy bearers, extremely hardy, free from blight, large; berries contain a large percentage of sugar. Vigorous plants at \$1.50 per 100, while they last. Address O. F. Campbell, 637 O St., Fresno, Cal. 23-2t

Study At Home.—"There's a way." Lincoln found it; so can you. The Fireside Correspondence School will show you how. Write to-day for our catalog for 1920. C. C. Lewis, Principal, Fireside Correspondence School, Takoma Park, D. C.

We plan—and plan: "This shall be so—and so.

This shall I do," and, "Thither shall I go."

Yet, as the hours shape themselves to days,

We tread not in those same self-chosen ways;

Our feet are led long paths we had not guessed,

And lo! we find those newer paths are best!

OBITUARIES

Isabell.—Mrs. Susanna Isabell was born in Baden, Germany, Oct. 22, 1835, and died Dec. 21, 1919. She came to this country when 17 years old, and was married in 1855. Nine children were born to this union, of which two survive their mother. About 12 years ago she embraced the message of the soon coming of Christ, and kindred truths, as taught by Seventh-day Adventists. Sister Isabell was beloved in her neighborhood and her church. Her consistent life has won her many friends, and we, with her children, mourn the loss of a true mother in Israel. We laid her to rest with the assurance that at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, she will be raised with others who have fallen asleep looking forward to the first resurrection.

C. J. Kunkel.

Ball.—Nellie Van Ness was born March 20, 1879, at Grand Rapids, Mich., and died Tuesday, Dec. 30, 1919, at her home on Maple Avenue, Glendale, Cal., aged 40 years, six months and ten days. Her parents were Peter and Jennie Van Ness. On May 12, 1898, she married Martin Ball, at Grand Rapids, Mich. Four children came to their home, Eliza-

beth, Richard, Willard and Harold. Brother Ball came to California in November, 1906, to prepare a home for the family. Sister Ball became interested in religion at Grand Rapids, Mich., 15 years ago, under the teaching of Miss Jennie De Young, with whom she studied the Bible. After coming to Glendale, she was baptized by Elder G. W. Reaser, and united with the Glendale Seventh-day Adventist church. She remained a faithful member until her death. This came after a heavy surgical operation, from which she was apparently making a good recovery, when suddenly, without warning, she passed away. Interment was at Forest Lawn cemetery, Glendale, Cal.

R. W. Munson.

Briggs.—Zilpah Janett Briggs was born in Keene, New Hampshire, and died Oct. 8, 1919, at Berkeley, Cal. In 1911 she accepted the third angel's message and united with the Oakland church, of which she was an esteemed member when she finished her work on earth, having the assurance of being called forth in the first resurrection. Sister Briggs made her home with her only child, Sister T. W. Sheldon, who with her husband, Dr. T. W. Sheldon, mourn their great loss. Elmer H. Adams.

Book Report, Week Ending December 26, 1919

Agent	Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Value	Del.
California						
H. Hodges	D. R.	11	10	\$ 5.55	\$ 50.05	\$ 7.35
S. S. Moore	O. D.	27	8	1.50	22.50	
Edward Entwistle	W. P.	28		46.50	46.50	46.50
3 Agents		66	18	\$ 53.55	\$119.05	\$ 53.85
Nevada Mission*						
J. C. Nephew	G. C.	69	15		\$ 69.00	
Misc.	Epid.		300		75.00	
1 Agent *3 Weeks		69	315		\$144.00	

WEEK ENDING JANUARY 2, 1920

Arizona						
W. F. Mayers	G. C.	31	34		\$170.00	\$ 1.25
J. R. Douglas	G. C.	30	25	1.50	128.50	
U. M. Cooke	P. P.	37	15	.75	73.25	9.00
J. H. Ward	B. P. U.	4				11.50
4 Agents		102	74	\$ 2.25	\$371.75	\$ 21.75
Southern California						
D. A. Dale		18				\$304.00
H. N. Brass	B. R.	31	4	2.50	22.50	
2 Agents		49	4	\$ 2.50	\$ 22.50	\$304.00
Nevada Mission						
J. C. Nephew		41	4	\$ 2.10	\$ 19.10	
1 Agent						
Totals		327	415	\$ 60.40	\$676.40	\$379.00

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Prof. M. E. Cady spent last week in company with Brother Max Hill, visiting the intermediate schools in the Southeastern California Conference.

Brother F. E. Painter is again in the field. The past few days have been spent at Pacific Union College in the interest of the colporteur work. A deep interest was taken in this phase of our work by both faculty and students.

Elder J. W. Christian returned to the office last Sunday morning. He had been in Fresno where he met with the auditing committee of the Central California Conference; also at Pacific Union College, spending last Sabbath with the church in Mountain View, and the Laguna Street church in San Francisco.

According to figures recently received from the Pacific Press Publishing Association, the book sales in the Pacific Union Conference territory exceeded the sales in the same territory for 1918 by \$49,800.79. The sales for 1918 were \$78,667.30 and for 1919, \$128,468.09, the largest gain being in the subscription books.

Brother Frank Lane, who served the Southern California Conference so faithfully as secretary-treasurer for a number of years, died in Pasadena, Cal., Thursday, January 8, 1920. Funeral services were held Sabbath, January 10. The "Recorder" extends sympathy to the bereaved relatives and friends. An obituary notice will appear later.

EUROPEAN COUNCIL

Elders Daniells, Spicer, and Knox have just returned from an important council held in Stockholm, Sweden. At this meeting important decisions were made which have to do with the future of our work in the great European field.

The January 22, 1920, issue of the "Review and Herald" will contain a report of this important meeting. There will be matters of interest in this issue which every believer will wish to know. If you are not a subscriber, why not subscribe now, having your subscription begin with the European Council number. The "Review" is but \$2.50 a year, but during the month of January all new subscriptions for a year will be entered for fourteen months instead of twelve months. Now is the time to subscribe. Send all subscriptions to your conference tract society.

WON BY ONE

Have you ever thought how few souls are won through public efforts? Back of every public confession of Christ there is the private, personal work done for the individual that produced the fruit. True, the public effort has its legitimate place in the great work of God, but souls are won to Christ largely through individual work for individuals.

In his book, "Taking Men Alive," Mr. Trumbull says, "The work of individual soul-winning is the greatest work that God permits men to do."

"It was Christ's own preferred method of work, as it is His preferred method for us to-day. For it is always the most effective way of working."

We are not only to warn but we are to win. A warned soul may perish; a won soul will live throughout eternity.

Individual work, personal work, is the most fascinating work possible for men and women to engage in; even the Son of God accustomed to the beauties and joys of heaven and communion with angels found the work of personal soul-saving so fascinating that he forgot time, hunger, personal comfort and all, in the joys of winning a soul for eternal life.

His power for soul-winning was gained alone, in the early hours of the day; alone with God while others

slept; alone with God, storing His life with soul-winning qualities that enabled Him to "take men alive," and point them to the way of eternal life.

The week February 28 to March 6, 1920, has been set apart by the Pacific Union Conference committee as Missionary Volunteer Week, or Soul-saving Week, when every worker in the union and every Seventh-day Adventist will endeavor to win at least one soul to Christ. A little card has been prepared which reads as follows:

"Won by One

My promise: I will get right with God myself and by His help I will earnestly endeavor to bring at least one soul to Christ before the close of Missionary Volunteer Week, February 28 to March 6, 1920.

Signed....."

Why should this not be a week of real consecration, and a week of victory? We feel sure that every heart will respond to this effort and all earnestly work to win souls to Christ, and that the joys of success this week will inspire a continual effort to win the lost.

The end is near, soon it will be too late to reach our own loved ones, and lead them to the Saviour, and we should work "as for life," or our youth will be forever lost.

The Lord says: "I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children." Let us do our part and seek them out and win them one by one.

W. W. Ruble.

The Fireside Correspondence School catalog for 1920 is now ready. Besides the usual matter it contains new plans for ordering books, announcement of new studies, and pictures of faculty and board of managers. Send for a copy to-day. It is free. C. C. Lewis, Principal, Takoma Park, D. C.

Have you seen the new book, "Missionary Volunteers and Their Work?" It is a great help to those interested in young people, and to every Seventh-day Adventist. Price, \$1.25. Every society officer, church officer, and conference worker should own a copy.