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A Committee Action

In various parts of the Pacific Union Conference the question has been raised, "What is the relation of the church pastor to the church elders and council, and also his responsibility to the church and conference in regard to leadership?" This question was given consideration at a meeting of our union conference committee, held at Lodi, November 23 and 24. A committee composed of Elders B. E. Beddoe, H. S. Shaw, and W. M. Adams, was appointed to bring in recommendations. The following is the report of the committee, which was accepted:

"In the matter of policy regarding church pastors,

"We Recommend, First, that the pastors be regular conference workers, under direction of the conference committee. Second, that they be appointed by the conference committee, after carefully considering the needs of the church. Third, that the church pastor be chairman of the board of elders and of the church council, and also be recognized as having general charge of all church activities."

The first recommendation declares that the pastor is a "regular conference worker," and as such would not be elected by the church. The pastorage of a church is not elective but appointive.

The second recommendation declares that while the conference committee appoints the pastor, they do it "after carefully considering the needs of the church." This, of course, suggests that the committee does not arbitrarily place a man in charge of a church, but does it after fully acquainting themselves with the conditions of the church and in counsel with those bearing responsibilities in the church. Only by counselling with the church or those

representing the church can the conference committee fully acquaint itself with conditions. Should the condition obtain that any considerable portion of the church has withdrawn itself from loyal support to the organization of which it is a part and has accepted and is teaching erroneous doctrines, it would be within the prerogative of the conference committee to appoint a pastor of the church, even if the majority of the present membership might not so desire or concur in the appointment of the conference committee; but this would be, of course, an extreme and seldom situation.

Recommendation three declares "that the church pastor be chairman of the board of elders and of the church council." This is the plan obtaining in practically every church where a pastor is located. It further declares that he "also be recognized as having general charge of all church activities." A wise, prudent pastor will not endeavor to carry the details of the various departments of church activity, but will foster, encourage and assist those especially called to lead out in the various lines of departmental work. He should be the most loyal supporter that the Sabbath school superintendent and secretary, young people's leader, home missionary secretary and other responsible workers in the church, have. It is his right to make suggestions, to counsel with these workers, individually or collectively.

It is his responsibility to follow up those who have learned of the gospel truth and instruct them fully, preparatory to baptism; to present their names to the church for membership and in behalf of the church extend to them the right hand of fellow-

ship. If the conference president or other ordained minister is present, he may very properly invite them to participate with him in these various activities. The church pastor will recognize in the elders of the church, men, who as shepherds of the flock, are entitled with him to bear responsibilities in fostering the spiritual interests, as well as missionary endeavors of the church.

It has been and is recognized that the pulpit primarily belongs to the gospel minister. From it he proclaims the sacred truths of the Word of God, beseeching, entreating, admonishing, correcting, speaking with authority as God's chosen messenger, the things that will build up and strengthen the household of faith. It is recognized that it is the privilege and the duty of the gospel minister, when he is sent to a church by the conference committee, to exercise leadership in the church to which he is sent, during the time he is there. He will, of course, take counsel with those who are locally bearing responsibilities and will always seek their co-operation and associate these men and women with him in his endeavors for the spiritual good of the flock. It is always proper for the minister and the church elder to associate in the pulpit, assisting in the opening and closing exercises.

It is well, be it a minister or local elder in charge of the services, to have his program well in hand. Let the songs be selected in keeping with the subject presented, and arrangements made for the prayer, the receiving of the mission offerings, etc., before entering the pulpit. If it is a large church, assisted by a choir, any special music should be submitted to the one in charge of the services, to know if the spirit and instruction of the hymn is in

keeping with the message of the day. It is better to omit special music out of tune with the message to be borne and let a simple hymn be substituted, than to break the continuity of the thought sought to be impressed. The writer once had this experience. By request of the conference committee he visited a church where a question had arisen concerning the two laws. In counsel with the officers of the church, it was arranged for him to speak Sabbath morning on this subject. He was informed that the choir would have a special hymn after prayer, just before the sermon, and to his consternation and discomfort the choir arose and sang, with much emphasis, "Water, pure water, that sparkles so bright, beautiful, fresh and free. . . ." Since then he has endeavored to know before announcing the hymn something of its import.

J. W. Christian.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY DEPARTMENT

On Sunday evening, November 28, at the Carr Street church, a large representative gathering from various city churches came together for a tercentenary memorial of the landing of the Mayflower. Elder W. M. Adams and the writer presented the various phases of the Pilgrim movement and its resultant influence upon later American history. A few of the salient features noted were as follows:

The Mayflower Pilgrims should not be confounded with the Puritans. The Puritans were so named because they sought to purify the established Church of England from within. The Pilgrims believed this to be a hopeless task, and so they earned their name by removing entirely from both the established church and the Puritans, because both appeared to the Pilgrims to savor too strongly of the Roman hierarchy.

Thus the Pilgrims were far in advance of the Puritans in the practice of true religious liberty. The Puritan persecutions which darkened early colonial days should not be laid at the door of the Pilgrims. Only two cases were ever brought to trial for witchcraft by the Pilgrims, and neither of them were convicted. James Russell Lowell said of the Pilgrims that "next to the fugitives

whom Moses led out of Egypt, the little shipload of outcasts who landed at Plymouth are destined to influence the future history of the world."

So it turned out that the perfect principles of religious freedom embodied in the United States constitution, instead of being evolved from Puritanism, were really the further development of the protest of the Pilgrims against the intolerant practices brought by the Puritans from the law-established Church of England. The framers of the United States constitution had seen the evil effects of the early colonial Puritanical system of enforcing religion by law, and they sought to get away from it just as far as possible in that first amendment which declares that "congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

Religion established by law had been the bane of colonial days, and the fathers of our constitution were determined to have no more of it. They not only provided that no particular church should ever be established by law, but they went right to the root of the evil by adding that there must be no law "prohibiting the free exercise" of religion. These simple words embrace the great far-reaching voluntary principle which is the very vitalizing element of all true religion; and with one dipping of pen into ink, and one spreading of ink on paper, all laws which would in any way tend to invade the most holy place of man's sole relationship to God stand forever interdicted.

No law can possibly be made touching upon any purely religious duty without interfering to some extent with the "free exercise" of that duty, and dragging religion down from the high sphere of pure spiritual volition into the dusty arena of unconscionable religio-political coercion.

In recent press dispatches from New York, the Lord's Day Alliance is credited with the announcement that drastic Sunday legislation will be urged in the legislatures of at least thirty-five states during 1921, and that special attention will be given to California and Oregon. Dr. Bowlby, secretary of the Alliance is quoted as follows: "We would not impose a Puritan Sabbath, but we

would have more of the spirit of the Puritans in our observance of the Lord's Day."

This Puritanical spirit so much desired by the Lord's Day Alliance, in their program of enforcing a religious observance by law, is the very thing our national constitution forbids. It is refreshing to note that Samuel Gompers has denounced those back of the "Puritan Drive" for assuming that they are working in behalf of the laboring man. "Labor has not called on them for assistance and they cannot speak for labor," said Mr. Gompers: "The man who works has a right to spend Sunday in wholesome recreation."

Thus it appears that the Lord's Day Alliance has made such a public announcement of their intentions in the way of Puritanical religious legislation as to call for a public denouncement of their program by the president of the American Federation of Labor. Every student of history knows that the spirit of Puritanism was one of out and out church and state propaganda under English colonial rule. The spirit of the Pilgrims was one which sought, and to some extent succeeded in the winning of the Puritans away from the old hierarchical regime of compulsory legislation on religious matters, back to the true Christian program which grants perfect liberty to all in such matters.

"God is love." He desires only the service of love. He sent His Son into the world not to condemn the world, but to save the world. The Pharisees had so far lost this proper

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conception of God that they even condemned and put to death the One who came to illustrate to them what God really is. May the Lord help us to do all we possibly can to win modern Pharisao-Puritanism back to the grand old text. G. A. Snyder.

FIELD TIDINGS

SAN FERNANDO ACADEMY

Our great world-wide work in all its aspects is possible because of our educational institutions. Take from our offices, missions, conferences, and institutions those educated and prepared in our schools, and what is there left? Not enough to count. Close our schools to-day and to-morrow the work is left with no workers. These places are the special points of attack by the enemy, and we are not to look for easy work in places where many youth are having this message presented to them with the whole spirit of becoming more efficient laborers in the field.

We are told that "dealing with human minds is the nicest work," and that "human nature is worth working upon." It is a grand work and demands the very best of which we are capable. While at times the load is heavy, yet there are many encouraging items in the daily routine of school work. We see daily growth in many persons; see ideas and ideals changing; new interests aroused; a deeper conception of what it means to be a student in this day; a determination to begin now to live and do as we should.

San Fernando Academy has nothing to boast of except perhaps that it is growing, and surely this is nothing to be ashamed of,—anything except a dead school. We are looking with interest to the Week of Prayer and what it shall bring and do for us. The interest is good, and there is a general good spirit in the school body.

Extensive additions have been made to the Manual Training, Laboratory, Library, Laundry, and Music departments, and a smaller amount to the Domestic Science work. We are doing all possible for the best interests of the students according to our means. It is also our

plan to conduct the work on a high and dignified plane. Every interest is under the care of special persons appointed for that work at the opening of the school year.

Our enrollment now is 163; the church school is 45. We wish we might accommodate more; there is room for a few boys, however. Where are they? Parents and patrons, the school is yours. We are only acting for you for a time. Pray that the work may be done as it should be, and remember us in the difficult work of dealing with human minds in this most distressing time.

A. Earl Hall.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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SCHOOL NOTES

The attendance of the schools of our conference is near the 600 mark. There are now thirty teachers in the field.

The schools are doing well in collecting Harvest Ingathering funds. I trust that all the schools will do their part.

The first school for colored children was started at Watts, November 1. Brother Eugene Walker is the teacher.

Miss Eva C. Wilson has twenty-four children in the first five grades at the White Memorial school. I visited this school last week and was well pleased with the work being done. The children are happy in their daily work at this school.

The writer just returned from a visit to the Pomona school. Great progress has been made in the school work at this place. The school board sold the old school building and lots and bought a lot next to the church where a new building of two rooms was erected this summer. Forty new desks were also purchased. The attendance for the past few years was only from ten to fifteen, but it is now thirty, with two teachers employed. The children manifested the deepest interest in their work and the discipline was excellent. Mrs. Lulu Gregory is the principal and Miss Ethel DeGroot is the primary teacher.

The school board found it necessary to employ a fourth teacher for the Union school on Thirty-eighth Street, Los Angeles. Mrs. Birdwell, formerly of Moline, Illinois, was selected to teach the primary grades. She began her work last Monday morning.

H. G. Lucas, Superintendent.

AN ANSWER TO PRAYER

While visiting one of our churches some time ago, an envelope was handed to me by the church treasurer. Upon opening it I found a check for \$1,000. Later I learned what it was for.

One of our brethren was anxious to sell some of his property. He told the Lord if He would help him sell it, he would give \$1,000 for foreign missions. The Lord answered his prayer and our brother was faithful to his promise. There may be others who would like to follow this splendid example.

The plan of salvation is wrapped up in giving. Giving is the outward expression of an inward love. God GAVE His Son. Christ GAVE Himself. We GIVE God our stony hearts, and He GIVES us a new heart. Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, when He said, "It is more blessed to GIVE than to receive." "God loveth a cheerful GIVER." "The LIBERAL soul shall be made fat."

We are still behind in our 50 cents a week for missions. Many have done nobly in giving all they could. Others could have done better. Only a few weeks are left for us to make up the full amount. The annual offering ought to be large this year. Give your Christmas presents to your best Friend—Jesus. The Harvest Ingathering and thirteenth Sabbath offering are counted on the fifty-cent-a-week goal.

The year 1920 will soon be past. How is your record? Have you done your best? W. M. Adams.

DEDICATION OF PASO ROBLES CHURCH

"Throw out the life-line across the dark wave, There is a brother whom some one should save," was sung to open the Sabbath school at ten o'clock, Sabbath, November 20, in the new church at Paso Robles.

We were much pleased to have with us members from both the Arroyo Grande and San Luis Obispo churches. We greatly appreciated the presence of Elder W. M. Adams, our conference president, and Sister Cleora Webster, our conference Sabbath school secretary.

After a good hour spent in the Sabbath school, the dedication service was opened by singing, "I must have the Saviour with me." Prayer was offered by the local elder, Brother Eckout, after which the writer made a statement regarding the building of the church.

It was through the united efforts of the members that the neat little building was made possible. It is completely furnished with chairs, organ, carpets, etc. The entire cost was \$2,000. It was dedicated free of debt.

Elder Adams, in the dedicatory sermon, clearly outlined the great fundamentals of our message. He forcibly presented our individual duty and responsibility to the message and the church of God, and portrayed to us the unreserved and unselfish manner in which our Saviour dedicated His life and all to the plan of salvation.

The personal appeal throughout the service touched the hearts of all present, those not of our faith as well as our own people. We felt constrained to dedicate, not only the little chapel, but our lives and all that we are and have to the finishing of the work in the earth. We then bowed in prayer and asked God to accept of our offering and sanctify it to His worship and service.

At 2:30 p. m. we gathered again and Sister Webster gave an interesting talk on Sabbath school work. The blessings of this day will long be remembered by those assembled in the Paso Robles church.

The day following the dedication a Sabbath school convention was held in San Luis Obispo. Encouraging and instructive papers were read. Plans were presented to make the Sabbath school a greater success. All felt thankful for the help received and separated with a determination to do better work for the Lord.

E. A. Mathwig.

'God is testing every soul that claims to believe in Him.'

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

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NEWS ITEMS

Elder and Mrs. T. W. Field have come to Fresno to spend the winter with their son, W. F. Field.

Brother Eugene Woesner and the writer attended the treasurers' council held at Lodi, November 21 to 24. It was a profitable meeting and we are sure will increase the efficiency of our treasurers.

Elder H. S. Shaw was in attendance at a union conference committee meeting at Lodi the last two days of the treasurers' council. The treasurers met with the union committee one session and presented a number of recommendations.

Elder M. L. Rice writes as follows: "During the last week in November our attendance at the hall meetings in Porterville has been fine. Most of the time our hall was filled to its capacity. There are some interested people that we feel sure will embrace the message.

The Fresno church was much favored on a recent Sabbath by having with them Elders H. F. Schubert and G. W. Schubert, union presidents of the West and East German Union Conferences, who spoke Sabbath forenoon, afternoon and night. They told many interesting experiences of trying times and marvelous victories in the work in Europe. They also gave their experiences at the Hanford, Shafter, Dinuba and other of the churches in this conference.

W. F. Field.

PENCILGRAMS

The Madera school children are making gardens, planting flowers, and endeavoring to make their schoolroom pleasant and inviting. Miss Ward is trying the two-session plan, the first four grades reciting in the forenoon and the others in the afternoon. So far it has worked quite well, as the older pupils come at 10:30 and study until noon. Miss Ward is doing progressive work and the children are interested.

Porterville school had a picnic Thanksgiving Day and a program in the evening. They reported both very enjoyable. On Thanksgiving we visited a home school at Woody, Kern county. Mrs. Birdie Bohna is teaching her boy, who is taking fifth-grade work. We found him quite a little in advance of the regular fifth-grade work and ambitious to make another grade this year. Sabbath we visited the Lindsay church. Exeter was also on our list. The pupils here were busy with their Thanksgiving program for that evening.

Shafter school now has 94 enrolled, and very much needs a fourth teacher. We hope the brethren will see their way clear to supply another room and teacher after vacation. Where can greater work be done than with our own children and youth? While we should work for the people about us and for those in foreign fields, no amount of work along these lines will excuse us for neglecting our own youth and children. The Lord has made this plain to us. Unless we have our schools equipped and teach the work as outlined, our schools will soon be closed. Already the inspectors are watching them. I know that every school wants to be in line and will get there as soon as possible.

The time spent with the Island school was thoroughly enjoyed. There is a marked improvement in deportment and interest. A manual training building is nearly ready for occupancy. The sewing class is taught by Mrs. Guy Harmon, who spends four hours with the girls each Wednesday afternoon. They are getting some very practical work. Brother Allen Rich will spend the same time with the boys as soon as the building is ready. Prof. J. L. Jones has some high ideals for the school and is gradually working them out. A reference library is much needed and plans for this are under way. Mrs. Frazee, in the primary room, is carrying on the work so ably begun by Mrs. Grube. Her room has recently been calcimined, and is being made more pleasant by new curtains and other improvements. The room itself needs to be about eight feet longer, with better ventilation.

Caplin school was visited November 23. We found a quiet school-room and busy pupils. Visalia was the next stop, and here we found the children engaged in making their Harvest Ingathering boxes, as they were going out the next day to gather funds for missions. The well needs repairing at this school, and soon the children can be putting in a garden.
Mina Morse Mann.

SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA

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NEWS FROM FIELD AND OFFICE

Miss Ada C. Somerset left November 29 for a lengthy stay with the church schools of the conference.

Elder J. W. Miller reports a good interest among the outside colored people in San Diego. There are five ready to take their stand for the Sabbath truth.

Elder H. C. Basney attaches the brief statement to his report that he is "as busy as a bee," but enjoys being busy as long as his strength will stand the strain.

Elder R. B. Stauffer reports that the New River church, which was assigned him for the Harvest Ingathering work, went "over the top," and is anxious to do more.

As we go to press this week, we find Elder B. E. Beddoe with his few things that he is privileged to ship with him to South Africa, all packed and ready for shipment, and the remainder of his household effects sold, and he and his family wanderers as "the man without a country."

Brother B. E. Miller, our tract society secretary, felt that his health demanded a change to the open; hence, he resigned a short time ago, and we have secured for tract society secretary, Brother J. W. Slattery, who for some years past has been connected with the Pacific Press branch of Portland, Oregon. Brother Slattery is expected to arrive December 2, and enter upon his duties. We were thankful for word from Brother C. H. Jones from the Press, stating that Brother J. M. Rowse would come down with Brother Slattery and spend a week with him in arranging his work in the tract society.

We would like for you to read the report of colporteur work in this number of the "Recorder." See the faithful work these laborers are doing. We are planning an institute for the early part of January at which time we will look for many volunteers.

Elder J. J. Nethery, our incoming conference president, reported for duty November 30. He expressed himself as being well pleased with our office arrangements and the encouraging outlook for the future developments of our conference. He has secured rooms, and Sister Nethery and his two sons will arrive in Riverside in the very near future.

Elder R. S. Owen sends the following interesting word touching the work in San Diego: "A large and attentive audience listened to the address on the subject of the 'Tree of Life' in the Fraternal Brotherhood hall on a recent Sunday night. These lectures are indeed well attended, and with the cottage-meetings during the week should bring results."

Elder J. A. Burden sends the following encouraging word from the Paradise Valley church and sanitarium: "The Ingathering goal was reached by the workers. All are happy and promised to get more. The sanitarium has a full house, which is unusual at this time of the year. The church school is prospering with nearly 40 pupils."

Sister Stoddard gives two good experiences of the past week as follows: "I was called to give a treatment to a sick lady. When I was through and just ready to leave, she asked me about my work, and invited me to come and study the Bible with her. She seemed to be hungry for this study. Another lady who had been suffering for about a week, sent for me to give her a treatment. After two treatments the pain was relieved. She thought it so wonderful that she wishes to go to one of our sanitariums, where she can have the treatments and the good food and rest. Many are longing for the truths which have been entrusted to us and this is one way to find them."

A cooking class has been organized at the Loma Linda Treatment Rooms, San Bernardino, by Dr. Lenore Campbell and Brother J. A. Wallen. Sister L. H. Proctor writes that an exceptionally good interest is manifest, sometimes over 40 people attending. A blue ribbon was pinned on the best loaf of bread made from the entire wheat by one of the class.

Elder L. E. Folkenberg visited the Escondido church on Sabbath, November 13, and the following Wednesday night, holding meetings in behalf of Harvest Ingathering. Nearly all the members seemed anxious to reach their church goal, and felt they should not give up till they had at least thoroughly canvassed the entire city and country territory, even though they are disadvantaged by the Red Cross and other "drives" which are on at present. Elder Folkenberg says: "The work in San Diego is progressing. Sunday night meetings are being conducted in a hall near the heart of the city. Some are taking hold of the truth, and others are interested." C. C. Mattison.

SAN BERNARDINO TENT EFFORT

At our San Diego camp meeting it was decided that Elder C. H. Edwards and the writer, with the help of Brother B. R. Spear as tentmaster, and Sister R. Leo and Mrs. Proctor as Bible workers, should hold a tent effort in San Bernardino.

We made use of the two daily papers as a means of advertising our meetings, instead of putting out hand bills, and the lectures were well attended until the cold nights came on. One night each week was devoted to our health principles, conducted by the Loma Linda doctors and nurses, which were well attended and appreciated by the hearers. Dr. Lenore Campbell was the principal speaker. Her forceful manner of presenting our principles gained for the sanitarium and our truth many warm friends. Elder Edwards spoke twice a week during the effort.

Two or three other tent efforts were held at the time of ours, followed by revival meetings. The people of this city move very slowly, as those can testify who have previously labored here. It will doubtless take the larger portion of the winter to fully bind off the work.

Several persons are keeping the Sabbath, and are looking forward to baptism soon. We ask the prayers of the "Recorder" family that many souls may be gathered for the Master.

L. H. Proctor.

CALIFORNIA

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INGATHERING AND HOME MISSIONS

Reports are coming in from the "Signs" campaign. Some churches are taking large clubs. One company is sending several clubs to as many foreign fields.

A greater amount of Ingathering funds had been reported by December 1 this year than was received in all the campaign last year in the California Conference.

One church reports a convert to the truth through the Harvest Ingathering this year. Another was baptized in the same church, who was first reached by the circulation of "Present Truth."

A new supply of Ingathering "Watchman" in the English has been received at the California Bible House. There are also a few copies of the following foreign language papers still on hand: Danish-Norwegian, French, Greek, Hungarian, Spanish and Yiddish. Order what you need at once.

Committees in the various churches are now working on reports to recommend church officers for the coming year. Please take note that according to a recommendation of the General Conference Council, the one chosen as elder or leader of the church is to be missionary leader, and therefore to him falls the responsibility of carrying forward the home missionary work in his church.

J. D. Alder.

The following recommendation adopted at the General Conference Home Missionary Convention held at Denver, July 9-17, is the basis of the above arrangement.—Editor.

"Whereas, 'The church of Christ has been organized on earth for missionary purposes,' and the elder stands related to the church as the

conference president stands related to the conference; therefore,

"Resolved, That we reaffirm our recognition of the elder as the leader of the missionary work of the church; and further,

"1. We recommend, a. That such recognition of leadership be formally registered through the vote of the churches at each annual election; and,

"b. That, in the event of the elder being unable to discharge his duties as missionary leader, and he and the church feel that it is best for the advancement of the missionary work of the church for another member to assume this responsibility, a capable person be selected and elected to cooperate with the elder as missionary leader of the church."

TWENTY-TWO BAPTIZED AT EUREKA

Sunday, November 28, was a red letter day for the Eureka church. The solemn rite of baptism was administered to twenty-two people by Elders Luther Warren and O. E. Sandness. At one o'clock a large concourse of people gathered on the beach, a short distance from Eureka, to witness the baptismal service. In the evening a similar service was held in the church. It makes us rejoice to see these dear ones step out by faith and take their stand with us. Others are awaiting baptism, and next Sunday, the Lord willing, these will follow in their footsteps.

Most of these people have taken their stand as the result of the meetings conducted by Elder Luther Warren during the past three months. The spirit of God is surely working on the hearts of the people in Humboldt county. From a number of places the Macedonian cry comes to our ears.

The following brief report shows how God has opened the way at Garfield, a little village eight miles from Eureka:

A few months ago, some of the young people of the missionary volunteer society went to Garfield and held a short service in the street, singing and talking to the people. This was continued a second Sunday night. When the young people arrived the third time they found that the villagers had lighted and seated a hall and invited them to hold the services there. From that time on the hall has always been ready for

us when we arrived, and we certainly appreciate a warm hall after riding eight miles in an auto through the frosty air of Humboldt county. From the first the meetings have been well attended, with an average of thirty coming out each Sunday evening.

In addition to the night service a Sabbath school is conducted on Sabbath afternoon for the children and young people. They greatly enjoy the lessons that are given from week to week.

At Field's Landing, another small town eight miles from Eureka, the people asked us to come and conduct a Sunday school and Sunday night service. They furnish the church, lights, and heat free. The interest grows from week to week. The attendance has increased from twenty-five to sixty.

We are thankful to our heavenly Father for the part He has given us in the finishing of His work. Pray for the work here.

Alzo V. Edwards.

Obituaries

Lee.—Petra Marie Lee was born in Denmark, March 10, 1852, and died in Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 20, 1920. She accepted the truth in 1893, and was a true Christian. At the time of her death, she was a member of the Florence Avenue church. Her husband died several years ago. She is survived by two sons and one daughter. She was laid to rest in the Rosedale cemetery, November 22, to await the call of her Lord and Master.

W. Milton Adams.

Nelson.—Volmar Edward Nelson was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., April 23, 1889, and died at St. Helena, Cal., Nov. 18, 1920. Brother Nelson grew up in the truth and at the time of his death was a member of the Brooklyn Swedish church. On July 8, 1909, he was married to Helen Sandberg, who, with their two little girls, and other relatives, find their consolation in the promises that we love to call the "Blessed Hope." The funeral was conducted from the Mountain View church, under the direction of the pastor, assisted by Elder M. Shepard.

E. L. Maxwell.

Parrett.—Dr. Samuel Parrett was born in Goshen, Ind., Feb. 15, 1846, and died in Glendale, Cal., Nov. 26, 1920, aged 74 years, nine months and eleven days. In 1886 Brother Parrett accepted the truth and was a loyal and consistent member. He is survived by three sons and one daughter, besides many friends. He was laid to rest in Glendale. The services were conducted by the writer.
R. W. Munson.

Bostwick.—Emma Sprague-Bostwick was born in the state of New York in 1854, and died at Escondido, Cal., Sept. 1, 1920, at the age of 66 years. At the age of 14, she accepted the truth for this time and lived a consistent Christian life. In 1876 she was united in marriage to Alfred Bostwick, whom she survived only one year. Three daughters and one son mourn their loss. The memory of a fond, Christian mother, gives comfort in sorrow.
C. F. Parmele.

Farm Hand Wanted.—Seventh-day Adventist wanted to help on small farm, and to care for chickens. Can board with Adventist family. Address, O. H. Skidmore, Route 1, Box 126, Martinez, Cal., stating wages expected.
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For Sale.—Improvements on 40 acres school land two miles from rail and boat, church and church school. Seven-room house; well, barn, chicken houses, wood house. Seven acres plowed; all fenced; orchard, pasture and timber. Address J. F. Christy, Route 1, Box 169, Ridgefield, Wash.
17-t2

For Rent.—Furnished bedroom, with use of kitchen, near St. Helena Sanitarium. Board can be provided if necessary. Would suit an elderly sister. Address, Mrs. A. Carter, Sanitarium, Cal.

For Sale.—Twenty-seven acres good land, with fair improvements; small family orchard. Land adapted to fruit and alfalfa; water right; some oak wood; near church and ten-grade church school. Write for further information to D. C. Starrett, Route A, Box 242, Lemoore, Cal.
17-t2

Book Report, Week Ending November 26, 1920

Agent	Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Value	Del.
California						
M. B. Scholes	Misc.	3		\$ 12.50	\$ 12.50	
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Klemp	P. G.	27	12	7.00	79.00	
3 Agents		30	12	\$ 19.50	\$ 91.50	
Northern California						
Minnie B. Rogers	P. G.	22	15	\$.75	\$ 103.75	
Mrs. Rosenfeld	P. G.	22	14	.75	103.75	
James Sims	D. R., P. G.	40	4	9.75	37.75	
J. W. Beardslee	P. G., G. C.	8	3	8.75	28.75	
Mrs. E. Hickey	P. G.	5	1	4.25	12.75	
5 Agents		97	37	\$ 24.25	\$ 286.75	
Central California						
F. P. Chedester	P. G.	21	10	\$.60	\$ 64.60	\$ 6.10
L. F. Strever	G. C.	36	3	11.00	32.00	
2 Agents		57	13	\$ 11.60	\$ 96.60	\$ 6.10
Southern California						
D. A. Dale*	P. G.	50	25		\$ 161.50	\$ 82.00
L. R. Herrera	G. C.	26	6		39.00	36.00
Mrs. J. C. Way	E. S., B. S.	9	5		13.00	
S. H. Coombs*	P. G.	52	18		106.50	
R. L. McKenzie*	P. G.	50	25		174.50	102.00
G. N. Foy*	B. R.	71	7	3.50	55.50	121.00
6 Agents *2 Weeks		258	86	\$ 3.50	\$ 550.00	\$ 341.00
Southeastern California						
H. F. Garland	B. R.	33	9	\$ 9.50	\$ 68.00	
H. F. Roller	P. G., G. C.	22	38	7.50	227.00	
C. J. Powers	G. C.	16	22		130.00	
Isaac Cruz	P. G.	28	59	5.00	334.50	
4 Agents		99	128	\$ 22.00	\$ 759.50	
Utah Mission						
G. F. Green	B. R.	26	9		\$ 57.00	\$ 65.50
Mrs. G. F. Green	Misc.	6	4		13.75	
2 Agents		32	13		\$ 70.75	\$ 65.50
Totals		573	289	\$ 80.85	\$ 1855.10	\$ 412.60

Magazine Report, Week Ending November 19, 1920

California						
Mrs. S. E. Richardson	L. H.	25			\$ 3.75	
Mrs. Mabel McLane	Signs	250			12.50	
Mrs. G. A. Frederickson	Signs	325			33.25	
H. A. Kenison	Signs	10			2.50	
B. A. Meeker	Signs	100			10.00	
Mrs. F. W. Hennessy	Misc.				30.00	
Mrs. A. C. Baker	Signs				5.00	
Edward Entwistle	Signs				95.75	
Mrs. S. Graves	L. H.				80.00	
9 Agents		710			\$ 272.75	

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.

Position Wanted.—Experienced farmer would like to find work in California. Handy with all farm machinery. Address C. G. Kendall, R. D. 3, Gilmore City, Iowa. 15-3t

Wanted Immediately.—Two or three graduate or practical male nurses for long engagement. Also practical printer. Apply at once. Loma Linda Sanitarium, Loma Linda, Cal. 16-3t

For Sale.—Corner lot 46x139 feet; pipe line and meter; two dozen orange trees on lot. About one-half mile from Loma Linda Sanitarium. For particulars address Box 223, Sutherlin, Oregon. 15-3t

For Sale.—"Improved Magoon" strawberry plants; extra large berries; very prolific; contain 20 per cent more sugar; good keepers. Planted now will bear heavy next spring. While they last, large vigorous plants, 50 for \$3.00; 100, \$5.00; 200, \$9.00. No orders less than 50 filled. O. F. Campbell, 3528 Kerckhoff Ave., Fresno, Cal. 14-3t

NEWS NOTES

W. C. Raley, auditor for the union conference, is spending some time at the St. Helena Sanitarium checking over the books.

B. M. Emerson has been in the northern part of the state for the past ten days looking after business matters having to do with the union conference.

F. E. Painter returned to the office the first of the week from a trip to Pacific Union College and Lodi Academy. He reports an interesting and profitable institute held in Ogden, Utah. Evidently Utah offers a good opportunity for the sale of our literature. Interest in the colporteur work is growing, he says.

The Week of Prayer will be held in all our churches beginning December 11, continuing over the eighteenth. Surely world-conditions urge every believer to pray for greater earnestness in service for humanity. Our own soul-need demands the heavenly gift promised to all who "ask." Let there be a unanimous response to the call to prayer.

Two of our well known workers have recently been victims of automobile accidents. Elder R. S. Owen was quite seriously injured when his auto overturned, pinning him beneath it. He is recovering at the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. Brother C. E. Rice, business manager of the St. Helena Sanitarium, suffered a broken collar bone and other serious injuries when the car in which he was riding overturned.

The Harvest Ingathering campaign is still being waged successfully in all parts of the union conference. Up to October 31 there had been gathered in all the conferences of the Pacific Union, \$22,661.67. This is \$4,691.04 more than was received at the same date last year. An energetic effort will put every conference, every church, and every member over the goal by December 31. Any too busy to take part in the work of personal solicitation may give the amount of their goal to the Ingathering fund. But a greater blessing will be experienced by going to your friends and neighbors, telling them of the work being done and asking them to help finish the work.

Elder J. W. Christian is away from the office, visiting a number of conferences and institutions. He plans to visit Sacramento, St. Helena Sanitarium, Pacific Union College, Fresno and Reno, Nevada, before returning.

Prof. W. W. Ruble, educational and young people's secretary, reports a most excellent missionary volunteer convention at Turlock. While in the north part of the state he attended an educational council held at Sacramento.

COMPLETE THE TRAINING COURSE

With this month we are finishing the Training Course studies for 1920. Many words of encouragement and appreciation have come in as the precious truths in the books we have studied have taken root in the hearts of officers and teachers. No book, however large, has ever set forth the high character of the Sabbath school work and exalted the standard for the workers as has the little volume, "Testimonies on Sabbath School Work." It cannot be studied too closely nor its precepts followed too faithfully.

We are sure that "Stewardship and Missions" has been a distinct blessing to our teachers, and that this blessing has, in great measure, been passed on to the schools under their instruction. It ought to be studied in detail by every member of the church. One teacher, in speaking of the book, said, "That book gives a wonderful vision of our relationship to God as His stewards. Henceforth I shall have a new standard upon which to base my life—a new goal to work for." Another said, "How strange that we have never caught this view of the subject before! A new ambition for service has come to me by the reading of that book." If we could only translate this vision to the entire church, the mission treasury would always be overflowing, and no field would be lacking the much-needed help, and the work would be soon finished.

Those who have read the textbooks are now asked to write a few paragraphs in answer to ten questions.

These questions are found on page 2 of the December number of the **Sabbath School Worker**. Write on one side of the paper only. Mail your paper to your conference Sabbath school secretary, who will examine it, and send to you a Training Course Certificate issued by the Sabbath School Department of the General Conference, showing that you have completed the Sabbath School Workers' Training Course for the current year.

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