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Sixty-cent-a-week Fund Statement for Four Weeks,
Month Ending January 31, 1929

Conference	Member-ship	Amount Due	Amount Received	Amount Short	Cents per Member per Week	
					1929	1928
Arizona	507	\$ 1,216.80	\$ 763.43	\$ 453.37	37-64	25-32
Southeastern California	3,838	9,211.20	5,755.38	3,455.82	37-48	30-08
Utah Mission	195	468.00	291.69	176.31	37-39	30-98
California	4,378	10,507.20	5,441.77	5,065.43	31-07	33-30
Southern California	6,063	14,551.20	7,389.80	7,161.40	30-47	29-17
Nevada	326	782.40	397.02	385.38	30-44	30-15
Northern California	2,423	5,815.20	2,057.45	3,757.75	21-22	24-41
Central California	2,332	5,596.80	1,782.38	3,814.42	19-10	19-96
PACIFIC UNION	20,062	\$48,148.80	\$23,878.92	\$24,269.88	29-75	28-52

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT SABBATH SCHOOL OFFERING
For Four Weeks Ending January 31, 1929

Conference	Membership		Amount Rec'd to Jan. 31		Per Capita per week	
	1928	1929	1928	1929	1928	1929
Utah Mission	191	195	\$ 175.42	\$ 208.35	22-96	26-71
Arizona	562	507	483.73	513.79	21-51	25-33
Southeastern California	3,490	3,838	3,380.10	3,845.56	24-21	25-04
Southern California	5,730	6,063	4,958.87	5,987.96	21-63	24-69
Nevada	272	326	252.99	313.63	23-25	24-05
California	4,290	4,378	3,417.50	3,551.31	19-91	20-27
Northern California	2,330	2,423	1,866.93	1,563.66	20-03	16-13
Central California	2,257	2,332	1,527.12	1,444.42	16-91	15-48
PACIFIC UNION	19,122	20,062	\$16,062.66	\$17,428.68	21-00	21-71

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Dealing With Fashion In The Islands

Natives in the heathen lands when taught that they should clothe their nakedness have a fight over the pride of custom. It is difficult to be out of fashion. Mrs. John Paton, of the New Hebrides, wife of the famous John G. Paton, tells the story of ejecting a naked savage from the church, who, with others who were unclothed, had been warned a month before, this time being judged sufficient time to adjust themselves to the new regulations on "standards." Mrs. Paton says, "Nearly all the natives wear clothing now. This is a great index of change, for in the heathen state they are positively as ashamed at the

idea of wearing anything as we would be at the idea of proposing to go naked." From the private letters of Mrs. J. G. Paton, published in a most interesting book, entitled "Letters and Sketches from the New Hebrides," we quote the following: "Another rule I fought for, after being three years on Aniwa, was—that no one should enter the Church, without what appeared to me a decent covering. John (Mr. Paton) was unfeignedly thankful to get them there to hear the Gospel, in almost any condition; but I maintained that we too had a right to Church privileges, as well as the Natives; and that I could not worship the Lord in His Sanctuary, with practically naked people stuck right in front of us, nor was it good for our

children. So the Missi (Mr. Paton) was at last induced to fire off another of my bullets amongst his 'beloved Flock.' He solemnly announced in the Church Assembly that the few who still came unclothed would, in the future, have to put on something, were it only a fathom of calico, which they all had, or could easily secure by doing a little work; that, a month's warning being given, thereafter, no naked or painted person would be allowed to enter the church. There were only three or four natives who were in the habit of coming unclothed, and it wasn't fair to the others to let them ride off in that way, and defy our Christian custom.

"When the month was up, and we were assembling in the Church, there slipped in a heathen, clothed in nothing but the most startling war-paint! I spotted our friend, and vowed he should not escape the Missionary's notice either; so, when John had finished reading the Hymn, and looked across for me to begin, he found his Harmoniumist leaning calmly back with folded arms. His amazed face said as plainly as possible, 'What's the row?' I gave a slight inclination of the head in the direction of the painted individual; and John at once took action by requesting him to leave the church, since he had had full notice to quit this heathenism in the House of God. The gentleman, however, had no more intention of leaving the Church than I had of beginning the Hymn. It was a question of which would win, and soon began to be exciting. Had I been 'given to betting,' as they say, I would have backed 'our side' to any amount!

"John repeated his request firmly, but very kindly, setting forth the reasonableness of such a regulation; this was enforced by earnest whispering all around, while our young hero sat complacently grinning, with his chin resting on his

knees. The Missi then began quietly to collect his books, saying that he never made a rule that he did not mean to be obeyed, and would therefore now leave the Church, and worship with his family in the mission house. That, however, would not be tolerated, as the young man gathered from the ferocious looks directed against him; and, on the Chief of his district being seen to move with serious intentions of ejection, the big fellow swung out of the building like lightning, carry his dirty nakedness with him, and the service went on with something of Christian seemliness.

"That same afternoon, John being at a preaching in this man's village, the poor savage had got one side of his face washed, and turned it to the Missionary; but he was told to sit right around and make himself quite comfortable, as there were no rules to exclude anyone from open-air services. To do him justice, he joined heartily in the laughter that greeted this sally; and he has become one of the very best fellows we have, since coming off second best in this little tussle."

What a power fashion holds over the lives of humans in all lands! Sister White speaks of the "god of fashion," and also says that "The idolatry of dress is a moral disease."—*Vol. 6, p. 96.* Really the sudden changes in fashion in our own land bring in stupid, unreasonable and immodest garments, or lack of them, which disgrace the sanctuary of God on the Sabbath day. And yet since the "god of fashion" approves of what is done, the God of heaven is left out of the question and reason is dethroned. "Modesty and decency must be sacrificed to the god of fashion."—*Vol. 1, p. 278.*

"Fashion is deteriorating the intellect and eating out the spirituality of our people. Obedience to fashion is pervading our Seventh-day Adventist churches, and is doing more than any other power to separate our people from God."—*Vol. 4, p. 647.*

"Were it not for fashion, those who thus immodestly expose themselves would be hissed at; but modesty and decency must be sacrificed to the god of fashion. May the Lord deliver His people from this grievous sin. God will not pity those who will be slaves to fashion."—*Vol. 1, p. 278.* J. E. FULTON.

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The Soudan has a population of from sixty to eighty millions.

Speculation

A Personal Testimony

Several of my ministering brethren, as well as laymen, who have heard of my experience just at the time I was accepting the truth a few years ago have asked that I write of it, as others might desire to profit by my experience.

For the benefit of those of my brethren who might be tempted from time to time to invest their means in speculative ventures, determining in their own hearts that if God prospered them they would give liberally to the cause, I wish to give just a word of personal testimony. First, let me say that by speculation I mean all ventures that are made from a speculative standpoint, including investments in oil stock and mining stock, as well as the purchasing of real estate purely from a speculative standpoint.

Just prior to my becoming a Seventh-day Adventist, seven years ago, I, with a few other men, was promoting an oil company. Our holdings were located in the Signal Hill district at Long Beach. This was at the time when that great oil producing section was coming into the height of its production. We drilled our first well on the very apex of Signal Hill itself. It came in as a flowing well, producing eighteen hundred barrels of oil a day. The only expense attached to the production of that oil after the well had been brought in was the salaries of three shifts of men, about four men to a shift. The Standard Oil Company had laid the pipe lines right to the property, and our oil flowed directly into their lines. We were receiving upwards of \$1.25 a barrel for the oil. Our other holdings were also in the center of production in that field, surrounded on every side by producing wells. There was no question but what the property was very, very valuable, indeed.

When we became Adventists my wife and I decided to dedicate twenty-five per cent of our profits from this enterprise to the cause of God. Shortly after we were baptized we attended the General Conference held in San Francisco in 1922. The inspiration we received while there was truly wonderful, for this great world-wide work of ours was all new to us. Upon our return home we decided to dedicate instead of twenty-five per cent fifty per cent of the income from these wells to the Lord.

At that time the income from the first well was being used with other moneys to drill four other wells in this proven area. Just about that time the wife and I received an offer of \$100,000 for our interest in the oil company. My own judgment told me that it was best to sell, for my business policy always had been that when I could realize in cash a good profit on a transaction to take it, and allow some one else to make more if he could. The wife and I however, realized that this was not all ours, as part of it had been dedicated to the Lord, and inasmuch as we were young in the truth we felt to counsel with those who had had longer experience. We talked with different men, whose judgment we respected highly, and still do. I took these men at different times to the property, explaining to them how we had given one-half of the profits to the Lord. They saw that stream of oil flowing out of the one well, running into thousands of dollars profit each week. They saw the other wells being drilled in a territory entirely surrounded by other producing wells, and the consensus of opinion seemed to be that these properties surely would be worth many, many times the offer made to us, within a few months, and that the Lord's cause would need money at that time just as badly as then. Acting upon this counsel we did not accept the offer. Within sixty days from that time the great Signal Hill field practically went dry. Scores of the smal-

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ler companies went into bankruptcy and were taken over by the larger companies. The reason for the field going dry was that the upper strata of oil bearing sands became depleted. Later many of these wells were drilled to far greater depths, striking new stratas of oil bearing sands, but the big production period was over. Many of those wells, even though drilled to greater depths at a great expenditure of money, are now producing only two or three hundred barrels of oil a day, and this by expensive pumping.

Where does the lesson come in? At the time I couldn't understand why it was that God did not bless this enterprise inasmuch as we had dedicated half of it to Him. Brethren, I can readily understand now. If God had allowed that to go on and prosper and thousands of dollars, yes hundreds of thousands of dollars, come into the cause, our lay brethren all through the denomination would have heard of it, and many would have said, "See, Brother Calkins has made speculative investments, dedicating part of it to the Lord, and the Lord has blessed him. We will go and do the same thing." My brethren, there would have been a regular orgy of speculative investments.

I retained my interests in the company until such time as everyone who had put his money in received it back in full, then I immediately withdrew, disposing of my interests at a great sacrifice. For nearly four years now I have had no connection whatsoever with this enterprise or others of similar nature. In disposing of my holdings I failed to receive by many thousands of dollars the amount I could have received at one time, but every dollar we have received from this source has gone into the cause of God. But far more precious than silver or gold to us is the lesson that we have learned. This is no time for speculation now, my brethren. These are solemn times we are living in, and, as the Spirit of Prophecy tells us, it is a dangerous experiment to engage in speculation.

"I was shown that it is a dangerous experiment for our people to engage in speculation. They thereby place themselves on the enemy's ground, subject to great temptations, disappointments, trials, and losses. Then comes a feverish unrest, a longing desire to obtain means more rapidly than present circumstances will admit. . . . Had the Lord prospered some of our dear brethren in their

speculations, it would have proved their eternal ruin."—*Vol. 4, p. 617.*

"The most solemn truths ever entrusted to mortals have been given us to proclaim to the world. The proclamation of these truths is to be our work. The world is to be warned, and God's people are to be true to the trust committed to them. They are not to engage in speculation, neither are they to enter into business enterprises with unbelievers; for this would hinder them in their God-given work."—*Vol. 9, p. 19.*

"The desire that some of our brethren possess to earn means fast, leads them to engage in a new enterprise and invest means, but often their expectations of making money are not realized. They sink that which they could have spent in God's cause. There is an infatuation in these new enterprises. And notwithstanding these things have been acted over so many times, and they have before them the example of others who have made investments and have met with an utter failure, yet many are slow to learn. When their hopes are blasted, they suffer many discouragements in consequence of their unwise adventures. If means is lost, the person looks upon it as a misfortune to himself,— as his loss. But he must remember that it is the means of another which he is handling, that he is only a steward, and God is displeased with the unwise management of that means which could have been used to advance the cause of present truth. At the reckoning day the unfaithful steward must give an account of his stewardship."—*Vol. 1, p. 226.*

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Notes

Our conference membership at the close of 1928 stands at four thousand five hundred. The number of baptisms for the year, as reported by our ministers, is two hundred. We are sorry to report that during the year sixty-three of our members were laid to rest awaiting the call of the Life-giver. Our net gain in membership for the year was one hundred twenty-two.

Mrs. Harriet Voorheis, formerly of Northern California Conference, has

joined our office force. We welcome her.

"From Nature to God" is the title of the interesting and inspiring illustrated lecture which Brother J. Brush Anderson is giving in the churches in the California Conference. It is the aim of Brother Anderson to draw the people nearer to God through the lecture. This work is being carried on in the interest of missions, and the donations which are given as a result of the lecture, go to the individual church to apply on the mission goal. Our churches greatly appreciate the help which is given in this way.

Five hundred and seven dollars in thirty-two hours canvassing! No, there is no mistake in the figures. This is the report of one of our tried and tested colporteurs for one week. Those desiring an experience of this kind please get in touch with the California Bible House, 537 25th Street, Oakland, California, or better still, plan to attend our coming institute. For particulars as to the date and location of this institute send your name and address to Walter Lind.

San Francisco

Sunday night, February 10, the big campaign was opened in the heart of this great city. Elder J. H. N. Tindall and his corps of workers have secured the Native Sons' Auditorium, 430 Mason Street. Over one thousand can be seated in this auditorium.

Announcement of this effort has been made through the newspapers, over the radio, on the billboards, and by other means.

A large audience—the largest in the history of our work here—gathered to hear the opening address on "The Coming World Government." Many of our own people from around the Bay were present, as well as our local constituency. In addition, between four and five hundred of those not of our faith listened attentively, as the rise and fall of nations was pictured from the prophetic Book.

The vested choir, under the leadership of our singing evangelist, Harold Graham, made a fine impression.

In this effort, the students of our Field Training School in gospel-medical evangelism, are getting an experience in soul-winning work as carried on in connection with a large city campaign. They

take notes on the Sunday evening discourse, and this is discussed in the company meeting on Monday morning. As an example of field work, the school will attend a lecture by Elder Tindall this week at the big Y. M. C. A., where he speaks by invitation on "Diet and Efficiency."

We earnestly solicit the prayers of God's people throughout the field, that the Lord will pour out His Spirit in a marked way at this time, and gather in many precious souls.

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Fresno Academy Notes

Fresno Academy is being benefited by many improvements about the campus in preparation for the coming camp meeting. The cafeteria is nearing completion. The building is 45 by 100 feet and will accommodate about 250. Much of the work has been done by academy boys.

In granting music credits to Ella Hicks and Clifford Hansen, their respective teachers recently presented them in recitals during the chapel hour.

Mrs. C. E. Pierce, teacher of the fifth and sixth grades, is stressing the spiritual side of the education of her students by especially encouraging the Junior Bible Year. Prayer bands have also been started, meeting once a week.

The American History class gave the program in chapel on Lincoln's birthday.

New fire-fighting equipment has recently been placed in the hallways.

New window screens and curtains will soon be seen in the music hall and the floor has a new coat of varnish.

Thirteen typing students compose the largest class in typing in the history of Fresno Academy.

Hanford Effort

A most auspicious opening marked the beginning of our Hanford campaign January 13.

Our tabernacle, seating capacity 1000, was filled. People were there from

all parts of Kings County. Mayor Wilson of Hanford, made an address of welcome in behalf of the city that was sincere and to the point.

The opening lecture on "Heaven" given by Elder Richards proved one that made a splendid impression on the audience. The vested choir, composed of members of five different churches, gave a good account of themselves.

The Lord surely blessed in our construction program from the first. A local contractor and architect, one who years ago was a Seventh-day Adventist, superintended the construction and furnished blue prints without one cent of cost to us. The building was erected by volunteer labor, consisting of men, women and children of the various churches. As in Bible times, "They all had a mind to work." Even some outside carpenters helped without cost.

The second day of construction, the entire office force came down from Fresno and helped, many of the women did actual construction work as well as providing meals for the workers. A temporary kitchen and dining room in the open air proved a wholesome innovation.

Our tabernacle is located in the very heart of the city on a lot used for years for tented shows.

In asking for a city permit for the construction of the building, a special ruling by the council was necessary as we are in the restricted fire limits where no wooden structures are permitted, but they waived the ordinance without a dissenting vote.

The field had been prepared by the circulation of 2,500 *Signs* for three months prior to opening, directly from Mountain View into the homes of the people. Our first announcement was sent by mail into every rural community in the country. Personal invitations were also mailed to many of the leading citizens of Hanford.

The whole-hearted co-operation of our people in Kings County has never been surpassed anywhere.

We are in our fourth week and the interest, attendance, and offerings have increased each week. God is in the work. The marvelous response we are witnessing in our present campaign thus far is an omen to us that the end is near—"Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts."

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Our Great Desire for Nevada Believers

Upon the heart of every true minister of the gospel there rests a heavy burden for the spiritual welfare of God's people. As we look over the vast stretches of this Nevada territory, and think of how widely scattered we are, my heart goes out for the lonely and isolated believers.

However, there is this comforting assurance. In my visits over the field I have found that in every family where the good old *Review and Herald* is read regularly, the members in that home are of good courage and filled with confidence in the speedy triumph of the third angel's message.

My great desire is that every member throughout the Nevada Conference become a regular reader of the *Review*. Whatever else you may have to go without, please make the *Review* first. Daily study of the Bible and a weekly perusal of the *Review* will keep your faith strong and your outlook bright.

May I appeal to every elder and missionary secretary to visit every home among your flock and see if they are receiving the blessings of the *Review*. If perchance there should be an individual too poor to subscribe, I would suggest that the church provide the *Review*. The price in its enlarged form is now only \$2.50 a year. A little over 4 cents a week, less than a penny a day.

No family will ever backslide or grow indifferent to the message who reads the *Review* regularly.

J. H. McEACHERN.

Nevada Sheep Herders Need "The Signs of the Times"

There are whole communities of ranches, and little towns, in Nevada where the people are without any religious instruction whatever. I have been in places where there was not a church of any denomination, and in several other towns where a priest or some Protestant minister comes to preach only once in two or three months. Business men and city officials have told me that they were compelled to conduct

funeral services and perform marriage ceremonies because a clergyman could not be found within a hundred miles.

Thus, all Christian denominations have neglected to send preachers of the gospel to these sheep of the desert. The commercial concerns of the world have not been negligent to send thousands of workmen with pick and shovel to search for nuggets of gold and to dig for veins of silver. Nevada's minerals have enriched the nation. If the church would make a corresponding effort in behalf of human souls she would find many "diamonds in the rough" whose character and talents would enrich the kingdom of God.

The people of Nevada are not impregnable to religious influence, as many have supposed. Indeed, they are the reverse. They are broadminded and respect the genuine in Christianity, but are quick to discern hypocrisy. Our colporteurs do well among them, and we find their hearts melt in tenderness when we tell them each year in the Harvest Ingathering what we are doing for suffering humanity.

The question confronting us is, what should we be doing for these people right in our home conference. The very least we should do is to send each family *The Signs of the Times*. Our colporteurs and those who have worked at Ingathering have gathered hundreds of names. Who will volunteer to pay for one or more annual subscriptions? You may mail the *Signs* to some one for whom you are personally burdened, or send your donation through your church missionary secretary to the Nevada office. We have many names of precious souls who should have the *Signs*.

We thank you for your interest in these dear people who are denied church privileges. Make it possible for the good old *Signs of the Times* to preach the third angel's message to them.

J. H. McEACHERN.

"PULLING DOWN THE PILLARS OF CHRISTIANITY" shows how, like Samson of old, church leaders today are attempting to wreck the pillars of religion, and they may yet bring down the whole edifice on their heads. You will enjoy this feature article of the March Color *Signs*. Only four cents each in lots of ten or more. Ask your Bible House secretary for a supply.

I long to be a flame of fire, continually glowing in the divine service and building up Christ's Kingdom to my dying moments.—DAVID BRAINARD.

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News-O-Graphs

Sabbath, March 2, is Religious Liberty Day. Let every church in our conference plan a full service, and take up a good offering to be sent to the conference office, and used in scattering Religious Liberty literature. A special study on the subject will be sent to all the leaders for the service, March 2. Plan for it.

Elder J. T. Boettcher, of Washington, D. C., has been holding some meetings in the Lodi German church. Elder H. Meyer, president of the North Dakota Conference spoke to our German brethren and sisters on February 9 and 10.

Elder H. K. Christman, of the General Conference Home Missionary Department, spent a few days in our conference. He spoke in the Chico, Sacramento, Lodi, Stockton and Modesto churches. Brother Christman has given many years of service in South America; and the inspiration gained from his message will undoubtedly be a great blessing to our field.

As an evidence of the interest created by our Harvest Ingathering work, Brother Stevens received the following from a man in the northern part of our field: "I have read one of your distributed leaflets, of which I know that nothing which was ever published is any better," requesting the free literature for three months, as offered in the H. I. leaflet. This man's name has been placed on the *Signs* mailing list in one of our churches; and Elder Armitage will also follow and develop this interest.

Our delegates have returned from the Bookmen's Convention in Mountain View, and report that it was a wonderful occasion. The plans there laid, we believe, will mean a forward step in our literature ministry.

Thorough Preparation!

In a letter from a colporteur-evangelist: "I really felt that the Lord was with me to-day. One woman said she had recently lost one of her daughters,

and she believed God had taken her to spiritually awaken the rest of the family. While I was showing the chapter in 'Bible Readings' on the New Birth the woman said, 'You know I dreamed about that last night.' She ordered 'Bible Readings,' a Bible, 'Steps to Christ,' and 'Bed Time Stories.' This family knows the truth, and I am sure they will soon take their stand for it."

CAREFULLY, PRAYERFULLY, READ AND CONSIDER

"The canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order, and it is as good and successful a method as can be employed for placing before the people the important truths for this time."—C. E., p. 5.
"When men realize the times in which we are living, they will work as in the sight of Heaven."—Page 13.

"Women as well as men can engage in the work of hiding the truth where it can work out and be made manifest. They can take their place in the work at this crisis, and the Lord will work through them. . . They can do in families a work that men cannot do, a work that reaches the inner life. They can come close to the hearts of those whom men cannot reach. . . Discreet and humble women can do a good work in explaining the truth to the people in their homes. The word of God thus explained will do its leavening work, and through its influence whole families will be converted."—Vol. 9, pp. 128, 129.

"Very much more efficient work can be done. The canvasser should not rest satisfied unless he is constantly improving. He should make thorough preparation."—C. E., p. 43.

This may be the last opportunity we shall have to attend a Colporteurs' Institute, such as will be held in Lodi, beginning Thursday evening, February 28. Those who are planning to work as colporteur-evangelists, make definite plans to be present at the opening meeting, and remain all through the convention.

ALBERT J. WERNER.

All can give to missions if all will to give. In some manner God works it so that His very commands become enablings, and we have known the poorest saints glory in being able to bestow (out of their extreme poverty) that which has ascended to heaven as sweet incense and has caused the angels to be exceedingly glad.

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Loma Linda and Vicinity

We believe others will be interested in a report of the activities along evangelistic lines from this center. The Spirit of Prophecy has much to say about work being carried to the cities surrounding Loma Linda, and we are glad to give this report of what God has done in 1928.

Last February we started meetings in San Bernardino in a vacant store and for ten weeks the crowd kept coming. The store was leased and we were forced to close. The interest kept up and after camp meeting we pitched our tent, but it had to come down at once. The city ordinance is a drastic one regarding tent efforts. If one person objects for any reason whatever the tent must be moved. Although we had the signatures of all in the neighborhood, there was one who objected because it spoiled their view. So our tent season closed abruptly.

After counsel, we decided to pitch our tent in Redlands. Here we had a blessed series of meetings. The opposition was strong. Three mass meetings were held when speakers very forcibly railed against the Spirit of Prophecy and the Sabbath. Eight ministers advertised meetings against the Sabbath and Adventists. Besides this others spoke who did not advertise. We were challenged four different times to debate. After the meetings had closed we felt it was for the good of the cause to accept one of these challenges, especially as they were still insisting on our meeting them. So we accepted the challenge of the pastor of the First Christian Church. Four meetings were held in the Contemporary Club Auditorium. Packed houses greeted us every night and many heard the truth for the first time. The result was as we had anticipated under existing prejudice and opposition. Some saw the Adventists had the truth. We are glad that five persons have decided to unite with us as the direct result of hearing this discussion. We then started meetings in our Redlands church on Sunday nights and with a good attendance are praying that more will see the light. Up to January 1 from these efforts, there were fifty-two persons baptized and one joined on profession of faith. Last Sabbath we had

another baptism when nine went forward. We are planning on another baptism in a few weeks when we expect as many more to unite with us. The interest in San Bernardino continues as is evidenced by the fine attendance at the Tuesday night meetings we are now holding in the church.

We feel thankful to God for having a part in this work and to be associated with such a loyal group of workers as formed our company. These were Brother Merlin Neff (until he went North), Mrs. George Burnett and Miss Reathel Jenkins. Our gratitude is also due to the Loma Linda Sanitarium for their faithful cooperation along medical and health lines. In the Redlands effort they had Mrs. Kingerman teach the cooking classes. A feature along this line was when we served a dinner, from soup to dessert, to 450 persons in our tent. Of course only small portions were served of each course. As a result of this work every new member has been fully instructed in health reform.

The results attained in this year's work are also due to the faithful members of the three churches who sustained us by their prayers and in doing any work that had to be done. God has recorded their faithfulness in His books above. May we ask that you will not forget this important center when you seek God?

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Items

Elder M. N. Campbell, Secretary of the Bureau of Home Missions, will visit our field February 17-19 holding meetings with our foreign churches, and also with some of our English churches.

Prof. W. F. VanAtta, who for four years was treasurer at the San Fernando Academy and the past six years has been connected with the Glendale Union Academy as treasurer and manual training instructor, has joined our office family as cashier.

We have done just a little remodeling in the conference office to provide more space in our reception room. The telephone exchange has been transferred to another part of the building, which makes it more private. Also a counter has been installed which will enable

the treasury department to do its cash business much more expeditiously than before. An information desk has been installed in connection with the telephone exchange in order that the work of the exchange and the information desk may be minimized. The changes in the front lobby of the office building have added very materially in the appearance of the office.

Elder J. J. Reiswig, a secretary of the Bureau of Home Missions, is in our field for a few days, while Mrs. Reiswig is under Dr. Clark's care. Elder Reiswig spoke in the Exposition Park church Sabbath, February 9.

Many visitors going to and from the Pacific Press Bookmen's Convention have dropped into the office recently, among them Elders J. L. McElhany, J. J. Nethery, President of the Central Union Conference; M. L. Andreason, president of the Minnesota Conference; M. L. Rice, president of the Colorado Conference; S. G. Haughey, president of the Nebraska Conference; E. H. Meyers, field missionary secretary of the Central Union; and H. C. Hartwell, president of the Missouri Conference.

The General Conference pledge card for missions is taking very well in our churches. Some of the churches have been just a little late in putting the plan across, but it is not too late to act.

The tithe of Southern California for January of 1928 was \$18,776.80. During January of 1929 the tithe amounted to \$26,046.05 or a gain of \$7,269.25. The missions offerings during January of 1928 amounted to \$6,807.05, and during January of 1929 they amounted to \$7,389.80 or an increase of \$582.75. Let us thank the Lord for blessing His people so bountifully, and giving them the spirit of liberality.

The church school enrolment to date is 907. Last year the enrolment was 823. Thus we see our people are sensing the responsibility of putting their children in our church schools, where they will be trained for service in the Lord's work.

The Present Outlook

Powerful reform organizations have combined, says the Baltimore *Sun*, and this strong combination is planning to

"drive through certain reforms which have been merely flirted with and talked about in the past." The program includes compulsory Sunday observance, and declares "The new Congress holds an unmistakable mandate from the church people, and are prepared to act accordingly."

This Seventy-first Congress comes into being on March 4, and March 2 is Religious Liberty Day. Let the offering on that day be a most liberal one, so the conference may have sufficient means to enable us to "come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

GEO. A. SNYDER.

Long Beach Academy News

No bells were rung at the Long Beach Academy, Wednesday morning, January 30. All was in readiness to leave for Orange County Park, where the semi-annual school picnic was to be held. Games, boating and a good lunch added to the enjoyment of the day. At 3:15 o'clock all were tired and ready to go home, a trip soon made, thus completing a perfect day.

A long looked for event finally came January 21, when a few students of L. B. A. by the instruction of Prof. Potts, proudly entered the business office therein to promote the organization of the Seniors of '29. After the votes were cast it was found that Albert Bradley was the president, and Wilma Dickerson was secretary. Lucille Frisbie was elected treasurer.

February 6 the chapel period was taken by two students. Ruth Robinson read an article on Tobacco, showing the evils of same to the human body. Mr. Rutherford played a harmonica solo, and also imitated a steam engine.

Religious Liberty Day, Mar. 2

Every church should carry out the Religious Liberty Day program this year, and make a special effort to replenish the Religious Liberty fund. The Sunday law forces just now are launching a vigorous campaign in behalf of the Lankford Sunday bill. The *Congressional Record* for the past week has had pages and pages of petitions from the churches in favor of his bill.

The question of the revision of the Calendar, making the Sabbath a wandering day through the week each year, will be a live issue in the next session of Congress, as well as the Sunday law issue. There never has been a greater

need for a campaign of education along religious liberty lines than now. We trust that everyone will make a liberal contribution to the Religious Liberty fund, and also renew their subscription as well as their clubs the *Liberty* magazine.

Do not fail to carry out the program in your church.

C. S. LONGACRE.

Advertisements

SPECIAL NOTICE—TERMS

Reference from the conference president must accompany requests for advertising space in the RECORDER where individuals are not personally known to the RECORDER.

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. Real estate advertisements acceptable only when referring to a specific property, and only one property.

FOR SALE.—Lovely half-acre chicken ranch, capacity 1,000 chickens. Fine view. Four-room house, garage, fruit, garden, flowers. Bus line to church school. Ten minutes walk to post office. Climate practically frostless. \$2,500 cash, or on terms, \$250 down and monthly payments. Box 732, La Mesa, San Diego Co., Calif. 27-3t

CUSTOMERS WANTED.—Sanitariums and Colleges, also private customers wanted, for fine grade of grape juice. Five gallons or more, \$1.35 per gal. Orders of ten gallons or more prepaid six hundred miles. Orders filled promptly. Address Box 52, Angwin, Calif. 27-3t

FOR SALE.—Four-room house, and lot, in Napa. Will sell cheap. A real bargain. Write to Mrs. Bourquin, Box 613, Sawtelle, Calif. 28-2t

FOR SALE.—At Fresno, half block from church school and academy, lot 50 by 135, on Delno Street, at Belmont. Garage house at rear. Price cut for cash. John Nichol, 117 So. Belmont St., Glendale, Calif. 29-3t

SANITARIUM FOR TUBERCULAR PATIENTS.—2700 ft. elevation. Above the fogs; mountain and desert breezes, mountain water. Modern cottages, best of food and service, and rates reasonable. Sun treatments. We especially invite cases of tuberculosis of the spine, joints, and bones. Address Beaumont Open Air Sanitarium, Beaumont, Calif. 29-2t

FOR SALE.—In Loma Linda, house and lot, four rooms and bath, on mail route. Gas electricity, domestic water under pressure. Barn suitable for four cows. Cement cellar, sidewalk. Reason for selling, going East. Will sell my equity cheap, balance \$10.00 per month. Sam Chestnut, Route A, Box 136, Redlands, Calif. 29-3t

FOR SALE.—Two lots in the beautiful G'enoaks tract just behind Glendale Sanitarium. Gas, water, lights, sewer. All paved streets. John Nichol, 117 So. Belmont St., Glendale, Calif. 29-3t

HAVE FOUR ACRES near Van Nuys. Ideal for chicken ranch. Need \$1,000. Will sell one acre for \$1,500 or highest bidder and give free use of other three acres. Subject only to taxes. Adventist only. Write W. H. Peterson, 2639 E. Fourth St., Long Beach, Calif. Phone 310-145.

FOR SALE.—Lovely seven-room home containing three bedrooms, also large screened porch, hall, and bathroom. Lot 50 x 186. Lawn, flowers, fruit and nut trees; two almond, nectarine, and two peach trees. Double garage and grape arbor. One and one-half blocks from Glendale-Eagle Rock car line. Near new Glendale Sanitarium. Would consider renting to responsible party. For particulars, address Mrs. B. O. Carr, 5129 Eagle-dale Ave., Eagle Rock, Calif. 28-3t

WANTED TO RENT.—By man of experience. Completely furnished dairy ranch with alfalfa. Address G. S. Hess, 2023 Eleanore Drive, Glendale, Calif. Phone Douglas 3594-W. 28-2t

LOOSE-LEAF BIBLE.—Very convenient for ministers, Bible workers, and students. Extra leaves for notes and comments can be inserted just where you want them; in covers and binding that will last a lifetime. For full description address L. J. Burgess, Box 301, La Mesa, Calif., enclosing stamped envelope. 28-3t

CALI-CHICO PRODUCTS CO.—Olives in kits, kegs, and barrels for 30 days yet. Large olives, 10 gal. keg, \$8.00; Mammoth, \$9.00; Colossal, 40 to the lb., \$10.00. Prunes, 10 lbs., 70 cents. Figs, 70 cents. Peaches, \$1.00. Almonds and walnuts 20 cents lb. Brown rice, 8 cents lb. Honey, No. 10 cans, \$1.30. Sorghum, 90 cents. Send for our price list on canned olives. Write A. E. Crist, Chico, Calif. 28-3t

FOR SALE.—Our beautiful new stucco home; five large rooms, breakfast nook, wash-room, bath with shower. Large garage. Lot 50 x 150, improved. 6 large orange trees. Location ideal. Cash payment, balance easy terms. Write Elder R. S. Fries, Box 275, Loma Linda, Calif. 28-3t

WANTED, by experienced watchmaker, window space or employment in some locality where there may be suitable opening for small watch repair and jewelry business. Address V. I. Hamblen, 108 Painter St., Pasadena, Calif. 28-3t

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE.—Six acres among orange groves. Suitable for citrus fruits, nuts, poultry, etc. Good soil, under cultivation, level, irrigated. Six shares of water. Family orchard. Build as you like. Near church and church school. Reasonable if taken at once. Address Owner, Route 1, Box 359, San Bernardino, Calif. 28-3t

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Things Heard at the Mountain View Convention

The convention at Mountain View is over; it was a good meeting. Conference presidents, field missionary, home missionary, Bible House secretaries, and others were in attendance. The territory of the Pacific Press reaches from the borders of Mexico up to the borders of British Columbia, and away eastward to Minnesota. Elders McElhany, Stevens, and Brother Hall of the General Conference led us in Bible study and interesting discussions. As we studied the great world problems, in our auditorium hung a great motto on which was written, "God is greater than the task." Such words were a great inspiration as we faced a world in need and realized our own weakness and inefficiency, but God is our efficiency, and by Him we conquer.

From the Testimonies this sentence is quoted, "They, (God's people,) will labor on undaunted, until apparent defeat is turned into glorious victory." Brother Hall said the convention had two ends, first a higher spiritual standard; second, increased efficiency. One brother said there were four dangerous foes of the church,—indifference, indecision, intolerance, and inactivity. One brother related how in the foreign fields our workers triumphed over difficulties. A doctor who wanted a plumber to work on his sanitarium building, went out with his Bible and held Bible readings with a plumber and got him converted and this plumber did the plumbing. He wanted

a bricklayer, and with his Bible sought out a bricklayer and taught him the truth and put him to work. He then remarked that if God hasn't enough Adventists to do the work, then He'll raise up more Adventists and put them to work.

Considering the matter of the goal the church has before it, this brother remarked that the great goal was the salvation of a lost world. In terms of money it is sometimes divided up on an average of sixty cents a week as our goal. But he remarked that no man who has a large car, with a well-dressed wife and a dog in the car, can get off with a sixty-cent-a-week goal. The goal, he says, this year is really four and a half millions for the world, not sixty cents a week for a rich man. Let us all think of what our obligations to God are.

Speaking of goals, a certain brother said, "It is easier to keep up than to catch up," meaning that when we get behind, it is a hard thing to catch up. The moral is that we should keep up by promptly paying our dues.

Speaking of the foreign nationalities who are living within our borders, someone at the convention referred to them under the term of our "foreign guests." This is a very nice name. Someone also mentioned them as "strangers within our borders." Shall we not do more for these people who are, many of them, hungering for the Bread of Life?

Referring to the per capita sale of our good trade books, it was pointed out that only \$1.57 worth of books per member is sold in Pacific Press territory. Does this not point to the need of a great revival among us that God will help us to arise to do the work that we are to be doing with our literature? But we are thankful to pass the word along that notwithstanding there was \$114,000 worth of book sales within our Union this last year, on the part of our colporteurs, and that at the time of the convention, our Pacific Union Conference field secretaries, meeting together, decided, with their presidents, to put the goal at \$170,000, leaving about \$5,000 of that for Hawaii, our newly acquired territory. Shall we not all pray for our colporteurs in all parts of the field, that God will give them good success during the year 1929? The record for January is a good one, showing an increase over 1928 for January, which indicates that we have started on the right road.

Let us keep praying and let us keep working and God will give the increase. The first campaign of the year is Big

Week. Elder McElhany said, in introducing this subject, "Our Big Week endeavor is becoming a mighty factor in providing facilities in publishing, educational, and medical lines in carrying on this great work." The Big Week comes comparatively early in the year and all counts on our mission goal of sixty cents a week. Shall we not take up this work heartily, and distribute the literature, and bring in the funds for the advancement of the truth of God in the far-away lands? Attempt great things for God.

J. E. FULTON.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL MISSIONARY AND BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

In harmony with Section 1 of Article 5 of the By-Laws of the California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, which provides that "the annual meeting of the members of this association shall be held the second Wednesday in March of each year. . . ." the regular annual meeting of the constituency of the California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association will be held at Sanitarium, Napa County, California, on Wednesday, March 13, 1929, at 12:00 o'clock noon.

The purpose of this meeting is to elect six directors, as provided in Section 2 of Article 6 of the By-Laws of this corporation; to consider the advisability of amending, repealing, or adopting new By-Laws, or to transact any other business which may be necessary or proper to come before the meeting.

By order of the Board of Directors,
 G. A. ROBERTS, *President*,
 A. C. LARSON, *Secretary*.

SPECIAL NOTICE

While the regular annual meeting of the California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association will be called at the place, date, and hour stated in the legal notice; yet to make it possible for General Conference representatives, who will be on the Coast the last of March, to attend, the regular annual meeting will be adjourned, no objections being offered, to Monday, April 1, 1929, at 12 o'clock noon, at which time all business usually transacted at the regular annual meeting will be presented for consideration.

By order of the Board of Directors,
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"I will spend my life in caves and dens of the earth if the Kingdom of Christ may thereby be advanced."—DAVID BRAINARD.

