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### Arizona Conference Proceedings

As previously announced, the seventh annual session of the Arizona Conference was held in Phoenix, Ariz., Oct. 10 to 16, 1908,—ten months from the time of holding the session before.

Two new churches had been organized, — one at Douglas and the other at Prescott, the former with a membership of twenty-five and the latter with a membership of twenty-one. The admission of these churches increased the number of churches in the conference to seven. The membership of the conference had increased from 172 to 242.

The representation of delegates from the churches was the largest ever attending one of our annual sessions. Elder and Mrs. H. W. Cottrell, of the Pacific Union Conference, were also with us.

The treasurer's report showed a decrease of the tithe from that of the corresponding ten months of 1907, the regular tithe, however, being practically the same, when the "windfalls" of the previous year were counted out. For ten months ending Oct. 31, 1908, the tithe was \$2,502.83, while that of the same months of 1907 was \$3,884, \$1,360 of the latter having come to us in "windfalls."

There had been a decided gain in the offerings of this year. For ten months ending Oct. 31, 1908, the offerings were

\$754.22, while those of the corresponding ten months of 1907, were \$561.26.

Following are the receipts and disbursements of the conference for ten months, ending Oct. 31, 1908:

Receipts	
Tithe from the churches	\$2,502.83
Appropriation from Pacific Union Conference	3,500.00
Expense	3.15
Arizona Tract Society	768.17
Trust Funds—Offerings	754.22
Laborers' Expense	130.10
Property	16.00
Donations to Laborers	161.85
Dr. E. C. Rond, on account	598.00
Estella E. Newsom Estate	990.80
Elder Fred Brink	147.80
Small accounts	155.56
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1908,	1,390.05
Total,	\$11,118.53

Disbursements	
Tithe and second tithe to Pacific Union Conference	\$ 478.20
Expense	140.65
Arizona Tract Society	750.67
Salary and Expense of Laborers	6,463.49
Property	146.91
Church-school	150.00
Estella E. Newsom Estate	654.70
Christ's Object Lessons	2.50
Trust Funds—Offerings	724.70
Cash in Treasury Oct. 31, 1908,	1,606.71
Total,	\$11,118.53

Besides the cash as shown by financial report, property had been left to the conference by will of Sister Estella E. Newsom, amounting to \$1,917.50 — one house and lot at Alamogordo, New Mex.,

valued at \$1,000, two houses and lots at Bisbee, Ariz., valued at \$900, and some personal effects valued at \$17.50.

The church buildings in the conference were valued approximately at \$4,150,—one at Phoenix valued at \$2,500; that of Tucson, \$750; Flagstaff, \$700; and the building at Solomonville, \$200.

The tract society secretary reported sales of denominational literature at about \$650, retail price. The assets of the tract society were \$798.16, with liabilities of \$534.52.

The number of Sabbath-schools in the conference had increased from eleven at the close of the third quarter of 1907 to fifteen at the close of the third quarter of 1908, with an increase of membership from 203 to 353.

The Sabbath-school donations for the first three quarters of 1907 were \$158.59, while for the first three quarters of 1908 they were \$346.54.

A sister was present who had begun the observance of the Sabbath less than a year before, from having studied two Sabbath-school lessons on the Seal of God and the Mark of the Beast, the Sabbath-school being the only Seventh-day Adventist meeting she had ever attended.

Six of the fifteen Sabbath-schools were giving all their donations to missions.

The conference officers elected for the ensuing year were —

President, H. G. Thurston.  
Secretary and treasurer, Mrs. M. T. Poston.

Conference committee: H. G. Thurston, F. W. Wheeler, I. P. Dillon, Roy Roberts, Juan Garcia Orozco.

Educational secretary, H. G. Thurston.

Corporation Trustees: H. G. Thurston, F. W. Wheeler, I. P. Dillon, Geo. G. Sims, Roy Roberts.

Religious liberty secretary, H. G. Thurston.

Ministerial credentials were granted to H. G. Thurston, F. W. Wheeler, J. E. Bond, M. Serna.

Ministerial licenses: I. P. Dillon, Geo. G. Sims, Juan Garcia Orozco.

Missionary licenses: Mrs. M. T. Poston and A. J. Cole.

### Resolutions

The following resolutions were adopted:

*Whereas*, The work of the gospel is carried on very largely by tithes and offerings; and,

*Whereas*, There has been a marked falling off in the matter of paying tithe during the past year; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we be more faithful, and altogether faithful, in the payment of tithes, and that we recommend that the ministers thoroughly instruct our people everywhere in this matter.

2. *Resolved*, That we raise a sum of money during this fiscal year for foreign missions equal to ten cents a week pro rata for our conference membership, and thereby be in harmony with all other conferences in the United States.

3. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this conference that our Sabbath-schools donate to the work of foreign missions all regular Sabbath-school offerings; and that each individual, as far as possible, provide himself with the necessary Sabbath-school helps.

*Whereas*, The General Conference have recommended that Nov. 22 to 28, 1908, be devoted to the general circulation of the Foreign Missions number of the *Review and Herald*, and to solicit free-will offerings from the receivers of the papers, for the extension of the third angel's message in foreign countries; therefore,

4. *Resolved*, That we take decided measures to act faithfully our part in properly placing a knowledge of our work for the heathen world before the people, and to give them an opportunity to assist the work in a monetary way.

*Whereas*, The organization of Sabbath-schools, however small, in isolated localities, produces favorable results, and is a help to the advancement of God's work; therefore,

5. *Resolved*, That we recommend the

establishment of cottage Sabbath-schools wherever possible.

*Whereas*, The canvassing and church-school work are both important factors in the work of the Lord, and, whereas, there is need of workers in these branches; therefore,

6. *Resolved*, That we encourage our young people to prepare themselves for these lines of work.

*Whereas*, There are a goodly number of promising young people among our Spanish-speaking brethren, who are desirous of obtaining a suitable preparation for entering the Lord's work among their own people, and,

*Whereas*, many of these young people are unable to provide the necessary funds to obtain such preparation; therefore,

7. *Resolved*, That we approve of a limited use of our conference corporation funds for this purpose, and recommend that the incoming conference committee assist, from such funds, worthy young people among our Spanish-speaking brethren in gaining a suitable preparation to enter the work, as far as the committee may deem wise and for the best interests of the work.

8. *We Recommend*, That our conference committee issue to our church-school teachers suitable credentials in recognition of their position and work in the conference.

A resolution was brought before the conference recommending the removal of our conference headquarters from Phoenix to Tucson, but was unanimously voted down.

H. G. Thurston, *Chairman*.  
M. T. Poston, *Secretary*.

### President's Address to Arizona Conference, Nov. 10 to 16, 1908

A kind and generous providence has brought us to this the seventh annual session of the Arizona Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. The swift march of time has borne us ten months nearer the end of all things earthly. At this, our opening meeting, let us return true gratitude to Him whose loving hand has kept us, and because death's rude angel has visited our number so seldom. Although sickness has been among our workers, no one has been laid away.

During this short conference year of scarce ten months, we have seen visible tokens of God's favor, and unmistakable

evidence that He has a care for His work in Arizona.

The membership of our churches has increased from 172 to 242. This increase is nearly all from the English-speaking population. Aggressive field work has been carried on in Jerome, Mayer, Prescott, Phoenix, Tempe, Mesa, and Douglas; and from nearly every effort, visible results are seen. In due time our workers will render interesting reports from their several fields.

Two churches have been organized during the year, one at Douglas, October 10, with a membership of twenty-five, and another of twenty-one members at Prescott, October 31.

Our educational work is gaining in strength and importance, and instead of one school and one teacher we now have in our conference three schools and four teachers, and an attendance of upwards of sixty students, and the prospects are favorable for the opening of other schools next year. Our Phoenix school work includes the eleventh grade. The teachers also understand Spanish.

We have already secured the attendance of some of our promising Spanish-speaking young people. The best way to teach the truth to our many thousands of that tongue seems to be to educate some of their own number who can go out as missionaries. These must receive a thorough knowledge of all points of the truth before they are sent forth as teachers. Satan is trying hard to retard and destroy God's work already begun for these young people, and we trust that this conference will carefully consider our duty in connection with this matter, and give counsel as to how far we shall plan regarding courses of study; and for the establishment of some resource which may result in assisting these people in their attendance at our school; also what its general scope and object shall be. This Spanish work in our conference must be strengthened. How can this best be accomplished?

While our book and tract work has been much less than we desired and expected, something has been done. Probably we have handled more tracts than during any similar period in the history of our conference; but we are still far behind the demands of the present hour, in our use of this simple but effective kind of service. Our tracts

and periodicals should yet accomplish a much greater work than heretofore. An educated and consecrated laity will prove the solution of *how* it may be done. It becomes more and more apparent that our success must lie in God's blessing upon the training and use of the talent already in this field, which can furnish canvassers, colporteurs, teachers, and ministers.

We can not report an increase in our tithes over the same period last year, though we have an encouraging gain in the offerings. We are certain that the financial conditions have had to do with the decrease in our tithes, yet we know this is not the only reason why they have not been more. While many of our members have been devoted and faithful to God's most reasonable claim of a tenth, some have been remiss, and to use the words of Inspiration, they have robbed God. We exhort all such to restore that which they have unlawfully taken, that the benign favor and blessings of Heaven may be theirs. If we can claim God's smile and blessing while practising *robbery* toward Him, may we not also claim Heaven's benediction while violating almost any and every other plain command of Jehovah?

Since our last conference, your committee has been successful in collecting something over \$500 due the conference corporation. There have also been between two and three thousand dollars in cash and property given us by a will, and some deeds of real estate executed by the late Sister Estella E. Newsom, who died last July. She accepted the message some years ago through the labors of our treasurer, Sister Poston.

While we mourn the decease of our faithful and loyal sister who we believe sleeps in Jesus, we are grateful to God who put it into her heart to so kindly remember our needs in Arizona.

Some months ago, our conference funds were so reduced, owing to the small tithe, that it was thought best to suggest a ten per cent reduction in the salaries of all our workers, lest some might be compelled to leave the field; and while this was not a pleasant or convenient action, we are glad to tell you that with scarce an exception the laborers accepted this change in salaries cheerfully. However, after a short time, the regular wage was resumed, and the ten per cent returned to each worker.

While this reduction was by no means a convenience for our laborers, we believe it has resulted in good, and we are grateful for the spirit it developed. Soldiers who won't complain when rations are low and the camp uncomfortable, are likely to succeed in their battles.

While we may note with a degree of pleasure and satisfaction the material gain in some branches of our work, and feel glad that our conference is stronger—more substantial—than ten months ago, yet we must not stop to congratulate ourselves with this thought. Let us rather learn wherein we can accomplish greater results for our God by a more united and determined effort, with the same outlay of funds.

We hope by another year to be able to report at least two new church buildings erected, one in Prescott and one in Douglas.

There are several places in our field which must be entered as soon as possible. The company in Tucson must be strengthened; Globe must be worked; Bisbee should be entered; Tombstone has never heard the message; while Kingman, Chloride, and Yuma are among the towns waiting for the proclamation of Christ's soon coming. Can we enter and work all of these places during the coming year? Our people, old and young, must be trained for service. The canvassing work must receive new life. Our young people and children must be encouraged to carry the glad tidings to our neighbors and friends. Work must be placed in their hands. Our members everywhere must be taught the best methods of labor with papers, tracts, and books. They must be instructed in giving Bible-readings. We have talent in our churches in this conference, which, if consecrated to God, will furnish us a strong force of canvassers, colporteurs, teachers, and ministers. But if we encourage young men and women to enter the ministry and other branches of this cause, it will mean an increased outlay of funds, and the only way we can see to meet this situation is for all our members to be prompt and honest in their tithes.

May this conference, although numerically small, be so faithful in supporting God's work in Arizona, that ere long we may not only become self-supporting, but be ready to assist with

men and money in the conquest of hearts among the teeming millions in the regions beyond. Let nothing short of this be our aim. Let us begin to pray for this, and then do our utmost to answer our prayers.

We rejoice that Brother and Sister Rossier Campbell were willing to leave home to enter a more needy field than this. May God bless them and inspire others among us to follow their worthy example.

We trust this conference will give prayerful consideration to every department of work, and be able to offer suggestions which may be a source of great value in building up the cause of truth in this territory.

Nothing but courage should be spoken. God's truth knows no defeat but the defeat of its enemies.

It is for us to allow this message to perfect its victory in our own hearts, and then we can successfully carry victory, as something to be desired and gained, to our fellow pilgrims.

Heaven and earth and the whole universe of God are calling for this, and how long shall it be delayed? The Holy Spirit convicts, invites, and shall we not even here and now, ministers, delegates, and all others, by humility of soul, allow the oil of grace to do its work in each heart and for this conference?

Into your hands, brethren delegates, gladly we now surrender the responsibilities of the Arizona Conference. Whatever mistakes have been made, we claim them as our own, and can only implore that they may be forgiven, covered by the spotless robe of our Saviour.

For the victories achieved we thank God and take fresh courage. We pray most fervently that Heaven's unity may prevail among us here, and that we may truly have a consecration conference.

H. G. Thurston.

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“Many would speedily reach the heavenly haven if progress could be secured by blowing their own sails.”

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**Wanted.**—At the Glendale Sanitarium, a good, Christian young man to learn cooking. References required. Permanent position. Apply to manager, Glendale Sanitarium, Glendale, Cal.

## First Impressions of the City of Mexico

(Continued.)

One has no need of traveling to Europe or to the Orient to view quaint scenes. While California has many things of interest to visitors from the East, if it possessed one tenth of the beautiful mission churches and other quaint scenes of Old Mexico, it would attract many more thousands of visitors to the Pacific Coast each year than now make the journey.

The writer has visited nearly all of the missions in California. There is but one of these—the Santa Barbara Mission—that compares favorably for beauty and architecture with the numerous missions of Old Mexico. The Mexican Government, while not favoring the Catholic Church, having confiscated all the church and mission properties, preserves these interesting relics of by-gone days on account of their great interest to each generation of home-born people and to the traveling public. The San Fernando mission, with which our students of the academy are so familiar, seems more like the headquarters of a great hacienda or rancho than a real mission when you make a comparison with the missions of Mexico.

If you wish to see buildings, agriculture and the primitive life of Palestine, you can find them all in Mexico. Doubtless the practise of the "women grinding at the mill" will be in common use in Mexico until time shall close. One is reminded, by observing the mode of travel in Mexico, of the journey of the Saviour with His mother and Joseph into Egypt. There are but few wagon roads to be seen, but pathways over valley and mountain made by the sandaled feet of human beings or by donkeys and mules, which are the beasts of burden. Then, too, in Bible days water was carried in the skins of animals, as in Mexico at the present time.

In this country houses have flat roofs, and the hand-sickle is still the instrument for reaping the harvest and the alfalfa. The alfalfa is sown in rows about six or eight inches apart, so as to make it more convenient for cutting by hand. It is also cultivated by hand, and, according to the testimony of Americans who ought to be informed, they get a better yield of this kind of forage crops by such planting and cul-

tivating than is secured where it is sown broadcast. It is also claimed that alfalfa cultivated in this manner does not have to be reseeded for a period of ten years.

The banks of the city of Mexico are not housed in palatial buildings as in our American cities; and yet several of them in the capital are much stronger financially than any of the banks of Los Angeles. Scarcely any of the buildings in the older part of Los Angeles are as plain and unpretentious as the exterior of the principal banks of the city of Mexico; yet one of the latter, with which I have become slightly acquainted, has resources of ninety-five million dollars, and deposits several times as great as the largest banks in Los Angeles.

G. W. Reaser.

Tacubaya, D. F., Mex.

November 4.

## Teachers' Exchange

### CALIFORNIA Turlock

Our school has now been in session nearly four months. Our enrolment has reached thirty-seven.

The first week of school some children had no books. Those who had books were supplied with many different kinds, scarcely two alike.

As this is the first year of church-school here, most of the children are from public schools. At first our school building was only 14 by 24 feet. Fourteen double desks were placed in the room. On the opening day there were present fourteen boys and fourteen girls. All the grades are represented, from one to eight inclusive. The youngest child is nearly eight years old. A number of the older ones are sixteen.

At 1 P.M. there was a terrible fire in town. It burned about half a block—a livery stable included. The children asked if they might go. I said, "Well," and off they ran, except a few who stayed with me. We then went to the fire, and I was happy to find every one of my children in one place waiting for the teacher and other children.

We have a missionary society which meets every Friday afternoon. The pupils have their own officers. One week they sold about fifty papers. We have

a little school bank. The children have put about \$4.00 into their bank. At the close of every other meeting, the secretary passes the missionary report blanks around. The following is a report of work done so far:

### Missionary Report for Four Months

Missionary visits made, 14; Bible-readings or cottage-meetings held, 2; number of persons supplied with food, clothing, etc., 1; number of sick persons assisted, 4; tracts given away or loaned, 66; tracts sold, 5; pages of books loaned, 13; pages of books sold, 2; number of papers mailed or given away, 31; number of papers sold, 457; number of subscriptions taken, 3; number of letters written, 9; number of letters received, 5; number of children brought into the Sabbath-school, 6; missionary offering, \$33.50.

I have a large class in the fifth reader. It seemed hard to keep the attention of these pupils while other members of the class were reading. I have found a way now. They seldom take their eyes from the book a moment. I have them stand in a long line as for spelling. The one at the head reads the first paragraph. If the second child in line thinks the first read his paragraph perfectly, he reads the second paragraph. If No. 3 noticed a mistake in either No. 1 or No. 2, he reads the passage correctly, and goes above the one that made the mistake; and so on through the lesson. The one at the head of the line stays there—does not go to the foot next day.

Among the mistakes in reading, we count the position and way the reader holds his book while reading. It works like a charm to hold their entire attention.

Most of the smaller children did not know how to tell time. I sent the children of the first two grades to the blackboard to draw. While they were drawing a thought came into my mind and I tried an experiment. I told them to use chalk and a string for a compass and draw a circle of a certain radius. Then I had them finish it up for a clock face. I had them set their clock by erasing the hands and making them point to the different numbers. When they have spare time they make clocks, and set them at different hours of the day.

Last summer one of the sisters gave

out twenty-three dimes to the children of the Sabbath-school to grow for missionary money. They made their money grow by having missionary gardens. Some raised beans, others peanuts, etc.; and some set missionary hens. Each ten-cent piece brought from 50 cents to nearly \$5.00. The total return was \$26.08.

We had our ingathering service last Sunday night, and the children rendered a very good program. Elder J. O. Corliss and Brother J. R. Ferren from Mountain View were present. Many strangers were present also. The Thanksgiving offering was over \$102. Every one that I heard speak of the service said it was the best of that kind they had ever attended.

V. Pearl Stone.

December 8.

### Vallejo

Although we are among the last of the schools to send in a report, we have not forgotten the promise made at the Healdsburg summer school, and we have looked forward with eagerness each week for the reports from other schools.

We have been having vacation while the carpenter was busy enlarging our schoolroom. We had to add ten feet and an anteroom. At first we expected to erect a church in front of the schoolhouse, which is the only building we have at present; but we decided the schoolroom would have to do for church purposes for a while, and would answer the purpose better for both church and school if larger.

Our school and Sabbath-school enjoyed Harvest Ingathering Services Thursday night, December 3. We had a larger outside attendance that night than we have ever had before.

We are sending a copy of the program:

#### Program

March by children, followed by song, "Our King"; remarks, Clyde Lowry; prayer, D. Adams; duet, "Face to Face," Mrs. Phillips, Bertha Morseberger; recitation, "A Penny a Pound," Gladys Wilson; exercise, "Missions," eight little boys and girls; recitation, "Few Laborers," Bertha Morseberger; vocal solo, "Lead Me Gently Home," Florence Lillard; recitation, "Shall I Grumble?," Frankie Barker;

song, with accordion accompaniment. "Bringing in the Sheaves," Miss Osborne, Leonard Osborne; recitation, "We Thank Thee," Ida Housdorf; recitation, "Duty," Shelby Lillard; vocal solo, "A Snow Prayer," Edna Tosi; recitation, "Stretch It a Little," Bessie Philbrook; recitation, "A Problem," Margaret Burrows; Scripture exercise and song service, eight young ladies; recitation, "Thoughts and Things," Mark Lillard; recitation, "The Judgment Hour," Olive Morseberger; song, with accordion accompaniment, "Master, the Tempest is Raging," Miss Osborne, Leonard Osborne; recitation, "Missionary Fruit," Thelma Taylor; offering; quartet, "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere"; recitation, "An Ordinary Boy," Burt Barker; recitation, "A Lady Sold at Auction," Nina Lillard; closing song, "We'll Never Say Good-by," congregation; benediction, Clyde Lowry.

Agnes H. Bingham,  
Olga R. Bingham.

December 6.

### Ukiah Church-School

This small school is held in a basement, the teacher rooming in the same house. On arriving here, I found that three families had agreed to pay fifteen dollars monthly toward the salary and to provide the schoolroom with its fuel, and lodge and board the teacher.

Winter gardens were planted the first of the term. When asked to cut wood for our stove after school, nearly all the boys volunteered to take the first week's turn. Some show as great application mentally; while, as usual, others need more or less encouragement. But all seem prompt and obedient at school.

Although perplexities arise, we hope to see the results for which we are working; namely, the salvation of the children, and their fitting for a part in the finishing of the last gospel message.

Wm. E. Whitmore.

**Wanted.**— Good ironers for laundry. Permanent employment will be given to any one who can do satisfactory work. St. Helena Sanitarium, Sanitarium, P. O., Napa Co., Cal.

"When we walk with God, we must go His way."

### Three New Books for Young People

"A Man of Valor," by Prof. A. W. Spaulding, is a fascinating story of the life of Jonathan, son of King Saul. Aside from Biblical manners, customs, and geography, free use has been made of the imagination in giving a setting for the life of the greatest Old Testament type of the perfect friend. Price, 75 cents.

"Talks to My Students," by Prof. Frederick Griggs, is full of practical instruction and helpful suggestions to young men and women, in school and out, who desire to make the most of life. Price, 50 cents.

"Elo the Eagle and Other Stories," is a series of stories of animals which the author knew and loved when a child. No one can fail to be intensely interested in this book, and have a greater and more intelligent interest in and love for animals, after reading it. The price is \$1.00.

Do you wish to make presents to some of your friends at this season? Do not rush to the holiday shops and hastily buy some books made simply to sell. You may find books with excellent sentiments, and yet there may be threads of error throughout. Here are books written for young people by those who have spent their lives with the youth, and whose hearts are tuned to God's message for to-day.

Order through your tract society.

M. E. Kern,  
Chairman Y. P. M. V. Dept.

### Papers and Tracts Wanted

Brother W. R. Lamb, of Napa, Cal., would like clean copies of the *Signs of the Times*, *Bible Training School*, *Youth's Instructor*, *Liberty*, *Life and Health*, and Seventh-day Adventist tracts with which to do missionary work. These should be sent prepaid to him at the above address.

A bookmen's convention for the Pacific Union and the North Pacific Union Conferences will be held at Mountain View, Cal., Jan. 24 to Feb. 1, 1909. It is desired that as many as possible of the canvassers and those in charge of the book and tract society work in the different conferences of the unions above named be in attendance at this meeting.

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## Young People's Convention

In harmony with the request of Prof. M. E. Kern, General Conference secretary of the Young People's Department, arrangements have been completed to hold a young people's convention at the St. Helena Sanitarium, Sanitarium, Cal., Feb. 24 to 27, 1909.

The meeting being held in the interest of the young people, a special effort should be made to have them present. All others should encourage them to attend and receive the benefit of the gathering. An excellent program has been arranged, which, if carried out, will make the meeting very interesting and profitable.

The St. Helena Sanitarium has kindly offered to give free entertainment to the *young people* during the meeting, and extends hearty welcome.

Following this there will be a *secretaries'* and *young people's* convention at Fernando, Cal., March 3 to 7, 1909. All the secretaries of the young people's department in the union conference are invited to be present.

All secretaries and young people who can arrange to attend the meeting at Fernando, should correspond with Prof. H. G. Lucas, Fernando Academy, San Fernando, Cal., that the institution may know how to arrange to care for them.

All who plan to attend the meeting at Sanitarium should notify the California Conference, Mountain View, so that they may be able to notify the Sanitarium of the number they will be expected to provide for. As soon as you decide to go, send in your name. Do not wait until the time of the meeting to send in notice.

There are wonderful possibilities before and just in reach of our young people, and all should avail themselves of this another opportunity of learning more fully the way to these rich treasures yet untold. There is blessing in service.

Prof. M. E. Kern will be present to do all he can to make the meetings a decided success.

H. W. Cottrell.

December 14.

In a letter dated December 11, from Elder S. G. Huntington, of Salt Lake City, Utah, we note the following:

"Elders Hare and St. John in Ogden baptized six converts on the 29th ult., and had arranged for another baptism yesterday of ten or eleven persons, but at the last moment were denied the use of the baptistry that had been promised them. These converts of course include a part of their summer's work.

"A lady and her daughter will soon unite with our church here, two others have begun to keep the Sabbath, while two more, a man and wife of influence, are just ready to step out on the Lord's side. The crisis of this couple's investigation was reached this week, when I met with them in the presence of their pastor, and with the latter discussed the Sabbath question until almost midnight. The truth certainly triumphed gloriously. Aside from these, Brother Treganza has at least six more that are taking readings from him who are coming along splendidly.

"Elder Nelson, who is in the southern part of the state in a new field, has organized a small Sabbath-school, and is enjoying a house-to-house work. He found two Sabbath-keepers when he went there, and now reports two additional ones. Brother Gjording reports that the interest he awakened last summer at Bear River has developed into three Sabbath-keepers on whom he can count."

The following brethren have been selected as delegates to represent the Pacific Union Conference at the next session of the General Conference to be held in Washington, D. C., in May: E. E. Andross, H. G. Thurston, S. G. Huntington, W. T. Knox, J. O. Corliss, J. R. Leadsworth, H. G. Lucas, J. J. Ireland, J. H. Behrens, H. Shultz, J. A. Burden, A. O. Tait.

The Pacific Religious Liberty Association has sent out from its office during the past week a large amount of literature, and hundreds of letters along the line of the religious liberty campaign that is now on in California. These letters have gone to all of our church officers, isolated members and others, and to the editors of the state; also to the state Legislators. It is hoped that these letters will set all to thinking on these questions as they have not thought before; and that our people at least will bend every energy to get before their neighbors the principles involved. Now is the time to work.

The work of soliciting funds from the world in behalf of our mission work in other lands is being steadily pushed forward by some of the churches. The Lodi church has just received its supply of *Reviews*, and the students from the Western Normal school are planning on canvassing a large portion of the city of Stockton, which has been reserved for them by the Stockton church. The brethren and sisters of the Lodi church are planning to visit the surrounding towns and the farming district.

The first edition of 50,000 copies of the special Religious Liberty number of the *Signs of the Times* for California has been nearly exhausted, and a second edition has been ordered. We are certainly pleased to see the way that our people have responded in this work, and trust that no effort will be spared until after the meeting of the Legislature in January, to get this literature into the hands of the people, and also to secure signatures to the petition against any such legislation.

A letter dated December 4, from Brother W. L. Sims at Fortuna, Cal., contains the following: "Another one has taken a stand for the truth. We now have a company of about twenty-five, mostly adults. The efforts of our people in this part to solicit means with the *Review* has been blessed by the Lord beyond the expectation of those who have gone out with them. I am having excellent success in obtaining names against the Sunday law."