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

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Pacific Union Conference S. D. A. Directory

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The Field

THE ARIZONA CONFERENCE Synopsis of Proceedings

The tenth annual session of the Arizona Conference was held according to the published notice, November 6 to 12, in the Seventh-day Adventist church at Phoenix, Arizona. Seven meetings constituted the session, at which there were delegates from the seven churches in the conference. As a result of the labors of the past year, a church was organized at Safford, and was received into the conference. At Globe a neat church building was erected at a cost of \$674.

President's Address

Dear Brethren:

God's plan wisely provided for the annual gatherings in ancient Israel under conditions of peace and prosperity; and when circumstances were most favorable, it was essential to their welfare to have general gatherings, how much more necessary are such occasions in these days

of modern superstition, darkness, and infidelity, when God's people are scattered almost everywhere, often under most trying circumstances.

Again, the spirit of prophecy has given counsel in the matter of the selection of church officers, plainly stating that their election should never be for a period of more than one year. From the same extract, which is found in Testimonies, volume 5, page 619, it seems quite clear that this principle applies also to conference officers, and that their terms of service should be limited; and if this be so, it becomes necessary that His people assemble for counsel and to plan for the future work at least as often as every year.

In harmony with the example and instruction already cited, we have assembled at this time to hold our-tenth annual session of the Arizona Conference, for the purpose of laying plans for the future and the selection of men to execute those plans. At this our opening meeting of this session, may God grant that a true sense of our responsibility may rest down upon each one present.

We feel indeed grateful to our most gracious Lord that we see continual evidences of His presence and blessing, and though we may have occasion to bemoan our mistakes, let us be glad and sing His praises that from the least to the greatest, all may know the most blessed peace of sins forgiven and the sweets of victories gained through faith in our divine Redeemer.

Although it is customary in addresses of this kind to make comparisons in detail, and to give long lines of figures, we shall present only a few figures, and these for the purpose of showing what is to be accomplished rather than what

has been done already. We have sometimes feared that some reports and comparisons may savor of the ancient desire to number Israel, and thus might tend to develop pride rather than foster the sweet spirit of humility. However, it is quite possible that with the difficulties and hindrances found in Arizona, few would find much which would furnish food for self-exaltation. Has any good been accomplished, God has done it. Have victories been gained for the work in this field, He alone is worthy of any praise. We would all be pleased had God been able to work for us in a more marked degree; but we, and not He, are wholly at fault in this.

Twelve laborers have spent more or less time in the field. This does not include our field missionary agent. Fifteen have drawn partial or entire support from our conference treasury. One church has been organized, and had not sickness hindered our work in Verde Valley, we would have had the pleasure of admitting another church into our conference which we feel certain will be organized at an early date, and prove a source of real strength to our conference. One church house is nearing completion, and although it is now used for services, it has not yet been formally dedicated. Other conference properties have been materially improved and are considerably increased in value.

Above fifty have accepted the faith during the year, yet our actual membership is but few more than last year. The tithe paid during the year amounts in cash to \$5,352. In blessings to us it amounts to much that can not be valued in money. Our tithe per capita amounts to over \$20. The season has not been as favorable in Salt River Valley as a year

ago, and this in part accounts for our tithes being no larger. The offerings for the year are \$1,962. Our sales of books, as reported, make a total of over \$4,000, which is a little better than last year.

Aggressive work has been done in nine different fields, some of them entirely new. Some of our weak companies have also been strengthened.

The continual departure of our people to other places, outside of our conference has become a most perplexing problem to those in charge of the work. How shall we keep our organizations from going to pieces? Must we furnish them constant pastoral and evangelistic labor? This seems almost a necessity; but this policy at once raises the propriety of such a course, in view of the world work laid upon us in Arizona, the same as upon all the other fields.

The fact that God's work is worldwide has been a source of consolation, and has given confidence amid discouragement.

Our corps of canvassers has not been large, nor very regular, with one or two praiseworthy exceptions. Our faithful State agent has kept his able shoulder at the wheel in the field, and has reported but about one third of his time to our conference office. Had we two or three substantial agents to add to those already with us, Arizona would have an enviable reputation in the Pacific Union; and though our book report is not what we had hoped it might be, we are not at all ashamed of it.

During the year, two of our valuable workers left this field to enter foreign work. As doubtless nearly all present remember, last June Brother and Sister E. C. Boger were called to enter a difficult field in South America. Before leaving, he was ordained to the work of the gospel ministry.

We are grateful for the consideration which has been given to this field by the Pacific Union Conference, and we trust the time may soon come when our work will be self-supporting.

The policy of this conference for the past five terms has been to push into new fields as fast as possible, and yet not neglect work already started. This plan appears to us the only one which is in harmony with the spirit of our message. While we believe this should still be the plan of our work, conditions and ex-

perience may suggest other and better methods for carrying out this policy.

While nearly every place of any size in our conference has been entered, a number of smaller towns and villages remain unworked. The result from labor in these new places may not largely increase the number of our churches, but the new converts will help to build up other companies, and no doubt some new churches may be added.

If our members faithfully prosecute missionary operations in their respective communities, and persevere in the distribution of our able papers and magazines, they will surely see results, and reap a blessed reward. If our agents push the sale of our books containing the message, the cause of truth in Arizona will be strengthened, and the canvasser will not fail of his harvest of joy.

We are glad our educational work is developing, and it should receive our careful consideration and support. It should be so strengthened that it may become an important factor in our future plans. The location of our schoolrooms ought to be improved, and with wise planning we believe this can be accomplished.

This closes the fifth term of your present president's stay with you, and five full years will be reached in the spring; and we understand five years to be about the allotted period of one man's continuous service in a field as its president. We trust this body will take this into consideration in selecting officers for the ensuing year.

The assistance and loyal support of the dear brethren in Arizona can not soon be forgotten, and has been a source of pleasure to those bearing responsibilities. We have been willing to sacrifice our own reputation if by so doing the cause in Arizona might be built up. We only regret we have not been able to be of greater assistance.

With heartfelt gratitude to God, and most earnest prayers for increased and ever-increasing prosperity of the work in Arizona, we now return our official responsibility to you, brethren delegates; and together let us lay our all at the feet of our forgiving, helping, and ever-loving Saviour, relying upon Him for wisdom and strength to carry forward properly this great work in which He has made us His partners.

H. G. Thurston.

The following revenue and financial reports were submitted by the treasurer:

Treasurer's Report
Revenue Statement Arizona Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists for Year Ending October 31, 1911

EXPENSES	
Tithe and Second Tithe to	
Pacific Union Conference	\$ 919.05
Sustentation Fund	243.71
Mission Board Tithe	243.71
Laborers' Salary	6,850.78
Laborers' Expense	1,421.59
Office Expense	243.66
	\$9,922.50
INCOME	
Tithe of Churches	
	\$5,352.83
Appropriation from	
Pacific Union Conference	3,779.67
Donations	66.05
Donations Corporation Fund	139.22
Tent Fund (Rents)	88.88
Expenses in Excess of Income	495.85
	\$9,922.50

Financial Statement Arizona Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists for Year Ending October 31, 1911

ASSETS	
Newsom Property	\$1,100.00
Conference Property	589.80
Personal Accounts	118.25
Cash on Hand in Bank	2,197.68
	\$4,005.73
LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	
Trust Funds	\$248.80
Second Tithe	24.94
Wagon Fund	121.02
Church School Fund	1.15
Corporation Property	1,100.00
Corporation Fund	10.31
Pacific Union Conference	220.48
Tract Fund	3.22
Church Building Fund	100.00
Arizona Tract Society	3.18
Personal Accounts	175.78
Pacific Union Conference Appropriation (Nov. and Dec.)	595.33
Expense Provision	8.10
	\$2,612.31
Surplus Nov. 1, 1910	\$1,889.27
Less Loss for Year	495.85
Surplus Oct. 31, 1911	\$1,393.42
	\$4,005.73

Revenue Statement Arizona Tract Society Year Ending October 31, 1911

GAIN	
Merchandise	\$340.52
LOSSES	
Account G. W. Canion	\$ 2.56
Expense	22.89
Sabbath-school Department	5.25
Net Gain	309.82
	\$340.52

Financial Statement Arizona Tract Society Year Ending October 31, 1911

ASSETS	
Cash on Hand in Bank	\$266.48
Merchandise (Books, Tracts, etc.)	564.94
Personal Accounts	349.35
	\$1,180.77

LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

"Ministry of Healing"	\$ 1.05
Tract Fund	3.45
"Christ's Object Lessons"	6.75
Small Accounts	5.55
	\$16.80
Surplus Nov. 1, 1910	\$854.15
Plus Net Gain for Year	309.82
	\$1,163.97
	\$1,180.77

Receipts of Tithes and Offerings Arizona Conference for Year Ending October 31, 1911

TITHES	
Phoenix	\$2,738.24
Globe	663.17
Lowell	540.95
Buckeye	324.44
Flagstaff	304.38
Sanchez	131.30
Prescott	183.22
Tucson	142.74
Safford	125.23
Douglas	46.22
Globe (Mexican)	32.34
Tucson (Mexican)	20.62
Cottonwood	10.53
Personal Tithe	89.45
	\$5,352.83

Last Year's Tithe

	\$5,742.81
GENERAL OFFERINGS	
Weekly	\$ 11.55
Sabbath-school	618.08

\$300,000 Fund	417.28
Midsummer	169.50
Annual	384.36
Ingathering	159.75
Special	21.82
Foreign Missions	79.62
Portland (Me.) Church	1.20

Last Year's Offerings	\$1,863.16
	\$1,480.02

The average offering per member of the conference this year on the ten-cent-a-week fund is 10 6-10 cents per week.

OFFERINGS FOR HOME WORK

Second Tithe	\$ 32.44
Wagon Fund	123.52

\$155.96
M. T. Poston,
Treasurer.

Auditor's Report

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that I have made a careful examination of the books of account, with the vouchers produced, of the Arizona Conference of S. D. A., including its missionary department, The Arizona Tract Society, for the year ending October 31, 1911, and find that the revenue and financial statements presented are correct reports of the present condition of the business, as on the 31st day of October, 1911, as disclosed by said books of account.

J. J. Ireland,
Auditor.

Dated this 6th day of November, 1911.

Committees

The following committees framed the work of the conference:

On Nominations: G. A. Irwin, F. W. Wheeler, George G. Sims, F. G. Wakelee, H. H. Cole.

On Credentials and Licenses: G. W. Reaser, M. Serna, W. O. James, J. J. Ireland.

On Plans: This committee consisted of the laborers of the conference, with the conference committee, and visiting brethren from the Pacific Union and California conferences.

Credentials and Licenses

Credentials and Licenses were voted as follows:

Ministerial credentials: H. G. Thurston, M. Serna, F. W. Wheeler, George G. Sims, G. W. Reaser, F. R. Shaeffer.

Honorary ministerial credentials: H. F. Courter.

Ministerial license: Juan Garcia Orzoce, Eugene A. Brown.

Missionary credentials: Mrs. M. T. Poston, Mrs. Ella Shaeffer, W. O. James.

Officers

The officers chosen for the ensuing year are as follows:

President, H. G. Thurston.

Secretary and treasurer, Mrs. M. T. Poston.

Executive committee: H. G. Thurston, G. W. Reaser, F. W. Wheeler, G. A. Roberts, Clement Stump.

Nomination of the board of directors of the Arizona Conference Corporation:

H. G. Thurston, G. W. Reaser, F. W. Wheeler, G. A. Roberts, Clement Stump.

Recommendations Adopted

For the preservation of our lives amid the constant ravages of death upon the members of our race; for the light that is shining upon our path from the prophetic page, giving us an intelligent, living hope for eternity; for the privilege of coöperating with Heaven and with one another in giving the last message of mercy to the world; for the success that has, through the blessing of the Lord, attended the promulgation of the everlasting gospel during the last conference year;

1. We would individually and collectively offer grateful praise to our heavenly Father, and renew our individual consecration to Him, for service to Him in winning souls, until, in His good providence, we lay our burdens down and receive the welcome home.

Whereas, Our denominational educational system is, under God, recognized as one of the chief agencies for establishing our children in the truth, and for their development as workers in the cause; and—

Whereas, A large per cent of the population of our conference is of the Mexican race, for whom as yet no permanent educational work has been established by our people, therefore,

2. We, as a conference, earnestly request the coöperation, moral, advisory, financial, and executive, of the Pacific Union Conference in the founding and operating of school work in our conference for the benefit of our Mexican people.

3. In view of the rapid extension of

our world-wide work, and the increasing demands upon our General Conference treasury, we hereby gladly adopt the plan of increasing our ten-cent-a-week offerings to at least fifteen cents a week a member.

4. Since the placing of our message-filled books, tracts, and papers in the hands of the people is ordained of God, and is one of the most potent means of bringing people into the truth, we urge the personal coöperation and active participation of every believer in this work.

5. Knowing that the good old *Review* is an important factor in the spiritual growth of every family of this conference, and that the *PACIFIC UNION RECORDER* will be a great help in keeping us in touch with our union conference work, we recommend the securing of subscriptions from each family represented here for these two papers.

6. *Resolved*, That we favor the recommendation of last year relative to a gospel wagon, and that it be so modified that the matter be left with the conference committee to be carried out, if expedient.

7. *Resolved*, That, by the Lord's help, we will give greater encouragement to our young people to identify themselves more fully with God's final gospel message.

8. Appropriation Approved.—*Resolved*, That we approve of the action of the executive committee in contributing ten per cent of our tithe receipts to the treasury of the General Conference, for the support of its work, five per cent of this for foreign missions, and five per cent for the Sustentation Fund.

Tent Fund.—In view of the necessity of adding to our stock of conference tents from time to time;

9. *We Recommend*, That our people contribute of their means to a tent fund, to meet this demand, any surplus of which may be drawn upon to assist in camp-meeting expenses, should such a meeting be held.

10. Publicity.—*We Recommend* the use of the public press, so far as accessible without charge, for the publication of carefully prepared articles on the present truth, availing ourselves of current events, local happenings, etc., that would naturally suggest such themes.

Whereas, The tithe is generally recognized by this people as sacred to the Lord; and—

Whereas, We are, to the best of our

knowledge, endeavoring to meet its just demands upon us; and—

Whereas, We believe that a correct knowledge, on our part, of the right methods of tithe paying, will prove a blessing to us, and a material help to our treasury; therefore,

11. *We Recommend*, That our conference committee secure the most concise and practical treatise obtainable on this subject, for free distribution to each family of the conference.

Recognizing the blessings gained in camp-meetings, not generally secured in other gatherings, both to our own members and many not of our faith;

12. *We Recommend*, That our next conference be held in connection with a camp-meeting, which shall be held at such time and place as may be found most favorable for the attendance of our people throughout the field.

CALIFORNIA

The Week of Prayer

The following schedule of services has been arranged by the California Conference Committee, to the end that each church and company might have as much help as possible during this special season of prayer, from the regular conference workers, and others assisting. Changes may be necessary in some cases, to meet conditions arising. The lists are here published that the church officers may know what assistance they can depend upon, and arrange accordingly.

Alcatraz Company

R. S. Fries, Dec. 9-16, afternoons;
G. W. Rine, Dec. 9.

Calistoga

D. E. Robinson, Dec. 9-12;
Andrew Nelson, Dec. 16.

Haywards

H. C. Keeley, Dec. 9-16.

Healdsburg

J. A. Stevens, Dec. 12, 13;
Andrew Brorsen, Dec. 14-16.

Morgan Hill

B. E. Beddoe, Dec. 10, 11.

Napa

Andrew Nelson, Dec. 9-13;
D. E. Robinson, Dec. 14-16.

Park, San Francisco

Mrs. Lottie Kuhns, Dec. 9, 11-16;
Laura Morrison, Dec. 10;
G. A. Kuhns, Dec. 11-13, 16;
G. W. Rine, Dec. 14;
R. S. Fries, Dec. 15.

Petaluma

G. A. Hamilton, Dec. 14-16.

Richmond

James Taphouse, Dec. 9-16, afternoons.

St. Helena

C. C. Lewis, Dec. 9;

D. E. Robinson, Dec. 13;
H. A. Washburn, Dec. 16.
San Francisco, Laguna Street
G. W. Rine, Dec. 10, 13, 15, 16.
Sanitarium

W. A. Hennig, Dec. 9;
C. L. Taylor, Dec. 10-16;
H. A. St. John, Dec. 10-15;
Andrew Nelson, Dec. 14, 15.

Santa Cruz

B. E. Beddoe, Dec. 9, 13, 14, 15,
evenings; Dec. 16, afternoon.

Santa Rosa

G. A. Hamilton, Dec. 9, 10;
J. A. Stevens, Dec. 14-16.

Sebastopol

J. A. Stevens, Dec. 9-11;
A. Brorsen, Dec. 12, 13.

Sonoma

G. A. Hamilton, Dec. 11-13.

Soquel

B. E. Beddoe, Dec. 13, 15, afternoons.

Ukiah

Andrew Brorsen, Dec. 9-11.

Union Street, San Francisco

Laura Morrison, Dec. 9, 11-16;
G. A. Kuhns, Dec. 9;
Mrs. Lottie Kuhns, Dec. 10;
G. W. Rine, Dec. 11;
James Taphouse, Dec. 12, 14, 16.

Vallejo

C. L. Taylor, Dec. 9;
F. W. Field, Dec. 16.

Vista Grande or Daly City

R. S. Fries, Dec. 9;
G. A. Kuhns, Dec. 10, 14, 15;
G. W. Rine, Dec. 12.

Watsonville

B. E. Beddoe, Dec. 12, 14, afternoons;
Dec. 16, forenoon.

The churches of Oakland, Alameda, Berkeley, and Melrose, and the company at Twenty-third Avenue, East Oakland, will be served as arranged later by Elders E. W. Farnsworth and G. A. Snyder, and Brethren R. S. Fries, L. K. Dickson, Claude Conard, and other office or conference workers that may be available.

Elder S. T. Hare and his coworkers in Humboldt County will serve the churches in that section.

The churches at Mountain View, San Jose, and Los Gatos will be arranged for by the brethren located at Mountain View.

The brethren at the college will arrange for the Pacific College church services throughout the week.

November 24. Claude Conard.

St. Helena Sanitarium Siftings

Brother E. G. Fulton, of Los Angeles, has been with us for a few days.

Dr. S. P. S. Edwards left Wednesday for Paradise Valley, where he expects to spend the winter.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Paul Mason is recovering nicely from a surgical operation performed Sunday, November 19.

Dr. M. Blanche Bolton, of San Pedro, and Mrs. B. B. Bolton, of Standish, are at the sanitarium, the guests of Mrs. Lola Bond-Hitbard.

Dr. Margaret Evans, of Oakland, spent a few hours with us on her way to Washington, D. C., to connect with the Iowa Circle Sanitarium.

Miss Mary Steward, leader of the sanitarium choir, received a hearty welcome upon her return to the hillside, after an absence of several weeks.

Dr. H. F. Rand was called to San Francisco to attend an operation on Monday. He was accompanied by Miss Bessie Young, one of our well-known nurses.

Elder Andrew Nelson and his wife, Dr. Ida S. Nelson, arrived at the sanitarium Thursday, the 23d, with their little daughters, Grace and Edith. Dr. Nelson will take lady physician's work.

Elder and Mrs. I. H. Evans visited us before leaving for China. Elder Evans spoke to the patients and helpers in the chapel Sunday night, and to the helpers the following morning at worship.

Brother Harvey, who came to us recently from Calistoga, and Brother L. P. Thompson, have recently located in the vicinity of Skaggs Spring, Sonoma County, having taken up homesteads.

Myrtle B. Hudson.

November 24.

Pacific Press Items

For the first time this year, the actual deliveries in the States supplied by the Pacific Press show a decided gain over the same period of last year. For the first ten months of 1910, our sales amounted to \$117,582.35. For the last ten months they have been \$122,188.35, or a gain of \$4,606. The sales by unions are as follows:

Northern Union	\$19,101.35
West Canadian Union	20,650.85
Pacific Union	25,433.80
North Pacific Union	28,421.50
Central Union	28,580.85

The Western Canadian field are taking considerable satisfaction in the fact that their smallest mission field — Saskatchewan — with a membership of only eighty-four, shows the largest amount of books delivered — \$10,156.80. Southern California is second, with a delivery of \$8,790.55. Our entire sales of subscription books for the ten months, including those sent to foreign fields, are \$175,559.65.

In a letter dated September 26, from G. E. Hartman, secretary of the South American Union Conference, he says:

“Spring is just beginning with us, and everything is nice and green. There seems to have been enough rain this winter so that there is good prospect for a harvest, the grasshoppers not appearing very far south so far. Probably they will not get down here in time to hurt the grain. Brother Trummer is now out with Brother Lorenz, our new man from Kansas, by way of the Mission Seminary, whom we are training for the west coast, probably Chile.”

It is a little difficult for us to understand spring beginning in September, isn't it? The same day we received this letter, a cablegram arrived from Brother Hartman, calling for the following:

- 1500 “Home and Health” cloth, Spanish.
- 125 “Home and Health,” half leather, Spanish.
- 75 “Home and Health,” full leather, Spanish.
- 250 “Coming King,” cloth, Spanish.

Brother Trummer, the general agent for the South American field, is planning on his bookmen's convention, which will be held in Santiago, Chile, February 22 and onward. He has found that these yearly gatherings of his canvassers have given great impetus to the circulation of the printed page.

At our bookmen's convention in Mexico, which closed last Friday, we had nine in attendance. I could not help contrasting this attendance and experience with the first institute we held, three years ago last July. Then none of them knew the language. Now their numbers have been trebled, and all are sufficiently acquainted with the language to not only present their book satisfactorily, but to talk to the people as well.

In one end of the room where our meetings were held, their motto was arranged in the form of an arch, which read in Spanish, “He did it with all his heart, and prospered.” Underneath this were their sales for 1909, 1910, and 1911. These figures were \$11,000, \$17,000, \$25,000 respectively. These amounts, of course, are to be divided by two to get the gold basis.

Brother N. Z. Town, who was with us, selected Brother H. A. Robinson, who has been working there for the last year, to engage in similar work in Cuba. As they had already sent Brother John Brown to Spain, the Mexico brethren feel that they are proving their ability to train missionaries for foreign fields. At the close of the convention, three of the brethren started for Yucatan with a large supply of books, and with the expectation of being gone four or five months. Let us earnestly pray for these devoted young men. They will be surrounded by all kinds of difficulties and dangers, and certainly they need the Lord's protection and help.

November 26.

H. H. Hall.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Conference Items

Elder T. H. Watson closed the tent effort at Merced last week.

Elder T. H. Watson met with the church at Manteca Sabbath, November 25.

Brother J. R. Ferren and the writer spent Sabbath, November 18, with the Galt church.

President C. L. Taggart conducted baptismal services in Stockton Friday afternoon, November 24.

Arrangements are being made to distribute the ministers among the different churches during the week of prayer.

Elder A. J. Osborne has just moved his family to Modesto, where they have been at work during the season with the tent.

Brother Adolph Johnson, of the Western Oregon Conference, arrived in Lodi Thursday morning to spend a few weeks with relatives and friends.

Many are taking hold of the forty per cent book work with enthusiasm. We now have a number in the field, and hope to see good results before long in this line of the work.

A visit to the Turlock church school last week found things moving very nicely indeed. Thursday afternoon the older students went out with the Harvest Ingathering *Signs*.

The Turlock church is enjoying a series of meetings held by Elder C. M. Gardner and Brother B. E. Baldwin. Having been without ministerial assistance for the summer, this is a real treat.

Last Sabbath Brethren Taggart and Ferren and the writer met with the Sacramento church, and assisted in a missionary rally. This will prove of permanent help, we believe, in the winter's work.

There will be a meeting at Modesto of a conventional nature Thursday night, December 7. Friday will be devoted to missionary lines, Sabbath to a Sabbath-school convention, and Sunday to a Young People's Volunteer missionary convention.

The Modesto church has provided free entertainment to all who come to attend the convention to be held December 7-9. They request those coming from a distance to bring their bedding. There are a number of churches near Modesto, and we hope all will attend this meeting. Plan for a good time. Come praying for a profitable season, and we will surely realize it.

Friends who helped to supply literature to assist in the work in Modoc County this summer may feel assured that it proved a great blessing in the work there. "Wherever I can get a family to reading," said Elder Holbrook, in conversation about the work, the other day, "there is much hope for them." Brother Holbrook and his associates have sold more than enough literature in connection with the effort at Fort Bidwell to pay the running expenses. It has added greatly to the effectiveness of their effort. There is now a good company of believers at Fort Bidwell.

Verah MacPherson.

November 24.

Dr. Kress Speaks at Modesto

At least one hundred and fifty people were at the First Christian church of Modesto on Sunday afternoon to hear Dr. D. H. Kress on the subject, "Why the Saloon Should Go — from a Physician's View-Point."

The anti-saloon forces of Modesto and vicinity are organizing for a thorough campaign against the saloon. Hearing of this, I went to Modesto on Tuesday, the 21st, to see what opportunity there might be for the use of our Temperance number of the *Youth's Instructor*. On the way I met Dr. Kress, who said he would be willing to speak if there was an issue on, and it was desired. Although the executive committee had not been formed, some members of the committee appointed to arrange for this favored the idea of having the doctor's lecture. The Christian Church board took favorable action, and the W. C. T. U. leaders pledged support in giving it publicity.

There was a good audience, and all were highly pleased with the instruction given. The doctor did not come to this intelligent audience with the anecdotes and statements of sentiment that usually are used to work on the emotions. Instead, he brought before them scientific facts concerning alcohol and its effects, in such simple terms that the interest was held throughout. His argument against the use of liquor and other narcotics was to save the individual, and to save the nation.

He emphasized the increasing rate of mortality from apoplexy, Bright's disease, and heart failure, due to the influence of years of intemperance. He spoke of the alarming degeneracy among the nations, due to this, and in it all wove in the principles of right living, in such a way as to appeal to all.

Having been introduced as medical secretary of Seventh-day Adventists, there was no question as to the identity of those holding these principles, and it had a splendid influence for our work.

The Rev. Mr. Pickett publicly spoke most appreciatively of the lecture, at its close, as did also the W. C. T. U. leaders and others privately.

We are in hopes that this will lead to the liberal circulation of our Temperance *Instructor*, of which we gave out 150 copies free at the service.

J. R. Ferren.

Missionary Work

CALIFORNIA

Missionary Visits

During the few weeks that I have been visiting the churches and isolated members in Sonoma and Mendocino counties, I have been greatly encouraged to see how the members in all these different places are taking hold with determination to give the message. As a result of the circulation of some tracts, I had the pleasure of meeting a gentleman who had become very much interested in the prophecies. I heard he wanted to buy "Marvel of Nations," so I thought I would also take along "Daniel and the Revelation." He took the "Marvel of Nations;" and as soon as I showed him "Daniel and the Revelation," he gave me \$5.00 and took both books without any comment other than, "This is just what I want." Also as a result of a faithful member's loaning magazines and tracts in Petaluma, I met a lady much interested in healthful living, and other phases of the truth, and she bought a cook book, to learn how to cook and eat for health.

Sebastopol

At Sebastopol I was pleased to find a young sister and her brother who were praying for a part in the work. When I met them and told of the good success they could have in proclaiming the message with our forty per cent books, they agreed to take up the work, and now both have had experience in this work. We feel that much good will result from the work of Brother and Sister Rawlinson.

Santa Rosa

We went to the Santa Rosa church Sabbath, the 11th, and had a very interesting meeting, different ones testifying of their willingness to continue in the Lord's work. They took three \$1.00 tract packages, also made arrangements for a field day, which was carried out Thursday, the 21st. From the testimonies given that night, every one had received a large measure of the Lord's blessing besides the \$25 collected.

Some of the workers that day found a number of people in need of Christian

help, and a Christian Help Band was organized to look after these dear souls in need. It was also decided to have a prayer-meeting every Wednesday night, every one promising to try to come and to have at least one good report to give. About thirty in all want to join the "King's Pocket League." May the Lord bless them. Dear reader, do you not want to join this league? If so, drop your secretary a line.

Healdsburg

At Healdsburg we had an enjoyable time Wednesday, the 15th, some relating experiences in scattering the Ingathering Signs, also other work. We are glad to see the church at Healdsburg pressing the fight to the last. Mrs. Fleming found, by working with the monthly Signs, that we as a people are very well liked there. Sister Brown, the librarian, is doing a very good work in circulating Signs and following up by correspondence. She has some very encouraging letters from different ones to whom she has sent the paper.

Ukiah

We found the dear people at this place happy in the blessed hope of our Lord's soon return, many encouraging reports coming in. They took four tract packages, and at the afternoon meeting every one expressed a desire to join the Pocket League and hasten the coming of the Lord. They resolved to visit the county jail and farm and also the Indian reservation, and spread the printed page at all these places.

Sonoma

On our return we stopped at Sonoma, and found all of good courage in the Lord. They are just starting their new school with a good attendance. Every one expressed an earnest desire to enter with a renewed zeal the work of circulating reading-matter. Let us all pray that the good work may go on, and that many may be brought to the Saviour's feet as a result of this seed sowing.

Following are missionary reports from some of our faithful ones. Let us all remember to report, for the encouragement of each other.

Selling Forty per Cent Books in Northern California

The work with the small books is starting very lively indeed. There are now eight in the field, and seven more just beginning. If the following is a sample of the reports we shall receive, it will mean the placing of a large number of books. You will enjoy reading this good report from a home worker in Woodland.

"I will send you a list of the orders I have. I do not think I will have any trouble in delivering the books, as I know all the persons whose names I have. The most orders I have taken in one day, working five hours, amounted to \$5.85 — ten orders. One morning from 9 to 11:30 I took eight orders, amounting to \$5.75. I have never spent a whole day, and many days I could not go at all. I feel that God has blessed me in this work."

2 "Glorious Appearing," cloth	\$1.00
7 "Glorious Appearing," board	1.75
1 "Gospel Primer," cloth	.60
11 "Gospel Primer," board	3.85
5 "New Testament Primer," board	1.75
4 "Pitcairn"	4.00
1 "Best Stories," cloth	.75
1 "Best Stories," board	.50
1 "Paradise Home," cloth	.50
7 "Making Home Happy"	3.50
1 "Making Home Peaceful"	.75
1 "Those Bible Readings"	.75
5 "Steps to Christ," gilt	5.00
1 "Cobblestones"	1.00
4 "Bible Child Life"	2.00
11 "Elo the Eagle"	11.00
63	\$38.70

This report includes: 2 "Glorious Appearing," Spanish; 1 "Gospel Primer," Spanish; 2 "Steps to Christ," Spanish; 1 "Steps to Christ," German.

Another home worker, at Hughson, reports having secured sixteen orders, but does not specify books.

Others are at work, and still others are beginning. There is territory for scores of others. Your territory ought to be worked. Hundreds of these small books should be placed in the homes in this conference during the next three or four weeks. Would you like a part in it? Order prospectus to-day — price, \$1.00 — and you can go right to work. ***

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at the funeral services, which were conducted in the city of Fresno, by the undersigned. J. H. Behrens.

Items of Work	Healdsburg	Eureka	Morgan Hill	Richmond	Totals
Missionary visits	44	1		56	101
Hours Christian help			15		15
Sick assisted	34	2	1	3	40
Treatments given		1			1
Clothing given away	5	1 bundle		1	7
Meals provided			2		2
Number tracts given	497	19		72	588
Total papers received		219	257		476
Papers lent or given	178	94	160		432
Number books lent or given	4	1	3		8
Times reading rack filled			1		1
Letters written	7	1			8
Letters received	6				6
Periodicals sold				77	77
Subscriptions taken	59				59
Bible readings	24	21	3	12	60
Number attending readings		5		2	7
Number children brought to S. S.	7				7
Amount collected for missions		\$10.10	\$19.45		\$29.55
		W. D. Fleming, Cal. Conf. Miss. Sec.			

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING NOV. 17, 1911

Agent	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Value	Delivered
Southern California						
C. T. Adams	P.G.	35	9	\$3.75	\$38.75	\$ 3.75
L. R. Hunter	G.C.	2	2		7.50	17.50
E. R. Button	P.P.F.	16	21		66.70	43.20
R. I. Witt	G.C.	30	11		33.00	
4 agents		83	43	\$3.75	\$145.95	\$64.45

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1911

The Morning Watch Calendar for 1912 is now ready. Secure one from your tract society. The price is five cents.

Brother A. A. Cone spent several days in East Oakland last week, assisting in a bookmen's institute. Five were in attendance for instruction.

The stereopticon lectures given the evenings after Sabbath and Sunday, in the Mountain View church, on Greece and Rome, by Prof. M. W. Newton, of Pacific Union College, were much appreciated, as shown by the large attendance.

By special request, Miss Katherine B. Hale left Sunday morning for College View, Nebraska, to attend the council meeting for the educational secretaries of the American union conferences, which is to be held from November 29 to December 5.

Brother H. H. Hall, who is home again from a long tour, gave a very interesting talk at the Pacific Press chapel Sunday morning. He reviewed in brief his trip to the North Pacific Union, some of the important publishing house items considered at the recent fall council of the General Conference Committee, and his visit in Mexico.

To show something of their appreciation and thanksgiving for another year's blessing, the Missionary Volunteers of Mountain View, by the co-operation of the older members of the church and merchants of the town, brightened a number of homes Wednesday evening by presenting to them baskets of joy and good cheer. These baskets of cheer were not only laden with

substantial foodstuffs, but literature containing our message accompanied each offering. Can we estimate the good this small effort may result in?

On another page will be found a report of the proceedings of the Arizona Conference. This meeting was held in Phenix, and was attended by Elders G. A. Irwin, E. E. Andross, and J. N. Loughborough, and Brother J. J. Ireland, as the laborers from abroad. The needs of the conference in a business way were given careful consideration. The preaching was largely confined to such themes as the rise and development of the message and the necessity of practical godliness in these last days. As a result of these meetings, we believe there are better days in store for the brethren in Arizona.

From Hongkong, China, Brother W. F. Hills, formerly of Southern California, writes under date of October 19: "We just landed in Hongkong, on our way to Swatow, which we expect to make our field of labor. We had a most delightful voyage, stopping at Honolulu, Tokyo, Kobe, Shanghai, and here in Hongkong. We certainly enjoyed our visit with the earnest workers at these places, and our hearts were encouraged to see the zeal of these faithful laborers. The Lord is truly blessing their efforts to spread the message in these darkened lands. We are anxious to get located and to work. With the help Jesus has promised, we expect to learn this very difficult language."

The Week of Prayer

In harmony with the plans of the General Conference Committee, December 9 to 16 is the time that has been appointed for a week of prayer. Special readings have been prepared for this important occasion, as heretofore, and these will be supplied to all who are leaders in the churches or are so situated that they can not meet with our brethren and sisters at this appointed time. Requests for these readings should be placed with your conference secretary.

If it has been essential to have these special seasons of prayer heretofore, it is doubly so now, for we find ourselves one year nearer the close of the great investigative judgment work that is now going on in the heavenly sanctuary, and

has been since 1844. Soon this work will reach the records of those who are now living. How shall we stand when our case is placed in the divine balance? Will we be found wanting? If there ever was a time when Israel should walk with God, and have the benefit of His divine guiding power every moment, that time is now. And we know that guiding power our Father is pleased to grant to all who will seek it.

As we look over the political horizon, we find strife and commotions, war and war preparations, going on. The seeds of Socialism are rapidly growing into trees that will produce anarchy in many quarters. Industrially the conflict between capital and labor is becoming keener. Socially the standard of righteousness is becoming lower and lower. This sad condition comes from the people not having a living connection with the God of heaven. Surely if we escape the destruction that awaits those who turn their back upon God, or are satisfied with their lukewarm condition, we must maintain a living connection with our Saviour, not only through the week of prayer, but every moment thereafter.

Obituaries

ACKLEY.—Sister Ethel Ackley died in the twenty-fourth year of her life, of peritonitis. Sister Ackley leaves a husband, a baby one month old, and other relatives in both families to mourn their loss. Before falling asleep, she gave her heart to the Lord, making a full surrender, having never done so before, although having thought about the matter a number of times. She was quietly laid to rest in the Mountain View cemetery of Fresno, awaiting the reward of the Life-giver at His coming. Services were conducted by the undersigned.

J. H. Behrens.

PUTNAM.—Mrs. Annie Putnam, in the fifty-fifth year of her life, died of heart disease, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. G. Sutherland, near Huron, California. Sister Putnam gave her heart to the Lord, accepting the third angel's message, twenty-two years ago, and united with the Omaha church. Of ten children, she succeeded, with the blessing of the Lord, in bringing six to accept the message. Her death being unexpected, only three of them were present

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