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Proceedings of the Northern California Conference

(Continued)

In harmony with the published call, the delegates from the churches of the Northern California Conference came together at 10 A. M., June 10, 1914, and gave expression to their thankfulness to God for His manifold blessings in singing the opening song, as follows:

"A year of precious blessings,
And glorious victories won,
Of earnest work progressing,
Its onward course has run.
To Thee, O God, our refuge,
Whose goodness crowns our days,
Within Thy earthly temple,
We lift our souls in praise."

The conference was then led in prayer by Elder J. N. Loughborough. After the second song, "There Shall be Showers of Blessings," President C. L. Taggart made a few opening remarks, after which the roll of delegates was called. Fifty-six were present.

The conference being open for business, a committee of twenty-one, of which the conference committee-men should be members, was appointed, who in turn should appoint the standing committees of the conference. This large committee was composed of the following: The seven members of the conference committee, D. T. Fero, N. W. Kauble, J. W. Rich, W. J. Barnes, C. H. Fink, L. A. Curtis, Mrs. Lucy Bush, W. E. Tong, L. O. Lyman, Mrs. E. J. Buchanan, H. L.

Spencer, Mrs. Ella H. Osborne, Mrs. H. J. Ink, Miss Alice Brayshaw, Elder C. L. Taggart was chosen chairman; Verah MacPherson, secretary.

The following standing committees were appointed by the large committee of twenty-one:

Committee on plans and resolutions: M. E. Cady, C. E. Weaks, J. W. Rich, Ernest Lloyd, A. S. Booth, P. J. Wolfson, J. O. Corliss, Verah MacPherson, S. J. Whitney.

Committee on nominations: E. E. Andross, B. E. Baldwin, A. J. Osborne, O. B. Stevens, Mrs. Lucy Bush, James Webster, Charles Fink.

Committee on credentials and licenses: C. L. Taggart, E. W. Farnsworth, N. W. Kauble, H. Shultz, C. H. Abbott.

Committee on seating of delegates: D. T. Fero, Fred Brink, C. M. Gardner.

Pastoral committee: Conference committee and E. E. Andross.

Sanitary committee: S. J. Whitney, Mrs. Lucy Bush, Mrs. N. W. Kauble, G. Sims, O. A. Chapman.

By request of Elder D. T. Fero, the newly organized church at Almond Grove, near Arbuckle, was admitted into the conference.

Inasmuch as the president's address and the resolutions adopted at this conference have appeared in a preceding number of the PACIFIC UNION RECORDER, these will be omitted.

Credentials and Licenses Granted

Ministerial credentials: C. L. Taggart, H. Shultz, D. T. Fero, N. W. Kauble, M. C. Israel, C. M. Gardner, F. DeWitt Gautereau, A. J. Osborne, Fred Brink, E. E. Gardner, A. S. Booth, G. G. Sims, T. H. Watson.

Ministerial licenses: J. W. Rich, Melvin Munson.

Missionary licenses: Miss Alice Brayshaw, L. E. Westermeyer, Verah MacPherson, Mrs. Lila Taggart, J. H. Paap, Miss Bertha Wadsworth, Mrs. E. J. Buchanan, Mina Mann, Mrs. Ella Osborne.

Colporteur's license: M. A. Reese.

The following named persons were elected to fill their respective offices for the ensuing year: President, C. L.

Taggart; secretary and treasurer, Verah MacPherson; conference executive committee: C. L. Taggart, A. J. Osborne, N. W. Kauble, P. J. Wolfson, B. E. Baldwin, P. H. Glantz, S. J. Whitney; auditor, Claude Conard.

Local school board of Lodi Academy: J. H. Paap, N. W. Kauble, J. W. Rich, J. D. Fink, P. J. Wolfson.

Directors for the Northern California Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists: C. L. Taggart, Verah MacPherson, P. J. Wolfson, H. Shultz, Charles Fink, B. E. Baldwin, H. L. Wallace.

Our Church School Work

We have just closed a successful year of church school work, and although the enrollment has fallen below that of last year, it is not because of less interest in the work, but rather, the removing of families from the churches where schools are located.

In "Counsels to Teachers" we are told that it is no longer safe to send our children to the public schools. God has given us the best system of education on earth to-day, and, if we neglect it, we can not expect to receive His blessing in the salvation of the children.

We have fourteen schools with the one at Reno. Eighteen teachers have been employed. The enrollment has been 293. Several of these schools are little more than family schools. Besides this, four mothers have taught their children at home, and kept them up with the required grades. Next year there will be several more family schools. It is indeed gratifying to see the interest taken in the school work. Churches are realizing that if they want people to move to their vicinity to help build up the church, they must start a church school. Families are selling at a sacrifice to move where their children will have the privilege of getting a Christian education. As we draw nearer and nearer the end of earth's history, the call comes louder and louder, "Gather your children out of the houses of the Egyptians. Gather them into your own houses."

It has been most gratifying to see the interest taken by the junior mis-

sionary societies as they are carried on in the schools.

One brother said that if they started a junior society in the church, he was afraid the children would do so much more missionary work than the adults that they would all feel ashamed of themselves.

As a rule there has been a good feeling between patrons and teachers, a cooperation for the upbuilding of the school. Many do not realize that the teacher works at a great disadvantage if there is not the heartiest support of the parents. The teacher may make mistakes, but if a parent commences to criticise her before the child, or take up every trifle that the child brings home and call the teacher to account for it, then the school will fail of its high purpose, and the parent need not be at all surprised if his boy or girl leaves school with heart unconverted. We must be "workers together with Him" if we are to succeed.

We hope plans will be laid for the coming year for raising the salary of the teacher more readily, and would again suggest that pledges be paid through the summer months as well as in the winter time, thus giving an emergency fund from which to draw when work is slack during the winter.

The manual training work has not been carried on as extensively as we hope to see it the coming year. In many instances this has been because of lack of appreciation by the patrons. They have not fully understood that manual training is part of the Christian education God has given us. Let all take hold of the work for the coming year with renewed zeal, and determine to bring our schools up to the high place God designed they should reach.

Alice Mina Mann,
Sup't. of Schools.

Field Literature Work

"Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgressions and the house of Jacob their sins."

One of the most effective ways of carrying out the fulfillment of this passage is found in the circulation of our literature. Many homes otherwise isolated from the concourse of religious instruction from the pulpit are thus reached, and the inmates are made to rejoice because of the efforts of some humble worker.

Thousands of homes have thus been entered in this conference during the past year, and in many of these to-day mute sermons lie within the reach of as many persons. In case the thoughts presented do not coincide with the views of the reader, no retaliation is offered, but a quiet retreat for the time only to arise in as great force as before only to continue their work of conviction.

Twenty-nine different workers have taken part in this branch of the work during the last year with varying suc-

cess, but with a good showing as an average for the year's work. It is not as much as we would like to see, but we are glad that it is not less than it is. Crop conditions have not been so favorable as in years past for the prosecution of the book work, so we are glad to note the favorable conditions and prospects for the present year. You will note by the reports of the past few weeks that we have been making good use of these conditions, and some excellent reports are passing through the columns of the RECORDER for your inspection and encouragement. Look them over and give them your prayerful consideration.

Since arriving here at the camp-meeting, one of our workers now on the grounds presented his report for last week, work revealing a most encouraging disclosure. First, it is the largest report ever sent in by this worker. Second, it represents forty-eight hours put in the field, or nearly ten hours per day. Third, the book is "Bible Readings." Fourth, the value is \$84.75. Fifth, it reveals that twenty-three copies of the book were sold, each containing 162 readings, or 3726 Scripture readings for one worker in one week's time. Brethren, is not this a wonderful work to be done by one self-supporting worker in a single week's time?

Can we do better work than to remember these faithful workers at our morning devotions, and ask God to lead and bless them in their day's work, and to arouse and inspire others to give their whole time to so noble a work? Is there a person here this morning who would not be glad to have such a report left as the result of his efforts for one week?

We hear a great deal about our territory being worn out. Brethren, this is not the true setting, but rather otherwise. Listen a moment. Unless the work was done eight or more years ago, we have whole counties in our conference that do not have a copy of many of our most canvassed-for books. County after county without a copy of "Bible Readings," "Great Controversy," "Practical Guide," "Desire of Ages," "Patriarchs and Prophets," "Past, Present and Future," "Daniel and the Revelations," and many of these thus mentioned have but very few of any of our books. Our greatest need to-day is for men and women to consecrate their time, energy and enthusiasm to filling these counties with our good books. The conference has a limit to the workers it can employ, but with this great unlimited field to be worked, the colporteur department will employ every consecrated, energetic worker in the field, and will pay a good salary to every one who thus works, better than our regular conference workers are paid, and will give an excellent opportunity of doing good to every worker thus employed.

The prospects for the year were never better. At the present time we have a good corps of workers whose sales for the past seven weeks have not gone below \$350 per week, and one week the sales were just \$1.40 less than

\$600. You will be glad to note that for the month of May our little conference sales exceeded the \$2000 mark. Our aim for the year is \$10,000. Will you not join your prayers with ours that we may realize the accomplishment of our goal? Not having the statistical figures present, these will be published in the RECORDER. J. W. RICH.

Young People's Missionary Volunteer

Another year is in the past, and once more we are called upon to give the yearly report of the young people's work of the Northern California Conference. We are very grateful to the heavenly Father that we can report progress all along the line, and only regret that it is not much more than it is. One notable item is the interest that is taken by our churches in this line of work. A year ago, but comparatively few of the churches or church members were familiar with the work. Today, thanks to the educational campaign of the past year, nearly all the churches and companies know something of our work and the aim for 1914.

The increase in the number of societies has not been much, but the interest in those already started is noticeable. At present we have ten senior societies, with a membership of 250. When the schools are in session, we have fifteen junior societies, with a membership of about 275. This year we are planning to have the junior societies go on with their work through the summer months, and thus keep up the school spirit throughout the year. An effort has been made to enroll all the isolated young people in the conference society, and thus far we have seven on the roll.

Much effort has been put forth to get all interested in the reading courses, with the result that sixty-nine certificates have been earned since the last camp-meeting. This means that about 200 books, laden with helpful thoughts, have been read carefully by our young people, and written reviews handed in on the same. Also sixteen gift books have been earned.

The interest in the standard of attainment has received its share of attention. Certificates have been given to twenty.

Our share of the goal for 1914 is fifty-four members added to our societies, fifty-four reading course certificates, eighteen standard of attainment certificates, and \$837 raised for the Batavian Mission. We are well along on this. The item in which we are most behind is the financial one. But at present the prospects are good that we will reach our goal before the close of 1914. We are looking for this: those who attend the camp-meeting go home so filled with the good things heard here that the work will double in the next six months.

Following is a partial report of work done since last camp-meeting:

Letters written	379
Letters received	182
Missionary visits	440
Bible readings held	243
Subscriptions taken	33
Papers sold	2395
Papers distributed	6689
Books sold	74
Books loaned	224
Tracts loaned or given away	11553
Meals provided	190
Hours of Christian help work	373
Articles of clothing given away	147
Money sent to foreign missions as reported, only	\$123.06
Number of conversions reported	28

This will give the delegates some idea of the work done by the young people of this conference. There remains much to accomplish if we reach the standard set for us; and we are looking for the hearty cooperation of those present to make the coming year the banner year in young people's work.

ALICE MINA MANN, *Sec'y.*

California-Nevada Missionary Society

We have many reasons to feel thankful as we bring to you at this time a report of the work done by our California-Nevada Missionary Society for the year ending March 31, 1914. As has been expressed in the president's annual address, the past year has, from many standpoints, not been as productive of good results as we had hoped. Two dry seasons have reduced the available cash in the hands of a large number of the people whose income depends entirely upon agricultural pursuits.

Three new canvassing field agents have been appointed the last three years. Frequent changes are not usually conducive to the very best results. The early part of this last year found often not more than one or two canvassers in the field, which makes the subscription book sales naturally much smaller than we would expect from a field with as large a territory as ours.

Notwithstanding these conditions, which were not the most encouraging, we are not bringing you a report to-day which shows a loss in the operating of this department for the last year, or a reduction of its surplus account, as you will notice as we study the revenue statement and balance sheet.

When our missionary secretary gives his report, you will see that the field work this spring and summer far exceeds that of last summer, and a good corps of workers is now organized for aggressive field work.

The office force realized that if the missionary society made a desirable showing, strenuous efforts must be put forth. Attention should be called to the faithfulness of many of our church librarians and missionary members associated with them in keeping before their churches the great need of proper literature for instructing the people. Please allow me to mention in this connection the untiring efforts of Mrs. E. J. Buchanan and Elder George Sims, and those associated with them in the Chico

Revenue Statement

Northern California Conference S. D. A., for Twelve Months, Ending March 31, '14

INCOME		
From church tithes	\$24,037.28	
Portland summer school	42.82	\$24,080.10
Drawn on surplus		1,746.79
Total		\$25,826.89

EXPENSE		
General and office	\$ 206.71	
Rent	71.60	
Office supplies	4.83	
Stationery supplies	193.87	
Insurance	24.00	
Missionary Volunteer Department	18.22	
Transportation	170.56	
Improvements	3.22	
Repairs	23.85	\$ 716.86
Laborers' salary and expenses		\$15,765.56
Stockton camp-meeting		180.85

Depreciation—		
Tents and fixtures	\$250.88	
Office furniture	66.79	317.67
Taxes	\$ 42.91	
Tools .....	.25	\$ 43.16

FOR GENERAL WORK

Tithes to union conference	\$ 2,403.73	
Second tithes to union conference	1,201.86	
Mission board tithes	3,605.59	
Sustentation fund	1,273.02	\$ 8,484.20
Donations—		
Paid Nevada Mission Field	\$655.04	
Miscellaneous	1.88	
	\$656.92	
Donations received	338.33	\$ 318.59
Total expenses		\$25,826.89

Balance Sheet

Northern California Conference, March 31, 1914

ASSETS		
Cash in safe	\$ 268.94	
Deposit, First National Bank, Lodi	2,775.22	
Deposit, D. O. Mills National Bank, Sacramento	106.09	\$ 3,150.25
Personal accounts	\$ 194.99	
Trust funds	6.54	\$ 201.53

INVENTORY		
Tent stock	\$ 2,295.38	
Office furnishings	671.53	
Expense supplies	89.16	
Improvements	32.88	
Stationery and supplies	80.18	
Office supplies	12.20	
Salary advanced	31.36	
Tools	2.00	
Missionary Volunteer supplies	20.58	\$ 3,235.27
Total		\$ 6,587.05

LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS		
Personal accounts	\$ 10.30	
Trust funds, local	493.77	
Total liabilities		\$ 504.07
Present worth, March 31, 1913	\$ 7,829.77	
Surplus used during 12 months	1,746.79	
Present worth, March 31, 1914		\$ 6,082.98
		\$ 6,587.05

VERAH MACPHERSON, *Treas.*

Tithes, Offerings from Churches Northern California Conference S. D. A.

April 1, 1913, to April 1, 1914

Church	Tithe	Offerings
Camino	\$ 149.90	\$ 75.97
Camp-meeting don		403.33
Chico	1558.15	698.97
Conference	193.33	71.72
Corning	181.02	67.91
Dos Palos	319.11	60.41
Esmeralda	19.20	7.26
Fallon (5 months)	37.95	84.80
Fort Bidwell (5m)	38.36	28.64
Galt	462.50	198.84
Hughson	510.32	224.67
Home department	825.85	1151.52
Janesville (5 mo)	15.10	75.54
Le Grand	125.60	116.80
Lodi (English)	6159.30	3135.06
Lodi (German)	750.80	492.89
Los Molinos	203.20	140.66
Manteca	290.50	61.03
Merced	465.26	444.98
Modesto	794.36	194.85
New Pine Creek 5m		4.10
Oakdale	488.46	221.76
Oroville	156.87	23.84
Paradise	247.36	82.92
Placerville	322.61	124.99
Red Bluff	260.45	133.66
Redding	295.82	161.42
Reno (5 months)	120.55	116.62
Sacramento	2941.87	1099.52
Salida	1264.19	411.84
Stockton	926.83	395.00
Turlock	2240.75	629.22
Winton	236.95	168.93
Woodland	1188.22	540.39
Yuba City	246.54	65.46
Totals	\$24037.28	\$11915.52

The column of offerings above represents trust funds received as follows:

Bombay treatment rooms	\$ 45.16
Batavian Mission	37.12
China	26.05
Harvest ingathering	1662.97
Foreign missions, general	872.48
Midsummer offering	526.73
Sabbath-school offerings	3793.82
Week of prayer	862.31
Weekly offerings	132.06
Donations	338.33
Huntsville orphans	51.54
Normal maintenance fund	920.33
P. U. C. and L. N. I.	460.50
Religious liberty	95.35
School debt (conf treasury)	1664.24
South American tent fund	78.36
Home miscellaneous	156.09
Foreign miscellaneous	192.08
Total	\$11915.52

church. Others could be properly mentioned, but it would not be best to take the time. Energetic efforts on the part of these just mentioned, and others not mentioned, have made it possible for us, in the face of discouraging financial conditions, to present to you the accompanying report.

The gain shown is due largely to a most agreeable trade in Bibles. We are the only retailers in Lodi who carry a stock of Bibles permitting choice.

We have brought our Bibles in direct from the Oxford University Press in freight shipments, some of them amounting to over \$600. But most unfortunately we do not have a desirable place to invite the general public and conveniently display our books. We feel confident that if the California-Nevada Missionary Society were situated in a building where it could creditably invite the general public, our increased sales would show a most satisfactory result. We sincerely believe that if you see light in permitting those who carry these responsibilities to make needed improvements, the increased trade in Bibles alone this coming year will go a long way towards meeting the expense of these improvements, and we wish to take this opportunity of thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, and believe that we will have your hearty support in making the California-Nevada Missionary Society as efficient as possible.

You will doubtless be pleased to note the steady increase in the capital stock or surplus of this department of the work. March 31, 1911, our entire assets only represented \$1204.30. Nearly \$900 of this \$1200 was outstanding accounts turned over to us by the California Bible House, some of which it has been impossible to collect up to this time.

March 31, 1912, showed a gain of \$406.29 above the operating expenses for the first year, thus making our surplus at that time \$1610.59.

March 31, 1913, showed a net gain for the second year of \$1160.17, giving us a present worth of \$2770.76.

March 31, 1914, as shown by the statement read this morning, shows a net gain of \$537.45 for the third year's work, giving us a present worth at that date of \$4408.21, with all bills against the missionary society paid.

Thus you see that in the three years in which the California-Nevada Missionary Society has operated in this field, it has increased its surplus or stock account \$2103.91.

VERAH MACPHERSON, *Treas.*

Balance Sheet

Year ending March 31, 1914

Assets

Cash in safe	\$ 104.41	
Lodi nat bank deposit	731.79	\$ 836.20
Accounts Receivable		
Personal	\$1129.44	
Church miss societies	227.19	\$1356.63
Inventory		
Merchandise	\$1277.45	
Expense	30.96	\$1308.41
		\$3501.24

Liabilities and Surplus

Accounts Payable

Personal	\$ 31.86	
Church miss societies	5.17	
"Ministry of Healing"	3.00	
Provision for doubtful notes and accounts	153.00	\$ 193.03

Surplus

April 1, 1913	\$2770.76	
Net gain for 12 mo.	537.45	
Present worth March 31, 1914	\$3308.21	\$3501.24

Revenue Statement of the California-Nevada Missionary Society

For 12 months, ending March 31, 1914

Income and Gains

Merchandise\$1266.03

Losses and Expenses

Discount	\$.05	
Office expenses	100.34	
Salary	513.07	
Donation (J. S. James)	1.87	
Scholarship (George Wilkinson)	13.25	
Provision for doubtful notes and accounts	100.00	\$ 728.58
Net gain for 12 months	\$ 537.45	\$1266.03

Verah MacPherson, *Treas.*

To whom it may concern:

After a detailed examination of the books of account with vouchers produced, of the Northern California-Nevada Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, together with those of its missionary department, known as the California-Nevada Missionary Society, I can certify that the books have been carefully kept and balanced, and that the revenue account and financial statement here presented show the true financial standing of the conference for the year ended March 31, 1914, as disclosed by the said books of account.

CLAUDE CONARD, *Auditor.*

Revenue Statement and Balance Sheet of the Northern California Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists

From April 1, 1913, to April 1, 1914

Income

School debt—donations and pledges collected—April 1, 1913, to March 31, 1914. \$ 3157.18

Expense

Interest 449.61
Balance to apply on note indebtedness \$ 2707.57

Liabilities

Bills payable\$15450.00
Accounts payable 717.00
Provision for interest unpaid 334.29 \$16501.29

Assets and School Indebtedness

Cash	\$ 868.01	
Lodi national bank	1129.92	
Bills receivable	4149.83	
Interest receivable	143.28	\$ 6291.04
School debt April 1, 1913.....\$12917.82		
Balance from collection of pledges during year	2707.57	
Present school indebtedness, March 31, 1914	10210.25	\$16501.29

Financial Statement of the Northern California Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists

From April 1, 1913, to April 1, 1914

Comparative Statement

Conf. indebt, April 1, 1913	\$12917.82	
Conf. indebt, April 1, 1914	\$10210.25	
Conf. indebt, reduced during 12 mo.	2707.57	
	\$12917.82	\$12917.82

Bills payable, April 1, 1913	.....	\$16800.00	
Bills payable, April 1, 1914	.....		\$15450.00
Bills payable, reduced during 12 mo.	.....	1350.00	
		\$16800.00	\$16800.00
Bills receivable, April 1, 1913	\$ 3397.72		
Bills receivable, April 1, 1914	.....		\$ 4149.83
Bills receivable, increased during 12 mo	.....	752.11	
		\$ 4149.83	\$ 4149.83
Bank deposits, April 1, 1913	\$ 291.08		
Bank deposits, April 1, 1914	.....		1129.92
Bank deposits, increased during 12 mo.	.....	838.84	
		\$ 1129.92	\$ 1129.92
Cash on hand April 1, 1913	\$ 529.29		
Cash on hand April 1, 1914	.....		\$ 868.01
Cash surplus above 1913	.....	338.72	
		\$ 868.01	\$ 868.01

Resources increased by bills receivable	.....	\$ 752.11	
Resources increased by cash in safe	.....	338.72	
Resources increased by bank deposits	.....	838.84	
Liabilities reduced by bills and accounts payable	.....	
1913	\$16945.00		
1914: B. P.	\$15450		
A. P.	717 16167.00	778.00	
Liabilities increased by interest prov., 1914	.....	\$191.01	
1913	.....	190.91	.10
Conference indebtedness reduced during year (gain)	.....		2707.57
		\$ 2707.67	\$2707.67

Verah MacPherson, Treas.

To whom it may concern:

The books of account of the Northern California Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation, have been checked with the original vouchers, and I can certify that the balance sheet here produced shows the true financial standing of the Northern California Conference Association, as presented by its books of account on March 31, 1914.

CLAUDE CONARD, Auditor.

Elections and Appointments

Northern California Conference Association officers appointed for the ensuing year: C. L. Taggart, chairman; Verah MacPherson, secretary and treasurer; Claude Conard, auditor.

Conference departmental secretaries: Church missionary secretary, J. W. Rich; Young People's Missionary Volunteer secretary, Alice Mina Mann; Sabbath-school secretary, J. W. Rich; California-Nevada Missionary Society treasurer, Verah MacPherson; California-Nevada Missionary Society secretary, Warner Powers; missionary field agent, J. W. Rich; superintendent of church schools, Alice Mina Mann.

Partial distribution of laborers: A. J. Osborne and Mrs. Ella Osborne, Sacramento. A. S. Booth was invited by the Pacific Union Conference to hold an effort at Reno. Fred Brink and Mrs. Katherine Brink, Siskiyou County. (At present in Yreka). E. E. Gardner and C. M. Gardner, Newman. N. W. Kauble and George Sims, Chico. F.

DeWitt Gautereau asked for a three months' vacation owing to sickness in the family. Alice Brayshaw, Stockton. A more complete report of the distribution of laborers will be given later.

Most appropriate closing remarks were made by Elders E. E. Andross, J. N. Loughborough and C. L. Taggart, all expressing their appreciation for what the Lord in His loving kindness had done for our conference during the past year, and exhorting each and every member to be more faithful during this coming year, that the Lord may add even greater blessings to those which we now enjoy.

VERAH MACPHERSON, Sec'y.

Comparative Tithe Statement
California Conference S. D. A.

January to June

Church	1913	1914
Alameda	\$ 620.93	\$ 898.00
Arcata	84.09	79.60
Berkeley	1326.54	907.62
Byron	228.00	53.50
Calistoga	203.99	68.68
Daly City	321.96	313.43
Eureka	443.40	501.72
Ferndale	35.90	110.85
Fortuna	172.07	321.45
Fort Bragg		70.85
Guernville	21.90	73.14
Hayward	74.74	155.71
Healdsburg	727.57	688.14
Kelseyville	37.00	19.40
Los Gatos	105.61	96.09
McKinleyville	40.40	14.00
Melrose	1096.65	854.72
Morgan Hill	100.95	150.35
Mountain View	2570.95	2666.04
Napa	594.33	499.21
Oakland	1707.17	3138.45
Pacific College	660.48	1470.42
Park, S. F.	265.58	339.15
Pepperwood	23.05	111.85
Petaluma	198.29	118.00
Richmond	285.97	397.47
St. Helena	641.76	546.28
San Francisco	3670.29	1794.42
Sanitarium	2497.61	3249.68
San Jose	1043.83	907.28
Santa Cruz	166.71	135.97
Santa Rosa	381.47	115.78
Sebastopol	150.22	289.74
Sonoma	138.70	463.14
Soquel	33.05	74.30
Smith River	2.00	
Ukiah	200.27	170.00
Vallejo	56.45	97.15
Watsonville	90.98	94.05
Japanese Church		44.20
Personal	505.68	743.74
Totals	\$21526.54	\$22843.57

H. B. THOMAS, Treas.

TEMPERANCE

Campaign Notes

Brother J. R. Ferren, secretary of the California Bible House, informs us that 9250 pieces of our new temperance literature were distributed at the State Christian Endeavor Convention at Oakland.

Last Tuesday morning the president of the Pasadena "Dry" Federation called at the Southern California Tract Society office and ordered 7000 of the new temperance tracts. This federation plans to use more next month.

The other evening Brother Clyde Lowry and the writer attended a gathering of the leaders of the various young people's societies of Los Angeles County. This meeting was held for the purpose of organizing the young people's forces for aggressive work in the "dry" campaign. The chairman of the meeting very kindly invited us to assist on the program. At the close of the meeting, and by request of the chairman, we distributed 2000 copies of our temperance tracts. Appreciation of our literature was indicated by the rapidity with which it disappeared into the pockets of the delegates.

In a recent letter from Dr. Guy W. Wadsworth, general superintendent of the California "Dry" Federation, the following hopeful statement is made:

"California 'dry' sentiment is growing and the prospects for success are good. Actual counts of voters in various places, such as Pomona, where it is found that nine out of ten voters will vote 'dry,' and Orange where three out of four are 'dry,' and residence districts in Sacramento where a majority 'dry' is indicated, and the reports of workers in various parts of the state, show that we have better than a fighting chance to win, but every one must work and keep at it to make sure."

This is certainly encouraging. But let no one rest easy at a time like this. We must plan, pray and push on for victory. Carry the literature and be ready for the opportunity. We don't need to talk about creating opportunities to-day since they throng us on every side. Only let us be ready—"instant in season, and out of season"—for the sake of the souls of men and the kingdom of heaven. ERNEST LLOYD.

MISSIONARY

News Items

The Long Beach church recently purchased six tract racks for the public centers of the town. Brother Voris is giving a large share of his time to the distribution of small literature through these racks and in other ways. Last week 300 back numbers of our magazines were sent to him for this work. These magazines are furnished at 1 cent a copy, and the Long Beach church considers it a privilege to obtain these message-filled periodicals at such a low rate.

One of our sisters in Los Angeles is doing excellent missionary work among the barber shops. Men are constantly reading something while waiting their turn. But the reading matter provided by the barbers is usually nothing but the dailies and the comic weeklies. This sister finds that if something more uplifting is provided, it will be read, as abundant experience has proved. Most of the barbers are willing to have us add to their resources along this line. Let us supply the barber shops.

In a recent meeting at one of our smaller churches in Los Angeles, the missionary leader stated that a cottage meeting was held *every* night in the week by members of the church. What an encouraging report! Faithful witnessing, in love and earnestness, among the homes of neighbors and friends, - thus the kingdom of our Lord is extended. Many doors are waiting to open to those who carry the light. Let us seek them as did Jesus. We are told that those who go forth weeping, bearing precious seed, shall *doubtless* come again with rejoicing, bringing their sheaves with them. (Psa. 126: 6.) Will those also come rejoicing who have no sheaves to bring? E. L.

Back from Camp-Meeting

One of the sweetest reflections with reference to our book stand experiences is the thought of having moved a lot of stock that had been on the tract society shelves for years. An accumulation of "Boy Wanted," "Girl Wanted," "Young People's Natural History," self and sex books, biographies, dictionaries, song books, etc., filled the best part of one of our counters. Prices? We marked those books down to where they simply had to go, and they went. An assortment of shelf-worn and odd sized Bibles, together with more than thirty beautiful \$5 Bagster's that moved slowly at the office, furnished materials for some bargains at the Bible counter. It was gratifying indeed to see practically all of this stock go. Now our shelves are clear for lines that we know will sell.

The advantage of a location very

near the large tent was very apparent at the California Conference camp-meeting. The camp was small and the large pavilion was reached first by people coming in from the street cars.

With the thought of reaching many resident attendants who would have no reason for going farther into the camp, we selected a spot in the same lot with the large tent within easy access of all who attended the services and between the large tent and the rest of the camp.

Again was emphasized the influence of announcements from the desk. People began to come for "Last Day Tokens" and "Prophetic Gifts." We knew Elder Loughborough had arrived. From the first day that Elder MacGuire presented the reading courses there was a lively interest in reading-course books. At the close of almost every service in the evening a pamphlet bearing on the subject was announced and a goodly number sold to visitors at the entrance as they passed out. One evening "Revelation" paper at 35 cents sold almost as readily as a 10 cent pamphlet. Here is a field, fellow tract society secretaries and conference workers, not only at our camp-meetings, but in connection with evangelistic efforts that ought to be worked more fully. In a series of meetings in San Francisco during the past three months the ministers have not confined their sales in the congregation to small literature. They have handled dozens of Bibles, books as large as "Bible Readings for the Home Circle," and many copies of the paper "Daniel" and "The Revelation."

Home Missionary Interest

The interest in home missionary work seems to be growing yearly. Two or three services bore directly upon the great home missionary campaign in which all are to take part. In one of these Elder Andross, our union conference president, led in placing almost \$150 worth of tracts in the hands of the churches, individuals and ministers. Practically all of these were paid for right in the meeting. In another meeting quite a large amount of temperance literature was taken. At another an announcement of our needs for literature at the State Christian Endeavor Convention to follow the camp-meeting in Oakland brought a collection of over \$40 to use in supplying it. That our literature is being sought for by outsiders was illustrated again and again. One Sunday afternoon a gentleman with a "University of Michigan" button in his coat came to the bookstand. He said he was teaching in the Sunday-school in Berkeley, and that their lessons dealt with the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation. While not prepared just then to get the large book, he purchased "Sure Word of Prophecy," the set of "Family Bible Teacher," in pamphlet and a copy of "Last Day Tokens." Our sales during the camp-meeting amounted to \$1060.

J. R. FERREN,
See'y. Cal. Bible House.

THE FIELD

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

Conference Notes

Elder E. H. Adams is at Woody developing an interest.

Brother R. R. Breitigam is commencing work at Rolinda this week.

Elder J. R. Patterson has made a good recovery from an operation for appendicitis. He expects to be able for work again soon.

Sabbath, July 11, Brethren Fuller and Truesdell organized a Sabbath-school of thirty members at Clovis. They report six new Sabbath-keepers.

Twelve of our churches are planning for schools the coming school year. Teachers have been definitely assigned to nearly all these schools.

Miss Ada Bond, who has just completed her work in the training class for Bible workers at Los Angeles, has been invited to labor in this conference. She is located at Fresno at present, and has all the work she can do.

Our young people's secretary reports that the present Reading Course enrollment is ninety. The goal has been thirty-eight certificates for the year. Forty-five certificates have been given since January 1, 1914. Our young people are now working toward the 100 mark.

B. E. BEDDOE.

Lindsay

May 22 was the opening meeting in the 32x52-tent pitched in Lindsay, where the writer was assisted by the church at that place in a series of meetings just closed. This is the third meeting for that place in five years, with excellent results each time. It is only two years since my last meeting. The reason Lindsay is so favored with meetings is because the church is so active in their missionary work, they get an interest started that calls for a public effort to bind it off. I wish all our churches would follow their example.

Five adults accepted the message in this last effort (all by baptism) and are good strong workers for their Master. How could they be otherwise when all were interested by members of the church, and these faithful workers who are so greatly rejoiced as the results of their labors are all our sisters? While their husbands were at their usual work to provide for their families, their wives

were at work with their neighbors interesting them in the message for today. When our Lindsay sisters come together in one of their homes, or should they meet on the street corner or at a sewing circle, their whole thought and conversation is the truth, and how they can best work for their Master. Scarcely a Sabbath passes without a cottage meeting in some part of the town, where their neighbors are invited in to study with them from the Bible. And during the closing days of our meeting nearly every day a cottage meeting was planned for by some of these faithful workers, where the writer was called in to study with these interested ones, and at the present time this cottage-meeting interest is still in progress.

At the close of our tent meetings, the Lindsay church organized their first church school, and did it all in one single meeting. The whole church agreed to share equally in the expense whether they have children or not.

The writer visited Lemoore last Sabbath and also again in the evening. Both meetings were in the interest of a church school for Lemoore, one of the oldest churches in the conference; and that church is following the example set by Lindsay, in having a non-tuition school, the members of the church agreeing to share the expense equally among themselves. The school is assured and teacher secured, but as yet they have no building. Their church being down town, it is thought best to try and build something neat, yet not costly, just outside of the city limits.

Lemoore is another wide-awake church which aroused an interest last winter and spring to the extent that the writer opened meetings in our church building there with the result that thirteen accepted the message, ten being baptized. Our church is beginning to work, all of which is greater evidence that we are nearing the prize, and our work will be done and the workers gathered home.

F. E. BROWN.

Artesia

Recently the report reached me that half of the converts of the Artesia tent effort had given up the truth. Sabbath, June 27, it was my privilege to meet with the Norwalk church, in which organization those baptized after the Artesia effort had placed their membership. I was indeed made glad to hear a word of testimony from each of something like fifteen of these new ones.

The enthusiasm with which they entered into the celebration of the ordinances of the Lord's house did not suggest a backslidden condition. The regularity with which they come over three miles each Sabbath is another indication of the permanent hold the truth has on their lives. In addition to those mentioned, two of the new converts were detained, probably by sickness, and three have moved away, but as far as is known, are of good courage. One who began the observance of the Sabbath, but who refused to give up his tobacco, did fall by the way.

D. D. FITCH.

BOOK WORK

Literature Work in Northern California

We are all glad to note the fact that we have not passed the day when our books can be and are circulated. The crop conditions this year are favorable for our work in placing a large number of our good books and papers in the homes of the people. What we need now is a good corps of workers to improve the opportunity God has given us for doing this work. If you feel that you have a duty to perform in this direction, write or call on your field representative and plan definitely to do something.

One of our workers gives the following experience: "Tuesday night I came to ——. I set right to work and obtained two orders. I then began to look for a place to stay all night. I did not like the looks of the cheap rooming-house, so went to the best hotel in town.

Here I found a sick man crippled up with rheumatism. I asked him if I could not give him some treatment. He had been unable to straighten out for two weeks. I worked about two and one-half hours with him. In the morning he was nearly well. The Lord did it: praise His name. The man gave me \$5, and I went my way. You see the Lord opens the way, and He blesses us too if we only try."

Truly God is blessing in the book work, and somebody, possibly you, is missing the blessing. J. W. RICH.

Canvassing in Central California

Recently while spending a day with Prof. J. L. Jones near Fowler, the magnitude of the work seemed to rise up before us. A number of times during the day Professor Jones would say, "Brother Davis, we need more men in the field." One lady took the prospectus in another room and showed it to her daughter, and in a few minutes came back with the order properly signed, and wanted to know if that was all right; after which they favored us with some music. This was a good day. At one exhibition we took orders for three books,—two "Daniel and the Revelation," and one "New Testament Primer."

Nels Johnson is canvassing the Salinas Valley. I had the privilege of being with him the first two days during which time the Lord blessed us with a goodly number of orders to the amount of \$45.00, and you will notice by his reports that the good work is going on.

Brother George Vore of Reedley is having a good experience. You will see by the report that his father and sister, E. A. Vore and Miss Jessie Vore, are also doing some work. Brother Meisner wrote that he went two days without an order for a large book, but by earnest prayer the victory came the third day.

C. L. DAVIS.

God's Sustaining Power in Selling the Printed Page

It is just about four weeks since I began to place the orders the Master gave me in eight short weeks canvassing in Nevada and northeast part of California. I started in to deliver orders on June 9 at Goldfield, Nev. I followed a few days later at Tonopah. It is hard work, but the dear Saviour gives strength to endure, even when at times it may seem as if one can not endure the strain another day. For all this I am very thankful. Where would we be without our Lord's mercies, which are new every morning? "Praise waiteth for Thee, O God in Zion."

In these few weeks I have been blessed in filling some \$800 worth of orders. My leading books are "Practical Guide to Health" and "Daniel and the Revelation," supplemented by "Ministry of Healing" for Loma Linda, Cal., College of Medical Evangelists. Occasionally I sell a copy of "Patriarchs and Prophets" and "Great Controversy." All exaltation, thanks and honors belong to God only and ever for it all.

I trust to fill about \$300 in orders before I finish my work some three weeks hence, then I plan to go to the northern Californian coast mountains for a needed rest, as I am somewhat worn and depleted from long, hard work. I trust to recuperate shortly then. I pray a host of sheaves may be won for Christ as a result of all these printed pages of truth circulated. Remember me and this work, dear brethren and sisters.

Goldfield is a shadow of its once stirring times. A fine furnished residence there, originally costing some \$5000, was sold for \$300, is the report. I heard of a small house (or cabin) and furniture going for \$10. An elegant, brick palatial hotel originally costing some \$300,000 to \$400,000 that would be a credit to San Francisco, would not likely realize, if put on the market, over \$25,000, if that. Were this magnificent structure in the metropolis by the Golden Gate, it would almost pay first cost during the Panama Exposition. Such are the vicissitudes of a mining camp.

I expect four students from Goldfield to go to our Pacific Union College next term, and one lady goes to the Loma Linda school from Tonopah. All goes to prove on every hand the work is fast closing up. O, may we be ready.

WALTER HARPER.

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Staggering Facts

Simply staggering, to think that the nation's liquor bill for one year would build twenty Lincoln highways from coast to coast at a cost of \$20,000 a mile, and, in addition, place a \$1000 automobile on every 400 feet of this vast thoroughfare, but it is a fact. Read about it and a score or more of other "staggering" things in the Temperance Campaign number of the *Signs* now being mailed out. This thought, strikingly illustrated, is the front cover of the paper. It is a good one. Five cents for single copies, 3 cents each for five to forty copies, 2½ cents for fifty or more. Sells for 5 cents. Send orders to the tract society. Ten thousand agents wanted.

Obituary

STRADLEY.—Mary J. Stradley, aged 53 years, 10 months, 1 day, of San Diego, Cal., died of tuberculosis July 16, 1914. Sister Stradley accepted present truth eight years ago in San Diego under the labors of Elder Wm. Simpson, and has been a very faithful and devoted follower of Jesus.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church at Eighteenth and G Streets was well filled with friends and acquaintances, the services being conducted by the writer, assisted by Elder Wm. Healey. Her children—four sons and one daughter—and her sister were present with other relatives, who mourn the loss.

We are all sure that Sister Stradley has fallen asleep in Jesus, and we hope and pray that the loved ones may so live that all may meet in that kingdom where tears shall be wiped away.

R. S. OWEN.

Annual Meeting of Southern California Association of Seventh-day Adventists

The fourteenth annual session of the Southern California Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held on the camp ground at Alhambra, Cal., August 3 to 16, in connection with the annual meeting of the Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

The first meeting of the session will convene August 4 at 7:30 P. M. At this time officers will be elected, and all other business pertaining to the annual session will be transacted.

F. M. BURG, *Pres.*,
B. M. EMERSON, *Sec'y.*

Annual Meeting of Southern California Sanitarium Association

The Seventh annual session of the Sanitarium Association of Seventh-day Adventists of Southern California will be held in connection with the annual session of the Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists at Alhambra, Cal., for the purpose of electing the officers of the corporation, and transacting such other business as may come before the body. The first meeting will be held at 10 A. M. Tuesday, August 4, 1914.

E. E. ANDROSS, *Pres.*,
B. M. EMERSON, *Sec'y.*

Annual Meeting of Southern California Conference

The fourteenth annual session of the Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held on the camp ground at Alhambra, Cal., August 3 to 16. Commencing with the evening of the 3rd, at 7:30, and daily until the evening of the 6th, these meetings will be devoted entirely to the transaction of conference business. The session is called for the purpose of electing the officers of the conference for the ensuing year and for transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

All churches in this conference are entitled to a delegate representation at this session on the following basis: one delegate to represent the church organization, and an additional delegate for each twenty-five members or a fraction thereof.

The camp-meeting proper will commence August 6 at 7:30 P. M.

F. M. BURG, *Pres.*,
B. M. EMERSON, *Sec'y.*

The Real Huerta

An intensely interesting account of a special correspondent who spent two and a half months in Mexico trying to secure a serious interview with Huerta, will appear in the August *Watchman*. It is a most vivid word picture of Mexico's dictator-president, of which the following brief extracts give but a faint conception:

"Huerta jumped into the black automobile. We tried to intercept him,—cordial smile, handshake, greetings.

"Wait for me: I will be back in one 'momentito'—and he was off. History will probably fail to record where Huerta spent that 'momentito.' For five hours only his chauffeur knew where he could be found.

"At nine in the morning one can now and then run him down at the 'lazo Mercantil,' a small cafe frequented by French salesmen; at 10 he drives to the Chapultepec restaurant; now and then he stops at the automobile club. He lunches at home about 2 o'clock; dines about 8; goes to bed between 2 and 4, and arises between 6 and 6:30.

"One may well indulge in speculation of melancholy turn when bearing in mind what may some day befall Huerta after years of such scanty sleeping, and of hourly pilgrimages to establishments where a bracing variety of 'tea' is dispensed. Huerta is a full-blooded Indian with the aborigine's wiry hair and sparse mustache."

The rest of the article is fully as entertaining, and will be found of the keenest interest to many thousands of Americans who know practically nothing of Huerta as he really is. It will be found a strong selling feature by our magazine workers.

This issue also contains very strong articles on the "Marshalling of the Nations;" "The Remaking of the World;" "The Coming of Anti-Christ;" "The Rise and Fall of Churches;" "Good New Testament Greek, Good English and Good Sense;" "How to Keep Cool in Hot Weather," and a number of others equally good.

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