

# PACIFIC UNION RECORDER

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

## OUR LAST OPPORTUNITY

We submit herewith the last report on our mission offerings that can be given before the close of 1924. This report is of more than ordinary interest. Before laying this paper aside, please study these figures carefully. You will observe that some conferences stand better than last year, and others have fallen somewhat behind. Local conditions no doubt enter into this situation.

To do His work should not be a matter of sentiment or emotion.

Brethren and sisters, if we are to come anywhere near reaching our goal in gifts to missions for 1924, there must be an immediate and generous response on the part of all. The opportunities are unprecedented; every where the calls are multiplying. In many cases our missionaries are simply overwhelmed in their efforts to keep pace with the

## DEBT PAYING POLICIES

In this issue of the "Recorder" appears a series of recommendations adopted by the General Conference Autumn Council at Des Moines. At the last session of the Pacific Union Conference committee these recommendations were adopted as the working policy in this union conference. We ask all to give them careful study. Some may consider them quite drastic, but we believe the majority of our people will heartily agree with them, and will wish to see them carried out.

These recommendations apply not only to conferences, but to all institutions and churches as well. One of these calls on all to agree to halt all new building enterprises during 1924. Another provides that every enterprise, regardless of the amount to be spent, must be submitted to the union conference for approval, together with that of an advisory board to be appointed by the union committee. And still another, that in case an enterprise calls for an expenditure of \$5,000 or more, the union committee must study the whole question, and then with their recommendations submit the whole proposition to the General Conference.

It is not only the intent of these recommendations that we stop increasing denominational liabilities, but that we turn the other way and begin to pay off those we already have.

We ask all conference and church officers and institutional managers to unite with us in making these measures really effectual.

J. L. McElhany.

## RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED

In view of the marked increase in the liabilities of denominational organizations, including conference associations, schools and sanitariums, indicating a policy contrary to the teachings of the Scriptures and the Spirit of Prophecy,

### PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE S. D. A.

Sixty-cent-a-week Fund for Eleven Months Ending November 30, 1924

Conference	Membership	Amount Due	Amount Received	Amount Short	Cents per Member per Week	Per Cent of Quota Rec'd.
Southern California	3,948	\$112,912.80	\$109,213.95	\$ 3,698.85	.58-03	96.72
Southeastern California	2,245	64,207.00	57,938.74	6,268.26	.54-14	90.23
California	3,751	107,278.60	79,898.75	27,379.85	.44-68	74.47
Northern California	2,200	62,920.00	43,535.46	19,384.54	.41-51	69.19
Nevada	284	8,122.40	5,539.83	2,582.57	.40-92	68.20
Utah Mission	182	5,205.20	3,392.77	1,812.43	.39-10	65.18
Central California	2,365	67,639.00	36,059.60	31,579.40	.31-98	53.31
Arizona	671	19,190.60	6,734.61	12,455.99	.21-05	35.09
<b>PACIFIC UNION</b>	<b>15,646</b>	<b>\$447,475.60</b>	<b>\$342,313.71</b>	<b>\$105,161.89</b>	<b>.45-89</b>	<b>76.09</b>

### COMPARATIVE STATEMENT SABBATH SCHOOL OFFERINGS

For Eleven Months Ending November 30, 1924

Conference	Membership		Amount Received to November 30		Per Capita Per Week	
	1923	1924	1923	1924	1923	1924
Southeastern California	2,220	2,245	\$ 31,542.50	\$ 34,856.70	.30-23	.32-34
Southern California	3,532	3,948	54,963.38	61,272.95	.33-10	.32-33
Utah Mission	183	182	2,304.54	2,323.52	.26-79	.26-59
California	3,784	3,751	40,864.22	45,702.50	.22-97	.25-38
Northern California	2,135	2,200	26,580.82	25,443.88	.26-48	.24-09
Central California	2,224	2,365	24,106.60	23,702.16	.23-06	.20-87
Nevada	301	284	2,837.85	2,465.86	.20-05	.18-08
Arizona	633	671	4,131.42	4,482.01	.13-88	.13-91
<b>PACIFIC UNION</b>	<b>15,012</b>	<b>15,646</b>	<b>\$187,331.33</b>	<b>\$200,249.58</b>	<b>.26-55</b>	<b>.26-66</b>

B. M. EMERSON, Treasurer.

Taking conditions as a whole throughout our field, there seems to have been a good degree of prosperity in which our own people have shared. While our people engage in various lines of business and occupations, we should ever keep before us the fact that our chief concern and business in this world is to carry the message to every nation, kindred, tongue and people. This is the business of our King; and the King's business demands haste.

demands. Are we here in the homeland going to let them struggle on unaided, or will we rally to the call? It is possible, if all will do their part, to make up our full mission offerings before the month of December closes. Instead of spending large sums in following the custom of Christmas giving, let us turn our gifts into the channels that will result in souls saved for the eternal kingdom.

J. L. McElhany.

and bringing much perplexity in the conduct of the work, and in view of the definite instruction of the Lord's servant that a halt should be called when debts increase year after year; therefore,—

1. We as workers in the cause, including officers of the General Conference, presidents of union and local conferences, departmental secretaries, treasurers, heads of institutions, and other workers and believers in attendance at this Biennial Council, enter into a solemn covenant and pledge our united efforts to stop the increase of our denominational indebtedness, and earnestly request the co-operation of our workers and believers everywhere toward this far-reaching and important end.

2. Recognizing that, in the main, we have sufficient institutional facilities in North America to supply present pressing needs, and in order to assist in bringing relief and institute a change, we hereby agree that all building operations, aside from necessary repairs, shall cease during the year 1925.

3. That each union conference at once inaugurate such effective plans for the relief of debts on institutions within its territory during the coming year as shall not interfere with the raising of mission offerings. Among the plans which may be followed for this purpose, we suggest the following:

(a) That boards of management refrain from securing additional facilities unless under stringent necessity.

(b) That study be given to such plans as give promise of securing reduction of indebtedness annually until the object is accomplished.

(c) That plans be considered for the sale of "relief" books provided for this purpose, also the solicitation of gifts and legacies.

4. That at each spring meeting of the General Conference committee, and at each Autumn Council, the presidents of union conferences report regarding plans for the reduction of indebtedness in their unions, the methods adopted to this end, and the progress made in the effort; and that at the Autumn Council local conference presidents also report on progress made in reduction of indebtedness.

5. That when building operations are

contemplated in any union conference or the purchase of building, land, or the making of any other permanent investment, full information, including plans, specifications, and estimated costs, be presented to the union conference committee in whose territory the proposed building is to be located, with a statement as to the amount of funds in hand, and how and when additional amounts shall be received for the project.

6. That in the consideration of such proposal the union conference committee shall associate with themselves an advisory board of not less than three laymen of recognized business ability and experience, not employed by any conference or denominational institution, and not connected with any interested committee, or board, who shall become informed regarding the proposed project, and join the union conference committee in the consideration of the proposition; and further, that no building project shall be begun in any union conference without the endorsement of the union conference committee and the aforesaid advisory board.

7. That if the cost of such proposed building, improvement, or enlargement, or the purchase of building, land, or the making of other permanent investment, shall be in excess of five thousand dollars, the approval of such union conference committee and of the advisory board associated with them, shall be submitted to the General Conference committee, or to any Division committee, for approval at their regular semi-annual council meetings.

8. That, preparatory to such consideration by the General Conference committee, the full plans for said building improvement, or enlargement, or the purchase of building or land, or the making of other permanent investment, with specifications, the cost of the same as computed by some reliable architect or builder, the amount of cash in hand, the full plans for financing the project, as well as the ability of the local enterprise to carry the added responsibility, shall be submitted by the union conference committee, together with their approval and of the advisory board associated with them, to the General Conference Rating committee for its consideration and recommendation to the General Conference committee.

9. That these regulations shall apply to church buildings, except where the full amount of cash is in hand with which to complete and equip the building, or purchase the same; and that in every case consultation be had with the local and union conference committees.

### ELECTION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

The time is here again when consideration must be given in all our churches to the election of church officers for the coming year. We are especially interested in two of the church officers, namely, the missionary leader and the secretary, and we are very anxious that the proper persons should be selected in each church to fill these offices.

"Great care should be exercised in selecting the missionary leader. This office needs a man who has fully consecrated himself to the service of God, who is an active missionary worker and who has tact and judgment. It is well for an elder to fill this office, provided he possesses the necessary qualifications. When on account of age, or other good reasons, the elder is not the best qualified for this position, some one else more suitable should be selected. . . . The most consecrated active missionary worker in the church should be chosen to fill this office."—"Lessons for Home Missionary Institutes," p. 11.

The duties of the missionary leader are many, the following being a few of them:

1. Lift the church to high spiritual standard.
2. Arouse the members to active service.

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3. Enlist every church member in soul-winning service.
4. Organize the church for a great forward movement.
5. Educate and train church members for service.
6. Promote missionary programs in the church.
7. Direct all missionary efforts in a general way.
8. Chairman of the missionary meeting.
9. Should hold a monthly meeting with the band leaders.
10. Should assist the secretary in obtaining individual reports from all members.

The office of the missionary secretary is also very important, and the same care should be given to the selection of a person for this office as is given to the selection of the missionary leader. The secretary should be an active home missionary worker and one who has some business ability. This office is usually filled by a sister; but it should not be some sister who has so many other duties that she cannot give enough time to the duties that this office requires.

Many and varied are the duties and responsibilities of the church missionary secretary. The following are a few of them:

(a) Is the business agent of the church and sustains the same relationship to the church that the tract society secretary holds to the conference.

(b) All literature for the church and for the individual members is ordered by the church missionary secretary from the tract society. The secretary should interest the members in our literature and secure their orders for tracts, periodicals, magazines and books for missionary work and for their own use. She should watch the "Review" and "Signs" subscriptions of the members and see that they are renewed before they expire.

(c) The secretary assists the missionary leader in finding suitable work for each member. She should have the names of all members in a book and know where each member is doing missionary work.

(d) The secretary secures individual reports from the members of the church each Sabbath and sends a report to the conference home missionary secretary each month without fail.

May the Lord guide and direct all our churches in choosing the right persons for these offices in connection with the church of God.

David Voth.

**THE LAST CALL**

December 27—You may answer this last call of the year by making a liberal offering for Africa.

**PRAY FOR MORE LABORERS**

Every great revival in God's work in every age has been preceded by individuals or groups of individuals giving themselves to earnest prayer. The Lord has said "the canvassing work is to be revived and carried forward with increasing success." This line of work cannot be revived without more devout men and women entering the field to carry the books of truth to the homes of the people. The call of the hour, therefore, is for the church to "Pray the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest."

That you may pray intelligently and for definite things, look at a map of your conference; count the number of counties (noting their population), and ask yourself the question, "How can all these hundreds of thousands of eternity bound souls hear the message unless it is carried to their homes?" Set your heart upon some definite county or city where there is no worker, and pray daily in your morning and evening devotions that God will lay the burden upon some consecrated brother or sister to move into that territory and become a regular resident missionary colporteur, making that district his parish.

It seems a simple matter to pray; but that is God's appointed way of doing things. I have faith to believe that if even one earnest member out of every church in the Pacific Union will take the matter seriously and pray daily for colporteurs, within six months there will be such a revival in the book work in the Pacific Union that our local field missionary secretaries will be kept busy almost day and night locating and starting colporteurs in the needy counties and cities. God cannot deny the requests of His children when their prayers are in the interests of His kingdom and for the salvation of souls. Decide now that you will pray for laborers for the colporteur field.

J. H. McEachern.

WANTED  
MEN AND MEANS  
WHERE?  
IN DARK AFRICA  
WHEN?  
NOW  
DECEMBER 27, 1924

"Be in peace with many: nevertheless have but one counselor of a thousand."

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

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**TRACT SOCIETY NEWS**

The Little Friend "Scrap Book" bids fair to become another "best seller," for it seems that we cannot get them as fast as we can sell them; 75 cents when ordered with the "Little Friend," and 85 cents alone, postpaid.

During the last two months the Southern California Book and Bible House has received 620 yearly subscriptions for the "REVIEW," including both renewals and new subscriptions. We are thankful for the growing interest in our church paper and we feel confident that all who read the timely messages in the "REVIEW" will be greatly blessed thereby. Would that every Seventh-day Adventist family were readers of this good paper.

We have a real bargain on our "bargain table" this month; and it is not something that is out of date either. We have secured a good supply of that wonderful book "Alone with God," and instead of giving our people a 40 per cent discount as in the past, we are selling it for 55 cents per copy, postpaid, while our present stock lasts. It is a very desirable gift book, and retails at \$1.25. Order yours to-day for they are going fast.

One sister writes as follows when sending in her subscription for the "Review and Herald" for 15 months: "I had expected to do without the 'REVIEW' after January, but as it seems I must have it I have borrowed the money so as to get the subscription in for the fifteen-month offer." Many are prone to borrow to make speculative investments and yet do not feel they can afford to take the "REVIEW." We believe this sister has chosen "the better part."

**CALIFORNIA**

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**CHRIST'S OFFICE—WHERE?**

Recently one of our faithful, loyal members who, with many others no doubt, would appreciate more frequent visits from the officers and departmental secretaries, propounded to us a question that started a train of thought in our minds in which our people gen-

erally might perhaps be interested.

The question of our dear brother was: "Where did Christ have His office that He could not go out and teach those that were anxious to hear?"

After considerable thought and some study, the following reply was sent by the writer:

"Concerning your question as to where Christ had His office, Elders Johnson, Bond and I were discussing this after your letter came, and it would seem that it was a sort of movable affair which He took with Him. His treasurer (Judas, who carried the bag) went with Him. His secretaries (the four who wrote the Gospels, which are the records) were with Him practically all the time. All His disciples (who might be termed His committeemen or cabinet) were almost always with Him. He evidently did not have a lot of churches under His charge, and a lot of correspondence to attend to; rather the people flocked to Him by the thousands. When He took His disciples on the mountainside, the people came by the thousands and He healed them. Matt. 15:29, 30. When He was on the seashore, the multitude became so great that He was forced to get into a boat and push out a little way from the land. Matt. 13:1, 2. He crossed the sea with His disciples to get away from the throng, but the people were waiting for Him on the other shore. Matt. 14:13.

"While He always heeded the call of distress, He did not always go immediately. This was the case in the sickness and death of Lazarus. John 11. When those to whom He ministered desired to go with Him, He did not always consent, but told them to stay where they were and be His witnesses. Mark 5:18-20. He sometimes sent His followers out in His name and in His stead, and they were to depend on the hospitality of the people for food and lodging. Luke 10:1-7.

"As to headquarters, it seems He had none. He tells us that He did not even have a place to lay His head. Matt. 8:20. He depended on the hospitality of the people for His nights' lodging, and some of His food also. He even invited Himself to be the guest of certain ones at times.—Zacchaeus for instance. Luke 19:5. When the people of a place did not extend a welcome to His disciples, they shook off the dust of that place from their feet and went elsewhere. Matt. 10:14; Luke 9:5."

We would that it were possible for our officers and departmental workers to spend more time with all our churches. Certainly it is a real pleasure and privilege to visit them. We gather strength and courage from the courage and strength of others.

Let us press together and encourage one another to keep close to Jesus, for thus we will make sure a home in the new earth.

R. E. Kalfus.

### PRAY

Promise God to  
Respond to His call  
And give  
Yourself and your means

DECEMBER 27, 1924

### MOST IMPORTANT WORK

"The Colporteur Evangelist," page 80, states: "If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures."

"Canvassers should be impressed with the fact that the canvassing work is the very work the Lord desires them to do. They should remember that they are in the service of God."—Id., p. 90.

"We are fast approaching the end. The printing and circulation of the books and papers that contain the truth for this time are to be our work."—Id., p. 97.

Reader, after carefully and prayerfully considering the above quotations, have you been impressed that God wants you to engage in the work He calls most IMPORTANT? Souls are perishing. The California Conference needs your services. Brother Aaron Larson, our field missionary secretary, will assist you to make a success of this soul-saving work. Write us to-day. We are at your service.

E. H. Abbott.

### NEW BOOKLET

A new booklet, entitled "LESSONS ON CHRISTIAN SALESMANSHIP," has just been prepared by the publishing department. It is filled with information that will help every colporteur. Price, 15 cents.

### HOME NURSING CLASSES

On October 16 at Fairfax Station, East Oakland, 27 members completed the course in home nursing as prescribed by the General Conference. This is the second course that has been taught this year and we are pleased to report a growing interest along medical lines. Half of the class members were not Seventh-day Adventists, but they took an active part in all classes and fully appreciated the importance of each study. We feel resulting satisfaction through our efforts, for the wall of prejudice seems to fall when we mingle as one happy family in our class rooms.

### School Nursing

Is the health of our children important? Just ask the conference nurses. We have just completed the fourth year of annual examinations of the California Conference church schools and are eager to tell you good news. We find the defects reported from year to year gradually clearing and the children as a whole improving physically. The greatest defects noted were serious neglect of the teeth and poor posture (round shoulders). These conditions can be greatly remedied by appealing to the personal pride of the children.

In several schools we met with the parents and teachers, explaining our work and making the acquaintance of the parents. We appreciate the cooperation of the fathers and mothers in the campaign for better health of our children.

Huldah Windhorst, R. N.  
Genevieve Gladden, R. N.

ONLY ONE DOLLAR DECEMBER 27! YES, IF YOU ONLY COULD PLACE THAT IN THE SAVIOUR'S HAND AND KNOW YOU WOULD RECEIVE HIS SMILE OF APPROVAL!

### CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

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### ITEMS OF INTEREST

If all rally and do their part in the closing days of the Harvest Ingathering campaign, we can at least equal last year's record. Shall we not do our best?

A sister called at the office a few days ago and purchased 25 copies of "Life and Health" magazine. In less than two hours she was back for more. She said she had sold them before reaching the business center of town. This can be done in every city. Who will be the next one to do it?

Elder G. B. Starr conducted the Week of Prayer meetings in Fresno, from Sabbath until Wednesday, conducting meetings in the academy in the morning and in the church in the evening. His efforts here were greatly appreciated by all and the people seemed to be greatly blessed by his meetings. Elder Starr left Wednesday for the Hanford and the Island churches, going from there to Bakersfield to spend the latter part of the week.

The workers at Bakersfield are using hundreds of copies of "Our Little Friend" in their house-to-house work and are well pleased with results.

Reports coming in from the various churches throughout the conference show that our people are being greatly benefited during this Week of Prayer. We trust that the blessing obtained during this week by our people will greatly strengthen them, so that the cause of God may be advanced in a marked way.

**HOW TO KEEP NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS**

Any one can make resolves, but there are few who can keep them. That is why we have asked Cecil K. Meyers to tell the "SIGNS" readers in the January Color Edition how they can keep their New Year's resolutions. This is a spiritual article that can be read with profit by every class of people, and coming as it does at the very first of the year when many people are in the habit of making resolves, it should prove of exceptional interest and value. This is just one reason why you should read and circulate the January Color "SIGNS." Ten or more copies, 4 cents each; retail price, only 10 cents.

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

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**MARK THE SPIRIT**

Brother Walter Lind, one of our colporteurs, called at a home a few days ago, and after introducing himself as being engaged in Christian work, the lady talked to him for just a few minutes, and then asked him what church he belonged to. He told her he was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church, and she turned to him and said: "Do you know that there is a Sunday law before Congress now? And I want to tell you, that if this Sunday law goes through, and Congress passes it, we will make it more interesting for you Seventh-day Adventist people than it was for those who were persecuted in the Dark Ages."

Thus we see that "A season of great trial is before us. It becomes us now to use all our capabilities and gifts in advancing the work of God. The powers the Lord has given us are to be used to build up, not to tear down. Those who are ignorantly deceived are not to remain in this condition. The Lord says to His messengers, "Go to them, and declare unto them what I have said, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear."

In fact "The time is right upon us when persecution will come to those

who proclaim the truth. . . . In all ages of the church, God's appointed messengers have exposed themselves to reproach and persecution for the truth's sake. But wherever God's people may be forced to go, even though, like the beloved disciple, they are banished to desert islands, Christ will know where they are, and will strengthen and bless them, filling them with peace and joy."—Vol. 9, p. 227.

"The time is coming when God's people will feel the hand of persecution because they keep holy the seventh day. Satan has caused the change of the Sabbath in the hope of carrying out his purpose for the defeat of God's plans. He seeks to make the commands of God of less force in the world than human laws. The man of sin, who thought to change times and laws, and who has always oppressed the people of God will cause laws to be made enforcing the observance of the first day of the week. But God's people are to stand firm for Him. And the Lord will work in their behalf, showing plainly that He is the God of gods."—Id., pp. 229, 230.

NOW is the time to work that all may have the opportunity to hear the truth, and that the honest in heart may not be deceived.

W. M. Adams.

**A HARVEST INGATHERING EXPERIENCE**

**Who Was The Sheep Thief?**

A few days ago one of our Modesto sisters who is just new in the truth called at a home. After rapping, a man stepped to the door; and, as she was about to present him with one of our Harvest Ingathering papers, he stated: "Now just put that back, for I do not want anything to do with you, or any of you **sheep thieves**. Besides, I have quite a stack of your papers here, the 'Signs of the Times,' and I want you to stop sending them to me immediately."

This was rather a hard place for the sister. But you know the Lord helps us; and when we do our best, He will then make up our deficiency. She said to the man, "I do not understand what you mean by calling me a 'sheep thief'; I do not understand the term. I have been impressed as I have read these pages I am offering to you, that they are words of truth; and, as far as my sending you the 'Signs of the Times,' you are surely mistaken in this, as I

really did not know that a man like you ever existed on the face of the earth. In fact, I do not know of any one that is sending you that paper, and I am not responsible in any way for your receiving it. But I would like for you to tell me what you mean by 'sheep thief.'"

The man said: "I am a Lutheran minister. You people are continually going from home to home trying to entice men and women to leave their churches, and join your church; that is what I call a 'sheep thief.'"

In answer to this our sister said: "I have learned to love God, and I would like to tell it to others,—the wonderful things God has revealed to me; and, as you stated you are a minister I think you should help me if I am being misled."

The minister asked her: "Would you read some Lutheran literature?"

"Yes, I certainly would, for that is the only way for me to know that you are right, and that I am wrong. But you said to me that you did not read those 'Signs of the Times,' neither would you read them, so how can you judge me, if you do not read the literature that I have?"

After receiving several leaflets on the Lutheran doctrines, our sister turned to him and said, "Now, supposing that after reading these, I find I am wrong, and that they contain truth, will you baptize me?"

"I certainly will, madam."

"Will you also then take me into your church?"

"I certainly will!"

Then our sister said: "I fear you are doing the very same thing that you are accusing me of doing, a 'sheep thief'; and I would like to say to you that you should be very careful as a minister of the gospel how you judge and accuse people when you would be guilty of doing the same thing."

There was silence on the part of the minister; he hung his head, and did not say any more to her. And I think, perhaps, this is one occasion where "silence is golden." W. M. Adams.

**AN APPEAL TO THE COLPORTEUR**

When I look out over the vast field I think of the need of colporteurs and wonder where the colporteurs are—those who have engaged in the work before. God has a work for you, not as hewers of wood and drawers of

water, but in hunting out the honest-hearted "from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks." Jer. 16:16.

Some fear that they cannot make a living. Are their fears well grounded, or are they only bears chained in the way? If the writer, with none too robust a constitution, can make a living for my family of eight and pay tuition for four in the church school, what need you to fear? "O ye of little faith!" The bidding, "Go work to-day in My vineyard," is quickly followed by the promise, "Whatsoever is right, I will give you."

Recently when I went until noon more than one day without an order, I would repeat those scriptures, and before night I had far better than wages every time. I had over \$7.00 profit each night for five nights.

F. P. Chedester.

#### SEED THOUGHTS

"Our first duty, one which we owe to God, to ourselves and to our fellow-men, is to obey the laws of God, which include the laws of health."—Vol. 3, p. 164.

"Those who feel no special pleasure in seeking to be a blessing to others, in working, even at a sacrifice, to do them good, cannot have the spirit of Christ or of Heaven; for they have no union with the work of heavenly angels, and cannot participate in the bliss that imparts elevated joy to them."—Id., p. 381.

"The controlling power of appetite will prove the ruin of thousands, when, if they had conquered on this point, they would have had moral power to gain the victory over every other temptation of Satan. But those who are slaves to appetite will fail in perfecting Christian character. The continual transgression of man for six thousand years has brought sickness, pain, and death as its fruits. And as we near the close of time, Satan's temptation to indulge appetite will be more powerful and more difficult to overcome."—Id., pp. 491, 492.

"Divine wisdom has appointed, in the plan of salvation, the law of action and reaction, making the work of beneficence, in all its branches, twice blessed. He that gives to the needy blesses others, and is blessed himself in a still greater degree. God could have reached

His object in saving sinners without the aid of man; but He knew that man could not be happy without acting a part in the great work in which he would be cultivating self-denial and benevolence."—Id., p. 382.

#### NOTICE

The Pacific Union Conference can use a few thousands of dollars for which it will give its association note. It is not our desire to disturb money already loaned to one of our institutions. Any one having money to loan will please correspond with the Pacific Union Conference at Box 146, Glendale, Calif. J. L. McElhany.

#### "LONESOME"

During the past ten years "Present Truth" has received many letters from "lonesome" people—isolated members who say they are very lonesome and hungry for the association of our people. Many seem to have failed to consider whether or not their environments may be providential. They seem to be definitely inclined to look upon their isolation as a trial of their faith, if not a real buffeting of Satan. Some of these isolated members have found, through the aid of "Present Truth," a way to dispel these lonesome feelings, and to make it possible to have the very best of associations—of members whom they have themselves brought into the truth. They have found that their former isolation was providential; that the Lord, through circumstances, had located them as they were for the purpose of their teaching His message to some of His elect of that community.

Let all who are isolated prayerfully consider their situation and be sure that their "lonesome" condition is not the result of their inactivity in teaching their neighbors the message they, themselves, have so generously received, and through service, "Know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose."

#### WHY CHRIST WILL RETURN

This is the first of a series of strong articles by Carlyle B. Haynes on the general subject of the second coming of Christ, and appears in the January Color Number of the "SIGNS." This first article sets forth clearly the reasons why Christ will return. In these days when the whole doctrine of the second coming is being attacked by liberalists and skeptics, this article and the others of the series that follow will prove most timely. Why not give this January Color Number a large circulation? Ten or more copies, 4 cents each; retail price, 10 cents.

#### WORK

Watch every expenditure  
Open your heart  
Respond to the call  
Keep the home fires burning  
December 27 is Dollar Day.

#### OBITUARIES

**Warner.**—George W. Warner was born Aug. 15, 1859, in Sacramento, Calif., and passed this life in Oakland, Calif., Aug. 6, 1924, and was laid to rest to await the call of Jesus. His wife and son survive him.

E. H. Adams.

**Weirich.**—Sarah Weirich nee Marshal was born in Illinois, June 27, 1880, and died in Sonoma, Calif., Sept. 24, 1924. She leaves to mourn her untimely death, her husband and five small children who hope to meet her in the first resurrection.

E. H. Adams.

**McKay.**—John Breckenridge McKay was born in Kentucky, Dec. 5, 1855, and fell asleep in Hayward, Calif., Sept. 11, 1924. Brother McKay accepted the message in Oakland in 1915 and united with the Oakland church. He was laid to rest in Sacramento, Calif., to await the call of the Life-giver. His wife, daughter and four grandchildren survive him.

E. H. Adams.

**Christianson.**—Jacob Christianson was a native of Denmark, born July 8, 1852. He came to America in 1873 and accepted the third angel's message in Healdsburg in 1896, and remained faithful till he fell asleep near San Jose, Calif., Sept. 26, 1924. He was laid to rest by his son in Oakland. He is survived by his wife who expects to meet her husband and son when Jesus comes.

E. H. Adams.

**Hayes.**—Sarah C. Hayes was born in Hamilton, Ohio, Aug. 6, 1852, and died in Sacramento, Calif., Nov. 30, 1924, aged 72 years, three months and 24 days. Sister Hayes' home for many years was near Woodland, Calif., but at the time of her death she was living with her daughter. Her last illness was but a few hours' duration, death resulting from heart trouble. For 40 years Sister Hayes had been a believer in the closing message. She was the mother of eight children, five of whom

survive, besides a brother, D. B. Guile. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer. A. J. Osborne.

**Kisner.**—George Henry Kisner was born in New York, Feb. 11, 1852. He was married to Almira Thompson, Oct. 1, 1873. He, with his wife, united with the Seventh-day Adventist church in 1880. In 1892 they disposed of their property, putting most of the proceeds therefrom into the cause of God. That same year Brother Kisner attended a Bible institute, after which he and his wife engaged in their first public effort to win souls, associating in this effort with Elder J. N. Anderson, who later went as a missionary to China, and Elder White, the father of Dr. Julia White. The following year he and his wife attended a Bible school in Battle Creek, Mich. Following this they engaged in public efforts in various cities in Wisconsin. Together they worked side by side for many years as pastor and city Bible worker, working in this capacity in Wisconsin, Missouri, Kansas, and California. In 1914 his wife was laid to rest in Mountain View, Calif. His own health was greatly impaired as a consequence of the long strain of her sickness and final death. March 18, 1917, he was united in marriage with Mrs. Florence Cone. That same year, when he bade goodbye to his only daughter, as she left to go to South America as a missionary, he was heard to remark that this

seemed like the "last straw," yet in all the seven years of their separation, never once did he let her know how keenly he felt the loss of her company and association. He died Nov. 23, 1924, at Loma Linda, Calif. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. A. A. Cone, and one sister. He was a devoted Christian, loyal to every principle of the last message, and loved by all who knew him. The blessed hope of a part in the first resurrection sustained him to the end.

A. M. Dart.

**ADVERTISEMENTS**

**SPECIAL NOTICE—TERMS**

Advertising rate: 50 words or less, first insertion, \$1.00. Each additional insertion, if run consecutively, 50 cents. No advertisement will be accepted unless cash accompanies the same.

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

**Delicious Nevada Honey** delivered in second zone, in ten-pound pail, \$1.85; third zone, ten-pound pail, \$1.95. Address C. E. Andrews, Box R-334, Fallon, Nev. 18-3t

**For Sale or Trade** near Dinuba, Calif., 15 acres. Five acres in fruit trees; strawberries, alfalfa. Plenty of shade. Modern house, electric lights, telephone; three out-buildings, two electric pumps. For further information, address Route 2, Box 81-B, Glendale, Calif. 15-3t

**Treatment Rooms For Sale** in Los Angeles. The original Battle Creek Sanitarium system of baths—external and internal. High class clientele. Ideal Wilshire location. Capacity \$500 per month. Price, \$800. Terms: \$500 cash; \$300.00 per month, for business, furnishings and equipment. Pauline J. Sanford, 406 South Rampart Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. Phone Dunkirk 8729 for appointment. 19-2t

**Wanted.**—Capable woman to take charge of home for elderly couple, one of whom is an invalid. References requested. Address Lock Box 972, Glendale, Calif.

**Wanted.**—To correspond with Seventh-day Adventist who would like to put some money in a broom factory to be erected near La Sierra Academy. A good paying enterprise. For particulars, address A. D. Blehm, Route 1, Arlington, Calif. 17-3t

**For Immediate Sale.**—Lot 50 x 150 feet adjoining Seventh-day Adventist church property, fronting on newly paved Brand Blvd., San Fernando, Calif. Ten-grade church school nearby. Real bargain for \$1,000 cash, this amount to be used on new church building. Address S. P. Smith, San Fernando, Calif. 18-3t

**Valuable Gifts.**—Fitch's new Bible games are highly recommended as filling a long felt need for Sabbath entertainment for Seventh-day Adventist youth. Send five cents in stamps for 20 Bible conundrums and a descriptive circular of nine new games. Address College Press, Mount Vernon Academy, Mount Vernon, Ohio.

**For Sale.**—Four-acre highly improved ranch one and three-fourths miles from Lodi Academy. Good location on paved road. Modern house of seven rooms; tankhouse, garage, barn, poultry plant for 1,000 hens, large brooder. Family orchard and other fruit. Concrete irrigation line. Part cash; balance on terms. Write to Mrs. Olive Osborne, Route 4, Box 124, Lodi, Calif. 19-3t

**For Sale.**—A house and lot on Richland Ave., adjoining new Glendale Sanitarium property, one block from Wilson Ave. car line. Near Glendale Academy and church school. Two bedrooms and large sleeping porch. Price, reasonable; \$1,000 down, balance \$55.00 monthly, 7 per cent interest quarterly. Address owner, J. C. Henson, 131 North Howard St., Care Mother's Favorite Cookie Co., Glendale, Calif. 18-2t

**Seven Beautiful Songs** for church and home, with music for the piano: "The Mountain Flower," "The Wonderful River," "The Christian Banner," "The Battle of Ages," "The Fading Flower," "Lift Up Your Eyes," "The Flower Queen." Standard sheet music size, ordinary voice. All seven for \$1.25 postpaid. Order from Otto Lundell, Room 323, 155 North Clark St., Chicago, Ill.

**For Sale.**—At Beaumont, Calif., five acres in bearing orchard. Two varieties best market apples, cherries and French prunes. Irrigation water piped on land. Healthful climate, especially for weak lungs and asthmatics. One mile from depot and town. About half mile from church and nine-grade church school. Good roads and near highway. Price, \$3,200. For information, address Mrs. Ida L. Young, Banning, Calif. 18-2t

**The White Memorial School of Nursing** is entering a class January 1, 1925. We desire earnest consecrated young people with a twelve-grade education. There is a great demand for the well-trained congregate nurse. The White Memorial Hospital affords a field of opportunity for the prospective missionary in both the home and foreign field. If interested, correspond with Winifred F. Lindsay, R. N., Director of School of Nursing, Loma Linda, Calif., or 312 North Boyle Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

**EAT YOUR WAY TO HEALTH AND STRENGTH**

Natural food will materially help. If you are really interested in your health, you will wish to eat the proper food; and we are ready to supply you with the unpolished and unbolted cereals. **BROWN BETTY BREAKFAST DELIGHT**, pkg., 25 cents; bulk, ten lbs., \$1.00. Entire whole wheat and graham flour, ten lbs., 27.00; one-half bbl., \$4.50; bbl., \$8.75. Indian corn meal, white or yellow, ten lbs., 55 cents. Natural brown rice (unpolished), two-pound pkg., 25 cents; bulk lots less than 50 lbs., 10 cents per lb.; 100 lbs., \$8.00. All packed free f. o. b. Bakersfield. If by mail add parcel post. Address Charles N. Miller Co., Route 2, Box 14-A, Bakersfield, Calif. 15-3t

**BOOK AND MAGAZINE REPORT, WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 5, 1924**

Agent	Mag. or Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Value
<b>Central California—</b>					
E. A. Angell		72	5	\$11.40	\$ 27.95
E. W. Vance		19	2		8.25
2 Agents		91	7	\$11.40	\$ 36.20
<b>Northern California—</b>					
Mrs. W. D. Burch	H. W.	16			\$ 13.50
F. P. Chedester	H. P.	30	11	9.50	85.50
Walter Lind	B. R.	17	5	2.50	30.00
H. Nakamota	Misc.	35			116.20
L. M. Shanahan	B. R.	15	3		16.50
5 Agents		113	19	\$12.00	\$261.70
<b>Southeastern California—</b>					
Allen L. Berry	B. R.	2	1	\$ 4.00	\$ 11.00
Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Brown, Jr.	H. W.	22	21		30.25
J. F. Kent	H. P.	33	13	2.75	108.50
Mrs. Opal Rowilson	H. W.	3	7		8.00
Mrs. K. E. Williams	Magazines	15			8.55
6 Agents		75	42	\$ 6.75	\$166.30
<b>Southern California—</b>					
Mrs. B. R. Davis	O. D.	2	1	\$ 7.50	\$ 11.00
T. R. Ellexson	B. R.	12	5	1.25	34.25
Mrs. William Kirkwood	H. W.	13			20.75
Mrs. De Long	H. W.				27.00
H. Mangold	P. G.		3	3.00	25.50
H. E. McWhinny	O. D.	33	13	4.85	52.85
Mrs. W. Moline	B. R., E. S.	13	6	.25	36.25
7 Agents		73	28	\$16.85	\$207.60
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>20 Agents</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>\$47.00</b>	<b>\$671.80</b>

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Brother C. E. Rice, manager of the Hinsdale Sanitarium, is spending a few days visiting relatives and friends in Southern California.

We are pleased to report that Brethren B. E. Beddoe and F. E. Painter, each of whom recently underwent an operation, are getting along nicely.

After attending the union committee meeting and spending a little time at the office, Brother F. T. Oakes returned to the St. Helena Sanitarium to continue his audit.

All of the larger conferences in this union exceeded their monthly goal to missions during November. We trust the same good record may be continued during December.

Brethren W. F. Martin, W. W. Ruble and David Voth returned to the office the first of the week. They report excellent meetings in the churches they visited during the Week of Prayer.

Brethren W. W. Ruble and B. M. Emerson went to Phoenix, Arizona, the first of this week to attend the annual meeting of the Phoenix Academy and a meeting of the Arizona Conference committee.

The past week has been a great spiritual uplift to our people. Most encouraging reports are being received of the excellent meetings in our churches. Sins have been confessed, confessions made and victories won. Brethren, let us continue a forward march.

Our people throughout the union will regret to learn that Elder J. L. McElhany has not been well during the past few weeks. The brethren did not deem it advisable for him to take any appointments during the Week of Prayer, and also advised a period of rest from the strenuous program he has been following; so he has been taking some much needed treatments. Let all our people join in praying that God will restore him speedily.

Recently the St. Helena church was greatly in need of additional heating facilities, as the stove being used was entirely inadequate to heat so large a room comfortably. The A. Goodman Co., proprietors of the largest store in St. Helena, learned of it and made the church a present of a heating system which is ample for heating the church. Surely the Lord impressed the hearts of these good men and they will be rewarded for their generous gift. This saved our church a neat sum and will make it possible for the members to make larger gifts to our foreign mission work.

**PLEASE NOTICE**

Recently the young people in the Beaumont church organized a missionary volunteer society. They are now starting a library for their young people, and if there are those of our people who have some good books they would like to donate to such an enterprise, they will please correspond with Wilburn H. Ferguson, Beaumont, Calif.

**FOREIGN SABBATH SCHOOL  
QUARTERLIES REDUCED TO  
FIVE CENTS**

We are pleased to announce that through an arrangement with the General Conference and the Bureau of Home Missions, all foreign Sabbath School Quarterlies printed at Brookfield will be reduced to 5 cents a copy, 20 cents a year, beginning with the first quarter of 1925. The languages thus affected are as follows:

Bohemian, Italian, Russian, German, Polish, Ruthenian, Hungarian, Rumanian, Serbian and Slovakian.

Many of our foreign believers have been using the English Quarterlies because of the difference in price. The uniformity in price will encourage every believer to study the lessons in his own language and will thus prove a special help to those who do not

have complete command of the English language. We trust that every foreign-speaking believer will avail himself of this opportunity. Might we not suggest that our believers as far as possible order their foreign Quarterlies as yearly subscriptions and thus eliminate extra work and possibly delay at the end of each quarter. Order today from your tract society—5 cents a copy, 20 cents a year.

H. W. Sherrig, Circulation Manager,  
International Branch.

**LOMA LINDA SANITARIUM  
LIBRARY**

An endeavor is being made to establish a library for patients at Loma Linda Sanitarium. More calls for reading matter are being made than we can supply. Any one having books to donate to this library will kindly write us giving the names of the books, but do not send books without receiving word to do so. Cash donations will also be gratefully received.

May Bell, Chairman of Committee.

**FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

Try these books for holiday sales. Others have had good success.

"El Camino a Cristo," Cloth, \$1.00; Rustic, 25 cents.

"Cartilla Sagrada," Cloth, \$1.00; Rustic, 50 cents.

"Epidemias," Rustic, 25 cents.

"La Esperanza Del Mundo," Rustic, 25 cents.

"Por Sendas Extraviadas," Rustic, 25 cents.

"Pasos Faciles," Rustic, 75 cents.

This is a partial list. Inquire of your tract society. Good discounts. There are books published also in 21 other languages. Now is the time to sell hundreds of these books.

H. D. Casebeer, Spanish Division,  
Bureau of Home Missions.

**IS HOUDINI CORRECT?**

Houdini, nationally known as a magician and sleight-of-hand performer, has been devoting his energies of late to delivering lectures throughout the country against spiritism, charging that it is but a fraud. These lectures have provoked a great deal of comment in the daily press, and people are wondering whether Houdini has really solved the mystery of spiritism. In a brief illuminating article in the January Color "SIGNS," Leon A. Smith asks the question, "Is Houdini Correct?" and then shows that although there is a certain amount of trickery in connection with spiritism, nevertheless there is present a supernatural power, and that this power is from beneath. You will want to read this article, and your neighbors and other outsiders ought to read it. Ten or more "SIGNS" cost only 4 cents each, and sell for 10 cents.

DECEMBER 27! What is coming?