

PACIFIC UNION RECORDER



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

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The Church

The Happiest Place

The happiest place on earth for me
Is where my Lord would have me be.

The happiest thing that I can do
Is work my Lord has called me to.

The happiest song my heart can sing
Is that of praise to Christ my King.

The happiest path my feet can make
Is that I tread for Jesus' sake.

The happiest sight my eyes can see
Is sight of Christlike purity.

The happiest sound my ears can hear
Is that my Saviour draweth near."

—Selected.

Instruction to Ministers

Ministers are in danger of becoming lax in regard to the responsibilities that rest upon them. They need to bear in mind that it takes more than powers of oratory to make a minister an ambassador for Christ. The church and the world look to the pastor for an example in self-denial and cross-bearing and devotion to God. Indolence, fitfulness, irresolution, disqualify him for the position of a minister of God.

A man may be harsh and coarse in nature, and lacking in discernment; but by constant connection with Christ he may be assimilated to the divine nature, and come to reflect the likeness of Christ. Contact with truth will elevate and ennoble him. That which is rough and coarse in his nature, that which savors of pride of opinion and self-esteem will be driven from the heart, and the gentleness and meekness of Christ will take their place. The man who is walking in

the footsteps of Christ, looking to Him as the Author and Finisher of his faith, will see the amazing contrast between his own weak character and the perfect pattern set in the life of the Saviour; and he will not, he can not, become exalted. In humility of heart he will cry, "Lord, who is sufficient for these things?"

The work of the minister of the Gospel is not merely to preach. Christ is his Example, and Christ gave Himself. The expression of infinite love that God gave to the world in the gift of His Son marks the limit of His power to give. He could bestow no more. "If any man serve Me," Christ said, "let him follow Me." By studying the life of Christ, let the worker learn how He lived and worked, and strive each day to live His life.

There has been a decided failure among church-members to be Christlike in dealing with the erring. They have not sought to restore according to the directions given in the word. The wrongdoer has not been considered from the standpoint of the value of the soul. There are youth in our midst who need to be looked after with tender pity; but instead of acting the part of the loving shepherd, many have acted the part of judges. They have condemned, instead of seeking after them with tender compassion. The minister needs much of the grace of Christ in his labors for this class.

My brethren, pray for the young, and converse with them. Present before them their baptismal vows. Teach them what it means to take this step, and kindly and affectionately show them their responsibility. "Ye are buried with Him by baptism," the apostle declares,

"wherein ye are also risen with Him, through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised Him from the dead." "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above, and not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God."

When you find the church-members arrayed one against another, call a halt, and come to an understanding. There is one sure way of remedying this evil. Follow the Bible rule in dealing with the difficulty. "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual; restore such an one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." A deep interest and love for souls will give tact in laboring for the erring. The tenderness and love of Christ manifested in your efforts for such souls will accomplish more than any other power.

The first work of every minister should be to conform his own life to the teachings of truth; for God can not give souls into the care of one who has not himself learned to humble the heart before Him. O that the Holy Spirit would work mightily on the hearts of our ministers and teachers, making them willing to be taught God's way. "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling," the apostle says, "for it is God that worketh in you, both to will and to do of His good pleasure." Are we willing to enter into the work of self-examination that this command involves? Are we willing to put away the evil from our own lives, and live with an eye single to the glory of God?

The experience of Paul should be the

experience of every true servant of God in these last days: He said, "We preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus our Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us."

"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him: rooted and built up in Him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily, and ye are complete in Him."

There is a great and increasing need that those who minister in word and doctrine should be learners in the school of Christ. The influence of the one who preaches the word should be an influence that will lead souls to seek eternal life.

In these last days many influences will arise to draw the worker from standing firmly for a "Thus saith the Lord." Men who themselves have departed from the faith, will seek to draw the workers into controversy, and by this method attempt to present heresies that will lead souls astray. My brethren, do not be enticed by such influences. Engage in no debate. Take no heed to the persuasions and challenges of those who would draw you from your legitimate work. You have no time to voice their sentiments or to repeat their words. Time is golden; truth is precious. We are to carry forward the work of God in the same spirit of simplicity that has marked our efforts for the past fifty years. But while our work is to be done in simplicity and meekness, we are to stand firmly for the principles of the faith.

The Saviour has given the promise of His presence to all who labor in the spirit of true service. "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth," He says; "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and, lo, I am with you always, even

unto the end of the world." As you present the word to your hearers, claim this promise of Christ's presence. There is no day, no hour of the day, when He will not be near you by His Holy Spirit. He is in every meeting that is held in His name. His promise is given for as long as time shall last.

Be careful messengers. Do not be anxious to hear and accept new theories; for often they are such as should never be presented before any congregation. Speak no boastful, self-exalting words. Let the word of God come forth from lips that are sanctified by the truth. Every minister is to preach the truth as it is in Jesus. He should be assured of that which he affirms, and should handle the word of God under the direction of the Holy Spirit of God. Walk and work carefully before God, my brethren, that no soul may be led into deception by your example. It had been better for you never to have been born, than that you should lead one soul astray.

Those who profess to be servants of God need to make diligent work for the obtaining of that life where sin and sickness and sorrow can not enter. They are to be instant in season and out of season.

God is calling for reformers who will speak strong, uplifting words from our pulpits. It is when men speak their own words in their own strength, instead of preaching the word of God in the power of the Spirit, that they are hurt and offended when their words are not received with enthusiasm. It is then that they are tempted to speak words that will arouse a spirit of bitterness and opposition in their hearers. My brethren, be advised. Such words are not to come from the lips of Christ's ambassadors. Sanctified lips will speak words that reform, but do not exasperate. The truth is to be presented in the meekness and love of Christ.

I heard the words spoken, Prepare to meet thy God. If you will learn of Jesus, you will possess a power that will take hold of hearts. You will speak words that will be a savor of life unto life. Shake off the worldly spirit that would take possession of our people. Pray, O pray; and believe that the fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

If the minister's lips are touched with a live coal from off the altar, he will lift up Jesus as the sinner's only hope.

When the heart of the speaker is sanctified through the truth, his words will be living realities to himself and others. Those who hear him will know that he has been with God, and has drawn near to Him in effectual, fervent prayer. The Holy Spirit has fallen upon him, his soul has felt the vital, heavenly fire, and he will be able to compare spiritual things with spiritual. Power will be given him to tear down the strongholds of Satan. Hearts will be broken by his presentation of the love of God, and many will inquire, "What must I do to be saved?" Ellen G. White.

The Field

San Andres Isle, Colombia, S. A.

Thinking our many friends in California and on the Pacific Coast might like to hear from us, we take this way of letting them know how we are prospering.

We reached this island last January, the 29th, after a pleasant trip of about three weeks by sailing vessel from Baltimore. We found things much the same as when we left three and one-half years before. Our little cottage (built for us by one of the brethren) was clean, and ready for us to move into. A few days later we opened school with an attendance of fifteen, which number steadily increased until we had forty-two, which was about all we could accommodate in the one room available. We have had a very good class of students, and they have shown a good interest.

Especially have we been pleased to have a number of promising young men and women who are in the truth, and who come for the purpose of fitting themselves for a place in the work. We have three of this class from the island of Old Providence about forty miles distant. One young man from San Andres is preparing to assist Elder Goodrich in Colon the coming year as book-keeper. Besides the school, I have kept up a class of eleven in organ music, and about the same number in needle-work.

We have much to encourage us for we believe the Lord is blessing our efforts here. There are also, to be sure, many, many hardships; but we try to forget these and look only on the bright side. One thing which is a great trial to us as well as a hindrance to the work is the

back of a mail service. Since Panama's independence, which is not recognized by Colombia, we have no regular mail here. We have been having ours come to Bocas and forwarded by a brother from there by any little boat trading back and forth with the island. This is very unsatisfactory, however. We hear that we now have a pile of mail there, but do not know when we will get it. One small boat brought us a few pieces of mail and charged us two dollars for their trouble. It is very hard to get nourishing foods in any variety; and what we do get spoils quickly in this hot, moist climate. Yet in spite of all, we have managed so far to keep fairly well. God, who brought us here, is able to keep us, while we do the best we can.

We are planning on building on another room to the school building if we can possibly raise the money. It seems a necessity, for as it is now, Mr. Smith has to do all the teaching, as there is no room for another teacher. With an extra room I could take the primary grades and he could put twice the time on the older ones, preparing them so much more quickly for service. We have written some private letters for assistance, but have not felt we could make a public call for help, as there are other calls which seem very urgent, and which have been of long standing. If any are interested in our work, and the Lord prompts them to assist us, any amount sent will be very thankfully received. It can be sent to the Mission Board, stating plainly what it is for. They will forward it to us. We would like to get this completed for use by the first of February.

There is much prejudice against us just now, as one little boy of fourteen has just united with us. He is living with an Adventist family. His uncle will not give up his clothing, but says if the boy comes for it he will strip off his clothes and flog him. This will serve to show the bitterness the professed Christians (members of the Baptist Church) have against us. It only makes us more determined to press on, sure of the victory at last. Pray for the work in this speck of an island, and that we may have strength and wisdom to do our part in it. Mrs. Parker Smith.

November 21.

"God is love."

Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Synopsis of Proceedings

The fourth biennial meeting of the Pacific Union Conference convened at the St. Helena Sanitarium, Sanitarium, Cal., Friday evening, January 17, and continued until the 25th, 1908. This session of the conference was divided into eleven regular business meetings, and they were all held in the sanitarium chapel. The president of the conference, Elder H. W. Cottrell, was chairman, and J. J. Ireland was secretary.

The regular daily program outlined below was closely followed:

Morning Meeting	.....6:30-7:30 A.M.
Prayer Meeting	.....9:00-9:30 A.M.
Conference Session	.....9:30-11:00 A.M.
Recess	.....11:00-11:15 A.M.
Conference Session	11:15 A.M.-1:00 P.M.
Dinner	.....1:30 P.M.
Preaching	.....2:30-4:15 P.M.
Conference	.....4:30-6:00 P.M.
Preaching	.....7:30-9:00 P.M.

Delegates

The following is the complete list of the accredited delegates that were present:

At large.—A. G. Daniels, S. N. Haskell, F. Griggs, J. N. Loughborough, E. A. Chapman, C. H. Jones, H. H. Hall, H. G. Childs, Howard Rand, L. M. Bowen, L. A. Reed, E. S. Ballenger, M. C. Wilcox, J. R. Leadsworth, J. O. Corliss, W. T. Knox, G. W. Reaser, H. G. Thurston, S. G. Huntington, H. W. Cottrell, J. J. Ireland, Henry Shultz, F. P. Abbott, H. E. Randall, Claude Conard, M. H. Brown, W. W. Prescott.

California.—H. C. Basney, J. H. Behrens, W. H. Covell, D. T. Fero, C. M. Gardner, E. J. Hibbard, I. C. Coleord, C. L. Taylor, A. Brorsen, E. D. Sharpe, B. L. Howe, A. J. S. Bourdeau, G. A. Snyder, H. A. St. John.

Southern California.—R. S. Owen, W. M. Healey, J. A. Burden, E. G. Fulton, H. H. Winslow.

Utah.—A. G. Christiausen.

Arizona.—J. E. Bond.

Committees

The formative work of the conference was placed with the following committees:

Program.—W. T. Knox, J. H. Behrens, H. W. Cottrell.

Nominations.—W. M. Healey, L. M. Bowen, J. N. Loughborough, A. G. Christiansen, J. E. Bond.

Plans.—W. T. Knox, W. C. White, G. W. Reaser, S. G. Huntington, H. F. Rand, R. S. Owen, J. O. Corliss, C. H. Jones, H. G. Thurston.

Credentials and Licenses.—H. G. Thurston, J. A. Burden, H. C. Basney.

Distribution of Labor.—W. T. Knox, G. W. Reaser, S. G. Huntington, H. G. Thurston, H. W. Cottrell.

President's Address

I thought to digress somewhat from the usual custom of delivering a biennial address upon this occasion. The blessing of the Lord has attended us both spiritually and financially throughout the union conference during the past term. The financial phase will be seen when we listen to the treasurer's report, and the spiritual prosperity will be most appreciated when each one examines himself, and sees the good he has received. There has been considerable fruit seen in the numerical increase of our membership.

A few words in reference to our sanitariums will be in place here. Of course all of these will be reported at the proper time by others, but I will simply refer to them here. There has been considerable improvement along this line. Success has attended all the institutions to a greater or less extent. The Paradise Valley Sanitarium has made some improvements in their buildings, and for some weeks past has had a good patronage. It has been thought best by some to close out the local corporation, and organize what we might call a conference corporation. This has really been done, although the stock has not yet been turned over; but other than this the necessary arrangements have been completed, and the articles of incorporation have been forwarded to Sacramento to be recorded.

The Glendale Sanitarium has made improvements in the way of a chapel, and some other additions. The Loma Linda Sanitarium built an ell to the main building, and a few cottages, and is now better able to care for patients; and I understand the institution is pretty well filled with patrons at this time.

The sanitarium at this place (St. Helena) has been greatly prospered in every way during the biennial term. While they have not prayed that people become sick so that they could come to

the sanitarium, many people have heard of this institution, and have come to it, so that the sanitarium has been more highly patronized than ever before in its history, for which we are thankful. The institution here has also built quite an addition in the way of an hospital, which was fully paid for from the earnings of the sanitarium. This is a very encouraging omen.

Our colleges and schools, while they are not numerous, yet including the church schools, we have quite a number, have succeeded very well indeed. The Loma Linda Sanitarium corporation has established a school during the last biennial term which is quite well filled with students at this time.

It is during this biennial term that we suffered such a loss by fire of the Pacific Press, an entire loss practically speaking. But we have recovered from this, and have erected a commodious building, and have confined ourselves since the time of the fire wholly to denominational work. As a result, greater prosperity has attended our efforts both in the publication and circulation of the silent messengers of truth.

There have been a number of churches built during this term throughout the union conference, some quite commodious ones, of which I might mention those at Oakland and Mountain View, each of which was dedicated free from debt.

Our work throughout the union conference has not gone by leaps and bounds, which I am very glad to report, but has gone steadily forward, as the truth always goes. Remember the historic gourd, which came in a night and went just as suddenly. You are well aware that when one takes time to consider the truth, when he once takes his stand for it, he is more likely to remain than if he took his position without due consideration. As in this, so it is in every department of the work of God, and for this reason I am glad that the work has made a steady progress.

My address will largely be given by my brethren, who are more familiar with the local conditions than I am, and who will give their parts in the proper time as a portion of the union conference report.

H. W. Cottrell.

“Our sisters, the youth, the middle aged, and those of advanced years, may act a part in the closing work for this time.”

Pacific Union Conference Treasurer's Report, 1906-1907

RECEIPTS, 1906

First Tithe		\$16,802 49
California	\$10,397 79	
Southern California	3,460 74	
Western Oregon	625 17	
Upper Columbia	425 52	
Montana	11 59	
Western Washington	619 59	
Arizona	88 93	
Utah	298 90	
Personal	269 93	

Second Tithe		12,078 05
California	9,357 99	
Southern California	1,045 54	
Utah	165 93	
Arizona	20 74	
Western Washington	525 24	
Western Oregon	562 64	
Upper Columbia	399 97	

Hawaiian Mission Tithe		276 61
Pacific M. M. & B. Assn. Institutional Tithe	1,047 65	
Pacific Union Recorder Sanitarium Food Co.	350 07	
California Conference Central Bank	1,000 00	
General Conference	1,626 37	
Text-Book Fund	1,865 51	
So. California Conf.	33 39	
Montana Conference	34 50	
Upper Columbia Conf.	8 50	
Arizona Conference	36 50	
Gen. Conference Assn. Earthquake Fund	36 35	
Personal & Labor Ac.	3,765 32	
N. Pacific Union Conf. Trust Funds	5,920 13	
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1906	1,158 26	
	31 19	
	29,080 04	
	3,214 33	
	<u>\$79,744 79</u>	

DISBURSEMENTS, 1906

Appropriations		\$3,369 17
Utah	1,535 85	
Arizona	1,500 00	
British Columbia	333 32	
Laborers' Salaries and Expense		6,384 50
North Pacific Union Conference Division Office Building	4,540 38	
Gen. Conf. Assn.	1,817 24	
Pacific Union Recorder	3,765 32	
Expense — Rent, Stationery, etc.	944 39	
Central Bank	203 95	
Sanitarium Food Co.	1,158 41	
Earthquake Fund	1,000 00	
Pac. M. M. & B. Assn. General Conference	5,920 31	
Text-Book Fund	640 85	
Text-Book Pub. Fund	3,876 35	
Mission Board Don.	330 36	
So. Cal. Conference	348 04	
Montana Conference	2,000 00	
Upper Columbia Conf.	34 50	
Arizona Conference	8 50	
California Conference	36 50	
Tithe Refund	36 35	
Second Tithe Refund	163 18	
Personal Accounts	174 73	
Honolulu Tent Fund	157 26	
Portland Fair	542 95	
Trust Funds	91	
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1906	1 60	
	28,311 28	
	13,972 76	
	<u>\$79,744 79</u>	

RECEIPTS, 1907

First Tithe		\$10,601 63
California	6,126 98	
So. California	3,288 95	
Arizona	746 76	
Utah	291 48	
Personal	147 46	
Second Tithe		6,164 44
California	5,513 29	
Arizona	388 77	
Utah	262 38	

Pacific M. M. & B. Assn. Institutional Tithe	2,694 03	
Pacific Union Recorder	256 15	
Utah Conference	125 00	
Arizona Conference	115 00	

Expense		2 50
Text-Book Fund		4 00
Personal Accounts		120 00
California Conference		43 63
Religious Liberty Cam. Trust Funds		311 79
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1907		29,323 47
		13,972 76
		<u>\$63,734 40</u>

DISBURSEMENTS, 1907

Appropriations		\$8,240 00
Utah	4,575 00	
Arizona	3,665 00	

Laborers' Salaries and Expense	4,278 35	
Pacific Union Recorder Expense Account	1,067 93	
Earthquake Fund	116 51	
Building Fund	82	
Pacific M. M. & B. Assn. General Conference	168 25	
Text-Book Fund	242 28	
Mission Board	1,754 50	
Religious Liberty Cam. N. Pacific Union Conf.	1 00	
Donations — Mt. View	100 00	
Pacific Press	819 98	
Personal Deposits	30 90	
Furnishings	249 67	
Trust Funds	5,000 00	
Cash with Treas. Dec. 31, 1907	168 73	
	3 15	
	29,151 91	
	12,340 42	
	<u>\$63,734 40</u>	

Memoranda of Offerings and Trust Funds, 1906-1907

California		\$16,669 12
Sabbath-school	2,955 81	
Annual	4,608 38	
Weekly and Miss.	3,297 32	
Southern Publishing	2 17	
Haskell Home	75	
Ministry of Healing	697 85	
Special Offerings	1,409 66	
July Offerings	757 59	
Int. Pub. Assn.	174 37	
Religious Liberty	167 30	
Southern Field	947 50	
\$150,000 Fund	1,642 42	
Washington Work	8 00	
Southern California		5,652 53
Sabbath-school	1,361 68	
Annual	1,847 83	
Weekly and Miss.	614 48	
Haskell Home	166 39	
Ministry of Healing	266 25	
Special	186 09	
July	628 82	
Int. Pub. Assn.	69 00	
Religious Liberty	111 32	
Southern Field	400 67	
Utah		483 08
Sabbath-school	122 24	
Annual	108 90	
Weekly and Miss.	86 27	
Haskell Home	10 33	
Christ's Object Les.	14 95	
Special	3 62	
July	36 65	
Int. Pub. Assn.	3 45	
Religious Liberty	14 03	
Southern Field	52 14	
\$150,000 Fund	20 59	
Arizona		329 90
Sabbath-school	55 45	
Annual	187 85	
Weekly and Miss.	43 85	
Christ's Object Les.	5 00	
Ministry of Healing	1 50	
Special	36 25	
Upper Columbia		1,915 40
Sabbath-school	78 76	
Annual	1,606 79	
Weekly and Miss.	139 31	
Haskell Home	9 19	
Ministry of Healing	9 75	
Special	1 85	
Southern Field	69 81	
Western Washington		1,614 80
Sabbath-school	183 16	
Annual	1,222 59	
Weekly and Miss.	151 37	
Ministry of Healing	3 75	

Special	1 30	
Southern Field	52 63	
Western Oregon		1,887 39
Sabbath-school	266 86	
Annual	1,136 32	
Weekly and Miss.	152 40	
Haskell Home	12 65	
Ministry of Healing	10 50	
Special	36 50	
Southern Field	265 06	
Washington Work	7 60	
Montana		414 86
Sabbath-school	90 44	
Annual	234 90	
Weekly and Miss.	76 73	
Ministry of Healing	75	
Special	4 54	
July	2 00	
Southern Field	5 50	

Hawaii		112 90
Sabbath-school	30 65	
Weekly and Miss.	38 20	
Southern Field	44 05	

Total for 1906		\$29,080 04
1907		

California		\$19,132 80
Sabbath-school	4493 72	
Annual	4231 32	
Weekly and Miss.	2276 55	
\$150,000 Fund.	5795 29	
Special	489 20	
July Offerings	5 00	
Int. Pub. Assn.	36 01	
Southern Field	1706 36	
C. O. Lessons	11 05	
Ministry of Healing	88 30	

Southern California		8476 66
Sabbath-school	1548 27	
Annual	1745 11	
Weekly and Miss.	784 00	
\$150,000 Fund.	1801 14	
Special	1873 75	
Int. Pub. Assn.	16 72	
Southern Field	492 85	
Religious Liberty	89 70	
Orphans and Aged	125 12	

Utah		729 47
Sabbath-school	152 81	
Annual	69 96	
Weekly and Miss.	47 71	
\$150,000 Fund.	389 08	
Special	3 16	
Int. Pub. Assn.	7 56	
Southern Field	45 75	
C. O. Lessons	1 50	
Orphans and Aged	11 19	
Ministry of Healing	75	

Arizona		984 54
Sabbath-school	339 66	
Annual	88 35	
Weekly and Miss.	161 90	
\$150,000 Fund.	295 29	
Special	4 46	
Int. Pub. Assn.	20 60	
Southern Field	52 13	
Religious Liberty	1 00	
Haskell Home	21 15	

Total for 1907		\$29,323 47
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Revenue Account for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1906

INCOME		
Conference Tithe	\$16,127 76	
Mission Field Tithe	276 61	
Second Tithe	11,920 79	
Medical Inst. Tithe	406 80	
Mission Offerings	720 06	
Donations	244 42	\$29,696 44

EXPENSES		
Appropriations	4,369 17	
Arizona	2,000 00	
British Col.	333 32	
Utah	2,035 85	
Labor Account	3,918 54	
Laborers' Expense, etc	1,746 89	
Hawaiian Mission	119 46	
Pacific Union Recorder	610 26	
Tithe to Gen. Conf.	1,612 77	
Furnish. Depreciation	35 00	

Mission Board (Don.)	2,000 00	
Text-Book Fund	1,000 00	
N. P. Union Conf. Div.	4,509 19	19,921 28

Net Gain	\$9,775 16
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Financial Statement, Dec. 31, 1906

ASSETS		
Office Building	\$1,170 15	
Furnishings	190 00	
General Conference	22 04	
California Conference	43 63	
Personal Accounts	87 36	
Recorder Provision	50 50	
Central Bank	7 01	
Cash with Treasurer	13,972 76	15,543 45

LIABILITIES		
Personal Accounts	154 92	
N. P. Union Conf.	30 90	
Recorder	95 31	
Trust Funds	481 95	
Surplus Dec. 31, 1905	5,005 21	
Net Gain for Year	9,775 16	
Dec. 31, 1906, Present Worth	14,780 37	\$15,543 45

Revenue Account for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1907

INCOME		
Tithe	\$10,601 63	
Second Tithe	6,164 44	
Pac. M. M. & B. Assn. Tithe	2,451 75	19,217 82

EXPENSES		
Appropriations	6,400 00	
Utah	3,650	
Arizona	2,750	
Mis. Board, Wales Tent	100 00	
Don. Mt. View Church	249 67	
Tithe to Gen. Conf.	1,060 16	
Laborers' Salaries	3,746 64	
Laborers' & Office Exp.	329 45	
Religious Liberty Cam.	433 49	
Office Building	38 40	
Furnishings	23 15	
Recorder	813 37	13,694 33
Net Gain	\$5,523 49	

Financial Statement for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1907

ASSETS		
Utah and Ariz. Conf.	\$1,600 00	
Bills Receivable	5,000 00	
California Conf.	634 71	
Personal and Misc. Ac.	15 73	
Office Building	1,800 00	
Furnishings	170 00	
Pacific Union Recorder	47 75	
Central Bank	7 01	
Treasurer Pacific Union Conference	12,340 42	\$21,115 62

LIABILITIES		
Personal Accounts	211 17	
Recorder Subscriptions	94 15	
Trust Funds	506 44	
Surplus Jan. 1, 1907	14,780 37	
Net Gain for Year	5,523 49	
Present Worth Dec. 31, 1907	20,303 86	\$21,115 62

Of this surplus on hand appropriations for 1908 have been made as follows:

For Arizona	4,000 00
For Utah	4,000 00
For Administration	7,000 00
E. A. Chapman, Treasurer.	\$15,000 00

Auditor's Report

Jan. 15, 1908.

To Whom It May Concern:

After a careful examination of the accounts and vouchers of the Pacific Union Conference for the two years ending Dec. 31, 1907, I can certify that the treasurer's report of the receipts and disbursements, and the revenue and financial statements are correct.

J. J. Ireland, Auditor.

Recommendations Adopted

1. As servants of the Most High, it seems fitting that on this occasion we should recognize the guiding hand of our Master during the last two years. While we deeply regret the loss of three of our ministering brethren,—Elders W. W. Simpson, A. J. Howard, and A. G. Bodwell,—we submit cheerfully to this depletion of our ranks, believing that all things work together for good to them that love God. We also extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved relatives, and commend them to the word of God's grace.

We are deeply grateful for the preservation of all the other workers of this conference, and thank the Lord for the material advancement of His work in our midst,—in the fruits of the ministry, the advancement in school efficiency, the prosperity of sanitarium work, and the success of our publishing enterprises, both in the factory and in the field. So great, indeed, are our blessings that they can not be told; but because of these, we pledge ourselves anew to give in return for them our best thought and highest effort toward preparing the world to receive the Master at His soon coming.

2. Inasmuch as religious legislation is fast becoming a prominent issue in local politics, as is clearly shown by the many demands for municipal Sunday laws; therefore we recommend:

(a) That each conference of the union take immediate steps to create, or appropriate funds for disseminating truth on this subject, whenever or wherever needed.

(b) That the officials of the prominent municipalities be supplied with a yearly subscription of *Liberty*, together with similar literature.

(c) That all of our people subscribe for and carefully read *Liberty*, as an able exponent of religious liberty, that

they may be able intelligently to converse with others on this subject, and thus prepare them to act intelligently in the coming issue.

(d) That a suitable person or persons be appointed by each conference to write articles for the local press, wherever religious liberty issues may arise.

3. We recommend that the incoming executive committee organize at once an aggressive health and temperance campaign, and that to this end it cause to be prepared at an early date a full series of up-to-date health and temperance leaflets and small tracts; and temperance pledge cards for general circulation.

We further recommend that each local conference assist in this temperance campaign by encouraging its churches and isolated members:

(a) To circulate extensively such popular temperance literature as is used by other temperance organizations, and endorsed by the conference.

(b) To organize active temperance bands in every neighborhood where such of our own do not already exist, and through these to set before the people the principles of true temperance.

(c) To cooperate heartily in every purely temperance movement carried forward by the W. C. T. U. and kindred organizations.

We recommend to the attention of our people the following instruction given through the spirit of prophecy relating to the liquor traffic:—

“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. . . . We ourselves must grapple this giant foe, our motto, ‘No compromise,’ and no cessation of our efforts till victory is gained.”—*Review and Herald*, Nov. 8, 1881.

And we recommend that our people endeavor to carry out this instruction to the very letter.

4. *Resolved*, That the Pacific Union Conference executive be requested to put forth earnest and continuous effort to materially strengthen the force of laborers in the Arizona and Utah Conferences; that if suitable men of experience and ability can not be found in the Pacific Union Conference, a strong effort be made to secure such from other union conferences.

Whereas, It frequently occurs that an institution, or local conference desires to engage help that is in the employ of other local or union conferences, therefore,

5. We recommend that when such help is desired it be secured through the union conference, if the help desired is within the territory of the union, and when in another union conference, arrangements be made by the union conferences involved through the medium of the General Conference.

Whereas, The all-consuming purpose of this denomination should be the preaching of the everlasting Gospel to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people; and,

Whereas, Our sanitarium training-schools more than any other department of our work gather the flower and talent of our young people within their sphere of influence; and,

Whereas, There is no more effectual equipment for missionary service than the combination of the medical training with the evangelical; and,

Whereas, The past history of our so-called medical missionary training schools reveals the fact that many of our young people, having received training in our institutions, have employed their God-given talent for personal gain rather than in missionary service; therefore,

6. We urge upon the leaders and teachers in all our training centers, a recognition of their high and sacred responsibility, in inculcating the true missionary spirit in the minds and hearts of our young people who receive training in our various institutions, and that our General Mission Board be kept in intelligent touch with the personnel of our medical missionary training-schools, to the end that as large a proportion as possible of our young people will spurn the thought of financial gain in their calling, and consecrate their lives to soul-winning wherever the voice of God may call to service.

7. Inasmuch as the treasurer's report shows a balance of cash on hand amounting to \$4,000, your committee would recommend that \$2,000 of this sum be given to the General Conference to be used in its foreign mission work.

Whereas, We are clearly instructed that the time is near at hand when the work of preaching the threefold message in our large cities will be made most difficult, if not impossible: therefore,

8. We recommend that each local conference in the Pacific Union put forth every possible effort to reach the multitudes of judgment-bound souls in the great centers of population, by public and house-to-house effort, and by the securing of space in the leading dailies, and the selection of able writers to fill such space with articles clearly setting forth the essential truths of the message, and further utilize such space to invite interested ones to our meetings.

From the very encouraging success of a goodly number of our people in the sale of our periodicals in the larger cities of the land, whereby they have found a broad and otherwise unoccupied field of self-supporting missionary service,

9. We recommend that more of our people be encouraged by the several conference committees of the Union to engage in this important work.

Whereas, It has been demonstrated that the publishing work is one of the most effective agencies we have for bringing the truth before the people; therefore,

10. We recommend that we strengthen and build up the distributing agencies of the Publishing Department so that they may lay hold very definitely upon every individual who has espoused the cause of the third angel's message, and enlist him as an active working factor in distributing our publications, and give him the instruction and training necessary to qualify him for work.

To this end we recommend,

(a) That, when deemed expedient, a field missionary secretary be appointed in each conference, to take active supervision in the field of the circulation of periodicals, tracts, trade books, and forty-per-cent books. Among the duties of the field secretary would be the selection, instruction, and direction of periodical workers, the holding of institutes in the churches for the instruction of the members in the methods of home missionary work, auditing librarians' books, and increasing the clubs of our papers, and the sale of literature provided especially for home workers.

(b) That the field missionary secretary be appointed and directed by the local conference committee: that he be supported by the conference; and that he hold practically the same relation to the tract and missionary department as the field missionary agent.

(c) That the field missionary secretary cooperate closely with the tract society office; that he make the tract society office his headquarters if possible; and that he assist in the office work, when not in the field.

(d) That we request the conference committee to place special study upon this question of encouraging each individual church-member to become an active worker in the dissemination of the message, and to cooperate with the local conference, and to assist, as far as expedient, the needy fields within our boundaries.

11. We recommend that we endorse the Missionary Educational Movement inaugurated, and the plans and recommendations adopted at the General Conference Educational Convention held at College View, Neb., July 29, 1906, in so far as they may be adapted to this field.

Whereas, The only reason for the existence of our denominational schools is the fact that the spiritual is neglected, or entirely ignored in the secular schools; therefore,

12. We recommend that this phase receive special attention, and that the regular work may be set aside for a required limited time, when it may be deemed advisable by the faculty under the advisement of the board, for the betterment of the spiritual condition of the school.

Whereas, There is a constant and increasing demand for teachers for our church schools, while many similar calls are being made upon us from abroad; therefore,

13. We recommend that the faculties of our schools at Healdsburg and Fernando strengthen and encourage their Normal Departments, and we urge all our teachers and field laborers to influence worthy and promising young people to enter this line of preparatory work.

14. We recommend that a union educational institute be held this year of not less than four weeks, and that one-half of the expense be borne by this conference; and that the details of said institute be referred to the educational committee of the conference, in counsel with the conference executive committee.

Whereas, Many canvassers have failed in the past by a lack of acquaintance with the books for which they are working; therefore,

15. We recommend that our schools arrange for more thorough study of such books as the conference may suggest from year to year, by introducing these books in class studies, or by organizing special classes for their study; this study to precede and prepare the students for the visit of the one who shall instruct them in methods of labor.

That our students be encouraged to take such class work, and thus become intelligently acquainted with the spirit of the present message contained in the book studied; and that each student pass an examination upon the book, thus qualifying him to give a comprehensive and condensed exposition of the book in hand.

Fully recognizing the fact that the education of our people in health principles has of late been somewhat neglected; therefore,

16. We recommend,

(a) That special efforts be made in each local conference to teach the people the science of healthful living, both in diet and in the treatment of the sick; not only for the benefit of our people alone, but that they may be able in turn to instruct their neighbors in these necessary truths.

(b) Further, that in this educational campaign, the services of Seventh-day Adventist physicians, who may not be directly connected with our organized work, be secured, if possible, as valuable aids in this direction.

(c) That the management of our sanitarium training-schools be solicited to select and train individuals of consecration and loyalty to the message, to take part in this educational work.

(d) That we ask for the hearty cooperation of the faculties of our schools, our ministers and church officers, in enlisting the best undeveloped talent among us, having approved Christian bearing, to enter a course of training which will fit them to become capable instructors in practical hygiene.

(e) That the management of our sanitariums, in conjunction with the local conferences in which they exist, provide facilities for their medical missionary students, which will give them, at least, six weeks of actual experience in city mission work; this experience to include giving Bible studies, doing colporteur work, caring for the sick poor, and all other medical missionary service; defi-

nite provision for this course to be outlined in the calendar of each sanitarium school.

(f) That matrons of broad Christian experience and deep piety be selected by our institutional boards, who shall have the oversight of our young women, while receiving their medical missionary training, to the end that home influences may be maintained over them for their proper spiritual advancement.

(g) That in order to accomplish the paramount object of our sanitarium system, we recommend that carefully systematized, and unselfishly cooperative plans be matured for the purpose of holding patients within the sphere of influence of our own sanitariums, to prevent them from drifting under the influence of institutions where the salvation of their souls will not only be neglected, but positive influence be exerted to overthrow their faith, and so defeat the design of God's grace concerning them.

17. *Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed at this conference to prepare a series of short, pointed leaflets on hygienic reform for general distribution among our people, and the thousands of health seekers that come to our midst.

18. We recommend that we cooperate with our publishing house in appointing a book committee that will take an active interest in progressive literature, and thus assist the publishers in supplying the most up-to-date reading-matter that the third angel's message affords, that the field constituency may give the message at the earliest possible moment to a lost and fallen world. And it shall be the duty of this committee to supply a condensed exposition of each book and put it into the hands of the missionary field agents, thus assisting them to build a description of the book that will create a demand for current literature peculiarly adapted to the spirit of the age.

19. We recommend a revival among the ministers of the old-time spirit for seeking out workers to definitely unite with the book and periodical work, and and that such workers be encouraged to take local agencies for the *Signs of the Times*, tracts, and forty-per-cent books in our towns and cities throughout the union conference.

Inasmuch as the literature we now have in the Spanish language is not fully

adapted to a large class of people with whom we have to deal:

20. We urge this conference to cooperate with the General Conference in taking immediate steps to prepare pamphlets in suitable form, which can be sold for from ten to fifteen cents per copy; these publications to deal with prophecies, and the leading points of the message.

21. To amend Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution to read: "The officers of this conference shall be a president, a secretary, a treasurer, an auditor, and an executive committee not to exceed twelve members, of which the president, secretary, treasurer of the union conference, the president of each local conference, and a representative of the educational, of the medical, of the publishing, and of the religious liberty departments of our work shall be members."

22. *Resolved*, That we recognize the power of the tract and missionary work as an evangelizing agency, and that we call upon our churches and isolated members to unite in building up this work to a point of higher efficiency.

23. *Resolved*, that we heartily approve of the following perpetual missionary campaign inaugurated by the General Conference:

(a) Placing the *Review and Herald* in every Sabbath-keeping home in this conference.

(b) The liberal circulation of our message-filled tracts.

(c) A more general use of our missionary periodicals, the *Signs of the Times*, *Life and Health*, *Liberty*, and the *Watchman*, each in its proper sphere, a small club to be taken by each isolated member, and a large club by each church and company.

(d) All of these lines of work to be followed by Bible readings, cottage meetings, missionary correspondence, etc.

24. We recommend that the old-time church tract and missionary society be thoroughly reconstructed:

(a) By appointing active leaders and librarians in each church.

(b) By reviving regular church missionary meetings.

(c) By providing a distinct item and line of work for each member of the church, including all the young people and children; and

(d) By establishing a simple, thorough

reporting system on blanks provided for the purpose.

25. We recommend that the gospel ministry of this conference renew its earnest labors in behalf of tract and missionary work, as in the past, which responsibilities in recent years, from various causes, have been permitted to fall on less experienced and less influential shoulders. The lines of work referred to are in part as follows:

(a) The extensive sale and free circulation of literature in connection with gospel meetings.

(b) A definite, accurate knowledge of the plans and work of the tract and missionary department, and its office and field workers, and a generous, strong, and sympathetic support of all its features.

(c) Earnest systematic efforts to build up the tract and missionary work in the churches by holding missionary meetings, instructing librarians, introducing our new books, tracts and other literature, and taking orders for periodicals.

26. *Resolved*, That we heartily approve of the efforts already put forth in the local conferences to select, educate, and train workers,

(a) By holding institutes in the various parts of the conference for the training of our regular canvassers.

(b) By selecting from among our church members and isolated Sabbath-keepers a corps of home and periodical agents to handle our smaller books, and our periodicals, without special training through institute work.

Whereas, In the home and foreign mission fields there is need of thousands of evangelists, ministerial and medical, to carry forward the gospel message, ministering to both soul and body; and,

Whereas, We have at Healdsburg a college, founded to prepare workers for the ministry of the Word; and,

Whereas, There has been recently established at Loma Linda a school to prepare medical evangelists; therefore,

27. We advise these institutions to strengthen their faculties as the necessities may demand, and to provide facilities which shall enable them to give the best possible training in these lines. And

Whereas, The financial burden is heavy in the local conference where each is located; therefore,

28. We favor such financial aid to these schools as our executive committee may deem advisable; and that we request the General Conference to furnish such instructors as they may be able from time to time.

29. We recommend that the executive committee take under consideration the advisability of holding at some convenient time and place during the present biennial period, a ministerial institute, where opportunity may be had by our workers to study together the fundamental doctrines which have made us a peculiar and distinct people.

30. *Resolved*, That we hereby express our approval of the recommendations on Sabbath-school and young people's work which were adopted at the convention held in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, in July, 1907, provided that in membership in our young peoples' societies, whenever advisable the young people who are not members of the church may be admitted to associate membership in said society, giving them all the privileges of the society, excepting that of voting or holding office.

31. *Resolved*, That we urge our people throughout this union conference to become acquainted with the work done at the Mt. Vernon Convention, by providing themselves with, and carefully studying, the published report of the convention.

Whereas, The Lord has gone before this people, opening doors in all nations, so that there is opportunity to teach the truths of the third angel's message to all the world; and,

Whereas, We believe that this message is to go to all the world in this generation; and,

Whereas, The funds received by the Mission Board are not sufficient to warrant the enlargement of our missionary operations as the opening providences of God seem to demand; therefore,

32. *Resolved*,—

(a) That we pledge ourselves to endeavor to greatly increase the donations to foreign missions.

(b) That we undertake to raise for our foreign mission work an amount equal to ten cents a week per capita for our church-membership.

(c) That we make a decided effort to secure the above specified sum of money in our territory, and forward same

month by month to the Mission Board treasury.

(d) That in this union, and in whatever local conferences expedient, a missionary secretary be appointed whose work it shall be to write articles for the papers, hold public meetings and to correspond with the individuals and churches in helping to raise this large foreign mission donation.

(e) That for the present we favor the Sabbath-school donations and the annual and mid-summer offerings of each conference being applied on the above funds to make the average ten cents a week for each church-member.

(f) That in each church a person be elected by the church to be known as the missionary secretary, whose duty it shall be to take charge of the distribution and collection of the missionary envelopes, and to in every way encourage the church in systematic giving for foreign missions.

Whereas, The Scriptures teach that the tithe is reserved by the Lord for the gospel ministry; and,

Whereas, The union and local conferences in the United States recognize the importance of sharing their tithes with the mission fields of the world; and,

Whereas, It is evident from the tithes reported by the different conferences, that our funds for foreign fields would be largely increased if a full tithe were paid by all the members of our conferences; therefore,

33. *Resolved*, That we urge our conferences in this union to make a most earnest effort to secure the payment of a full tithe in every church; and further, that a special appeal be made by every conference to the officers of all the churches to give this matter personal, prayerful attention, until they are assured that every member is paying a true tithe to the cause.

34. In order that our people in this union may have a definite work before them, we request the General Conference to assign the field of China to the Pacific Union Conference to which its contributions for missions may be directed.

35. Since there is a great need among our people for definite information concerning the work of our mission fields, therefore we request that the General Conference supply definite information pertaining to the payment of tithes and offerings in the various fields, and defi-

nite literature pertaining to our work in the mission fields, and especially China.

Whereas, The PACIFIC UNION RECORDER has been created as the organ of the Pacific Union Conference, and as such it is designed that through it all of our people be kept in close touch with the workers in the several conferences, which is necessary in order to fully fulfil its mission, and for the best good of the cause; and as this has not been done in the past on account of the very limited circulation of the paper; and

Whereas, It seems impossible to accomplish the desired results under the present plan of operation; therefore,

36. We recommend that each local conference plan to place the PACIFIC UNION RECORDER into the home of each family of our people.

Whereas, The *Sabbath School Worker* is the organ of the Sabbath-school work, and is therefore the means through which the work is organized, molded, and unified; therefore,

37. We recommend that all of our workers make an effort to place the *Sabbath School Worker* not only in every Sabbath-school, but also in the homes of the isolated Sabbath-keepers.

38. *Resolved*, That we tender our grateful acknowledgment to the management, faculty, and employees of the St. Helena Sanitarium for the uniform and untiring spirit of courtesy and helpfulness in which all have joined in so generously entertaining us as delegates to this conference session.

Officers

The officers of the Pacific Union Conference, elected for the ensuing biennial term, are as follows:

President, H. W. Cottrell.
Secretary, J. J. Ireland.
Treasurer, E. A. Chapman.
Auditor, J. J. Ireland.

Executive committee: The president of the California Conference, president Southern California Conference, president Arizona Conference, president Utah Conference, H. W. Cottrell, E. A. Chapman, H. G. Lucas, J. O. Corliss, J. J. Ireland, M. C. Wilcox, J. R. Leadsworth, H. H. Hall.

Departmental Secretaries

The following departmental secretaries and committees were appointed by the executive committee:

Missionary secretary, H. H. Hall.

Educational secretary, H. G. Lucas.
Medical secretary, J. R. Leadsworth.
Religious liberty secretary, J. O. Corliss.

Departmental Committees

Publishing: H. H. Hall, A. J. S. Bourdeau, W. H. Covell, M. T. Poston, E. S. Horsman.

Educational: H. G. Lucas, L. A. Reed, E. D. Sharpe, I. C. Colcord, E. S. Ballenger.

Medical: J. R. Leadsworth, M. D.; H. F. Rand, M. D.; L. M. Bowen; J. A. Burden; Julia White, M. D.; R. F. Cummings, M. D.; C. Bush, M. D.

Religious Liberty: J. O. Corliss, W. M. Healey, M. C. Wilcox, H. G. Thurston, S. G. Huntington, A. J. S. Bourdeau.

Credentials and Licenses

Ministerial credentials were granted to the following:

H. W. Cottrell, M. C. Wilcox, A. O. Tait.

Missionary licenses were voted to H. H. Hall and J. J. Ireland.

Distribution of Labor

It was recommended:

1. That Elder A. G. Christiansen, of Utah, make Southern California his field of labor.

2. That Elder Stephen Hare, of Southern California, make Utah his field of labor.

Special Committee

The following were appointed as a committee to prepare leaflets on hygienic reform in harmony with recommendation No. 17: Dr. H. F. Rand, Dr. J. R. Leadsworth, Dr. Julia White, Dr. M. L. Edwards, J. J. Ireland.

The California Conference

(Given at the Fourth Biennial Session of the Pacific Union Conference, at Sanitarium, Cal., Jan. 19, 1908.)

In attempting to render a report of the condition and operations of the California Conference for the two years closing December, 1907, we find it is with difficulty that we obtain figures which will be of interest to you.

In regard to our membership, at the close of 1905, it was reported to you as 4,051. The reports from our churches have been slow in coming in during this month, so we are not able to give you an accurate statement; we approximate the number, however, as 4,350. In both cases, we are convinced that this is con-

siderably in excess of our actual membership, especially as in our large churches the membership rolls carry quite a large number of names whose addresses have been lost, and we regret to report numbers have practically ceased to exist spiritually.

We had in our list of workers at the close of 1905, ordained ministers, 27, licensed ministers, 6; licensed missionaries, and Bible workers, 10; making a total of 43. A portion of those carrying ministerial credentials are not active workers, some being engaged in institutions and some being on the retired list; just what proportion would be included in this second class, I am not able to state.

We have found that our force of workers has been altogether inadequate to care for the many urgent appeals that are coming to us constantly for development of interests in our conference. The force has been depleted in past years by removal and by demands of institutions, and our list of retired and infirm workers has grown so large that it became absolutely necessary that something should be done to increase our corps of laborers.

During the year 1907, we have placed in the field twenty-three men and women of reasonably mature years, who have been on trial in city work and with the ministers who have been engaged in tent efforts. Of this number sixteen still remain at work; a good portion of these promise to develop into permanent and valuable helpers in giving this message to the world.

Our present corps of laborers who are available for active work are: ordained ministers, 13; licensed ministers, 11; licensed missionaries and Bible workers, 27; making a total of 51. In addition to these workers, we have on our list engaged in institutions or conference office, and on the retired list, ordained ministers, 14; licensed ministers, 4; licensed missionaries, 5; or a total of 23; making a grand total of 74. Every one who is observing the development of the work in our conference should bear in mind that we are carrying this heavy handicap of twenty-three men and women who are not available for aggressive field work.

To maintain the twenty-three beginners for the year has cost us approximately \$8,000. However, if we are able

to secure as permanent laborers from these even one-half of the company that began, we may consider the money well invested.

During the season we have conducted twenty-eight tent or hall meetings. The laborers who have had these in charge report additions to our number of 376. Work in our large cities has engaged a considerable portion of the energy of the conference with encouraging results.

It has been a very busy and encouraging year for our tract society. I find in looking at the records of 1905, that the amount of periodicals and books disposed of is reported as \$8,125.18; the estimated sales for 1907 are \$33,000. Fifty-six canvassers were in the field during the summer, selling and delivering books at the approximate value of \$19,000.

The year has been noted for the very aggressive effort which was put forth by those favoring Sunday legislation in behalf of that institution. A very active campaign was conducted by the two California conferences in conjunction with the Pacific Union Conference against this movement, with the result, that the statute books of the state still remain free from legislation of this character.

However, it is evident that a very alarming condition now exists in our state, as there is a most determined movement on foot to bring about a change in the sentiment of the people, which will place California in line with other states in advocating Sunday observance, the present plan being to create a sentiment by education that is being carried on to effect the capture of the towns and cities of the state. This calls for a thorough organization of all the forces available that will work to counteract the present movement.

In 1905, the number of Sabbath-schools in our conference was 88, with a membership of 3,442; the Sabbath-school donations for the biennial year of 1904 and 1905 were \$8,646.50; of this amount \$5,294.85 was given to missions. The number of Sabbath-schools for 1907 was 92; membership, 3,565; total donations for the biennial period of 1906 and 1907 were \$11,650.70; of this amount \$7,239.84 was given to missions.

In 1905 the number of our church schools was 17, employing a corps of 14 teachers, and with an enrolment of 560; we had one college at Healdsburg

with 13 teachers, enrolment of 90, making a total of 650 of our young people enrolled in our denominational schools.

The past year we had 21 schools with a teaching force of 33; enrolment of 669; two intermediate schools employing four teachers with an enrolment of 111. The teaching force at the college numbers nine academic and five intermediate, and with an enrolment above the eighth grade of 125, giving us a total force of 51 teachers, and a total enrolment in all our denominational schools of 905.

The tithe for the biennial period of 1904 and 1905 amounted to \$96,197.23, or a per capita tithe of \$13.24; for the biennial period of 1906 and 1907, \$133,040.17, or a per capita tithe of \$16.57; this gives us a gain for the closing biennial period over the previous one of \$36,842.94.

Our general donations for the previous biennial period amounted to \$19,607.33; for the period just closing, \$40,826.08.

While not enlarging upon any of these brief statements brought to your attention, you can not but have noticed the marked progress the work has been making by some of these notable features. For instance in the work of our tract society, in two years, the value of books and periodicals disposed of has increased fourfold. In the work of education there has been a marked increase in the attendance at all our denominational schools, showing that our people are becoming alive to the importance of having their children under the proper influence in this work of education.

The tithe also shows a most notable increase, beginning in 1904 with an annual income of \$42,574; while during the closing year we have received \$72,111.

Then again in the general donations made to all the interests which have demanded the attention of our people, we have an increase of \$20,000; we have really doubled the donations the closing biennial period over the previous one, beginning in 1904 with a donation of \$8,000. This year, 1907, finds our people devoting of their income to the service of the Lord \$22,691, besides the tithe.

All these features of our conference work, we accept as evidence of the prospering hand of God and to Him we re-

turn all thanks, and to Him is all the glory of any success which may be shown in our work.

W. T. Knox, *President.*

The Southern California Conference

(Given at the Pacific Union Conference, at Sanitarium, Cal., Jan. 19, 1908.)

Two years of Gospel effort, two years of opportunity for soul-winning have passed beyond recall, since we were last assembled in union conference session. In this connection it is only needful that I give a brief review of the progress of the cause of God in Southern California for the past biennial period.

Evangelistic Work.

The department of our work which naturally claims first notice is the evangelistic. On account of peculiar conditions existing in Southern California, we have had but a very limited number of evangelistic workers in the field. Our several institutions and the educational work have demanded the time, talent, and energies of many of this class of workers. The average number of ministers in the field, aside from pastors for churches in our two largest cities, has been but three. Although the number of workers has been small, the numerical increase of our constituency has been encouraging. The total of our membership has grown from 1,600 on January 1, 1906 to 2,000 on the first of the current month. Three churches have been organized in our conference during this period, and four chapels have been erected and dedicated. Our total number of churches at present is twenty-eight; of companies, not yet organized in church relationship, nine.

Our Bible workers report about the usual results attending their labors, and all are of good courage. The work for the colored people at Furlong, a suburb of Los Angeles, where a new chapel has been erected and dedicated, has made steady growth under the labors of Sister Jennie Ireland and associate workers, and is now on a very encouraging basis.

The work for the Spanish-speaking people of our metropolis, under the direction of Brother J. E. Blunt, assisted by Sister De Angeles and Brother Juan Robles, has gone steadily forward, gaining such accessions that we hope ere long to organize a church composed of forty or more of our Latin-American brethren. Already this work has become a

recruiting center for the development of workers for Mexico and other Latin-American countries. Several of our Spanish people are attending school at Fernando, preparing for missionary service in old Mexico.

We have made constant, studied effort to strengthen our force of ministerial laborers, and while we have met with some degree of success, yet it requires constant studied effort to maintain such conditions that the maximum amount of tithe will be paid to those who are carrying the message directly to the people, and to those who are developing Gospel workers, and, on the other hand, the minimum amount of tithe be expended for the necessary machinery which naturally goes with any conference organization.

In July and August of the year just past, a successful ministerial institute was held, which was followed by the largest camp-meeting ever held in Southern California, by careful estimate over 300 family tents being occupied and fully 1,800 of our constituency being in attendance.

Our force of conference workers has been increased by the coming of Elder A. Whitehead from Utah, and Elder C. E. Ford from the Upper Columbia Conference. The latter was requested to act as pastor in the city of Los Angeles, where we now have a constituency of fully 600, divided into seven separate congregations. Our number of workers was further increased by the employment of Brother H. Zutt, in labor for our German-speaking people.

Our southern climate still attracts an annual stream of well-to-do tourists, aggregating a total which is said to outnumber our resident population, a situation which makes Southern California preeminently a home-missionary field. Our two leading cities continue to grow beyond the dreams of the most sanguine, and smaller cities are keeping well up in the race of rapid development.

We call to mind the fact that the cruel reaper has cut down a considerable number of our beloved brethren and sisters during the past two years. About one year ago Elder W. W. Simpson returned to Southern California, in company with the writer, after conducting a successful series of meetings in Oakland, intending to rest for a time and then return to Northern California for another public

effort; after which it was planned that he should conduct meetings in Los Angeles, prior to our annual camp-meeting. But as we are all painfully aware, Providence over-ruled otherwise. In the latter part of April, he was taken ill, went to the sanitarium for treatment, gradually failed although the most skilled medical advice available was secured, and on the 28th of April, he fell asleep awaiting the life-giving voice of the Saviour whom he loved to proclaim to the lost.

Elder Simpson's death was preceded by another sorrowful blow to the same family, the sudden death of Sister Simpson's mother, the life companion of Elder J. F. Ballenger. In the decease of Elder Simpson, the cause of truth lost one of its most successful workers, we are deprived of a loving brother and fellow laborer, and a widowed companion is left without the support of husband and father in the rearing of their two living children. With the constant recurrence of these scenes, we are led to cry out, "How long shall death, the tyrant, reign?" Then let us be more diligent on our part to hasten the glad day of His appearing. The thought uppermost in the mind of Elder Simpson, even while tortured with pain, was to again stand before the people, himself concealed by the glory and beauty of Christ, and preach the crucified One to earth's lost sons and daughters.

On the 18th of November last, Elder A. J. Howard was laid low in death after but one brief hour's illness. The malady which cut short his life was neuralgia of the heart. Elder Howard had labored successfully in Iowa, Oklahoma, Virginia, Washington, D. C., Nebraska, Arizona, and California. He now rests from his labors.

On the 16th of this month Elder Howard's wife was relieved from a period of physical suffering covering several years, by the hand of death, and is now resting beside her husband.

Medical Department

We have three large sanitariums under the control of separate corporations in Southern California. I refer to the following institutions: Loma Linda, Glendale, and Paradise Valley. In connection with the first named, a school known as the "Loma Linda School of Evangelists," for the development of thoroughly equipped missionary nurses has been organized. The attendance at this

school during the present year is about 100 students. The teaching force is composed of Drs. Julia White, and G. K. Abbott, the Loma Linda physicians, and certain graduate nurses connected with the institution, the business manager, Elder J. A. Burden, Elder Luther Warren, and Brother Geo. McCready Price; the latter having taken the place made vacant by Professor Howell's response to the call of the Mission Board to locate in Greece for missionary service.

With the above-named medical institutions, and the commodious treatment-rooms in Los Angeles, we have four medical institutions in Southern California under the supervision of the organized work, besides a modest, pleasantly situated sanitarium owned and operated by Dr. M. E. Eastman in Santa Barbara, the larger institution leased and operated by Brother W. Ray Simpson and wife and Dr. P. S. Kellogg in Long Beach, private treatment rooms in Pasadena, and city offices at Paradise Valley Sanitarium in San Diego. Some ten or more of our physicians are engaged in private practise.

Some departments of our health work have met with very encouraging results in a financial way, but on the whole, this phase of our work has not shown desired results in this particular. However, we hope for better things in a financial way in the near future.

We have about 300 people directly in the employ of the organized work in Southern California, including ministers, Bible-workers, physicians, teachers, nurses, office help, canvassers, and those connected with the dining-room service and culinary departments of our health institutions.

The total amount of funds required to keep all departments of our work, including our institutions in operation, without making further improvements or renewing loans, is about \$300,000 each year.

With three exceptions, all of our physicians have remained steadfast at their respective posts of duty for the past two years. Dr. P. S. Kellogg, after remaining with us about a year, during which time his work gave entire satisfaction, decided to locate at Long Beach. We were fortunate, however, in securing Dr. M. M. Kay to take his place at Glendale Sanitarium. Dr. Kay's services have proved thoroughly satisfactory

to the board of management as well as to his associate workers in the institution. Dr. T. S. Whitelock, who, with others put their best efforts into the work of starting Paradise Valley Sanitarium, is not now connected with that institution, but is devoting his time to private practise in San Diego. On the voluntary retirement of Dr. Winegar Simpson from the organized work, Dr. Etta Gray was invited to take up the medical work at Glendale Sanitarium, where she is now laboring successfully.

Our plan as far as at all consistent, in order to give permanency to our medical and educational work, and to create confidence therein, is to hold continuously to workers who prove their adaptability to the work devolving upon them. This policy not only creates a circle of acquaintances on the part of workers, but also creates confidence on the part of the public from whom we expect patronage in our sanitariums, and also greatly enlarges our power to develop our young people, preparatory to sending them as trained workers wherever duty may call; whereas if we weaken our training force, we at once find ourselves crippled in the development of workers.

During the month of October last, a very successful medical convention was held at Loma Linda, under the auspices of the Pacific Union Conference, a report of which will be submitted by Dr. Leadsworth.

Educational Work

One of the most encouraging features of our work is the educational department. We have some fifteen church-schools and one academy in our conference. The total enrolment of our church-schools is 375, of the academy, exclusive of the preparatory and normal department, 150. Total number of teachers employed in our educational work, 33. This does not include the faculty of some ten members at Loma Linda. The grand total of all students in the various primary, intermediate, and advanced schools in Southern California is approximately 700.

The indebtedness of Fernando Academy a little more than two years ago was \$24,170. At the present time it is reduced to about \$3,500, of which amount nearly \$2,500 is provided for in subscriptions recently taken, \$500 more in an annuity, and if the operation of the school shows as good results this year

in a financial way as last, we will be able to wholly liquidate this indebtedness by the close of the present school year. We are still selling "Christ's Object Lessons," the proceeds of which apply on the school debt. Besides the decrease in the indebtedness, during the period indicated, about \$3,000 has been expended in substantial improvements, in the purchase of cows and horses, and the planting of a large number of shade, ornamental, citrous and deciduous fruit-trees.

As a partial result of the work at Fernando Academy, more than three-score canvassers were trained under the leadership of Brother W. H. Covell last year, between forty and fifty of whom did successful work under the direction of Brother Horsman. Three students of last year were graduated as stenographers, and now have positions in the cause; three as church-school teachers, who are now in charge of schools, two from the business course, and one from the academic course. We find at the present time, an urgent demand in the different departments of the cause for all of our young people who are willing to receive training for the work. Elder Owen's doctrinal Bible class for the current year is the largest in the history of our school, reaching a total of 82 earnest students. Of our Fernando teachers of the year 1905-6 one, Brother S. P. Smith, with his wife has gone to a foreign field (St. Andrews Island) to engage in missionary work. Of our students of the same year, five have been called to foreign fields. The names of these are Claude Morgan and wife, Frank Cary, T. D. Robinson, and Ida Shirley, and two more are under appointment of our General Missions Board for Africa.

Financial

Our total first tithe, according to financial statements for the last two fiscal years, reached the sum of \$63,236.45; two-thirds of second tithe, \$14,530.86, of which we have had a substantial surplus each year; other funds, as donations and free-will offerings, \$67,892.70; the latter item including some thirty-seven offerings, averaging \$35 each for the yearly support of native workers in heathen countries, making a grand total of \$145,762.61 gathered in the two years. Of this amount, nearly \$28,000 was sent to carry the glad ti-

dings of a soon-coming King to the regions beyond.

On account of over heavy burdens which we were appealing to our loyal-hearted constituency to meet we did not encourage the paying of our proportion of the \$150,000 fund till the time of our last camp-meeting. In the brief period of four months which has elapsed since that time, our treasurer informs me that, counting \$400 out of \$700 worth of recent pledges as positively good, we need only to raise \$300 to complete our quota, and our two largest churches and several of the smaller ones have as yet made no public call to raise this fund. This to my mind speaks volumes for the determination of our people to bear their part in every good work.

Book and Periodical Work for 1907

Miscellaneous Book Sales	.....	\$3,642.45
Heralds of the Morning	.....	3,618.30
Seer of Patmos	.....	3,153.58
Signs of the Times	.....	1,691.15
Bible Training School	.....	1,200.00
Ministry of Healing	.....	450.00

Total.....\$13,755.48

Sales for the year 1905	\$ 1,000.00
Sales for the year 1906	6,000.00
Sales for the year 1907	13,755.00

While much more might have been accomplished, yet we are encouraged by these results, especially when we recall that three years ago our sales for the year were only about \$1,000, as indicated by the above comparative report.

We hope to organize our forces in the near future for the most aggressive campaign for the sale of "Ministry of Healing" and "Christ's Object Lessons" that our conference has yet known.

Miscellaneous Items

I will mention a few other items which will, doubtless, be of interest. Since the first of July, 1905, no bill has ever been presented to either the conference, tract society, or Fernando Academy, but that we were prepared to meet it promptly. Prior to that time, we were frequently receiving notices of bills long-over-due, and even our own denominational publishing houses refused us credit. At the close of our last fiscal year, we had a surplus of some \$473 second title in the conference treasury, after settling with all of our teachers. For the last two years we have paid a title of this fund to our Mission Board and have made provision from it to help the more

needy members of our conference in attending the annual camp-meeting.

Our relations with the railway companies, who extend to us many courtesies, are most pleasant and agreeable. We are never refused favors that we request. However, the privileges thus granted by which thousands of dollars of expense is saved to the cause, must be carefully safe-guarded.

It is written of the Saviour that He increased in favor with God and man. We believe it is to be our high Christian duty as representatives of the Gospel of Christ to so deal with the business public that we will be entitled to their utmost confidence.

For about two years past a peculiar religious movement has been working in various parts of the world. This manifestation is generally known by the title of the "Gift of tongues." As far as our investigation has gone, Los Angeles has been the world-center of these manifestations, and many curious and devout pilgrims have consequently congregated at this Mecca.

Three separate and distinct congregations have been much exercised over this so-called gift. These congregations have to some extent at least, been at variance with each other. In the most intelligent congregation, the leader, who had set out with a publicly announced purpose some two years prior to the manifestations, to seek for the gift of tongues until it was bestowed, after the first rejoicing over receiving that for which he and his congregation had sought, declared that a large per cent of those speaking with tongues in his own congregation were afflicted with demoniacal possession. This caused a division in his church.

In extended comment on this movement, Arthur T. Pierson, editor of the *Missionary Review of the World*, made this significant statement: "The genuine gift of speaking with tongues is peculiarly open to imitation. The devil, the master counterfeiter, is always with peculiar subtlety imitating the manifestations of the Spirit. When God is mightily working so is he; and no gift of the Spirit is so easily counterfeited as this."

We, by faithful, prophetic warning, must expect the early development of "all power and signs and lying wonders," for the purpose, if possible, of

fatally deceiving the very elect; but while these things are so rapidly developing, should not we as a people, be even more energetic and faithful in the prosecution of our work, for our Saviour can not return for our deliverance from earth's overburden of deceptions, sorrows, and woes, until this Gospel of the kingdom shall have been proclaimed in all the world for a witness to all nations?

I trust that we have no desire to take personal glory in the work that has been accomplished in the Southern California Conference. It is far more fitting that we "lay our honor in the dust," and that "according as it is written, he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord."

G. W. Reaser, President.

The Arizona Conference

(Given at the Pacific Union Conference, at Sanitarium, Cal. Jan. 19, 1908.)

Much of the population of Arizona is transient. Many of the English-speaking people are there for health or for money, rather than for permanent homes. Those seeking wealth are not easily attracted by an unpopular and sacrificing gospel, while only a small per cent. of those seeking health remain many years. An unsettled and transient element is not usually the best for the stability of a conference.

The Spanish-speaking people comprise about one-half of our entire population; and those accepting the message from this class require much careful education and instruction before they become fully grounded in the truth.

At present, we have eleven on our conference pay-roll, including our secretary and treasurer; but during the past two years, the working force has been very irregular, and we have but one English-speaking worker and one speaking Spanish who were in the field eighteen months ago.

However, notwithstanding the instability of the population and the irregularity of our workers, we are able to report some material progress though it is small. The actual increase in our membership is less than thirty for the two years past; but at our recent conference, our workers reported fifty new converts during the past nine months, and in the near future we expect the greater portion of these will unite with our conference and thus our membership be considerably increased.

It is with no small degree of regret that we can report no greater increase in our constituency; but we trust that by the return of another two years, there will be added to our number many such as shall be saved.

As yet, our field has had but few physically strong and successful laborers. We need help who are able to endure hardships, and achieve victories in the face of obstacles. If we can not secure ministers of this class, we are almost inclined to believe that we might do as effective work through earnest Bible-workers, and at considerably less expense.

Some of the ministers who have come from other fields have not seemed to be able to adapt themselves to existing conditions, and their success has been quite limited, and in some instances, their work almost a total failure. We have undertaken to change this unfortunate situation, and hope for good results.

Three of our laborers are devoting their time to the Mexican work, that is, work among those who speak Spanish; and we find that some of these people respond to the message even more readily than the English-speaking population. But it is a little difficult to secure accurate statistics from our Mexican churches, and possibly our report might show a greater gain in membership had we correct data. One feature of this branch of our work should not be overlooked. Only one of these workers understands the message well, and while the only ordained minister is able to present the Sabbath and tithing, he is lame upon other points, and especially the prophecies. We are doing what we can to remedy this condition which so greatly hinders the work among that people.

As our membership is widely scattered, and transportation is high, it has been quite expensive keeping in touch with our brethren in a personal way. However, we now have our workers so arranged that we believe they can do aggressive work more successfully and visit our people, as may be necessary at less expense.

At our recent conference, credentials were voted to six, three receiving ministerial licenses, and two missionary licenses.

Elder A. G. Bodwell, who came to our field, was drowned about one year ago

after a short stay among us. It was with no small degree of sadness that we received the news of his death, for he gave promise of becoming a valuable helper among our Spanish-speaking people, as well as among the English. His widow, Sister M. E. Bodwell, is still with us, working principally among the Mexicans.

At present we have but one school in our conference, taught by Miss Myrtle Harris. She teaches the grades up to and including the tenth. The school is giving good satisfaction; We expect by another fall to open schools in other places.

The Sanitarium at Phoenix, formerly controlled by the conference, is still operated by the Drs. Bond. We hear some encouraging reports from their work.

In normal times, we have some good territory for our book-work, but we regret to say that for several years past, very little has been done by a systematic canvass for our publications; and we have continual occasion to regret the absence of the influence which a thorough circulation of our publications would create. During the past summer and fall, we succeeded in making a beginning, and had not the copper bottom fallen out of Arizona, and the panic times followed, our sales would have been very much larger.

The book sales for 1906 amounted to \$49.50. Since last May, we have sold about \$1,800 worth.

We feel that much valuable time has been lost in years past by failure to push the sales of our publications in our field, and our aim is to do all in our power in this important line and thus redeem the time and hasten the return of our Saviour.

The tithe for 1906 amounted to \$2,104.48; for 1907, \$4,744.86; offerings for 1906, \$701.16; for 1907, \$804.51, making an amount per capita for 1907 of over \$27.50.

I believe we have the honor of composing our proportion of the \$150,000 fund the first of any organized conference.

As yet, no Sunday law has passed the Legislature of Arizona; but with California, the enemy is doing all he can to close up this last remaining corner yet open to religious liberty, and if we fully appreciate what it will mean to

have every portion of our government committed to religious legislation there will be a stir among our people as never before to stem the swift tide of evil now setting in, in California and Arizona. We believe this will be an eventful year, if we can read the future by the present conditions.

Already we have begun to use the secular press to open the eyes of the people, and so far, the influence of our efforts in this direction are very satisfactory.

We have erected no new church buildings during the past two years, but last fall, we spent several hundred dollars improving those already in use.

We might spend time dwelling upon conditions, undesirable, or those which are pleasing; but a more important theme is the soon coming of our Lord. The people of our field must have the message; and we fondly hope and most earnestly pray that God may grant greater victories for Arizona than heretofore.

H. G. Thurston, *Pres.*

Constitution of the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

(As amended at the Sanitarium Conference, Jan. 17 to 25, 1908.)

Article I.—Name

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

Article II.—Object

The object of this conference shall be to unify and extend the work of the everlasting gospel throughout this conference and the mission fields of the world.

Article III.—Territory

This conference shall comprise the states of California, Nevada, Utah, and the territory of Arizona, and such other territory as may hereafter come under its supervision.

Article IV.—Membership

Section 1. This conference shall be composed of such local conferences as are and may be organized in any part of its territory, said conferences having been accepted by vote of the union conference.

Section 2. The voters of this conference shall be the duly accredited delegates from the local conferences, members of the Pacific Union Conference

Executive Committee, such members of the General Conference Executive Committee or other representatives from that body as may be present at any session, and such other persons, not to exceed twelve, as shall receive delegates' credentials from the executive committee of the union conference, of which there shall be three representatives each, from the educational, the medical, and the publishing branches of our work.

Section 3. Each local conference shall be entitled, aside from its president, to one delegate in the sessions of this conference without regard to numbers, and one additional delegate for every three hundred church-members in the conference. Such delegates shall be elected by the local conference, or appointed by the executive committee.

Section 4. Each mission field shall be entitled to one delegate in the sessions of this conference who shall be appointed by the union conference executive committee.

Article V.—Officers

Section 1. The officers of this conference shall be a president, a secretary, a treasurer, an auditor, and an executive committee not to exceed twelve members, of which the president, secretary and treasurer of the union conference, the president of each local conference, and a representative of the educational, of the medical, of the publishing, and of the religious liberty departments of our work shall be members. Any five members of the executive committee, including the president of the union conference, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 2. The officers not otherwise provided for shall be elected at the regular sessions of the conference, and shall hold their offices for a term of two years, or until their successors are elected, and appear to enter upon their duties.

Section 3. All vacancies in office, except that of a member of the executive committee, who is president of a local conference, may be filled by the executive committee.

Article VI.—Sessions

Section 1. The conference shall hold regular sessions at intervals of about two years, at such date and place as the executive committee shall designate, by a notice published in the *Review and Herald* and in the official organ of the Pacific Union Conference, at least three

weeks before the date of the meeting.

Section 2. The executive committee may call extra sessions, if occasion requires, by a like notice, and the transaction of such sessions shall be equally valid with those of the regular sessions.

Article VII.—Trustees, Committees, and Agents

The voters of this conference shall, at each regular session, elect the board of management of such institutions and enterprises as are, or may be, connected with this organization, in accordance with the acts governing the same; and this conference shall employ such committees, agents, ministers, missionaries, and other persons as may be necessary to effectually carry on its work.

Article VIII.—Funds

The funds of this conference shall be derived from all the local conferences in the payment by them to the union conference treasurer, at regular stated intervals nineteen one-hundredths of their tithe receipts, the said nineteen one-hundredths of this tithe being designated to represent a first and second tithe, together with such offerings as may be made for its work.

Article IX.—Auditing

The executive committee shall constitute an auditing committee who shall audit annually the accounts of all its employees.

Article X.—By-laws

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

Article XI.—Amendment

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds' vote of the delegates present at any session.

Weigh Anchor for Home

I have read somewhere of the joy of the sailors, when, after many months of voyaging in southern seas, they hear the welcome command of the captain, "Weigh anchor for home!" O, how it thrills their hearts! How they spring to the capstan to turn up from its murky bed the anchor that holds them to a foreign shore. See how they leap into the rigging and unfurl the sails to catch the breeze that will bear them on their homeward way! They are out upon the high, rolling billows of the deep; but

their hearts are still full of joy and gladness. They are not discouraged by the storm and tempests. See, just above the horizon a star is rising which has been hidden from their view during these months of voyaging. It rises higher and higher, showing that they are nearing home. And now the good ship rides safe at anchor in the harbor, and the sailors rest in the bosom of their home.

Beloved, the old ship Zion has been voyaging on the stormy deep, lo, these six thousand years; but now, thank God, she is on her homeward voyage. The star of hope is already high toward the zenith. There are dangerous storms to be met; but our Captain is at the helm, and will guide us safely through them all.—*Selected.*

Family Prayer

There is one mark of a household in which God is known and loved, which is too often wanting in our day. I mean the practise of family prayer. Depend upon it, the worth of a practise of that kind can be measured only by its effects during a long period of time; and family prayers, though only occupying a few minutes each day, make a great difference to any household at the end of the year. How, indeed, can it be otherwise, when each morning, and perhaps each evening, too, all the members of the family, the old and the young, the parents and the children, the master and the servants, meet on a footing of perfect equality before the Eternal, in whose presence each is nothing or less than nothing, yet to whom each is so infinitely dear that He has redeemed by His blood every one of them? How must the bad spirits, that are the enemies of pure and bright family life, flee away—the spirits of envy, pride, untruthfulness and sloth, and the whole tribe of evil thoughts—and make way for His gracious presence in the hearts of old and young alike, who, as He brings us one by one nearer to the true end of our existence, so does He, and He alone, make us to be "of one mind in a house" here within the narrow presence of each home circle, and hereafter in that countless family of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues which shall dwell with Him, the Universal Parent, to all eternity!—*Canon Liddon.*

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1908

H. H. Hall, F. H. Gage, and J. R. Ferren, all from the Pacific Press, are attending the bookmen's convention at College Place, Wash.

The address of the Utah Conference and tract society office is now Room 53, Hooper Building, Salt Lake City, Utah, instead of 553 E. 3d S. St., as formerly.

A collection of about \$50 was received by Elder F. C. Gilbert for the work among the Jews, at his recent meeting in Mountain View.

Dr. H. W. Miller and wife, en route for China, spent several days recently at Mountain View. His two talks on the Sabbath were much appreciated. The theme at the morning service was China's awakening and preparation for the Gospel; and in the afternoon he described the conditions in that field, and the difficulties under which their work was started. He also explained some of the difficulties in learning the language. China is now ripe for the harvest, and the great need is workers who can adapt themselves to the conditions as they find them, and remain until the work is completed.

A few days since we were favored with a call from Brother and Sister R. F. Cottrell, who are spending some weeks in California visiting relatives before sailing for China with Dr. Miller and wife the first of March. Brother Cottrell has been Bible teacher in South Lancaster Academy for a number of years. He is a brother of Chas. M. Cottrell, a former employee of the Pa-

cific Press, and now in charge of its branch at Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. Brother and Sister Cottrell expect to locate at Chang Sha in Honan Province, Central China, where Brother and Sister P. J. Laird are now laboring.

The following officers for the ensuing year were elected at the recent session of the California Conference at Fresno: President, S. N. Haskell; secretary and treasurer, E. A. Chapman; executive committee, S. N. Haskell, H. Shultz, J. H. Behrens, G. A. Snyder, E. D. Sharpe, B. L. Howe, and W. E. Whalen. The committee made the following appointments: Missionary secretary, A. J. S. Bourdeau; secretary of the Sabbath-school and young people's work, Mrs. Carrie R. King; superintendent of church schools, I. C. Colcord; field secretary of religious liberty department, J. O. Corliss; corresponding secretary of religious liberty department, A. J. S. Bourdeau; state canvassing agent, W. H. Covell; treasurer of tract society, C. E. Olcott.

We are pleased to announce that two of our workers from the Pacific Press, Brother B. A. Roberts and his wife, have accepted a call to go to China, and connect with the publishing work in that needy field. Brother Roberts has been a faithful employee of the Pacific Press for a number of years, and is an expert stereotyper and electrotyper. Mrs. Roberts has been one of the proof-readers for over two years. They expect to follow the same lines of work in their new field. Our printing-office in China is at present located at Sin Yong Cheo in Honan Province, where Dr. Miller started a mission several years ago. It is the plan, however, to remove the office to Shanghai, on the coast, in the near future, where larger buildings will be erected, and the publishing work placed on a more substantial basis. Brother and Sister Roberts will sail with Dr. Miller's party from Seattle, Wash., March 2, and will proceed with him to his home station at Sin Yong Cheo, Honan, Central China. Here they will remain studying the language and the customs of the people, and becoming familiar with our work, until such time as the work will be started on the new office building at Shanghai. They will then remove to the coast and assist in

planning for and erecting the new plant. While we are indeed sorry to lose Brother and Sister Roberts from the work here, we are glad that they have decided to respond to the greater needs of our sister work across the sea. We shall expect to hear from them from time to time, and will be interested in following the development of the work in that field.

Brother C. G. Bellah, general canvassing agent for the Central Union Conference, made a call at Mountain View a few days since on his way to College Place, Wash., to attend the bookmen's convention there.

There is yet to be presented the address of Elder S. G. Huntington, president of the Utah Conference, and a number of reports by representatives of various departments of our work. We shall endeavor to publish these in the near future.

Campmeetings in the Pacific Union Conference for the present season that have thus far been arranged for are as follows:

California: Lodi, local, April 23 to May 3; Oakland or vicinity, general, June 4 to 14; Humboldt County, local, July 9 to 19.

Southern California: Los Angeles, August 13 to 23.

Utah, August or September.

Arizona, not yet decided.

The organization of the board of directors of the Pacific Press Publishing Company is as follows: President, H. W. Cottrell; vice-president and general manager, C. H. Jones; secretary and treasurer, H. G. Childs.

The new board of directors of the Pacific Press Publishing Association elected at the recent stockholders' meeting has organized as follows: President and manager of the Association, M. C. Wilcox; vice-president, E. A. Chapman; secretary and treasurer, H. H. Hall.

The newly-elected board of the Southern Publishing Association of Nashville consists of the following named persons: G. A. Irwin, C. F. McVagh, I. A. Ford, C. P. Bollman, R. Hook, Jr., W. A. Wilcox, and L. A. Smith.