

# PACIFIC UNION RECORDER



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

## Summary of the Proceedings of the Thirty-eighth Annual Session of the California Conference, S. D. A., Held at Oakland, Cal., Feb. 3 to 10, 1909

The thirty-eighth annual session of the California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists was held at Oakland, Cal., February 3 to 10, 1909. Regular meetings were held at nine and two-thirty o'clock each day. Elder S. N. Haskell, president of the conference, occupied the chair at most of the meetings.

One hundred and fifty-one regularly elected delegates were seated, representing the following churches and the churches accepted during this session of the conference: Alameda, Armona, Arcata, Bakersfield, Berkeley, Bishop, Calistoga, Chico, Dinuba, Eureka, Fresno, Hanford, Healdsburg, Hughson, Island, Laguna, Le Grand, Lemoore, Los Gatos, Lodi (English), Merced, Modesto, Morgan Hill, Mountain View, Monterey, Mount Bullion, Napa, Oakland, Petaluma, Red Bluff, Reno, Sacramento, San Francisco, Sanitarium, San Jose, San Luis Obispo, Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Selma, St. Helena, Stockton, Turlock, Ukiah, Vallejo, Wallace District, and Woodland.

Seven churches organized during the year were presented for membership in the conference as follows: Fortuna, ten members, presented by Elder A. J. Osborne; Melrose, forty-two members, by Elder G. A. Snyder; Richmond, forty-five members, Elder J. D. Rice; Barstow Colony, nineteen members, Elder C. L. Taggart; Corning, twenty-three members, J. R. Patterson; Oroville, thirteen members; and Paradise, fourteen, by Elder Fred Brink. The churches of Island

and Laguna, with membership of thirty and fifteen, respectively, had already been received into the conference at the special session held on the Melrose campground last June.

The following committees were appointed by the chairman at the first meeting:

### Plans

H. W. Cottrell, W. E. Whalin, M. C. Wilcox, G. A. Snyder, B. L. Howe, H. F. Rand, E. D. Sharpe, E. E. Parlin, H. H. Hall, W. H. Covell, I. C. Coleord, J. O. Corliss.

### Credentials and Licenses

W. C. White, H. Shultz, J. O. Corliss, J. H. Behrens, M. C. Israel, H. C. Basney.

### Nominations

A. Brorsen, W. T. Knox, P. J. Wolfson, A. O. Tait, J. C. Miller.

### Constitution

H. W. Cottrell, J. J. Ireland, H. G. Childs.

The financial reports were presented, certified by the auditor, and accepted.

## Tithes Received from the Churches of the California Conference for the Year 1908

[Including funds received up to Jan. 12, 1909.]

Alameda	\$1,734.30
Arcata	503.24
Armona	2,139.62
Arroyo Grande	151.83
Arbuckle	17.10
Bakersfield	139.27
Berkeley	675.48
Bishop	687.95
Buckeye	74.65
Burrough	99.41
Calistoga	241.64
Chico	2,458.70
Corning	66.98

Dinuba	991.11
Dinuba (German)	70.90
Dos Palos	122.68
Eureka	1,549.54
Fallon, Nev.	202.75
Ferndale	312.25
Fresno	3,605.67
Grass Valley	196.64
Glennville	158.25
Guerneville	135.81
Hanford	767.23
Healdsburg	2,289.43
Hughson	518.90
Island	216.55
Laguna	168.64
Laton	45.00
Le Grand	597.75
Lemoore	670.49
Lockwood	363.85
Lompoc	166.00
Los Gatos	346.43
Lodi	2,647.59
Lodi (German)	94.92
McKinleyville	17.45
Merced	619.35
Modesto	425.75
Morgan Hill	516.48
Mountain View	5,247.66
Monterey	128.55
Mount Bullion	103.76
Napa	652.51
North San Juan	6.00
Oakdale	287.55
Oakland	6,115.63
Placerville	205.55
Pepperwood	111.60
Petaluma	720.04
Red Bluff	208.35
Redding	490.30
Reno	1,075.12
Sacramento	1,889.47
San Francisco	3,699.35
Sanitarium	5,588.57

San Jose .....	1,744.47
San Luis Obispo .....	227.23
Santa Cruz .....	476.79
Santa Rosa .....	557.61
Sebastopol .....	662.72
Selma .....	529.11
Soquel .....	228.25
St. Clair, Nev. ....	3.00
St. Helena .....	1,437.45
Stockton .....	887.64
Susanville .....	147.70
Smith River .....	47.05
Turlock .....	1,142.97
Ukiah .....	357.69
Vacaville .....	124.91
Vallejo .....	287.55
Wallace District .....	727.37
Watsonville .....	30.81
Woodland .....	1,184.58
Personal .....	1,503.22
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$65,645.71</b>

**California Conference Receipts for 1908**

Annual Offerings .....	\$ 3,777.10
California Religious Liberty Assn. . .	419.54
Christ's Object Lessons .....	61.75
Donations to Laborers .....	1,313.68
Free Literature Fund .....	57.58
Free-Will Offerings .....	60.05
Jewish Work .....	260.25
Japanese School .....	12.93
Miscellaneous Funds, Home .....	842.96
Miscellaneous Funds, Foreign .....	374.28
Missions .....	3,349.57
Mid-Summer Offerings .....	1,175.19
Missionary Volunteer Society .....	32.65
Orphans' Fund .....	313.42
\$150,000 Fund .....	422.22
College Donations .....	2,559.87
Southern General Collection .....	1,092.91
Southern Field .....	289.57
Sabbath-School Donations .....	5,969.44
Thanksgiving Ingathering .....	1,203.84
Huntsville School, S. N. H. ....	1,027.00
China, S. N. H. ....	30.00
Tithe .....	65,645.71
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$90,291.51</b>

**Revenue Account of the California Conference, S. D. A., for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1908**

<b>Gains</b>	
Donations Received .....	\$ 1,735.90
Tithe Received .....	65,645.71
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$67,381.61</b>
<b>Losses</b>	

Annuitants .....	\$ 700.80
Chico School .....	60.00
Church Schools .....	93.25
Donations Paid Out .....	959.45
Expense .....	1,216.66
Fresno Camp-Meeting .....	642.02
Humboldt Camp-Meeting .....	81.33
Hydriatic Dispensary .....	313.91
Lodi Camp-Meeting .....	194.20
Oakland Camp-Meeting .....	1,301.99
Property Depreciation .....	1,218.49
Real Estate Depreciation .....	103.77
Salary .....	46,622.49
Southern Laborers .....	364.00

Students' Transportation .....	189.40
Tithe to Pacific Union Conference ..	12,474.30
Teachers' Institute .....	264.80
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$66,790.86</b>
Net gain for 1908 .....	590.75

**Financial Statement of the California Conference, S. D. A., for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1908**

<b>Assets</b>	
Bills Receivable .....	\$ 2,045.74
California Bible House .....	2,050.30
College Accounts .....	3,936.83
Pacific Press Pub. Assn. ....	2,800.61
Inventories .....	
Office Furniture .....	\$ 465.37
Property .....	6,418.00
Real Estate .....	2,515.89
<b>Personal and Miscellaneous Accounts ..</b>	<b>1,149.80</b>
Central Bank of Oakland .....	8,655.88
Mountain View Banks .....	3,068.09
Cash on Hand .....	4.46
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$33,110.97</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
California Conf. Assn. \$ 1,563.19	
College Accts. Don. & Loan .....	5,299.15
Misc. and Trust Funds .....	3,241.11
<b>10,103.45</b>	
Pres. Worth Jan. 1, 1908 .....	24,716.77
Less Donation Voted to Gen. Conf. and Blind ..	2,300.00
<b>22,416.77</b>	
Net Gain for 1908 .....	590.75
<b>23,007.52</b>	
<b>\$33,110.97</b>	
Claude Conard, <i>Treasurer.</i>	

**Revenue Statement of the California Bible House for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1908**

<b>Gains</b>	
Merchandise .....	\$3,467.70
<b>Losses</b>	
Agents' Expense .....	14.91
Expense .....	746.84
Field Agent's Expense .....	18.30
Fuel .....	18.52
Insurance .....	42.63
Labor .....	1,614.64
Property .....	97.02
Scholarships .....	35.51
Seed Sower .....	105.18
<b>\$2,693.55</b>	
Net Gain .....	774.15

**Financial Statement of the California Bible House for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1908**

<b>Assets</b>	
Local Tract Societies .....	\$1,179.33
Personal Accounts .....	1,926.49
Cash on Hand .....	107.66
Cash in Banks .....	
Bank of Mountain View .....	10.44
Farmers State Bank .....	26.67
<b>\$ 37.11</b>	
Inventories .....	
Merchandise .....	2,820.76
Property .....	600.00
Expense .....	353.63

Insurance .....	42.62
Seed Sower .....	23.90
Library .....	45.00
Fuel .....	4.40
<b>\$7,140.90</b>	

**Liabilities**

Personal Accounts .....	\$ 170.88
Local Tract Societies .....	17.00
California Conference .....	2,087.36
Free Literature Fund .....	30.80
Religious Liberty Assn. ( <i>Signs</i> ) .....	675.70
Canvassers' Fund .....	7.04
Ministry of Healing .....	35.95
Ship Missions .....	23.65
Surplus Account Jan. 1, 1908 .....	3,269.54
Old Accounts Collected .....	48.83
Net Gain for 1908 .....	774.15
<b>\$7,140.90</b>	

S. G. WHITE, *Treasurer.*

Credentials and licenses were granted to the following persons:

**Credentials**

S. N. Haskell, J. W. Bagby, H. C. Basney, J. H. Behrens, Fred Brink, A. Brorsen, M. H. Brown, J. O. Corliss, D. T. Fero, C. M. Gardner, B. L. Howe, M. C. Israel, W. T. Knox, C. E. Leland, C. N. Martin, Isaac Morrison, A. J. Osborne, J. D. Rice, G. W. Rine, E. D. Sharpe, A. Schlotthauer, H. A. St. John, H. Shultz, J. Adam Stevens, G. A. Snyder, C. L. Taggart, C. L. Taylor.

**Ordination and Credentials**

B. E. Beddoe, D. E. Robinson.

**Ministerial Licenses**

J. D. Alder, F. E. Brown, I. C. Colcord, W. H. Covell, Robert Fries, C. N. Miller, C. H. Moler, J. R. Patterson, L. A. Reed, W. L. Sims, James Taphouse, Mrs. S. N. Haskell.

**Missionary Credentials**

Dr. F. F. Abbott, Mrs. A. C. Bainbridge, Claude Conard, Mrs. Myrtle Cushman, Mrs. Carrie R. King, George Kuhns, Mrs. Lottie Kuhns, Mrs. C. H. Moler, Laura Morrison, Mrs. E. E. Parlin, Dr. H. F. Rand, Chas. W. Peter, Mrs. Cora A. Rice, S. G. White, T. C. Darlow, Mrs. F. E. Merrill, G. I. Watt, J. A. Guild; also G. A. Hamilton and L. L. Hutchinson.

The committee on nominations reported the following:

**Conference Officers**

President, S. N. Haskell; Secretary and Treasurer, Claude Conard; Auditor, Pacific Union Conference Auditor.

**Executive Committee**

S. N. Haskell, H. Shultz, E. D. Sharpe, J. H. Behrens, G. A. Snyder, B. L. Howe, A. Brorsen.

### Departmental Officers

The following departmental officers were subsequently appointed by the executive committee:

Superintendent of the Educational and the Missionary Volunteer Departments, I. C. Coleord; Sabbath-School Secretary, Mrs. Carrie R. King; Missionary Field Director, W. H. Covell; Religious Liberty Field Director, J. O. Corliss. The local secretaries of the Religious Liberty and Temperance Departments were asked to continue in the same places for the present.

### Reports, Departmental and Otherwise

The annual address of the president, published in full in the RECORDER of Feb. 4, 1909, places the total number of new members taken into the churches during 1908 at 440. Two special sessions of the conference have been held, and a large amount of business done in tract and periodical lines at the various camp-meetings, institutes, etc., during the year. \$22,539.19 has been reported and paid from this conference for missions during the year, which, according to the last recorded membership, lacks less than \$320 of being the full \$5.20 for each member.

The reports of the Sabbath-school, young people's, and educational departments, rendered by Mrs. King and Professor Coleord, appear in other columns of this issue. These all show growth in their respective lines.

Prof. E. D. Sharpe gave an outline of the work at the Western Normal Institute, which also is here reported.

Some of the statistics of the missionary secretary's report presented by A. J. S. Bourdeau, appear in another column. Although not as much has been accomplished in dollars and cents in the book work in the Conference the past year, yet in the periodical and tract lines there has been a marked increase, making a total of between three and four thousand dollars worth more of business done by that department this year than last.

Some comparisons and a general survey of the subscription book and field work were given by the field director, W. H. Covell.

Elder J. O. Corliss made several reports of the progress of the religious liberty work in Sacramento and in the conference in general. Although much has

been accomplished in educating the people, a more energetic campaign in this direction should be carried on in the future.

Prof. B. L. Howe reported for the Central California Intermediate School at Armona. In this school there are one hundred and three pupils enrolled, and a live missionary work is being done in the surrounding country.

The progress of the Korean mission work in Sacramento was given by Elder C. E. Leland and Brother T. C. Darlow. Mrs. E. Swift, of Oakland, told of the Japanese mission school of that city, and exhibited some of the work done by the boys. Several conversions have already resulted from these two mission schools.

Among others who occupied time during the conference sessions were Elder N. Z. Town, C. N. Lake, W. C. White, and Mrs. E. G. White. The first named described the work in South America, and what was being done by our laborers there. A collection of \$51.26 was taken up for him to assist in the purchase of an organ for the school in Argentina. Brother Lake gave some instruction regarding the sale of the *Signs of the Times*. Elder W. C. White spoke of the trip he had just taken through the South, and some of the needs of our work there, especially in connection with the sanitariums. Mrs. E. G. White spoke a number of times, giving instruction and counsel along various lines. At the close of the last night's service a collection amounting to \$36.70 was taken up for Prof. C. G. Howell's school work in Tennessee.

The school proposition at Sonoma was gone over quite thoroughly by Elders Haskell, Cottrell, Mrs. E. G. White, and others. All seemed to be united in the belief that the Lord would complete in His own way the work which He has here begun.

A part of one meeting was given to the raising of funds for this school enterprise, and over \$7,700 was taken in cash and pledges. Some of these pledges, however, were conditional on the sale of land.

Throughout the entire conference session all seemed to be cognizant of the presence of God in the meetings, and a spirit of harmony pervaded all the deliberations.

Claude Conard,  
Secretary.

### Resolutions

*Whereas*, The gift of prophecy has been a counselor to this people for more than half a century; and,

*Whereas*, Prosperity has attended the work of the third angel's message in proportion as the counsels of the gift of prophecy have been heeded; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we hereby recognize the goodness of God in placing and maintaining this gift in the church, and advise our ministers and our brethren generally, to become personally acquainted with its teachings, and to give heed thereto, that they may profit thereby.

2. *Resolved*, That we recognize the blessing of God which has attended the promulgation of the truth during the past year, especially in the distribution of so large an amount of literature.

*Whereas*, The Pacific Press has made such liberal discounts on publications that our brethren could use them to advantage; therefore,

3. *Resolved*, That we express our appreciation of their liberality, and request a continuance of the same policy.

*Whereas*, There have been many calls upon the liberality of our brethren by different ones soliciting for various enterprises in connection with the advancement of the cause; and,

*Whereas*, Members of this Conference have responded liberally to these calls; therefore,

4. *Resolved*, That we express our appreciation of their liberality, and recommend a continuance of the same, *provided* the solicitor carries proper credentials, and the object for which assistance is requested is approved by the gift of prophecy.

*Whereas*, There are in this conference 22,000 Japanese and nearly 100,000 Chinese, besides a large number of Koreans; and,

*Whereas*, The spirit of prophecy has said that the field of labor for these classes in the cities of our own country is "fully as important as any foreign field;" therefore,

5. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this conference that greater efforts be put forth this year, by means of missions and in other legitimate ways, for the enlightenment of this class of people.

6. *Resolved*, That we approve of the ten-cent-a-week plan per member for raising funds for our foreign missions,

and that we pledge ourselves to adhere to this plan the coming year.

*Whereas*, The spirit of prophecy has repeatedly warned us that the judgments of God are hanging over our large cities; and,

*Whereas*, There is no better way of enlightening the people than through our books and periodicals; and,

*Whereas*, The profits of the sale of our periodicals and books are sufficient to make the canvasser self-supporting; therefore,

7. *Resolved*, That we encourage our agents in the canvassing work to conduct their work on a self-supporting basis.

8. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Conference that before any large investment, incurring debt, is made, a special session of the conference be called to decide the question.

9. *Resolved*, That special effort be made this coming year by our ministers, canvassers, and colporteurs to carry the truth to such fields as have not heard it.

*Whereas*, The institutes held last year and the sales of books and periodicals at our camp-meetings were the means of encouraging the rank and file of our people to engage in the circulation of literature; and therefore,

10. *Resolved*, That we encourage these methods of labor in all the general meetings of our people.

*Whereas*, The Pacific Educational Association and the conference executive committee have requested the California Conference Association, a legal body, to assume the liabilities of the Pacific Educational Association; therefore,

11. *Resolved*, That we approve of their action.

12. *Resolved*, That we approve of the action of the California Conference Committee in its request that the new college site, situated at the town of Sonoma, Sonoma County, Cal., be deeded to the California Conference Association.

*Whereas*, The warning of the third angel's message is against any unholy alliance of religion with the civil power; and,

*Whereas*, The Sunday-law advocates are becoming daily more energetic in their efforts to secure a state-regulated Sunday, even to the adoption of methods prejudicial to the best interests of the work committed to us; therefore,

13. *Resolved*, That we believe it is incumbent on us to inaugurate at once a well-organized and vigorous campaign on civil and religious liberty lines, to be conducted under the direct supervision of the conference committee, as a permanent and continuous work; we therefore recommend that an available fund be set apart for such a thorough prosecution of this line of work, that throughout the most remote parts of the conference may be quickly known the searching truths of the soul-stirring message for this time, and so our God-given task be hastened to its completion, and we soon be permitted to sing the longed-for "harvest home."

*Whereas*, Many of the church-school teachers desire to find remunerating employment either by canvassing, or in the conference employ, or otherwise, during the summer vacation; and others the opportunity to rest and recuperate; and,

*Whereas*, The matter of expense to the conference could be lessened in the conducting of our teachers' institutes; and,

*Whereas*, A more uniformity of beginning and closing of our schools for the school year could be and should be effected; be it

14. *Recommended*, That a mid-winter normal institute be held for a week or ten days during the holiday vacation at some suitable place as selected by the educational superintendent with the executive committee of the conference. Such institute is not to shorten the school term, or in any way forestall any institute that the Union Conference may elect to hold.

*Whereas*, Our church schools are among the most potent agencies for the prosecution of God's work in the earth for the present day; and,

*Whereas*, Devoted, efficient teachers are indispensable to the success of such schools; therefore,

15. *Resolved*, That we formally express our appreciation of the earnest, painstaking, consecrated effort which the faculty and Board of Trustees of the Western Normal Institute are making to develop and maintain a supply of such Christian teachers.

*Whereas*, We recognize in the evangelical work of our young people's societies an agency capable of unlimited development; therefore,

16. *We Recommend*, That the incoming conference committee lay such plans

as will more rapidly develop our young people's work in our churches.

*Whereas*, A number of our brethren who are working in perfect harmony with the principles of the third angel's message have felt burdened to go out and engage in the work, not calling for support from the general funds of the conference;

17. *Resolved*, That we as a body heartily indorse and support with our influence such faithful workers, giving to them and their work the moral support and Christian courtesy due as brethren and coworkers for the furtherance of the gospel of Christ and the preparation for His soon-coming kingdom.

*Whereas*, The public presentation of the truths of the third angel's message in tent and hall meetings is God's ordained method of spreading the gospel of the kingdom; therefore,

18. *We Recommend*, That special efforts be made to maintain said meetings on a high standard before the public:

(a) By providing adequate ministerial, missionary, and musical help;

(b) By judicious and thorough advertising;

(c) By securing money to cover running expenses by means of collections and the sale of literature.

*Whereas*, Our Sabbath-school contributions are for the giving of the gospel to foreign fields; and,

*Whereas*, Many of our Sabbath-schools have already adopted the plan of giving all their regular donations in harmony with the recommendations of the General Conference; therefore,

19. *We Recommend*, That all the Sabbath-schools in the Conference provide all needed supplies without taking anything from the regular contributions for this purpose.

*Whereas*, We have been instructed by the gift of prophecy that the Sabbath-school lessons should be more thoroughly learned than the lessons for the day school; also that parents should set apart a little time each day for the study of the Sabbath-school lessons with their children; therefore,

20. *We Recommend*, That in all our homes an earnest effort be made to impress the children, by precept and example, with the importance of the Sabbath-school lessons.

*Whereas, The Sabbath-School Worker* is becoming each year a more important factor in advancing the Lord's work; and,

*Whereas, It is only by means of the Worker* that we can keep informed of the advancement of the Sabbath-school work throughout the field; therefore,

21. *We Recommend*, That all officers and teachers subscribe for, and use, this valuable journal.

*Whereas, A program for a church service in the interest of Sabbath-school work has been prepared and recommended by the General Conference for general use in our churches; therefore,*

22. *We Recommend*, That Sabbath, March 20, 1909, be set apart in all churches of this conference for the consideration of the Sabbath-school work.

*Whereas, the PACIFIC UNION RECORDER is published for the express purpose of keeping our people well-informed concerning the movements of our ministers, Bible workers, and teachers; therefore,*

23. *Resolved*, That we ask all our public laborers to report their work through the said conference paper frequently enough to average one report for each month.

24. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this body that the annual conference camp-meeting for 1909 be held at Sonoma on the Buena Vista College site; time of meeting to be fixed by the incoming conference executive committee.

*Whereas, The great need of the canvassing work at the present time is that of consecrated men and women who will make it their life business; therefore,*

25. *We Recommend*, That conference officers, laborers, and church officers unite in assisting the field agent in selecting and encouraging proper persons to engage in this line of service.

26. *We Also Recommend*, That a series of canvassing institutes be held during the year at such times and places as the conference committee may decide upon.

*Whereas, There is great need of the young men and women who are engaged in the ministry and Bible work, or those who anticipate entering such lines of work, having a thorough understanding of Bible truth; therefore,*

27. *Resolved*, That a series of Bible institutes be held in our Conference during the year, the first one to begin about

the tenth of March at such place as may hereafter be arranged.

*Whereas, Our sanitariums for colored people in Huntsville and Nashville are nearing completion, and are each in need of two or three thousand dollars to finish and furnish the buildings; and,*

*Whereas, The St. Helena Sanitarium has generously released its claims on the book, "Ministry of Healing," in favor of some more needy cause; and,*

*Whereas, Several hundred copies of "Ministry" are donated to this work; therefore,*

28. *Resolved*, That we encourage our brethren to take these books at full price, and let the proceeds be divided between these two sanitariums located in the Southern States.

29. *Resolved*, That we invite the physicians in this Conference to take the lead in raising in the institutions and churches funds for equipping the treatment-rooms, and for furnishing the living-rooms of these two institutions.

*Whereas, The orphanage for colored children is greatly needed, and funds for the erection of a building, to the amount of twelve hundred dollars, have been gathered; therefore,*

30. *Resolved*, That we assist in the raising of a fund for the maintenance of the orphans, and for furnishing the buildings, by a gift from this Conference of one-half of the orphans' fund on hand, and one-fourth of our next orphans' collection.

## Constitution of the California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

[As amended at the Conference Session in Oakland, Cal., Feb. 3-10, 1909.]

### Article I — Name

This organization shall be known as the California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

### Article II — Object

The object of this organization shall be to extend the work of the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ in its threefold setting throughout the world.

### Article III — Territory

The territory of this Conference shall be that portion of the State of California north of the summits of the Tehachapi and Santa Ynez mountain ranges, the State of Nevada, and such other territory as may be hereafter added.

### Article IV — Membership

This Conference shall be composed of such churches as are or may be organized in any part of its territory, under the direction of its executive committee, said churches having been accepted by vote of the Conference in session.

### Article V — Representation

SECTION 1.—The voters of this Conference shall be the duly accredited delegates from the local churches, members of the executive committee, all ministers holding credentials from the Conference, and such representatives of the Pacific Union and General Conferences of Seventh-day Adventists as may be present at any meeting.

SEC. 2.—Each local church shall be entitled to one delegate in the sessions of this Conference, without regard to numbers, and one additional delegate for every twenty church members.

SEC. 3.—Unorganized companies of Sabbath-keepers shall be represented by the delegates at large.

SEC. 4.—A majority of the delegates present at any regular, or specially called meeting, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

### Article VI — Officers

The officers of this Conference shall be president, secretary, treasurer, auditor, and an executive committee of seven members including the president, all of whom shall be elected at each annual meeting.

### Article VII — Meetings

SECTION 1.—Meetings of this Conference shall be held annually at such time and place in the California territory as the executive committee shall determine and designate, for the purpose of electing the officers of this Conference, directors of the California Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the Conference. Notice of such annual meetings shall be published at least three weeks prior to such meetings in the *Review and Herald* and the PACIFIC UNION RECORDER.

SEC. 2.—The executive committee may call extra sessions as occasion may require by a like notice, and the transaction of such sessions shall be equally valid with the regular sessions.

### Article VIII — Corporation, Trustees, Departments, Agents, Committees

SECTION 1.—This Conference shall au-

thorize the creation of corporations necessary for the execution of its business or the operation of its institutions, and shall at each regular session elect the boards of managements of such institutions and enterprises as are or may be operated by this organization with the acts governing the same.

SEC. 2.—This Conference shall be composed of such departments as educational, publishing, medical, Sabbath-school, young people's, temperance, religious liberty, etc., and employ such committees, agents, ministers, missionaries, and make such distribution of labor, as may be necessary to effectually carry on its work.

#### Article IX — Laborers

Credentials and licenses shall be granted by the Conference at its regular sessions to all its approved laborers, and during the interval between sessions, when deemed necessary, by the executive committee.

#### Article X — By-Laws

The voters of this Conference may make by-laws and amend or repeal them at any session thereof, and the scope of such by-laws may embrace all subjects not inconsistent with the constitution.

#### Article XI — Amendments

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds' vote of the delegates present and voting in any session, provided, that if it be proposed to amend the constitution at a special session, notice of the proposed amendment shall be given in the call for such special session.

### By-Laws

#### Article I — President

It shall be the duty of the president to preside at all meetings of the Conference, to report annually the condition of the work, and to make such recommendations as may seem best in the judgment of himself and the executive committee, and to attend to all the duties that usually pertain to this office.

#### Article II — Secretary

It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of each session of the Conference; to give immediate notice to officers and committees, trustees and agents, of all votes pertaining to their respective duties; to have charge of the records; to collect from the churches in the territory such financial and statistical reports as may be required, and forward copies of the same as may

be directed; and to conduct the general correspondence of the Conference.

#### Article III — Treasurer

SECTION 1.—It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive all moneys belonging to the Conference, keep an account of the same, and disburse them by order of the president, and make a full report thereof at each annual session of the Conference, and at such other times as may be required by the president or executive committee.

SEC. 2.—It shall be the duty of the treasurer to forward monthly all trust funds to their proper destination through the Pacific Union Conference.

#### Article IV — Auditor

The Conference shall elect an auditor to thoroughly examine at least once a year all accounts of the Conference and of its several departments, and to report on the same to the Conference annually.

#### Article V — The Executive Committee

SECTION. 1.—The executive committee shall have full administrative power during the intervals between sessions of the Conference, and shall exercise a general watchcare over all matters pertaining to the work of the Conference; and shall fill for the current term, any vacancies that may occur in its membership, or in the boards, committees, or agents which are appointed or selected by the Conference. It shall direct the movements of the employees of the Conference, and pay them for labor at regular intervals from the funds of the Conference.

SEC. 2.—The executive committee shall appoint annually such department secretaries and committees as shall be provided for from time to time by the Conference in session.

#### Article VI — Auditing Committee

The executive committee shall appoint a number of brethren who shall exceed their own number by one, who shall not have been in the employ of the Conference during any part of the preceding year, and these, together with the executive committee, shall constitute an auditing committee to examine and settle all accounts which are presented to the Conference at the close of each Conference year.

#### Article VII — Funds

The funds of this Conference shall consist of the tithes paid by various churches and individuals in the Confer-

ence, and of such other funds as it is proper to use for Conference work.

#### Article VIII — Laborers

SECTION 1.—It shall be the duty of laborers in the employ of this Conference to make a written report of the labor performed from month to month during the year, together with such receipts and expenditures as are required by the Conference, and to send the same at the close of the month to the Conference secretary.

SEC. 2.—This Conference shall not employ any worker and pay him from the tithe unless he is himself a tithe-payer.

SEC. 3.—Those who may feel it duty to exercise their gift in preaching, colporteur, or Bible work in a public way should express their wish to the Conference.

#### Article IX — Churches

SECTION 1.—Each church of this Conference shall render faithful support to the Conference work by the prompt payment of its tithe and such other funds as may be set apart for that purpose.

SEC. 2.—Each church, through its clerk, shall make a written report every quarter to the Conference secretary of its standing, its additions and losses, the amount of its tithe, and the number of members of its Sabbath-school and young people's societies, and such other information as may be called for.

SEC. 3.—Any church or scattered brethren desiring labor in their vicinity should make request for the same to the Conference.

### Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the California Conference Association, S. D. A.

In accordance with the call published in the *Review and Herald* and the *PACIFIC UNION RECORDER*, the thirteenth annual meeting of the California Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists was held on February 4, in Oakland, Cal.

President H. W. Cottrell occupied the chair, and appointed the following committees:

Nominations: H. Shultz, S. N. Haskell, G. A. Snyder, C. C. Lewis, J. O. Corliss.

Resolutions, J. H. Behrens, J. J. Ireland, C. E. Leland, F. A. Lashier, A. Brorsen.

The committee on nominations later submitted the following report, which was duly accepted, and the members declared elected.

**Board of Directors**

H. W. Cottrell, S. N. Haskell, W. T. Knox, E. E. Parlin, W. E. Whalin, L. M. Bowen, J. E. Scoggins.

Claude G. Conard was subsequently elected secretary and treasurer of the association.

The committee appointed for that purpose presented the following

**Resolutions**

Whereas, The Pacific Educational Association and the California Conference in session have made frequent and urgent requests that the California Conference Association take over the resources, and assume the liabilities of the Pacific Educational Association; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this meeting that we comply with their request.

Whereas, The California Conference has requested the California Conference Association to become the legal owners of the Buena Vista College property; therefore,

2. *Resolved*, That we comply with their request in this particular also, and thus permit the property to be deeded to our association.

The treasurer rendered the following  
**Financial Statement and Revenue Account of the California Conference Association**  
**Dec. 31, 1908**

**ASSETS**

Bills Receivable .....	\$29,375.61
Interest Receivable .....	1,502.35
Expense Inventory .....	50.00
California Conference .....	1,563.19
Accounts Due .....	1,615.41
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	\$34,106.34

**LIABILITIES**

Bills Payable .....	\$32,397.84
Interest Payable .....	649.30
Accounts Payable .....	604.14
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	\$33,651.28

Present Worth Dec. 31, 1908 455.28

**LOSSES**

Interest payable during 1908 ..	1,374.94
Expense .....	200.55
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	\$ 1,575.49

**GAINS**

Interest receivable during 1908 \$	1,438.92
Net Loss .....	136.57

**Comparative Table of Retail Value of Publications Sold in the California Conference During the Eight Years, 1901 to 1908, Inclusive**

Year	Subscription and Forty-percent Books	Trade Books	Tracts and Pamphlets	Periodicals	Total Value	Gain or Loss
1901	\$ 6,055.64	\$ 2,414.19	\$1,411.27		\$ 9,881.10	
1902	6,614.95	991.37	356.03		7,962.35	\$ 1,918.75
1903	9,766.83	734.55	751.01	2,973.80	14,226.19	6,263.84
1904	4,802.10	861.15	465.60	3,680.80	9,809.65	4,416.54
1905	7,299.30	306.15	519.73	3,000.00	11,125.18	1,315.53
1906	15,546.88	1,156.05	557.10	7,794.60	25,054.63	13,929.45
1907	24,243.70	3,201.10	1,760.44	10,445.08	39,650.32	11,595.69
1908	15,335.40	4,064.59	3,817.09	20,107.56	43,324.64	3,671.32
Total	\$89,664.80	\$13,729.15	\$9,638.27	\$48,001.84	\$161,034.06	

The italics in the last column to the right indicate gains; the Roman, losses.

Present Worth Jan. 1, 1908 ..\$	591.85
Loss for year .....	136.57

Present Worth Dec. 31, 1908 \$ 455.28

Claude G. Conard,  
*Secretary and Treasurer.*

**Periodical Sales in the California Conference During 1908**

Periodical	Copies	Retail Val.
Signs of the Times ..	79,080	\$6,024.60
Bible Training School	46,998	4,699.80
Life and Health .....	26,730	2,673.00
Liberty .....	22,294	2,229.40
Watchman .....	1,888	94.40

Total Retail Value .176,990 \$15,721.20

**Periodical Subscriptions**

	Retail Value
Signs of the Times ....	79,080 \$6,024.60
Our Little Friend .....	424.01
Youth's Instructor .....	348.02
Review and Herald .....	277.63
Life and Health .....	97.17
Pacific Union Recorder .....	83.10
Sabbath-School Worker .....	63.67
Liberty Magazine .....	63.30
The Watchman .....	26.90
Life Boat .....	9.90
Bible Training School .....	7.35
Christlicher Hausfreund .....	7.00

Total retail value of subscriptions received during the year ..\$4,386.36

Total retail value of periodicals sold and subscriptions received during 1908, \$20,107.56.

A. J. S. Bourdeau,  
*Missionary Secretary.*

**The Sabbath-School and Missionary Volunteer Departments of the California Conference, 1908**

In taking a journey it is well to stop occasionally, when the road begins

to seem long and wearisome, and look back over the way already traversed. Such a survey sometimes shows encouraging progress which gives us new energy and strength to go forward and do better work than before.

We now have 98 schools with a membership of 4,027, which is an increase of 430 during the year. Two of these schools are mission Sunday-schools, and 120 of the members are isolated—members of the Home Department.

The total amount of regular Sabbath-school contributions for the year is \$6,536.68. The amount donated to missions is \$5,919.65, which is \$1,423.43 more than the previous year. The remainder of the contributions—\$617.03—has been used for home expenses in a few of the schools, as nearly all the schools have purchased all the supplies needed without taking anything for that purpose from the Sabbath donations.

The advancement along all lines that has been made by our schools during the past year is very encouraging. The Home Department has been enlarged by the addition of isolated families and individuals who had not before studied the lessons.

There has been a general improvement throughout the conference in regard to lesson study; also a very marked increase in the missionary spirit is seen. Among other indications of this is the fact that while forty-six schools one year ago were paying their running expenses out of the regular donations, now all except twelve schools are firmly established upon the principle of giving all their regular contributions to missions, and providing for their supplies in some other way.

It may be of interest to compare this year with five years ago. In the year 1903 our Sabbath-school membership was

900 less than at the present time. That year we gave \$1,637.12 to missions, which is just a little more than one fourth of our donation to missions the past year.

The *Sabbath-School Worker* has found a place in almost every school in the conference, where it is exerting its silent influence for good.

Many of the schools are using the test questions given in the *Worker* at the end of each quarter, and have found them a great help in promoting thorough study, and in fixing the lessons upon the mind.

Our Missionary Volunteers are making encouraging progress. We now have twenty-two organized societies with a membership of 418. Two young people have reached the Standard of Attainment; six completed the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course, No. 1, and 129 are studying Course No. 2.

During the year our young people have raised \$734.30 for the Endowed Scholarship Fund in the Foreign Mission Seminary; \$826.46 for foreign missions; \$610.55 for home missions; and \$185.09 for local society work.

They have distributed 196,919 pages of tracts, 39,555 papers, and 818 books. This does not include any of the work done by church schools.

It is our earnest desire that the young people's work may be more fully developed among us—that it may have the best help that can be given, and that our army of young people may become whole-souled, efficient workers in the Master's service.

We invite all our fellow workers to join in an earnest effort to advance the interests of the Sabbath-school and young people's work. Wherever we are, let us use our influence to impress our people with the importance and value of the Sabbath-school work, and with the necessity of thoroughness in lesson study, for in this way all members of the denomination may become light-bearers, thus hastening the coming of the Lord.

Mrs. Carrie R. King,  
Secretary.

**Educational Department**

	1906	1907	1908
No. schools .....	19	21	25
No. teachers .....	24	29	34
Enrolment .....	547	672	743
Conversions .....	52	58	106
No. Ch.-members .....			167
School prayer-meetings ..	67	125	236
No. Miss. meetings held..		152	183

	1906	1907	1908
No. graduates .....		18	40
Average attendance .....	474	550	606
Per cent attendance .....	92	94	91
No. cases of disciplining, major, (reported).		31	
Largest school .....		85	103
Banner pupils .....		138	165
No. visitors .....		271	386
Pupils not S. D. A.....	27	71	76
Donations.....	\$115.40,	\$182.76,	\$241.34
Japanese mission school, 30 enrolled; two teachers, Sisters Swift and Camp.			

We are pleased to bring before you a report of progress and a note of encouragement as we see a steady growth in our Christian school work.

David Livingstone's motto was "Anywhere, provided it be forward." So in this work it should be forward, onward and upward.

The enrolment of 743 for the past year marks a banner epoch in point of numbers during the three-years' incumbency of the present superintendent. Look with me with your mind's eye and see 743 boys and girls answering to the roll call, "Here am I." Three hundred and sixty-six of them are boys, and three hundred and seventy-seven are girls. Listen with imaginative ear and hear those sweet voices praising their Maker in song, and in their school prayer-meetings, voicing innocent and heaven-heard prayers.

As I stand here to-day and bring to the mind's picture gallery, I can see the large and the small groups of your boys and girls stationed here and there: At Armona, 103 young recruiting soldiers doing duty; at Fresno, 75; at Sanitarium, 64; at Lodi, nearly 100; at Chico, 42; at Reno, 16; at Sacramento, 18; and forty-five miles out from Bakersfield, up in the fastnesses of the mountains, a small group of six, but loyal and brave, can be seen drilling. And thus we might go on and give the numerical strength of each one of these Christian forts. In three of the schools the faces of Japanese, Chinese, and Koreans may be seen.

During the week of prayer a wave of blessing came to all of the schools. Some received greater blessings than others, possibly because they needed more. The teachers rejoiced.

The ingathering services were a source of doing much good as conducted by the teachers and their pupils. In a number of the schools the well-rendered programs had an uplifting influence, especially to

those not of our people. Some came afterward and said, "We wish to have our children attend your school. What are your terms?" This was especially true of the Bishop, Vallejo, Sebastopol, and Reno (Nev.), schools. Our schools are ordained of God to do this work, and to be beacon lights to souls about to perish.

In the early history of our country, our forefathers had cannon planted on the four corners of the "house of worship," and they could be seen going to church with gun in hand. But to-day the fortification to our schools is the little school prayer services where the children learn to pray; and your eyes would overflow with tears of joy to hear some of those little ones pray. My heart goes out for the children of this generation. When the awful storm sweeps this old world, when the lights go out, when Egyptian darkness settles down upon the fearful, when the elements burst in maddened fury, when everything totters, "reels to and fro," where will the children be? "Are all the children in?" "O may the gates of heaven shut about us, with all the children in."

The St. Helena church has built a \$700 annex to their church-building, showing the loyalty, liberality, and care for the lambs of the flock. This makes me think of a question a friend once asked a good old farmer at whose home he was then visiting. "How does it come you have such fine sheep?"—"I take care of my lambs," was the reply. The children need models more than they need critics, and formation more than reformation.

At Mountain View they have a neat school building valued at about \$600. The credit of getting this building erected must go to the school board that was composed of seven women of sterling quality. At Fresno the school farm is valued at \$4,035, and the buildings at \$2,000. King's River school has a \$300 property. At Sebastopol the school-house and lot are worth \$500. At San Jose the school in the country has two acres of land valued at \$400, and a new building 26 x 40 erected, the material alone costing \$400. The work was donated. Also the land is a gift from Brother and Sister A. Holden. And thus we could recite more along this line. I will leave the two intermediate schools for the principals to make their reports for their respective schools.

There is yet to be a greater awakening.



The loyalty of the children will lead us to greater accomplishments and achievements.

At one place the children raised \$45 to buy shingles for roofing their school-house. Another sold papers to buy a dictionary; another to buy a clock. Over \$241 has been raised by our schools for foreign, Southern, and home missionary work. One school just organized last September raised \$33.50 as a missionary offering for benighted lands and sold 457 *Review and Herald* specials; and another school 275 papers. Some are helping to pay the tuition of two colored pupils in the South.

While the missionary work as now done by the church schools is absorbed into the Missionary Volunteer Society, and reports of work done go through that channel, still it is a pleasure for the Educational Department to take note of what is being done by these little bundles of nerve, energy, writhe, wriggle, wiggle, and twist. Over 65,168 pages of tracts have been distributed, 225 books sold, 800 *Little Friends* and 400 *Youth's Instructors* given away. Many visit the sick, and in their angel-like ministry do little kindly deeds.

Here is a clipping to the point:

#### "Raising a Boy

"Somebody has figured out that the raising of a boy from birth to twenty-one years of age costs parents an average of \$4,000 each. The question rises, would not some other line pay better? That depends on whether you have spent the \$4,000 wisely. If the boy, under your able tutorage and expenditures, becomes a loafer or a sot, you would have done better to have kept the \$4,000. If he becomes a useful man, grows up to be level-headed, healthy, honest, and a Christian worker, you have done the best work of your life. The investment of money in rearing children may be wise or foolish, just as any other investment."—*Waitsburg* (Wash.) *Times*.

Some ninety men and women are acting on school boards. And this past year we have requested the teachers to report the number of visits made by the members of the board. The number reported is thirty-four. We desire to see a greater interest manifested on the part of our trustees.

The disciplining of our children in the church schools is next to financing these schools. The department will greatly ap-

preciate any bright, workable plan that is uniform and systematic for the support of our schools. As to the matter of discipline, devoted teachers often wear themselves out coaxing, rewarding, and by system of markings and petty penalties, when, as G. Stanley Hall says, "a single dose of Dr. Spanker's tonic would do the business with celerity and despatch, for in the moral world there are situations in which the rod is a magic wand that still can work miracles." Women generally will not flog, and a bad boy knows too well that, if they tried, they could not do it very thoroughly. Boys who are just entering the hobbledehoy stage, who need occasional thrashings, as Solomon of old has intimated, are spoiled if the rod is spared. While your superintendent dislikes to advocate corporal punishment, still something of a physical-fear aspect must intervene in certain cases of obstinacy and "volitional cramps." We can do much to lessen the hue and cry about school discipline by doing some good, thorough disciplining at home. Many are willing in theory to have their children disciplined at school, but in actuality it is quite another thing. Let there be a sentiment created at this conference in favor of real authority enforced, even if it means an adjourned session in the wood shed, and an inspiring conversation with a peach sprout.

As to our teachers, we have some most loyal-hearted ones. If I only had the time to read excerpts from the letters that come to my desk, of their deep devotion and self-sacrificing effort for the cause of Christian education, it would move us to more hearty cooperation, sympathy, and monetary support. They all of one accord greatly appreciated the opportunity of attending the Union Teachers' Institute held last summer. Much benefit was derived from the pedagogical contact with the teachers of our sister conference. We hope for another, if not this year, please grant us one in 1910.

Much of the success of our church schools depends upon the training of our teachers. The teachers who have had a Christian normal training, other things being equal, do better and more satisfactory work. They start with the proper idea of what it means to take charge of one of our primary schools. At the Western Normal Institute you go into one room, and there you find the

pupil-teachers studying the theory of teaching; pass into another room, and there you see them putting the theory into real practise. Here they begin to feel the responsibility of a teacher as they face a swarming hive of youngsters, yet not left utterly and helplessly alone, for as with the old eagle and her eaglets, so with this young pedagogue, the critic teacher watches with a helpful eye to see that no serious mistakes are made, nor wrong methods used day after day.

Here we wish to express our appreciation of what the Pacific Press Publishing Association is doing by way of getting out Christian school books. It is no small risk of time and money invested to print, bind, and advertise these books. But there is sore need of books whose text is Scripturally true, and pedagogically built.

The use of the Bible in public schools is now being strongly urged by some of our leading worldly educators.

Following is an excerpt from the *Los Angeles Times*:

#### Strongly Urges Bible in Schools

"The use of the Bible, the absolutely free use of the Bible in the public schools of the country, as a basis for good ethics and good literature, was demanded yesterday in the council of education by one of the forceful men to speak on moral education, James H. Baker, president of the University of Colorado.

"Not a murmur of protest was heard to Mr. Baker's utterance, for a feeling seemed to prevail in this heart of the educational conference in the city that there is a *woful lack* in the inculcation of morals in the public schools, and that a remedy must be found. The university man's utterances were crisp and striking."

The following is a recommendation of the National Education Association at Cleveland, July, 1908:

"We earnestly recommend to boards of education, principals, and teachers the continuous training of pupils in morals and in business and professional ethics, to the end that the coming generation of men of affairs may have a well-developed abhorrence of unfair dealing and discrimination.

"The National Education Association wishes to record its approval of the increasing appreciation among educators of the fact that the building of character is the real aim of the school.

“We hope for such a *change of public sentiment* as will *permit and encourage the reading and study of the English Bible.*”

What is wanted is something to create a moral sentiment, and they well know there is no book like the Bible with its high and lofty ideals and sublime literature to do that very thing. It is of the utmost importance that stories for children, whether told pictorially or verbally, shall have at heart a spiritual truth. The comic supplement of the Sunday newspaper is lowering the standard of literary appreciation and debasing the morals of the children of this country.

We now wish to enlist the cooperation of all, and work for a 1,000 enrolment for 1909. Pass the word along, and gather the children into our church schools.

The hours for work will soon be over. Jesus said, “I must work the works of Him that sent Me, while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work.”

“Like the star

That shines afar

Without haste

And without rest

Let each man *wheel with steady sway*  
*Round the task that rules the day*

And do his BEST.”—*Goethe.*

I. C. Colcord,  
*Superintendent.*

### Western Normal Institute, Lodi, Cal. The Need of a Normal

“There is a great necessity for making plans that there may be a large number of competent workers, and many should fit themselves as teachers, that others may be trained and disciplined for the great work of the future.”—*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, page 207.

“Do not place over the children young and inexperienced teachers, who have no managing ability, for their efforts will tend to disorganization.”—*Ibid.*, Vol. 6, page 201.

The above quotations from the spirit of prophecy indicate on the one hand that there should be a large number of our young people training for teaching, and on the other that they should so be trained as to gain an experience in teaching before they enter the field. If experienced teachers are to be employed, where will the new teacher gain his experience? It is evident therefore, that a normal is needed, where prospective teachers can be trained under the direc-

tion of experienced and competent instructors. Persons thus trained, and having had two years' experience in teaching under supervision, are in a degree fitted to enter the field with that experience necessary to success.

### Establishment

Twenty acres of rich, loamy land was donated by the citizens of Lodi, and was deeded to the Normal Association June 3, 1908. Work on the buildings began at once. The college building and the ladies' home were completed and ready for occupancy the latter part of September. The young men's home is in process of erection, and will be ready for occupancy in a short time.

### The School

School opened September 24 with an enrolment of 110. At the present time the enrolment is over 200. There are 100 in the church school, and 100 in the academic and professional departments. There are sixty-one students in the homes. The majority of the students are fitting for teaching. Thirty have completed the preparatory course, and are now in active training. A class of fifteen expects to graduate this year. There is a class of young men who are training to teach in our intermediate schools and academies. They are gaining their experience by teaching in the academic department. Two from this department will graduate this year. A number of the young people are preparing for Spanish fields, hence our Spanish class numbers eighteen.

With a few exceptions, the whole school is studying Bible. We consider this study fundamental, and rejoice in the fact that most of the students are pursuing this study. A majority of the young people are of advanced age, and we consider the school as a whole, to be composed of our older and more stable class of young people. The majority have definite aims in view, and are qualifying for the same.

### Spiritual

The spiritual condition of the school is good. The majority of our students have given their hearts to the Lord. A number have handed in their names to be sent to the Mission Board for foreign work. With a few exceptions, all have decided to enter some branch of the gospel work. Our weekly devotional

exercises are well attended. The students have organized a Missionary Volunteer Society, the purpose of which is to do active service. Their plan is to occupy this whole district, dividing it up and carrying on a regular, systematic missionary work in holding Bible-readings, scattering literature, visiting the sick, etc.

### Financial

Our balance sheet for the past five months in the running expenses shows a net gain of over \$300, or about sixty dollars a month. The institution is pledged never to run behind in its running expenses, and it hopes to make some gain. The organization is so arranged that it is impossible to run behind, for when the books show a certain loss, the disbursements are cut down to balance the loss. This is the understanding among the workers, and is therefore satisfactory to all. We believe the Lord is pleased with this plan, and we also feel that as long as we follow His instructions we will have no need of cutting down in our disbursements in meeting losses. When we follow the Lord's way, we shall always have success, and therefore our balance sheet will always show a gain.

### Conclusion

We are very grateful for the providential openings that the Lord has indicated to us, that we have been able in so short a time to get the school in full working order; and we have decided as a board and faculty to follow the Lord's way and trust Him for success. Our aim is to train our young people to enter our various schools as well qualified Christian teachers, and to this end all of our energies are bent. Our school is organized so that we are endeavoring to qualify the teachers spiritually, intellectually, and physically. Four lines of manual training are offered, a large church school of one hundred, where teachers may observe good teaching, academic departments, where they receive proper instruction, and professional departments, where they may receive the theory of teaching.

We wish to express our appreciation to the Lord for His guiding hand, and to our brethren and sisters for their kind cooperation and support. We desire the prayers of all of God's people.

E. D. Sharpe, *President.*

### What About Religious Liberty?

The first question to be settled regarding this phase of our message is, How shall we set about enlightening people relative to the matter? Should not every available means be used to this end? Every loyal soul must respond, "Yes, indeed, and that immediately." This is the proper response to make to such a query, because it is becoming quite apparent from the wide-spread agitation in behalf of Sunday laws, that this is quickly to become the one live question of the day.

### What Other States Are Doing

Not satisfied with the mild application of these laws in the several states of the American union, several of the states are now attempting to amend the statutes, so as to make their Sunday laws more drastic. The Oregon Legislature has a bill before it with this intent; Maine has one, and New York has no less than eleven.

From these movements it is plain that the Sunday-law advocates aim to secure laws that in the end will be oppressive to all who object to resting on their legalized rest-day. This is very evident, too, from statements made by some of these foremost pseudo reformers. For instance, Rev. W. H. C. Temple, talking to a gathering of the legislators in Sacramento, on the evening of Jan. 17, 1909, said, among other things, as reported in the Sacramento *Bee* the following day: "We offer religious freedom to all, but we have a right to demand that the alien in religion shall conform outwardly to our customs." What did he mean by this, do you ask? Let his words that follow answer that question: "When one branch of the Christian Church, so small it is insignificant, takes another day for Sunday, we have a right to make that sect conform to our practise."

When the advocates of these measures become so active, and boldly reveal their intentions toward a small people, it would seem that those who know how such laws will finally result, ought to become even more active in letting the world know what these things mean. No general of an army would consider it good policy to let his foe preengage the only points of vantage in an anticipated battle. In this great moral battle (Rev. 12:17), why should we let the

enemy's forces post themselves to our disadvantage on the field of strife?

### The Enemy's Zeal

This is what they have done during the past year. For a full twelve-months, Mr. Tufts and others went through the length and breadth of California pleading their cause, raising funds, and berating our people, while we held our breaths, until two months or thereabouts before a Sunday bill was introduced in the Legislature. In the time left for work, our people did well,—much better than might have been expected,—in securing petitions against Sunday laws. But how much more thorough would have been the education of the masses had we taken ample time to cover the ground more completely. Shall we not remedy this in view of what may be expected from the foes of liberty in preparation for the next sitting of the Legislature?

Mr. Tufts said over and over in his talks, that if they failed this year, their efforts would be doubled in the next attempt to carry their measure. It was also freely talked the past winter in Sacramento, that the next Legislature would receive 100,000 petitions in favor of a Sunday law. In view of these avowed intentions, what should we do, and when should we begin our counter-acting work?

### What We Demand

We do not ask the state to grant us religious liberty. That can come only through the Lord Jesus, and may be enjoyed even behind prison bars. What we ask of the state is *religio-civil liberty*, that is, *civil liberty for heaven-born religious rights*. Our enemies have tried to make us ridiculous in the eyes of the lawmakers, by saying that our fears of religious bondage were unfounded, since their proposed Sunday law would not prevent any one from worshipping as he sees fit. But to request that no *civil law* may be enacted to abridge the God-given rights of any religious or non-religious persons, gives a lever of operation not otherwise available. Shall we not, then, become indeed a *religio-civil liberty organization for effective work among all classes*? We would be glad to hear from many regarding the sentiment expressed in this paragraph.

### How Shall We Do the Work?

Speaking of his desire to have the world hear the tidings of salvation

through Christ, the apostle asks the momentous question: "How shall they hear without a preacher?" Rom. 10:14. In other words, How could the gospel be sent out without the means at hand to carry it? This is the very question that confronts us in the present crisis. Our work in this line the past year has cost a large sum,—almost too large to talk about here. Much of the work for the future must be largely of a missionary nature, and therefore should lay no claim to the tithes, which are designed for the support of the ministry. It ought to be maintained by voluntary offerings, and so stand on its own base, like the regular missionary work of the conference. True loyalty should prompt this sentiment in every breast.

A few days ago a member of the Presbyterian Church in one of the Bay cities sent a check for fifty dollars, saying that, having watched our noble fight against Sunday legislation in Sacramento, this money was sent as a contribution toward the expenses there incurred. When such a liberal contribution comes to our work from such a source, why should not every member of our association send in free-will amounts according to their several ability to start our work right? Mr. Tufts solicited funds throughout the state for a whole year, collecting certain amounts for his work. Shall we come behind in gifts to this work of works for this time? Let us hear from every one in the California Conference, making checks and post-office orders payable to Claude Conard, Mountain View, California, stating that the appropriation is for liberty work.

H. W. Cottrell,  
*Pres. of Religio-Civil Liberty Assn.*  
 J. O. Corliss,  
*Field Director and Sec. R.-C. L. A.*

### Lodi Church Dedication

For a number of years past our people have been settling in San Joaquin County in the vicinity of Lodi, on small tracts of land. This has caused the church to increase in numbers quite rapidly.

The church building accommodated the growing congregation very nicely, until the opening of the Western Normal Institute, when it was found to be too small. The English church then com-

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We are pleased to acknowledge that a number of subscriptions for the PACIFIC UNION RECORDER were secured at the California Conference session recently held in Oakland.

On February 5, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. S. Bourdeau and little girl left Mountain View for Washington, D. C., where he will engage in work with the circulation department of the Review and Herald Publishing Association. For the past seven years Mr. Bourdeau has been connected with the California Conference as missionary secretary and in other lines of conference work. A hearty farewell was given them by friends at Mountain View.

## California Notice

To secure promptness in the filling of orders for books, periodicals, etc., kindly address all communications and make all moneys payable to the California Bible House, and not to individuals.

## Bookmen's Institute

A bookmen's institute will be held in Los Angeles from February 25 to March 4. Among those to assist in conducting this meeting will be Brother N. Z. Town, who will give similar valuable instruction to that given at the various general bookmen's institutes held throughout the country. Let all who can do so attend this convention.

"If you can't do the work you like to do, try to like the work you have to do."

## California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association Annual Meeting

The twelfth annual meeting of the California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, for the purpose of electing four or more members of the Board of Directors, and transacting any other business that may properly come before the meeting, will be held at Sanitarium, Napa County, California, on Wednesday, March 10, 1909, at 12 o'clock M.

W. T. Knox, *President*,  
H. E. Randall, *Secretary*.

## Sanitarium Food Company Annual Meeting

The seventh annual meeting of the Sanitarium Food Company, for the purpose of electing directors, and transacting any other business that may properly come before the meeting, will be held at Sanitarium, Napa County, California, on Thursday, March 11, 1909, at 12 o'clock M.

L. M. Bowen, *President*.  
H. E. Randall, *Secretary*.

## Notice to Young People

We have only a little time left to prepare for the Missionary Volunteer convention, which is to be held at Lodi, February 24-28. This is to be a very important meeting, and all the young people who possibly can do so should arrange to attend. Prof. M. E. Kern, the chairman of the Missionary Volunteer Department of the General Conference, is to be with us, and give instruction in organization and work. The young people will be entertained free, so the only expense incurred will be that of traveling.

When buying the ticket, all should be sure to ask for a certificate receipt. If fifty certificates are taken, they will entitle the holders to one-third fare in returning. But no reduction can be obtained by those who fail to get the certificate.

The convention will begin Wednesday evening, February 24, and will close on the morning of the 28th. All should go early enough so they will arrive in Lodi before 6:30 P. M.

Mrs. Carrie R. King.

## Young People's Convention

Prof. M. E. Kern, superintendent of the Missionary Volunteer work of the denomination, expects to spend the first week of March with the young people in convention at Fernando. We wish to have representatives from each of our societies and churches in the Southern California Conference.

The first session will be held Tuesday evening, March 2, and the last session Sunday night, the 7th. A definite program will appear later. The Fernando church and academy have kindly volunteered to entertain the delegates to this convention, provided the names of the delegates are forwarded to Prof. Milton Robison, Fernando, Cal., by the 25th inst.

All those coming to the convention should secure a receipt for the purchase of their ticket to Fernando, and if we succeed in securing fifty of these receipts, reduced rates can be secured for returning. Further information will be supplied on application to the writer.

E. S. Ballenger.

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menced to hold its Sabbath meetings in the chapel of the Normal building, but as the school continued to grow, this was also found inadequate. Then the brethren felt that the time had come to build a church that would meet their needs.

The building committee began work late in the fall, but with liberal donations of means and labor on the part of the brethren, the building was completed by the latter part of January, and was dedicated on Sunday, Jan. 31, 1909. Brother C. H. Abbott gave the report in behalf of the building committee. Elder Cottrell delivered the address, and Elder Haskell offered the dedicatory prayer. The building was presented to the Lord's work free of debt, as all outstanding obligations were more than provided for. This is as it should be with all lines of our denominational work.

The Lodi brethren now have a building that can easily be enlarged at slight expense to meet the needs of the growing congregation.

J. J. I.