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### EDUCATIONAL

The Pacific Union Conference Committee has spent a large amount of time in studying the educational problems of the Pacific Union Conference during the past four years. As a result there is a deep interest in Christian education in this union. Hours of time have been spent by the entire committee studying the Spirit of prophecy as to what should be done to bring our schools up to a high standard of efficiency. And more than half a million dollars have been spent in the union during the quadrennial period for modern school buildings and equipment.

#### Enrollment

In 1920 there were 100 schools, 175 teachers and a total enrollment of 3,547 students. At present there is a total of 112 schools, 279 teachers, and 5,047 pupils enrolled in the Pacific Union Conference, as given in the mid-year report of 1923-1924, an increase of 12 schools, 104 teachers, and 1,400 students during the past three and one-half years.

We have 103 church schools with 182 teachers and an enrollment of 3,416. We have eight academies with 67 teachers, and an academic enrollment of 1,111. We have one college with an enrollment of 250, making a total enrollment of the Pacific Union Conference students of 5,047, at the close of the first semester.

#### Church Schools

Our church school work is progressing nicely, with a strong corps of educational superintendents and teachers who are loyal to the principles of Christian education. A steady effort has been made to bring the elementary school work up to a high standard. An efficiency card has been introduced into each church school in the union by which the school is accredited. Any school reaching 75 points is rated as a "C" grade school; one reaching 85 points, "B" grade; one reaching 95 points, as an "A" grade school. The

school is checked on the building and equipment, the school ground, the deportment of the pupils, and the general conduct of the school.

The parents and school boards have entered into this with great interest, and the result has been that the schools are reaching a higher standard.

Each year a detailed course of study has been published so that each teacher knows just the amount of work required of each grade before they can be advanced to the next grade. At the close of the eighth year, final examinations are given by the Pacific Union Conference educational board, and upon passing the subjects required a diploma is issued to the student. A student is not permitted to graduate from the twelfth grade until he has secured his eighth-grade diploma.

#### Textbooks

An earnest effort has been made to secure the very best textbooks obtainable, and such as are true to the principles of Christian education. One serious mistake was made in this respect when the union department adopted the McMurray and Parkins geographies. At the time this was adopted the company publishing it had promised to eliminate the chapters bearing on evolution and substitute for it such chapters as would be prepared by our own educators, but this was not done. It was therefore found necessary to change our geographies the past year. Other changes have been made in textbooks as we have been able to find better texts. We are now in contract with the American Book Company to use a number of their books for a period of five years, so we have eliminated the possibility of so frequent changes.

A book, "Topical Development of Oral Bible and Nature Outlines," prepared by Miss Frances Fry, has been published by the union and is used by the teachers now in the first three grades.

Many other improvements have been made in order to bring our elementary schools up to a high grade of efficiency, and the educational superintendents, school boards, and parents have been loyal indeed in working out these details and bringing the schools to higher ground.

#### Day Academies

On the ninth of June, 1920, an educational council was called at Pacific Union College at which time the following report was rendered and adopted as a policy to work to in the Pacific Union Conference:

"Whereas, The growth and development of our educational work throughout the union, and the increasing demands for providing school opportunities for our youth seem to make it necessary to add the eleventh and twelfth grade work to a few of our tenth-grade intermediate schools in our large centers, we hereby express our approval of the addition of these grades, with the understanding that in carrying out these provisions the standards maintained and the facilities provided shall be those set by the General Conference Department of Education."

Then a series of recommendations governing the conduct of these schools follow. Since this action was taken there have been established in the Pacific Union Conference five non-boarding or day academies, located in Glendale, Los Angeles, Fresno, Mountain View, and Berkeley. Each has a modern school building, well equipped, and is manned with a strong faculty. The day school is no longer an experiment in the Pacific Union Conference, but is meeting with marked success, and as a result of the establishment of these schools the academic enrollment of the Pacific Union Conference is more than doubled. Other centers are at present considering the addition of the eleventh and twelfth grades to meet the urgent demands of local conditions.

In studying the educational system it became evident that San Fernando Academy, which had done efficient work for many years, as far as the buildings were concerned had come to the end of its usefulness, and it was very evident that other provision must

be made for the educational work in the Southern and Southeastern California Conferences.

The Southern California Conference, because of its large city constituency, decided upon the day school as the method necessary to meet its needs.

#### La Sierra Academy

After studying the situation very carefully the brethren of Southeastern California established a boarding school between Arlington and Corona, becoming what is known as the La Sierra Academy. In establishing this school the brethren have determined that it shall meet the counsel of the Spirit of prophecy in every detail regarding the establishment and conduct of the school. Three beautiful buildings have been erected, two dormitories are completed, and the administration building is as yet unfinished. Other buildings necessary for industrial work are being added and La Sierra Academy has bright prospects before it.

La Sierra Academy has an academic enrollment of more than 200, and an enrollment in the first eight grades of over 60.

As a result of the added school facilities in the Southern and Southeastern California Conferences, the academic enrollment has increased nearly 300 per cent.

#### Arizona Academy

In 1920 there were two academies in the Pacific Union Conference. These were boarding schools. It became evident that some of our stronger centers would need more academic facilities. The Arizona Conference decided to build a boarding school in Phoenix. They at once proceeded with the plan and built two brick buildings, and in the future plan on building an administration building. In connection with the Phoenix Academy is an interesting element that is not connected with our other academies. We have what is known as the Latin-American Training School there. About forty Mexican students, many of them mature men and women, are at present receiving a training to fit them to return to their own people as qualified laborers.

#### Lodi Academy

Lodi Academy is now one of the oldest academies we have in the union conference. Many improvements have been made in the school this year. It has an enrollment of 230 academic students, with more than 200 students in the first eight grades. An addition has been made to the girls' dormitory which makes additional accommodations for the girls. Some improvements have been made upon the main school building. A one-unit heating plant has been installed and a new five-room modern cottage for the principal has been built; also a new modern barn. These improvements have all been made within the last two or three years. There are still other improvements which are contemplated in the future, and we hope

to see Lodi improving constantly until it reaches a high standard of efficiency.

#### Normal Departments

Seventh-day Adventists feel that their schools should be of the very highest character and should reach the standards set by the state in each particular. For this reason there is an ever-increasing demand for normal trained teachers to head our church schools, and the time should come in the very near future when every one of our church schools should be taught by a normal trained teacher. Pacific Union College has done excellent work in training teachers, but because of conditions existing which cannot be overcome, it became evident that it was impossible for one school to train enough teachers to meet the demands of the entire union. So at the time of the Educational Council in Colorado Springs a request was made of the General Conference Educational Department to permit Lodi Academy and La Sierra Academy to give full two years' normal work, in order to provide a sufficient number of teachers to meet the demands of the field. This request was granted. The two schools have established normal departments and while they are still not fully developed, are doing excellent work and we hope soon will be able to supply a large number of teachers for the field.

#### Pacific Union College

In the last report rendered to this union, Pacific Union College was located near St. Helena, California. At present it is located at La Jota, or in other words, a post office has been established at the college, giving a new name for its location.

Many improvements have been made during the past four years, which is placing Pacific Union College in an excellent condition. Many improvements have been made upon the grounds, such as building retaining walls, new sidewalk, leveling the grounds and improving them, thus making the location much more attractive. A boys' new dormitory has been erected which is modern in every respect. A new carpentry shop has been completed and a new printing office. The industrial features of the school are being grouped in one section and housed in buildings of like character, giving a uniformity to the plant which is very pleasing.

The enrollment at Pacific Union College should be greatly increased. With our academic enrollment of over 1,100 students, we should be able within the next year or two to send at least 500 college students to the college. I feel that a very definite effort should be made to increase our college enrollment.

#### Academic Educational Council

A request was made of the Pacific Union Conference Committee recently to hold during the coming summer a

council, at which each academy will be represented by its academic teachers. This council will study the best methods of conducting our academic education. The Spirit of prophecy will be carefully studied and a syllabus of each subject will be prepared, so that the work will be uniformly conducted throughout the union. This council is especially needed in order to properly organize our industrial work and place this branch of the work on the proper basis. Careful outlines will be prepared for each industrial subject covering the minimum requirement so the credits issued by each academy will be of equal value.

The educational board of the Pacific Union Conference is constantly on the outlook for better methods and for the very latest in educational features which are based on a sound educational basis. Constructive criticism is always welcome and we sincerely trust that every father and mother, every conference laborer, and every individual in the Pacific Union Conference will feel free to make suggestions and offer constructive criticism that will help to raise the educational standard in this union.

#### Our Responsibility

A deeper burden for souls in the hearts of our faculty members is needed as well as in the hearts of our other laborers. The importance of the work before us in this union, when we contemplate more than 5,000 young people, is tremendous, and our prayer is that the Spirit of God may burn into the heart of every teacher the responsibility which cannot be shifted. The teaching force of this union needs the prayers of this delegation, and we feel sure that the blessing of God will continue to attend the work.

W. W. Ruble.

#### PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT

In Volume 7, page 138, we find this most striking and significant statement: "Our publishing work was established by the direction of God and under His special supervision."

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It is to this great Superintendent of the publishing work whose blessing and guidance through the years have been the prime factors in the development of a work which stands to-day as a wonder and a matter of astonishment to religious leaders and thinking people throughout the world, that we give all the credit and the glory for what has been accomplished in the ministry of the printed page within the Pacific Union Conference.

**Retrospective**

A brief review of our work for the past four years shows that His prospering hand has been with us and has given success to the efforts of our field captains and the devoted little army of colporteurs under their direction.

The inspiration for this work is found in the words of our blessed Master, "Give ye them to eat," and in obedience to this command these earnest men and women, with the love of Jesus burning in their hearts, leaving the comforts of their own firesides, go forth in search of those who are famishing for the bread of life, finding one here and another there, thus fulfilling that word which says, "Ye shall be gathered one by one, O ye children of Israel." And further, "They shall come which were ready to perish . . . and shall worship the Lord in the holy mount of Jerusalem." Isa. 27:12-14.

The sales for the past four years in comparison with the two former quadrennial periods are as follows:

Year	Total Sales
1912	\$ 39,334
1913	44,457
1914	39,275
1915	38,893
4 years	161,959
1916	56,324
1917	60,924
1918	78,667
1919	128,468
4 years	324,383
1920	126,553
1921	119,744
1922	87,100
1923	131,584
4 years	464,981
Gain over former period	140,598
Gain of 1923 over 1922	44,484

The increase in the average sales per hour is another encouraging feature. I have the record of this only as far back as 1916.

**Average Sales Per Hour**

Year	Sales
1916	\$1.47
1917	1.49
1918	1.95
1919	2.08
1920	2.62
1921	2.72
1922	1.89
1923	2.47

Average for last 4 years..... 2.42

While these records are not phenomenal, they do indicate a good healthy growth. The sale of trade and educational books and tracts is very encouraging, and shows that our tract society secretaries have been awake to their opportunities, yet in view of our large and rapidly increasing membership it is not surprising. But when we remember that our subscription books are

sold almost entirely to those not of our faith; that in the entire union we have only a population of about four millions; that this population is either concentrated in a few large cities or scattered over vast stretches of more or less sparsely settled country, it will be seen that the sale of more than a half million dollars worth of subscription books in the past eight years is a real achievement.

Because of our small population and the limited territory of some of our conferences, we have found it necessary to work the field over and over again. Southern California has only four counties, Southeastern only five. Some of our territory has been worked three times in a single year. We have one man in Southern California, Brother T. R. Ellexson, who is now going over his territory the fourth time with the same book, and has had increased success each time. The best part of it is that he is developing a real interest on the part of many people, and has already brought several people into the truth. Brother Ellexson's work is a living demonstration of what may be accomplished by the earnest, conscientious, praying resident colporteur.

Another example is that of Brother Arthur M. Cott, who has been working among the Spanish-speaking people in Los Angeles and vicinity. God has greatly blessed his efforts as you may clearly see from the record he has made. Following is a record of the books he has actually delivered month by month during 1923:

	No.	Value
January	34	\$ 172.75
February	41	201.75
March	50	228.20
April	104	508.70
May	99	508.00
June	92	534.25
July	75	532.00
August	101	609.10
September	89	512.92
October	106	594.42
November	56	515.28
December	74	392.25
	921	\$5,306.62

With each book delivered he gave a small book, and has also given away many tracts in connection with his work.

Many other colporteurs have done splendid work in the other conferences in the union.

Our plan of frequently reworking our territory, sometimes having two or more men in the same field at the same time for different books, has not proven so objectionable as at first glance might be imagined. We have found that it is rather a distinct advantage, and it is in harmony with that statement in Vol. 4, page 392, which says, "The wider the circulation of our publications, the greater will be the demand for books that make plain the scriptures of truth." The millions of dollars worth of our books in the hands of the people, though silent, are wielding a wider and more powerful influence than any of us appreciate.

**Changes in Leadership**

There have been many changes in

leadership in this department in various conferences during these years, the most recent being the transfer of Brother H. G. Warden from the Southeastern to the Central California Conference, and the calling of Brother H. A. Rentfro from Minnesota to take the place made vacant in the Southeastern; also I would mention the calling of Brother J. W. Slattery from the tract society office in Riverside to the distant field of India, and Brother M. R. Battee from Nevada to Mexico.

Among others who have labored in this union and have passed on to other fields are V. L. Beecham, who went to Singapore; E. A. Moon, and Eugene Woensner, who were called to the Philippines; N. H. Conway and E. C. Peifer.

**Co-operation Means Success**

I would call attention to a great change which I believe has come over this field. When I first came here this was regarded as one of the most difficult fields in the world. The field leaders complained of lack of sympathetic co-operation, and many of the people did not believe that books could be successfully sold in California. But that is certainly not the condition here now. God has brought about a great transformation. The department is fully organized with strong, forward-looking leaders in each conference. Our field and tract society men have a vision of the possibilities in the sale of our literature, and have gotten into the right mental attitude so essential to success; the people are influenced by this attitude and are convinced by the records made that books will sell, and are taking part heartily in our Big Week and other campaigns; and we could hardly ask for better co-operation than we are receiving from our schools and our union and local conference presidents.

**Magazine Sales**

The larger part of our magazine sales are being made in the California and the Southern California Conferences, our two most populous fields. A nice work is being built up under the able leadership of Miss Hazel Leach in the Bay cities and Miss Hester Walsh in Los Angeles and vicinity. Each of these leaders have a nice force of magazine workers under their direction, and good work is being done.

Another factor that is helping our sales, and will undoubtedly bring better results in the way of following up the interest created, is the adoption of the combination book and magazine plan. Many of our book colporteurs are now taking subscriptions for our magazines in combination with the orders for books, and it is proving a real success.

**Course in Gospel Salesmanship**

The plan for having a definite course in gospel salesmanship in our colleges, which was recommended at the Fall Council, has been put in operation at Pacific Union College, and bids fair to become the most important action we have ever taken touching this work in our schools, and it has led me to hope that we can arrange to put this course

on a still more solid basis and make it a permanent feature of our college work. Providentially we had the right man at the college when we were ready to start this work going—Brother A. E. Barnes. His vision, enthusiasm, and practical experience in the field fit him to carry on this instruction in a very satisfactory way. About 25 of the strongest young people in the school have enrolled in this course, and are definitely planning to enter the field to put in the required time during the summer vacation. With this more thorough training we are sure that another year will bring much better results.

#### The Outlook

The future holds bright promise of still better things for our literature work. Our hearts are cheered as we see the evidences multiplying from year to year that this work is being "carried forward with increasing success," and we believe the promise that "as long as probation continues there will be opportunity for the canvasser to carry forward his work."

Our report for the first two months of this year shows a gain in value of orders taken over the same period last year of more than \$2,600, and we trust that the balance may prove to be on the same side of the ledger every month throughout the year.

#### Our Needs

Our greatest need is a deeper Christian experience on the part of not only the leaders in this department, but of all who enter the colporteur work. We must raise the standard higher. There must be a deeper appreciation of the spiritual nature of the work; that it is truly a work of ministry as sacred as any other; that the only motive worthy of consideration is that of saving souls.

We need the earnest co-operation of all our workers, to the end of enlisting a larger number of men of education, good address, and real capability who can go out and properly represent this cause. There should be a clear recognition of the fact that this is not a work for those who are good for nothing else, but it is worthy of the highest energies of the most capable men among us.

We have the finest publications in the world, but we need more godly, earnest, praying men and women to help place them in the hands of those who are longing for light and help.

#### Conclusion

In closing I beg to submit that no report can ever do justice to the work that has been accomplished. We cannot put into the records the development of character, the tears shed, the victories won, the earnest prayers offered with and for the people, and the many souls won for the kingdom directly and indirectly through the work of the gospel colporteur. This is an important part of God's great plan for the saving of men, and it contributes to the success of other lines of gospel work as nothing else can. Our ministers pitch their tents and have better success because

the gospel colporteur has gone before them and sowed the seed in good and honest hearts. The Bible worker finds her work easier and more fruitful because the colporteurs help to place her in touch with those whose interest has been stirred by his visits and the books he places in their homes. It is truly a wonderful story, this modern Book of Acts, and the half has never been told, and never will be told until we meet with the fruit of our labors in the kingdom of God. Then we shall see more clearly than we do now why God has done so much to keep the importance of this work ever before us, and perhaps some will then wish that they had made much larger use of this effective method of saving those "who were ready to perish."

F. E. Painter.

### HOME MISSIONARY

#### Activities

When we review the home missionary work in the Pacific Union Conference for the past quadrennial period and notice the faithful services rendered by many of our lay-members and what has been accomplished by them under the direction of our pastors and other conference workers, our hearts fill with praise to God and take new courage.

The home missionary activities of the brethren and sisters, to a large extent, consist of writing missionary letters, selling and lending books, distributing papers and tracts, giving Bible readings, visiting the sick and the poor and bringing relief to them. God says that this is the highest missionary work that can be done, and He looks upon this kind of service as personal service for Him.

We are sorry that much of the work done has not been reported. However, we are glad for the good that has been accomplished, even though all have not reported. We know that God is keeping a perfect record in heaven of every tear shed, every prayer offered, of every act of kindness, of all the letters written, papers distributed and of every visit that has been made, and some day the whole story will be made known.

#### Some of the Results

The Harvest Ingathering and the Missions Publishing Fund efforts have been a great blessing to the foreign fields, to our brethren and sisters in the homeland and to many of our neighbors and friends. The Harvest Ingathering donations for the four years amounted to \$240,800.26, a gain over the previous quadrennial period of \$151,416.97. You will notice in the treasurer's report that the third largest source we now have of supplying means for foreign missions is the Harvest Ingathering. The Missions Publishing Fund is comparatively new, but our lay-members have taken hold of this in a splendid way and during the past three years have raised, through the sale of small books, the sum of \$14,635.75. What a blessing this has been to our publishing work in foreign lands,

and how many precious souls are today rejoicing in the truth in the homeland as a result of this work, only God knows.

God has greatly blessed the efforts of our lay-members during the four years and the labors for Him have not been in vain. He has watered the seed sown so that a substantial number have accepted Christ and the message.

If all those who have been gathered into the fold in this union during the four-year period could be gathered into groups, it would be possible to organize 10 churches with 40 members each, 8 churches with 50 members each, 20 churches with 30 members each, and at least 4 churches with 100 members each. Suppose that these churches could be organized into a conference, we would have a conference with about 1,800 members. Their tithes and offerings for one year would be over \$100,000.

#### Every Member Needed

It certainly pays to enlist and train the lay-members for service. "The strength of an army is measured largely by the efficiency of the men in the ranks. A wise general instructs his officers to train every soldier for active service. . . . If he were to depend on his officers alone, he could never expect to conduct a successful campaign. He counts on loyal and untiring service from every man in his army. The responsibility rests largely upon the men in the ranks. And so it is in the army of Prince Emmanuel."—Vol. 9, p. 116. Another writer has truthfully said, "It is the common soldier who fights the world's battles, and victory or defeat turns upon the man behind the guns."

We greatly appreciate the interest our conference presidents, the ministers and other conference workers, and the church officers are taking in the home missionary work. We need your help and cannot get along without it. You are the generals in this great army of lay-members. We have also had the full and hearty support of the union conference officials in this important line of work and this has made the burdens easy.

#### Suggestive Plans

Before closing we would offer a few suggestions that we believe would greatly strengthen the home missionary work in this great union, the greatest union in the world:

1. We would be glad if the home missionary secretaries in our larger conferences could give their whole and undivided time and attention to this line of work.

2. The formation of bands for prayer and service in every church where this has not been done. The Lord has told us that this should be done in large and small churches.

3. The division of territory and the appointment of a post of duty to every member in the church.

4. Formation of classes under capable leaders and instructors in the various lines of Christian service. We are glad that in many of our churches these classes are being conducted by our min-

isters and Bible workers and the Lord is greatly blessing this work. The Lord has said that every church should be a training school and that the members should be taught how to give Bible readings, etc.

5. We would like to see a greatly increased reporting membership.

6. A revival of the old-time weekly missionary meeting in every church.

We believe that all of our workers are just as much interested in the progress of the home missionary work as are we, and these few items mentioned will have your careful consideration and support.

Some of these days we shall see all of our members who love this message engaged in some line of Christian service and personal soul-saving, and we believe that day is not far in the future. When this takes place we shall see the following promises fulfilled:

"If the lay-members of the church will arouse to do the work that they can do, . . . each seeing how much he can accomplish in winning souls to Jesus, we shall see many leaving the ranks of Satan to stand under the banner of Christ. If our people will act upon the light that is given in these few words of instruction, we shall surely see of the salvation of God. Wonderful revivals will follow. Sinners will be converted, and many souls will be added to the church. When we bring our hearts into unity with Christ, and our lives into harmony with His work, the Spirit that fell on the disciples on the day of Pentecost will fall on us."—Vol. 8, p. 246.

David Voth.

### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

This report is but a brief resume of the work done by this department the last four years within the territory of the Pacific Union Conference. Much of my time has been spent visiting camp meetings and doing other work outside of this union, which is in harmony with the arrangements made between the General Conference and the Pacific Union Conference.

#### Sunday Legislation

Since the last session of the union conference, the legislatures of the states in this union have assembled twice. Arizona, Utah and Nevada have each had minor Sunday closing measures presented, but by the help of our never failing God and the loyal aid of faithful men and women in those conferences, this has been the cause of bringing the truths of the message more into prominence and to call attention to God's message for this time. Through the medium of this branch of the work, men in high position, who could not otherwise be reached, are brought into touch with and are led to listen to the truth and when they see its beauty, learn to love it. The states mentioned above have mild Sunday laws on their statute books, but these are largely inoperative. At certain periods there occur spasmodic efforts to enforce such laws, but public sentiment does not seem to back up these efforts, so they have largely come to naught.

During the 1921 session of the California legislature a Sunday closing bill

was presented in the senate. Knowledge of this purpose was obtained in advance and to forestall its success a goodly amount of literature on the evils of religious legislation was distributed. When the bill appeared we put into circulation petitions of protest against it. The friends of liberty circulated these petitions and obtained a long list of signatures. We set as our goal of protestants 100,000, and were more than pleased to find on counting the returns that nearly 140,000 citizens of the state had willingly signed the petitions. This count included only the names sent through the regular channel. Several thousand were sent to the senators direct. Of these we have no accurate count.

One interesting feature of this proceeding was that many of the legislators conceived the idea that those who signed the petitions of protest were largely, if not all, Seventh-day Adventists. It is not too much to say that their apprehension is our wish. By means of these petitions and through the system of our work of education on American principles, the men composing the legislature were led to see the dangers of such legislation and the Sunday bill was defeated by a substantial majority; in fact, about five to one. Many friends were won for the cause of liberty.

#### In San Francisco

This report would not be complete without a brief mention of the experience passed through in San Francisco. Fostered by certain labor union heads in that city, a Sunday bill was introduced into the city council. When we appeared on the ground it seemed inevitable that the measure would pass and be made into a law. It was apparent that every one of the supervisors would cast his vote for it. The situation demanded hasty and wise work on our part. From the first the Lord gave us favor with some of the leading members of the council and passage on the measure was deferred. "FREEDOM" and "LIBERTY" were placed in the hands of these men; letters were sent them, and they were personally interviewed. I spoke several times before the council and select committees. As a result, when the final vote was taken, every member of the council with but one exception voted adversely, and the bill failed to pass. Not only this, but staunch friends were again made for the truth. Even the gentleman who introduced and fostered the bill voted against it and stated that he would never introduce or lend his influence again for such a bill. Since then he has spoken a number of times in the highest terms of our people and work.

#### Political League

While we have been given the victory in these battles with the forces of intolerance, the fight is not yet won. The Lord's Day Alliance has established headquarters in the state and

has sent out the declaration "Sunday is a day of rest, and we are going to see that Californians rest on that day." That means active work by them to secure Sunday legislation. It can be construed in no other way. There comes out from Chicago a declaration from the editor of the "Minister's Monthly," a statement to the effect that a move is on foot to unite 50,000 preachers and 40,000,000 church members into a political league to demand the election of a president of the United States who will give to the churches the religious legislation which they demand. In this lurks a very great danger.

#### National Reform Efforts

Dr. James S. Martin, who is general superintendent of the National Reform Association and editor of the "Christian Statesman," the official organ of the association, had this to say in his last annual address: "We are sorry to say that there is not such apparent interest on the part of the people generally, in behalf of the American Sabbath which is all too fast drifting into the Continental Sunday. Here is a point at which we aim to stress more and more our distinctively Christian message. Our association has ever been a staunch defender of the Christian Sabbath and must increasingly continue to be such. We have kept before Congress and the country throughout the entire year, the Sabbath law for the District of Columbia."

#### Divine Warnings

These words show a determined resolution on the part of these men to push their plans to a successful termination. "Church and State are now making preparations for the future conflict. Protestants are working in disguise to bring Sunday to the front, as did the Romanists."—Vol. 5, p. 449. We have not been mistaken as to the source of the troubles of the last days, nor as to the final ending of it all. Quoting once more from the beloved writer mentioned above, we read: "To secure popularity and patronage, legislators will yield to the demand for a Sunday law. Those who fear God cannot accept an institution that violates a precept of the decalogue. On this battlefield comes the last great conflict of the controversy between truth and error."—Id., p. 451.

"While men are sleeping Satan is actively arranging matters so that the Lord's people may not have mercy or justice. The Sunday movement is now making its way in darkness. The leaders are concealing the true issue, and many who unite in the movement do not themselves see whither the undercurrent is tending. Its professions are mild, and apparently Christian, but when it shall speak, it will reveal the spirit of the dragon."—Id., p. 452.

#### The Church School Issue

Turning now from the Sunday clos-

ing phase of the movement, there is another matter which has given and is at the present giving us great concern. This is the effort on the part of certain organizations to close our church schools. If this move succeeds it will be a stroke right at the very genesis of our work. The success of this movement in Oregon has led its propagandists to hope for success in other fields. Openly and boldly it has been asserted that it will not be long till such a law will be on the statute books of California and all the other states of the union. Initiative petitions have been prepared and are probably now in circulation calling for an election with the end in view to secure such a law. It is alarming to see the public sentiment favoring such a law. To offset this, to set forth the evils of such legislation and to set forth the virtues of church schools, we need to carry on a strenuous campaign of education. We must not delay in this, nor allow the enemy to steal a march on us.

Literature should be scattered widespread and much educatory work done. Only in this way can we hope to save our primary schools in which to teach our children the way of the Lord. Light must be given to the people. They must not be left in darkness to meet the momentous issues before them. "We are not doing the will of God if we sit in quietude, doing nothing to preserve liberty of conscience." Sometimes when we see the dangers before us and the enormity of the work to be done, we stand almost appalled, yet we know that victory awaits those who are faithful to the end. It is not required that we look to man for support and relief, but God is our refuge. "When the nation for which God has worked in such a marvelous manner, and over which He has spread the shield of Omnipotence, abandons Protestant principles, and through its legislature gives countenance and support to Romanism in limiting religious liberty, then God will work in His own power for His people that are true. The tyranny of Rome will be exercised, but Christ is our refuge."

We are too far along the highway now to turn back. The goal is in sight. The hand of Him who stands at the wicket gate beckons us on.

In closing this report notice must be taken of church institutes which have but recently been conducted, in which religious liberty work has had rather a prominent part. To all appeals for work in this line our people have given a hearty response. This has been a cause of rejoicing and indicates a united people are planning to unitedly finish up the work of God's very message for this time.

#### The Victory

"And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and

over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are Thy ways, thou King of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify Thy name? for Thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before Thee; for Thy judgments are made manifest."—Rev. 15:2-4.

W. F. Martin.

### MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER

We have come to the place in the missionary volunteer work in the Pacific Union Conference where once more the responsibility can be shifted to the delegates of this union. The four years which are just closing have been four years of strenuous work and of enjoyable associations with the young people of the Pacific Union Conference as well as with the workers and the entire constituency. Truly the Lord has blessed during the past four years.

#### Goals

The Missionary Volunteer Department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists adopted their first goals in 1914. During that year there were 1,814 conversions. In the four years just closing there have been in the Pacific Union Conference 1,585 young people converted and added to the church. In 1914 the denomination issued 557 Standard of Attainment certificates. In the past quadrennial period the Pacific Union has issued 1,161 Standard of Attainment certificates, or more than double the number issued by the entire denomination in 1914. In 1914 the entire denomination issued 1,915 Reading Course certificates. Since our last union conference session the Pacific Union Conference has issued 8,416 Reading Course certificates, or more than four times the number of certificates issued by the entire denomination ten years ago. In 1914 the missionary volunteers of the entire General Conference territory raised \$19,639. In the four years just closing the Pacific Union missionary volunteers have raised for foreign missions, \$94,874, or more than five times as much money as was raised by all of the missionary volunteers of the world in 1914, besides paying into the treasury \$72,686 tithe. During the four years then, there have been issued from the Pacific Union Conference office a total of 10,521 certificates, including 944 Bible Year certificates, and there has been paid into the treasury in tithes and offerings by the missionary volunteers of the Pacific Union Conference, \$167,560.97.

#### Leadership

It is worthy of note in passing that in studying the achievements of the individual conferences in the union, those conferences which have selected

men of evangelistic type who have devoted most of their time to the missionary volunteer work show by far the largest gains in all branches of the work. The missionary volunteer work first of all is a soul-saving work. Young men who have had field experience for two or more years and who are interested in the young people, are the type of men who have the best success in missionary volunteer work. Our missionary volunteer secretaries have proven by practical demonstration that the men who hold evangelistic efforts for our young people, following up their work by holding features of the missionary volunteer work, are the men who have the best success and who achieve the greatest results.

It appeals to me that the time has come in the Pacific Union Conference, with more than five thousand missionary volunteer members, and with nearly that many young people who are not members of the missionary volunteer society, when one man in the union should devote his entire time to assisting the local conference secretaries in carrying forward evangelistic work for the young people.

In the report rendered four years ago of the missionary volunteer work, the following statement was made: "What we need above anything else in the missionary volunteer movement is stability of leadership. Persons should be chosen who are first, evangelists; second, personal workers; third, organizers; who are thoroughly consecrated, and whose lives and interests are inseparably merged with that of the young people. Such leadership insures success and stability in this important work." Four years ago there were 148 organized missionary volunteer societies. Our reports now show 226 societies, with a total membership of 5,141.

#### Missionary Work

One great purpose of the missionary volunteer movement is the salvation of our young people. This makes the movement strictly evangelistic, for until our own young people are converted and united with us in the carrying forward of this great work they are not safe from the allurements of the world. Even then the work for them is only begun. It is for this reason that such movements as endeavoring to get our young people interested in good reading—"the reading courses"—in studying the doctrines of this message and the history of this denomination—"Standard of Attainment"—and encouraging our young people to read the Bible through—"Bible Year"—and encouraging them in systematic devotional exercises such as the Morning Watch, have been connected with the missionary volunteer movement.

The second great aim is to encourage our young people to labor for others. This involves the different lines of missionary work, and it is of interest to note that during the past



four years 1,800,000 missionary acts have been performed by the missionary volunteers of the Pacific Union Conference, or an average of 90 missionary acts each year for each member. These acts include books loaned, magazines and tracts given away, hours of Christian help work, and all lines of missionary endeavor.

**Conclusion**

In surrendering the responsibilities of the missionary volunteer department and placing it upon the delegates of this union, we do so with the prayer that steps will be taken to put forth more earnest efforts for the salvation and training of our young people. California is the playground of the world. The young people of this union are subjected to severe temptations. They need our sympathy and our prayers. There must be an organized effort put forth so that the churches will be reached in a more systematic way and the young people, who have not yet given their hearts to God, brought to the place where they will make the surrender, become a part of this great movement and give their energy, their strength, their talent, to the finishing of the gospel message in all the world in this generation. W. W. Ruble.

**CONFERENCE REPORTS  
SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA**

The Southeastern California Conference was organized in 1915. The blessing of the Lord has been upon the field since its organization. The territory of the Southeastern California Conference is the southwestern portion of California, as well as the Pacific Union and the United States.

**Laborers**

As laborers we have fifteen ordained and licensed ministers, five Bible workers, four departmental secretaries, and four office workers. We all enjoy laboring in sunny Southeastern California, and the workers in our office endeavor to emphasize the spiritual in their daily work. Our evangelists and pastors are kept busy in promoting the interests of evangelistic and pastoral work.

**Literature Sales**

We will make comparisons only for the two quadrennial periods, the first one 1916 to 1919, and the second one 1920 to 1923. In the publishing work for the first period literature was sold to the value of \$87,844.72; for the second quadrennial period, \$124,709.16, or an increase of \$36,864.44. This is an increase of 42 per cent. Our population is small, and the territory has been worked over and over again. We feel gratified in making this report of increase.

**Membership**

The membership at the close of 1919 was 1,877; at the close of 1923, 2,332, or a net increase of 455. During the last four years 518 individuals have

been baptized. Not all our increase in membership emigrated from Oregon, Idaho, Washington, Texas, Oklahoma, Michigan, and North and South Dakota.

**Tithe and Offerings**

The tithe for the first quadrennial period was \$232,274.55; the second period, \$441,643.36, or a gain of \$209,368.81, or a 90 per cent increase. The mission offerings for the first period were \$98,928.26; the offerings for the second period were \$253,597.84, a gain over the first period of \$154,669.58, or a gain of 156 per cent. Southeastern California Conference has always reached its mission goal.

**Missionary Volunteer—Home Missionary**

Every goal has been reached in the missionary volunteer department and our young people have been blessed in so doing. Our people show activity along the home missionary lines. In the Harvest Ingathering work we have shown a steady increase during the last four years. The greatest handicap that our membership meets in our territory is that of a small population. If our little field were covered, it is estimated that each one of our members would have only 25 families from whom they could solicit.

**Sabbath School**

The Sabbath school department shows good gains. Great enthusiasm is seen in our Sabbath schools. The mission quarterly readings are used to good advantage, and the Sabbath school department has raised its full share of mission offerings.

**Educational**

There has been a steady increase in the attendance of our church schools, and it has kept the brethren of the churches busy in enlarging and building new church school buildings. We have been greatly gratified with the development along this line. Our academic attendance has increased during this period approximately 400 per cent, and our academic facilities have increased in money value approximately 1,600 per cent.

**Paradise Valley Sanitarium**

The Paradise Valley Sanitarium is a home-like institution located in our territory. Approximately \$125,000 has been invested in a new hospital and equipment, and as fast as the rooms have been finished and furnished they have been filled with patients. Paradise Valley is a good place in which to be, even though one is not ill or in need of sanitarium treatment. It is a sanitarium that serves cream.

The cry of all hearts is for a spiritual uplift and a preparation by the divine Spirit to finish the work in the little corner assigned to us, and to do our full share in sending the message to all the earth. J. J. Nethery.

"God does not accept the most splendid service unless self is laid upon the altar, a living consuming sacrifice."

**ARIZONA**

**Population and Membership**

The population of Arizona is about 350,000, of which about 120,000 are Mexicans. We have about 70,000 Mormons and 50,000 Indians. Nothing has been done directly for the Mormons or the Indians.

Of our 650 members, 125 belong to our Mexican churches. Phoenix is our largest city, with a population of 40,000. In the Salt River Valley there are about 65,000 people, 25,000 being Mexicans. Tucson is the next city in size, with 20,000 people; 10,000 of these are Mexicans. In the valleys of the state there is a population of 100,000. Ranching is the chief industry. In the mountains there are about 250,000 people; where mining is almost the exclusive industry. When people come into the truth from these mining districts they almost invariably leave for other sections of the state or other states.

**Activities**

The work in the Arizona Conference for the past four years has been carried on under difficulties, and yet in spite of this we can see marked evidences of the Lord in our work. There was a time when it was a trial to us to see so many going on to other fields, but now we have come to feel that the work is one, and that in bringing souls into the cause we are instrumental in the hands of God in preparing them for a place in the kingdom.

During the last four years we have had on an average of ten workers. Our force at the present time numbers eight. This includes our office and departmental force as well as the three ministers and one Bible worker that we have in the field.

The great need in this field is more laborers, and just at this time as we are conducting public efforts and have planned for three more for the summer, we feel the need very greatly of a Bible worker. We are praying that the way from a financial standpoint will open so that we can employ one permanently.

In looking over our financial statements for the last two quadrennial periods, I have been impressed that our efforts have not been in vain. For the period ending December, 1919, the tithe was \$47,318.66. For the period ending December 31, 1923, it was \$70,394.08. The mission offerings for the first period were \$19,058.53, and for the second period \$41,889.85. The Sabbath school offerings for the first period were \$8,962.76; for the second period \$19,594.15. The average membership of the Sabbath school for the first period was 437, and for the last period 531. The average conference membership for the first period was 580, and for the second period 647, the highest being 671. For the last period the entire tract society sales were \$38,693.52. Of this the subscription books have amounted to \$20,102.66. In addition to the tithe and offerings

raised during the last period, we have raised on our school plant about \$16,000.

Two new churches have been built and one bought and repaired, at a cost of \$5,600.

Strong missionary work has been carried on in the city of Phoenix and in some other parts of the state. Efforts have been conducted in seven cities and some work has been done in the country. About 175 candidates have been baptized as a result of these efforts.

The young people of the Arizona Conference have been organized as far as possible, and the isolated ones have been visited and encouraged by correspondence so that nearly all are alive to the endeavors of the organization.

#### Arizona Academy

We are now in our fourth year of the operation of our school, and we are glad to report that we have seen advancement in our educational work during this time. During the years 1920 and 1921 when everything was prosperous, our enrollment was 188. When the financial crisis came we were surprised that 142 students came the next year. In 1922 and 1923 the increase brought the enrollment up to 155, and this year it is 168. Then the Spanish-American Training School has experienced a very gratifying growth. The first three years there were about 24 students, but this year the enrollment has reached 48.

There have been several new additions made to our school equipment, such as the new carpenter shop, garage, and barn. Seven new cottages have been provided for the Mexican students. Aside from the garden that we have on the school property, we are farming twenty-five acres of irrigated land. Outside of the regular donations that come to the school, such as the Bible teacher's salary and the "come-back," the school has never had any appropriation on its operating expense. We all feel that the school is in better condition spiritually this year than it has ever been. This school started in 1920, with nine teachers. We now have thirteen, and they are all devoting their lives to the work, not only in an intellectual, but a spiritual way.

We wish to express our hearty appreciation to the Pacific Union Conference and the local conferences in the union, also the General Conference, for the help that they have given us from time to time. We are receiving at the present time \$6,000 a year in appropriations, and are doing our best to make this go as far as it will in saving souls in Arizona.

A. R. Sandborn.

#### NEVADA

The Lord's blessing has rested upon the work during the past four years in the Nevada Conference. His prospering care being indicated both spiritually and financially and His protecting care

being over the workers, therefore we desire to express our deep gratitude to our heavenly Father for all these evidences of His love and favor, and solemnly pledge ourselves to greater faithfulness and more earnest endeavor to the end that the Lord's work may triumph gloriously in all the world.

#### Laborers—Evangelistic Efforts

Our laboring force is composed of two ordained ministers, including the president, two licensed ministers, and two missionary licentiates.

During the past four years the Nevada Conference has twice experienced a change in leadership and as many times has the office of the secretary-treasurer been filled. The changes in evangelists and other laborers have been frequent and many.

During the past four years evangelistic efforts have been held in Carson City, Bishop, Susanville, Alturas, Lakeview and Pine Creek, with varied results.

#### Territory and Churches

The territory of the Nevada Conference includes the state of Nevada, with the exception of Clark and Lincoln counties; Lake County, Oregon, that portion of California lying east of the summit of the Sierras, including Plumas, Modoc, Mono and Inyo counties.

Within this territory we have seven organized churches, three of which own church buildings, and seven companies, of which one owns a church building. Our church membership at the close of the year was 280. Of this number, 67 belong to the Conference church. As the result of evangelistic efforts, 47 souls have been added to our constituency during the quadrennial period.

#### Tithe and Offerings

Our tithe for the quadrennial period has amounted to \$39,815.53, and the offerings to missions have totaled \$35,025.00, or a little more than sixty cents per week per member for the entire period.

#### Educational

The educational work in the Nevada Conference is a very perplexing one. The chief difficulty experienced in building up this feature of the work in a permanent way is our small and scattered constituency, making it possible to maintain schools only in the larger centers. We now have three schools in operation, one of which is carrying ten grades of work. The total enrollment of our schools is 42. In our conference we have 90 children and young people of school age who do not have the privilege of attending one of our denominational schools. Nine of our young people are attending Pacific Union College, and four are in the Lodi Academy.

#### Missionary Volunteer

The greater number of our missionary volunteers are of the junior and primary age and therefore the work is carried on largely through the church

schools. Quite a number of senior young people are isolated. We endeavor to keep in as close touch with them as possible by means of correspondence. A real interest is taken in the different goals of the department. Our missionary volunteers have heartily joined in the Harvest Ingathering campaign and have also taken an active interest in the missions investment fund; thus, they have far exceeded their financial goal.

#### Home Missionary

Believing the statement in Volume 9, page 117, "The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers," our people devoted much time in carrying the good news of the gospel to their neighbors and friends. During the "Big Weeks" of the publishing department a large percentage of our people have taken hold of the work enthusiastically, and the results have been encouraging. The same courageous enthusiasm has been manifested during the Harvest Ingathering campaign each year. These campaigns have been real seasons of refreshing to our people, as well as a financial blessing to our foreign missionary work.

#### Tract Society

The tract society work has experienced a degree of prosperity and we are looking forward to the upbuilding and strengthening of this department. We have excellent territory for the book work and some unusual records have been made. Our greatest need in this line is two or three permanent canvassers.

#### Sabbath Schools

We have ten organized Sabbath schools with two home schools and about fifty home department members. Because of the great distance and the excessive rate of railway transportation, this feature of our work has never received the personal help from the head of this department that has been needed; nevertheless, there has been a steady and pleasing growth. The attendance has increased and the offerings have shown a slow but steady gain. We are endeavoring to bring this department to a higher standard that it may accomplish the work that it should.

#### Future Outlook

The future outlook for our work is very encouraging. Brethren Ritz and Huenergardt for the past several weeks have been holding an effort in Lake City, in Surprise Valley, California. A splendid interest has been manifested from the very beginning and already there are several entire families who are keeping the Sabbath. A Sabbath school has been organized with about 35 members. The entire valley has been stirred as a result of this effort. People have attended the meetings



regularly, coming distances of ten miles or more. Nearby towns are now calling for like efforts.

Elder H. K. Halladay has been carrying on Sunday night meetings in the city of Reno for some weeks and has been conducting Bible classes in the homes of the people. He has also organized a house-to-house "Present Truth" campaign, preparing the way for a regular tent effort in the near future. Already four persons have been baptized.

There is a determination on the part of all of our laborers to strengthen the spiritual and evangelistic features of our work, and they are dedicating their lives for the winning of souls in the Nevada Conference.

V. E. Peugh.

### UTAH MISSION

Up to the beginning of this quadrennial period, ending December 31, 1923, Utah had been a part of the Inter-Mountain Conference, but at this time it was organized as a Mission field of the Pacific Union Conference.

We understand that the following quotation from page 631 of "Desire of Ages" refers to the religious activities as represented by the great majority of the people of this field: "Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, He is in the desert; go not forth: . . . This sign is given as a sign of the second advent. Even now false christs and false prophets are showing signs and wonders to seduce His disciples. Do we not hear the cry, 'Behold, He is in the desert?' Have not thousands gone forth into the desert, hoping to find Christ?" This state has ever been proclaimed to the world as Zion, and its leading temple the place where Christ will appear the second time.

The paramount religion of Utah is a combination of practically every known religion in the world. It is, however, more than a religion, in that it brings within the church its own secret organization and interests itself in large commercial enterprises. It borrows from heathenism in its work for the dead; from Spiritualism, in its belief of pre-existence and transmigration of souls; from the Catholic church, in its system of priests and the authority of the priesthood. We have it on good authority that in the city of Ogden alone there are over one thousand men who belong to the Melchizedek priesthood. They have brought over from the old dispensation the Aaronic priesthood, and yet with all this, claim to be the only true church on earth today.

In point of population Utah stands third among the conferences of the Pacific Union. We also have the third largest city in the union. Salt Lake and Ogden are reported as being about 40 per cent Mormon. Outside of these two cities, an average of about 90 per cent are claimed as members of the Mormon church.

Perhaps the greatest handicap to the development and steady growth of the work is found in the large number of people who, after accepting the truth, leave the state. This is especially true of those who, having once belonged to the Mormon church, accept the truth, and in many cases we are inclined to think that it is the best thing to do. During the last quadrennial period a number equal to 66 per cent have been dismissed from our church lists. This is an average of two out of every three members. However, we are glad to report a small increase in the total membership. We do not have the exact figures, but we believe that nearly half of our converts come to us from the Mormon church. Sometimes the question is asked, "Do they remain true and faithful to the truth?" As far as I know only one who has accepted the truth in the last four years has apostatized.

### Evangelistic Efforts

Evangelistic work in this field is not without its special difficulties. More than once has a tent been pitched or a hall secured, with the usual advertising and invitations, and the meeting would open with a splendid attendance. This attendance would continue from three or four days to a week when suddenly without warning it would drop to about one or two, who evidently were sent just to see what was going on and to report. We have found that outside of the cities of Salt Lake and Ogden, the best results have been secured where at least a small interest has first been aroused by coming in contact with the people with literature or in their homes and this followed by public effort. Where this has been done at least a small harvest of souls has always been the result.

We believe the time has come when definite study should be given and plans laid looking toward the holding of strong public efforts both in Salt Lake City and Ogden. These should be conducted in such a way so as not only to attract the attention of the Mormons but the public at large. This should be in addition to the regular evangelistic work carried on throughout the field.

During the past winter six baptismal services have been held and one more is being arranged for at the present time. Others are already keeping the Sabbath as a result of the winter's work, while a number of interested ones are either attending meetings or receiving studies.

### Laborers

Our force of workers during the past winter has consisted of one sustentation minister, a field secretary, a mission and tract society secretary-treasurer, five colporteurs, three church school teachers, besides the superintendent of the mission field. We have the promise of an additional minister at the close of this conference.

Careful study has been given to the

development of workers in the field, and we feel that this is just as important a part of the work here as it is in a foreign mission field. Efforts along this line have already borne fruit in the securing of colporteurs. We have also teachers and Bible workers in training, and we hope the day is not far distant when ministerial help may be developed.

### Funds

Three years out of the four, Utah raised its full quota of sixty-cent-a-week foreign mission funds. The mission offerings given by our own people during 1923 were the largest in the history of the field. During the year 1922 Utah headed the list in the amount per capita of Harvest Ingathering funds raised by any conference in the United States, and stood second on the list for North America. The tithe for 1923 was nearly one thousand dollars in excess of any previous year.

### Book Sales

The book work has made encouraging progress. No regular work in this line had been carried on until late in the summer of 1920 when a field man was secured to lead out in this line. During the first two years it was found very difficult to secure colporteurs in the field, and most of the work was done by the colporteurs who came to us from other conferences. Earnest and continuous efforts were put forth to change this condition, with gratifying results. The past year has been the best in the history of the mission field. Nearly three tons of books were sold and delivered by our colporteurs. Our sales for the month of January this year were larger than the combined sales for the same month in the past three years. This work has all been done by colporteurs located in the field. We feel that the prospects for the present year are the best they have ever been. Study is being given to locating two or three families to open up the work in the great unentered southern section of the state known as "Dixie Land." These colporteurs will first cover the territory with our health book, and then with some of our religious books. As far as we know this section of the field has never been worked in a systematic way.

### Church Schools

At the beginning of this quadrennial period there were no church schools in this field. In the fall of 1920 one school was started without a school room, without any equipment, without a teacher, with twelve children and a few borrowed seats. Possibly there are some present here who will remember the afternoon in the Oakland church when the union committee meeting was turned into a prayer meeting, and the greater portion of the afternoon was spent in earnest petitions to God that He would send us a teacher, and how the meeting was turned into a praise service when our prayers were answered.

This work has developed until at the present time we have three schools, three school buildings fairly well equipped, and one family school.

We are glad to report that no debt has been incurred in the erection of these buildings. The Pacific Union Conference has rendered material assistance which is greatly appreciated, while hundreds of dollars have been donated by our Mormon friends. One more school should be established next fall. These schools are more than church schools; they are mission schools in the fullest sense of that word. Without solicitation on our part, outside children have asked admission to all our schools. These are accepted on the same conditions as our own children, both as to tuition and courses of study. In no case are they admitted unless they take the full Bible work given in the respective grades. We feel that these schools have had a molding influence not only on the children, the youth, and the churches where located, but that they have been a means of interesting others in the present truth.

#### Our Need of the "Entering Wedge"

Workers in Utah have ever felt the need of the great department of our work which the Lord through His servant has told us should be the "entering wedge." This long neglected work has within the last few months had a small beginning by the coming of a doctor and his wife and two nurses to the field who are giving careful study to ways and means of opening up self-supporting medical missionary work. We believe that within the next few weeks a place will be opened where treatments will be given and where patients who need medical attention can be received. We earnestly pray that God will quickly heal the paralyzed "right arm" in this field, and that this department of the work may take its rightful place as an added means of bringing people to the truth.

We feel that the most important item of this report would be missing if we should fail to mention the many manifestations of the special workings of the power and Spirit of God. This has been manifest during the past winter and especially so during the Week of Prayer. Not only have souls been revived, but conviction has come to the hearts of sinners, and they have been brought to the foot of the cross and have given their lives to the service of the Master.

J. A. Neilsen.

#### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

"Thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken. And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity."—Isa. 33: 20, 24.

This is the ideal kind of spiritual and physical work for God's people—something permanent, sure, "a tabernacle

that shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken. . . . And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick."

While God has greatly blessed our conference, the spirit of moving to and fro, "no certain dwelling-place," forcibly reminds us that there are yet forward marches to make, new heights to gain, before that rest is attained at the end of the race.

#### Churches

There are 30 organized churches in the conference with 2,155 members. Besides these we have a live company at Colfax which will soon be ready for organization, and another company at Manteca.

We have 21 church buildings. Five of these have been built and two purchased in the past quadrennial period, their value being \$28,800. The total valuation is \$70,632. We have also church school buildings valued at \$21,000.

Our oldest church building, located at Woodland, held its fiftieth anniversary last November. Two of the first eight persons to be baptized in Woodland by Elders Loughborough and Cornell fifty years ago were present at this anniversary. One of these has since fallen in death.

The spiritual condition is good, if shown by willing hearts. Our members have responded nobly to every call that has been made upon them, and every church has been visited by a conference laborer at least five times each year during the last biennial period.

#### Finances

The financial standing for the last four years has been as follows: All funds received in 1920, \$142,521; 1921, \$129,489; 1922, \$132,095; 1923, \$143,223. This is the largest amount ever raised in the Northern California Conference for church purposes in one year, and \$11,128 more than in the preceding year. This makes a total of \$547,328. The tithe for 1923 was \$75,176.

There has been a deep interest manifested in the success of our mission fields, and the Northern California Conference has exceeded its sixty-cent-a-week goal each year during this quadrennial period.

The conference has carefully guarded its funds and has no burden of debt. God has in a remarkable way preserved the health of the laborers for which we return heartfelt thanks to Him.

#### Laborers and Membership

We have 25 active conference laborers, and efforts have been made in all our principal cities and towns. As a result the increase, although not remarkable, has been steady, and within eight years the conference has grown from a membership of 1,615 to 2,155. If all were now organized it would exceed 2,200.

#### Church Schools and Sabbath Schools

The educational secretary reports 486 students in the church schools. The Sabbath schools have been a great

blessing to the families from childhood to old age. The secretary reports a membership of 2,473 December 31, 1923. This is 318 more than the church membership, yet all are not attending or enrolled. Of the 30-cent goal for the Sabbath schools we averaged 28 cents per member for the biennial period.

#### Tract Society and Home Missionary

The tract society in the same period has sold over its counter, \$40,972 worth of literature bearing on the truths for this time.

The home missionary department has steadily grown and the last two years show 165,796 papers sold or given away, and offerings given directly for the strengthening of this department, \$1,310. Sixty conversions are reported through this work alone. "Signs" for mission fields for 1922 amount to 540, and for 1923, 569.

#### Missionary Volunteer

The missionary volunteer societies have a membership of 672. They are becoming better organized for service and are a real element in the conversion of the youth among us. Special efforts for the conversion of young people from the outside have not been undertaken in an organized way as yet. Individual efforts have been richly blessed.

#### New Office Building

The old conference office building, becoming unfit for further use, has been replaced by a new one at a cost of \$5,000. It was dedicated to God's service November 7, 1923, Elder J. L. McElhany officiating.

#### Looking Forward

The cities of Stockton and Sacramento have been districted in special preparation for holding strong efforts during the coming summer. The churches are generally manned by experienced officers and there is a note of courage and determination to push the battle until the victory is gained.

Clarence Santee.

#### CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

During the last quadrennial session the Lord has guided and been with His people in the Central California Conference. Our hearts are filled with praise to our heavenly Father for all His blessings bestowed upon us.

Our territory comprises six counties in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley, which is principally a fruit section, and has felt severely the low price of this product.

#### Membership and Laborers

This conference was organized in 1911 with a membership of 1,065, and with six ordained ministers and five licensed ministers, today we have a membership of 2,388 in 39 churches, and have ten ordained ministers, five licensed ministers, and eight other laborers in departmental and office work. My connection with the field is for about the last year and a half of the past quadrennial period. Previous to this time Elder H. S. Shaw

had charge of the conference work. The number of baptisms for the past four years have been 554.

#### Finances

During the four-year period we have received tithe as follows:

1920, \$92,726.27; 1921, \$74,349.85; 1922, \$72,737.94; 1923, \$76,068.55, or a total of \$315,882.61. Just a word regarding our tithe in 1923. In spite of our financial conditions the tithe receipts were the largest in the history of the conference with the exception of 1919 and 1920. This is evidently due to greater faithfulness on the part of our people, and is truly a fulfillment of the scripture, "Thy people shall be willing in the day of Thy power."

Our offerings to missions: 1920, \$52,566.82; 1921, \$52,629.93; 1922, \$55,136.36; 1923, \$47,192.39; total \$207,525.50. We have also remitted to the union (funds not counted in the above) for specific purposes, \$10,711.88, and in appropriations to the General Conference for missions, to Lodi, Pacific Union College, and the educational work within our conference, \$20,705.99.

Book and periodical sales: 1920, \$19,248.16; 1921, \$18,104.57; 1922, \$10,996.38; 1923, \$11,766.16; total, \$60,115.27.

#### Sabbath Schools

Our Sabbath schools number 43, with a membership December 31, 1923, of 2,453. The average membership for the past year was 2,579, and the highest membership, 2,669. The offerings during the four-year period were \$116,347.96.

#### Church Schools

This conference has at the present time 19 church schools, employing 38 teachers, with an enrollment of 634 pupils; also one academy with five teachers, and an enrollment of 84 students, making a total of 718 children and young people in our schools receiving a Christian education. Because of financial conditions it has been hard for some of our schools to continue, but so far none have closed, due to the live interest in this branch of our work.

#### Home Missionary

The believers in this conference have reported home missionary work done as follows: 17,274 visits; 7,847 Bible readings; 16,979 papers sold; 466,151 papers given away; 14,241 books sold; 11,475 books lent; 128,865 tracts used; 214 conversions reported. We are certain that this report would be much larger if all doing work had been faithful in reporting. The full results of the work done will never be known until the saved are gathered home in the heavenly kingdom.

#### Missionary Volunteer

We now have 919 young people who are members of our 39 missionary volunteer societies. We recognize that this department is a very important one and that the young people in our churches are one of the greatest assets that this denomination has. We must look to them to help finish this work committed to us.

#### Conclusion

We are glad for the loyal company of believers in Central California. Our people are with you, heart and soul, in the finishing of this work. The believers are interested in every move that advances the cause of God. They have given liberally of their means, especially when we consider the conditions here in the valley. They have also given their sons and daughters. During this quadrennial term nine couples have gone out to distant lands: Elder Wm. Miller and wife, Elder Guy Mann and wife, and this year Elder Isaac Schneider and wife, all to the Lake Titicaca field; Elder and Mrs. Vore to Cuba; Brother E. A. Moon and wife and Brother Eugene Woesner and wife to the Philippines; Elder and Mrs. Dexter to France; Elder S. T. Hare and wife to Honolulu; and Brother and Sister Borrowdale to India. We are glad we can help in this way to advance the work of God.

We turn to the future with confidence and courage, and know that if we trust the Lord and follow Him, He will lead us on to victory. Our workers all unite in a consecration to more faithful service, and join with you in stronger efforts to quickly finish the task assigned us, that of "making ready a people prepared for the Lord."

E. L. Neff.

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The representatives of the Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists bring to you hearty greetings from our constituency of faithful and loyal members which form a sisterhood local conference of this large union.

This report covers the calendar years of 1920, 1921, 1922, and 1923. The past four years have been marked with much of the blessing of God. Real progress in many ways has crowned the earnest efforts of our consecrated band of conference workers who have been faithfully supported by the loyal members of our conference. For the success achieved and for the manifold blessings received we are sincerely thankful to God. We also crave His abundant pardon for all our mistakes.

#### Territory and Population

The territory of the Southern California Conference consists of only four counties, namely: San Luis Obispo, with a population of 21,893; Ventura, with 28,724; Santa Barbara, with 40,097; Los Angeles, with 1,450,000; and that part of Kern county lying south of the Tehachapi mountains, making a total population of 1,541,714.

#### Conference Workers

Our present regular workers' list consists of 17 ordained ministers, 6 licentiates, and 19 holding missionary licenses. There are two working in the treasurer's office, three in the tract society, and we have two stenographers, making a total of 44 conference workers.

We are thankful for the harmony that prevails and for the spirit of service manifested.

#### Churches and Membership

Four years ago we had 36 church organizations with a membership of 3,226. Since that time three new churches have been organized, and three have been disbanded, which leaves 36 churches to date, including the conference church.

During this period there were 793 baptisms and 194 accessions on profession of faith, which with those received by letter after deducting those dropped leaves a membership, December 31, 1923, of 4,365.

#### Evangelistic Efforts

Besides many efforts held in halls, theaters, clubhouses, tabernacles, and our own churches, our evangelists and Bible workers, assisted by many of our lay-members, have conducted from three to six tent efforts during the summers of the past four years. Many have attended these meetings, the highest attendance reaching about 4,000 people.

As a visible result, 987 have united with our churches by baptism and on profession of faith on former baptism. At the present time four new companies of believers are nearly ready for church organization. Also a large number of tourists have heard and accepted the truth, who were baptized and returned to their homes.

#### Departmental

We have nine departments under faithful and efficient leadership. Each secretary has charge of only one department.

The financial secretary, or business agent, Elder G. W. Reaser, has full work in looking after wills, deeds, legacies, contracts, and bequests of all kinds drawn in favor of the conference. He also gives counsel to our people who desire it concerning their legal matters. It is the work of this department to carry out the plans and counsels of the conference committee relative to building churches, schools, and such other business details.

Many thousands of dollars are thus turned into the cause through the tactful and efficient work in this department. Money received from such sources, not specifically tagged, is disbursed by the conference committee.

The medium between our people and the publishing houses is our tract society. It is on a good financial basis and is filling an important place in soul-winning campaigns. Brother Dean A. Lower, the secretary and treasurer, reports a large volume of business during the last quadrennial period, the total sales amounting to \$230,990.57.

For the year 1923 the retail sales totaled \$64,467.20. The total sales in the book tent at our camp meeting that year was \$5,729.55. These sales are made possible by the faithful colporteur, the departmental secretaries, and the activities of our church members.

Brother L. A. Reynolds, our field missionary secretary, has faithfully assisted and led an earnest band of colporteurs. During the period covered by this report we have had an average of eight colporteurs each year. Their deliveries totaled \$66,289.65.

This is an important link between our tract society and the public.

The magazine work has recently been placed under the special leadership of Miss Hester Walsh, and the results are encouraging. Her co-workers are selling the "Watchman," "Liberty," "Signs," and "Life and Health."

The home missionary department is an important link between the tract society and our churches. Elder V. H. Lucas, the secretary, has faithfully endeavored to increase the missionary spirit among the lay-members. Such a spirit should permeate every phase of our work. Every church should be an active missionary society, and every member enlisted for service. Of the 675,144 papers given away, 486,250 were copies of our missionary paper, "The Signs of the Times."

The missionary activities of our lay-members have resulted in 476 conversions.

Brother Lucas has also had charge of the Harvest Ingathering work, which has grown in interest each year.

The Sabbath school is doubtless the oldest department of our organization. Perhaps one of the most interesting items is the number of baptisms. Mrs. Cleora Webster, our energetic secretary, reports the following:

For the year 1920, 139 were recorded; in 1921, 144; in 1922, 156; and in 1923, 199; making a total of conversions for the four years of 638.

A total of 7,941 "honor cards" were made out for the daily study of the Sabbath school lessons. The Sabbath school offerings for the four years totaled \$207,657.22, and the Sabbath school membership has averaged 323 cents a week for the last four years.

Elder G. A. Snyder, our religious liberty secretary, reports some of the activities of that department. During the quadrennial period over 100,000 copies of the "Liberty Magazine," as well as 100,000 religious liberty "Present Truth" were distributed. The yearly subscriptions to "Liberty" alone totals about \$5,000.

One result of the dissemination of religious liberty literature has been that for over two years there have been only a few sporadic local efforts in our conference favoring Sunday legislation. All such efforts have been overwhelmingly defeated. All the large newspapers in our conference are anti-blue law advocates.

There are 42 young people's missionary volunteer societies, with a membership of 771. Elder R. G. Schaffner, who has served for the last two years as the secretary of this department, states that the total offerings for the four years were \$21,337.82.

We have an army of splendid young people, many of whom love the message and are preparing to take an active part in the work. Elder Schaffner is working faithfully to raise the spiritual standard and to enlist the interest and co-operation of the careless.

Christian education is a live issue in our field. Prof. H. G. Lucas, the secretary, has had a long experience in the educational work. He reports a total of 1,030 of our children and young people in our schools. The teachers' wages total \$35,045 per annum. We have invested over \$112,000 in school buildings, land and equipment. During the last quadrennial period we have paid out approximately \$150,000 for the education of our children. It pays, and God is blessing the work.

We have been interested in the work of our medical department, under the direction of Mrs. Matilda B. Cott, the secretary. She has held 980 medical missionary training classes in our churches, with an average attendance of 23 persons; 163 certificates were issued by the General Conference to members. Besides this, she has given 629 health talks in halls and tent meetings, and has given 166 Bible readings, and made 1,090 missionary visits and has given 311 treatments. Eternity alone will reveal the results of this work.

Our sanitarium work, under the leadership of Dr. H. G. Westphal, medical superintendent, and Brother C. E. Kimlin, business manager, is progressing nicely. We have a full house, and we are turning away patients nearly every day. The new building is practically finished and we are moving into it.

A financial statement of the cost of the new building will be rendered at the annual Sanitarium Association meeting, which will be held in the near future.

The young mothers' society is the youngest department among us. It is filling a long felt want, and with the right leadership will mean much to the young mothers. We have ten such societies in our conference.

#### Tithes and Offerings

The treasurer of our conference, Brother W. L. Mecum, carries a very heavy responsibility. His books show tithes received for the four years of \$709,965.09, and mission offerings, \$433,646.03. Including tithe and offerings, also local church and educational funds, our members have contributed \$1,414,484.46, or an average per capita of \$114.44. The Southern California Conference members are loyal givers.

#### Appreciation

We deeply appreciate the labor and counsels of General Conference brethren in our field. The help that has been rendered at our camp meetings and special revival services in our churches has resulted in greatly stimulating the spiritual interests.

And we also take this opportunity to express our appreciation of the kindly interest and constructive help given us by our union conference officials and departmental secretaries. Our interests have been theirs whether in prosperity or perplexity. We feel very thankful for such Christian fellowship.

In closing I wish to say in behalf of the members of the Southern California Conference that we are united in spirit with this great union conference and with our work in general for the finishing of the work. To this end we shall pray and work.

W. M. Adams.

## CALIFORNIA

### Laborers

General advancement has been made in nearly every line of work in the California Conference during the last four years.

Eight hundred and thirteen souls have been baptized. Nineteen young people have been taken on as new workers, and 26 from home and foreign fields have been employed. Six have been sent to foreign fields and 28 have been transferred to home fields. We now have 45 laborers, of which 14 are ordained ministers, 7 are licentiates, 11 Bible workers, and 13 others.

### Finances

During this period there was received in tithe \$603,606, the year 1923 being the banner year with a total of \$166,383, or \$16,000 more than the previous high mark of 1920. The percentages of tithe to missions and other appropriations paid during the four years were \$353,407. The surplus tithe voted the General Conference mission fund amounted to \$75,000.

The contributions by our constituency to missions during the four years were \$401,257. While we regret that we have not each year reached the full amount of our quota, still we rejoice in such an amount being gathered for the fields beyond.

### Educational

We are operating at the present time 25 schools, three of which are home schools, with an enrollment of 828. Mountain View and the Bay section churches have established non-boarding academies. These academies are filling a long-felt need and are enabling our people to hold their children at that critical adolescent period.

Our teaching force has increased from 25 to 45 teachers. We thank God for these earnest, consecrated teachers, many of whom are stabilizing and strengthening our work by remaining in the same school year after year.

With few exceptions the Home and School Association is functioning in every church where there is a church school. This is a new movement among our churches which we believe is greatly increasing the strength and efficiency of our educational program.

Our churches have expended above

operating expenses about fifty thousand dollars for educational work; in the establishment of Mountain View and Golden Gate academies; in the purchase of a splendid public school building for the Napa school, and in the purchase of better equipment in other schools.

**Missionary Volunteer**

The missionary volunteer movement is becoming a great factor each year in the saving and training of our children and young people for the work of God. At the present time we have 53 well organized societies, which is the largest number of societies we have had during the past four years.

During the quadrennial period we have issued 319 Bible Year certificates, 1,811 Reading Course certificates, 323 Standard of Attainment certificates, and have contributed \$29,239.86 for missions. But above everything else we are glad to be able to report that 506 young people have been baptized and received into church fellowship during this period.

Since January 1, 1920, our young people have made 27,417 missionary visits, 14,000 of which were made during 1923, and distributed 312,590 papers and tracts besides giving thousands of Bible readings and engaging in a number of other lines of missionary work too numerous to mention at this time. While a number of people have already accepted the message as a result of this work, eternity alone will reveal the complete results in souls saved in the kingdom of heaven.

**Sabbath Schools**

It is with grateful hearts we look at the progress for the four years just closed, for it gives us courage and spurs us on to greater activity. Our membership four years ago was 3,030; now it is 3,581, a gain of 581 members.

Our offerings four years ago were \$43,537. This year they were \$47,221, a gain of \$3,654. Total offerings for the four years were \$179,644. Those of our members who do not have Sabbath school privileges have given during the four years the sum of \$3,281.

The perfect cards of honor have helped to bring up the regular attendance and daily study of the word of God. During the four years 2,772 cards bearing both seals have been issued.

Six new schools have been organized and they are setting good examples for the older schools. The smallest of these is averaging more than a dollar per week per member for missions. Another is doing active missionary work, expecting to add new members to their school. They are distributing literature from door to door and in this personal way bringing to the attention of their neighbors the message for this time.

**Home Missionary**

We are glad to report that during the past four years there has been marked progress in almost all lines of

missionary endeavor, and that our members are beginning to sense more fully the significance of the statement that "The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers." This is especially indicated by the fact that the circulation of all of our missionary periodicals has increased from approximately 40 per cent to 1,000 per cent.

Our people are endeavoring to make every special campaign a means of reaching the hearts of the people. As a result of following this policy, under the blessing of God a large number of people are now rejoicing in the truth who were first interested through the Harvest Ingathering work, or by the efforts of our faithful members in selling our small books or distributing literature and by giving Bible readings in the homes of their neighbors.

With the promises of God and the hearty co-operation of the majority of the members, we expect to make greater achievements in the future.

**Bible House**

Our people have demonstrated that they believe in the prediction: "In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory."—Vol. 7, p. 140. They have paid to the Bible House during the four years a net sum of \$131,263.41. This amount of literature totals about two hundred thousand dollars in retail value.

A vigorous campaign has been launched to place the good old "Review" in the homes of all our people. The results are gratifying, increasing the subscriptions from 747 to 1,137. The "Signs" has been increased three-fold, from 2,070 copies per week to 6,647. The "Watchman" has doubled each year for the past four years, from 2,435 copies to 22,794. "Life and Health" has made a greater gain than the others.

One of the advance moves of reformatory action in our field is the great increase in the circulation of foreign literature. Our people are reaching out to the long neglected foreigners and we are encouraged by the results attained.

G. A. Roberts.

**INSTITUTIONAL  
PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE**

**Location**

Pacific Union College is the successor of Healdsburg College, established at Healdsburg, California, in 1882. More than 1,600 students were benefited by training received in Healdsburg College. Early in the history of the school, however, it became apparent that because of the growing town, a more suitable location would have to

be found sooner or later. Accordingly in 1906 it was decided to close Healdsburg College and to remove to another place. For two years school was continued in Healdsburg under the name of Pacific Union College and Normal Institute.

Meanwhile diligent search was being made for a location which should be as favorable as possible for the operating of a school based on the principles of education laid down in God's Word and in the Spirit of prophecy. After careful consideration and much prayer, an estate in Napa county, comprising about 1,600 acres and known as the "Angwin Summer Resort," was secured, and in the fall of 1909 Pacific Union College in its present location, opened its doors to the young people of this union conference.

Most of the estate is covered with woods, only about 100 acres being rich valley land suitable for agricultural purposes. About three years ago the management purchased 200 acres of land adjacent to the college property. After these fifteen years of experience we feel more convinced than ever that the climate and location of the college is ideal for an educational institution.

**Enrollment**

At first the enrollment was small, the number of students in attendance being less than 100, but it has steadily increased until the present. The enrollment for the past four years is as follows:

1920-21	1921-22	1922-23	1923-24
372	391	360	361

It is gratifying to note that the number of advanced students has been increasing. At present the number of students doing college work comprises practically two-thirds of the entire enrollment. A large percentage of the college students are men. This, no doubt, is due to the fact that approximately 100 young women of our field are admitted every year to the nurses' training classes of this union.

**Trained for Christian Service**

It is a source of encouragement and satisfaction, in looking over the world field, to see scores of former Pacific Union College students occupying positions of responsibility in connection with the work of the advent message. Our alumni are scattered throughout the world, serving as evangelists, teachers, editors, colporteurs, principals of academies, heads of departments in colleges, conference presidents, mission field superintendents; in fact, we find them connected with every line of our organized work.

We thank God for the spirit of harmony and co-operation which exists among the members of the faculty and which binds them together in Christian fellowship and service. The faculty and management are endeavoring to conduct a training school in harmony with the instruction given us in the Bible and the Spirit of prophecy. With

this aim in mind we devote an hour of each weekly faculty meeting to a systematic study of educational instruction found in the volumes of the Testimonies. As a faculty we believe that high scholarship and strict discipline together with religious instruction are essential for the development of Christian character and deep spirituality of the student.

Our Weeks of Prayer, two each year, one in the fall and another in the spring, are seasons of real spiritual refreshing in our school. During these Weeks of Prayer we shorten the lesson assignments, and omit some of the regular school exercises in order that teachers and students may have more time than ordinarily for seeking the Lord privately, and for meeting together daily for special prayer and study in small groups as well as in the large assembly. We know that many conversions and reconversions of our Weeks of Prayer are of a permanent character and result in fruit for eternity. Most of our students come to us from homes of Adventist parents and are members of our church before they register at the college. However, a few non-Adventists enroll occasionally, and we have had a number of baptisms each year.

#### Missionary Activities

Our students manifest a genuine interest in missionary activities. Although we are situated eight miles from the nearest settlement, our teachers and students visit these neighbors, talk the truth with them and leave our literature in their homes. Both students and members of the faculty have enjoyed making definite sacrifices for the cause during the time set apart for self-denial. Many have eaten but one meal a day during self-denial week, and others who had planned to spend the holidays away from the school have remained at the college during the Christmas vacation in order to have a larger amount of money for the self-denial fund. The teachers and students have contributed \$3,600 to missions during the two self-denial weeks set apart in our school. We have raised a total of \$4,844.43 for missions in the Harvest Ingathering campaigns of the past four years.

Every department of the college is doing good strong work. The work of the ministerial department is carried forward in a practical way and with a lively interest. We appreciate the help given us by the various conferences which has enabled us to carry on missionary projects in the field. At present a number of our students visit nearby churches every Sabbath, assisting in the Sabbath schools and preaching in other services. The interest in this department is growing and we expect more students and greater results in the future.

We have a strong missionary volunteer society organized with its various

bands and departments for carrying forward different lines of missionary endeavor and other phases of missionary volunteer activities. A large club of the "Signs of the Times" is being used by the correspondence band, and twice a month the members of the field band visit our surrounding neighbors, leaving copies of the "Present Truth" and other literature in the homes of the people.

#### Our Faculty

The health of our teachers and students has been good. The Lord has protected us from epidemics and serious illness. During the past three years we have had a physician connected with our faculty whose influence, services, and instruction have been a great blessing to our college and to our community.

It is with feelings of sadness that we speak of the death of one of our faithful teachers, Brother Christian Kuhnle, who passed away very unexpectedly one Sabbath afternoon a year ago last January. Brother Kuhnle was a man of deep spiritual experience and an unusual personal worker among the young men of our student body. His presence and his influence has been greatly missed since he was taken from us. Because of ill health Professors Washburn and Cobb have found it necessary to give up their duties in connection with the class room. It is with regret that we release these strong workers and efficient teachers as members of our faculty. We have been able to arrange for competent teachers to take the places made vacant so that the class work is being continued with but little interruption, as a result of the necessary changes.

#### Improvements

The following material improvements have been made at the college during the past quadrennial period:

1. The dairy barn has been reconstructed and brought up to sanitary conditions, and a new milk house has been built.

2. A cottage containing eight music practice rooms has been built on the hill back of the girls' dormitory and connected by a causeway with the second floor of the dormitory.

3. The gymnasium, started a number of years ago, has been completed.

4. Grading of the campus, cement steps, stone retaining walls in front of the main building, and 8,000 square feet of concrete sidewalk have been made.

5. Last year the class in second year wood work put up a building 28x80 in which are housed our carpenter and manual training shops. A similar building has been erected this year for the printing department. New facilities have been added in both these departments, enabling us to offer strong college work in these industries.

6. Last summer a dormitory was built for our young men, with accom-

modations for 160 students. This building is modern, substantial, and adds greatly to the comfort of our boys. This is the first time in the history of the college that it has been possible to house all the boys in one building, and it has proved to be an advantage in many ways.

We are happy to report that while nearly \$75,000 has been expended on improvements, not one dollar has been added to the indebtedness of Pacific Union College. The significant fact that nearly \$15,000 of this amount has been raised by the teachers and students is an indication of the existence of loyalty and co-operation among the faculty and student body.

It is the policy of the college management to follow the instructions of the Spirit of prophecy to shun debt as we would a disease. The financial record of the college for the past three years shows a loss in operating.

This loss was partly off-set by the donations from the local conferences on teachers' salaries. The only financial obligations standing against the college are annuities to the amount of \$30,000, which were secured early in the history of the institution.

Although the financial outlook for the present year is not so encouraging as that of last year, we have been able to meet our obligations thus far, and we believe we shall be able to operate the institution the rest of the year with ~~not more of a loss than \$2,000 or \$3,000~~ after deducting the amount of cash we receive from the conferences to help pay the salaries of some of our teachers.

We are of good courage, knowing that the Lord loves us and blesses our efforts to accomplish what He expects of us in the training of recruits for His great cause. We take this opportunity to solicit an interest in the prayers of the delegates and other workers of this body for the special blessing of God upon the students and faculty of Pacific Union College that we may fully meet the mind of God in the work of Christian education.

W. E. Nelson.

#### PARADISE VALLEY SANITARIUM

The Paradise Valley Sanitarium, like other of our sanitariums on the Pacific Coast, has enjoyed a fair degree of prosperity since our last report. The average number of patients has increased as shown by the following: 1920-21, 51; 1921-22, 52; 1922-23, 55; 1923-Feb. 1924, 60. The income from patients has also increased as shown by the following: 1920-21, \$107,144.86; 1921-22, \$113,115.68; 1922-23, \$124,067.41; 1923 to Feb. 1924 (eight months), \$94,464.22.

The resources and present worth of the institution have likewise increased as shown by the following:



	Resources	Present Worth
1920-21.....	\$135,590.05	\$ 77,875.90
1921-22.....	169,908.48	93,880.79
1922-23.....	256,906.22	128,559.80

The first part of the quadrennial period the liabilities decreased from about \$90,000 to \$57,714.15, but later they increased as shown below:

	Liabilities
1921-22.....	\$ 76,067.69
1922-23.....	128,346.42

While the indebtedness increased \$52,218.76, the resources were increased \$86,996.74, and the present worth increased \$34,751.01.

This increase of indebtedness was brought about largely by the erection of the new hospital, which has more than doubled the capacity of the institution to care for patients. It is a neat, commodious, concrete, stucco building of 75 rooms, besides 20 large screen porches. Whereas, our patronage in past years has run about 50 to 55, during February, since the hospital opened, our patronage averaged 96, and at one time we had 113 patients.

A good spiritual atmosphere pervades the institution. The patients often remark how quiet, restful and pleasant it is to be under the care of conscientious Christian physicians and nurses.

The training school has graduated a class of eight in 1920; nine in 1921; six in 1922, and six in 1923. At present there are 51 students in training. The sanitarium employs regularly from 99 to 167 helpers. Among these are four physicians, 15 graduate nurses, 51 nurses in training, and 97 other helpers in the different departments of the institution.

While we still need many things in a material way to make Paradise Valley Sanitarium wholly efficient in its care of the sick, we likewise need a deeper consecration to the great work committed to us. We are intensely thankful for what the Spirit of the Lord has been able to accomplish in and through the workers who have devotedly given their time and energy to its present success. J. A. Burden.

**PACIFIC PRESS**

Brother C. H. Jones, general manager of the Pacific Press and who is one of the pioneers in the publishing work on the Pacific Coast, reported for the Pacific Press. His report in part follows:

In Vol. 7, p. 144, we read the following statement: "Our publishing houses are God's appointed centers, and through them is to be accomplished a work the magnitude of which is yet unrealized."

The year ending December 31, 1923, was one of marked prosperity for the Pacific Press Publishing Association, due to the blessing of the Lord and the hearty co-operation of the conference officials and lay-members generally. It has been our earnest endeavor to produce literature that would not only interest people but bring them to a sav-

ing knowledge of the truth and thus meet the demands of the hour.

The territory assigned to the Pacific Press for the circulation of subscription books embraces the Pacific, North Pacific, Northern and Central Union Conferences; also the Inter-American Division of the General Conference.

**Branch Offices**

We are operating six branch offices, located as follows: International Branch, Brookfield, Illinois; Central American Branch, Cristobal, Canal Zone; Portland Branch, Portland, Oregon; St. Paul Branch, St. Paul, Minnesota; Kansas City Branch, Kansas City, Missouri; Pacific Branch, Mountain View, California.

Our International Branch at Brookfield is a well equipped factory, printing books, pamphlets and tracts in 24 foreign languages. This includes periodicals and magazines issued in 19 different languages. Our Central American Branch at Cristobal, Canal Zone, is also equipped as a factory, printing literature almost exclusively in the Spanish language. "El Centinela," our Spanish magazine, has a monthly circulation of about 12,000 copies. The four other branch offices are simply depositories for the more important and efficient distribution of our literature.

In addition to our regular denominational books, pamphlets and tracts, we make a specialty of school textbooks, of which we have issued volumes under more than 20 different titles. Our new medical book, "Home Physician and Guide to Health," is having a remarkable sale. It has been on the market only about a year and we are now printing the third edition, a total of 60,000 copies. It has come to be recognized as the standard medical book of the denomination.

**"Signs of the Times"**

This year brings to us the Golden Jubilee or the fiftieth anniversary of our pioneer missionary paper, the "Signs of the Times." In commemoration of this event our board of directors decided to bring out a special number of this paper bearing date of May 27, 1924. It will feature some of the remarkable events of the last fifty years and the bearing they have on the fulfillment of prophecy.

The average weekly circulation of the "Signs" for 1923 was 58,712, an increase over the average circulation for 1922 of about 5,000 copies weekly. The "combination plan" recently adopted by our colporteurs of taking yearly subscriptions for our periodicals in connection with the sale of our subscription books, is meeting with remarkable success.

**"Our Little Friend"**

"Our Little Friend" is still the center of attraction for the children, and the monthly colored numbers are very much appreciated. The subscription list at the present time stands at about 29,000 copies weekly, an increase of about 2,000 copies weekly over 1922.

**Sabbath School Quarterly**

The Sabbath School Lesson Quarterly has a circulation of nearly 100,000

copies each issue, and is no doubt read and studied more carefully and more thoroughly than any other periodical in the whole denomination.

**Publishing House Extension Program**

You are all doubtless familiar with the Publishing House Extension program adopted at the Indianapolis Council in 1920. At that time all our publishing houses were requested to set aside 55 per cent of their net gain each year to be used in this extension work, and our colporteurs, conference workers, publishing house employees, and our people generally were asked to donate a day's wage each year, or profits on the sale of literature for one day or one week, the entire proceeds to be devoted to the Missions Publishing Fund.

You will be glad to learn that during the last three years, 1921, 1922 and 1923, over \$450,000 has been received and credited to this fund. "Several new centers have been established and the older plants greatly strengthened by added facilities. During 1922 alone, fourteen added tongues began to hear the message through the printed page, these fields having heretofore been closed to the message.

**"Big Week" Plan**

The General Conference Council held in Milwaukee last October heartily endorsed the "Big Week" plan, which has been in successful operation the last three years, and following are details of the plan for this year:

1. The date of the "Big Week" for the Missions Press Extension Fund in North America is April 19 to 26, 1924.
  2. The world goal for 1924 is \$129,346.85.
  3. Each colporteur is invited to devote his or her biggest day's earnings of the "Big Week" to the Missions Press Fund.
  4. Each worker and lay-member is encouraged to give as much time as possible to the sale of literature during the "Big Week," the profits being turned over to the Missions Press Fund.
  5. Or to give the equivalent of one day's work at regular employment.
  6. Our older and better established publishing houses are giving a certain per cent of their yearly profits for the maintenance of mission publishing institutions, and are training men to go out as managers, superintendents, and editors.
  7. The money raised in these various ways is kept separate by church, conference, and union conference treasurers, and is appropriated by the General Conference to mission printing plants and depositories on their approved budgets, and is included in the sixty-cent-a-week fund.
- Now it is hoped that all our people will respond to the call and take hold of the work more energetically than ever before, to the end that a substantial sum of money may be raised for these needy fields. The Pacific Press is glad to have a part in this good work.

C. H. Jones.

## COLLEGE OF MEDICAL EVANGELISTS

### Loma Linda Division—Educational

It was on December 15, 1909, that the College of Medical Evangelists was incorporated, hence the school has been in existence nearly fifteen years. During this time 464 students have been matriculated in the medical school, and ten classes totaling 160 graduates have received the M. D. degree. We are at present conducting the following courses: The four-year medical course, the three-year nurses' course, the two-year dietitians' training course and the one-year (twelve months) medical missionary course. We have at present 388 students enrolled in these courses.

Our faculty members agree that the spiritual tone of our student body is perhaps at the highest level it has ever been. There was a good response of the students in the Harvest Ingathering campaign, and many have signified a desire to take an active part in evangelistic field work and health lecture work. An unusually good interest is manifested in the young people's missionary volunteer meetings.

We humbly recognize God's providences, which have attended our work from its inception. These providences were notably seen during the period of the World War in the series of events which led up to our advance in rating by the American Medical Association. More recently we have seen additional evidences of God's favor, in granting us recognition by two boards which wield a large influence in medical affairs, viz., recognition by the New York Board of Regents, by which our school is placed on the fully accredited list, and recognition by the Conjoint Board of England which admits our graduates to examination for British recognition without any unnecessary delay.

We hope to merit the confidence placed in our school by worldly organizations and trust that whatever of good or ill comes to us, we may be true to principle.

### Loma Linda Division—Medical

The sanitarium and hospital at Loma Linda are situated so as to profit by the services of the college faculty. This makes it possible to maintain a rather complete diagnostic group which we feel is a prime factor in bringing up our patronage and sending out benefited and pleased patrons. The staff is made up of sixteen physicians, a dentist and a dietitian. We have a corps of some one hundred nurses under the guidance of Mrs. Winifred Lindsay, whom we feel is developing a training school second to none.

The spiritual tone of the institution has not suffered through the increase of capacity and patronage. Before the activities of the day begin every department takes time to kneel before the throne of grace, and needed help is made sure for the problems and trials that must be met. We feel that the harmony and spirit of co-operation evidenced between departments is one answer to this daily period with Him.

### Loma Linda Division—Chaplain's Work

The interest in the religious exercises at the sanitarium is excellent, the best we have ever seen. The morning worship hour is well attended, practically all present taking part in singing and suggesting songs to sing. At the vesper service, Friday evening, and the Sunday night services, the parlor is filled to overflowing, some frequently being seated in the lobby. Patients often express themselves concerning their appreciation of the religious exercises, where the requirements of God concerning His children are unflinchingly set forth, and the promises to the afflicted made plain.

There is the most hearty co-operation by the management for the spiritual benefit of the patients, and literature is sent to practically all who pass through the sanitarium. There are always some with whom the message for this time is being studied, and some of these accept.

### General

As touching the financial phase the general growth of our business has been remarkable during the past two years. In the Los Angeles Division the receipts have grown from \$96,000 on June 30, 1921, to \$247,000 on June 30, 1923, an increase of \$151,000, or more than 150 per cent. The growth of the Sanitarium and Hospital Division at Loma Linda during the same period was not very marked, just about holding its own. However, about last June our business commenced to pick up quite rapidly with the result that the business for the last seven months of our fiscal year shows a total of \$187,000 against \$102,000 for the corresponding seven months last year, making a net increase of \$85,000 in the past seven months.

### Los Angeles Division—Business and Medical

The work at the Los Angeles Division is prospering and the outlook is very encouraging. The work has made a large growth during the last four-year period. We have added several large buildings to the plant. These would include the units 400 and 500 on the hospital block, the nurses' home containing room for about eighty nurses, the new chapel for church services and school chapel exercises, our new power plant, and numerous smaller additions.

One of the most interesting features of our work in Los Angeles is the Boyle Avenue Dispensary, which is located on the hospital block and was the beginning of our work in the city. It is a problem to know how we are going to care for this ever-increasing business. The halls in the dispensary are crowded every day and for an hour or two each day a long line will extend from the registration desk, down the steps, and down the sidewalk, of those who are waiting for their turn to receive examination and treatment.

It is possible in this short report to tell but briefly of our work. One of the specially interesting features, however, is the fact that we have contracts with the city of Los Angeles for the care of all the sick and injured policemen and firemen, and also the injured men from the Southern Pacific railroad. At all times there are quite a number of these men in the hospital for care, coming to us with all kinds of injuries, many times extremely serious. These men have a high respect and regard for the institution. Whenever we chance to meet a policeman and inform him of our connection with the White Memorial Hospital, he is from that instant our friend, and is ready to be of any assistance possible and more than ordinarily courteous. This last fall at the time of some large fires and also a bad wreck in the central part of the city, quite a large number of firemen were in the hospital for care. During the time of their convalescence a number of them attended more or less regularly our church services and showed a deep interest. During our Harvest Ingathering campaign, at their own request, our nurses visited every fire station in the city and the men gave liberally to our work, amounting to several hundred dollars.

Recently at a meeting of the representatives of all the hospitals in Los Angeles we had the opportunity of a private conversation with Fire Chief Scott, and he expressed to us their high regard for the Hospital and the treatment the men were receiving. He mentioned especially the kind, friendly spirit that seemed to prevail in the institution. Later in the evening at the banquet table in giving his address, he referred publicly to the matter, and in very complimentary terms praised the work of our hospital and the wonderful spirit of the doctors, internes and nurses. He stated that in all the years they have been with us they have never had one word of complaint from a single man who had been cared for at the hospital, and they considered that a remarkable record. This statement was made, not only before the hospital representatives, but the president of the City Council, presidents of such organizations as the Rotary Club, the Lions Club, the Kiwanis Club, and representatives of the Chamber of Commerce. We were happy that our work could be thus favorably advertised before such a representative group, and the cause of God honored thereby. We are happy to state that a splendid spirit of co-operation exists throughout the institution and our work is moving on harmoniously. We are endeavoring to hold up the light of truth faithfully in this part of the Master's vineyard.

Newton Evans, M.D.

"We must offer men something better than that which they possess, even the peace of Christ, which passeth all understanding."