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Synopsis of Proceedings

The twelfth annual session of the Southern California Conference was held in Long Beach, California, August 7 to 20, 1911, in harmony with the published announcement.

This session was divided into ten meetings, nine of which were held before the opening of the camp-meeting. The forty-seven churches in the conference, with a membership of 2,943, were represented by 160 delegates. Eight of these churches were organized during the year, and were admitted into the conference.

The business of the session was prepared by the following committees that were appointed by the chairman:

On Nominations:

T. S. Nightingale, A. G. Christiansen, T. Sterling, J. R. Leadsworth, Herbert Judson, J. E. Hart, R. T. Kelley.

On Plans and Recommendations:

W. C. White, H. G. Lucas, J. A. Burden, J. J. Wessels, W. A. Ruble, H. W. Lindsay, E. G. Fulton, E. J. Hibbard.

On Credentials and Licenses:

G. A. Irwin, C. E. Ford, C. Santee, J. W. McCord, F. W. Paap.

During the last week, the following additional laborers from abroad were in attendance: Profs. C. W. Irwin and C. C. Lewis, of Pacific Union College; Elder G. W. Caviness, of Mexico; Elder H. G. Thurston, of Arizona; Elder J. H. Behrens, of Central California; Elder C. L. Taggart, of Northern California-Nevada Conference; Elder A. J. Haysmer, from the Southern States, representing the

colored work; Elder M. C. Wilcox and Brother C. H. Jones, from the office of the *Signs of the Times* in Mountain View.

The needs of the work in other lands were not overlooked. After a general presentation, by Elder G. A. Irwin, of the extensive work that has been started in various countries of the world, and of the many calls that are coming in for additional laborers, some eleven thousand dollars in cash and pledges was secured for its extension. Elder Haysmer presented the needs of the work in the Southern field, and secured over eleven hundred dollars in cash and pledges for its furtherance. With continued consecration on the part of workers and people in the Southern California Conference, we can look for continual advancement of the work in this important field.

President's Address

It is indeed a great pleasure to meet the delegates and visiting brethren at this, the twelfth annual meeting of the Southern California Conference. With feelings of profound gratitude to our heavenly Father, we review the year just closed and note the multiplied blessings so freely showered upon us. In the midst of the turmoil and strife of these last days, with plagues and judgments falling upon the world; in the presence of calamities by land and sea; with a great wave of crime sweeping over the world; when men are becoming infatuated with vice, and every species of evil is prevailing; as one of old we can say, the eye of our God is upon us, and we gladly bring to Him a tribute of praise and thanksgiving for His marvelous watch-care over His people. Still the winds of strife among the nations are held, while the doors of opportunity on every side are swung wide open, inviting us to enter with the last message of mercy to a dying world.

While we are not unmindful of the dark shadows that have fallen over a number of homes during the twelve months now past, of the disappointed hopes, the broken ties, the vacant chairs, through it all we can say with the patriarch Job, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." With unwavering confidence in the overruling providence and fatherly care of our God, with the assurance that the night of sorrow will soon give way to the light of eternal day, our hearts are filled with holy joy as we lift our eyes in prayer and cry, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

Field Work

Eleven ordained ministers have given their entire time to the work during the year, while six have been connected with our institutions as Bible teachers, chaplains, etc., and seven have labored in the field as their strength would permit. Three licentiates have been engaged in field work and one in institutional work. Sixteen Bible workers have been in the employ of the conference all or part of the year. Besides this, Brethren Lloyd and Morlan have spent much of their time in the field; and with the assistance of our faithful staff of workers in the office, we have had a force of laborers that, with unity of heart and purpose, have proved very efficient in leading the large army of our faithful and devoted people in our churches throughout the conference. The results of this work may be seen in the general progress that has attended all departments of the work throughout the year.

During the year tent meetings were held in the following places: San Diego, La Mesa, Los Angeles, Santa Ana, Gardena, Brawley, Colton, Anaheim, Long Beach, Redondo Beach, and Lone Pine. Brethren Blunt and Acosta held a tent meeting for the Mexican population in Boyle Heights, and met with some encouragement. Through the winter months the laborers continued their efforts in halls and from house to house. As a direct result of the year's work, ending June 30, 284 have been baptized and received into church fellowship.

Since then 61 more have followed their Lord in this ordinance, making in all 345. Our membership at present stands at 2,988, giving us a net increase of 238. This seems to be quite accurate, and includes only 45 scattered Sabbath-keepers.

Eight churches have been organized, as follows:

Church	Membership
Central Avenue, Los Angeles	57
Escondido (German)	40
Gless St., Los Angeles (Mexican)	18
Hinkley	17
Brawley	11
Holtville	19
Gardena	15
La Mesa	18

Church buildings have been erected and dedicated in the following places: Orange, at a cost, including lot, of \$1,356; Pomona (the old church property having been sold), at a cost of \$2,481.65; Brawley, costing \$850; Edendale, costing about \$2,000. A very neat little church building has been erected at Gardena at a cost of \$461.75, all of which has been covered by donations, but \$250 is yet due on the lot. The Garden Grove church has erected a commodious building for church purposes, and the members have been working hard to clear it of all obligations, that it may be dedicated. The German brethren at Escondido are building a chapel on a lot donated by one of the members. The Santa Barbara church sold its old property and purchased a beautiful church building of the Baptist denomination, very centrally located and splendidly adapted to our work. Four other church buildings are being constructed and nearing completion; one at Paradise Valley Sanitarium; one at La Mesa, near San Diego; one at Colton; and one at Glendora. The church at Carr Street, Los Angeles, has been greatly improved by the construction of a gallery, thus increasing its seating capacity about 125.

"When an interest is aroused in any town or city, that interest should be followed up. The place should be thoroughly worked until a humble house of worship stands as a sign, a constant reminder, of the truths of the third angel's message, a light amid the world's moral darkness. These memorials are to stand in many places as witnesses to the truth. God in His mercy has provided that the messengers of the Gospel shall go to all countries, tongues, and peoples, until the standard of truth shall be established in all parts of the inhabited world.

"Wherever a company of believers is raised up, a house of worship should be built. Let not the workers leave the place without accomplishing this.

"If wisdom and sanctified judgment and skillful generalship are manifested by us in building up the interests of our Redeemer's kingdom, we shall do all in our power to assure the people of the stability of our work. Humble sanctuaries will be erected where those who accept the truth may find a place to worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience."

We have endeavored to follow this instruction, and have been surprised at the results that followed. "God calls upon His people to make cheerful, united efforts in His cause. Let this be done, and soon will be heard the voice of thanksgiving. 'See what the Lord hath wrought.'"

Last January the workers were called together for a ten days' institute. Elders G. A. Irwin and J. N. Loughborough were present and gave valuable instruction. The Lord drew very near, especially the last Sabbath of the meeting. We were profoundly convinced

by this conference annexing the above mentioned territory.

Financial

We have great reason to be thankful because of the way the Lord has prospered us financially, especially the past year. The tithe for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911, was \$55,322.12. The gain for the year was \$13,328.86. The tithe per capita was \$19.14. The following table showing the amount received, the gain, and the amount paid per capita, both in tithe and second tithe, for the past three years, may be of interest:

	Jn. 30, '08	Jn. 30, '09	Jn. 30, '10	Jn. 30, '11
Tithe	\$31,265.50	\$36,667.13	\$41,993.59	\$55,322.45
Gain		5,401.63	5,326.46	13,328.86
Per Capita	12.81	14.66	16.56	19.14
Second Tithe	7,865.97	9,144.38	9,418.45	10,118.70
Gain		1,278.41	274.07	700.25
Per Capita	3.18	3.66	3.71	3.50

that we are in the time of the latter rain, and that the Lord is now waiting to pour out upon His people the Holy Spirit in great power, to prepare them for the finishing of His work. Our hearts have been greatly encouraged, especially of late, with larger audiences and more attentive hearers than we have ever had before.

At the annual meeting of the California Conference held at Fresno last February, and by recommendation of the Pacific Union Conference Committee, we were asked to take that part of Santa Barbara County lying north of the Santa Ynez Mountains, Inyo and Mono counties, also Esmeralda, Nye, Lincoln, and Clark counties in Nevada. Your executive committee consented to this proposal, believing it to be in the order of the Lord; and provisional arrangements were made to work the field. It will now be proper for this conference to give careful consideration to this proposal, and, if it seems wise to the delegates, assume the responsibility of working the territory, and formally annex it to this conference. There are two organized churches in the territory, one at Lompoc, Santa Barbara County, with a scattered membership of eleven, and one at Bishop, Inyo County, with a membership of fifteen. There is a small church building at Bishop, and last year a successful church school was conducted there. There is a small Sabbath-school with about eight adult members at Goldfield, Nevada. This entire territory has a small population scattered over a large area consisting largely of deserts and mountains; however, there are a few rich valleys, and these will doubtless soon be densely populated.

It will be quite an expense to work the territory, but I do not believe this should deter us from undertaking this work. The people located in this territory must have the opportunity of becoming acquainted with this message; and as it is more easily reached from this conference than from any other, we would recommend that action be taken

The offerings for missions were \$15,040.91, an amount equaling ten cents per member per week. Beside this, \$5,440.57 has been received on the \$300,000 Fund.

A total of \$18,118.11 has been sent on from our treasury to the General Conference for its work. \$570.32 has been sent to various enterprises, such as the paper for the blind, the Southern work, etc., and \$9,271.86 to the Pacific Union Conference, making a total of \$27,960.29 for work outside of our conference, \$6,372.36 in excess of what was given last year. Including the amounts raised for the local, union, and General Conference work, exclusive of that which has been contributed for institutional work, for the erection of church buildings, and for home missionary work, we have over \$88,000. What the entire amount contributed by our people for all the various enterprises connected with this cause is we have no means of ascertaining; but a faithful record is kept in heaven, not so much of the exact amounts given, but of the sacrifice represented by the gifts.

Sabbath-School Work

Of all the various departments of this great world-wide work, it will be readily conceded that the Sabbath-school department is the most important. It is very largely through the study of the Sabbath-school lessons in our homes, and the united study of the Bible in the Sabbath-school from week to week, that our knowledge of the Scriptures is obtained; and there can be no question but that the secret of our unity as a people, and hence our power, is found in our continual study of the Bible in the light of the Spirit of prophecy, encouraged and fostered by the Sabbath-school.

It is with peculiar pleasure that I note the encouraging growth in our Sabbath-school work the past year. It will be observed in the table that follows, that the attendance has very materially increased during the year. If the veil

that hides the future from our view, could be drawn aside for only a moment, I am sure we would appreciate the splendid opportunities afforded us in the Sabbath-school much more than we now do. I so much wish that I had power to emphasize this point, for the sake of our children, that henceforth every believer would awake out of sleep, and take hold of the Sabbath-school work in his church or company, or in his family, if isolated, with renewed energy and zeal. A few very profitable conventions have been held during the year, and the success attending these will doubtless stimulate others to hold similar conventions.

Perhaps no other phase of our work has made a more rapid growth than the Sabbath-school; and not the least of this has been the increasingly large share it has taken in the raising of funds for the support of our work in the foreign fields. Every succeeding Sabbath the little rivulets come flowing in from our Sabbath-schools in all the world, that help to swell the stream that bears the good ship Zion on to her desired haven.

540 pupils. Last year we had 17 schools, and 22 teachers, and about 480 or 490 pupils. Sister Ada Somerset has been employed to act as field superintendent of this work. Judging from the reports of the school boards and patrons, as well as from personal observations, it is evident that a higher degree of efficiency in every line has been attained than hitherto.

The attendance at the Fernando Academy during the school year of 1910-11 was the largest in the history of the school. The enrolment in all department grades was 200; 120 in the academic grades, and 80 in the church school. The capacity for day attendance is 225. The home attendance was larger also; from 80 to 100 teachers and students occupied the rooms of the institution. The capacity of the home is now 100, and all available rooms were taken.

The faculty stood united in promoting the spiritual and missionary interests of the students, and the Lord manifested His special presence on many occasions. We do not claim perfection for the

gelists of Loma Linda is a General Conference institution, yet since it is located in our midst, and we have had much to do with its establishment, we feel that it is one of our children, and rejoice in its growth. Thirty-nine medical students were in attendance during the year, twenty-nine in the first year and ten in the second. Besides this, eighty-five were in the other courses. There were six graduated from the nurses' course.

The training school for nurses at the Glendale Sanitarium graduated sixteen from the nurses' course this year. The Lord is blessing our sanitariums in their work of training our young people for work in this cause.

While our schools have done excellent work in the training of the students, and while more have taken advantage of the opportunities offered for an education in our own schools, as a conference we have not been faithful in carrying out the plan for the support of this work agreed to several years ago and reaffirmed at our last annual conference. At the close of the year there was a deficit charged to the second title account, amounting to \$3,333.29. \$1,511.72 of this amount was an overdraft from the previous year, leaving an actual deficit for the past year of \$1,821.57. It must be evident to all that something should be done at once to prevent a further deficit in this fund. I would therefore recommend that the committee on plans give careful study to the financial plan upon which we have been operating our school work, and make some recommendation to the conference that will stop this financial leak, and at the same time will not circumscribe the good work accomplished in the past.

Book and Periodical Work

Quite marked improvement has been made in this department of our work during the year. The extra expense incurred in employing a field missionary secretary has been abundantly justified, as will appear from the following report of work done:

Subscription books to the amount of \$9,421.85 have been sold during the past year, against \$6,646.25 in 1910, showing a gain of \$2,775.60. The sale of trade books and tracts has amounted to \$3,294.39, \$483.55 more than the previous year. Periodical sales last year were \$6,884.85, while the previous year they were \$4,038.67. Gain, \$2,846.18. 61,724 of our ten-cent magazines were sold, as compared to 45,820 the year before, leaving a gain of 15,904. The total sales for the year amounted to \$15,207.24. Of this amount \$5,000 in cash was taken in from sales at the office.

This office showed a net gain for the year of \$268.28. Last year the gain was \$112.79. However, this year the office rent and the salary of the tract society secretary were paid from the proceeds of the business, while last year the conference paid them. The gain of last year would have been turned into a deficit

Number of schools	45	52	7
Membership	2,191	2,828	637
Average membership	2,323	2,608	285
Total contributions	3,833.43	5,351.46	2,118.43
Offerings to missions	3,247.92	5,680.22	2,432.30
Per capita offerings	1.53	1.93	.40
Per capita for average membership ..	1.65	3.26	.61
Per cent contributions given missions ..	85	95	10
Number of schools giving all their contributions to missions	22	43	21

Jn. 30, '10	Jn. 30, '11	Gain
45	52	7
2,191	2,828	637
2,323	2,608	285
3,833.43	5,351.46	2,118.43
3,247.92	5,680.22	2,432.30
1.53	1.93	.40
1.65	3.26	.61
85	95	10
22	43	21

	Member-ship	Av. Offer. per mem.
Los Angeles	174	\$4.09
Loma Linda	286	3.92
San Diego	174	2.00
Three of the smallest schools —		
Glendora	10	3.27
Burbank	21	3.30
Boyle Heights	42	2.10

faculty, but we are thankful that God has given us a corps of teachers who, in addition to an efficient scholastic training for their work, love God supremely, and are doing all in their power to train our young people for the service of God.

It was always a source of great pleasure to me to meet so large a number of our young people in their chapel exercises, and to know that a large number of these were definitely preparing themselves for some place in the work of God.

The graduates this year numbered 17, as follows: ministerial course, 1; normal, 8; academic, 5; pre-medical, 2; foreign missionary, 1. Nearly 100 young persons have graduated since 1904. At least a score of these are now laboring in foreign fields, while a number of others are successfully laboring in the home land. Many more are planning to go to distant lands as soon as the way shall open.

With the addition of a new normal building costing \$5,000, the school was able to do much more efficient work during the year. The fifteen acres of land, seven buildings, and water works represent a cash investment of \$22,500. The present worth of the institution is about \$33,000. This investment for our young people has been justified over and over again, and a high rate of interest will be paid on the same in the salvation of many when God's people are gathered home.

While the College of Medical Evan-

When we remember that a very large percentage of the membership is composed of children, this report appears very encouraging.

The growth in membership and in contributions has been very gratifying. A very pleasing feature of this report is the fact that ninety-five per cent of the offerings has gone to missions, five per cent only has been used at home, and we hope that this will soon be turned into its proper channel.

Educational Work

It is impossible to measure accurately the relative importance of the various departments of this work, since all are necessary; but one look at the world as it is to-day should enable us to appreciate the great importance of the educational work in the salvation of our children, and in their preparation to act some important part in the closing work of this message. We are very grateful for the progress made during the year in our church school work, also in the advanced schools.

We have had 21 church schools the past year, with 27 teachers and about

had this plan been followed. But it is certainly the proper course to follow as soon as the earnings of the society will permit.

Several things have contributed to this marked increase. There is a revival of the good old-time missionary spirit on the part of many of our people, which has been the prime factor in the success of the past year; and not alone in this department, but also in every other. May we not see this revival spread like the leaven in the meal, till the whole lump is leavened, till every believer becomes an active missionary worker, industriously plying his trade every day in the week? Some have sold our smaller books, and rich experiences have been gained in this way; many have purchased tracts and other literature for free distribution. The tract society secretary has contributed in no small measure to the success of this work by continued correspondence with the librarians of our churches. The missionary secretary and canvassing agent, who have both spent much time in the field, have with the assistance of the two union conference field agents, Brethren Ferren and Cone, added greatly to the results herein reported. We look forward to the year to come with hopes of seeing a much larger increase in this line of work, and, as a result, many more gathered into the kingdom.

Medical Work

For the first time in the history of our sanitariums, we are able to report a net gain for each of these institutions. When we take into consideration the scope of their influence and the ultimate results of their work, each year will show a net gain in the judgment; but it is a great relief to be able to report so favorably of this department.

The Glendale Sanitarium reports a net gain of \$3,496.36; and including \$135 donations and \$143.04 receipts from "Ministry of Healing," we have a total of \$3,774.40. This shows an improvement over last year of \$6,202.

Loma Linda shows a net profit of \$5,795.41 after meeting a loss in the operation of the medical college of \$3,190.60. Including donations amounting to \$17,320.59 and legacies \$4,126.13, the increased surplus is \$27,242.13. Paradise Valley Sanitarium shows a net profit of \$5,217.

The patronage of each of our sanitariums has been much larger and more steady than formerly. The local patronage has been especially good. The influence of these institutions in behalf of the truth is becoming quite marked throughout the field. Their circle of friends is continually enlarging. We have in each of these institutions a corps of workers that are both capable in their profession and devoted to God and this truth; and here lies the secret of the past year's work. In each sanitarium some have taken their stand for the truth.

The medical work in Los Angeles has

not yet reached the place where it is self-sustaining. There was a loss the past year of \$1,874.10. We are not, however, discouraged by the situation. Dr. Leadsworth and Dr. Hoare are each engaged in this work at present, and we believe that the coming year will witness a great change for the better financially, and an enlargement of the work that will tell greatly for the truth.

A large amount of charity work has been done both by the physicians in the city and by the visiting nurses from the Glendale Sanitarium. It is impossible to estimate the value of this kind of work to this cause. We solicit not only the prayers but also the hearty cooperation of our brethren and sisters in establishing this line of our work in the city of Los Angeles.

The Paradise Valley Sanitarium has manifestly been called into existence by the special providence of God, even as the Glendale and the Loma Linda Sanitarium. We believe that God has vindicated the course pursued by the friends of the enterprise, in acting in harmony with what they believed to be God's call in the establishment of the institution, even though in order to do this it became necessary to organize a private corporation to own and control the institution.

We are fully persuaded that the time has come for the institution to be owned by the Sanitarium Association of the Seventh-day Adventists of Southern California, a corporation created for the purpose of taking over this institution in harmony with the former action of the conference, and would so recommend. Your committee have taken such preliminary steps as seemed appropriate and necessary, and the Paradise Valley Sanitarium board have consented to the propositions made by the conference com-

winter, a strenuous effort was put forth for a short time by the several conferences in the State to secure signatures to a petition to the legislature against the passage of any Sunday law or other religious measure. This effort resulted in securing over 68,000 signatures of legal voters. The agitation of the public mind on the subject and the educational work connected with the campaign were without doubt of great help, at least, in deferring the final passing of such a measure.

While to the casual observer it might seem as if there was no immediate danger of the adoption of a general Sunday law, especially in this State, the enemy is assiduously working in the dark, and every year brings us perceptibly nearer to the complete fulfillment of the prophecies pointing out the last great spiritual conflict. Let us ever stand in readiness to do our part in sounding aloud the note of warning and extending the invitation to the place of refuge.

The Young People's Work

From a human standpoint the strength of this cause and its success for the future very largely lie in the hands of our young people, and it greatly rejoices our hearts to see them definitely planning to give their lives to the work of God. The young people's department has been organized for this very purpose, and we are glad to note progress.

As we review the work of the year as a whole, even with the imperfect vision we now possess we can see many mistakes in what has been done, and very much more that might have been done had we lived nearer to God, and had we been clothed with the power of His Holy Spirit as it was our privilege to be. We acknowledge our sins and our mistakes,

Report of the Young People's Department of Southern California Conference 1910-1911

	1909-10	1910-11	Inc.
Total number of societies in the conference ..	25	30	5
Total membership of societies in conference ...	625	829	204
Number taking Standard of Attainment Course ..	31	109	78
Number taking Reading Course	97	180	83
Total number of missionary visits given	1500	2223	723
Total number of Bible readings and cottage meetings held	411	832	421
Total number of articles of clothing given away ..	721	956	235
Total number of meals provided	213	428	215
Total number of signers obtained to the temperance pledge	610	1231	621
Amount of offerings for local society work	\$ 989.65	\$1902.90	\$913.25
Amount of offerings for home missions	533.21	758.25	225.04
Amount of offerings for foreign missions	1123.20	1536.15	412.95

mittee and the association board, and now it remains for this conference to approve of what has been done in harmony with their former action, and authorize the completion of the transfer; or, if further delay seems wise, to outline definitely the course to be pursued.

The Religious Liberty Work

During the past year much has been done to enlighten the people upon the principles of religious liberty, especially through the printed page. Prior to and during the session of the legislature last

and rejoice in God's pardoning love. We unite with our brethren and sisters in the earnest petition that we may receive greater power from on high for all our future work. Notwithstanding all our shortcomings, we feel that we have great cause for rejoicing, and can but say, "What hath God wrought!"

The hosts of light and of darkness are marshaling their forces for the last great conflict. Among the nations of earth we can almost discover the final preparations for the battle of Armageddon. The

shadow of that awful conflict is visibly impending over the world. A popular writer has set forth the situation in the following language: "Almost can the ear of imagination hear the gathering of the legions for the fiery trial of peoples, a sound vast as the trumpet of the Lord of Hosts."

The conflict between capital and labor is every day growing more bitter, and the strain seems to be so intense that it must soon reach the breaking point, and the whole world be plunged into chaos. "The radical world is aflame."

The spiritual forces are gathering for the struggle of the ages, and the whole world is being lined up with the beast and his image, and is making preparation for the enforcement of his mark.

Even in the ranks of the remnant church the mighty shaking has begun. The time is come when the "mixed multitude" can no longer hinder the progress of God's people. The Lord's "fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His floor, and gather His wheat into the garner; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

The church of God must now awake from her slumbers; she must now shake off the dust of the world, and put on her beautiful garments. "Already many are receiving the Holy Spirit, and no longer will the way be blocked by listless indifference." From every land comes news of glorious victories for the "Church of the True Doctrine." "The Lord his God is with him, and the shout of a king is among them."

"The Great General is not only leading a few generals; but the Captain of the Lord of Host is leading the armies of both heaven and earth to battle; and they are marching on to the glorious victory. Every soldier is to put on the whole armor of God, and fight courageously, realizing that he is battling in full view of the invisible universe. If they will obey orders, the Lord's army will find themselves influenced by the Holy Spirit to work the works of God. The battle-field is glorified with the light shining from the cross of Calvary."

"Upon us rests the weighty responsibility of warning the world of its coming doom. From every direction, from far and near, are coming calls for help. God calls upon His church to arise, and clothe herself with power. Immortal crowns are to be won; the kingdom of heaven is to be gained; the world, perishing in ignorance, is to be enlightened."

"May God help His people to arouse and walk and work as men and women on the borders of the eternal world. Soon an awful surprise is coming upon the inhabitants of the world. Suddenly, with power and great glory, Christ will come. Then there will be no time to prepare to meet Him. Now is the time for us to give the warning message."

In view of these solemn appeals, shall we not lay broader plans for the work for the future than ever before? Shall we not definitely fix our gaze upon the

great world-field, and not only professedly give ourselves, but also bind that gift upon the altar by selling our earthly possessions as far as possible and investing our means in the cause of God?

We gladly return the responsibility of this work to the delegates of this conference, praying that special divine enlightenment may be given to you in all your deliberations.

E. E. Andross.

Treasurer's Report

The following report was submitted by the treasurer, and adopted after having been approved by the auditor:

REVENUE STATEMENT

Southern California Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists for Year Ending June 30, 1911

INCOME

First Tithe from Churches	\$55,332.12
Donations	1,287.31
Cafeteria and Store Camp-meeting	431.46
Tent Rent and Furniture	1,648.90
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	\$58,699.79

EXPENSE

Laborers' Salaries	\$28,754.00
Laborers' Expenses	6,441.77
Office Rent	495.00
Office and Other Expense	346.90
Interest	117.26
City Mission	597.31
Teachers' Institute	324.95
International Mission	113.66
Sustentation Fund from Jan. 1, 1911	1,538.59

Tithe Pacific Union Conference, ten per cent to August 31, nineteen per cent to January 31, sixteen and three fourths per cent to June 30, 1911	9,271.86
Tithe to Mission Board	3,077.20
Camp-meeting Fund	2,061.81
Depreciations	1,465.39
On Tents	\$784.28
Property	534.40
Furnishings	71.71
Warehouse	35.00
Personal Account	40.00
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	54,605.70
Net Gain	4,094.09
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	\$58,699.79

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Southern California Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists — June 30, 1911

ASSETS

Bills Receivable	\$ 50.00
Glendale Sanitarium Open Account	27.55
Los Angeles Colored Church	735.64
Pacific Union Conference	22.22
Second Tithe	3,333.29
Paradise Valley Sanitarium	51.75
Southern California Tract Society	804.00
Personal Accounts	281.98
Sanitarium Treatment Rooms	198.39
Southern California Association of Seventh-day Adventists	7,003.12
Labor	465.43
Laborers' Expense	22.22
First Tithe Provision	12.62
Southern Missionary Society	25.14
Inventories	15,583.29
Property	\$2,106.38
Warehouse	619.30
Furnishings	908.69
Tent Account	5,865.70
Real Estate	3,836.00
33d Street Property	2,247.22
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	\$28,616.64

LIABILITIES

Bills Payable	\$1,691.12
Relief of Poor	227.20
Blind Fund	24.50
Colored Girl's Tuition	3.00
Loma Linda Open Account	118.28
Miscellaneous Funds	98.60
\$300,000 Fund	28.00
Fernando Open Account	17.00
Annual Offerings	5.00
Personal Account	131.61
Depreciation Provision	40.00
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	\$2,384.31
Surplus June 30, 1910	\$22,138.24
Net Gain for Year	4,094.09
Surplus June 30, 1911	26,232.33
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	\$28,616.64

STATEMENT

Showing Amount of General Offerings Received by Conference Treasurer from June 30, 1910, to July 1, 1911

Annual Offerings	\$4,130.61
Mission Board (including ten per cent first tithe from January 1, 1911)	5,341.45
Midsummer Offerings	920.82
Miscellaneous	825.87
Sabbath-school Offerings	3,859.90
\$300,000 Fund	5,440.57
Harvest Ingathering	1,214.14
Southern Missionary Society	250.34
Portland, Maine, Church Building	19.98
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	\$22,003.68

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Southern California Association of Seventh-Day Adventists — June 30, 1911

ASSETS

Cash on Hand and in Bank	\$10,031.05
Bills Receivable	66,636.03
Loma Linda Sanitarium	\$22,950.00
Fernando Academy	4,200.00
Glendale Sanitarium	34,878.35
Sanitarium Association	2,300.00
Miscellaneous	2,307.68
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	365.01
Interest Receivable	365.01
Glendale Sanitarium	\$330.51
Sanitarium Association	34.50
Church Accounts	1,226.91
Santa Monica	\$268.41
Los Angeles Church	674.70
Gardena Church	250.00
Riverside	27.00
Boyle Heights	6.80

Loma Linda Sanitarium	59.60
Escondido Property	709.77
Personal Accounts	342.40
Vegetarian Cafe Accounts	47.14
Estate of late Mrs. LaPradd	258.18
Fernando Open Account	547.20
Sanitarium Treatment Rooms	711.17
Sanitarium Association Open Account	50.00
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	\$80,984.46

LIABILITIES

Bills Payable	\$62,389.00
Annuity Bonds	5,910.00
Southern California Conference	7,003.12
Interest Due and Payable	1,492.75
Southern California Conference Suspend Account	700.00
Sanitarium Treatment Rooms	36.73
Deposit Accounts	3,452.86
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	\$80,984.46

REVENUE STATEMENT

Southern California Tract Society
Year Ending June 30, 1911

GAINS	
Merchandise Sales	\$1,870.93
LOSSES	
Labor, Rent, and Expense	\$1,280.67
Depreciation on Property	5.50
Provision on Bad Accounts	316.48
	\$1,602.65
Net Gain for Year	268.28
	\$1,870.93

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

June 30, 1911

ASSETS

Personal Accounts	\$1,745.76
Society Accounts	828.17
Cash Balance	714.38
Inventories	2,529.05
Merchandise	\$2,305.34
Furnishings	135.00
Supplies	88.71
	\$5,817.36

LIABILITIES

Purchase Accounts	\$1,145.88
Personal Accounts	28.37
Society Accounts	1.64
Ministry of Healing	323.36
Expense	304.00
Provision for Bad Accounts	325.00
	\$2,628.25

Surplus July 1, 1910	\$2,920.33
Net Gain for Year	268.28
	\$3,189.11

Surplus June 30, 1911	\$3,189.11
	\$5,817.36

Resolutions Adopted

Whereas, In the providence of God, the work of the third angel's message in all its branches in Southern California has met with unprecedented success during the past year, especially in increased membership, in the building of churches, in increase of tithes and offerings, and in reference to institutional work, both spiritually and financially,

1. We therefore express our thanks and renew our consecration to God, and pledge ourselves to continued faithfulness in His service.

Whereas, It was voted at the annual meeting of the California Conference held at Fresno last February, in harmony with a recommendation of the Pacific Union Conference Committee, that the following territory be added to the Southern California Conference; namely, that part of Santa Barbara County lying north of the Santa Ynez Mountains, Inyo and Mono counties in California, also Esmeralda, Nye, Lincoln, and Clark counties in Nevada; therefore,

2. We Recommend, That the Southern California Conference here assembled heartily coincide with the recommenda-

tion as above stated, and that we do at this time formally take over said territory, and count it a part of the Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

3. We Recommend, That, in harmony with the General Conference Committee at its recent council in Friedensau, Germany, our local conference endeavor to raise fifteen cents a week per member for missions, beginning January 1, 1912.

4. We Recommend, That the Southern California Conference appropriate fifteen per cent of its first tithe to missions, from September 1, 1911, and that the conference committee increase the appropriation to twenty per cent just as soon as the revenues will admit of it.

5. We Recommend, That as soon as possible, the president's annual address be printed, in tract form, envelope size, in order that it may be distributed among the delegates and other members of the conference during our present camp-meeting session.

Whereas, At a meeting of the executive committee of the Southern California Conference held April 11, 1911, it was voted to invite the board of directors and stockholders of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium to give terms and prices of transfer of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium from its present ownership and control to the Southern California Association of Seventh-day Adventists, with the view of the transfer being made at the coming camp-meeting in August, 1911; and—

Whereas, The board of directors of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium have ascertained that they can arrange with the stockholders to relinquish their stock on terms that appear to be reasonable and just; and—

Whereas, We believe that this sanitarium ought to be controlled by this conference; therefore,

6. Resolved, That we empower and recommend the board of trustees of the Sanitarium Association of Seventh-day Adventists of Southern California to purchase the Paradise Valley Sanitarium on such reasonable and equitable terms as may be secured and approved by the executive committee of this conference.

7. Resolved, That we request the executive committee to consider favorably the proposition to hold a local camp-meeting in Imperial Valley toward the close of the present year.

8. Resolved, That in our churches the quarterly meetings be held on the last Sabbath of the quarter instead of on the first Sabbath.

In view of the strong efforts being made to secure a Sunday law for California, in anticipation of the forthcoming Panama Exposition, and the necessity for enlightening the people concerning this issue,

9. We Recommend, That this conference unite with the other California conferences in furthering the expected action of the Pacific Union Conference to supply the civil officers of the State, the judges, county supervisors, and leading lawyers of the State, with the magazine *Liberty* for one year, and that this conference pay its pro rata share of expense for the same, to the amount of three hundred dollars, if necessary.

Whereas, We have seen most encouraging results in the training of our lay members in simple lines of tract and home missionary work through various meetings and institutes;

10. We Recommend, That short, practical missionary institutes be held in just as many of the churches as possible during the coming year, these to give special attention to plans of work whereby every believer in this truth may become an active agent in reaching others.

11. Resolved, That we endeavor to raise the balance of our proportion on the \$300,000 Fund before the close of 1911, by carrying forward a strong work throughout the churches of this conference which have not already paid their share into this fund.

Whereas, A knowledge of the progress of our work is most essential to the interest on the part of all our people;

12. We Recommend, That our conference and church officers put forth continuous efforts to influence every Sabbath-keeping family to become regular readers of our union paper, the PACIFIC UNION RECORDER.

Whereas, The financial plan of the Lord is a systematic one, as shown in the tithing system;

13. We Recommend, That the payment of the tithe be presented both as a solemn obligation and as a privilege, and that the second tithe be set before our people as a privilege, being the Lord's plan for the raising of funds for charity, hospitality, missionary work, education, and other religious work, and that the

same be left to the individual for disbursement as the Lord directs.

14. *Resolved*, That our church schools be supported by tuition and donations.

Whereas, The Fernando Academy has been for some years aided in the payment of teachers by means of the second tithe, which is now failing to give the support necessary, therefore, in harmony with Volume 6, pages 210-214, of the Testimonies;

15. *We Recommend*, That the basis of support of Fernando Academy be tuition, the rates to be sufficient to meet teachers' salaries and the running expenses of the school.

16. *Resolved*, That we solicit the hearty coöperation and help of our ministering brethren, the delegates here assembled, and all our people in this conference, in securing and holding evangelistic canvassers in this field during the fall and winter months.

Whereas, The evangelizing of the great cities is our special work for this time; and —

Whereas, We believe that the medical branch is the door through which the Gospel truth is to find access to thousands in our large cities; and —

Whereas, The results that have attended our limited efforts in laboring along these lines in the cities adjacent to Loma Linda, and in Pasadena and Los Angeles, have been very encouraging; and —

Whereas, Our training schools are furnishing from year to year a large number of workers who should be utilized in developing our work in these great centers of population; and —

Whereas, Various lines of work are now carried on in our cities, but on more independent lines, and so do not accomplish all that is desired; therefore, in order that our work may be unified and strengthened,

17. *We Recommend*,

(a) That we establish in Los Angeles a missionary training center, where the workers in ministerial, Bible teaching, and medical missionary lines may work unitedly, each helping the other.

(b) That the following lines of work be fostered and developed: ministerial and Bible work, evangelistic medical work by means of lectures and schools of health, visiting nurses' work, free clinics, rational treatments, nurses' bu-

reau, and the distribution of our books, tracts, and periodicals.

(c) That this work be carried on under the direction of the conference committee, who shall appoint a faculty to have the direct supervision of this enterprise.

(d) That the ministers, Bible workers, and such Gospel medical missionary workers as give all their time to evangelistic work, receive their support as heretofore from the regular conference funds.

(e) That the physicians, nurses, and other medical workers be supported from the funds accruing from the institutional work, nurses' bureau work, special donations, and appropriations.

Officers

The following officers were elected: President, E. E. Andross.

Secretary and treasurer, Frank Lane.

Executive Committee: E. E. Andross, J. A. Burden, H. G. Lucas, F. W. Paap, J. W. McCord, A. G. Christiansen, C. E. Ford.

Board of Directors of the Southern California Association of the Seventh-day Adventists: E. E. Andross, J. A. Burden, H. G. Lucas, F. W. Paap, J. W. McCord, A. G. Christiansen, C. E. Ford.

Fernando Academy Board: E. E. Andross, H. G. Lucas, E. J. Hibbard, C. E. Ford, J. W. McCord, A. G. Christiansen, Marcus McElhanev.

Credentials and Licenses

The following persons were voted ministerial credentials:

E. E. Andross, J. A. Burden, H. G. Lucas, Clarence Santee, E. J. Hibbard, R. S. Owen, C. E. Ford, Luther Warren, J. W. McCord, F. W. Paap, A. G. Christiansen, F. I. Richardson, Oscar Hill, W. M. Healey, J. W. Adams, M. H. St. John, A. S. Booth, F. R. Shaeffer, Dr. H. J. Hoare, Willis Adams, E. M. Adams, G. A. Rauleder; for ordination and credentials: W. F. Hills; for honorary ministerial credentials: S. Thurston, J. H. Rogers, E. S. Ballenger.

Ministerial licenses were granted as follows:

J. F. Blunt, R. W. Miller, C. F. Marvin, Silas Davis, Ernest Lloyd, C. E. Andross, D. D. Fitch, H. Zutt.

Missionary credentials were granted to Jennie L. Ireland, Mrs. M. E. Hoyt, Beulah Baker, Mrs. L. A. Parson, Mrs. F. W. Paap, Mrs. Florence Merrill, C. C. Morlan, Mr. and Mrs. Hidley, H. W. Lindsay, Frank Lane, M. P. Robinson, Belle Hickox, Lillian Winkler, Flora Eggers, P. Knox, Mrs. D. D. Fitch, W. H. Brown, M. Allen, M. P. Acosta, E. Keough, Geo. McCready Price, J. J. Wes-

sels, Mrs. A. Temple, Miss W. Hemstreet.

Medical Missionary credentials were voted Drs. W. A. Ruble, D. D. Comstock, L. W. Starr, Frank Abbott, Wm. Johnson, W. A. George, T. J. Evans, B. W. Comstock, Julia White, Alfred Shryock, A. W. Truman, E. Helman, J. R. Leads-worth, G. K. Abbott, A. W. Simpson, B. E. Fullmer, D. Harbaugh, E. H. Risley.

CALIFORNIA

Conference Current

Prof. C. C. Lewis passed through Oakland last week on his way to Southern California. He called at the office.

Brethren J. A. Stevens and L. K. Dickson left the first part of the week for Suisun and Fairfield to engage in tent work. Their outfit had preceded them.

Miss Mary Clark, from Reedley, came to Oakland last week to teach the primary department in the church school. Until a permanent teacher was secured, Miss Lois Randall, of Sanitarium, was substituting.

Mr. J. C. Nelson and wife of Sumner, Washington, arrived on the boat from the North the last of the week. Mr. Nelson takes the principalship of the church school at Melrose, filling the vacancy made by the sudden call home of Miss Salton, occasioned by the illness of her mother.

The following is copied from Brother J. W. Bressie's report for July from Humboldt County: "I expect to pitch my tent in Bull Creek this week. Brethren Hutchinson, Glatt, and Hare will pitch in Folk. Brother Glatt will be at Folk only a part of the time. I will be alone, as it is only a small place. We had a nice meeting for the last one in Fields Landing. I spoke the last evening to a crowded tent, much interest being shown. Some expressed their regrets that we should leave so soon. We stayed at Fields Landing a month. That was all the time we thought we could give to that place when there are so many needy places. One dear soul who had been brought up in the Catholic faith, came out into the message for to-day, and was baptized last Sabbath. I think there will be others to follow soon. Pray for us."

August 18.

Claude Conard.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 1911

The twelfth annual session of the Southern California Conference and camp-meeting closed Sunday evening, August 20. In this issue will be found a full synopsis of the proceedings of the conference. In addition to the conference business, the regular annual meeting of the Sanitarium Association of the Seventh-day Adventists of Southern California was held, and the following persons were chosen as the board of trustees to serve during the ensuing year: E. E. Andross, J. A. Burden, J. J. Wessels, Dr. D. D. Comstock, H. W. Lindsay, Dr. Frank Abbott, and Dr. H. J. Hoare. This corporation owns the Glendale Sanitarium property, and will also hold the Paradise Valley Sanitarium property when the transfer that was authorized at this conference is made. A fuller report of the Glendale Sanitarium will be given later.

The camp-meeting in connection with the conference was the largest one ever held in Southern California. The preaching and Bible studies were very beneficial. During the entire meeting there was given a series of lessons on the sanctuary question, which directed the attention of all to the importance of having a full understanding of this most important subject, which is a foundation-stone and pillar of our faith. The winds may blow, and the waves may roll high; yet if our faith is anchored firmly to that Word which shows that Jesus is "within the veil," we will not be influenced by the various winds of doctrine that are without.

The evening services were devoted largely to the presentation of the doctrinal subjects that make us a peculiar people; and the efforts have borne fruit, as decisions have already been made by

some to obey the light shining from God's Word.

The instruction along missionary, educational, health, and temperance lines was most practical and helpful. In the revival services the strong influence of God's Holy Spirit was manifested in the consecration that was made by many of the young people, and by those who had grown cold or backslidden.

Report of Periodical Sales in California Conference

For Week Ending August 12, 1911

	Hrs.	Copies	Value
<i>Signs of the Times</i>			
Mrs. W. D. Fleming	32	568	\$59.55
Miss L. Johnson	14	156	15.60
Miss Emma Olsen	8	80	8.00
<i>Temperance Instructor</i>			
Ruth Crane	24	105	10.50
	78	909	\$93.65

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 11, 1911

Agent	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Value	Delivered
California						
D. M. Lawrence	P. G.	40	24		\$94.00	
Otto Woesner	Heralds	36	21		43.50	
Belle Williford	P. P. F.	15	17		32.75	
Claud Magill	P. P. F.	32	11		25.75	
Will Winterberg	Heralds	28	11		23.50	
Elsie Green	P. P. F.	13	13		24.00	
Mrs. E. D. Mills	P. G.	36	6		22.00	
Walter Peterson	P. P. F.	35	9		19.00	
Everett E. Beddoe	P. P. F.	32	8		18.00	
Misses Lukens and Gaylord		15	5	\$6.00	24.00	
11 Agents		282	125	\$6.00	\$326.50	
Central California						
Geo. B. Morrison	P. G.	31	24		\$103.00	
Tressa Belvail	Heralds and P. G.	36	35	\$3.50	103.00	
Mrs. P. Rosenfeld	P. G.	25	16	3.75	60.25	
Mrs. O. G. Verkouteren	P. G.		8	12.35	45.35	
Wm. McCluskey	P. P. F.	25	4		8.50	
5 Agents		117	87	\$19.60	\$320.10	
Northern California-Nevada						
J. A. Schmidt	P. P. F.	50	19	\$11.70	\$53.95	
L. N. Osborne	P. P. F.	30	18	3.80	47.30	
O. H. Shrewsbury	Heralds	31	21		54.00	
D. R. McMains	Heralds	30	10		21.50	
Philip Cloos	Heralds	16	5		12.00	
Mrs. Ina Davis	P. G.	33	11		40.50	
M. C. Warren	G. C. and Heralds	40	17		44.00	
James Belvail	Heralds	29	9	1.85	22.35	
Irl Fewell	P. G.	12			21.00	
Chas. Eib	P. G.	16	2		8.00	
11 Agents		287		\$17.35	\$324.60	

Special Training Class

To meet the demands of our young people, the St. Helena Sanitarium and Hospital Training School for Missionary Nurses have just decided to start a fall class in nursing beginning Tuesday, October 3, 1911.

Those interested, if they have not already done so, will please send for calendar and application blank immediately, so that there may be no delay.

More favorable terms and a stronger course than ever before are now offered.

Address Mrs. S. J. Whitney, Secretary, Sanitarium, Napa County, Cal.

When I was a boy my mother was very poor, but she was never too poor to buy her boy a good book; and to this more than anything else, I owe my success in life.—Clay.