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(Editor's Note—Elder F. W. Schnepfer, president of the Pacific Union Conference, gave his report in interview form. It is printed here as it was given.)

We open this tenth quadrennial session of the Pacific Union Conference with a feeling of deep gratitude in our hearts for the Lord's continuing mercies and rich blessings manifested toward His work in this large union. As we review the work of the past four years, we can say with the Psalmist, "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." (Ps. 118:23, 24.)

To be associated with this large cooperative group of workers, in itself, is an inspiration. We extend a warm welcome to each and every one. We especially welcome our retired ministers. We are pleased that so many of you found it possible to accept our invitation to be present. We think of you as an important part and influence in our program. We want you to share in the reports of accomplishments and participate in the plans for the future.

The Pacific Union Conference was first organized in 1901. At that time its territory included not only its present territory but also the present territory of the North Pacific

Union Conference and, in addition, British Columbia in Canada. It was reorganized into its present territory, except for the Hawaiian Islands, in 1906. Its membership at that time was just a little over 6,000. Several union conferences were territorily reorganized about this same time. It is interesting to note that at the end of 1907, with approximately the same territories that they serve today, both the Central Union and Lake Union conferences had larger memberships than the Pacific Union; the Lake Union with almost twice the membership. Today, our membership totals 72,310. It is not quite equal to the combined membership of the next two largest unions in membership in the North American Division. The records reveal that this membership increase has been on a steady year-by-year basis.

Beginning with its reorganization in 1906, up to the time of this present administration, eleven men have served this union conference as its president. Six of those men are still living. It was under the administration of these six men that 33 years of history of the Pacific Union Conference was written. We thought you would be interested in hearing from these men and we have either their written message or they are here to express a word to you.



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Elder F. W. Schnepfer flanked by his departmental secretaries as they shared in a portion of his president's report to the delegates at the San Francisco session. From left to right they are: A. G. Sutton, Miller Brockett, Harry Garlick, R. R. Breitigam, W. S. Lee, F. W. Schnepfer, A. H. Johns, James Howarth, A. C. Nelson, J. O. Iversen, and D. E. Dirksen.

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Eureka	6:13	Phoenix	6:28
Fresno	5:57	Reno	5:55
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Remember the call to prayer for the *Patriarchs and Prophets Plan*.

The records reveal that Elder J. W. Christian was elected president in 1918 and served until 1921. He is the father of Dr. Percy Christian, a former president of Pacific Union College and currently president of Walla Walla College. Elder Christian is now living at College Place, Washington. We are grateful that Dr. Christian could accompany his father so as to make it possible for him to be with us. We are delighted to have you here, Elder Christian, to bring greetings to this group of workers. How does this group you see here compare with the number back in 1918 when the membership was 13,631?

Elder J. W. Christian:

"No greater inspiration and satisfaction could be mine, as I approach my eighty-third birthday, than that which comes with the privilege of attending this Pacific Union Conference Session, where we will hear reports of the onward progress of the work of God in this part of His vineyard during the past four years, where we will lay plans for the advancement of the Kingdom of God.

"This Civic Auditorium is not merely a great and imposing building to me—it is a shrine of sacred memories of many important meetings of the people of God from all parts of the world. This great assembly is not merely a body of delegates charged with transacting the business of the church—it is a group of men and women dedicated to the supreme task of ushering in the second coming of our Saviour. Many of you are personal friends of mine; some of you—but the ranks of such are thinning each year—have been my close fellow workers in this union conference and elsewhere in days gone by; but all of you are my brothers and sisters in 'this precious hope' which binds us together and which is the basic motivation of our lives.

"Sixty-three years ago I entered the organized work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, 57 years ago I was ordained to the gospel ministry, and 41 years ago I was called to the presidency of this Pacific Union Conference. Even in 1919 when this became the largest union conference in North America, we closed the year with a membership of only 13,977. Today the Pacific Union Conference has grown to a membership of 72,310, and is nearly twice as large as any of its sister union conferences. In 1918 we had the nucleus of most of the great institutions—education, medi-

cal, and publishing—which, today are filling so admirably their role in the work of God, but their progress in the intervening years has exceeded our fondest dreams; and other institutions have also been developed to meet the expanding concept of our task. In 1918 we thought we were doing well to give \$191,117.86 through what was then known as the '25-cents-a-week fund.' Last year my heart was overjoyed to learn that our believers in the Pacific Union Conference gave \$246,601.60, and organizations \$75,000.00, for a total of \$321,601.60, to the great Million Dollar Offering, and that the 'one-dollar-a-week fund' for the year totaled \$2,210,140.13. Truly, we may exclaim with all our strength and our sincerity, 'What hath God wrought!'

"Some of us can no longer carry the responsibilities which once were ours in the cause of God, but we pray daily that our Heavenly Father will give to each one of you the strength, the wisdom, and the courage which is needed to finish His work in these tremendous times. The coming of Jesus is most certainly near at hand—even at the door! May we all be faithful and diligent in our work, and some day soon may it be our great privilege to meet in that great constituency meeting of the ransomed in the earth made new to enjoy the fellowship of each other and of our God throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity."

Elder J. E. Fulton and Elder J. L. McElhany seem to have exchanged the presidency back and forth for the next few years. Elder Fulton was president 1921-22, then Elder McElhany 1922-26 followed by Elder Fulton 1926-32, followed in turn by Elder McElhany 1932-33. By the close of 1933 our membership had grown to 26,589. Since Elder McElhany's retirement as president of the General Conference he has been a welcome counselor at our union conference committee and institutional board meetings. As president of this union conference for five years, and as a vice president of the General Conference for nine years, followed by being General Conference president for 14 years, Elder McElhany has had the opportunity to observe what this union conference means to our world-wide work and I have asked that he comment on this.

Elder J. L. McElhany:

"My period of service as General Conference president included the years



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Former Pacific Union Conference presidents who attended the recent session in the Civic Auditorium in San Francisco. They are from left to right: J. W. Christian, J. L. McElhany, Glenn Calkins, W. B. Ochs, and C. L. Bauer.

of the second World War. Countless crises arose during those years requiring special consideration. The problem of sending out missionaries to different countries of the world, furnishing funds to carry forward the work of God, and finding our way through all the political intricacies occasioned by the war were continually on our hearts and minds.

"In all these trying situations the attitude of our brethren and sisters was a great help and encouragement to us. The efforts of the churches and members in the Pacific Union Conference were of great help in facing the problems of those days. We had always held before them the fact that the Lord had given them an outstanding advantage in helping the General Conference meet many of the world problems, especially in a financial way.

"This union is geographically one of the most accessible and easily reached in North America and this situation creates a fine opportunity for united action for helping to meet the worldwide needs of God's cause. The members as a rule are prosperous and love to give to advance the work.

"It is a great privilege to be able to help the General Conference in this way. Let us one and all make it a very important part of our service to God to give with an ever increasing liberality and thus further help the General Conference to speed this blessed truth to all parts of the world field."

Elder Glenn Calkins hasn't told me where he was born but he was born into the Adventist family here in the

Pacific Union. He was in business in Riverside, California, when he accepted the third angel's message and his first denominational work was to be associated with Elder Phillip Knox. He was president of the Southeastern California Conference for three years and then controller of the College of Medical Evangelists when he was called to be president of the Pacific Union in 1933. He served until 1941 when he was called to be president of the Inter-American Division. I am sure that Elder Calkins had many interesting experiences while serving as president of this field and by the close of his administration the membership of this union had grown to 36,000. We want him to tell us what this steady increase in membership in the Pacific Union Conference can mean to an overseas mission field.

Elder Glenn Calkins:

"It is a wonderful privilege to live and work in the Pacific Union Conference. Why do I say this? Because I have had the joy of laboring here and I know from experience what it means to be a part of the faithful family of the Pacific Union.

"It is also a great privilege to be used of God, as you are, in providing a large portion of the foreign mission budget of the General Conference, not only the financial budget, but also in the training of many of the laborers for other lands.

"I want to take this opportunity again of personally thanking the workers and believers of the Pacific Union for the moral and financial support that has

come to the Inter-American Division where I was president for 14 years. During that time, under the blessing of God, over one hundred thousand were baptized in those strongly anti-Protestant countries, and the great forward surge in soul winning is still continuing in all of the 27 countries of Inter-America. You, my brethren and sisters, will share in those victories gained. Yes, I thank God for the privilege of having been at one time on the providing hand, as you are now, as well as later on the receiving end over there.

"May God continue to bless and prosper you in the days ahead that you may bring even a greater glory to God's work here at home and abroad. As the work grows and prospers here so will it be enlarged and prospered in mission lands as the result of your faithfulness."

Elder Dickson, I understand, also began his ministry in the Pacific Union Conference. After years of successful experiences as an evangelist and local conference president he followed Elder Calkins as president in 1941 and served until called to be a vice president of the General Conference in 1945. We had hoped it might be possible for him to be with us at this meeting and regret he could not join us. His letter indicates he expects to be residing in California in the near future but circumstances prevent his being here at this time. He enclosed a message to be read to you.

Elder L. K. Dickson:

"It is a source of deep regret to me that circumstances prevent my attendance at your important meeting, so that I might greet you in person. I wish to express to you my joy and thankfulness to God for the wonderful progress and expansion of the cause of truth throughout your great field. The giant strides which, under God, you have made through the years in extending the operations of the church speak loudly of your faith and devotion to God and portend a speedy finishing of the work in all the world.

"The times upon which we have fallen are most portentous and dangerous, but, thank God, these are the days in which we are to see the glorious triumph of the work of God. Toward that great and grand day the church is majestically moving and her final destiny is assured and certain. Never have we seen clearer evidences of the com-

plete fulfillment of God's Word in which we have rested our faith and hope. There can be no doubt of the certainty of the soon coming of our Lord and King.

"Our chief concern now must be in our preparation to meet Him Whom we love and serve. This is the hour that must see the third angel's message swell into the 'loud cry.' As God's people are clothed with the fullness of His glorious power through the impartation of the righteousness of Christ, the great task will be quickly finished. Here is where our chief emphasis must now be placed. A more devoted and deeper life in Christ is to be our constant interest and aim, that we may be chosen vessels unto Him in order that the everlasting gospel may reach every soul and the earth be lightened with His glory.

"I earnestly pray that God will guide you in your deliberations and that the presence of the Holy Spirit in rich measure will be upon each one of you as you gather together to do business for the Lord. It is time for the Lord to come. Let us all be faithful and true to our high calling in Christ Jesus."

Elder W. B. Ochs was serving as president of the Northern California Conference when he was called to follow Elder Dickson as president. His term was rather short, for the next year at the General Conference Session he was elected a general vice president and later was asked to serve as vice president of the North American Division. It is in this capacity that he is with us at this meeting to serve as chairman of the committee on committees and as chairman of the nominating committee.

Elder Ochs, although your service as president of this union was rather short, I am sure that even this brief period gave you an insight into the work and needs that has left a pleasant memory as well as a realization that the Pacific Union Conference, in spite of its financial resources, has many unresolved problems and opportunities. We are happy you are with us and want to hear a word from you.

Elder W. B. Ochs:

"It is not only a pleasure but a real privilege to be with you at this union conference session. Having served only about 16 months as union conference president I escaped an election. The short period I served here as union president was indeed a most pleasant one.

The union staff members and the workers in the field were always so cooperative. I also learned that our people in this union conference are as loyal to the Advent message as any of our people anywhere. In answer to your inquiry I would say that one does not need to serve very long as president of the Pacific Union Conference to get an insight of the tremendous work that he faces and to see the many needs. You have financial resources, to be sure, but in spite of that you are facing more unresolved problems in this union than in any union in the North American Division. But you must also remember that with all these problems and the many demands that come to you from every nook and corner of your field, which can be understood by those who have served as union president, there comes to you and your staff untold opportunities. Taking advantage of these has made the Pacific Union Conference what it is today. It leads all other unions in membership and in financial support. You need more than human wisdom and strength to cope with all the difficult problems that you face, but remember the promise, 'My grace is sufficient for you.'"

Elder C. L. Bauer spent six years as secretary-treasurer and auditor of the South American Division. He was granted permanent return in the fall of 1934, and after a brief stop as treasurer of the Southwestern Union began his work as treasurer of this union in 1936, while Elder Calkins was serving as president. He continued in that capacity until elected president in 1946. He had a total of 21 years of service in this union conference when he chose to retire on July 1, 1957. This period of service is marked by the universal respect and esteem held toward him by both his fellow workers and the conference membership. During eight of his years as president it was my fortunate privilege to be associated with him as secretary-treasurer. Hence, I think I am in a position to speak with some degree of authority when I say, "It was a real loss to this union conference when he chose to retire."

Elder Bauer, we are most happy that you can be with us at this union session. When you came to this union in 1936 the membership was around 29,000. When you became president in 1946 it was over 43,000, and when you retired

from the presidency, the records reveal that our June 30, 1957, membership stood at 68,268. This was an increase of approximately 40,000 during that 21-year period. Tell us, Elder Bauer, what has impressed you most about the Pacific Union Conference during this long period of service?

Elder C. L. Bauer:

"Greetings to a grand group of workers in this marvelous year of 1959, when things are happening faster than one can think. Well do I remember when I was treasurer of the South American Division, I was presented a perpetual calendar, that gave continuous dates until the year 1958. At that time, about 1930, the year 1958 looked a long time in the future, and I can remember saying, 'Well, calendar change or no calendar change, I'll never lose track of the Sabbath, for this calendar will carry me through to the end.'

"But here we are in the year 1959, and what a tremendous advance the work of the Lord has made! It is workers like you who have been used of the Lord, that have made progress possible. Still as we look out on the great harvest field, we see it ripe ready for the harvest.

"In my time of service in this union I have watched with eager eye the advancement of the work, spiritually and financially. Its membership grew to two and two-thirds its former size and its financial growth was fantastic. The first financial report I gave at the quadrennial session held in Riverside in 1937, having recently come from the Southwestern Union, seemed almost unbelievable. The tithe at that time was approximately three and three-fourths million dollars for the previous four years. While at the close of 1957 the tithe was approximately three times that amount for just the one year.

"I was treasurer and president of this union conference long enough to see this wonderful transformation, and long enough to know that this came about only by the grace of God, and the united faith of the wonderful group of workers and laymen we had throughout the years. And with such a group of workers as I behold here today, I am sure that we shall see greater and still greater things happen in the years awaiting us until our Lord comes.

"May God richly bless each and every one of you as you launch out for Him throughout the years ahead is my sincerest prayer."

The major portion of the quadrennial period under review at this session was under the leadership of Elder Bauer. Whatever credit for achievements should go to leadership, must go to him. We feel very grateful for the leadership which the Pacific Union Conference has had through the years. With such men at the helm we can say with confidence, "The work has been built upon a solid foundation." It gives to a successor a deep sense of responsibility and a feeling of profound humility.

However, records are not written by one man. All of you have had your part. How thankful we are for your faithful service. God in heaven has taken note and will reward you accordingly. It would be interesting to hear each one's story, to listen in detail to your problems, learn of your struggles, share your taking hold in faith, and then rejoice with you in your accomplishments.

Union conference departmental leadership has guided and given counsel. Local conference presidents have studied and helped you with your problems as you, with our faithful laymen, have written the record. As we briefly review with these leaders some of the facts and statistical information on our progress, may it serve to inspire all of us to an even fuller and deeper devotion to finish God's work.

We are asking our union conference departmental leadership to form a panel at the table here on the rostrum and we will interview them on what has happened in their respective departments.

Sabbath School

In response to the question, "What is being done in the Sabbath School department to make Sabbath school evangelistic in all its endeavors?" Elder R. R. Breitigam informed us, "One of the most important things we have been doing is the holding of workshops for Sabbath school workers and training classes for teachers.

"During the past four years more than 3,000 have attended these training classes and received certificates."

Emphasis has also been placed on vacation Bible schools. During the previous four-year period 36 had been held. For the past four-year period the total is 549. The Sabbath school membership gain during the four years was 6,830. We were again reminded that the General Conference depends on the Sabbath school for approximately 50 per cent of the mission giving, and for the

period under review Sabbath school offerings amounted to \$5,008,772.57, an increase of \$888,395.56 over the previous four years.

Educational

Elder A. C. Nelson emphasized that education in the Pacific Union Conference is truly "Big Business." It is in the sense of saving our youth to the church, for the mid-century report prepared by the General Conference reveals that of the young people from Adventist families who do not attend our own schools and graduate from public colleges, only 32 per cent remain in the church. By contrast, of the young people who DO attend our own schools, graduating from our own colleges, 88 per cent are loyal church members. It is also "Big Business" in terms of statistics. A total of 18,421 students are enrolled in our schools this year; 13,620 in our 165 elementary and intermediate schools, employing 594 teachers; 3,407 in 18 academies employing 406 teachers; 1,754 in our two colleges employing 164 teachers. This makes a total of 1,164 teachers and staff members devoting their lives to the business of Christian education. The constant up-grading of education in America presents us with the problems of better trained teaching personnel and improved physical plants and facilities, as well as an increased understanding of the needs of our children.

Home Missionary

The Home Missionary department is always a department of activity. Elder D. E. Dirksen, who recently accepted the leadership of this department for the union conference, informed us that the estimated value of all types of welfare work totals \$12,789,934.75 for the four-year period. A total of 1,280,407 persons were given needed help. Ingathering reached an all-time high of \$2,725,438.56. This was a gain of \$318,921.82 over the previous four years. It would have required the employment of 350 full-time Bible instructors to give the 466,000 studies reported by our laymen during this time. Our laymen had a part in helping 4,287 souls reach a decision for Christ and become baptized into the remnant church.

Regional

The Regional department under the leadership of Elder W. S. Lee reported an increase of 1,014 during 1955-58, making their present membership 4,932. While we have only 12 per cent of the

total Regional constituency in the United States, their tithe and mission giving represented 14 per cent of the total Regional constituency giving. The ministers have been active in evangelistic meetings in city auditoriums, recreation halls, tents, theaters, and local churches. These have been supplemented with cottage meetings, home Bible studies, church meetings, and follow-up of correspondence school interests. A total of 1,144 were added by baptism and profession of faith during the period. Two new churches were organized, three new church buildings were purchased, three were built and a fourth is now nearing completion.

Religious Liberty

Elder A. H. Johns, secretary of the Religious Liberty department, spoke of the new approach to Sunday legislation, not as a "Religious day, but a 'Family Day' of recreation, pleasure, health, and if the family desires—worship." He pointed out the rapid inroads this type of legislation is making and the potential threat it presents. He graphically reviewed the school tax exemption problem during the last 150 years of California history finally resulting in the overwhelming defeat of proponents of taxation of private non-profit schools at the last general election.

Auditing

Our auditor, Brother James Howarth, informed us that we now have 50 organizations in this union conference whose records must be checked annually by the union conference auditing department. The auditor's responsibility includes not only the checking of financial records for accuracy and dependability, but acquainting office personnel with denominationally approved financial procedures. For this purpose a number of instructional manuals have been prepared. The auditing of conference association records includes verifying that matured trust agreements have been executed in harmony with the instructions of the Trustors.

Missionary Volunteer, Temperance, War Service

Elder Miller Brockett revealed that we have 13,000 Missionary Volunteers, representing 504 societies within the union. During the quadrennial period 2,767 decisions for Christ and 1,522 baptisms resulted from the MV Week of Prayer. The young people participated in 51 Voice of Youth efforts. Last summer's attendance at Junior camps

totalled 2,755 with 849 joining baptismal classes.

The former War Service Commission is now under the Missionary Volunteer department and the associate secretary, Elder Harry Garlick, reported that presently we have 11 medical corps operating in full swing with over 400 young people in training.

Elder Brockett, who also serves as secretary of the Temperance department, stated this department's objectives included increasing the present membership of 4,737 to over 7,000 and to encourage our people, especially the young people, to sponsor 22,190 subscriptions to *Listen* magazine to Protestant clergymen and public officials.

Publishing

Our literature ministry program was brought to our attention by Elder A. G. Sutton, the union conference Publishing secretary. He pointed out that our Book and Bible Houses have placed in the hands of our members four million dollars worth of Bibles, books, and periodicals during the last four years. At the same time our colporteurs have delivered \$3,954,889.55 worth of our literature. This was practically twice the sales of the previous four years which amounted to \$2,017,583.69, which in turn was almost a doubling of the four years before that when sales amounted to \$1,329,945.42. He pointed out that this record has been achieved with about the same number of colporteur leaders and if anything, a few less colporteurs. Another encouraging aspect of the colporteur work during the quadrennial period is their direct soul-winning endeavors resulting in 761 persons being baptized, 95,740 signed up for the Voice of Prophecy course, and 4,451 former Seventh-day Adventists invited back to church.

Public Relations

Elder J. O. Iversen, former associate speaker of the Voice of Prophecy, recently joined the union conference staff as secretary of the Public Relations department. Speaking of the soul-winning aspects of his department he asserted, "Public relations plows the field into which the seed can be sown." Around 75,000 stories have appeared in newspapers in our territory during the past four years. Representing the work of the denomination at the state and numerous county fairs is becoming a regular featured activity. Thousands of

pieces of literature have been distributed at some 50 fair displays during the quadrennial period.

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A union conference organization carries on its work through the local conferences that it serves. The burden of responsibility therefore rests upon the local conference presidents. We are fortunate indeed in having capable local conference presidents of experience. I am sure that any one of them could take most of the time of this session telling you what is transpiring in his particular conference. All we can hope to do is to bring one or two points of interest from each field. We will begin with the smallest in membership and proceed to the largest.

Nevada-Utah

Q.—Elder Osmunson, I believe that Nevada-Utah has the smallest membership of the conferences in this union. What was it at the close of 1958?

A.—The church membership as of December 31, 1958, was 1,419. Growth is slow, but during the last four-year period the membership increased from 1,255 to 1,419.

Q.—How large a territory does your conference serve?

A.—Ours is a conference of geographical immensities. It includes the states of Nevada and Utah and that portion of California lying east of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, extending from Lone Pine to Susanville. In fact, our conference is the largest in area in the entire Pacific Union, even larger than Northern, Southern, Central and the Southeastern California conferences combined.

Q.—You really have a problem to spread your laboring force over such a large expanse of territory. I understand that geographical immensities is not your only distinguishing feature. You have something that no other conference in North America has. What is it?

A.—We have Brother Vaughan.

Q.—And who is Brother Vaughan?

A.—Brother R. L. Vaughan is one of our group of consecrated energetic colporteurs who has been successful in getting the *Bible Story* books into many homes. He made more deliveries in 1957 than any other colporteur in North America, a total of \$35,051.11.

Q.—That truly is a new day for the colporteur work. You have many Mormons living in your territory. Is anything being done in a special way to

bring the third angel's message to these people?

A.—Yes, we have recently completed a series of Bible lessons prepared to appeal especially to the Mormon people. These lessons answer many of their questions on doctrines and have been very favorably received. From 15,000 letters mailed in Ogden announcing these lessons, 1,200 enrollments were received. Four hundred of these are definite interests. The follow-up work, as you can imagine, is tremendous.

Q.—What about other types of evangelism in your conference?

A.—Our finances do not permit us to employ a full-time evangelist. Our pastors conduct efforts in their churches. With financial assistance received from the Pacific Union, last spring we borrowed the Sage-Johnson evangelistic team from the Southern California Conference for an effort in Ogden, Utah. About 25 were baptized at the close of this campaign with interest still being followed up by the pastor and his corps of laymen.

Thank you, Elder Osmunson, for this brief report on activities in your important field. With the Lord's blessing added to your earnest efforts I am sure that the work in Nevada-Utah will continue to prosper and grow.

Hawaiian Mission

We next call on Elder Cree Sandefur to report.

Q.—What territory do you represent, Elder Sandefur?

A.—I count it a privilege to bring you a report from paradise, the paradise of the Pacific. To prove it, here is a little touch of Hawaii that I would like to present. (Presentation of leis.)

Q.—Thank you, Elder Sandefur. As you reflect on the last quadrennial period, what special blessings of the Lord do you have to report for Hawaii?

A.—God has been abundantly good to His work in the Islands. Materially, spiritually, and numerically, God has blessed. We feel the evangelistic report should receive special mention. During the last four-year period 829 souls have been baptized. This number of baptisms represents about 43 per cent of our total membership at the beginning of the quadrennial period.

Q.—Is this outstanding soul-winning endeavor attributed to an evangelistic team?

A.—No, we do not have a mission evangelistic team—there is no team to it. Elder R. S. Larson is it—no singing

evangelist, no public relations man, no Bible instructor. However, Hawaii has the finest group of pastors and district men you will find anywhere. Elder Larson has joined these pastors in each area, and unitedly they have preached, visited, and baptized. During approximately the last two-year period 21 evangelistic crusades have been conducted. In per capita of soul winning, I believe Hawaii has a near record. At present we have 13 pastors, one mission evangelist, and one Bible instructor. During 1958 we had an average of over 21 souls each for these 15 workers for a total of 317 additions by baptism and on profession of faith. This I believe is the largest total Hawaii has ever had in any one year and is 15 per cent of our total church membership.

Q.—What about your educational program, does it continue to hold a high place in your field?

A.—Yes, very much so. In the 1958-59 General Conference opening report, for the number of children from Adventist homes attending church school per 100 members, Hawaii was third from the top in the North American Division. However, that is not all the story. Our schools are mission schools. If we included Adventist and non-Adventist children in attendance in the classrooms of our church schools and academy, we have a total of about 40 students for every 100 church members. To give you an idea as to what this means, the average in the North American Division is 10 students for every 100 church members. The homes represented by these non-Adventist children attending our schools presents a real evangelistic potential.

Q.—During the years that I have been in this union, Hawaii has had a two or three year building program going almost one after the other. What has been recently accomplished?

A.—A lovely new dining room, kitchen, bakery, and laundry facilities have been added to the campus at Hawaiian Mission Academy. At the elementary section three old termite-eaten buildings have been demolished, and we now have six spacious new classrooms already on the grounds. The Hilo church members have completed and furnished one of the nicest church buildings in that city.

Q.—Are you about caught up on this building program?

A.—We still have other church and school projects but there is something I

must give special mention. It is mostly future. Prospects are encouraging for the development of a hospital in Hawaii. Land has been the problem. On the Windward side of Oahu we have been offered about 10 acres of land for a hospital. It is in a wonderful area. There are details to be worked out, but it looks most encouraging. Incidentally, land in that area is very expensive, and if this gift from the Kaneohe Ranch fully develops, it represents approximately a \$300,000 gift from the Ranch Company.

Q.—It looks to me, Elder Sandefur, like you ought to have plenty of applications from these workers to spend a term of service in Hawaii, especially since the inauguration of our new plan whereby a worker who goes over there from one of these California conferences is regarded as still being tied to the mainland conference and returns to his former field of labor upon completion of his term of service in the Islands. What was your membership at the close of the year?

A.—At the close of 1958 our membership totaled 2,291. God has wonderfully blessed His work in Hawaii. While we give to Him the honor and praise, I would like to state publicly that the Pacific Union Conference and the California conferences have been most understanding and helpful in contributing directly or indirectly to the enlargement of the work in the Islands.

Arizona

Now we turn to the Arizona Conference and for information on this field we interview Elder G. H. Rustad.

Q.—Tell us, Elder Rustad, what has been happening over in Arizona?

A.—Arizona has been growing by "leaps and bounds" and we have tried to keep pace. Today we have our Thunderbird Academy out in the country with more than double the enrollment of our former academy, which was located in the city of Phoenix. We have a beautiful campground in mile-high Prescott with good water, abundant space for tents and trailers, and have added several new buildings including some 40 new cabins. Best of all we are free from debt.

Q.—You have really had an active development program. How did you pay that nearly \$200,000.00 debt you had two years ago?

A.—We have a wonderful group of workers and people and a cooperative Pacific Union Conference. Our mem-

bers responded to a matching funds plan that provided an average of \$10,000 per month for 19 months, or a total of \$190,000.00 to retire the debt. We thank the Pacific Union Conference for its financial support in this accomplishment.

Q.—A large part of this debt was originally incurred in the establishment of your furniture factory at Thunderbird Academy. How is it and your other industries getting along?

A.—Our students have earned over a quarter million dollars from our industries since this school started some five years ago. Our furniture sales have reached nearly \$40,000 some months. We are now setting aside 2 per cent of the gross sales for a worthy students' fund. This is proving a real blessing to needy and deserving students.

Q.—You have an unusual course in your curriculum at the academy. So far as I know Thunderbird Academy is the only denominational school that teaches flying. What is the story behind this and where do you get your planes?

A.—Educational surplus helps provide the planes and Elder C. B. Harris, a war-time instructor pilot, gives the instruction. The explanation on why we teach flying is very simple. When we acquired the Thunderbird Academy property from the government under educational surplus, we had to indicate usage of the land and then fulfill that usage to receive our proper credits. We had expected to use the land for agricultural purposes. However, we encountered water problems because of state regulations governing the use of water in that area for agricultural purposes. Since this was a former Air Force training base, an airfield already existed and it presented no major problems to re-apply for usage on part of the land as an airfield for teaching aviation. This was done and so by teaching flying we are receiving credit on usage for 320 acres of land as an airfield.

Q.—I understand Phoenix is one of the most rapidly growing cities in the country. What is being done to bring the gospel to this ever-growing metropolis?

A.—I am glad you asked that. We have our own evangelistic team, the Walter Brothers. Their meetings are conducted in a vinyl-coated nylon inflated air house which is kept up by air pressure without any tent poles. It is 125 feet long, 65 feet wide, and 30 feet high. We call it the "Cloud Ca-

thedral." During the last few months they have held three efforts in different sections of the Phoenix area. These have resulted in 175 decisions for Christ with 105 baptisms thus far. During the past four years we have had a 25 per cent net membership increase, or from 2,017 to 2,526. God has been good to us in Arizona and we thank Him for His mercies.

Truly God's blessings have rested upon the work in Arizona, Elder Rustad, and we join you in thanking Him for it.

Central California

Q.—Elder Venden, what can you tell us about that new conference office you have in the Central California Conference?

A.—We are grateful to be able to say that after so many years in the old house on Third Street we are carrying on in our new conference headquarters, and everyone is very happy. It is a splendid location on The Alameda, Highway 101, in San Jose. Thousands of people pass the corner every day. The building has a full basement with two stories above. We receive many favorable comments from business and professional people of the city. We believe the Lord led in finding this excellent location.

Q.—I am constantly hearing favorable reports about the missionary spirit of the doctors in your conference. Could you give us a brief report on this?

A.—We are happy to report that our doctors are doing outstanding work along missionary lines. Some are holding several Bible studies each week. Many have only denominational literature accessible in their waiting rooms. Most of them are leading in various church responsibilities. Every year we have a number of baptisms as a direct result of the work that our consecrated doctors are doing. Our Medical-Ministerial Fellowship meetings have been very inspiring and helpful.

Q.—What about your other evangelistic endeavors?

A.—We are pleased to have Elder R. E. Dunton with us conducting an evangelistic program called the "Flight of Time." He, with his group, held an effort at Modesto and also one in the Veterans Memorial Auditorium here in San Francisco. They have just begun a series of meetings in the large Burbank Theater in San Jose. Nearly all of our ministers have held evangelistic meetings during the past four years.

Some have held several special evangelistic efforts. I wish I had time to tell you about all of them. We borrowed Elder B. R. Spears from the Northern California Conference for an effort in Fresno. Elder D. M. Neidigh held several evangelistic efforts before going to the Southeastern California Conference. Right now we have Elder Chan in Chinatown. Our Spanish workers have held several efforts with good success. We also have had youth efforts which were a real inspiration to young and old. Some of our men who have adjoining districts have united in efforts, thus helping each other to carry on a strong program. All this resulted in 782 baptisms during 1958, bringing our present membership to 12,794.

Q.—What is the latest word on Monterey Bay Academy?

A.—When this property was acquired under educational surplus we were obligated to develop the school plant according to agreement and operate the school for a minimum of 10 years. During 1958 we were inspected and informed we had fulfilled our 10-year obligation. Hence, Monterey Bay Academy now belongs to the Central California Conference without any government obligations or strings attached. We feel we have an excellent academy site and with the buildings that have been constructed it is an outstanding place for our young people to attend school.

I am sure that Monterey Bay Academy is a real source of satisfaction to the constituency of the Central California Conference and we rejoice with you in its establishment.

Southeastern California

Q.—Elder Baker, you have one of the more acute church building problems in the Loma Linda area. Just what is the situation there?

A.—The addition of the Dental School and other activities, together with a general membership increase, has resulted in the Hill church having two services and the College church three services each week. Crowded conditions always make it easy for the students to stay away from church. Multiple services are not a satisfactory solution to such a problem. The pastor needs to meet with his members in a unified group and this is especially true with a student body who are the future potential local church leaders for many areas. Because of the crowded condition in the College church it is necessary

for the children's divisions of the Sabbath school to meet in widely scattered areas of the campus. There are many children in the College church (they have five different Cradle Roll rooms alone) and it is a real problem to find 13 different rooms where the various children's divisions can meet. Building plans are quite well crystalized for a new sanctuary for the College church. It is the fond hope of the building committee that the ground-breaking ceremony will take place in the very near future.

Q.—Growth caused you to recently enlarge your office building. How many times in past history has the Southeastern California Conference office been added to or remodeled?

A.—If the record of history is correct, the office has undergone this experience five times. You will be interested to know we were able to finance this last remodeling and addition from the earnings and activities of our conference association. This, we feel, was a wonderful achievement. In our building we have unused office space for four additional offices. Thus we made provision for future growth.

Q.—What can you say concerning the results of the evangelistic teams currently employed in the Southeastern California Conference?

A.—Personally I believe all of us in Southeastern are thrilled with the results of the three evangelistic teams, and the cooperation of all the pastors and hundreds of laymen in making these meetings a wonderful success in soul winning. Naturally there must be very close cooperation between the pastor and all of the church members and the teams in order to assure success. We endeavor to schedule the evangelistic teams a year ahead of the time when we expect to hold the meetings in the various sections of the conference.

Q.—Speaking of evangelism, would you like to mention briefly the type of evangelism that is carried forward in our mission school in Calexico?

A.—We could spend hours talking about the wonderful work being carried forward by our teachers at the Calexico Mission school. The administration has told us that in spite of the fact that we added another new room to the school last year, it was necessary to deny schooling to about 70 young people from across the border in Mexico this year. Remember, more than 90 per cent of these young people come from non-

Adventist homes. The impact made by the teaching of this school on thousands of people in Mexico is something that brings cheer to the hearts of all of us in Southeastern California. Currently we have purchased land near our present school site upon which we expect to erect new school buildings and use the present buildings for a church and Dorcas Welfare work.

Q.—What is the present church membership of the Southeastern California Conference?

A.—As of December 31, 1958, our membership stood at 16,607. Four years ago, at the end of 1954, it was 13,304—a gain of 3,303 for the four years. We had 918 people joining the church last year by baptism and profession of faith.

God has truly blessed in the Southeastern California Conference. If your present rate of gain continues you are likely to soon exceed the Northern California Conference in membership!

Northern California

Q.—Elder Becker, I remember a few years ago when the constituency of the Northern California Conference voted to establish a new boarding academy. How is that developing?

A.—After three years of intensive searching and looking at almost 100 prospective sites we purchased property about three miles east of Healdsburg. We think it is an almost ideal location.

Q.—Can you tell us something about it and do others agree with you in your conclusions?

A.—The property is located within a bend of the Russian River and is therefore partially surrounded by the river. We have a campus site about 100 feet above the river with a magnificent view of not only the river but also the surrounding wooded hills and mountains. It gives to one a spacious feeling of God's outdoors. And we have been told by denominational leaders that it is the best boarding academy site they have seen.

Q.—What about day academies? Have any been established in your territory since the last union session?

A.—Yes, the Sacramento Union Academy opened its doors at the beginning of the 1958-59 school year.

Q.—What is the estimated value of its land and buildings and what is the enrollment of this school?

A.—The institution consists of an auditorium, cafeteria, science unit, plus five classrooms, valued at \$280,000.

The enrollment in the elementary school is 288, in the academy, 116, making a total of 404.

Q.—That is a good-sized school for its first year as a senior academy. What about church buildings? How many have been completed and dedicated since the last union session?

A.—Thirteen, with 10 more under construction and nearing completion at the present time.

Q.—You seem to receive a large amount of donated labor on your church projects and I understand one in particular was outstanding in this respect. Can you tell us about it?

A.—Most of these churches have been built with a considerable amount of donated labor. The church at Fortuna was built with ALL donated labor. The value of the church, including the lot, is approximately \$250,000. The actual cash spent for the building, lot, and furnishings was \$106,000. From architectural designing to landscaping, over 50,000 hours of labor were donated, estimated at \$125,000. It is the outstanding building in the city and a real credit to the denomination.

Q.—It is remarkable what can be accomplished when a congregation sets its heart and then its hands to such an undertaking. Now what can you tell us about evangelism in your conference, do you have any evangelistic teams?

A.—We have two evangelistic groups and as a result of their conducting 10 efforts approximately 659 souls were baptized. During the quadrennial period a total of 2,956 were baptized while 127 joined the church on profession of faith, making a total of 3,083.

Q.—What is your present membership?

A.—As of December 31, 1958, the total was 17,034.

Thank you, Elder Becker, and as you build that new boarding academy may God's blessing rest upon your efforts.

Southern California

Last on our list and far from being the least is the Southern California Conference. Elder R. R. Bietz, its president, is one of the busiest local conference presidents that I know of. Perhaps that is because the territory is compact and he is therefore very accessible by phone to both workers and laymen.

Q.—Elder Bietz, the Southern California Conference has the largest membership in our union. Does it still have the distinction of having the largest

membership in the North American Division?

A.—According to the final report as of December 31, 1958, our membership stands at 19,639. So far as I know this is the largest local conference membership in the North American Division. The second largest has been the Northern California Conference and at the close of December of this year we were 2,605 ahead of them. However, when we think of the approximately six million people in our territory, our membership figure becomes infinitesimally small. We have nothing to boast about.

Q.—Some folk think that we have growth in this union because so many people move into our territory. Is this the case in your conference or have you had growth through baptisms?

A.—Our increase has been due quite largely to baptisms of new people. We believe in a strong progressive program in every church. Our baptisms for the last four years have totaled around 4,000. The last two years we had a total of 2,300. We are planning and looking for much greater results for the next four years.

Q.—What are some of the outstanding projects you have undertaken and finished during the last four years?

A.—There are really three major projects that should be mentioned. Foremost and largest is the addition to the Glendale Sanitarium and Hospital at a cost of \$1,732,192.31. In church construction the White Memorial church at a cost of \$900,000 is the largest. Now we are in the process of construction at Ventura Estates. When completed the total cost will be from \$800,000 to possibly \$1,000,000.

Q.—Ventura Estates sounds like it might be a real estate venture.

A.—It's a real estate venture all right, but not the kind that we have all over in Southern California. It is a well-planned home for senior Seventh-day Adventist citizens. It is perhaps the first institution of its particular type and planning to be operated by the denomination. It is located in a rural setting, yet easily accessible, on land adjoining Newbury Park Academy. We expect it to be a sort of paradise for our elderly citizens.

Q.—What about your public evangelism endeavors, does Southern California have any evangelistic teams?

A.—Public evangelism, Elder Schnepfer, is not the easiest program in our metropolitan area. We do, however,

strongly believe in it. We encourage every pastor to conduct meetings for the public. We do not insist that each man be a public evangelist, but we believe that every pastor-evangelist should have a strong program of soul-winning endeavor. We have the Sage-Johnson evangelistic team and they have been doing successful work. Elder Phillip Knox is also conducting short spearhead campaigns in our field. Here a strong public evangelistic program conducted by the pastor has been very effective in winning souls to Christ.

Q.—In this large field I know that you have many, many outstanding activities. Are there any others you feel should be reported?

A.—Yes, there are many more I might mention but I believe my time is up and so I will not attempt to say anything further at this time. We are of good courage in Southern and know that we have just begun a great work which will enlarge tremendously as the days go by.

This closes our interview with our local conference presidents and I trust it has helped you to better understand the never-ending activities that are constantly being carried forward in these local conferences. It is, after all, these local conferences that make a union conference.

Adding over 10,000 new church members during a quadrennial period presents a constant flow of building problems. It is equivalent to providing the facilities for a whole union conference in some areas. As our local conference presidents can testify, the pressure is never off. There are always many more deserving needs calling for funds than we can possibly fill.

During the four years ending December 31, 1958, we completed building projects totaling over \$11,000,000. Of this amount approximately \$4,500,000 was for churches. We thought you would be interested in seeing some of these major projects and churches which were completed or dedicated during the past quadrennial period or are now under construction. (The lights were turned out and the pictures were flashed on the screen in rapid succession.)

Lest some think after seeing the pictures of these new buildings that all our physical needs are provided, let me say that we could quickly compile a list of present pressing and urgent needs that would total well over another \$10,000,000. We never catch up, and with

more members being added I don't expect we ever will. After all, that is the way it should be.

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In the Pacific Union Conference the preaching of the gospel is not confined to the English language. We have a large Spanish-speaking population in our territory. If you would step with me into one of our Spanish-speaking evangelistic efforts, this is what you might hear. (A marimba was played by Elder and Mrs. H. V. Shafer and Elder and Mrs. Eliezer Benavides.)

This marimba was imported from Mexico and has a little story of its own. Some of our Spanish laymen in colorful costume make quite an impression when playing it. Elder and Mrs. Benavides drafted Elder and Mrs. Shafer to assist them for this occasion. We have a total of 26 Spanish-speaking churches and two companies served by 25 pastors with a total membership of 2,176. I am sure you would be interested in seeing our fine corps of Spanish-speaking pastors so we are going to ask them to stand at this time.

San Francisco has its International Settlement. It has long been known as a melting pot of nations. With 35,000 Chinese in Chinatown, it has perhaps the largest concentration of Chinese in this country. In 1951 we acquired a fine piece of property for a Chinese Evangelistic Center. In 1955 the brethren

began renovating, remodeling, and improving it. Today we have an outstanding center for our Chinese work in San Francisco. We are told it is the only Chinese Seventh-day Adventist church outside the Orient. At the time of the General Conference Session the Central California Conference arranged to borrow Elder Chan of Hong Kong from the South China Island Union Mission for an evangelistic effort. So successful has he been in his work that they are now extending the loan through 1959. We are most grateful to have Elder Chan in our union and we want him to take just a few minutes to tell you about his work and the opportunities he sees among the Chinese in San Francisco.

Elder Chan:

"The large band of missionaries that has been sent to China has brought the light to her millions. For this today, I should in representing my fellow believers in China, express a sincere word of appreciation. However, within these United States of America dwell a good many of the relatives and friends of our believers in China. Ironically, these people in turn have not received the news of the gospel which has caused our believers in China to be quite concerned. To add to this, many of our believers on arriving in the United States, because of the language barrier, and upon not finding a church in which the



—Jefferson Photo.

Elder H. V. Shafer, Elder Eliezer Benavides, Mrs. Shafer, and Mrs. Benavides played beautifully a marimba imported from Mexico.

Chinese language is spoken, have not maintained their connection and interest with God's people. The current figure of the Chinese population in the United States has mounted to 300,000. Of this figure, only a tenth profess affiliation with any belief. Of this figure of 30,000 who make any profession, our Adventist Chinese believers do not even comprise a hundredth part.

"Within the last few months, through my contacts with the Chinese people in Chinatown, I have discovered a profound interest in the news of Christ's second coming. Many have expressed that though they have resided in this land for several decades, they have never heard of this marvelous message. Why have they not heard the good news? It is because the use and understanding of the English language is not fluent to them. Not only do these people thrill to the good news that they have heard, but our believers in China thrill with them that their people on this continent are finally getting the opportunity to know of God's love and sacrifice.

"Upon the arrival in Hong Kong of the request to detain me here for the purpose of evangelism, the brethren over there were greatly encouraged, and unanimously gave their hearty consent. If the realization among the brethren here gathered is awakened to the ripeness of our opportunity of work among the Chinese, there is not the slightest doubt that the brethren in Hong Kong would gladly supply workers to expedite this work of harvesting among the Chinese. Their hope, as is ours, is that many Chinese churches will be established to be used as headquarters for greater gospel work among our own Chinese people.

"In my investigation, I have found that those believing in Buddhism are in the very small minority, while the large majority of the Chinese people here make no profession. In their life of business and work many have felt the futility and emptiness of this mad cycle of life. Others separated from their loved ones by the Bamboo Curtain have questioned the reason behind it all. I have felt a spirit of sincere seeking by these people for a better way of life. They are seeking hope and also for an answer to the reason for their existence. If we do not make use of this opportunity to reach them, they will be quickly ensnared by the manifold traps that Satan has so cunningly set.

"Every year in China well planned evangelistic efforts are conducted, during which thousands, even ten thousands, have the opportunity to know of Christ's second coming. But in the United States where reside over 300,000 Chinese, those living outside of the San Francisco area as yet have never heard of this good news in the Chinese language, which is the only language many of them understand. To the fact of Jesus' soon returning, they are totally ignorant. To us—what more serious challenge can we face?

"It is my sincere hope that our evangelistic effort here in San Francisco's Chinatown will be the pioneering effort for the work of the Chinese people in these Americas. I pray that each local conference represented here will awaken to this challenge and strengthen the cords of their tents as well as expand their boundaries to include hope for the Chinese people within your territory. Then it will be a fact that this continent will be thoroughly illumined with the gospel light and Jesus' coming not be further delayed by this neglect."

Included in the languages spoken by different church groups are Spanish, Japanese, Italian, Chinese, Russian, German, Filipino (Tagalog), Filipino (Ilocano). Truly the Pacific Union Conference can include among its gifts the gifts of tongues.

The Pacific Union Conference has always been willing to venture into new activities and try new things. We have the western spirit of pioneering. Hence we must tell you about a new "language" in which we are now laboring. We have two workers devoting their full time to this new "language." So far as I know they are the only workers so engaged anywhere in the world. Brother John Issler is in the Southern California Conference and Elder C. N. Kohler divides his time between the Northern California Conference and the Central California Conference.

I am asking these brethren to give you a brief report of their work among the deaf. At first we had thought of asking each to give his report in the sign "language" and have the other translate, but we decided this would take more time than we have available. Hence as each speaks the other will simultaneously tell it to you in the sign "language." Brother Issler began his work for these people first, so we will ask him to report first.

John Issler Report:

I began working for the deaf in 1948 selling our truth-filled literature in all the larger cities from Seattle to San Diego. About three years ago the Southern California Conference invited me to take up full-time ministerial work among these handicapped people.

When I visit the deaf now many of them still know me and welcome me into their homes to give Bible studies in sign language with the help of an automatic projector. We sit beside the screen in full daylight or lamplight and the deaf can read the text on the screen and then my explanation in signs on my hands.

When I must interpret a service in total darkness I use a black light shining on me and wear white gloves with fluorescent paint.

The sign language consists of about two thousand signs which represent thoughts and not words. Many of the deaf depend entirely upon this limited vocabulary for communication and do not understand the meaning of many polysyllabic words. That is the reason it takes from one to two hours to give a simple Bible study in signs.

We now have 11 baptized deaf members in the Lynwood church where we conduct regular Sabbath services in sign language. Improved public relations have resulted from our general church welfare program as well as from our assistance at weddings, funerals, court cases, and for important interviews for employment, etc. One family read of our welfare work in a Glendale newspaper and went directly to the conference office to ask if we have a minister for the deaf. I began studying with them that same evening and three other families are also studying as a result.

We believe this work could advance more rapidly under the blessing of the Holy Spirit if we had a set of Bible lessons using Basic English and slides with Bible texts in modern speech.

Elder Clarence N. Kohler Report:

In the four months since I began to work for the deaf in the Bay Area we have doubled our membership. And in the next four months we expect to double again. This sounds like an excellent report. However, the work for the deaf is much slower than for the hearing. Four months ago we had one member in this area, now we have two; and the Lord willing, we hope to have four before too long.

We are studying with deaf people in San Francisco, Oakland, Mountain View, and Stockton. Every city of any size should have work done for the deaf. Because of their handicap these dear people are isolated. The lack of communication is a tremendous barrier and their education is limited. The deaf are very grateful for any effort made in their behalf. Your prayers are earnestly solicited that these silent, neglected sheep will be reached and won for the kingdom.

Estimates would indicate that we have about 10,000 deaf individuals within the Pacific Union Conference territory.

Time will hardly permit telling about the very real mission projects in our territory. The Calexico Mission school mentioned by Elder Baker draws approximately 95 per cent of its 250 students from across the border and is making a real impact on the city of Mexicali, Mexico. Souls are being baptized into the church as a direct result of its program. Our Holbrook Indian Mission boarding school with its more than one hundred students is perhaps best known among us. We now have a branch day school on the reservation at Indian Wells, and the Maricopa Indian Mission school near Phoenix, Arizona, continues to function. At all these places faithful workers are devoting their lives to advance the kingdom of God to a needy people.

If these do not seem sufficiently primitive and you want to experience frontier life, visit Dr. and Mrs. J. Lloyd Mason and their staff at Monument Valley Indian Mission Clinic. It is 180 miles from the railroad at Flagstaff and 25 miles to the nearest telephone. However, improved highways, in the planning and development stage, will soon make them less isolated. Monument Valley has been a series of providential openings and then frustrations. It looks like the Lord wants us there and the devil has been doing his best to prevent it. More recent developments have encouraged us to move forward and present plans include the building of a small hospital in the near future.

The story is almost endless. We have barely touched it, as it were, with the tips of our fingers. Others will bring you an enlarged picture and further details. All our activities have one ultimate objective—the saving of souls for the kingdom of God. Our departmental

secretaries in their reports will remind you how this is being accomplished.

I shall not attempt to enumerate all the personnel changes during the quadrennial period. Most of these will be brought to your attention as the various reports are given. We welcome those who have joined us both in the local conferences and on the union conference staff. For those who have left to take up duties and responsibilities elsewhere we wish God's richest blessings.

We pause to pay tribute to those workers, both active and retired, who were called to their rest during the past four years. While not attempting to mention them by name, we are reminded of God's promises in their behalf and of the words: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." Rev. 14:13. How true it is that the results of their labors follow on and we who continue are privileged to benefit from their earnest efforts. We are confident that angels from heaven have marked their resting places and in the glorious resurrection morning God will call them to their just reward.

Two of our union conference department secretaries, Elder A. C. Nelson and Elder R. R. Breitigam, and our auditor, Brother James Howarth, have declared their desires to retire at the time of this session. All three of these men have given an exceptionally long period of service to this union conference. Each in his respective field of service has made an outstanding contribution, not only to this union conference, but to the denomination. To enumerate their accomplishments would be a hopeless and impossible task. We shall not only miss them, but deeply miss them. We are grateful that in retiring they are planning to continue living within our boundaries. We shall plan for and look forward to their continued assistance as time and opportunity afford. May God richly bless them in their well-deserved retirement plans.

The loyalty of our church membership in their support of God's work is a constant source of satisfaction. Between one-fourth and one-fifth of the financial support of our world mission program from North America is regularly supplied by the Pacific Union Conference membership. Their response to the Million Dollar Offering was almost phenomenal. Some could hardly believe

that we *more* than reached our goal from the individual contributions of our members. We have a wonderful people and God has blessed them in many ways. May we as ministers and ambassadors for Christ never disappoint them.

Our Greatest Need

While our hearts have been cheered by the progress made, yet, when we look at the task all about us, we thoughtfully ponder, "How can it be accomplished? Will it be by new methods?" At the ministerial institute to be held in connection with this session we plan to study "Coordinated Evangelism" and increased efficiency. While we need to reappraise our activities and objectives and ever strive for greater effectiveness in soul-winning endeavors, yet that is not the full answer. There can be only one answer and it is found in Zechariah 4:6: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Our greatest need is the Spirit of the living God in our lives. In the Bible we have illustration after illustration of what can be accomplished when God's Spirit is added to very limited facilities.

We are reminded of the defeat of the Midianites by Gideon and his band of three hundred, each armed with a trumpet, pitcher, and lamp. We think of Christ feeding the five thousand with five loaves and two fishes. These experiences emphasize what God's Spirit can accomplish in every time of need.

On page 284 of *Gospel Workers* I read,

"Before one book of the New Testament had been written, before one gospel sermon had been preached after Christ's ascension, the Holy Spirit came upon the praying disciples. Then the testimony of their enemies was, 'Ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine.'"

Oh, that we might fill the territory of the Pacific Union Conference with the doctrine of the living God!

On page 285 I further read, "We cannot use the Holy Spirit; the Spirit is to use us." The Holy Spirit is not like an automobile to be used in our work and then parked at our pleasure.

Again I read, "Only to those who wait humbly upon God, who watch for His guidance and grace, is the Spirit given."

"The impartation of the Spirit is the impartation of the life of Christ. Those only who are thus taught of God, those only who possess the inward working of the Spirit, and in whose life the

Christ-life is manifested, can stand as true representatives of the Saviour." These statements are also from *Gospel Workers*, page 285.

I quote again: "Day after day is passing into eternity, bringing us nearer to the close of probation. As never before we must pray for the Holy Spirit to be more abundantly bestowed upon us, and we must look for its sanctifying influence to come upon the workers, that those for whom they labor may know that they have been with Jesus and have learned of Him."

"Those who are under the influence of the Spirit of God will not be fanatical, but calm and steadfast, free from extravagance in thought, word or deed." "The work of the Spirit is immeasurably great. It is from this source that power and efficiency come to the worker for God."

These last sentences I have taken from pages 288 and 289 of *Gospel Workers*. As I observe the tempo in which the world is living; as I see and hear the whirl of unwarned millions all about me, by no stretch of the imagination can I perceive of finishing the task with new plans and physical facilities. So, while we must continue to struggle with the problems of finance and material things, and while at times these become very real and perplexing needs, let us never forget that our greatest need is the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

With this closing thought I turn back to you delegates the responsibility for the future of this important union conference in our sisterhood of union conference organizations.

F. W. SCHNEPPER, *President*,
Pacific Union Conference.

Report of Secretary-Treasurer

Tenth Quadrennial Session, February 9 to 12

In the summer of 1868, under sanction of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Elders J. N. Loughborough and D. T. Bourdeau came to California with a missionary tent, arriving in San Francisco July 18. A short time afterward they pitched their tent and began meetings at Petaluma. The first state gathering was held in the mission tent, near Piner School House, in Santa Rosa Township, April 10 and 11, 1869. At that meeting it was reported that there were about 75 Sabbathkeepers in the area. On June 11, 1869, less than 11 months after the landing of the pioneer ministers, another meeting was held, at which time it was announced that with economy and faithfulness on the part of all who had espoused the cause in the state, and with the blessing of God upon His work, the mission would thereafter be self-sustaining. A resolution was passed at this meeting, and here it is word for word as it appeared in the California Year Book of 1884:

"With heartfelt gratitude to the brethren East for what they have done, and an appreciation of their sympathy and fraternal greeting, as expressed in a resolution passed by the late General Conference, we would, in behalf of our brethren and sisters in this State, release them from further assisting with their means in advancing the cause in Cali-

fornia. May God bless you, dear brethren and sisters, as you shall now spend your energies and means in other directions for the furtherance of the message until its final triumph."

The records reveal that the General Conference contributed \$1,755 to the California Mission before it felt able to walk alone financially. This sum, according to present-day economics, is a small amount. It would scarcely buy a new Volkswagen. Certainly it would not finance a major evangelistic effort, and yet it is an amount we can never hope to fully repay in monetary value.

The fourth State Meeting was held at Santa Rosa on April 26, 1872. The treasurer reported that after settling all accounts there was a surplus of \$313.82 in the treasury. A resolution was passed appropriating \$300.00 to the General Conference.

So began the work here in our territory. The brethren went out from this very city to evangelize and build up and organize the work, so that on December 31, 1958, the records reveal a membership of 72,310.

During the past quadrennium the membership increased by 10,554. According to the statistical report of the North American Division for the third quarter of 1958, only six local conferences in North America had more members than this increase. This increase presents a problem, but it is the type of problem we like to face. We must provide church homes and educational facilities for a large conference each four years, and this figure will increase even at our present momentum.

Here are some trends that our statistics reveal since World War II (see table below):

During 1958, 4,316 were taken into the church by baptism and profession of faith. This figure was 706 more than in 1957. Total additions for the quadrennium through these two avenues was 14,786.

Well over half of the conferences in North America do not have as many members as we dropped during the past four years for apostasy, and because we had lost track of them. The figure was 5,324.

A total of 3,168 credentials and licenses were in effect throughout the union as of December 31, 1958. This is an increase of 534 over the close of the previous quadrennium.

Nineteen hundred seven was the first year of record for the territory that makes up the Pacific Union Conference as we know it today. Tithe receipts for that year were \$112,578.75. At the ninth quadrennial session held in Fresno in February of 1955, it was reported that the tithe for the year 1954 was almost 70 times the figure for 1907. It makes us feel very humble and exceedingly grateful to report to the delegates here assembled that for the year 1958 the tithe rose to a figure of almost 100 times greater than in 1907, a total of \$10,637,912.71. For the four-year period under review the tithe income was \$38,385,907.01, a gain of \$10,307,772.37 over the previous four-year period, and almost double the figure for the years 1947-1950.

Mission offerings totaled \$8,659-
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	1947-1950	1951-1954	1955-1958
Gain in Membership	8,283	9,559	10,554
Gain in Membership by %	18.9%	18.3%	17.0%
Baptisms to Membership	6.6%	5.9%	5.4%
Apostasy and Missing to Membership	2.6%	2.0%	1.95%

Comparative Statistics Pacific Union Conference

Printed here are some of the interesting statistics taken from the treasurer's report.

Conference	Baptisms					Total 1955-'58
	Total 1951-'54	1955	1956	1957	1958	
Arizona.....	556	135	103	140	217	595
Central California.....	2,437	588	572	723	782	2,665
Hawaiian Mission.....	624	144	180	196	313	833
Nevada-Utah.....	387	65	80	59	61	265
Northern California.....	3,102	730	710	656	860	2,956
Southeastern California.....	2,322	606	756	609	863	2,834
Southern California.....	3,272	934	799	1,041	1,019	3,793
PACIFIC UNION.....	12,700	3,202	3,200	3,424	4,115	13,941

Conference	Total Tithe Receipts					Total 1955-'58
	Total 1951-'54	1955	1956	1957	1958	
Arizona.....	\$ 744,634.51	\$ 221,414.58	\$ 249,424.45	\$ 287,408.89	\$ 321,237.82	\$ 1,079,485.74
Central California.....	5,203,606.36	1,566,849.24	1,633,121.96	1,744,638.67	1,866,410.72	6,811,020.59
Hawaiian Mission.....	602,372.97	176,014.49	183,833.48	199,858.03	216,237.13	775,943.13
Nevada-Utah.....	500,822.83	173,210.35	172,791.90	194,234.00	206,573.48	746,809.73
Northern California.....	6,872,926.77	2,069,150.61	2,141,553.91	2,356,320.31	2,468,144.63	9,035,169.46
Southeastern California.....	5,819,097.57	1,820,723.40	1,971,203.40	2,255,109.61	2,427,630.29	8,474,666.70
Southern California.....	8,334,673.63	2,619,742.47	2,722,895.16	2,988,495.39	3,131,678.64	11,462,811.66
PACIFIC UNION.....	\$28,078,134.64	\$8,647,105.14	\$9,074,824.26	\$10,026,064.90	\$10,637,912.71	\$38,385,907.01

Conference	Total Mission Offerings					Total 1955-'58
	Total 1951-'54	1955	1956	1957	1958	
Arizona.....	\$ 235,108.18	\$ 67,815.97	\$ 71,953.98	\$ 73,725.58	\$ 81,192.65	\$ 294,688.18
Central California.....	1,475,051.56	405,023.03	427,283.28	439,476.20	441,720.31	1,713,502.82
Hawaiian Mission.....	276,426.53	71,010.54	71,924.95	73,599.07	68,256.88	284,790.94
Nevada-Utah.....	175,201.79	50,175.23	55,214.30	51,618.11	51,519.32	208,526.96
Northern California.....	1,754,101.67	474,965.39	491,291.05	505,032.44	511,462.07	1,982,750.95
Southeastern California.....	1,487,864.94	411,017.88	441,291.29	458,833.24	459,586.63	1,770,729.04
Southern California.....	2,102,027.56	584,066.14	603,598.30	620,227.91	596,402.77	2,404,295.12
PACIFIC UNION.....	\$7,505,782.23	\$2,064,074.18	\$2,162,557.15	\$2,222,512.55	\$2,210,140.13	\$8,659,284.01

Conference	Mission Offerings Per Capita Per Week								
	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
Arizona.....	.495	.576	.591	.626	.655	.638	.686	.686	.719
Central California.....	.725	.715	.725	.715	.667	.689	.718	.718	.704
Hawaiian Mission.....	.785	.789	.747	.801	.779	.735	.714	.714	.645
Nevada-Utah.....	.747	.868	.810	.812	.793	.766	.832	.754	.722
Northern California.....	.635	.622	.602	.598	.595	.589	.601	.599	.594
Southeastern California.....	.616	.624	.641	.657	.621	.604	.627	.619	.579
Southern California.....	.717	.745	.723	.715	.676	.693	.699	.689	.633
PACIFIC UNION.....	.672	.681	.673	.672	.647	.648	.665	.658	.629

Total Mission Offerings		Total	
Total Mission Offerings 1920-1923.....	\$ 1,660,477.27	Year 1955.....	\$2,064,074.18
Total Mission Offerings 1924-1927.....	1,905,204.57	Year 1956.....	2,162,557.15
Total Mission Offerings 1928-1931.....	2,188,735.02	Year 1957.....	2,222,512.55
Total Mission Offerings 1932-1936.....	2,281,754.05*	Year 1958.....	2,210,140.13**
Total Mission Offerings 1937-1941.....	3,099,779.07*		
Total Mission Offerings 1942-1946.....	6,720,729.31*		
Total Mission Offerings 1947-1950.....	6,544,174.67		
Total Mission Offerings 1951-1954.....	7,505,782.23		
Total Mission Offerings 1955-1958.....	8,659,284.01		
Totals.....	\$40,565,920.20	Total.....	\$8,659,284.01

* Five-year periods

** Million Dollar Offering of over \$200,000.00 not included

Conference	Tithe Per Capita								
	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
Arizona.....	76.62	95.23	97.30	100.60	109.88	110.32	123.66	138.98	147.90
Central California.....	113.81	126.28	130.68	130.07	129.96	141.31	142.64	148.24	154.62
Hawaiian Mission.....	74.42	84.28	80.00	93.99	94.97	96.55	94.96	100.79	106.31
Nevada-Utah.....	89.92	114.12	121.04	128.62	121.33	140.14	135.42	147.59	150.45
Northern California.....	107.47	120.13	123.61	124.68	123.40	136.06	136.28	145.37	149.15
Southeastern California.....	110.58	118.76	125.69	134.68	135.34	141.79	145.69	158.15	159.13
Southern California.....	125.78	139.00	144.72	152.90	151.04	164.73	163.90	172.66	172.73
PACIFIC UNION.....	111.67	123.63	128.46	133.51	133.05	143.86	145.12	154.45	157.40

Memberships

Conference	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
Arizona.....	1,856	1,803	1,881	1,932	2,017	2,035	2,125	2,263	2,526
Central California.....	9,690	10,073	10,531	10,979	11,283	11,630	11,845	12,334	12,794
Hawaiian Mission.....	1,754	1,684	1,684	1,766	1,933	1,980	2,050	2,099	2,291
Nevada-Utah.....	968	1,051	1,138	1,220	1,255	1,298	1,339	1,389	1,419
Northern California.....	13,439	14,117	14,620	14,959	15,599	16,037	16,430	16,695	17,034
Southeastern California.....	10,820	11,386	11,854	12,608	13,304	14,043	15,012	15,748	16,607
Southern California.....	13,670	14,253	14,833	15,643	16,365	17,069	17,759	18,865	19,639
PACIFIC UNION.....	52,197	54,367	56,541	59,107	61,756	64,092	66,560	69,393	72,310

Report of Secretary-Treasurer

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284.01, which is a gain of \$1,153,501.78 over the previous four-year period. If the mission offerings had increased at the same percentage ratio as the tithe, we would have sent on to our world-wide work over one million dollars more. But we must not forget the Million Dollar Offering that was taken in all of our churches on June 7, 1958. What a thrill it was as we received the reports from the field, and what a blessing it has been to all who had a part in it! The Pacific Union sent on to the General Conference a check for \$321,601.60, almost one-third of the goal for the entire world field!

Other figures are in the financial report. We could go on making comparisons that are almost breath-taking. For instance, an amount of over \$20,000,000.00 was sent to the General Conference during the four-year period as our share toward the world mission budget, sustentation fund, etc.

We do, however, wish to thank the General Conference for the assistance they have given to the work in this territory. Year by year we have received assistance from the Church Extension Fund, as well as goodly amounts from available funds toward special church projects, hospital expansion, Indian work, etc.

At the close of 1958 we had working capital sufficient to meet our operating expenses for well over an entire year without any tithe income. This does not include the tithe percentages to the General Conference, but it is obvious that if we had no tithe income, we would have no tithe percentages to pass on.

During the year 1958 a College Endowment Fund was started, and at the end of the year approximately \$175,000.00 was in the fund, which is held in the Pacific Union Association. It is our hope that this fund will be built up to a substantial sum, possibly a mil-

lion dollars or more. The plan is that the principal will be held intact, with the proceeds from the use of the fund going to the two colleges on an equal basis. The fund will be used primarily as a loan fund to finance projects within our own denominational structure here in the Pacific Union Conference territory.

More than this, a Hospital Revolving Fund was established, and on December 31, 1958, the fund showed a balance of \$200,000.00. This large amount is committed by Union Committee action to the Hawaiian Mission Hospital project, with the hope that it will be returned to the fund as this new institution begins to earn its way. Committee action has also provided that this fund be built up at the rate of \$25,000 per year for the next eight years, from Union Extension Funds.

In March, 1958, the Union Committee authorized the formation of a Benevolent Fellowship Association. Heads of families in the employ of the conferences and institutions of the Pacific Union were eligible for membership, and over 300 enrolled, so that a fund of over \$3,000 is in hand in the Pacific Union Conference.

The balance sheet shows a net worth of \$1,464,226.11, including reserves of \$803,567.01. Cash in hand is over half a million dollars, and a large percentage of this is in bank savings accounts. Securities total \$282,994.83, and these are quite diversified, in harmony with policies adopted by the Pacific Union Conference Committee. Our accounts and notes receivable appear high. All of this money is being used by Seventh-day Adventist conferences and institutions; so it is in service.

All in all, we feel confident in assuring this delegation that the conference is in a sound financial position. We endeavor to maintain a balance between generosity and conservatism, at the same time endeavoring to recognize the needs of the field and the urgency of the task.

It will interest you to know that the four California conferences provide a

Auditor's Report

To the Constituency of
the Pacific Union Conference of
Seventh-day Adventists

The comparative condensed Balance Sheets and Operating Statements submitted for the quadrennial period 1955 to 1958 are true summaries of the annual financial statements of the Pacific Union Conference and the Pacific Union Association of Seventh-day Adventists as audited by the auditing staff of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

In my opinion, the statements presented for the years 1955, 1956, 1957, and 1958 present fairly the financial position of these organizations at the close of each of these years, and the operating results for the four-year period ended December 31, 1958.

E. L. BECKER, Auditor,
General Conference of
Seventh-day Adventists.

Glendale, California

January 27, 1959

fund that is used to give assistance to the two smaller conferences and the Hawaiian Mission. The General Conference Fund also gives financial assistance to the fields mentioned.

Elder F. W. Schnepfer served as secretary-treasurer of the Union for the major portion of the period under review. It is largely due to his keen, long-range, analytical approach to financial matters that the union is in such a sound financial position today.

It has been a real pleasure to be associated with the entire union staff since July of 1957, and I have greatly appreciated the privilege of serving you.

What the future holds we do not know, but our marching orders are clear. May God give us courage, vision, and a resolute determination in the days ahead and the ability to distinguish between possibilities and problems and between prejudices and convictions.

W. J. BLACKER.

A Resolution on Gratitude

A Committee on Plans was appointed by the delegates to the session and they brought in a resolution which was adopted by a unanimous standing vote. Following the adoption of the resolution a prayer for dedication and thanks was offered. Here is the resolution as it was read and as it appears in the minutes of the session:

"Recommended, That the following expression of gratitude and consecration to God be adopted by the delegates to this Tenth Quadrennial Session of the Pacific Union Conference:

"As representatives of the Cause of God in this territory, sensing deeply the urgency of our task as we view present world conditions, we rededicate our hearts and lives to the service of God in this mighty hour, with the high resolve that we will labor energetically and pray earnestly for the speedy finishing of God's work on earth, and with united hearts we offer the following prayer of gratitude and consecration:

"For Thy numberless blessings, O God, we give Thee thanks.

"For Thy protection and tireless care, O God, we do rejoice.

"For Thy presence with our workers in all parts of the Pacific Union, we acknowledge Thy goodness.

"For Thy work upon the hearts and minds of men—resulting in thousands of baptisms—we praise Thy great and holy name.

"For the sacrificial liberality of Thy people in supporting Thy work so loyally, we are thankful.

"For numerous openings for the advancement of Thy work, we are challenged and deeply grateful.

"For the happy, hopeful, united family of Advent believers in all the earth, we lift our hearts and our voices in thanksgiving.

"For Thy promises, we love Thee.

"For the opportunity to live for the glory of Thy name, we thank Thee.

"For the privilege of speaking to others concerning Thy matchless love, our hearts breathe humble gratitude.

"For all this we speak our thanks. But for the gift above all gifts—the gift uplifted for us on Calvary—the gift of Thy Son, through whose blood we have remission of sins—our hearts find no fit

words with which to respond. We Thy people in Union Session assembled in the year 1959 can only express our thanks by a complete and unreserved

rededication of all that we are to the speedy finishing of the task committed to us.

"This we now do."

Pacific Union Conference Personnel for the Next Four Years

Each conference in the union was asked to select three men to form a large committee under the chairmanship of W. B. Ochs, vice president of the General Conference for North America. This procedure is according to our constitution. This committee was then asked to nominate the standing committees—nominating, plans, credentials and licenses, and constitution and by-laws. Their nominations were brought before the entire delegation and accepted.

A most important committee is the nominating committee, and they began their work immediately after lunch on the first day of the session. It was not long before W. B. Ochs appeared on the platform to tell the delegation that the committee was prepared to present a partial report. W. D. Walton, business manager of the St. Helena Sanitarium, was secretary of the nominating committee and he stepped to the microphone in the silence of the auditorium to say that the committee was unanimous in presenting the name of F. W.

Schnepper as president of the Pacific Union Conference. The vote was taken and Elder Schnepper stepped to the desk to accept the work for the next four years. We ask you to remember Elder Schnepper in your daily devotions. The president of this union carries a heavy load—problems are many and they are heavy. Elder Schnepper has the full cooperation of a loyal group of workers throughout the field and he needs the prayers of God's people throughout the territory.

The committee then retired to complete their work and later in the day brought in the following report:

Secretary-Treasurer—W. J. Blacker
 Assistant Treasurers—I. E. Anunsen,
 E. L. Herr
 Auditor—Werber Johnson
 Associate Auditor—E. R. Sanders
 Assistant Auditor—H. L. Shull
 Missionary Volunteer, Temperance,
 War Service Secretary—Miller
 Brockett



—Jefferson Photo.

Elder W. B. Ochs, president of North American Division, as he presented Elder F. W. Schnepper as the re-elected president of the Pacific Union Conference.



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Elder Werber Johnson, newly-elected auditor, and Elder Helmuth Retzer, the new secretary of the Sabbath School department.

Associate Missionary Volunteer, Temperance, War Service Secretary, and Medical Cadet—Harry Garlick
 Educational Secretary—L. R. Rasmussen
 Associate Educational Secretary—W. O. Baldwin
 Assistant Educational Secretary—Elsie Nelson
 Home Missionary and Civil Defense Secretary—D. E. Dirksen
 Assistant Home Missionary Secretary—Mary Walsh
 Director of Health Education, Medical, A.S.I. Secretary—W. H. Shephard
 Religious Liberty and Industrial Relations Secretary—Alger H. Johns
 Public Relations, Radio and TV Secretary—J. O. Iversen
 Publishing Secretary—A. G. Sutton
 Associate Publishing Secretaries—A. R. Reiswig, H. B. Wiles
 Regional Department Secretary—W. S. Lee
 Sabbath School Secretary—H. C. Retzer
 President of the Hawaiian Mission—Cree Sandefur
 Secretary-Treasurer of the Hawaiian Mission—Orville Butler

Executive Committee—President, Secretary-Treasurer, Assistant Treasurers, Auditor, Departmental Secretaries (all listed above), the presidents of the six conferences in the Pacific Union and the president of the Hawaiian Mission. These are all ex-officio members according to the constitution. In addition to

these the session elected the following to serve on the Union Committee for the next four years:

College Presidents—R. W. Fowler, N. F. Pease
 Sanitarium Administrators—M. V. Jacobson, G. B. Nelson, W. D. Walton
 College of Medical Evangelists—G. T. Anderson
 Pacific Press—I. J. Woodman
 Voice of Prophecy—I. E. Gillis
 Loma Linda Food Co.—G. T. Chapman

Some new names appear in the report. R. R. Breitigam, James Howarth, and A. C. Nelson are retiring after a combined total of over 130 years of service to the cause, and over 60 years in the positions from which they are retiring. A report appears elsewhere covering the outstanding contribution each of these men has made to the work in the union.

James Howarth has retired as auditor. His associate, Werber Johnson, was asked to take over the work of auditor. Elder Johnson has many years of successful experience in the work including service in the Philippine Islands as secretary-treasurer of that large union. He also served in the Hawaiian Mission. Elder Johnson brings a rich background in denominational accounting and finance into his work. The committee recommended the name of E. R. Sanders as his assistant. Brother Sanders comes to us from the Oregon Conference where he has been the secretary-treas-

urer for several years. Prior to going to Oregon, Brother Sanders worked in this union and part of the time in the union office. We welcome E. R. Sanders to the work in the Pacific Union, and feel fortunate to secure the services of a man of his experience and keen understanding of financial and economic affairs.

H. L. Shull is our assistant auditor. Brother Shull is not a newcomer in this union. He joined the auditing staff in December of last year and has now been re-elected to his position. Brother Shull came to the union from Pacific Union College where he served for many years as business manager. During the years Brother Shull was at PUC the college experienced considerable growth.

A. C. Nelson retired as secretary of the Educational department. To find a man qualified to carry on this important and expanding work the committee recommended L. R. Rasmussen who is not a stranger to this territory for he served as principal of Golden Gate Academy in Oakland and also as president of La Sierra College. For some eight years he has been associate in the Educational Department of the General Conference and his work has taken him to all parts of the world. He is an educational man through and through.

The educational work in this union has been referred to as "big business." It is expanding. New schools are being planned. Present institutions are crowded. Christian education is of utmost importance to the success of our overall program. Recognizing this the Union Committee many months ago recorded an action recommending that the Nominating Committee at the Tenth Quadrennial Session of the Pacific Union Conference give consideration to electing an additional man to the Educational department. In the light of this recommendation the name of W. O. Baldwin was nominated and subsequently he was elected. Elder Baldwin has been the Educational secretary of the Oregon Conference and comes to us from that field. Prior to that he served as Educational secretary of the Far Eastern Division with headquarters in Singapore. Before that he carried the same work in the Southeastern California Conference so he is returning home. We are happy to secure the services of a man like Elder Baldwin to associate with Elder Rasmussen and

Miss Else Nelson in the Educational department. Miss Nelson does outstanding work which is so much appreciated.

You will notice that Miss Marv Walsh has been elected as assistant in the Home Missionary department. Prior to this session Miss Walsh carried on her work without particular connection with any department. This did not decrease her activity or her effectiveness but it was felt that a connection with the Home Missionary department would enable her to expand her work in organizing and leading visitation and Bible study activity in the churches throughout the union.

A new department has been added. Perhaps this is only partially true. We have had a medical secretary but never a Director of Health Education. These have been combined and the activities of the Association of Self-supporting Institutions added to form a department of related activities. To head up this department Dr. W. H. Shephard was called. At the present time Dr. Shephard is the president of Washington Missionary College. He will continue his present connection until the end of the present school year and then begin his work with us. Dr. Shephard is an educator and a fine organizer and planner to develop this new and important activity which will largely empha-

size the educational aspects of our health and medical program.

R. R. Breitigam has been Sabbath School secretary for many years and he also retired at this session. To take up this work that is of such vital importance, Elder Helmuth C. Retzer was elected. Elder Retzer graduated from Pacific Union College some years ago and entered the ministry in the Northern California Conference. He was called from his church ministry to the Sabbath School department in the same conference several years ago and did outstanding work. In early 1957 he accepted the position of Home Missionary secretary in Northern California and has served in that capacity to the present time.

We welcome these individuals to the work they have been called to and wish for each of them the richest blessings of heaven.

W. J. BLACKER.

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A Job Well Done!

Tuesday evening was a thrill and an inspiration in quick succession. One can always count on the Educational department for a thrilling report of their work and this was no exception. The development of the educational work in this union was portrayed in a unique way. A sceptic questioned the effective-

ness of the work and even questioned this growth we talk about but he soon had to change his thinking. He was forced to in the light of overwhelming evidence. The work started small down in Southern California, but like the mustard seed, it has grown to where now education is indeed "big business," and "important business."

Immediately following the report of the Educational department, the lights were dimmed and suddenly a large sign was brought into focus by black-light. It listed three well-known names, each one followed by a large number. A spotlight then moved across the platform and settled on six chairs, and into this lighted area three couples were escorted—A. C. Nelson and wife, R. R. Breitigam and wife, and James Howarth and wife. These were the names on the sign and their years of service to the denomination totaled over 130.

It makes us feel exceedingly grateful as we think of the service these workers have given not only here in the Pacific Union but in other parts of the world field as well. Pictures were displayed on a large screen as the wives of these three workers were presented with roses—one for each year of service.

The three men mentioned chose to retire at this session and it was a privilege for those attending to pause and pay tribute to them. They will be



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Elder C. L. Bauer, on the right, welcomes to the "Fraternity of Retirement" a group who have rendered wonderful service to the cause. From left to right they are: Mr. and Mrs. James Howarth, Elder and Mrs. A. C. Nelson, and Mrs. and Elder R. R. Breitigam.

missed in the departments they have given leadership to these many years, but they will continue to be a great influence for good among our members and in our churches.

Elder F. W. Schnepfer in his remarks acknowledged the fact that these workers have been a very important part of the work in the Pacific Union and wished for them and their wives much happiness during the years of their retirement, and each couple was given a gift.

An interesting conclusion to the program was the welcome by Elder C. L. Bauer of these workers to the "Fraternity of Retired Workers," and he assured them that they could continue to be an active influence for good in the work of the church.

W. J. BLACKER.

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Monday at San Francisco

The Pacific Union Conference territory is smaller than when it was organized in 1901. At that time what is now the North Pacific Union Conference and British Columbia in Canada were included in the territory. Thus reported F. W. Schnepfer in his official president's report at the Tenth Quadrennial Session of the Conference at the Civic Auditorium in the city by the Golden Gate.

The main floor of the Civic Auditorium was comfortably filled at 8:45 a.m., when Elder W. B. Ochs, vice president of the General Conference for North America, gave the morning devotional based on Matthew 28:19. Above the platform in glittering silver letters was the theme—"GO YE—TEACH, PREACH, BAPTIZE." Elder Ochs emphasized the first two words of this command and pointed out the need of the "power" promised as a part of the great commission.

Elder R. R. Figuhr, president of the General Conference, offered the opening prayer, and the Monterey Bay Academy Choir, under the direction of Moses Chalmers, sang two beautiful numbers.

The organization of the conference proceeded quickly and orderly. Delegates were seated, committees were appointed, and the regular business of the session was underway.

The President's Report was unique in that it was given in interview form. One of the features was the introduction of former presidents of the Pacific Union. All of those living at the pres-

ent time were at the session with the exception of Elder L. K. Dickson who was unable to be present. Elder J. W. Christian of Walla Walla, Washington, traveled to the meeting with his son, Dr. Percy Christian, the president of Walla Walla College. Elder Christian is now 83 years of age and it was good to have him with us. He was president from 1918 into the early '20's, and at that time the membership was about 6,000.

Elder J. L. McElhany spoke to the delegates of the place the Pacific Union has filled in the world-wide work. Then came Elder Calkins, Elder Ochs, and Elder Bauer, and of course Elder Bauer was followed by Elder Schnepfer, our president at the present time.

Noon came very quickly and the delegates filtered into the crowds of the city during the lunch hour.

The afternoon was full—legal meetings of our colleges, reports from the Loma Linda Food Company by G. T. Chapman, the manager, and Dr. John Scharffenberg who is now associated with Dr. Miller in the International Nutrition Research Foundation; an encouraging report of the activities of our Conference Associations prepared and directed by I. E. Anunsen, the secretary-treasurer of the Pacific Union Association; Public Relations, our Regional department, Religious Liberty, and the work done by Miss Mary Walsh.

Songs, pictures, comments—all helped to make the afternoon one long to be remembered.

A large group marched onto the platform for the evening program. Why so many? Then Miller Brockett stepped to the desk to tell us about the activities of our youth leaders—camps, evangelism, medical cadets, Pathfinders. One by one the men from the different conferences were introduced and they told of their work. What a thrill to see this group of energetic young men gather close around the microphone to sing "Marching Along Together, Missionary Volunteers." Surely our boys and girls and youth have wonderful leadership throughout the union.

Here and there groups stopped to visit after the benediction—many workers renewing acquaintances of the past and many former workers, now retired, attended the meeting in response to an invitation extended to them by the Pacific Union Committee. So wonderful to see them, and how humble it makes us feel as we think of the contribution

they have made to the program in years gone by not only here in this union but in all parts of the harvest field.

So ended the first full day of the session.

R. L. HUBBS, Secy.,

Public Relations Department,
Southeastern California Conference.

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Tuesday at the Union Session

From 9:15 a.m. until noon, Tuesday, reports were rendered by the Home Missionary, Publishing, and Medical departments, bringing a report of the progress made during the past four years. This was done by the use of 35 mm. slide pictures showing the work being done among the Navajo Indians and the construction that has taken place within the different conferences of the union.

Reports were given by Elder D. E. Dirksen, Home Missionary department; Elders A. G. Sutton and H. B. Wiles of the Publishing department and the Central Credit Office of the Home Health Education Service; G. B. Nelson and W. B. Bristow of the Glendale Sanitarium and Hospital; and Dr. Thompson of the Loma Linda Sanitarium and Hospital.

Mr. Nelson gave a brief history of the medical work in the late 1800's as compared with customs and methods of the present day.

Brother Nelson has recently spent time in Hawaii at the request of the Pacific Union Conference to study plans for the building of a hospital there. Plans are also being laid for a hospital at Monument Valley, where at the present time the nearest one is 100 miles away.

The afternoon session began the opening of the Ministerial Institute with Elder R. R. Figuhr bringing to the pastors a challenging message entitled "The Rod in the Hand."

Elder R. A. Anderson continued the afternoon session with "The Minister as a Teacher," quoting from *Testimonies*, Vol. 6, page 87, "There should be less preaching, and more teaching. . . . As we approach nearer the end, I have seen that . . . there will be less preaching and more Bible study."

The evening service was devoted to the Education department with a concert by the Pacific Union College A Cappella Choir.

A brief history of our educational system from its early days was presented,

and it was interesting to find that our first academy in the union was the San Fernando Academy. And there were no desks or chairs and no faculty. Now we have 165 schools and 944 teachers.

A most beautiful ending to the day was the tribute paid by Elder F. W. Schnepfer to three veteran workers who are retiring from active service. Elder R. R. Breitigam of the Sabbath School department has just finished 46½ years of denominational work; Brother James Howarth, auditor, 46 years; and Elder A. C. Nelson of the Education department, 40 years.

Floral pieces were presented to each of their wives and electric blankets to each of the men. The Pacific Union College choir appropriately sang for the occasion "The Land Where We'll Never Grow Old"—truly a fitting climax to a perfect day.

VERA WILKINS,
Public Relations Department,
Southern California Conference.

The Pacific Union Session on Wednesday

"Redeemed How I Love to Proclaim It" was the song used to open the devotional Wednesday morning. Elder B. R. Spears of the Northern California Conference was the speaker for the morning refreshing our thinking regarding the great love of God for fallen man. The gospel is the power that saves man from sin.

He reminded us that we are to speak God's Word. God wants consecrated mouthpieces. It is not always easy to preach the Word in places where we are located; however, like Paul, we must say, "I am ready to preach the gospel at Rome." We are to exemplify Christ by word and act even in hard places. Others, too, will then thrill as they sing the words of that beautiful song, "Redeemed How I Love to Proclaim It."

Singing Evangelist H. V. Shafer, from Southeastern California, asked this question as he sang, "Will You Meet Me in the Kingdom?"

W. P. Bradley of the General Conference challenged every worker as he presented his topic "Called to Serve." God is never short on message, but He is sometimes short on men. We should be like a piece of steel that has been near the great strong magnet, and become magnetized in itself. As we live

close to Christ we draw power from Him, and we too become a drawing power.

The day passed rapidly as each hour brought in a new subject and a panel to help discuss the subject. Questions came in from the floor to such a degree that it was impossible to even read them all. Thinking was stimulated and new ideas were gained.

A highlight of the Wednesday meeting was a sacred concert by a La Sierra College choral group under the direction of John T. Hamilton and featuring the violin music of Alfred Walters.

GO YE—TEACH, PREACH, BAPTIZE. This motto had a prominent place above the platform at the union session. It keyed the thinking during the entire session. Elder W. L. Barclay, Home Missionary secretary for the Southern California Conference, was inspired to write the following words dedicated to Elder W. B. Ochs, vice president of the General Conference:

GO YE into all the world and preach the Word to men,
The Saviour gave us this command to do before time's end;
And now time's drawing to a close, and still there's much to do,
Brother, Sister, don't you know this burden rests on you?

The field's the world and we must TEACH God's Word to sinful man,
With open Bible we must TEACH them God's salvation plan;
And day by day in God's own way, men's hearts will turn to Him,
And through the blood of Jesus Christ, they will be cleansed from sin.

To PREACH the Word God calls for men from every walk of life,
And pledges to sustain them as they take part in the strife.
To rescue men from lives of sin, snatch them from Satan's reach.
Let's dedicate our lives today, and go God's Word to PREACH.

BAPTIZE our hearts, O God of Love, with Spirit from on high,
That we may give the Bread of Life to men for whom Christ died,
And as they give their hearts to Him who died on Calv'ry's tree,
Baptize in blood, the Son of God from sin will set them free.

GERALD H. FRIEDRICH, Secy.,
Public Relations Department,
Arizona Conference.

The Last Day in San Francisco

The challenge of the gospel commission—"Go ye—teach, preach, baptize"

was vividly and realistically presented to the workers of the Pacific Union Conference as they were assembled Thursday, February 12, in the San Francisco Civic Auditorium for the final meeting of the Tenth Quadrennial Session. The half-day program was keyed by one word—evangelism. Soul winning was featured in each part of the morning service—the singing, the devotional message, the three panel discussions, and then the last appeal and dedication.

Two words "Coordinated Evangelism" express the purpose and objective of this important and significant meeting. With Elder F. W. Schnepfer, chairman, the members of three different panels, selected from those holding varied positions of church leadership, explained how every activity of all departments of the church and conference have only one supreme objective—soul winning.

Each panel presented a separate phase of the coordinated evangelistic ideal. The first group, taking the slogan "Let's get the team together" declared this can be done by utilizing each church function as a soul-winning endeavor. It also emphasized that to reach this attainment it is necessary for the church to provide soul-winning projects that will provide service outlets for all members. Panel two reviewed the many places to look for souls within easy reach of our present church structure: Bible correspondence schools, the youth of the church, colporteur contacts, the church service, laymen's missionary activities, special projects. It was stated, "Every church taking time to look should find a minimum of ten souls each year from these contacts." The importance of faithful and efficient follow-up service highlighted the presentation of the third panel.

The hour to close the meeting came quickly. The ministers and others gladly responded to Elder Schnepfer's final appeal for united love and sacrificial efforts so the work of God may be finished. A song was sung. All started walking toward the rear of the great hall. Soon the building was empty. But the words placed in bold lettering high above the platform remain lodged in the hearts of all attending this last and challenging service—"GO YE—TEACH, PREACH, BAPTIZE."

C. F. PHILLIPS, Secy.,
Public Relations Dept.,
Nevada-Utah Conference.

1959 MV Week of Prayer

March 14 to 21

The annual MV Week of Prayer is just before us. How successful it will be depends entirely on the planning that is now being done by the Missionary Volunteer officers.

To appeal to the unsaved, to reach the backslidden, and to deepen the Christian experience of all should be our chief objectives. To accomplish this an earnest endeavor should be made to marshal the whole church behind the program. One of the reasons why the Missionary Volunteer Week has not been more effective in the past is that we have not had the whole church—pastors, evangelists, and people—with us. The records show that during the last four years less than one-half of our churches have participated in the MV Week; however, 2,767 decisions for Christ were made and over 1,500 were baptized. Think what the results would be if we could have total participation!

The following recommendations from our conference youth directors may help some of our MV executive committees to organize in a more effective way:

1. That MV Day be observed in all of our churches with a special message for youth. Why not make March 14 Homecoming Day; organize Friendship Teams now and especially invite the youth to come?
2. That at least three evening meetings (Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday) be devoted to youth revival during MV Week.
3. That as far as possible every church school, academy, and college in the conference plan for MV Week meetings during school time.
4. That baptismal classes be formed in all districts with a baptism scheduled before the end of May.
5. That in a district where ministers cannot personally conduct revival meetings for the youth, provision be made for such services to be held by local church talent. The MV Week issue of the *MV Program Kit* can be profitably used.
6. That special attempts be made during MV Week to reach isolated youth in the conference.
7. That strong promotion be given MV Week in the conference papers, and church bulletins and bulletin boards; also posters may be prepared to emphasize this important week.
8. That we assume a 15 per cent increase in baptisms for each church and conference.
9. Reporting—all reports for decisions and baptisms from MV Week should be sent to the conference office by June 30. Special forms for reporting activities for MV Week will be sent to the MV officers.

MILLER BROCKETT, *MV Secy.*,
Pacific Union Conference.

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Today's Food enters its fourth year of publication, with a circulation now reaching more than 100,000 Seventh-day Adventist homes from coast to coast.

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Sabbath School Department.

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The Flight of Time

The Flight of Time meetings at the Burbank Theater, 552 South Bascomb, in San Jose, enter the third week with the presentation by R. E. Dunton on February 25 of the topic, "The Preacher and the Tax Collector." It will be preceded with the showing of the film "All for Him." Friday night, February 27, "This My Son" in color is being shown at 7 p.m. followed by Elder Dunton's address "The Land of Beginning Again." Saturday night, February 28, the evening address is "Your Lucky Star." "The Rim of the Wheel" is the film to be shown that evening at 7 p.m. On Sunday night, March 1, "Does a Man's Soul Exist Before He Does" will be answered by Elder Dunton from the platform. The motion picture "The Barrier" will be shown that evening.

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Notice of Central California Conference Session

The thirteenth biennial session of the Central California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists (Reorganized 1932) will be held in the San Jose Seventh-day Adventist church, 77 North Fifth Street, San Jose, California, on March 3, 1959, the session opening at 10:00 a.m.

The purpose of the session is to receive

reports; to elect officers, an executive committee, and departmental secretaries; to issue proper credentials and licenses; and to transact such other business as may properly come before the session.

Each church organization is entitled to one delegate to this session for the church organization and one additional delegate for each forty members or major fraction thereof.

D. E. VENDEN, *President*.
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OBITUARIES

VOGT—Jacob D. Vogt was born in Kansas July 6, 1895; and died Dec. 24, 1958, in San Diego, Calif. He was a member of the Paradise Valley church. Surviving are his wife, Hilda J. Vogt, his mother, 4 sons, 12 grandchildren, 2 sisters, and 5 brothers.

SUMMERS—Grace Marshall Summers was born April 28, 1893, in Readsboro Falls, Vt.; and died Jan. 24, 1959, at Turlock, Calif. As a girl she accepted the truth and was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church during a public evangelistic meeting conducted by Elder C. S. Longacre in Uniontown, Penn. In 1910 she was united in marriage to Russell Summers. She is survived by her husband; a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Hoover; 2 sons, Col. Robert R. and Dr. G. Leroy Summers; 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Miss Bessie Marshall.

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Second Semester Officers Elected

Sigma Phi Kappa and Mu Beta Kappa, men's and women's clubs at La Sierra College, have recently elected their officers for the second semester.

President of Sigma Phi Kappa is Heather Boyd, junior business administration major. Other officers elected to serve with her were: Carolyn Nelson, vice president; Judi Hanson, secretary; Elethia Gibson, pastor; Sylvia Randall, treasurer; and Diana Ashley, parliamentarian.

Reginald Rice, senior chemistry major, will fill the post of president of the Mu Beta Kappa club. Officers serving with him are: Terry Bates, vice president; Ed Swinehart, secretary; Jan Green, treasurer; David Tallent; parliamentarian; Richard Hughes, sergeant at arms; and Arvo Schoen, pastor.

Hervig Accepts Manager's Post

Robert H. Hervig, assistant professor of business administration at La Sierra College, has accepted the position of college business manager, effective June, 1959. Mr. Hervig will replace W. E. Anderson who will become business manager of Pacific Union College.

Mr. Hervig received his bachelor of arts degree from Emmanuel Missionary College in 1934. He came to La Sierra College for the first time in 1941 as office manager and instructor in business administration.

He received his master of business administration degree from Northwestern University. He returned to La Sierra College in 1957 after serving for several years on the staff of the Harding Sanitarium in Worthington, Ohio.

Seniors Visit for College Day

Seniors from eight southern California academies will visit La Sierra College on March 11 for the annual College Day, according to Dr. Ralph L. Koorenny, coordinator of the event.

College day activities will feature guided tours of the campus, a special convocation service, and the traditional academy senior-college freshman ball game, indicates Dr. Koorenny.

Church pastors in the area are being asked to assist the college day planning committee in contacting high school seniors in schools other than the eight

academies. Dr. Koorenny indicates that any high school senior interested in participating in College Day activities should contact him for further information.

KNFP on the Air March 15

The new La Sierra College FM station, KNFP, has set March 15 as its target date to go on the air, according to Dr. W. F. Tarr, station manager.

All the basic equipment necessary for operation has been acquired, Dr. Tarr indicates, but more equipment is still needed for first-class production.

Temporary studio facilities are being set up in lower La Sierra Hall. From this location audio lines will be connected to the station transmitter.

Future plans call for permanent studio facilities, to be housed in a separate building, along with other speech department equipment.

Carlyle Manous, program director for the station, reveals that station personnel are now negotiating for the purchase of a full library of classical and light classical music. Programs for the first month of broadcasting have already been arranged, he adds.

Walters Solos with Symphony

Alfred Walters, associate professor of violin, will be guest soloist with the Riverside Community Orchestra under the baton of Thomas Facey on April 7.

Professor Walters has been selected to appear with the newly-organized Riverside Community Orchestra in their first public performance. As guest artist for the evening, he will perform Wienawski's Violin Concerto in D Minor.

Last fall Professor Walters was one of 10 violinists who qualified by audition for the master class in violin taught by Jascha Heifetz at the University of California at Los Angeles. He was one of two class members to receive an autographed picture of Heifetz at the close of the course.

College Dairy Store Opens

The La Sierra College Dairy Store opened at its new location Sunday, February 15.

Milk, buttermilk, cottage cheese, non-fat milk, chocolate milk, and eggs are being featured at the new store, accord-

ing to Frank Judson, college farm superintendent and store manager.

All items sold are being produced on the college farm, operated by students majoring in agriculture, Mr. Judson adds.

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Notice of Nevada-Utah Conference Session

Notice is hereby given that the fourteenth biennial session of the Nevada-Utah Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 4, 1959, in the Reno Seventh-day Adventist church, 1200 Arlington Avenue, Reno, Nevada.

The purpose of this meeting is to receive the biennial reports; elect conference officers, departmental secretaries, and executive committee; and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the session.

According to constitutional provision each organized church is entitled to one delegate-at-large, and one additional delegate for each twenty church members or fractional majority thereof.

E. R. OSMUNSON, *President.*
M. E. HAGEN, *Secretary.*

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Notice of Nevada-Utah Association Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the regular biennial session of the Nevada-Utah Association of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, March 5, 1959, in the Reno Seventh-day Adventist church, 1200 Arlington Avenue, Reno, Nevada.

This meeting is called for the purpose of receiving reports from the officers, electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing biennial term, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the delegates.

All duly elected and accredited delegates at any regular or special session of the Nevada-Utah Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be recognized as delegates of any Association session.

E. R. OSMUNSON, *President.*
M. E. HAGEN, *Secretary.*

California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association Biennial Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the fifty-sixth Constituency Meeting of the California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association will be held at Sanitarium, Napa County, California, on Monday, March 2, 1959, at 10 a.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect directors, amend bylaws, and transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

CARL BECKER, *President.*
W. D. WALTON, *Secretary.*