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## Summary of the Proceedings of the Thirty-seventh Annual Session of the California Conference of S. D. A. Held at Fresno, Cal., Jan. 31 to Feb. 5, 1908

The first business meeting of this conference was held Sunday, February 2, at 9:30 A.M. Elder W. T. Knox, president of the conference, occupied the chair.

Delegates to the number of one hundred twenty were present, representing the following churches: Alameda, Armona, Bakersfield, Berkeley, Burrough, Calistoga, Chico, Dinuba, Fresno, Grass Valley, Hanford, Healdsburg, Le Grande, Lodi (English), Lodi (German), Los Gatos, Modesto, Mt. Bullion, Morgan Hill, Mountain View, Oakdale, Oakland, Placerville, Reno (Nevada), Sacramento, San Francisco, Sanitarium, San Jose, Santa Cruz, Sebastopol, Selma, Soquel, Stockton, Thalheim, Turlock, Ukiah, Vacaville, Vallejo, and Wallace District.

Regular meetings of the conference were held each day at 9:30 A.M. and 3 P.M. A devotional meeting was held each morning at 8 A.M., and preaching services in the evening at 7:30.

In addition to the delegates present, there was a good attendance of our brethren from Fresno and the surrounding churches.

A new church with a membership of twenty-two, organized by Elder C. M. Gardner at Merced during the past year, was admitted into the conference.

The German brethren at Thalheim having moved to Dinuba, the name of that church was changed to the German Church of Dinuba.

The church formerly known as the

Collis church, afterward Kerman, was disbanded on account of the members having moved to other places.

A report of the gain in membership will be found in connection with the president's address.

The following standing committees were appointed:

### Committee on Plans

H. W. Cottrell, E. D. Sharpe, M. C. Wilcox, A. N. Loper, A. J. S. Bourdeau, E. A. Chapman, G. A. Snyder.

### Credentials and Licenses

J. O. Corliss, H. Shultz, D. T. Fero, H. C. Basney.

### Nominations

L. M. Bowen, J. C. Miller, W. E. Chinnock, E. E. Parlin, P. J. Wolfson, W. E. Whalen, Will Bond.

The following financial reports of the conference were submitted and approved:

## Tithes Received from the Churches of the California Conference for the Year 1907

(Including funds received up to Jan. 10, 1908.)

Alameda .....	\$ 1,528.42
Arcata .....	360.94
Arbuckle .....	76.50
Armona .....	1,968.48
Arroyo Grande .....	189.10
Bakersfield .....	176.35
Berkeley .....	1,691.03
Bishop .....	813.20
Burrough .....	253.82
Buckeye .....	60.90
Calistoga .....	365.71
Chico .....	2,394.67
Collis .....	25.00
Dinuba .....	445.20
Dos Palos .....	102.28

Eureka .....	1,986.80
Ferndale .....	473.70
Fallon .....	479.45
Fresno .....	2,844.69
Grass Valley .....	297.00
Glennville .....	328.41
Guerneville .....	193.26
Hanford .....	1,348.66
Healdsburg .....	4,024.04
Hughson .....	267.73
Laton .....	193.33
La Grand .....	2,272.11
Lemoore .....	934.16
Lockwood .....	586.90
Lodi (English) .....	1,700.22
Lodi (German) .....	52.00
Los Gatos .....	259.15
McKinleyville .....	125.60
Modesto .....	461.35
Morgan Hill .....	11,107.85
Mountain View .....	6,097.10
Monterey .....	407.33
Mt. Bullion .....	64.96
Napa .....	360.92
North San Juan .....	5.50
Oakdale .....	433.68
Oakland .....	6,316.21
Oakland (Colored) .....	92.01
Pepperwood .....	449.22
Placerville .....	197.95
Petaluma .....	434.75
Red Bluff .....	372.45
Redding .....	291.18
Reno, Nevada .....	1,045.01
Sacramento .....	1,401.44
San Francisco (Valencia St.) .....	348.05
San Francisco (Laguna St.) .....	4,176.99
Sanitarium .....	4,748.44
San Jose .....	2,641.13
San Luis Obispo .....	183.52
Santa Cruz .....	580.57
Santa Rosa .....	967.21
Sebastopol .....	1,032.65
Selma .....	718.00

Soquel .....	295.72
St. Clair .....	141.50
St. Helena .....	1,348.21
Susanville .....	136.25
Stockton .....	1,455.00
Smith River .....	108.50
Thalheim .....	76.06
Turlock .....	732.08
Ukiah .....	291.50
Vacaville .....	265.56
Vallejo .....	404.77
Wallace District .....	166.46
Watsonville .....	72.40
Woodland .....	866.02
Miscellaneous .....	1,986.98
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$72,101.29</b>

### California Conference Receipts for 1907

Annual Offerings .....	\$ 4,231.32
Calif. Religious Liberty Ass'n. ....	530.23
"Christ's Object Lessons" ..	75.63
China Famine Fund .....	46.99
Donations to Workers .....	1,201.70
Free Literature Fund .....	17.50
International Pub. Ass'n. ....	40.26
India Mission .....	181.25
Miscellaneous Home Missions. ....	58.09
Miscellaneous Foreign Missions ..	2,354.45
Mission Offerings .....	520.11
Midsummer Offerings .....	5.00
Orphans' Home .....	337.52
\$150,000 Fund .....	5,991.98
Pacific Press Building Fund. ....	188.40
College Debt Fund .....	672.55
Southern Field .....	1,736.56
Sabbath-school Offerings .....	4,496.22
Tithe .....	72,101.29

\$94,793.05

### Revenue Account of the California Conference for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1907

<b>Income</b>	
Tithe received from the churches .....	\$72,101.29
Donations .....	1,201.70
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$73,302.99</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Annuities .....	\$ 649.20
Religious Liberty Association. ....	32.27
Church Schools .....	95.15
Teachers' Institute .....	342.95
European Laborers .....	255.49
Southern Laborers .....	734.00
Canvassers' Transportation ...	229.10
Donations .....	2,967.95

Humboldt Co. Camp-meeting ..	23.60
St. Helena Camp-meeting ....	37.08
Merced Camp-meeting .....	640.36
Salaries to Laborers .....	42,911.24
Tithe to Pacific Union Conf. ....	13,699.16
Expenses .....	1,493.17
Property Depreciation .....	1,088.14
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$65,198.86</b>
<b>Net Gain .....</b>	<b>\$8,104.13</b>

### Balance Sheet of the California Conference S. D. A., Dec. 31, 1907

<b>Assets</b>	
Bills Receivable .....	\$ 2,440.42
Accounts Receivable .....	403.49
California Tract Society .....	2,165.21

<b>Deposits</b>	
Pacific Press .....	381.15
Bank of Mountain View .....	2,840.74
Central Bank .....	5,007.39
Conference Association .....	4,992.78
Cash on Hand .....	269.94

<b>Inventory</b>	
Real Estate .....	2,612.98
Tents and Fixtures .....	6,647.21
Office Furniture .....	345.87
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$28,107.18</b>

<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable .....	\$ 1,184.75
Due Depositors .....	1,014.45
Orphans' Fund .....	933.01
Suspense Account .....	258.77
Present Worth .....	24,716.77
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$28,107.18</b>

E. A. Chapman, *Treasurer.*

### Financial Statement of the California Tract Society for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1907

<b>Assets</b>	
Local Tract Societies .....	\$ 1,323.75
Personal Accounts .....	1,828.02
Cash on Hand .....	239.76
Bank of Mountain View .....	184.98
<b>Inventories</b>	
Merchandise .....	2,632.48
Property .....	634.42
Expense .....	297.66
Fuel .....	11.68
Field Agent's Expense .....	8.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 7,160.75</b>

<b>Liabilities</b>	
Personal Accounts .....	\$ 784.29
Local Tract Societies .....	11.14
California Conference .....	2,175.21

Free Literature Fund .....	244.09
"Ministry of Healing" .....	56.70
Canvassers' Fund .....	35.00
Ship Mission .....	23.65
"Christ's Object Lessons" ..	9.75
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 3,339.83</b>

<b>Provisions</b>	
Periodical Bills .....	232.53
Scholarships .....	93.75
Rent .....	31.50
Bad Accounts .....	193.60
Surplus, Jan. 1, 1907 .....	2,858.80
Old Accounts Collected .....	193.94
Net Gain for Year 1907 .....	216.80
Present Worth, Dec. 31, 1907 ..	3,269.54
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$7,160.75</b>

### Revenue Statement of the California Tract Society for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1907.

<b>Gains</b>	
Merchandise .....	\$ 3,282.00
<b>Losses</b>	
Labor .....	\$ 1,708.31
Expense .....	877.86
Scholarships .....	155.14
Property .....	80.35
Field Agent's Expense .....	17.70
Donation .....	12.50
Agents' Expense .....	14.87
Fuel .....	4.87
Bad Accounts Provision .....	193.60
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 3,065.20</b>
<b>Net Gain .....</b>	<b>\$ 216.80</b>

C. E. Olcott, *Treasurer.*

### Departmental Reports

The educational work was considered quite fully. Prof. I. C. Coleord, superintendent of church schools, spoke for that work. He reported twenty-six schools now established, employing thirty-four teachers with an enrolment of six hundred seventy-two; two of these being intermediate schools, employing two teachers each. Grades from one to ten are being taught.

Prof. L. A. Reed, of the Pacific Union College, spoke of the work of that school. The attendance showed a marked increase over last year. The health of the pupils had been better and nearly all manifested a desire to labor for the Lord and to better fit themselves for a place in His work.

Prof. E. D. Sharpe spoke of the normal

work in connection with the college. Good results had been obtained under adverse circumstances, and many positions were filled among schools by teachers from this class. He also mentioned that a class was preparing for the ministry, who were in training for practical work.

L. M. Bowen, manager of the St. Helena Sanitarium, gave an interesting report of that institution. Pleasing progress had been made both in institutional work and in the condition of the finances. During the past year, the debt of the institution had been quite materially reduced and valuable improvements had been made.

Credentials and licenses were granted to the following:

#### Ministerial Credentials

J. W. Bagby, H. C. Basney, J. H. Behrens, A. Brorsen, M. H. Brown, J. O. Corliss, D. T. Fero, C. M. Gardner, E. J. Hibbard, B. L. Howe, M. C. Israel, W. T. Knox, C. E. Leland, C. N. Martin, Isaac Morrison, A. J. Osborne, J. D. Rice, G. W. Rine, H. A. St. John, E. D. Sharpe, H. Shultz, G. A. Snyder, A. Schlotthauer, C. L. Taylor, J. S. Wightman.

#### Ministerial Licenses

B. E. Beddoe, A. J. S. Bourdeau, I. C. Coleord, W. H. Covell, C. N. Miller, Charles H. Moler, L. A. Reed, James A. Stevens, W. L. Sims, James Taphouse, S. W. Walker, Mrs. Lulu Wightman.

#### Missionary Licenses

Dr. F. P. Abbott, J. D. Alder, Mrs. J. D. Alder, Mrs. A. C. Bainbridge, Harry S. Carter, E. A. Chapman, Mrs. Myrtle Cushman, Mrs. A. R. Hawkins, Miss Belle F. Hickox, Mrs. Carrie M. Hickox, Mrs. C. J. Holmes, Mrs. Carrie R. King, H. C. Keeley, George A. Kuhns, Lottie Kuhns, Mrs. F. E. Merrill, Mrs. C. H. Moler, Miss Laura Morrison, Mrs. E. E. Parlin, J. R. Patterson, Charles W. Peter, Dr. H. F. Rand, Cora A. Rice, Amos J. Stevens, George G. Sims.

#### Conference Officers

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President, S. N. Haskell; secretary and treasurer, E. A. Chapman; auditor, J. J. Ireland.

#### Executive Committee

S. N. Haskell, J. H. Behrens, E. D. Sharpe, H. Shultz, B. L. Howe, W. E. Whalen, G. A. Snyder.

#### California Conference Association S. D. A.

In connection with the regular meetings of the conference, a meeting of the California Conference Association, the legal body of the California Conference, was held. At this meeting the following board of trustees was elected to act for the ensuing year:

H. W. Cottrell, W. E. Whalen, E. A. Chapman, E. E. Parlin, M. H. Brown, L. M. Bowen, and W. E. Chinnoek.

E. A. Chapman, *Secretary*.

#### President's Address

It is with great pleasure that we again welcome the delegates and visiting brethren on the occasion of another annual conference meeting; and, it is with extreme gratitude to our heavenly Father, that at this thirty-seventh session of the California Conference, we are enabled to report to you that the past year has been one that has been attended with marked prosperity in all branches of our work.

The sanitarium has enjoyed a very prosperous year not only in the large amount of work accomplished, but in the doing of this volume of work, they have been prospered financially to a very gratifying extent. The amount of business done in the year 1905 amounted to \$51,400, while that of the year just closed reached the sum of \$128,800, a gain of \$77,400 in two years. The indebtedness has been decreased in the same period from \$102,000 to \$48,000, in addition to which a large amount of repairs has been made and valuable improvements have been added to the property. But the most gratifying feature of the work accomplished is in the excellent influence had upon the guests of the institution, upon which this report can not dwell.

Our educational work for the year has generally been of an encouraging character. The college enrolment is two hundred, out of which number one hundred fifteen are above the eighth grade, and ninety-five are located in the home. There has been but very little change during the year in the bills payable account, it stands at present at about \$36,000.

There are two intermediate schools, one at Armona, and the other at Chico. The former has an enrolment of seventy-one. The estimated value of school property is \$1,600, and those in charge report

that the school has been operated without incurring any indebtedness.

The school at Chico reports an enrolment of forty, a property valued at \$2,500 with an indebtedness of \$1,000 secured by a mortgage. The income of this school is not sufficient to meet its expenses as now operated.

Our church-school superintendent reports twenty-one church schools and five family schools in the conference, with an enrolment of six hundred seventy-two and a teaching force of thirty-four. This gives a combined enrolment in all our denominational schools of eight hundred ninety-one.

The two most perplexing features confronting us in this branch of the work, are the heavy indebtedness on the college which continually prohibits the making of improvements and changes that the welfare of the college demands, and the difficulty of securing capable teachers for the church schools. It is hoped, however, that the work now being done in the normal department of the college will soon remedy this last condition.

A year ago, we were confronted with a very aggressive movement for Sunday legislation in our state. The advocates of this movement had enlisted some of the strongest and most influential men in the state. But notwithstanding their determined efforts, the Lord overruled, and the statutes of California still remain free from any Sunday enactments.

During the summer, three camp-meetings have been held, all being well attended for the localities in which they were held. The first was located at Merced, a town where very little, if anything, had been done to present the last gospel message, except for the literature which had been distributed from time to time. A lively interest was awakened in the town, and meetings were continued a number of weeks, resulting in the organization of a church.

The other meetings were at St. Helena and Eureka. In both of these towns much work has been put forth in past years on numerous occasions.

The first aim of your committee during the past year has been to utilize all conference forces to the utmost in giving to others a knowledge of the third angel's message. We have endeavored not to allow any influence or demand to turn us from this purpose. The result is seen in an exceptionally busy and profitable year.

There have been held twenty-eight tent and hall meetings, the visible fruit of which has been reported by the workers in charge as one hundred seventy-two added to our numbers, one hundred forty-three of whom have been baptized. In addition to these, the conference laborers also reported one hundred seventy-five added to our churches, of whom ninety-seven were by baptism, making a total increase reported by them of three hundred forty-seven. As far as time would permit, the churches have been visited by the ministers, and a number of them have been greatly benefited, a thorough work of revival being accomplished in some instances.

The tract society has been exceedingly active. Untiring efforts have been put forth to more thoroughly arouse our membership everywhere to a greater missionary work. The missionary secretary's report will show that this effort has not been in vain. 1907 has been a record-breaking year in the sale and distribution of our literature. A large corps of "home workers" have been developed who are disposing of a great number of our periodicals and books. A general activity in missionary work is seen in most of our churches. This condition, gratifying as it is, might be greatly improved if all the churches would awake to their privileges.

I regret to report, however, that, judging by the literature ordered, there are some churches who can scarcely be called working churches. Something should be done to arouse all members to active service for God, otherwise they will sicken and die.

The following extracts, taken from a letter from our field agent, Brother W. H. Covell, will give some idea of the work accomplished during the year in the training of canvassers and the sale of our subscription books:

"The book work in California has enjoyed one of the most prosperous years, according to records, that has come to us for some time. I have assisted in training over one hundred twenty canvassers this year. Fifty-six of these workers actually entered the field in northern California. The entire company took orders up to November 1, for \$19,001.45 worth of books. They delivered \$18,922.36 worth of these orders, thus making the record of the "Seed Sower" good, with a loss of less than one-half

of one per cent, or, in other words, the record of the "Seed Sower" was accurate after allowing less than one-half of one per cent lost in deliveries.

"Some have thought that we had the "Seed Sower" pretty well padded. It is a great satisfaction to know that the record has proved even better than has been reported, for the deliveries had not been reported up to November 1, and now that the books have been delivered, it appears that the "Seed Sower" maintains almost 100 per cent for the things claimed for it. We are glad that the providence of the Lord has made it possible for such good records to be passed along the line.

"Nearly every town in California has been visited this year. The workers have entered fields that have never been worked before. Trinity County, one of the most isolated and thinly settled counties in the state, has been thoroughly worked, and 90 per cent of the people visited in this county have purchased books from our agents. Brother Reese and Brother Reinke are to be highly commended for their faithful service in this trying field. Brother Reese placed nearly \$1,000 worth of books in Trinity County alone. Thus the territory has been carefully worked right from Trinity County through to La Grand, from the northern to the southern portion of our territory, and a good work has been done in Nevada as well.

"Goldfield and Tonopah were thoroughly worked. Reno and vicinity were carefully canvassed by Brother and Sister Leo. Ten agents have been qualified and sent to other fields, five to South Carolina, four to Utah, and one to Arizona. Over 50 per cent of the books sold have been theologically peculiar to the faith of our people, while about 45 per cent have been denominated health books. We have drawn this distinction for the benefit of some who do not appreciate the gospel of health as we wish they did.

"Most of the workers have been faithful in remitting in full to the office for books purchased. We feel safe in saying that not more than two per cent of tract society accounts are yet unpaid, and these are considered good.

"Much of the seed contained in the silent message has been sown in tears, under trying circumstances and by consecrated, faithful workers, and while many have been severely tried, yet we

believe the harvest is sure and that they will return rejoicing, bearing their sheaves with them when the Father calls, "Come home."

"The whole summer's record is a matter for great thanksgiving to our heavenly Father for His marked blessing and prosperity."

The reports furnished by our tract society show that during the year, books and periodicals have been disposed of in our conference to the amount of \$38,810.32. If we contrast this with the accomplishments of 1905, when the work in this line amounted to \$8,100 in round numbers, we have a gain in two years of over 350 per cent, and yet but comparatively a small portion of our people have had a part in this remarkable gain.

For a number of years it has been very noticeable that the force of workers in California has been altogether inadequate, notwithstanding the long list of laborers found in the Year Book. This is largely due to the number engaged in institutional work, and the many we find on the retired list on account of age and infirmities, and the large number who, some years since, were sent to other fields.

In the institutions and offices are four ordained ministers, four licentiates, and three carrying missionary licenses. While on the retired list, there are ten ordained ministers, and of missionary licentiates, we have had two. That twenty-three laborers removed from the active force of workers, almost all of whom derive their support from the conference funds, is a condition that must be borne in mind by all who are at all interested in observing the conference development.

For the past two years, earnest effort has been put forth to encourage promising persons to enter the work of the ministry in some capacity, in order that we may not only be enabled to care for the pressing needs of the home field, but also have tried and trained men and women for the many calls from beyond our own borders.

Something has been accomplished in this line during the year 1907. The conference has during the past year had on trial and in training twenty-three new workers; of this number sixteen yet remain in the field, quite a proportion of whom give promise of making acceptable workers.

The conference has also had the service of Elder Wightman and wife who

came to this field last April from New York. Brother and Sister Wightman have been laboring since then in Nevada and eastern California.

Of our regular laborers, Elder D. D. Lake has left this field for Southern California. Elder H. G. Thurston has taken the presidency of the Arizona Conference. Brother M. H. St. John has been called to the Utah Conference, and Brother W. W. Wheeler is now in New York.

We have at present available for active field work, including those who are on trial, thirteen ordained ministers, eleven licentiates, and twenty-seven Bible workers and colporteurs. It can not, however, be expected that all of this force will continue in the field, as the year's experience will probably cause some who have been proving their gift to seek some other line of employment.

The financial condition of the Conference is always an interesting feature to many of our people, indicating, to some extent at least, not only the degree of prosperity with which the Lord has blessed His children, but also their spirituality.

During the past year a great many calls have been made upon the churches for financial aid to the various phases of the work. These appeals have all received a hearty response; our conference books show that in response to these calls \$22,691.76 has passed through the treasurer's hands and been forwarded to their proper destination. We have every reason to believe that if all the donations made had passed through the regular channels, this amount would have exceeded \$30,000.

In the early part of the year, a pamphlet on tithing was sent out to the churches under the general title of "The Support of God's Kingdom in the Earth." This work was done at an expense of \$132.50. The first church responding to this, in its first remittance, much more than met this expense in the marked increase in its tithe, the increase coming from those who had not previously been tithe-payers.

Glancing back to the year 1904, the tithe paid into the conference was \$42,574.34. Each year since then has shown a marked increase. The receipts from this source in 1906 amounted to \$60,928.98. I am pleased to report to you that, notwithstanding the financial strin-

gency through which the entire country has been passing, which has of necessity seriously affected the income of many of our people during the last quarter of the year, our tithe for 1907 has amounted to \$72,101.29. This, with the miscellaneous donations made that have passed through the conference treasury, gives us the unprecedented sum of \$94,802.95. If we had the figures for the donations for home missionary work, and the many liberal donations which have passed directly from the individuals to the fields benefited, there is no doubt but what the grand total would be far in excess of \$100,000 from a constituency nominally numbered at a little in excess of 4,000.

The treasurer will not only give you a report of these funds in detail, but will also show how this large tithe has been used. I wish, however, to call your attention to two or three features of our expenditures which have been out of the ordinary during the year.

The Conference has continued its support of workers in the southern states and foreign fields. We have also recently tendered to the Southern Union Conference three of our workers and their maintenance.

The work put forth in San Francisco and Oakland has called for a large amount of tithe. The trying climate of these two cities, especially in Oakland, has put a number of our expensive tents out of commission. The replacing of these has called for a heavy outlay of money, our tent bill for last year being above \$4,000.

As previously reported, there have been placed in the field during the year twenty-three new workers, many of whom give promise of developing into permanent and valuable laborers, who will be available in the future for calls at home or abroad.

These individuals have been maintained in the field at cost to the conference of over \$8,000. The excellent work accomplished during the past year by our canvassers has called for some financial encouragement on the part of both the conference proper and the tract society.

These items will suggest some of the ways at least in which the increase in our tithe has been used. In addition to these there has been paid to the union conference about \$14,000

in first and second tithe. After settling all claims against the conference the treasury will show a balance of \$8,104.13 tithe on hand.

The faithfulness and willingness of the people of God in these matters have been a source of great encouragement to those who for a time have had the oversight of the work. The marked blessing and favor of God that this record indicates, certainly call for heartfelt thankfulness and thorough consecration on our part.

While recognizing that our administration of this sacred work of God has been very faulty and full of mistakes, and while we deplore that our efforts have not been more fruitful, yet your committee most earnestly pray that the Lord may overrule in all these things, and so order that the human which has been revealed may not be permitted to mar the work we all so dearly love.

We are pleased now to turn back into your hands the responsibilities intrusted to us by you at your last conference session, with the prayer that our Saviour by His Holy Spirit may be among you as the Wonderful Counselor and the Mighty God, that the deliberations of this delegation may tell greatly for the upbuilding of His people and the advancement of His work.

W. T. KNOX.

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### Report of Sabbath-School Department for Year Ending December 31, 1907

It is with deep thankfulness for the prospering care of the Lord, that we review the work of the Sabbath-school department during the past year. We can report advancement in every phase of this work. We now have a membership of 3,617; this being an increase of 272 during the year.

The total contributions for the year 1906 were \$4,332.43, of which amount \$2,906.11 were given to missions, and \$1,426.32 were used for home expenses. During the past year, 1907, our total contributions have amounted to the sum of \$5,676.78, and we have had the privilege of donating from this amount \$4,496.22 for the work of spreading the truth in foreign fields. We are sorry to say that \$1,180.56 have been taken from the contributions during the past year, and used for supplies for the home

schools. Forty-one of our schools have adopted the plan, recommended by the General Conference, of donating all the contributions to missions, and paying for their supplies in some other way. The result is that the total contributions of those schools have largely increased as the missionary spirit among them has developed. During the past six months, the schools of this conference alone have donated to missions about \$104 per week.

Much effort has been made by the department secretary to arouse our schools and our isolated members to realize the importance of a thorough and regular study of the Sabbath-school lessons. This has been done by writing personal letters to many of the children and young people, as well as by laboring through the regular school channels. The use of the test questions given in the *Sabbath-School Worker* has proved a great help in arousing an interest in study, and also in impressing the truth upon the memory. In every school where this has been tried, the children entered into the test plan most heartily, and have taken a greater interest in their lessons as a result.

Many letters are received from the isolated Sabbath-keepers, telling of the blessings received through the study of the lessons. We have one hundred members enrolled in the state home department, who study the lessons and report to the central office. These isolated members have contributed more than \$75 to the regular Sabbath-school donations during the past year. We know there are many others who should be reached, and it is our earnest desire to carry forward this work among the isolated Sabbath-keepers till the Sabbath-school department shall form a circle which embraces every Seventh-day Adventist in our conference.

At the teachers' institute, held at the Pacific Union College during the summer, a special course was provided in both Sabbath-school and young people's work. This was something new, and like all new plans, its beginning was not large, but it proved a great help, not only through the few young people who were sent from the churches for this special work, but also in bringing the church-school teachers in touch with these lines of work and enlisting their interest in them.

Six conventions have been held, which

were attended by representatives from nineteen schools. In all these conventions both Sabbath-school and young people's work were considered. They have proved to be a great help in unifying the work throughout the field.

Efforts have been made to bring both the Sabbath school and young people's work into harmony with the recommendations passed by the General Conference Sabbath-school and Young People's Convention, held in Mount Vernon, Ohio, and these efforts have been attended by an encouraging degree of success. The Missionary Volunteer Reading Course has met with favor among our young people. One hundred twenty names have been enrolled, and all, as far as we know, have faithfully continued the study.

Many of our young people are studying for the "Standard of Attainment" examination, which is to be given in March. This is the best plan ever introduced among us for the fitting and educating of missionaries, and it is impossible to estimate the good that is sure to result from such a study.

From 365 of our young people, we have received the following:

#### Report of Work Done

Missionary letters written, 395; missionary letters received, 80; missionary visits, 3,405; Bible readings or cottage-meetings, 1,593; subscriptions taken for periodicals, 529; papers distributed, 45,539; books sold, 142; books loaned, 278; pages of tracts distributed, 49,936; hours of Christian help work, 509; persons supplied with food, clothing, etc., 147; besides a barrel of clothing sent South and six or eight quilts pieced and given; offerings for home mission work, \$889.99; offerings for foreign mission work, \$731.05.

For the blessings and success which have attended the work, we thank our heavenly Father, and give to Him all the praise. We see great possibilities in advance of anything which we have attained, and pray that the Lord will help us to be more faithful instruments in His hands for the carrying forward of this great work till He comes.

Mrs. Carrie R. King, *Secretary*.

“Improve Time in time while the Time doth last,

For all Time is no time when the Time is past.”

## Resolutions Passed at the California Conference, Fresno, Cal., Jan. 31 to Feb. 5, 1908

### Introductory

1. Whereas, Our heavenly Father has blessed this conference with unusual prosperity the past year in that none of our laborers have fallen in death; no serious calamity has impeded the message; marked financial prosperity has attended the conference and institutions; a larger amount of literature has been sold and distributed than ever before, and aggressive work has been done in the lines of the Sabbath-school, church school, young people's, and religious liberty work—recognizing these things as results of the prospering hand of God,

We therefore express our profound gratitude and thanksgiving to Him who has thus led us, and we here consecrate ourselves more loyally and devotedly to His work than ever before.

### Religious Liberty Work

2. Inasmuch as indications plainly show that the desire for religious legislation is fast becoming a prominent issue, even in local politics, as is evident from the many demands in municipal quarters for extreme Sunday laws, we therefore recommend,—

(a) That the incoming conference administration take immediate steps to establish a fund of not less than \$500 for a constant and more thorough education of communities of this conference in the principles of religious liberty.

(b) That enough copies of the magazine *Liberty* be ordered by the California Religious Liberty Association to supply the leading officers of each prominent municipality within the limits of this conference (as far as can be learned) with a yearly subscription, that they may be duly instructed on the principles of individual liberty, prior to any Sunday law agitation within their several jurisdictions.

(c) That as soon as the personnel of the next legislature shall be known, each member shall be supplied with a year's subscription to *Liberty*, and that wherever possible, a personal interview with each of these, regarding individual liberty, be sought by judicious individuals prior to the opening of the legislative session.

(d) That each family of our people subscribe for, and carefully read, *Liberty*, as an excellent exponent of religious free-

dom, in order that they may intelligently converse on the subject with the uninformed, as such opportunities are daily increasing and will soon be one principal medium through which many will receive the special truth for this time.

(e) That press agents be appointed at principal points in the conference, whose duty shall be to write attractive and instructive articles for the local press, wherever religious liberty issues may arise.

(f) That our lay members who feel unable to write original articles on religious liberty for the public press, reproduce in neat, typewritten form suitable articles from our religious liberty magazine, *Liberty*, the *Signs of the Times*, our standard "Religious Liberty Leaflets," and other sources, and hand the same to their local newspaper editors, with the request that they be published.

#### Missionary, Book, Tract and Periodical Work

3. *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.

4. *Resolved*, That we adopt the following Perpetual Missionary Program:

(a) Placing the *Review and Herald* and the PACIFIC UNION RECORDER 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*, a small club to be taken by each isolated member, and a large club by each church and company.

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

Whereas, The Southern field is greatly in need of our cooperation and support,

5. We Recommend, That each family in our conference subscribe for the *Watchman*.

6. We Recommend, That the old-time church tract and missionary society be thoroughly reconstructed.

(a) By appointing an active leader and librarian in each church, the elder to cooperate heartily with them in this important work.

(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 prepared for the purpose.

7. We Recommend, That the gospel ministry in this conference renew its earnest labors in behalf of the tract and missionary work, as in the past, which responsibilities in recent years, from various causes, they have 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 society workers and the state agents, 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.

8. *Resolved*, That we heartily approve of the efforts put forth by the California Tract Society to select, educate, and train workers,—

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

(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.

#### Sabbath-School Work

Whereas, The *Sabbath-School Worker* fills a place in our work that is essential to its highest success; therefore,

9. *Resolved*, That we make an earnest endeavor to get every officer and teacher to take the *Worker*.

10. *Resolved*, That in harmony with the recommendation of the General Conference, we encourage all our Sabbath-schools to give all their regular donations to missions, providing for their supplies from other sources.

Whereas, There is need of well-trained workers in our Sabbath-schools and young people's societies; therefore,

11. *Resolved*, That we arrange to hold frequent short normal institutes, gathering the workers from two or three churches to some central point for the study of methods in Sabbath-school and young people's work.

12. *Resolved*, That we assist the Sabbath-school secretary to secure the names and addresses of all isolated Sabbath-keepers, thus helping to bring them in touch with the progress of this work by means of the home department.

13. *Resolved*, That we encourage our people to carefully study the plans and suggestions concerning Sabbath-school work contained in the report of the Sabbath-School and Young People's Convention, held at Mount Vernon, Ohio.

#### Young People's Work

Whereas, The young people of our denomination are an organized force, essential to the giving of the great three-fold message to the world in this generation, because of numbers, education, and efficiency for much-needed service; therefore,

14. *Resolved*, That we hereby express our approval of the establishment of a young people's department of the General Conference.

Whereas, The report of the Sabbath-School and Young People's Convention, held at Mount Vernon, Ohio, July 10 to 20, 1907, has been published, which sets forth its plans and reorganization in resolutions and recommendations,

15. *Resolved*, That we accept these recommendations and resolutions as adopted by the Sabbath-school and Young People's Convention and now published in pamphlet form.

16. We Recommend, That each church make use of the report of the Sabbath-School and Young People's Convention as a guide in the organization of its young people's society.

17. We Recommend, That as soon as consistent, our conference engage at least one person to give his whole time to this work, and establish what shall be known as the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department of the Conference.

18. We Recommend, That our young people's societies organize in harmony with the plans adopted at the Mount Vernon convention, and that wherever advisable, the young people who are not members of the church be admitted as associate members of the society; such members to have all the privileges of

the society, excepting those of voting and holding office.

**Church-School Work**

Whereas, In order to qualify and prepare our youth for the work before them, and to meet the demands of the times, it is necessary to maintain a high standard in all our conference schools; therefore,

**19. We Recommend,—**

(a) That besides giving thorough instruction in the Bible, and the common branches, there be connected with every church school one or more of the following manual arts: gardening, sewing, wood-working, principles of cooking.

(b) That the churches make liberal provisions for buildings, equipments, and financial support.

(c) That school boards make special efforts to secure accredited teachers.

(d) That in order to maintain a uniformity in standards, the educational department give final examinations in all branches that entitle the pupils to a conference certificate.

(e) That the pupils be examined in the following subjects, requiring an average standing of 75 per cent, and not falling below 65 per cent in any one branch: Bible, English, arithmetic, U. S. history and civics, manual training, physiology, agriculture, elementary bookkeeping, geography, reading, spelling, penmanship, drawing, and vocal music.

20. We Recommend, That all candidates for teaching be required to satisfy one or more of the following conditions to become accredited teachers:

(a) To obtain from the department of education a first- or second-grade certificate.

(b) To present a diploma and normal certificate from the Pacific Normal Institute.

(c) To hold a first- or second-grade certificate from any of the sister conferences, and to give evidence of having successfully taught, besides presenting a letter of recommendation from said conference authorities.

21. We Recommend, That the department of education grant only first- and second-grade certificates on the following conditions:

(a) That an average minimum standing of 85 per cent, not falling below 65 per cent in any one branch, be required.

(b) That second-grade certificates be

valid for two years, subject to renewal for one year.

(c) That first-grade certificates be valid for three years, subject to renewal for two years.

(d) That in order to secure a second-grade certificate, candidates be required, to pass a satisfactory examination in the following additional branches: physical geography, general history, algebra, rhetoric, school management, and pedagogy.

(e) That to secure a first-grade certificate, candidates be required to pass in the following additional branches: literature, botany, geometry, physics, astronomy, psychology, history of education, and prophecy.

**22. We Further Recommend,—**

(a) That all applicants for the principalship of intermediate schools present an academic or advanced normal diploma.

(b) That the department of education prepare final examination questions and grant diplomas to graduates of intermediate schools.

23. Resolved, That we reiterate recommendation No. 11 adopted at the last conference session, which reads as follows:

Whereas, Parents ought to be the best teachers of their children until they have reached the age of nine years; therefore,

We Recommend, That wherever the home conditions warrant it, parents be encouraged to furnish their young children at home the education their years require, in preference to sending them to either church or public schools. That this suggestion may be carried out without loss to the children, we further recommend that instruction in printed form and otherwise be supplied parents who feel the need of assistance to qualify them for this work and responsibility.

**Removal of Pacific Union College**

24. Resolved, That we refer to the Pacific Educational Association for favorable action, the following proposal for the establishment of an industrial college, and the disposal of the Pacific Union College property located at Healdsburg, Cal.:

The debt on that institution is about \$38,000. This amount to be disposed of as follows:

- Selling the college building for.. 7,000
- Selling the college home building for say ..... 13,000
- Selling the outfit, consisting of machinery, furnishings, furni-

ture, etc., as hereinafter specified for about .....\$ 8,000

Raising by popular subscription throughout the California Conference ..... 10,000

\$38,000

The establishment of a new industrial college on the same general plan as the Pacific Union College, with such land as will furnish employment for a number of students, and furnish at least the agricultural and dairy products necessary for the college home.

That a corporation be formed with a capital stock of \$50,000 non-assessable, and divided into 50,000 shares of a par value of one dollar each. That such stock be sold at par with an agreement to pay 4 per cent per annum on the sum invested. And, further, that in the articles of incorporation provision be made for the purchase of the stock thus issued from any surplus that may accrue.

That one-third of the capital stock of said corporation be issued fully paid-up to the California Conference Association in consideration of its active moral support and cooperation, for the patronage of the young people within its borders.

That the business of said corporation be managed by a board of trustees to be selected as follows: three from the executive committee of the conference and four from the investing stockholders.

The conference to pay the salary of one Bible teacher through the year.

The new corporation to purchase the furnishings, furniture, machinery, etc., of the Pacific Union College on terms to be agreed upon for say \$8,000.

Land to be secured for the new institution from city or community at a valuation of about \$10,000.

Buildings to be erected during the summer of 1908, if possible, at a valuation of about \$10,000.

Other buildings and equipment to be added when financially possible at a valuation of about \$5,000.

**Proposed Pacific Normal Institute**

Whereas, The establishment of church schools has created an ever-increasing demand for thoroughly trained missionary teachers; and,

Whereas, In order to fit our young people for teaching, it is necessary to maintain a strong normal training-school; and,



Whereas, Experience has shown that it is impracticable to carry forward this work in connection with the college; therefore,

25. *Resolved*, That we look with favor upon the following plan:

(a) That the Pacific Normal Institute be established in a suitable place, separate from the Pacific Union College, where children for the training-school can be had, and enough land to provide for the school gardens.

(b) That a corporation be formed, the details of formation to be worked out later.

(c) That there be an advisory board composed of five members of the board of the corporation and two additional members to be selected from the executive committee of the conference.

**College Scholarship Offers**

Whereas, Experience has shown the great usefulness of college scholarship offers,—

(a) In enabling many to attend our schools who would not otherwise be able to obtain an education.

(b) In giving our publications a wide circulation.

(c) In turning the attention of our young people and parents to our schools.

(d) In giving our student canvassers something definite to look forward to.

(e) In helping to make prompt collections possible by the tract society, no scholarship being awarded until accounts are fully paid; and,

(f) In securing for our student canvassers easier access and entrance to the homes of the people; therefore,

26. We Recommend, A renewal of effort in this direction by the tract society, the Pacific Union College, and our intermediate schools in the conference the coming year.

27. We Further Recommend, That the scholarship offers be based upon the following general principles:

(a) A rebate of twenty per cent on the regular price of the year's tuition to be made to canvassers selling the required value of tract society books.

(b) The school to bear eight per cent of said amount.

(c) The conference, Pacific Press, and tract society to share, in equal proportion, the remaining twelve per cent of said discount.

**Pacific Union College Scholarship Offer**

(d) The definite Pacific Union College scholarship offer, on the above basis, to read as follows:

Through the cooperation of the California Tract Society, the California Conference, the Pacific Union College, and the Pacific Press Publishing Company, we are able to make the following liberal propositions to those desiring to earn a scholarship, and who conform to the school requirements printed in the calendar.

**One Year's Scholarship**

1. The agent sells and delivers \$260 worth of California Tract Society books and forwards the entire amount to the tract society at Mountain View.

2. Any person desiring to participate in the scholarship plan must, upon matriculation, present to the business manager of the college a receipt from the California Tract Society, showing that he has paid the full amount of his scholarship.

3. To the agent's regular commission of \$130, the California Conference, California Tract Society, Pacific Union College, and the Pacific Press unite in adding a bonus of \$32.40, as a reward for his courage, energy, and faithfulness.

4. As soon as the Pacific Union College is notified by the California Tract Society that the prospective student has sent in \$260 for books sold and delivered, the college will credit the student with \$162.40.

5. From this fund the student pays his expenses in the college home, and tuition for the school year as follows:

(a) Room, nine months, including heat, light, plain laundry, and baths, at \$5.00 .....	\$ 45.00
(b) Board (two meals a day), 9 months, at \$9.00 per month ....	81.00
(c) Tuition (four studies), 9 months, at \$4.00 per month ....	36.00
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	\$162.00

**Half Year's Scholarship**

6. The agent who sells \$130 worth of books will be entitled to a half year's scholarship on the same pro rata basis outlined in paragraphs 1 to 4.

**Transfer of Scholarships**

7. The student who, through sickness, or for some other satisfactory reason, is compelled to withdraw from the college before the close of the year, may transfer the remainder of his scholarship to some other person, or allow it to remain to his credit until he is able to return to school.

8. As the scholarships are made possible through the joint gift of the California Tract Society, the California Conference, the Pacific Union College, and the Pacific Press, they are, of course, not transferable to any educational in-

stitutions outside of the conference territory.

9. Special arrangements must be made by the California Tract Society and the Pacific Union College, with any person who desires to transfer a scholarship or scholarships to some relative or friend, or who desires to earn a scholarship, or scholarships, covering a term of years. If the agent sells more than the required amount of books, he retains his regular agent's commission of 50 per cent on the surplus to use in buying text-books, or as he may see fit.

**Withdrawal from Scholarship Endeavor**

10. Any agent is entitled to draw the money due him on a scholarship at any time from the tract society, if he wishes to do so, but in such event, he will receive only the regular commission of 50 per cent on his sales, the same as other agents. And it is further understood that in drawing his money, he withdraws from the scholarship endeavor and places himself upon the same basis as other agents.

**Free Transportation to and from Field of Labor**

11. The California Conference agrees to pay the student canvasser's transportation from the canvassers' institute direct to the field assigned, upon the following conditions:

(a) The student must pass a satisfactory examination of 85 per cent upon completion of the course in book salesmanship.

(b) He shall sign a contract to work at least ten weeks, at forty hours per week, under the direction of the field agent, and in harmony with the regulations of the tract society.

12. After the student canvasser has earned and paid for his scholarship, fulfilling his contract to the satisfaction of the tract society, the California Conference further agrees to pay his return fare from his field of labor to the college.

13. The California Conference Committee heartily advise all who look forward to entering the ministry to take a two or three years' course in the field as canvasser-evangelists. They consider this course one of the most helpful experiences, and the best stepping-stone to a successful gospel ministry.

14. The scholarships do not cover the expense of books, science, and laboratory fees, and the tuition for music and art, which are, of necessity, not provided for in any of the regular rates of tuition. Those, however, desiring to take music or art in lieu of any of the regular studies, may make substitutions, being charged pro rata therefor.

**Paying a Full Tithe**

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

Whereas, It is evident from the tithes

reported by different conferences that our funds for mission fields would be largely increased if a full tithe were paid by all the members of our conferences; therefore,

28. *Resolved*, That we urge each church and individual in this conference to pay a full tithe.

29. *Resolved*, That a special appeal be made to the officers of all the churches to give this matter personal and prayerful attention, until they are assured that every member is paying a true tithe to the cause.

#### Donations to Foreign Missions

30. *Resolved*, That we contribute \$2,000 of our surplus cash for the year 1907 to the General Conference to be used in foreign mission work.

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, 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,

31. *Resolved*,—

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

#### Ten-Cents-a-Week Plan

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

(c) That for the present, we favor the Sabbath-school donations and the annual offerings and midsummer offerings being applied on the above fund to make the average ten cents a week for each church-member.

#### The Work in Our Large Cities

Whereas, There is urgent need that the work in our large cities shall be done quickly and in such a manner as to bring the message to the attention of the masses; therefore,

32. We Recommend, That special attention be given,—

(a) To the work of holding tent and hall meetings.

(b) To the judicious advertising of the same.

(c) To providing special musical help.

33. We Further Recommend, That wherever possible our large churches shall be encouraged to undertake the maintenance of some line of local mission work, such as Christian help and medical missionary work.

#### San Francisco Hydratic Dispensary

Whereas, The San Francisco Hydratic Dispensary has been, and is doing, a large amount of missionary work, having been nearly self-sustaining for one year; and,

Whereas, Owing to the financial stringency, it will be necessary to give it assistance, in order that the work may be continued,

34. *Resolved*, That we recommend to the incoming executive committee and to the California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association that they resume such mutual financial cooperation as may be necessary in order to maintain and continue the work of the dispensary.

#### Mission Schools for Koreans, Japanese, and Chinese

Whereas, The Koreans, Japanese, and Chinese have shown themselves to be especially susceptible to the truths of the third angel's message; and,

Whereas, There is a large and unoccupied field for labor among the people of these nationalities in this conference,

35. *Resolved*, That we request the incoming executive committee to carefully consider the matter of starting mission schools or other similar missionary efforts for the Koreans, Japanese, and Chinese in such centers as may seem advisable.

#### The Temperance Work

Whereas, From the very first, Seventh-day Adventists have regarded temperance as a fundamental part of the third angel's message; and,

Whereas, Because of our opposition to Sunday legislation, many look upon us as in league with saloon-keepers and other objectionable elements of society; therefore,

36. We Recommend, That, in harmony with the action of the recent Pacific Union Conference, the incoming executive committee inaugurate at once an aggressive temperance campaign throughout the conference,—

(a) By the extensive circulation of the full series of up-to-date temperance tracts and leaflets and pledge-cards now in course of preparation by the Pacific Union Conference.

(b) By the circulation of such popular temperance literature as is used by other temperance organizations, and indorsed by the conference officers.

(c) By hearty cooperation with the W. C. T. U. and kindred organizations in every purely temperance movement.

(d) By forming active temperance bands in all places not already occupied by similar organizations.

(e) By making known in all legitimate ways that Seventh-day Adventists favor local option and the closing of saloons every day of the week.

37. We Further Recommend, That the following important and timely instruction from the Spirit of Prophecy regarding our duty with reference to temperance movements, be carefully read and carried out by our people:

“Our laws sustain evil which is sapping their very foundations. Many deplore the wrongs which they know exist, but consider themselves free from all responsibility in the matter. This can not be. Every individual exerts an influence in society. In our favored land every voter has some voice in determining what laws shall control the nation. Should not the influence and vote be on the side of temperance and virtue?”

“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 need not expect that God will work a miracle to bring about this reform, and thus remove the necessity for our exertion. We ourselves must grapple this giant foe, our motto, ‘No compromise,’ and ‘No cessation of our efforts till victory is gained.’”—*Mrs. E. G. White, in “Review and Herald” of Sept. 24, 1895.*

“The honor of God, the stability of the nation, the well-being of the community, of the home, and of the individual, demand that every possible effort be made in arousing the people to the evil of intemperance. . . . Who will put forth a determined effort to stay the work of destruction? As yet the contest has hardly begun.

“Let an army be found to stop the sale of the drugged liquors that are making men mad. Let the danger from the liquor traffic be made plain, and a public sentiment be created that shall demand its prohibition.

“Let the voices of the nation demand of its lawmakers that a stop be put to this infamous traffic.”—*Mrs. E. G. White, in tract on “Drunkenness and Crime,” issued November, 1907.*

“We need to have the temperance question revived among our own people. It would be a good thing if at our camp-meetings we would invite the members of

The W. C. T. U. to take part in our exercises. This will help them to become acquainted with the reasons of our faith, and will open the way for us to unite with them in temperance work.

"I have had some opportunity to see the great advantage to be gained by connecting with the W. C. T. U. workers, and I have been much surprised as I have seen the indifference of many of our leaders to this organization. I call on my brethren to awake. We can not do a better work than to unite, so far as we can do so without compromise, with W. C. T. U. workers.

"By holding ourselves aloof from the workers in the W. C. T. U., our people have lost much; and the members of the W. C. T. U. also have been on losing ground. . . . In some matters they are far in advance of our leaders on the important question of temperance."—*Mrs. E. G. White, in Unpublished Testimony, dated Sept. 2, 1907.*

"Let us strive to reach their hearts—not through the learned arguments of ministers, but through the wise efforts of women of influence and tact who can devote time and thought to this line of work."—*Mrs. E. G. White, in Special Testimony, dated April 18, 1900.*

#### Work for the Blind

Whereas, There are approximately sixteen hundred blind people in this section of the country, to whom the gospel message for this generation should be given; therefore,

38. We Recommend, That \$300 be appropriated from our funds on hand for the extension of the truth among this people by placing it in their hands through the medium of the printed page.

#### Cash Policy Resolution

Whereas, The Scripture enjoins us to "owe no man anything, but to love one another;" and,

Whereas, Experience has justified the consistency of this business injunction,

39. *Resolved*, That we again approve of a consistent cash policy in the operation of all departments of the conference work; and,

40. We Further Recommend, to our churches the adoption of a like policy in their business relations with the tract society and the conference.

#### Change in Name of the Tract Society

Whereas, The California Tract Society, for at least seven years past, has been known as "The Bible House," having the agency for the leading Bible houses of America; and,

Whereas, 95 per cent of the business

of the society consists of the sale of Bibles, subscription books and periodicals, only 5 per cent representing tracts and pamphlets; and,

Whereas, All of the literature we handle is based directly upon the Book of books, the Bible,

41. *Resolved*, That we authorize the officers of said tract society to change the name of the California Tract Society to that of the California Bible House, and to take the proper steps necessary to guard our rights to both titles.

42. We Further Recommend, That when deemed expedient by the officers of the tract society, they have the California Bible House imprint placed upon such editions of our subscription and trade books and tracts as may be handled by the society.

#### Where to Order Publications

Whereas, The California Bible House are the recognized agents for all our denominational literature in this conference; and,

Whereas, Through misunderstanding, some of our church-members still order their publications direct from our publishing houses, thus making it impossible for the conference officers to render an accurate report of literature sales at the close of the year,

43. *Resolved*, That we encourage all of our people to order all Bibles, denominational books, pamphlets, tracts, and periodicals from the California Bible House, Mountain View, Cal, the retail prices and discounts being uniform throughout the United States.

#### A Conference Year Book

Whereas, It is incumbent upon our ministers and lay members to be fully informed regarding the actions and future plans of this conference,

44. We Recommend, That the conference officers publish at an early date, a Conference Year Book, Apples of Gold Library size, to contain annual reports, financial statements, resolutions passed, and a digest of the proceedings, the same to be distributed, free of charge, to our church and isolated members.

#### Resolution of Thanks

Whereas, The Fresno church have kindly granted the use of their house of worship for the sessions of this conference, and have extended to the delegates and visiting brethren a generous hospitality,

45. *Resolved*, That we hereby express our heartfelt appreciation to the members of this church for the kindness, cooperation, and entertainment.

## The Field

Dr. Miller, recently of China, is in our conference, and with his wife is en route to the Orient.

Elder A. Whitehead, assisted by Brother Arthur Philbrick, are holding meetings with some interest at Silsbee, in Imperial County.

Elder Hare and Brother Marvin are giving their attention at the present time to erecting a small chapel on a lot recently purchased at Graham, which is the locality where they held their last series of meetings.

Prof. H. E. Osborne, on account of ill health, has been compelled to resign his position as a member of the Fernando Faculty, and with his family is now with friends at Escondido, and will engage in outdoor work for a time for the purpose of building up his health.

Paradise Valley Sanitarium is doing splendidly under the management of Dr. Cummings. Its lists of patients run from 30 to 40. Brother Wessels has given special attention to fitting up the building with excellent facilities for the care of the sick. Last winter the rooms were so chilly that patients would not remain. Now they are steam-heated throughout.

Word recently received from Africa brings the sad news of the death of Sister Anderson, from blackwater fever. She died at the Kolma Mission Station in Northwest Rhodesia, after having spent some eleven years in faithful missionary service in the African field. She leaves a husband, and a daughter eleven years old in Africa to mourn their loss.

G. W. Reaser.

February 16.

It is a great deal better to live a holy life than to talk about it. We are told to let our light shine, and if it does, we won't need to tell anybody it does. The light will be its own witness. Light-houses don't ring bells and fire cannon to call attention to their shining—they just shine.—*D. L. Moody.*

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1908

Plans are being laid by the brethren in Utah to operate four tents in the field the coming season.

Elder H. W. Cottrell spent last Monday in Healdsburg, attending the Pacific Union College Board meeting.

Word from the St. Helena Sanitarium is to the effect that patients are now coming in quite rapidly. All the rooms in the main building and cottages are already full.

Brother W. H. Covell, state canvassing agent for California, returned last week from Chico, Cal., where he has been conducting a short canvassers' institute in the intermediate school there.

Elder Luther Warren is at present at Healdsburg conducting revival services in connection with the college at that place. Recent word from there states that they are having excellent meetings.

Dr. H. W. Miller and wife made a short stop in Mountain View last week on their way north from Southern California, where they have been spending a few weeks in the interests of foreign mission work.

Sabbath, March 7, has been appointed by the General Conference Young People's Department as Missionary Volunteer Day. An outline for the day's work will be published next week. The readings will be printed in the *Youth's Instructor*. Leaders of young people's societies should plan for a good day.

In the report of the president of the California Conference at the Pacific Union meeting held recently at Sanitarium, published in the RECORDER of February 13, the total Sabbath-school donations for that conference for the last biennial term were given as \$11,650.70 and the amount to missions \$7,239.84. Instead this should have read, total donations \$10,009.21, of which amount \$7,373.66 were given to missions.

## Canvasser's Conventions, Special Notice

The Armona King's Messengers Canvassers' Convention has been postponed from March 1 to 16, and will continue until April 6.

The Healdsburg Canvassers' institute will convene April 13, and continue until May 27. All interested persons should note the dates. W. H. Covell.

## Saint Helena Sanitarium Training School

The next training class for Missionary Nurses begins April 6, 1908. We desire to correspond with consecrated young people who desire a training as missionary workers. Exceptional opportunities for experience offered to persons of promise.

Address Dr. H. F. Rand, or Mrs. S. J. Whitney, Sanitarium, Napa Co., Cal.

## Young Peoples' Reading Course Books

To those who have not yet supplied themselves with the following books, we would say that there are still a number on hand. It will be well to place your order soon before the entire supply is exhausted. No more copies of "Into All the World" can be obtained in the East.

The "Early Writings" in paper binding, for which we have been waiting, have arrived. Prices are as follows, paper binding only:

"Pastor Hsi," 65 cents; "Into All the World, 35 cents; "Early Writings," 35 cents. Address all orders to California Bible House, Mountain View, Cal.

If the law of God could have been changed or abrogated, then Christ need not have suffered the consequences of our transgression.—*Desire of Ages*.

## Annual Meeting of the Arizona Conference Corporation

The fifth annual session of the Arizona Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at Phoenix, Ariz., in the Seventh-day Adventist church, at 10 A.M., April 7, 1908 (the first Tuesday following the first Monday in April), to elect officers for the ensuing year, and to transact such business as may be necessary.

H. G. Thurston, *Pres.*  
M. T. Poston, *Sec'y.*

## Sanitarium Food Company

The sixth annual meeting of the Sanitarium Food Company, for the purpose of electing directors, and transacting any other business that may properly come before the meeting, will be held at Sanitarium, Napa Co., Cal., on Thursday, March 12, 1908, at 12 o'clock M.

L. M. Bowen, *Pres.*  
H. E. Randall, *Sec'y.*

## Help Wanted to Work on Melon and Vegetable Farm

Wanted: A young man and wife with no children over three years old; man to do general farm and team work, and wife to do house work in a family of four, two being children five and eight years old respectively. Or a young man and a woman. Will be a good home for a Christian woman, and work not very heavy until after May 1, when there will be more help to cook for.

Also we wish to be in correspondence with a man that understands picking ripe watermelons, with a view to hiring for this season's pick.

A good place for those just taking hold of the truth, and losing former employment; if the young man lacks experience in farm work and teaming, willingness to learn will answer.

Any one knowing persons who will take the place please write to

Jones and Doty,  
Ripon, Cal.

"The best thing to take people out of their own worries is to go to work and find out how other folks' worries are getting on."