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ARIZONA CONFERENCE

The fourteenth annual session of the Arizona Conference and the fourth annual camp-meeting were held, according to appointment, in the city of Phoenix, October 7 to 17. The weather was ideal during the entire time, and the meeting was declared to be the best ever held in this conference.

There were many more of our people, living out of Phoenix, in attendance this year than at any previous meeting, and the outside attendance was very good. The daily papers gave good reports of all the meetings with excerpts of the sermons. These, we believe, enabled us to reach many who did not attend the meetings. Brother F. A. Coffin looked after this line of work.

There was hearty response to the invitations extended for full surrender to the Lord and complete consecration for service. Backsliders were reclaimed and several surrendered to God for the first time. Fifteen were baptized the last afternoon of the meeting, four of which were rebaptisms. As a result of the meetings held in the tent at the close of the camp meeting, five more have decided to obey.

The laborers in attendance from outside the conference were Elders E. E. Andross and E. W. Farnsworth, and Brethren H. A. Hebard and F. A. Coffin.

At the close of the afternoon service Sabbath, October 16, Brother P. L. Knox was set apart to the gospel ministry by ordination. Elder Andross conducted this service, and gave the charge after prayer had been offered by Elder Farnsworth.

Brother Hebard disposed of the larger part of the supply of books and tracts, and many were ordered to be sent from the tract society. Liberal offerings were made to all lines of the work, and all returned to their respective duties fully determined to make the coming year show larger returns in soul-winning than any previous one.

J. ERNEST BOND.

"It is heaven upon earth to have a man's mind move in charity, rest in Providence, and turn upon poles of truth."

Arizona Conference Meeting

The fourteenth annual session of the Arizona Conference of Seventh-day Adventists convened according to call at Phoenix, Ariz., in connection with the camp-meeting, October 7 to 17, 1915. Altogether, nine business meetings of the conference were held, the first of which was called at 9 A.M., October 8. Elder J. Ernest Bond, president of the Arizona Conference, presided throughout, and in the absence of the conference secretary, G. A. Roberts acted as secretary pro tem.

Thirty-eight regular delegates were reported present besides a representative of the Mexican work, and members from the General, North American Division and Pacific Union conferences, and local conference and visiting laborers.

Two newly-organized churches—Mesa with thirty-six members, and Miami with seventeen members—were taken into conference fellowship.

Committees

To bring before the delegates the business of the session, the following committees were appointed:

Nominations: E. E. Andross, I. T. Reynolds, R. E. Kalfus, W. L. Sims, A. E. Gann.

Plans: C. D. M. Williams, F. M. Owen, H. A. Hebard, A. E. Earll, L. B. Ragsdale, G. A. Roberts, E. W. Farnsworth.

Credentials and Licenses: I. P. Dillon, C. D. M. Williams, L. L. Hutchinson.

Pastoral: L. L. Hutchinson, E. E. Andross, I. P. Dillon.

Music: P. L. Knox, Mrs. R. E. Kalfus, Mrs. L. B. Ragsdale.

Young People: I. T. Reynolds, Meade MacGuire, L. B. Ragsdale, Mrs. Emma Wheeler.

Children: Mrs. I. P. Dillon, Mrs. L. L. Hutchinson, Mrs. L. B. Ragsdale.

Baptism: C. D. M. Williams, I. P. Dillon, L. L. Hutchinson.

Reception and Decoration: Charles Hoskins, Mrs. Emma Wheeler, Mrs. C. D. M. Williams, Mrs. Olive Andrews, Mrs. Anna Rice, Mrs. Mary V. Bennett, Mrs. A. Owen, Mrs. A. E. Earll, Mrs. R. H. Campbell.

Auditing: J. E. Bond, C. D. M. Williams, Clem Stump, I. P. Dillon, A. E.

Earll, Mrs. M. T. Poston, R. E. Kalfus, I. T. Reynolds, Tom Atkins, Mrs. J. K. Strever, Mrs. R. H. Simmons, Mrs. L. M. Sturgess.

Mother's: Mrs. Helen Williams, Mrs. M. T. Poston, Mrs. Lena B. Willard.

Credentials and Licenses

Conference recognition was given to the following-named individuals:

Ministerial Credentials: J. Ernest Bond, C. D. M. Williams, I. P. Dillon, L. L. Hutchinson, W. L. Sims.

For Ordination and Credentials: P. L. Knox.

Ministerial License: Fred M. Owen, G. A. Roberts.

Missionary Credentials: Mrs. Tressa B. Hutchinson, Mrs. Lena E. Williams, Mrs. Jessie H. Dillon, Mrs. Birda Knox, L. B. Ragsdale.

Church School Missionary Credentials: Mrs. Emma Wheeler, Mrs. Clara Pettis.

Colporteurs' Credentials: A. E. Gann, A. L. Whitaker, I. T. Reynolds.

Officers

Conference officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows:

President: J. Ernest Bond.
Secretary and Treasurer: Secretary of Pacific Union Conference.

Executive Committee: J. Ernest Bond, C. D. M. Williams, I. P. Dillon, Clem Stump, A. E. Earll.

Conference School Board: J. Ernest Bond, L. B. Ragsdale, Clem Stump, A. E. Earll, R. E. Kalfus, C. D. M. Williams, D. S. Wagner.

Elders C. D. M. Williams and L. L. Hutchinson were elected delegates to the biennial session of the Pacific Union Conference in November, 1915, and Mrs. Tressa Hutchinson was chosen as an alternate delegate. CLAUDE CONARD.

Resolutions Adopted

Gratitude

For the manifold blessings of our Heavenly Father during the past year, manifested in the preservation of the health of our workers, in the addition to our churches of so large a number by baptism and profession of faith, in the large number who are keeping the commandments and are awaiting further instruction and baptism; for the

**Revenue Statement of Arizona Conference S. D. A.
For Year Ending September 30, 1915**

INCOME		
Tithe from churches		\$5844.01
Conference	\$ 899.68	
Flagstaff	81.30	
Globe	413.43	
Mesa	33.14	
Miami	67.49	
Phoenix	3343.93	
Prescott	321.90	
Safford	295.05	
Sanchez	79.89	
Tucson	204.35	
Warren	103.85	
Donations		153.18
Religious liberty fund		11.42
Camp-meeting expense		6.26
Appropriations from Pacific Union Conf.		3500.00
Total Income		\$9514.87
EXPENSES		
Laborers' salary	\$4568.32	
Laborers' expenses	1458.21	
Laborers' salary—audit on 1914	57.71	
Special appropriations:		
W. L. Sims	\$20.00	
Mrs. E. Wheeler	20.00	40.00
Teachers' transportation		70.00
Expense		47.22
Depreciation:		
Office building		27.26
Tent outfit		175.00
For the work outside of the conference:		
10% of tithe to P. U. Conf.	584.40	
5% of tithe to P. U. Conf.	292.19	
6% of tithe for Sust. Fund	350.63	
5% of tithe for N. Am. Div.	292.19	1519.41
Total expenses		\$7963.13
Net gain		1551.74

**Balance Sheet Arizona Conference S. D. A.
September 30, 1915**

ASSETS		
Cash in bank		\$ 102.47
Bills and accounts receivable:		
Bills receivable	\$2060.00	
Accounts receivable:		
Pacific Union Conference	500.00	
Phoenix church bank acct.	66.00	
Prescott church	4.25	
Phoenix Academy expense	48.16	
Personal accounts:		
C. D. M. Williams	50.00	
Due from laborers	200.00	
G. W. Reaser, special	89.84	\$3018.25
Inventories:		
Real estate	\$650.00	
Office building	580.15	
Phoenix Academy:		
Furniture	\$410.12	
Building	860.30	1270.42
Property—tents, etc.	820.24	
Interest due from notes rec.	71.78	3392.59
Total		\$6513.31
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable:		
General and personal:		
Arizona Tract Society	\$644.33	
E. A. Brown	5.90	\$650.23
Trust funds:		
Arizona Conf. Corporation	1195.03	
Mexican school fund	1158.25	
Tucson church build. fund	559.90	
Interest for corporation:		
\$117.96		
20.40	138.36	
Church building fund	100.00	
General tract fund	6.50	
Special offerings	8.68	3166.72
		\$3816.95
Surplus:		
Surplus October 1, 1914	\$1144.62	
Net gain for year	1551.74	
Surplus, Sept. 30, 1915		2696.36
Total liabilities and surplus		\$6513.31

success of the prohibition campaign in this state, thus opening the way for hundreds to give consideration to the closing message, and in the gracious privilege of ministering during the past year to the physical and spiritual needs of our fellowmen, we hereby reverently express our gratitude, and consecrate ourselves to His service.

Reverence For the House of God

Considering the lack of reverence for the house of worship which exists among some of our people, we recommend that our laborers, Sabbath-school superintendents, and teachers be requested not only to be examples of proper decorum in the house of God, but to strive to secure a reverent and devotional attitude of all in attendance.

Temperance

Whereas, The advocates of temperance fail to do their whole duty unless they exert their influence by precept and example, by voice and pen and vote, in behalf of prohibition and total abstinence; therefore,

Resolved, That we place ourselves on

**Tithe Account and Twenty-cent-a-week Fund, Arizona Conf., S. D. A.
For One Year, October 1, 1914 to September 30, 1915**

Church	Tithe	Sabbath-School	Missions	Ingathering	Annual	Mid-summer	Special Foreign
Buckeye		\$ 29.60					
Conference	\$ 899.68	270.18	\$105.99	\$ 3.14	\$ 8.80	\$50.00	\$.70
Flagstaff	81.30	56.13	5.00		50.00		
Globe	413.43	160.50			40.00	5.20	
Mesa	33.14	74.16	6.43				
Miami	67.49	23.09			2.65		
Phoenix	3343.93	686.02	133.98	80.20	94.66	13.67	55.61
Phoenix camp-meet.		16.18					
Prescott	321.90	89.44	5.54		1.50	6.70	
Safford	295.09	49.66	2.00				
Sanchez	79.89	7.62			3.55		
Tucson	204.35	58.52	20.13	15.45			
Warren	103.85	55.93		17.45			
Total	\$5844.01	1577.03	279.07	122.54	201.16	75.58	56.31

record as favoring the national prohibition of the liquor traffic as one of the most effective measures for the elimination of this national curse.

Whereas, The appetite for liquor and tobacco is often created, and the foundation of every form of disease is

laid, by the use of rich and unwholesome foods, condiments, meats, improper times of eating and the wrong combination of even good food; therefore,

Resolved, That this question receive due attention at the present camp-

meeting, and that our people in every church be urged to study these matters carefully, and to become intelligent in regard to their physical health.

Liberty

Since certain laws for the observance of Sunday have been passed recently by the Arizona State Legislature, encroaching upon our most cherished liberties, both civil and religious; and feeling sure that other attempts are to be made along the same line, and that unless we renew our efforts with increasing vigor to enlighten the people in general and our lawmakers in particular as to the results of such legislation, such attempts are likely to succeed; therefore,

Resolved, That we continue to protest in a more vigorous manner than ever before against such laws as tend to restrict our God-given liberties.

Resolved, That we renew our protest against the enactment of laws by either the state legislature or Congress, which abridge the liberty of the press or speech, or the freedom of the mails.

Whereas, Our magazines have been doing such efficient work in this direction, and believing that they can be made a power for good in moulding public opinion and enlightening our public men as to the evils of all religious laws; therefore,

Resolved, That our conference continue to supply the *Liberty Magazine* to the members of the state legislature, the Governor and his cabinet, the State Supreme and Circuit Court judges, and the editors of Arizona newspapers, and that the expense involved in this item be borne by the local conference, and the Pacific Union Conference be instructed to order the papers to the above-mentioned parties.

Resolved, That we put forth an earnest effort at our camp-meeting to have our people subscribe for the *Protestant Magazine*, and that we also urge them to place as many copies of this most excellent magazine in the homes of the neighbors and friends as possible.

Sabbath-schools

Inasmuch as it is impracticable for the secretary to visit in the Sabbath-schools and homes throughout the state in the interests of the Sabbath-school work; therefore,

We Recommend, That the ministers and other workers in their association with the people make a special effort to create an interest in our threefold goal: daily study of the Sabbath-school lessons, personal work for every pupil, and a million dollars to missions as soon as possible, taking \$2500 as our local goal for 1916.

Realizing that probation is soon to close, and that a deeper consecration is needed by young and old to meet the crisis of the ages,

We Recommend, That the Sabbath-school department set apart the thirteenth Sabbath of each quarter for a consecration service to be observed in all the Sabbath-schools, these days to be days of heart searching among the

converted and in leading others to Christ.

Missionary

We Recommend, That every effort be put forth during the coming year to place our good literature in the hands of the people; first, by furnishing our tent and hall companies with tracts and papers, second, by doing all we can in our neighborhoods both by selling and giving away literature; third, by encouraging others to engage in colporteur work.

Considering that the *Signs of the Times* weekly is an important factor in bringing souls to Christ and as the publishers have proposed to give the net profits to missions, prorating the same according to the circulation in each conference;

We Recommend, a much broader circulation of this paper in the conference.

Colporteur Work

We Recommend, That immediate steps be taken to permanently establish the colporteur work for the outlying districts of our state.

The Harvest Ingathering

Knowing the needs of the great harvest field, the world, we deem it necessary to put forth an earnest, positive effort in the Harvest Ingathering work; that we do not cease our efforts till at least \$1.55 per member is raised; that each individual set for himself a much higher goal than this so as to bring the amount up for those who do not accomplish much in this work.

"Review and Herald"

Recognizing the great benefit that comes to our people through reading the *Review and Herald*;

We Recommend, That this valuable world messenger be placed in the homes of all our English-speaking people, and the plan laid down in the spirit of prophecy be adopted in this effort as follows: "Our people should make greater efforts to extend the circulation of the *Review*. If our brethren and sisters would only manifest greater earnestness and put forth more persevering efforts to accomplish this, it would be done. Every family should have this paper. And if they would deny themselves their darling luxuries, tea and coffee, many who do not now have its weekly visits might pay for the messenger of light to come into their households." Vol. 4, page 599.

"If any are too poor to take it, the church should, by subscription, raise the amount of the full price of the paper, and supply the destitute families." Vol. 4, page 598.

\$150,000 Education Fund

Resolved, That we reaffirm our confidence in and approval of the \$150,000 Educational Fund to liquidate the indebtedness of our educational institutions and to add to the facilities in the college and other educational institutions so that they will be better able to do the work required of them.

Resolved, That we most earnestly encourage every Seventh-day Adven-

tist in the conference to make a pledge as liberal as consistent for the raising of this fund.

Work for Indians

Knowing that this message is to go to every kindred, nation, tongue and people, we deem it important that some work be begun as soon as possible for the Indians in our state.

Appreciation

Resolved, That we freely express to the *Arizona Gazette* and the *Arizona Republican* our sincere appreciation of their generous treatment, and that a copy of this resolution be communicated to the managing editors of these papers.

President's Address

Another year is past and its records are made. That time has gone beyond our reach. We cannot recall, we cannot undo or add to anything there written. But we are entering upon a new year, which time is all ours, and its records may read vastly different from those of the past year. The power to choose is ours. God will supply the power to execute.

This has been a year of great moment. During the entire time more than half the world has been engaged in the most bloody war ever waged. The equilibrium of the political and financial world has been so upset that "men's hearts are failing them for fear, and for looking after those things that are coming upon the earth." But in the midst of earth's confusions, the Spirit of God has quietly worked in the hearts of men, leavening them with the gospel of peace, so that His messengers have been able to reap a harvest of souls in our conference greater than any previous year, although the laboring force, during much of the year has been small, consisting of four Americans, including the writer, and one Mexican.

There have been 110 baptisms, and the church membership has been raised from 304 to 467, with more than thirty-five others keeping the Sabbath, giving us a total of 500 Sabbath-keepers.

Evangelical

During the past year five tent and five hall efforts have been held. At the close of camp-meeting, Elders I. P. Dillon, and L. L. Hutchinson, with Sister Hutchinson, returned to Clifton to bind off the work that had been started there. An effort was held in a hall during the fall and winter, which resulted in fully establishing several interested people, and as a result ten have been baptized and four or five more are keeping the Sabbath.

In the early spring this company went to Duncan, a small farming district, thirty miles southwest of Clifton, where a successful tent effort was conducted. Three have been baptized and a good interest still exists. Following this effort Elder and Sister Hutchinson were called to Miami to join Professor and Sister L. B. Ragsdale in a tent effort. This meeting has resulted in eleven taking their stand, eight of whom were baptized. These,

with believers already living at Miami, were organized into a church of fourteen members, fully officered, Sabbath, August 28. Three have united since, bringing the membership up to seventeen. Elder and Sister Dillon have continued to labor in the vicinity of Duncan, looking after the interest there, and at the same time conducting an effort in a schoolhouse eight miles out in the country. Eleven have taken their stand, and a good interest still exists which must be followed up.

Elder C. D. M. Williams spent the time immediately following the camp-meeting and until the last of January in and around the city of Phoenix. February 1, the writer joined him in a hall effort at Mesa, which continued eight weeks. This effort resulted in the baptism of eleven, while two others came in on profession of faith. Members of the Phoenix church living at Mesa united with these in a church organization, which was perfected Sabbath, April 3. The charter members numbered thirty, and since that time six others have united by baptism.

Immediately following the efforts at Mesa, Elder Williams was joined by Brother Fred Owen in a tent effort at Gilbert, a small country place seven miles southeast of Mesa. The results of this effort thus far are six baptized with others interested. Brother Owen has been in touch with this work through the summer.

With the opening of the hot season, Elder Williams with his family went to Prescott where meetings were opened in a hall about the middle of July. An excellent interest was manifested from the start, and being unable to carry the burden alone, Brother Williams called for help which was supplied in the person of Brother G. A. Roberts, who joined the effort August 24. Ten have been baptized and three received into the church upon profession of faith. This has made a substantial addition to the Prescott company, and the meetings have been a great spiritual blessing to the church.

During the past year, Brother M. P. Acosta has labored among the Spanish-speaking people of Phoenix and Tempe. During the winter and spring seven were baptized. At the close of the tent effort at Gilbert, Brother Owen joined Brother Acosta in the work for the Mexican people in this city. Two tent efforts have been held, which have resulted in eight taking their stand for the message, two of whom have been baptized and others will soon follow. We must not forget the fact that the message moves more slowly among the Spanish-speaking people than among others of our conference. We are very thankful to see this branch of our work growing, and hope to be able to do more for it in the future.

In this connection I should not fail to mention the invitation Brother Owen has had to open work among the colored people of Mesa. A Sunday-school has been organized, and each week they are receiving a discourse on the lines of the message.

Near the first of August, Brother and Sister P. L. Knox opened a series of meetings in a large school hall in Patagonia. These meetings have been well attended, and an excellent impression has been made. The message found lodgement in honest hearts, and nine have decided to obey. A Sabbath-school of eighteen has been organized, so that the work is well established there.

During the year, besides assisting in the effort at Mesa, and attending to conference duties, it has been my privilege to visit and to hold meetings of from three days to two weeks duration, in the following places: Sanchez, Flagstaff, Prescott, Verde Valley, Florence (penitentiary), Gilbert, Ft. Thomas, Globe, Miami, Safford, Cochise, St. David, Tucson, Yuma, Nogales, Buckeye, Chloride, Patagonia, Warren, Bernardino, Rodeo, N. M., Pima, Tempe, Duncan, and Clifton. Most of these places were visited two or three times during the year, and baptisms were held in the Verde Valley, at Globe, Cochise, Patagonia, Tucson, Safford, Warren, Pima, Mesa, and Ft. Thomas. Credit should be given largely for these converts to faithful efforts of the little companies and to the work of Brother A. L. Whitaker. While Brother Whitaker has been trying to regain his health, he has done faithful work for the Master both at Pima and Ft. Thomas.

Workers who have come to this field by invitation during the year are Prof. L. B. Ragsdale, who has taken the principalship of our conference school, Brother and Sister P. L. Knox and Sister Jessie Hicks-Dillon who are connected with the evangelical work. In addition to these, two members of our conference, Brethren F. M. Owen and G. A. Roberts, have been invited to take up the work of the ministry. Those transferred to other fields to answer calls made by the mission board were Brother and Sister C. F. Innis who went to Cuba, Brother Innis to act as field agent, and Sister Innis to fill the place of secretary and treasurer. Brother W. L. Sims has been on an extended vacation during the past year. While he has looked after the local church at Safford, he has been farming. This change has greatly benefited his health so that he now feels able to take up the work of the ministry again.

The Conference Church

During the year it has been the constant aim of the conference to get in touch with every isolated Sabbath-keeper in the state. Sister Hutchinson has done faithful work in assisting the writer along this line. Many who were out of touch with their home church and had failed to get in touch with this conference have been located, and these, with all the isolated members whose names were formerly carried on the various church records, have been entered as members of the Conference church. The present membership is ninety. This arrangement is proving a great blessing to our isolated brethren and sisters, and many expressions of gratitude are coming to us constantly.

Sister Hutchinson has been the acting clerk of this church, and her inspiring letters have been a great blessing to these dear people who seldom come in contact with one of like precious faith.

Sabbath-school and Young Peoples' Work

These two branches of our work have been well looked after by the corresponding secretaries of each; Sister L. L. Hutchinson acting as secretary of the Sabbath-school work, and Sister Emma Wheeler acting in the same capacity for the young people. We are glad to report both branches having made a healthy growth, and to have done excellent work, but will leave the reporting of these lines to the secretaries.

Book Work

We are sorry to be compelled to report this branch of our work very weak. In fact, it is almost dead, but as we have a specialist with us at this meeting, in the person of Brother H. A. Hebard, we are in hopes that he will be able to administer some form of antitoxin that will restore it to the position it should occupy in this field. During the fall and winter, Brother G. H. Reese worked the cities of Tucson and Yuma, but owing to the financial depression brought on by the war, he was unable to do much. In the spring he left us to gather California fruit.

Brother I. T. Reynolds, who is with us at present, has done some work through the winter and spring, and at the close of the school year he joined Brother I. D. Sanchez in working the cities of Miami and Globe.

Dr. Kline spent the summer months visiting the mining camps in the Prescott district, where he succeeded in placing a number of books.

The total sales of our tract society have amounted to \$2866.02. A more complete report of the tract society work will be made by Brother Clyde Lowry.

School Work

May 26, 1915, closed the most successful school year in the history of church schools in Arizona. There was a general spirit of harmonious cooperation between teachers and patrons of the school throughout the year. Good work was done by most of the students, and a good spiritual atmosphere pervaded the school. And yet it has not reached the high standard to which we hope to see it attain. This year the school has opened with a much smaller attendance than in 1913 or 1914, but as the success of the school does not depend altogether upon the number of students, we hope to see this the most successful year of the school in all other lines. There are many of our young people scattered over the state who would very much like to attend the academy, but lack of funds is keeping them away. A number of these are laying plans to be here another year.

Financial

During the eleven months ending August 31, tithes to the amount of

\$5450.38 were received into the treasury. While this exceeds the tithes of the whole of last year by \$374.46, it falls behind the tithes of the first eleven months of the year before \$319. For the year ending Sept. 31, 1913, the tithe per capita was \$27.97, while at the present rate the tithe per capita would be, for this year, \$19.00. Our total offerings to missions for the eleven months have been \$2104.66. This is \$54.00 above the largest offering for any full year of the past if we debar the estate that was received for missions last year. This makes a total of all funds received by our treasury to August 31, of \$7555.04.

The Lord has placed in our hands the last message to a lost world. We have the keys that unlock the tomb of all the sleeping saints, that open the gates of paradise to His waiting people. Shall we not, with renewed consecration and earnestness, take up the work, yet unfinished, of giving the everlasting gospel to all nations, and thus hasten the day when righteousness shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea? J. ERNEST BOND.

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The Sabbath-school

The Sabbath-school! What memories arise in a moment's reflection upon that word! There are four members of the first Sabbath-school held in Arizona territory present to-day, Elder and Sister C. D. M. Williams, Sister Lou Sturgess and Sister Pauline Laurin. Dec. 24, 1890, Elder D. C. Hunter arrived in Phoenix, and after due inquiry found five Sabbath-keepers, none of whom were church members. But these earnest people formed a nucleus for the little church which would soon be organized. Early in 1891, during the tent meetings, a Sabbath-school of twenty-five or thirty was organized. The next report we glean from the records of 1901, ten years later, when at its close there were five schools, having a total membership of 139. After paying for their supplies, they gave the amount of \$8.00 to missions the fourth quarter, or \$19.46 for the year.

Ten years later, 1911, we find at its close, fourteen Sabbath-schools having 280 members, and wonderful changes have taken place, for we find they have given \$581.55 to missions during the year. The Sabbath-school stands for progress.

In the Arizona Conference there are now nineteen Sabbath-schools reporting, having a membership of 380 besides thirty-eight members of the Home Department, making a total Sabbath-school membership of 418, a gain of over 100 during the year.

The average attendance is still quite low, ranging from seventy-five to eighty-one per cent. The schools are endeavoring, however, to better this condition.

One of the greatest causes of encouragement in the Sabbath-school work is the way in which the Home Department has responded to the efforts made to share with them the blessings of the Sabbath-school. This

department has an increased membership of about thirty, making the average number reporting regularly about forty.

The best part of the report of this department is as follows: Thirty-eight conversions and forty-one baptisms of Sabbath-school members. It rejoices our hearts to know that the youth in our Sabbath-schools are being led to the Saviour. Surely we are living in a time when this part of our work should receive special attention. Personal work for every pupil should be the constant aim of every teacher. This second part of our goal is paramount in importance, preeminent in its relative position to other phases of the work, and absolutely eternal in its results, and we are glad that our teachers are sensing the great responsibility placed upon them by God. The Sabbath-school, as a great field, is ripe for the harvest, and the Sabbath-school teacher, as a laborer in this field, should not be content merely to sow the seed of truth in the soil of the pupils' hearts, but he should also make an effort to garner the harvest, bringing precious sheaves for the Master.

"Teachers may teach and teach and teach, but if they stop short of bringing their pupils to decide to obey the truths taught, and surrender the heart to God, the harvest of souls, if not reaped by another hand, is forever lost. Let each teacher work individually for each pupil in his class, for no teacher can be said to be doing his full duty until he is ready to do personal work for his pupils and is seeking to become skilful in doing it. Failure in this part of the goal is failure in everything."

There are twenty-two teachers taking the training course with the object to improve our teaching force.

The subscription list of the *Sabbath School Worker* is coming up. This valuable teacher is going on its mission into a number of isolated homes as well as to the Sabbath-schools.

A few words about our offerings: "We thank God that our Sabbath-schools have contributed enough to advance many a precious enterprise. Children and youth have given of their small amounts that, like little rivulets, have supplied a stream of beneficence." God, in His great love, has not bestowed these blessings upon us "to encourage our selfish natures, by retaining the treasures of God's bounty, and fixing our affections upon them, but that we may render back to the Giver, gifts and offerings. This is the least expression of gratitude and love that we can return to our benevolent Creator." This people seems to feel the claims of God upon their means, small or great, and in response they contribute willingly of their income that this beloved message may quickly go to the darkened corners of the earth.

Should our Sabbath-schools now neglect the regular offering for just one Sabbath, it would mean a loss of over \$7000 to the mission fields, or about \$1000 a day. It was less than forty years ago that our people gave their first offerings in the Sabbath-school.

There are some here who remember how "Penny Boxes" were installed in the churches at that time as convenient receptacles for the little brown pennies. Sister White called the attention of our people to the custom of the children of Israel in dropping in a piece of money into the treasury when they came into the Lord's house, and suggested that "it would be well for our people to do the same thing." This beginning was like the planting of a grain of mustard seed, and the tender shoot first sent up. But it was of strong vitality, and grew until it became a large tree. So this has grown till instead of "Penny Boxes" we have "Dollar Days."

The offerings for the year ending June 30, are as follows:

Quart	12 Sbbths	13th Sbbth	Total
First	\$ 276.59	\$ 66.26	\$ 342.86
Second	241.21	89.44	330.65
Third	270.01	83.65	353.66
Fourth	273.02	123.03	396.05
Totals	\$1060.83	\$362.38	\$1423.21

A spirit of sacrifice has made this financial report possible. The Macedonian cry has appealed to hearts, and the people have delighted in giving, realizing that "our money means the salvation of souls"—unlocking the doors of darkened heathenism. Let us put forth renewed efforts to open the doors of every nation, kindred, tongue and people in this generation, and flood their darkened chambers with the light of the third angel's message.

The schools have been blessed by the visits of our president during the year, who has also visited all the isolated.

For the new year,—with hearts filled with the Holy Spirit—let us press in, more determined to reach our goals, more alert to see the needs about us and a spirit to supply them, and make the Sabbath-school what God intended it should be—a place for the ingathering of souls, and a light from which rays may radiate to every part of the earth.

In closing I wish to express my appreciation for the cooperation received during the year from superintendents, secretaries, teachers, fellow-workers, and the dear isolated ones, and appeal for the continuation of this spirit that higher attainments may be possible.

TRESSA B. HUTCHINSON,
Sabbath-school Secretary.

Our Duties

We often make our duties harder by thinking them hard. We dwell on the things we do not like till they grow before our eyes, and, at last, perhaps shut out heaven itself. But this is not following our Master, and He, we may be sure, will value little the obedience of a discontented heart. The moment we see that anything to be done is a plain duty, we must resolutely trample out every rising impulse of discontent. We must not merely prevent it from breaking out into murmuring; we must get rid of the discontent itself. Cheerfulness in the service of Christ is one of the first requisites to make the service Christian.—*Frederick Temple.*

Arizona Tract Society Sales Reports Fifteen Months Ending Sept. 30, 1915

	Sept. 30, 1914	Dec. 31, 1914	Mar. 31, 1915	June 30, 1915	Sept. 30, 1915	Total
Subscription,						
Home Workers' Books -	\$788.52	\$332.91	\$414.10	\$406.50	\$424.50	\$2366.53
Trade Books and Bibles	117.25	43.88	45.20	34.13	96.84	337.30
Text Books - - - -	51.26	16.95	11.27	15.67	92.71	187.86
Tracts - - - - -	3.75	62.66	5.53	22.63	20.50	115.07
Magazine Sales - - -	47.50	65.00	127.70	10.00	41.80	292.00
Periodical Subscriptions	142.39	128.69	165.20	116.50	168.15	720.93
						\$4019.69

Arizona Tract Society

The experiences of the past year since our last annual gathering have proved beyond all question that there is in the earth a peculiar people, zealous of goods works. We have learned during the year some sweet and some bitter lessons; but most of all and best of all, we have learned that the advent of our blessed Lord and Master is being hastened by the progress of the message, and conditions in the world of sin. We are one year nearer home.

Perhaps it will not be well to present a formal statistical report, but the figures showing our sales of books and other publications appear above and give many items of interest as well as the information regarding our business.

The circulation of literature in Arizona shows a steady growth, and in nearly every line there is evidence of more and more work being done by the entire body of our people. But, we trust, the best indication of the work being done in connection with our literature is shown in the growth in the membership of the conference. This, we must bear in mind, is the first and greatest object of our publishing department. We trust that as the printed pages go out on the wings of prayer; as the "speaking leaves" are scattered here and there and everywhere, each may accomplish that whereunto it is sent, and be as a leaf from the tree of life which is for the healing of the nations. Faithful, earnest souls will be won, and those who reject the light will, at least, have been warned.

We sincerely hope and pray, and firmly believe, that God will add His richest blessing to the faithful efforts of willing hands and consecrated hearts; and that in the great day when He makes up His jewels it will be seen that each of you may be there to take the place appointed. And may it be your blessed privilege, and mine, to know that our missionary endeavors have been the means, under God, of winning many precious souls.

May I leave this sentiment with you as an inspiration to deeper consecration, more whole-hearted service, stronger faith; warmer zeal, and a greater determination than you have ever felt before to do your part in the finishing work as unto the Lord, and to do it quickly: "Help somebody to-day."

CLYDE LOWRY,

Tract Society and Missionary Sec.

Attention Arizona

This is perhaps the last copy of the RECORDER that you will receive unless your subscription is received for the paper an once. We are sure that you have been glad for the visits of the RECORDER for the past four or five months, but the subscription will stop unless it is renewed soon.

The price of the subscription is only 50 cents a year. The paper will visit your home each week. It will have reports from the nine conferences of this union conference, and will keep you in touch with our work on the Pacific Coast. It will have reports from the workers of our own conference, so that you will know just what we are doing, where each minister is working, and the results of our labors. We will try to have a report in each week so as to keep you in close touch with everything that is done. Then we would like very much to have each church send in occasional reports of the work it is doing, and each isolated member to send in short reports that will be of interest. This will make the RECORDER a medium of information to everyone in the conference.

All announcements of conference meetings will appear in the columns of the RECORDER, also camp-meeting announcements with dates of all meetings. All items of interest to our people, that come to the president of the union conference or any of the workers in the field will be passed on to the people through this means.

Will you not send in your subscription at once so as not to miss a single issue? We want this weekly visitor to go to every family of believers in Arizona, and you cannot afford to be without it.

Please send your order to *Pacific Union Recorder*, Box 146, Glendale, Cal.
J. ERNEST BOND.

MISCELLANY

NOTICE.—An opportunity is offered those in need of employment during the quiet season to introduce our excellent sanitarium foods. For particulars address Sanitarium Food Company, Sanitarium, Cal. 19-22

FOR SALE.—Alfalfa honey, light color and fine flavor. Five-gallon cans

f.o.b. station, \$3.50. One-gallon cans by parcel post, first and second zones, \$1.10, one-half gallon, 65 cents, post-paid; other zones add additional postage. Address, M. S. Dickinson, Ingonar, Cal. 2-28-16

FOR SALE.—In Selma, Cal., a good five-room house on two splendid lots. Some fruit and plenty of shade. Two blocks from Seventh-day Adventist church, and one mile from church school. Price, \$1700. Would accept \$1000 down and give time on balance. This property has been given to advance the message. For information address the Central California Conference, Box 1304, Fresno, Cal. 12-31-15

Chinese Slides for Sale

On account of returning to China, I shall be willing to dispose of 300 beautiful hand colored lantern slides, depicting scenes of Chinese life, places of interest in China and Japan, as well as views of our work and workers throughout the Asiatic Division. I shall be glad to sell these at a greatly reduced price to some of our ministers or other workers who will use them in the interest of foreign mission work. If interested address F. E. Stafford, 814 Broadway, Glendale, Cal., until January 15. After that, care Pacific Press, Mountain View, Cal. 21-22

Annual Meeting Sanitarium Association of Seventh-day Adventists of Southern California

The ninth annual session of the Sanitarium Association of Seventh-day Adventists of Southern California will be held in connection with the Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, at 141 Carr Street, Los Angeles, 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 convene at 2 P. M. Wednesday, Jan. 26, 1916.

E. E. ANDROSS, *President*,
J. A. BURDEN, *Secretary*.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Annual Meeting of Southern California Association of Seventh-day Adventists

The sixteenth annual session of the Southern California Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in the Carr Street Seventh-day Adventist church, at 141 Carr Street, Los Angeles, Cal.

The first meeting will convene at 2 P. M. Wednesday, Jan. 26, 1916. At this session officers will be elected, and other business pertaining to the annual session will be transacted.

The membership of this corporation embraces the members in good standing

in all the churches of the Seventh-day Adventists in that portion of California lying south of the summits of the Tehachapi and Santa Ynez Ranges.

B. E. BEDDOE, *President*,
B. M. EMERSON, *Secretary*.

Southern California Conference

The sixteenth annual session of the Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Carr Street church, 141 Carr Street, Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 25 to 28, 1916. The first meeting will be held Tuesday, January 25, at 10 A. M., and continue daily until the conference business has been transacted. The session is called for the purpose of electing officers of the conference, and for transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

B. E. BEDDOE, *President*,
B. M. EMERSON, *Secretary*.

SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA

The first annual session of the Southeastern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Seventh-day Adventist church, corner Eighteenth and G Streets, San Diego, Cal., Jan. 19 to 23, 1916. The first meeting will be held Wednesday, January 19, at 7:30 P. M. The session is called for the purpose of electing officers for the conference, and for transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

A full representation of the churches is desired. Each church is entitled to one delegate for its organization, and one additional delegate for each twenty members or major fraction thereof. Report of the delegates elected should be sent to the conference secretary, 617 East Fifth Street, Santa Ana, Cal.

W. F. MARTIN, *President*,
J. C. McREYNOLDS, *Secretary*.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

Notice

The Central California Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will hold its fourth annual meeting in connection with the conference meeting in the Seventh-day Adventist church, corner O and Mariposa streets, Fresno, Cal., Jan. 11 to 16, for the purpose of electing a board of trustees, and transacting such other business as may come before the conference. The first meeting of the association is called for January 13, at 10 A. M. All delegates of the conference are members of the association.

N. P. NEILSEN, *Pres.*,
G. A. WHEELER, *Sec.*

Notice

The fifth annual session of the Central California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held Jan. 11 to 16, 1916, in the church, corner O and Mariposa streets, Fresno, Cal., for the purpose of electing officers and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting. The first business

meeting of the conference is called to convene January 12 at 10 A. M.

A full attendance of the delegates is earnestly requested, the ratio of delegates being one delegate for the organization of each church, and one additional delegate for every fifteen members or fraction thereof when more than seven.

The conference committee and ordained ministers are delegates at large.

N. P. NEILSEN, *Pres.*,
G. A. WHEELER, *Sec.*

Our Conference Session

Arrangements will be made for the delegates to room with our own people, as far as possible, during the conference session to convene at Fresno January 11 to 16, and thus free lodging will be given to the delegates, but it will be well to bring some bedding along as this will assist in providing the necessary accommodations.

Upon arrival the delegates should report at the conference office, which is just back of the church near the corner of O and Mariposa streets. If all who intend to come to the conference will at once send word to Brother G. A. Wheeler, Box 1304, Fresno, Cal., it will greatly assist the committee on arrangement in their work. Pray that the Lord may give us a good conference session, and that right plans may be laid for the work in our territory.

N. P. NEILSEN.

God's Leading Hand

One day recently there came into the office of the Maine Tract Society a well dressed lady and her husband, who were returning to their home in New York City, after spending the summer at their summer home in Maine. Just a year ago they bought copies of "Bible Readings" and *Signs of the Times Magazine* of one of our agents. They secured the address of the Maine office, and called for the purpose of subscribing regularly for the monthly *Signs*, and also paid to have the magazine sent to their sister for one year.

They stated that they were much interested, and thought "Bible Readings" was the most wonderful book they ever read, and that the *Signs* was the best magazine that they could have come to their home. They left their order for all the back numbers of the *Signs* up to the time when they were unable to obtain it. Sister Ross saw an opportunity of presenting them with a copy of the Harvest Ingathering *Signs*. The lady was delighted, and said that she would send an offering upon returning to New York. Soon afterward a letter came containing a crisp ten-dollar bill. We have faith to believe that God will bring them into this blessed message, for we can see His leading hand.

Let us pray, trust and work, brethren, for the time is short, and there are many precious souls waiting for these great, saving truths.

A. E. SANDERSON.

For those who cannot be resident attendants at the many academies and colleges of our land, enterprising educators have instituted home courses of study by means of correspondence schools. This feature has now been so developed that almost any line or degree of training can be secured from the great correspondence centers. In our denominational work many laborers and those who have not had the advantages of thorough schooling have felt the need of some means of making progress while pursuing their field or other duties. Within the past few years this has been supplied in the Fireside Correspondence School of Washington, D. C. This school has been operating for several years, has already enrolled about 1000 students, and has granted 159 certificates for subjects completed. Pupils have been entered from all parts of the world, and those who have taken the courses of instruction are enthusiastic in their pursuit. Many more, at least every laborer and young person who has not the opportunity to attend one of our regular schools, should be taking advantage of some of these courses of study or reading. Leaflets giving full particulars as to subjects, prices, terms, etc., will be furnished on application to the Fireside Correspondence School, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C. Make yourself a New Year's gift by beginning a line of regular study early in 1916.

The foreign press and advertisers of this country recognize that since the war began our foreign-Americans are reading their own literature more thoroughly than ever before. Leaders in our foreign department tell us that an increased interest in our religious magazines as well is very noticeable. This should encourage all to work earnestly to interest the Germans, Danes, Norwegians, Swedes, and those of other nationalities in the special literature presenting the truth in their own languages. While it is true that many carry on their business in English, yet the large proportion depend upon the mother tongue in their worship and in their study of religious subjects. The quarterly magazines for the first quarter of 1916 in the German, Danish-Norwegian, and Swedish, now ready, are beautiful in appearance, well illustrated, and filled with articles on the signs of our times, points of prophecy, Christian living, and other general subjects of vital interest. Will you not use some of these in reaching those who read these languages? Call for *Zeichen der Zeit* (German *Signs*), *Lys Over Landet* (Danish-Norwegian), and *Tidens Tecken* (Swedish *Signs*). They cost the same as the English magazines—5 cents each up to fifty copies; more than that to one person. 4 cents each. Your tract society will get them quickly for you.

The report of the young people's work in Arizona does not appear in this issue for lack of space but will appear next week.

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With the end of 1915 has closed one of the most eventful years in the history of the world. The war in Europe has been unprecedented in the recorded annals of this planet, both in point of numbers that have been engaged in the conflict and in the great destruction of human life and property. More than half of the inhabitants of the globe, directly or indirectly, are engaged in the stupendous struggle. Millions have been slaughtered, and millions more have been rendered helpless and destitute. But while all of this great devastation is in progress, another mighty agency is also at work. The agitation in the material world is bringing to large numbers of men and women in all lands a sense of the uncertain state of this life and the need of a power that will lift them above the ravages of sin. Amid the death struggles of the nations, more and louder than ever have been the calls for the Prince of Peace. Those who are laboring to extend the gospel of salvation are finding the fields already white to the harvest. The year just beginning portends great advancement in the spreading of the message of redemption. Whatever of war and carnage may come in the kingdoms of this world, steadily will the kingdom of the blessed Christ grow in the hearts of those who follow His bidding until He shall come and take them to Himself. May the year 1916 be one of individual progress in the preparation for the return of our Lord and King.

Doubtless all of our people will expect a report of the success attained in securing the grand total of subscriptions on the \$150,000 Educational Fund, in this the first issue of the RECORDER after the expiration of the time set for the solicitation. Because of the fact that a considerable number of signed pledges are still in the hands of the men engaged in the solicitation, and, as almost every mail brings in additional pledges, we are not able to give an accurate report as to the actual status of this fund, in the success of which all of us are so deeply interested. It is hoped that all pledges made up to January 1 will reach the office in time for a full report to be given next week.

A note dated December 20 from the treasurer of the Pacific Union College church contains the following of good cheer: "We are glad to report that we have reached our goal of \$400 on the Harvest Ingathering fund. Also we have our full twenty-cent average for our 210 members, \$2188.25. We have one more Sabbath yet in this year for a collection, but it will be small for our attendance will be light (on account of the holiday vacation). Our thirteenth Sabbath collection we took up yesterday, \$113, and annual offering, \$54.00."

The report dated December 29, of Harvest Ingathering Signs sent out from the publishers showed that only thirteen conferences were behind their full record for 1914. 800,901 English papers had been sent out up to that date as compared with 683,063 for the previous year. Receipts from the papers distributed up to November 30 showed \$44,975.62 as against \$35,324.67 to the same date in 1914, a gain of \$9650.95. In the Pacific Union Conference 96,347 papers have been ordered this year as against 78,676 in 1914; and the receipts to Nov. 30, 1915, were \$4972.13, while to the same date in 1914 they were \$3513.63, an increase in 1915 of \$1458.50.

There has just come to our office a copy of Prof. A. W. Spaulding's new book "The Men of the Mountains," which gives a graphic description of the simple and sturdy folk who inhabit the mountain regions of the South. Many of these people are of old Revolutionary stock, and lead a primitive and quiet life away from the bustling centers of civilization and commerce. Their opportunities and advantages have been meager, and they welcome the effort that is being made in recent years to assist them to better methods of living. Besides giving a history of this interesting people, Professor Spaulding's book relates many instances which give an insight into the home and community life of these interesting mountain whites, as they are

commonly called. The book contains 320 pages, is well illustrated and is printed in large type on good paper. It is bound in full cloth and in paper covers. The price was first announced as \$1.00 for the cloth and 50 cents for the paper binding. It has been found, however, that these prices are lower than the production will warrant, so beginning Jan. 1, 1916, the price has been advanced to \$1.50 for the cloth binding, and 75 cents for the paper. This book is published on a subscription basis, and can be secured at the usual discounts through your tract society.

The "Pacific Union Recorder"

Many we believe have enjoyed receiving the PACIFIC UNION RECORDER during the past few months. We are sure that many will be glad to have it continue its weekly visits throughout the year just beginning. A large number of subscriptions on the list are dated December 31, 1915, which means that these names should be dropped at the close of the year if the subscriptions are not renewed by the individuals to whose address the papers have come. These are being continued, however, for one or more issues.

Through this little paper, as in no other way, one can keep in touch with what is being done in the local conferences of the union. The laborers in the field report the interests that they find and the success that attends their work. The schools give news items and reports of advancement. The PACIFIC UNION RECORDER is to the local work what the *Review and Herald* is to the field at large. Those who are anxious to keep abreast with the progress of the work in the home field and abroad will take both of these papers. Below will be found a blank which can be filled in and sent to the *Pacific Union Recorder*, Box 146, Glendale, Cal., for a year's or six months' subscription. If this is done at once, the paper will continue to come without interruption. Price, 50 cents a year; 25 cents for six months.

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