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California Conference and Camp-Meeting

San Jose, July 23 to August 3, 1913

The first meeting of the forty-second annual session of the California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists was called on the San Jose camp ground at 10 A. M., July 23, 1913. Seven business meetings were held during Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, July 23 to 25, and others, to finish the work, the first of the following week.

One hundred regularly elected delegates and alternates were seated, besides the delegates at large representing the General Conference, the Pacific Union, and the local conference committee and ordained ministers. The delegates represented the following-named churches: Alameda, Arcata, Berkeley, Calistoga, Daly City, Eureka, Hayward, Healdsburg, Los Gatos, Melrose, Morgan Hill, Mountain View, Napa, Oakland, Pacific College, Park (San Francisco), Richmond, Sanitarium, San Francisco, San

Jose, Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Sonoma, Soquel, and Ukiah.

The church of thirteen members at Byron, which was organized early in the year, after a tent effort by Elder A. Nelson and R. S. Fries, was accepted into conference membership.

Committees to bring before the conference items of business for consideration were appointed as follows:

Committee on Nominations

E. E. Andross, H. G. Childs, F. J. Greenwood, James Taphouse, H. McDowell, A. W. Gibson, H. B. Thomas.

Committee on Plans

E. E. Parlin, Dr. George Thomason, G. F. Wolfkill, G. W. Rine, F. A. Coffin, A. A. Cone, Mrs. L. L. Hutchinson, J. F. Blunt, J. R. Ferren, Elder M. C. Wilcox, Miss Celia Green, J. O. Corliss, B. E. Beddoe, J. W. McCord, Claude Conard.

Committee on Credentials

A. O. Tait, J. N. Loughborough, A. Brorsen, B. M. Shull, C. W. Irwin.

Report of the President

E. W. FARNSWORTH

Time, in its rapid flight, has brought us to another annual camp-meeting and conference. One year more of labor is past, there is one less of service to give to the Master.

We welcome you, brethren and sisters, most heartily to this meeting. It is a good thing to come together at least once a year and take a retrospective view of work done, and plan anew for the future.

As each department of the conference will report for itself through its secretary, this address will therefore be brief.

After the conference closed at Santa Rosa, we remained there for some time; but as there was little interest, we assisted in clearing the camp ground.

In the weeks that followed the camp-meeting, we visited nearly all the churches in the bay district and valleys adjacent. This, with labor at general

meetings in other conferences, occupied nearly all that remained of the summer months.

In October I visited Humboldt County, and held meetings with most of the churches there. The companies in that county are small, and there is considerable drain upon them on account of members moving away. Brethren Stevens and Hutchinson have made that county their field of labor the past year, and will give particulars concerning the work there.

I have made two visits to Fort Bragg. Brother J. W. Bressie has spent most of the year at that place; and as a result of his labors, eleven have been baptized, and a Sabbath-school of twenty-two members has been organized.

Brethren Fries and Nelson held a meeting at Byron, and a small company was organized into a church, and a neat little chapel was erected and dedicated. At the time of dedication, the entire cost of the building had been provided. A few of the pledges are yet unpaid, but they are good for their full value.

Elder McCord came to our conference to labor in the month of February. He and Brother Fries, assisted by others, held a series of meetings in San Francisco. As a result of this effort, about fifty have embraced the truths of the message. There was a good interest all through the meetings.

About a month ago, Elder Amos Marchus and Elder Andrew Nelson began meetings in this city. We are glad to report a good interest, with the prospect that some will embrace the truth.

As Elder C. L. Taylor's health failed, Elder S. T. Hare was requested to take his place as chaplain at the St. Helena Sanitarium. He has since made that place his field of labor, with good success.

Elder Beddoe was elected pastor of the Oakland church at the beginning of the year; and since that time, his labors have largely been confined there. He has assisted in other churches by organizing Bible schools where those who wished to obtain preparation to hold Bible readings might be fitted for that work. Quite

a number availed themselves of this opportunity for service.

All but two or three of the churches have been visited during the past year, and most of them have been visited twice, while others have had even a greater number of visits.

I was requested to attend camp-meetings in the California-Nevada Conference, and also the Central California Conference and camp-meeting, and was also called to the Southern California camp-meeting. By request of the president of the Pacific Union, I attended a general meeting and conference in Utah. These meetings, with attendance at the General Conference in May of this year, have taken more than the usual amount of time outside the conference. Numerous board and general meetings have also consumed considerable time, much to my regret, for I have wished it were not necessary to spend so much time outside our own conference. We have not been able to visit all the churches as frequently as we wished; but where we have been unable to visit them personally, we have done the best we could to arrange for others to do so.

The churches at San Jose, Mountain View, Alameda, Oakland, St. Helena, Sanitarium, the Pacific Union College church, and the church on Laguna Street, San Francisco, have had ministers with them practically all the time, and have thus been bountifully served. We are glad this could be so. Most of these churches are in great missionary centers. They are strong numerically, financially, in ability, and otherwise, and we presume they will pay, during the current year, three fifths of all the tithe paid in the conference.

We wish to express our appreciation of the efforts made by Elder A. O. Tait and Dr. L. A. Reed in holding meetings in Alameda, Oakland, and other places. We are sure these efforts have been fruitful of much good.

We should also mention the labors of Elder C. E. Ford. He being unable to labor in the high altitude of Utah, we invited him to come to San Francisco. He labored there for some time with acceptance, and the church was benefited.

In almost every evangelistic effort made, some souls have been gathered in. Two hundred and fifty-one have been baptized during the time covered by this report. The church-membership shows a net increase of two hundred and eighteen. Had it not been for very heavy losses in church-membership in some of our larger churches, the gain would have been much larger.

In most respects the finances of the conference are gratifying. The tithe for 1912 was \$48,476.98, an increase of a little more than \$2,000 over the previous year. We regret that our offerings fell short of the desired goal, and that they were somewhat less than those made the year before.

Our Sabbath-schools are doing nobly in their offerings. For the first six months of the current year, they will

equal those made during the whole year in 1911.

The Pacific Union College has just completed its most successful year, and is growing in power, efficiency, and influence.

The success of the Pacific Press was indeed phenomenal the past year, and there is every indication that the prosperity of the present year will exceed that of all others.

We understand that the St. Helena Sanitarium is filled to its utmost capacity. The chaplain informs us that the spiritual interest is such that it is like a camp-meeting there all the time.

With very few exceptions, the churches are of good courage, and are pressing on to the consummation of their hopes. There is an interest in their communities to hear the truth, and in most places some are coming from those that are without to join their numbers.

With the prayer that God may greatly bless the people and the churches, and make this annual conference a great blessing and an uplifting influence with us all, we leave the work with Him and with you, trusting that all which is done may be to His honor and glory.

Report of the Treasurer

CLAUDE CONARD

CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Revenue Statement for Year Ending

December 31, 1912

GAINS

Donations Received	\$ 446.89
Tithe	48,476.98
	<u>\$48,923.87</u>

LOSSES

Expense Accounts	\$ 715.25
Free Literature	8.41
Orphans and Aged Fund	125.92
Portland Teachers' Institute .	621.05
Rents	1,154.00
Santa Rosa Camp-Meeting ..	745.11
Depreciations	

Fixtures, Oakland Office	\$106.92
Office Furnishings ..	27.50
Property (Tent Stock) ..	518.06
	<u>652.48</u>

Salaries

Jpn. Schl. Tchrs. ..\$	851.93
P. U. College Bible Teacher	941.10
Laborers' Salaries and Expenses ..	24,881.85
	<u>26,674.88</u>

Fund Remittances

Mission Support to Gen. Conf.\$	6,477.79
Sustentation Fund ..	2,396.35
Tithe to P. U. Conf. ..	7,271.54
	<u>16,145.68</u>

	\$46,842.78
Net Gain December 31, 1912 ..	2,081.09
	<u>\$48,923.87</u>

CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Financial Statement, December 31, 1912

ASSETS

Cash on Hand	
Cntrl. Ntnl. Bank..\$	7,599.53
Crkr. Ntnl. Bank. .	8.88
Coin in Office	20.37
	<u>\$7,628.78</u>

Accounts and Notes

Bills Receivable ..\$	50.00
Cal. Conf. Assn. ..	4,953.24
Cal. Bible House..	737.80
Cent. Cal. Conf. .	72.75
St. Helena San. .	69.74
P. P. Pub. Assn...\$	61.23
	<u>5,944.76</u>

Inventories

Expense	\$ 186.04
Office Furnishings ..	325.00
Prop. (Tent Stock) ..	4,848.00
	<u>5,359.04</u>

Provision on Labor	10.00
	<u>\$18,942.58</u>

LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

Trust Funds

Church School Equipment ..\$	60.64
"Christ's Object Lessons" ..	4.75
Misc. Home Funds	127.09
Second Tithe	111.02
California Rel. Lib. Assn..	561.81
"Ministry of Healing"	27.79
Free-Will Offerings	160.72
Deposit Accounts	225.67
	<u>\$ 1,279.50</u>

Surplus January 1, 1912	18,661.13
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Don. to Gen. Conf. ..\$3,854.48	
Net Gain for Year \$2,081.09	
Undvd. Asts. Returned ..	775.34
	<u>2,856.43</u>

Net Reduction in Surplus ..	998.05
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Surplus December 31, 1912 ..	<u>\$17,663.08</u>
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Balance	18,942.58
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SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT FOR SIX MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 1913

Revenue Account

DISBURSEMENTS

Expense	
Expense Accounts \$	408.30
Rents	702.00
S. Jose Cmp-Ming. .	100.00
Orp. & Aged Fund ..	73.00
	<u>\$ 1,283.30</u>

Salaries

Jpn. Schl. Tchrs. ..\$	261.30
P. U. Col. Bbl. Tchr. .	388.27
Lbrs.' Sal. and Ex. ..	13,714.63
	<u>14,364.20</u>

Fund Remittances

Mission Support ..\$	3,228.98
Sustentation Fund ..	1,061.33
Tithe to P. U. Conf. ..	3,228.97
	<u>7,519.28</u>
	<u>\$23,166.78</u>

RECEIPTS

Donations Rcd. by Laborers ..\$	412.97
Tithe	21,526.54
Provision -- Due from Cal. Bible House on six months' rent, salary, etc. (Aprxmt.)	675.00
	<u>\$22,614.51</u>

Net Loss for six months ending June 30, 1913	552.27
	<u>\$23,166.78</u>

Report

Our net loss for 1912 was \$35.68 less than for 1911, being \$238.45, as against \$274.13 for the previous year. On December 31, 1912, our assets amounted to \$5,371.46, and our liabilities to \$3,929.25. On January 1, 1912, we had a surplus of \$2,680.66. The loss for the year brought this down to \$2,442.21.

Last September Brother Charles Utt, who had done excellent work under Brother Claude Conard, left Oakland to attend the Pacific Union College. Frank A. Coffin was elected by the California Conference Committee as secretary of the California Bible House, and took up the work at that time. Brother H. B. Thomas was elected missionary secretary about the same time, and has rendered valuable service in stimulating the missionary activities of our churches. To his untiring efforts the continued increase in our tract sales is largely due. He has visited most of the churches in our conference, and besides giving much practical instruction in missionary work, has emphasized the thought, so often expressed in the spirit of prophecy, that every individual to whom the truth has come is to be a light bearer.

Tracts

Sixty-five cents worth of tracts, sent to Elder J. Adams Stevens at Eureka a few months ago, brought three souls into the truth. If all the tracts circulated in the California Conference last year had been read with the same spirit of obedience by the individuals to whom they were given, what a harvest of souls we should see! But although all to whom the light is given do not now accept it, yet we believe God's promise that His word shall not return to Him empty, but shall accomplish what He pleases, and prosper in the thing whereto He sends it.

Sales for 1912

During 1912 the California Bible House sold books and papers to the value of \$19,154.58. This includes the sales of Bibles. The amount sold in 1911 was \$19,107.36, the gain being \$47.22. Comparing the two years, there was a gain last year in the sale of Bibles amounting to \$124.25; a gain of \$320.47 in tract sales, and of \$263.65 in the value of periodical subscriptions, not including magazine sales. A small decrease in the sales of magazines, trade books, and subscription books, brought these gains down to the amount of the total gain just given. The statement of the business for the two years is as follows:

VOLUME OF BUSINESS FOR TWO YEARS, 1911, 1912

	1911	1912
Bibles	\$ 822.25	\$ 946.50
Subscription books	5,931.80	5,723.30
Educational books	465.05	437.20
Trade books	1,293.25	1,161.55
Tracts	599.24	919.71
Total sales books and tracts	9,111.59	9,188.26
Magazine sales	5,314.00	5,020.90
Periodical subscriptions	4,681.77	4,945.42
Total sales of papers	9,995.77	9,966.32
Grand total, books and papers	\$19,107.36	\$19,154.58

Harvest Ingathering Statement

Papers sold 22,298 15,022
 Money received ... \$1,340.94 \$1,662.24

You will notice that while the number of magazines used in the Harvest Ingathering campaign last year decreased by 7,276, there was a gain of \$321.30 in the amount of the offerings to missions over the amount contributed in 1911. This indicates that the papers were used to better advantage.

All who went out in this campaign had good experiences. Fifty-three members of the Mountain View church spent an entire day, early in October, in the field. In small companies they visited Mayfield, Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Redwood, San Mateo, Burlingame, and Mountain View. On November 1, \$245 was reported to have been raised by this one church, being about \$40 more than they raised in 1911. Only two thirds as many papers were used.

The Park church, in San Francisco, started work early, and when the campaign was launched, had \$21.00 to report. The wife of a local church elder in San Francisco went out with five papers and secured \$17.40. At Yountville one of our sisters, nearly seventy years old, was successful in obtaining \$9.00. She and another sister covered the entire town. They had fifty papers, and disposed of them all. We trust this year's campaign will bring even larger returns than last year's.

We had last year fourteen canvassers for the home workers' books. Their

work helped materially in bringing up the sales of subscription books to \$5,723.30. We wish more of our people felt a burden for this line of work.

This spring a lady came into the Bible House to look at the children's books, saying she was unable at Christmas time to find anything suitable in the book-stores for her little children to read, and that she had at last sent to New York for some books, but even then did not get what she wanted. There is a dearth of good children's books, and those who have tried handling the home workers' books say they sell at sight.

In order to bring this report down to date as nearly as possible, I am giving you the amount of our sales during the six months ending June 30, 1913. During that time we sold at the Bible House \$7,682.10 worth of books, tracts, and papers. The sales by months are given below.

In both the San Francisco hall effort, and the San Jose tent effort, which preceded this meeting, our books and papers have been used to help in giving the people a knowledge of the truth for this time.

Of the Missions Number of *Our Little Friend*, which was issued May 16, 1913, we used in this conference 411 copies.

Of the Temperance *Instructor* for 1913 we have used, thus far this year, 5,155.

During the year, several new books have been issued by the Pacific Press, among them "Counsels to Teachers and Parents." This sells in limp leather for

VOLUME OF BUSINESS, FIRST SIX MONTHS, 1913

	Counter Sales						Totals
	Bibles	Subscription Books	Educational Books	Trade Books	Tracts	Miscellaneous	
January	\$ 29.74	\$ 42.65	\$ 3.90	\$ 17.52	\$ 16.20	\$ 7.49	\$117.50
February	39.70	68.60	2.50	26.10	24.81	8.10	169.81
March	59.55	54.15	16.91	14.46	22.52	10.38	177.97
April	61.50	46.10	1.10	9.23	10.88	13.54	142.35
May	47.20	50.95	1.05	9.54	11.26	9.81	129.81
June	34.80	48.00	2.82	23.90	16.21	6.48	132.21
Total Counter Sales ..	\$272.49	\$310.45	\$ 28.28	\$100.75	\$101.88	\$ 55.80	\$869.65
	Mail Orders						Totals
	Bibles	Subscription Books	Educational Books	Trade Books	Tracts	Miscellaneous	
January	\$ 60.35	\$ 42.55	\$ 87.75	\$125.62	\$ 85.76	\$ 25.00	\$427.03
February	40.80	122.00	13.17	70.00	71.27	6.99	324.23
March	44.70	163.44	39.90	90.32	98.35	9.00	445.71
April	51.28	151.40	5.70	81.35	50.47	5.00	345.20
May	12.75	72.75	31.15	3.25	28.95	15.81	164.66
June	51.15	158.35	7.75	72.60	118.47	23.22	424.54
Total Mail Orders ..	\$261.03	\$710.49	\$178.42	\$443.14	\$453.27	\$ 85.02	\$2131.37
Total Counter Sales ..	272.49	310.45	28.28	100.75	101.88	55.80	869.65
Total Book and Tract Sales	\$533.52	\$1020.94	\$206.70	\$543.89	\$555.15	\$140.82	\$3001.02

TOTAL SALES BY MONTHS — JANUARY TO JUNE, 1913

	Books and Tracts	Magazines	Miscellaneous Subscriptions	Total Sales of Papers	Grand Total
January	\$ 544.53	\$ 261.70	\$ 395.25	\$ 907.19	\$1,451.72
February	494.04	544.25	216.68	760.93	1,254.97
March	623.68	407.20	271.90	631.60	1,305.28
April	487.55	330.30	361.19	691.49	1,179.04
May	294.47	675.40	163.81	854.36	1,148.83
June	556.75	449.10	336.41	785.51	1,342.26
Totals	\$3,001.02	\$2,667.95	\$1,745.24	\$4,681.08	\$7,682.10

\$1.50. "Patriarchs and Prophets" and "Great Controversy" have also been issued in the limp leather binding, at \$2.00.

As the Sunday-school lessons are now on the Old Testament, a Sunday-school lesson booklet was issued by the Pacific Press, giving the pages in "Patriarchs and Prophets" where the Sunday-school lesson could be found.

Another innovation is the twenty-five cent tract package. It is put up with three assortments. Package No. 1 contains miscellaneous tracts on all subjects. Package No. 2 contains tracts on prophecy and the second coming of Christ, and Package No. 3 contains tracts on the Sabbath and the law.

In all our work we have endeavored to keep in mind the object of our efforts, the salvation of souls. We rejoice to see so much of our truth-filled literature circulated, and sincerely hope the day is not far distant when it will be scattered in our field like autumn leaves.

Report of the Sabbath-School Department

VESTA J. FARNSWORTH

We welcome the officers, teachers, members, and friends of our Sabbath-schools to this conference. It gives us great pleasure to meet personally those with whom we have had such pleasant acquaintance by correspondence. We hope during this camp-meeting to hold several meetings with those who carry responsibilities, and who are specially interested in that which pertains to Sabbath-school work.

At our recent General Conference, the walls of a large room were covered with maps of conferences and mission fields, on which the Sabbath-schools were indicated by gold and silver stars. Some fields had great constellations, others but few stars. In some localities the ground was covered with stars, but the pity of it was to look on the wide gaps where none shone, where there seemed to be no ray of light to shine at all. Perhaps no map was more admired than that of California.

While it is probably true that in this representation, as in the heavenly bodies, "one star differeth from another in glory," yet we love to think that He that bringeth out the heavenly host by number, "calleth them all by name," and every one is of more value than suns and worlds in His sight.

There were forty-five Sabbath-schools in this conference at the close of 1911, with an enrolment of 2,064. The summary for the closing quarter of 1912 gives the number of schools as forty-six, and the membership 2,037, showing an increase of one school, and a gain of 27 members.

Some of the schools have united with others, thus forming a stronger organization, as East Oakland with Melrose, and Alcatraz with Berkeley. This accounts for the small increase in the num-

ber of schools. The schools at Miranda and Watsonville have been discontinued on account of removals. New schools have been organized at Fort Bragg and Lakeport, and the schools at Byron, Park (San Francisco), and some others have had their membership largely increased by new converts to the faith. During the year, the schools reported ninety-four converted, and one hundred and thirty baptized.

The first quarter of 1912, the thirteenth Sabbath offering was taken in the schools for the first time; and during the year, the four offerings were as follows: first quarter, \$394.59; second quarter, \$370.33; third quarter, \$418.76; fourth quarter, \$270.56; making a total offering, for the four Sabbaths, of \$1,454.24. The whole amount given to missions by the Sabbath-schools for the year was \$6,298.65.

The first quarter of this year, the gifts were \$2,202.91, of which \$528.94 was contributed the thirteenth Sabbath. It is interesting to note that the offerings in this conference alone amount to \$354 more than the offerings made by the whole conference the corresponding quarter before it was divided. This item alone shows the remarkable growth in our Sabbath-school offerings.

The reports so far received from the schools for the quarter ending June 30, 1913, indicate that the amount will not be less than the previous one, making a total of about \$4,500 for the first two quarters of this year. We wish the offerings for 1913 might amount to \$10,000, and we believe they may reach this figure if we all work with a will.

Last September, Sister Rosamond D. Ginther, who has been Sabbath-school secretary since the organization of the conference, and who served the schools so well, resigned her position, and left California, to take up other work. We owe much of the progress we are able to report to-day, to her untiring labors and faithful correspondence.

In our primary and kindergarten divisions we have 600 precious children to be taught the way of the Lord. There are 629 active boys and girls in the intermediate and junior divisions,—many of them having already reached the parting of the ways,—in whose young minds decisions are being made that affect their eternal welfare. It is for this large and interesting class that we feel the greatest solicitude, and for whom patient, prayerful, personal effort must be put forth.

Our senior membership is just 1,000. The conference records show that our church-membership is 2,740. This reveals the fact that less than one half of our brethren and sisters are members of the Sabbath-school. After making a liberal discount for the aged, sick, and non-resident members, and for those in other divisions who may be church-members, still it is a distressing fact that far too few of our church-members attend the Sabbath-school. It is painful on Sabbath mornings, to see these brethren and sisters gliding silently in about the time

Sabbath-school is dismissed and the church service begins. Possibly it might be well to reverse the order of the church service and the Sabbath-school, and have the preaching service *first*. Surely the situation demands immediate, decisive action. As we value the souls of our brethren and sisters, let us labor to bring about reform.

At the General Conference just held, a motto was adopted for the next four years which is inscribed on this banner. It is for the first two items that we shall need to make the most earnest effort. We expect our schools will give the million dollars, and more. If, with this generous giving of money, we consecrate ourselves to personal labor for souls as never before, and will make our excellent lessons the topic of *daily* Bible study, so we "shall grow thereby," an era of progress will dawn of which we have scarcely dreamed.

But this daily study is an individual work. You and I are the individuals. *We* are the ones who must do the studying. The personal work also belongs to individuals; and again I say, *we are the people* to improve the opportunities afforded in our Sabbath-schools, to show personal interest in the welfare of every soul within our reach. It is the kindly touch, the heartfelt appeal, the Christ love shining out in face and words and actions, that must arrest the attention, win the heart, and hold our youth and children against all the allurements of the world, the flesh, and the devil. Shall we not inaugurate a campaign of Bible study and soul saving *here and now* which shall never end until the work is finished?

The conference Sabbath-school home department brings to the secretary one of the most encouraging phases of the work. Isolated brethren and sisters are thus kept in touch with the work in the conference and the great world field. They write of their hopes and fears. They send their tithes and offerings. They are encouraged to believe that they are not left to struggle alone without human sympathy or help. Last year this department in our conference sent over \$78.00 to missions.

One sister, a member of this department, wrote she had passed her ninetieth year.

A brother in Trinity County, where there are no wagon roads, and where all supplies are packed from Humboldt County on horse and mule back, says:

"I would like to attend a camp-meeting. I have not been in sight of — let alone inside of — a church for several years. The last time was when summoned to serve on a jury. I went to the Presbyterian Church. There was no pastor, but I found a few women, and one man besides myself. The Lord came near me that night. Rather lonely here? — Yes.

"Loneliness — how hard to bear,
Were not God our Father near!"

He is a good companion. I do not know of any Sabbath-keepers in this county. I have the *Review and Herald*, *Signs of*

the Times, Liberty, Protestant Magazine, and Life Boat.

"O yes, I do feel like helping with money, but I have no bank account, not a penny laid up for old age or a rainy day; and many a week passes, and sometimes months, in which I do not receive fifteen cents."

Yet this brother sent with his letter eighty cents as an offering, and twenty cents for the Sabbath-school Quarterly.

A lonely sister writes:

"You speak of my coming to the camp-meeting. It is utterly impossible, as we are on a ranch, my husband is old and feeble, and we are unable to bear the expense. He has little sympathy with my belief, and my daughter and I are struggling along alone. You will find our tithes and offerings inclosed. I am thankful that I have the privilege of studying the Word, and of instructing my little girl in the faith once delivered to the saints. She wishes to be a missionary as she grows older, and I am willing to sacrifice my one little ewe lamb to the Lord's cause and His work."

A sister in the mountains of Humboldt County, so far removed from common conveniences that she must send to San Francisco to get a bottle of ink, feels a great burden for others in her community. She has started a Sunday-school, and calls earnestly for help. I quote from her letter:

"I received the papers sent, and thank you for them. My little school is well attended. Some of the neighbors coaxed me to hold it Sunday; so for a while I have had it Sundays, but I use our literature. I could not buy papers for all from my own purse; so a few days ago I went from house to house and solicited money to buy papers, and collected enough to get quite a few. I have learned that in our neighborhood there are one man and four women that really know the truth; and they are drifting along, seemingly waiting for some one to say a word to encourage them to go to work and do right. O, if some one would only come up here and hold meetings, I am sure it would do good!

"There have not been any grown people to Sunday-school, but there are sixteen children. I am sorry they coaxed me to hold it on Sunday, but I am sure we can change it if somebody will only come and tell the people of Jesus, and how He really wants them to obey His commands. Yes, God is blessing us up here in the mountains, and He is in our midst. I will send for several Lesson Quarterlies to give to the people here."

A hard-working brother writes:

"The prayer of my heart is that you will forgive me for not answering your letter and request concerning the most worthy and precious cause that exists or ever can exist. I am sending you my tithes and offerings, only I could wish it was very much more than it is. I will send all in one order. The full amount is \$41.50. \$13.00 is for Sabbath-school offerings. \$3.00 is for the thirteenth Sabbath offering. Next is \$3.00 for Loma Linda hospital; \$4.00

for the work in Korea and the Philippines; a second Sabbath offering of \$3.75; \$4.00 for the sick and needy; and last, \$20.00 tithes. (I have left off the cents.)

"You will notice on the report envelope that one Sabbath I failed to study the lesson. I did not intend to do so, but became so much interested in reading the Book of books, the *Review and Herald*, and 'Testimonies for the Church,' that I neglected it till dark, and so gave it up for that time. I am now missing my lessons on week days as well as on Sabbath days, because I have not yet received the Lesson Quarterly. If you have any on hand, hasten one to me, for I am not tired of the study of God's precious word. I have read over your last letter three or four times. I shall endeavor to contribute my weekly portion, and more too, if I can. I shall be rejoiced to give much more than twenty-five cents a week, the Lord prospering me; for it is the best cause on earth to invest all our substance and ourselves in, and the *only* cause that can and will bring steadfast and sure results. I talk with some of my neighbors, lend books and tracts, papers and magazines, and sometimes read to them, and write missionary letters. Surely we ought to be full of thanksgiving and running over with praise to our heavenly Father."

A dear old sister writes so the letter comes to hand on this camp ground:

"I received your letter and have read it over and over again. I did not have the *Bulletins*, but just received the reading for the midsummer offering. It was very cheering and made me feel badly to think I could not do something. I have no offering to send. I was born in March, 1833, the year the stars fell, but did not hear of it till about 1849, when I first became acquainted with the Adventists."

Looking out on the broad Pacific shines the mariners' light at Punta Gorda, Humboldt County; and about a week ago came a letter from this lonely and almost inaccessible place, inclosing the report of a little Sabbath-school that has been organized there,—just one family, and two little boys from a neighbor's. May this little school shed spiritual light as well as natural, to direct other souls to a haven of refuge!

Letters received from our secretaries indicate that there is a spirit of good cheer and courage in the different schools. From one secretary comes this message:

"I believe you will find, from all records, that this report from our small school is the very best we have ever had. You see our gain in offerings over last quarter is quite a sum for so few members. We feel greatly encouraged. Don't you? The Lord is greatly blessing us at this place. We hope to reach our twenty-five cents a week some of these quarters. If you remember—and I think you do—the quarter ending last December, we gave something like \$23; last quarter, about \$46; and this

quarter, \$66.79. Don't you think we are in the upward movement?"

Our Sabbath-school work may be represented by the sketch of the railway train before us. The General Conference Sabbath-school Department leads the way on the main line, but it has many branches. The only baggage carried is Bibles, and lesson helps,—our Quarterlies, the *Youth's Instructor*, the *Little Friend*, and *Sabbath School Worker*, etc. The different divisions occupy the coaches; and while well filled, yet there is room for more. You will notice there are no "sleepers." All are expected to be wide-awake.

The length of the different branch lines, the number of passengers, the treasure carried, the paying dividends, show rapid increase from year to year. Through tickets will be furnished to all who desire them, without money and without price. The terminal station is the New Jerusalem, situated in that "better country, even an heavenly." The call is heard, "All aboard," and it is hoped that a greater number of persons will take passage on this thoroughly equipped train the present year in the California Conference than ever before.

We wish to thank our faithful secretaries, teachers, and superintendents for their hearty cooperation in the carrying out of broader plans for generous giving, and for more effectual work. It is the loyal response of a true and willing people that inspires us with hope and courage and nerves the heart for further effort. While we rejoice at what has already been accomplished, we look forward to greater conquests, a more thorough knowledge of the Scriptures, more faithful and effectual work in soul winning, and to larger gifts to missions than ever before.

Report of the Church School Department

KATHERINE B. HALE

"Counsels to Teachers, Parents, and Students," page 176, paragraphs 1-3.

We count it a privilege indeed to bring to the delegates of the California Conference at this time assembled a report from the church schools of the conference. Truly the Lord has been good, and our hearts swell with gratitude to our heavenly Father for the good degree of prosperity that has marked the school year just closing. Truly He has been good. How high is His ideal for us! How patient He is with His people! He has redeemed them—the children also. Surely this is why He bears so patiently with our mistakes, and leads us in spite of all—step by step.

Importance of Church School Work

No work is greater than the bringing of the children into their own heritage. "Children who are properly instructed will be witnesses to the truth." "Special care should be given to the education of the youth. The children are to be trained to become missionaries; they must be helped to understand distinctly

what they must do to be saved. Few have the instruction in religious lines that is essential."

Nascent Periods

Psychology tells us that thoughts will not enter the mind equally well at all ages. Each habit and each thought has its own most favorable time. These favorable periods of birth or accelerated growth for particular habits or ideas are called "nascent periods." Childhood and youth is the golden period for mental and spiritual development. Spiritual truths should be presented at a given time. To illustrate this principle, Professor James tells us that if a young squirrel is taken into a house and fed and cared for, the habit of hiding nuts will nevertheless become nascent at a certain age. The young squirrel will stop, glance this way and that to see that no one is observing. He will scratch on the floor, take nuts, and carefully deposit them, going through all the motions of covering them. If then the nuts, having not been really buried, are knocked away, and the young squirrel is still carefully fed every day both summer and winter, he does not return in hunger to what would, under natural conditions, be his storehouse. The time for forming this important habit passes, and the probability is that if the squirrel is later turned free in the woods, he will be unable to provide for himself through the winter. He will die for want of a habit that he has passed the time for forming.

No one would think of postponing the intellectual training of the children. Neither would we think of confining class work along intellectual lines to a single day in the weekly cycle and to a single class period.

Here is what we read from the new book, "Counsels to Teachers, Parents, and Students":

"We can not afford to separate spiritual from intellectual training. Well may parents dread intellectual greatness for their children unless it is balanced by a knowledge of God and His ways. This lies at the foundation of all true knowledge."

The Urgency of the Hour

The Lord wishes to do a work for the children and youth of this people that not all the powers of evil can counteract. He says that IN THIS PARTICULAR TIME "we may bring hundreds and thousands of children to Christ if we will work for them." The Lord would use the church school as an aid to parents in educating and preparing their children for the time before us. Many must meet the crisis of the ages as children and youth. We are given this very definite word:

"While we should put forth earnest efforts for the masses of the people around us, and push the work into foreign fields, no amount of labor in this line can excuse us for neglecting the education of our children and youth. They are to be trained to become workers for God."

Summer School

We wish to speak of the excellent summer school and convention which this conference, in connection with the other conferences of this union and the conferences of the North Pacific Union, so generously made possible. Six weeks of earnest study and counsel—six weeks of splendid opportunity they were for us all—and eighteen of the twenty teachers of this conference were in attendance.

We believe that the earnest work carried forward at this summer convention has already counted much and will continue to count toward the standardization and unification of our grade teaching.

One very definite help that was given us as a result of careful study by the committees appointed during convention is a detail course of study, outlining the work of each grade by terms. This is of course based upon the General Conference outline. It has been adopted by both the Pacific and the North Pacific Union conferences, and has given to our teachers that which we have lacked in the past—a definite term-by-term assignment of work to be covered.

Church School Text-Books

This year we have been given, from our own publishing house, the last book of our Nature Study Series and the fourth book of our Bible Lesson Series for the church school grades. Both of these have been gratefully accepted and appreciated by our teachers, and we can now rejoice that we have not only a complete series of reader and language texts, but we have, as well, a complete series of elementary science readers and Bible history texts—our own books—free from myth and fiction—books safe for foundation work in the grades.

We have thirteen churches carrying schools. We have twenty teachers employed. We have over four hundred children enrolled in these schools. We have nearly four hundred children in daily attendance. Have we reached the summit of effort in this work? How many church schools should we have in this conference? You will notice that our enrollment is on the increase.

	1910	1911	1912
No. Schools in conf.	13	13	13
No. Teachers employed	18	20	20
Total enrolment	340	412	465
Average membership	300	353	365
Approximate valuation of church school property and equipment			\$8,000
Expense of annual maintenance over			\$8,000
Monthly expense of teachers' salaries (1911-1912)			\$783
Total expense for present year			\$7,815
Schools carrying organized missionary societies			13
Total offerings reported			\$222.82

Four hundred and sixty-five pupils are enrolled in the following grades: first, 68; second, 66; third, 57; fourth, 55; fifth, 40; sixth, 45; seventh, 65; eighth, 36; ninth, 20; tenth, 13.

We wish also to speak our appreciation of the general school equipment fund to which all our churches have been

invited to contribute during the past year, and we thank you most sincerely for the encouragement that this fund has brought us in the better equipment of our smaller schools. We wish school equipment that will be representative. We believe that all this will count—that it is counting.

How we wish that in every church there might be a school of which our state educators would be obliged to say as was Superintendent Bateman of one of our schools in this county: "I congratulate you upon the excellent work being done in your school."

Church School Missionary Volunteer Work

At the Portland convention, steps were taken to organize better the Missionary Volunteer work in the church schools, and an outline was arranged to direct in the weekly missionary study. This outline has been a great help, and the children have followed the topics in the weekly school Volunteer meetings. These have this year been carried forward in practically all the schools of the conference, and monthly summaries of the weekly reports have been sent us from nearly all the schools. The children have been encouraged to report upon definite items mentioned upon a blank prepared especially for their use. These reports are very interesting to me, and I have prepared a summary of the various items, which I will read you.

CHURCH SCHOOL MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS

Church School Year Ending July, 1913

Miss. letters written	111
Miss. letters received	43
Miss. conversations	456
Miss. readings	290
Miss. bouquets given away	1,097
Miss. scripture cards given away	1,197
No. papers sold	870
No. papers lent or given away	2,951
No. tracts sold	104
No. tracts lent or given away	3,667
No. subscriptions for papers	4
Articles of clothing given away	297
Signers obtained for tem. pledge	18
Food given away	250
Offerings	
Miss. money earned:	
By selling books or papers	} \$210.32
By work	
By school gardens	
By home gardens	
By sale of manual training articles, and other articles	
By self denial offerings	

Church Schools Needed

"Many families who, for the purpose of educating their children, move to places where our larger schools are established, would do better service for the Master by remaining where they are. They should encourage the church of which they are members to establish a church school where the children within their borders could receive an all-round, practical Christian education. It would be vastly better for their children, for themselves, and for the cause of God, if they would remain in the smaller churches, where their help is needed, instead of going to the larger churches,

where, because they are not needed, there is a constant temptation to fall into spiritual inactivity.

"Wherever there are a few Sabbath-keepers, the parents should unite in providing a place for a day-school where their children and youth can be instructed. They should employ a Christian teacher, who, as a consecrated missionary, shall educate the children in such a way as to lead them to become missionaries."

Support

The question of support is an important one. Word comes to us from a neighboring conference: "We are planning to give the church school work considerable attention at the business meetings of the conference this year. We are trying to plan something that will accomplish for the school work what the second tithe plan did. I do hope that we may succeed in finding something that will put the schools on a firmer basis from the standpoint of support."

May it be that this conference also shall study this matter until the problem shall be no longer a matter of discouragement in any church!

Report of the Missionary Volunteer Department

H. B. THOMAS

At the close of 1911 the number of societies in the conference was ten, while at the close of 1912 the number of active societies was fourteen, a gain of four during the year. Three of these four started near the close of the year; namely, Alameda, Berkeley, and Melrose.

The result of the earnest efforts put forth by these societies to save souls for the kingdom of God will never be revealed on this earth. Only in the earth made new will we see all the results of their labor.

The following detailed report will give you some idea of the great amount of missionary work they have done during the year ending December 31, 1912, as well as a comparison of 1912 with 1911, and the first six months of 1913:

March 1 of this year there was a society organized at Santa Rosa with a membership of nine, making the number of societies now fifteen, and a membership of 543. Here are a few items of work the societies are doing:

The San Francisco society has placed twenty-one of our magazines in public libraries, and binders with them all.

The Berkeley society has placed our magazines in the Berkeley library, the Berkeley Y. M. C. A., and the university Y. M. C. A., and one in one of the Oakland libraries.

San Francisco and Melrose have both finished their quota of the Bombay Treatment Fund.

Here are two items of interest in the work of 1912:

There was an organ purchased for Brother Hamilton, which he took to Burma.

Nineteen dollars was given by the Mountain View society for an organ to be used in the Japanese school in Mountain View.

The first quarter this year, the Healdsburg society sent two hundred pounds of fruit to Cuba and two hundred to India.

The Pacific Union College society raised \$34.40 for the Turkish field.

The Oakland society holds meetings in the county jail every week.

The San Francisco society holds meetings in the city prison. The Melrose society holds meetings at the county infirmary nearly every week.

The Berkeley society has raised \$5.00 for Russian tracts to be used in a Russian colony in Canada.

I think we have great reason to be encouraged over the great amount of work our societies have done, and that we should avail ourselves of every opportunity to help and encourage the young people among us.

The Need

The need is for some one to give his entire time to the work of visiting and writing to both young people and parents; for in some places the young people are willing and anxious to work and to give of their means, but they do not get much encouragement from the older ones. This, we believe, is not a matter of unwillingness on the part of these,

but a lack of information regarding the Missionary Volunteer work. To save our children and youth, and train them for the Lord's work, is our first duty.

Officers Elected

The following officers were elected: president, Elder E. W. Farnsworth; secretary and treasurer, Claude Conard; auditor, J. J. Ireland; conference committee, Elder E. W. Farnsworth, Prof. C. W. Irwin, E. E. Parlin, H. H. Hall, Elder J. W. McCord, Elder E. J. Hibbard, Elder S. T. Hare, Elder B. E. Beddoe, and H. G. Childs.

Report of Committee on Credentials and Licenses

For ministerial credentials: E. W. Farnsworth, B. E. Beddoe, A. Brorsen, F. W. Field, S. T. Hare, E. J. Hibbard, A. S. Marchus, J. W. McCord, A. Nelson, A. E. Place, G. W. Rine, D. E. Robinson, J. A. Stevens, James Taphouse, Dr. George Thomason, H. A. Washburn.

We recommend that R. S. Fries be ordained and receive ministerial credentials.

For honorary credentials: H. A. St. John, Isaac Morrison, W. C. F. Ward.

For ministerial licenses: J. W. Bressie, L. K. Dickson, L. L. Hutchinson, Melvin Munson.

For missionary licenses: Claude Conard, F. A. Coffin, Mrs. E. W. Farnsworth, Miss Celia A. Green, Katherine B. Hale, George A. Kuhns, Mrs. Lottie Kuhns, Geo. H. Kisner, Mrs. Geo. H. Kisner, Mrs. Alma McKibbin, Laura Morrison, Adele Pahlman, Mrs. E. E. Parlin, K. Nokaki, I. T. Reynolds, H. B. Thomas, J. T. Thompson, G. F. Wolfkill, Y. Watanabe.

We further recommend that the granting of credentials and licenses to others be referred to the conference committee.

A. O. Tait, A. Brorsen,
C. W. Irwin, B. M. Shull,
J. N. Loughborough,

Committee.

A Memory System

"Forget each kindness that you do
As soon as you have done it;
Forget the praise that falls to you
The moment you have won it;
Forget the slander that you hear
Before you can repeat it;
Forget each slight, each spite, each sneer,
Wherever you may meet it.

"Remember every kindness done
To you, whate'er its measure;
Remember praise by others won,
And pass it on with pleasure;
Remember every promise made,
And keep it to the letter;
Remember those who lend you aid,
And be a grateful debtor."

	1911	1912	1st 6 mo. 1913
Membership	537	540	543
Number taking reading course	56	75	
Letters written	586	539	486
Letters received	191	148	79
Missionary visits	921	708	556
Bible readings	688	233	289
Subscriptions taken	103	73	32
Papers sold	2,539	1,087	1,171
Papers loaned or given	24,178	8,718	11,909
Books sold	122	108	44
Books loaned	359	181	128
Tracts sold	1,339	1,534	72
Tracts loaned	8,902	96,105	18,265
Hours of Christian work	865	801	436
Articles of clothing given	955	165	383
Number of meals given	491	270	203
Conversions	24	2	5
Offerings to foreign missions	\$446.85	\$181.50	\$338.02
Offerings to home missions	289.33	216.27	92.89
Offerings to local work	149.23	240.89	81.62
Total offerings	885.41	638.66	512.53

Resolutions Adopted by California Conference

Gratitude

For the manifest blessing of God during the past year in the preservation of the life and health of our people, for the progress of the message in our own conference as well as in the great field at large, for the wonderful opportunities opening before us for larger work, for the blessed privilege He offers each and all of becoming coworkers with Him, we offer heartfelt thanks to our heavenly Father, and hereby consecrate ourselves anew to His blessed service.

Book Work

Whereas, The rapid development of our publishing work in all lands has greatly increased the demand for strong, capable men of experience and mature judgment, to pioneer the way for the message in foreign fields, and to take the responsibility of leadership at home; therefore,

We Recommend, That special encouragement be given to men of mature years, engaged in secular pursuits, to enter the colporteur work, and prepare to answer some of the many calls for leaders and pioneer workers that are continually coming to the publishing department.

Whereas, Our experiences in the sale of home workers' books the past year have demonstrated that a great and good work may be accomplished in this way, and that it is a work which old and young can do successfully; therefore,

We Recommend, That our lay members everywhere be encouraged immediately to take hold of this work with a will, canvassing their neighbors and friends and others as they can find time and opportunity.

We Further Recommend, That immediately after this camp-meeting, definite plans be laid for a special campaign with these books; that arrangements may be made whereby help and instruction may be given in the churches; and that our ministers and other conference laborers be invited to join heartily with the tract society secretary and field agent in encouraging our people to take up this work.

Whereas, Worthy canvassers often need financial assistance prior to making their general delivery of books;

We Recommend the raising of a fund from which loans can be made canvassers in need of help; said fund to be disbursed under the directions of the conference president, treasurer, and field agent.

Church Missionary

Whereas, The spiritual life of the church depends largely upon the individual missionary efforts of its members; and—

Whereas, Such activity may be greatly increased by efforts to instruct and encourage both church officers and members;

We Recommend, That our conference

take advance steps in the training of church officers, by personal visits and by brief conventions; and that plans be laid for the holding of interesting and practical church missionary institutes, where the members may receive help and encouragement in simple lines of home missionary endeavor.

Whereas, Thousands of people are being reached with some phase of present truth through our tracts; and—

Whereas, We are now in the time when this literature should fall like the leaves of autumn;

We Recommend, That our conference and church officers unite in a continuous effort to assist and encourage all our people to sow constantly and liberally; emphasizing the pocket plan, the mailing of tracts, systematic distribution, and the reading rack.

Whereas, Our pioneer missionary paper, the *Signs of the Times*, gives the truth in a systematic way, and is therefore one of the most effective agencies for all of our people to use in their missionary work;

We Recommend, That our conference and church officers take special responsibility in keeping the value of the *Signs* before our people, and that they unite in getting every church to use effectively large clubs of the *Signs*.

Whereas, Our attractive ten cent magazines may be used in self-supporting missionary work in reaching thousands in our cities and towns with distinct features of the message for this time;

We Recommend, That our conference officers, ministers, and church officers unite in selecting and encouraging persons who ought to enter this work.

Whereas, The need of our children in religious and moral instruction is imperative; and—

Whereas, Our *Little Friend* helps to meet this need, as well as to provide an assistance in missionary work for other children; therefore,

Resolved, That we urge our parents and friends of children to see that our own children are provided with the paper, and earnestly suggest that our churches and church schools take clubs for missionary work.

Whereas, The PACIFIC UNION RECORDER affords a convenient means of communication of items of special interest affecting our work on this coast, whose publication in our papers of general circulation would be inexpedient;

Resolved, That we endeavor, at this meeting and in our home churches, to secure subscriptions for the RECORDER, in the hope that every family may be kept advised from week to week of the progress of the local work, and thus enabled to cooperate more effectively and speedily in labors demanding united action.

Religious Liberty

Whereas, God in His providence has signally blessed this republic, whose foundations were laid upon the broad

principles of civil and religious liberty; and—

Whereas, California still maintains the freedom vouchsafed by the Creator in religious profession and worship, notwithstanding persistent efforts to curtail the natural rights and constitutional liberty of citizens by the enactment of unjust laws, particularly the enforcement of Sunday observance; therefore,

Resolved, That we once more express our appreciation of the divine favor, and of the consistent attitude of our California lawmakers, whose refusal to interfere with the religious convictions and ceremonial practices of citizens reflects credit alike upon their intelligence and their statesmanship; and further—

Resolved, That we renew at this time our devotion to the principles of civil and religious liberty, and pledge ourselves anew to do all in our power for the advancement of the Christian religion in obedience to all of God's commandments, irrespective of human enactments.

Whereas, Over eighty Sunday bills were introduced, this year, into the various state legislatures, and extensive aggressive movements among religious and semi-religious organizations are at present threatening to subvert religious freedom; therefore,

Resolved, That this conference furnish the *Liberty* magazine to each member of the legislature whose district lies within the territory of the California Conference.

Resolved, That we give as extensive a circulation to the *Liberty* magazine as possible among court and municipal officials, public school teachers, and other persons of influence, by securing club subscriptions of ten or more at twenty cents a year.

Resolved, That during the winter of 1913-1914 a lecture campaign be conducted in the largest cities of this conference, as may seem advisable, under the direction of the president and union and local religious liberty secretaries, and that addresses be delivered on the principles of religious liberty and upon the fundamental truths of Protestantism from the standpoint of the threefold message; and that this work be under the general direction of the conference committee, who shall secure such help, local or general, as they deem necessary.

Resolved, That a short institute be held just prior to this lecture campaign, for the purpose of preparing a general outline of addresses upon the subjects to be presented in the campaign, and to furnish the special material for such a campaign, and to lay plans for follow-up work.

Temperance

Whereas, The saloon traffic is productive of the worst evils, and the license system lends apparent governmental endorsement to a business destructive of morals, and the direct cause of criminality;

Resolved: (a) That we protest against the manufacture and sale of intoxica-

ting liquors for use as beverages, and ask that the whole nefarious business be reduced to its natural basis as outlawry, punishable by such penalties as shall be effective safeguards against its continuance, except under such restrictions as shall wholly confine both sale and use to the legitimate demands of the arts and sciences; (b) That we continue aggressive campaigns of education by liberal use of our specially prepared temperance literature, and cooperate with all temperance workers in all legitimate efforts for the suppression of intemperance.

Educational

Whereas, "Nothing is of greater importance than the education of our children and young people;" and "the responsibility resting upon parents, teachers, and church-members, to do their part in cooperation with God, is greater than words can express;" and "the children are to be trained to become missionaries;" therefore,

Resolved: First: That we urge upon all our churches the great importance of establishing church schools, with well-qualified and properly compensated teachers.

Second: That all our conference laborers be requested to interest themselves in the church school work, and that in visiting the churches, they carry the burden of church school work, and cooperate with the school superintendent in broadening, strengthening, and developing this important line of our work.

Third: That our church school teachers, as far as qualified to do so, be encouraged to spend their vacations in missionary work in connection with tent efforts and in such other ways as they may be advised by the conference committee.

Fourth: That we submit that the matter of a uniform system for the supporting of our church school teachers receive the careful consideration of the Pacific Union Conference at its next biennial session, and if possible, some uniform method be devised for the establishment, maintenance, and support of our church school teachers.

Fifth: That at this meeting, a committee be appointed to cooperate with similar committees that may be selected by other conferences in the union, to formulate a plan for the establishment, support, and maintenance of church schools, to be put into operation at the earliest possible date.

Whereas, The constituents of the several conferences of Seventh-day Adventists composing the Pacific Union Conference have authorized the managers of the Pacific Union College to erect an urgently needed recitation and chapel building; and—

Whereas, The said managers, without contracting any additional debts, have prosecuted such erection to a degree sufficiently complete to render practicable its use for recitation purposes; and—

Whereas, They are pledged to carry to completion the construction of the afore-

said building only so fast as shall be warranted by actually available funds for that purpose;

Resolved, That we give our hearty endorsement to that work already begun, and authorize the managers to complete the erection of the above named building, in keeping with the aforesaid plan.

Resolved, That we adopt, as components of our educational policy, the following resolutions adopted by the members of the Educational Council held in December, 1912, at Pacific Union College, with clause "a" slightly modified:

Resolved, (a) That church schools confine their efforts to eight grades of work, unless their carrying of ninth grade work is approved by their respective conference superintendents after due hearing of the matter, and the counsel of the school board in the district affected.

(b) That the schools at Lodi and Fernando offer the regular academic and elementary business courses, and that the elementary normal course be given for a period of two years, beginning September, 1913; that the school at Armona, from September, 1913, give but ten grades of regular academic work; furthermore, that the Lodi Normal solicit no students for normal training after the year 1913.

(c) That the regular college course, the ministers' course, the advanced normal course, the premedical course, and the course in commerce, be conducted only in the Pacific Union College.

(d) That each school of academic grade confine its solicitation to its own conference, excepting that the Northern California-Nevada Conference shall be permitted to solicit students of the eleventh and twelfth grades from the Central California Conference.

(e) That the entire field of the union conference be open to the college for the solicitation of students above the academic grades, and that the president or other representative be invited to attend all camp-meetings, and to distribute catalogs and other literature concerning the school.

(f) That all conference and educational workers, as well as students and members of churches, unite heartily in the plan thus proposed, to the end of building up in this union conference a united, harmonious educational system for the glory of God, and the advancement of His closing work in the earth.

Whereas, The Normal Department of the Pacific Union College has been established, and is prepared, to train church school teachers, and give a thorough normal course; and—

Whereas, In many of our churches there are worthy young people who are unable to take advantage of the benefits of this normal course, for lack of means; we therefore—

Recommend, First: That our young people be encouraged to attend Pacific Union College and qualify themselves for school teachers and to engage in other lines of denominational work.

Second: That the conference committee

adopt some method by which to provide a fund with which to assist such worthy young persons in securing suitable training and preparation to engage in these lines of work.

Twenty Cents a Week

Whereas, The greatest missionary campaign ever inaugurated by any people, is now being carried on by this denomination; and in addition to the hundreds of missionaries now in the forefront of this great battle, one hundred and fifty new recruits are being sent out to the various stations and fields; and—

Whereas, Our schools, sanitariums, and publishing houses are most helpful and necessary facilities for carrying forward this great work; therefore, in harmony with the action of the General Conference in its recent session,

We Recommend for the support and maintenance of this great army of workers, and the purpose of liquidating the liabilities of these institutions, that the standard of offerings to missions be raised from fifteen to twenty cents a week a member; and—

Further Resolved, That we, as delegates and representatives of the churches in this conference, hereby pledge ourselves and the churches we represent to give our hearty support in the effort to raise an average of twenty cents a week for each member of our churches.

Sabbath-School

In view of the fact that a deeper consecration must be experienced by all who are looking for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to prepare a people for translation at the soon coming of our Lord;

We Recommend, That the officers in our Sabbath-schools pay special attention to the spiritual welfare of every member in their schools; and that we favor making a special effort, at least one Sabbath each quarter, to lead the youth and children to decide for Christ.

We Recommend, That we make special efforts to secure daily study of the Sabbath-school lessons, by every member.

We Recommend, That we continue the plan of making a special offering, the thirteenth Sabbath of each quarter, to fields selected by the General Sabbath-school Department, in all our Sabbath-schools, and that all be urged to make liberal offerings to these needy fields.

Missionary Volunteer

Whereas, The efforts of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department to reach all the young people of our denomination for the purpose of training them for Christian service, are urgently important to our world-wide work;

Resolved, That this conference, in harmony with the recommendation passed at the recent General Conference, put forth its utmost endeavor to build up this department, by requesting our workers in general, as well as the regular officers of said department, to do all in their power to effect the aforesaid end.

Whereas, It is our Christian privilege and duty to save to the cause of present truth the children of our families;

Resolved, That we urge upon the officers of the local Young People's Missionary Volunteer Societies and the general workers of the conference, to do their utmost to effect the organization and building up of this phase of our work.

Church Accounts and Membership

Realizing the necessity of a more uniform system of church account keeping, and in view of the urgent need of assistance and calls for help along this line by officers of churches; therefore,

We Recommend, That the conference arrange for the audit, at least once a year, of the books of account of the financial officers in the churches.

Whereas, Our believers can serve the cause much better by having their membership in the church which they attend; therefore,

We Recommend, That when our people change their place of residence, their membership be transferred promptly to the church which they will attend.

We Recommend, That the elders and leaders of our local churches, as under-shepherds, give careful attention to the preservation of the flock, by seeking out those who may be under perplexities and discouragements, and whenever it is possible to do so, reclaiming such to communion in the church.

We Further Recommend, That the names of persons who can not be reclaimed from apostasy be promptly dropped from the roll of membership.

Bible Training School

Whereas, There is a continual demand for persons capable of doing Bible work,

We Recommend, That the conference committee plan at once for a Bible training-school in Oakland, for the purpose of training consecrated young people for service.

Constitution

Resolved, That article five of the constitution be amended by inserting the words "North American Division" after the words "Pacific Union," so that said section shall read as follows:

"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, North American Division, and General Conferences of Seventh-day Adventists as may be present at any meeting."

Resolved, That article six of the constitution be amended by striking out the word "seven," and in place thereof inserting the word "nine," so that said article shall read as follows:

"Article VI — Officers

"The officers of this conference shall be president, secretary, treasurer, audi-

tor, and an executive committee of nine members, including the president, all of whom shall be elected at each annual meeting."

Conference Headquarters

Whereas, We have been expending quite a sum each year for the rental of office rooms, which in a few years would suffice for the erection of a substantial office building; and —

Whereas, At our last conference, a committee was appointed to secure a lot conveniently located on which a suitable building might be erected for conference office and depository purposes; therefore,

We Recommend, That we approve of the steps which have been taken toward securing, upon a long-term lease, the vacant lot adjoining the Oakland church property, and authorize the executive committee to construct a suitable office building upon the same.

California Conference Association

Two meetings of the California Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists were held, the first one being called, as per previous announcement, at 3 P.M., Thursday, July 24, 1913.

A board of seven trustees was elected for the ensuing year, as follows: E. E. Andross, E. W. Farnsworth, J. J. Ireland, C. H. Jones, E. E. Parlin, C. W. Irwin, H. G. Childs.

Financial and auditor's statements were rendered and accepted as follows:

CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION

Revenue Statement for Year Ending December 31, 1912		
Gains		
Interest		\$1,196.17
Losses		
Annuities	\$699.41	
Expense	104.85	\$ 804.26
Net gain Dec. 31, 1912		\$391.91

REPORT OF THE CHURCH MISSIONARY WORK OF THE CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1913

	6 mos. 1912	6 mos. 1913	Total Year
Missionary visits	214	2,628	2,842
Bible readings held	14	700	714
Articles of clothing given away	53	694	747
Number of meals provided	10	222	232
Hours of Christian help work	112	131	243
Tracts loaned or given away	877	25,856	26,733
Number of periodicals sold	54	3,283	3,337
Books loaned or given away	67	345	412
Books sold	6	204	210
Papers mailed or given away	1,185	14,943	16,128
Subscriptions taken	16	995	1,011
Letters written	58	335	293
Letters received	13	95	108
Number of persons brought to Sabbath-school...	1	67	68
Number of reading racks	9	17	26
Times filed	9	109	118
Offerings for local society work	\$9.13	\$282.05	\$291.18
New converts added through missionary efforts			7

Balance-Sheet December 31, 1912

Assets	
Cash	\$ 9,286.42
Bills and Accounts Receivable	
Bills Rec.	\$ 7,814.68
Pac. Col. Notes ..	20,398.77
Cent. Cal. Note ..	8,291.13
Cal. Conf. Note ..	47,036.87
	\$83,541.45
Sonoma Property	6.14
Personal	55.00
Monterey Church	101.74
Ed. Assn. Real Estate ...	10,000.00
Pacific Ed. Furnishings ...	14,555.93
Pacific Ed. Assn. (Cal. Conf. Assn.)	542.31
Byron Church	100.00
Richmond Church	217.01
Contracts	
Barron	\$ 850.00
Johnson	1,400.00
Storm	880.00
Pierce	650.00
	\$ 3,780.00
Int. Rec. and Unpaid	477.72
	\$122,663.72
Liabilities and Surplus	
Bills Payable	\$75,083.44
Annuity Bonds	10,800.00
California Conference	4,953.24
Personal Accounts	858.49
Trust Fund	677.77
Educational Trust Fund	1,373.77
Healdsburg College	364.31
Reserves	
Annuity	\$ 5.21
Int. Due & Unpaid	2,064.33
Sonoma Land	268.00
	\$ 2,337.54
	\$96,448.56
Surplus	
Surplus Jan. 1, '12	\$25,823.25
Net Gain for Year	
Ending Dec. 31, '12	391.91
Surplus Dec. 31, 1912	\$26,215.16
	\$122,663.72

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 California Conference Association, for the year ending December 31, 1912, and find that the revenue and financial statements submitted are correct reports and present the true condition of the association.

H. G. Childs, Auditor.

Dated this 20th day of July, 1913.

E. E. Andross, President.
Claude Conard, Acting Secretary.

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Report of Church Missionary Work

H. B. THOMAS

At the Santa Rosa camp-meeting last year I was asked to take up this line of work, and on September 1, 1912, connected with the conference office. We have seen the blessing of the Lord manifested in so many, many ways, that we feel like praising Him anew this morning for His goodness, and for the seven souls reported brought into the truth through home missionary efforts.

The summary of the work covering the last six months of 1912 was made up of a few and scattering reports. The churches were then reporting on the old system of once a month, which, if the blank was properly filled out, was a long and tedious task. Now the librarians report each quarter, and we are glad to say that this plan met with a hearty response from these workers. The first quarter, we received reports from twenty-two of the thirty-five churches; while under the old plan, we only heard from four churches in six months. The following is a comparative report of the missionary work for the last six months of 1912 and of the first six months of 1913:

(See bottom of page 11)

For Sale

Seventeen acres near Laurelwood Academy, Gaston, Oregon. New 7-room bungalow; hot and cold water, and modern throughout. New barn and out-buildings.

This property joins the academy farm, and is five minutes' walk from school and church. For further information address

Geo. Harvey, Gaston, Oregon, R.F.D. 2.

For Sale

Will sell, or may trade for property near church school, modern seven-room house near Lodi Normal. Address owner, B. T. Myers, 337 East Walnut St., Lodi, California.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA News Items

The Bakersfield church has ordered one hundred copies of the weekly *Signs* for three months, to be used in creating an interest in a new field.

Fifty *Signs* a week have been ordered to be used in pioneer work at Parlier, where a tent effort is soon to be made.

Elder Basney and C. W. Fuller have pitched their tent in the country about five miles east of Laton.

C. L. Davis, our bookman, is in the coast territory, looking after the work there.

N. CALIFORNIA-NEVADA Conference Items

Five tent companies started out from the Stockton camp-meeting into the field, as follows:

Elder C. L. Taggart and Elder F. DeWitt Gauterau to Stockton.

Elder A. J. Osborne and W. P. Dayton to Sacramento and Yuba City.

Elder W. S. Holbrook and Marion King to Modoc County.

Elder Fred Brink and E. J. Urquhart to Gridley.

Elder C. M. Gardner and E. E. Westermeyer to Oakdale.

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 27, 1913

Agent	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Value	Delivered
Northern California-Nevada						
M. A. Reese	G. C.	50	1	\$4.25	\$7.25	\$20.85

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 4, 1913

Agent	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Value	Delivered
Northern California-Nevada						
H. R. Miller	P. G.	46½	35		\$148.50	
G. B. Morrison	P. G.	46	18	\$1.60	81.60	\$1.60
M. A. Reese	G. C.	18		5.25	5.25	4.50
3 Agents		110½		\$6.85	\$235.35	\$6.10

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 11, 1913

Agent	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Value	Delivered
Northern California-Nevada						
H. R. Miller	P. G.	30	23		\$95.50	
G. B. Morrison	P. G.	32	17		72.50	
2 Agents		62	40		\$168.00	

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 18, 1913

Agent	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Value	Delivered
Northern California-Nevada						
H. R. Miller	P. G.	39	11		\$50.50	\$175.00
G. B. Morrison	P. G.	38	4		22.00	118.00
2 Agents		77	15		\$72.50	\$293.00

Agent	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Value	Delivered
Arizona						
C. F. Innis	C. K., Spanish	36	75	\$ 3.00	\$124.90	
G. H. Reese	C. K., Spanish	35	66		105.00	
D. W. Chaney	G. C.	31	7	16.50	42.50	
3 Agents		102	148	\$19.50	\$272.40	

Agent	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Value	Delivered
Central California						
H. Bonde	P. G.	32	31		\$121.50	
Mrs. H. Bonde	P. G.	25	9	\$.75	34.25	
Bessie Doty	B. R.	3	1	1.80	4.80	
B. F. and R. I. Gregory*	B. R.	19	19	9.10	69.10	
Edna Patterson	P. G.	29	23	3.00	92.50	\$ 5.55
F. O. Jensen	Heralds	21	1	.75	2.75	52.30
7 Agents	* Two weeks	129	84	\$15.40	\$324.90	\$57.85

Agent	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Value	Delivered
Southern California						
G. G. Brown	B. R.	35	10		\$33.50	
J. J. Batchelor	B. R.	62	12		44.00	\$ 32.00
J. W. Osborne	B. R.	19	9		36.00	83.60
D. F. Sackuth						137.65
Henry Block						126.65
A. B. Chase	B. R. and C. K.	26	11		22.80	30.00
John Livingston	B. R. and C. K.	32	26		40.35	
Adam Ratzlaff	B. R.	19	6		25.20	
L. D. Andrews	B. R.	35	16		53.00	
Darling Nesty	B. R.	24	15		57.00	
Wm. Keele	B. S.	15	16		14.10	
V. B. Payne	Heralds	30	8		22.00	
D. G. Edwards	P. G.	35	12		43.00	
Miscellaneous					40.00	
13 Agents		332	141		\$430.95	\$409.90