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## Educational

### Report of Council of Educational Secretaries

This meeting was held at College View, Nebraska, November 29 to December 5, 1911. It was the first meeting of the kind ever held. It was, therefore, one of great importance. The various union conference secretaries, facing their own problems in the educational work of their respective conferences, had developed somewhat different plans of organization. In two or three instances these plans and regulations had been printed in leaflet form. On coming together the secretaries compared notes and adopted a uniform plan of organization for all the conferences in the United States. Other great impetus to our educational work were also considered and definite conclusions were reached. The following report of all discussions are omitted, and only the results of the council are given. I hope our teachers and other educational workers will study

carefully the report, and will preserve the same for future reference.

The following secretaries were present, representing their respective conferences as indicated:

General Conference Education Department: H. R. Salisbury, Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C.

Atlantic Union: M. M. Hare, South Lancaster, Mass.

Columbia Union: N. S. Ashton, Wilkingsburg, Pa.

Lake Union: Mrs. Carrie R. Moon, 215 Dean Bldg., South Bend, Ind.

Southeastern Union: H. M. Hiatt, 169 Bryan St., Atlanta, Ga.

Southern Union: M. B. VanKirk, Graysville, Tenn.

Northern Union: W. W. Ruble, Alexandria, Minn.

Central Union: Frederick Griggs, College View, Nebraska; asst. secretary, Meade MacGuire, Loveland, Colo.

Southwestern Union: E. E. Farnsworth, Keene, Texas.

North Pacific Union: M. E. Cady, College Place, Wash.

Pacific Union: C. C. Lewis, St. Helena, Cal.

By special invitation, because of their relation to the text-book work, the following persons were also present:

Miss Katherine B. Hale, educational superintendent California Conference.

Miss Sarah E. Peck, director normal department, Union College.

Committees were authorized and appointed from the floor as follows:

Organization: W. W. Ruble, Mrs. Carrie R. Moon, Meade MacGuire, H. R. Salisbury, C. C. Lewis.

Blanks: M. B. VanKirk, N. S. Ashton, E. E. Farnsworth.

Courses of Study: Frederick Griggs, Miss Katherine B. Hale, H. M. Hiatt.

Text-books: M. E. Cady, Miss Sarah E. Peck, M. M. Hare.

Summer Schools: W. W. Ruble, M. E. Cady, Meade MacGuire.

Professor Salisbury introduced the subject of the Reading Course, and reports were made by the secretaries, showing that the Reading Course has been

generally adopted by the unions, and plans are in progress which will result in practically the universal pursuit of the course by the teachers.

Miss Peck, Mrs. Moon, and Professor Cady were appointed as a committee on books for 1912-1913.

Messrs. Ruble, Farnsworth, and Van Kirk were appointed as a committee on examinations for the Teachers' Reading Course.

The chairman reported that the General Conference Council held at Friedensau, Germany, last July, voted to refer the matter of the permanent sections and secretaries of the General Conference Education Department to the present council of union conference secretaries authorized at the same time and by the same body. The sections and its secretaries were therefore considered and adopted for 1912 and 1913 as follows:

### Permanent Educational Sections and Secretaries

|                                   |                         |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| School Administration             | Frederick Griggs        |
| Bible                             | F. M. Burg              |
| History                           | O. J. Graf              |
| Biological and Physical Science   | M. E. Cady              |
| English                           | Mrs. Winifred P. Rowell |
| Ancient and Modern Languages      | W. E. Howell            |
| Normal Training                   | Sarah E. Peck           |
| Mathematics                       | H. A. Morrison          |
| Public Speaking                   | C. C. Lewis             |
| Industrial Studies                | S. A. Smith             |
| Medical Education                 | G. K. Abbott            |
| School Homes and Domestic Science | Alma J. Graf            |
| Commercial Training               | H. G. Lucas             |
| Music                             | Clemen Hamer            |
| Fine Arts                         | Mrs. Delpha S. Miller   |

It was voted to request the revision of the book "Christian Education," and the chairman was asked to make arrangements for such revision if possible.

### Courses of Study

The report is based on the course of study for church schools adopted by the General Conference Educational Council held at Washington, D. C., May 13 to June 9, 1909, and published in Educational Series, Number Seven.

change was made in the first five grades.

In the *sixth grade* under "Arithmetic," the words "denominate numbers" were stricken out, and the words "common and decimal" inserted, so as to read, "practical arithmetic completing common and decimal fractions."

In the *seventh grade*, under "Bible and History," "Bible Lessons, Book Four" (Acts and Bible Doctrines), by Mrs. McKibbin, was substituted for "Daniel the Prophet" and "Seer of Patmos."

It was voted that in this grade (seventh) the subject of geography constitute a year's work, and that the General Conference Department of Education be asked to supervise the preparation of an outline of this subject that may be completed in a year, the same to be placed in the hands of the teachers in time for the summer schools of 1912.

The reading of the seventh grade is to be regarded as a drill, and is to be taken either with the class of the sixth grade or with that of the eighth. Physiology was stricken out.

In the *eighth grade* the Bible work was changed to an elementary study of Daniel and the Revelation, to be called "Prophetic History," and the secretary was requested to correspond with Mrs. H. A. Washburn about her outline of this subject, and if possible to have the outline issued in time for the summer schools of 1912.

In this grade reading is to be taken one half year and civics one half year, alternating the subjects if desired. During the spring term the industrial work is to be combined with agriculture.

In harmony with the foregoing recommendations the work of the *seventh grade* will consist of four regular subjects; namely, Bible, geography, grammar, and arithmetic, with reading, spelling, writing, music, and manual training as drills. The eighth grade will consist of five subjects; namely, Bible, arithmetic, grammar, history, reading, and civics, with the same drills that occur in the seventh grade, but with agriculture taking the place of all other industrial studies during the spring term.

It was recommended that the drills of the seventh and eighth grades be strongly emphasized in all the preceding grades, to the end that the work of the seventh and eighth grades may not be too heavy.

#### Blanks and Forms

1. The monthly report card now used is to be continued, but clipped to envelope size, and having the general heading "Seventh-day Adventist Church School." Also the "General Conduct" items of the report card of the Union College Model School are added, with the items "Times Absent," "Times Tardy," transferred from the "Scholarship" column to the "General Conduct" column.

2. Professor Ruble's final yearly report blank, with suggested additions, was adopted, bound in duplicate form.

3. The annual report of secretary of church school board is to be discontinued when the present supply of blanks is exhausted.

4. The church school treasurer's report is continued.

5. The Seventh-day Adventist name is to be placed on all school forms and blanks.

6. For enrolment report "Form 5" is recommended, with the following on "Teachers' Information" side: (a) Are you taking Teachers' Reading Course? (b) What other plans have you for self-improvement?

7. For monthly report cards use the perforated slip in the Daily Register.

8. The same "Teachers' Contract" is recommended, with the added statement, "The teacher shall not draw the last month's salary until all the required reports are filled out and handed in." Also leave four blank lines for additional items.

9. "Form 6a" recommended.

10. For college and academy grade register the loose leaf ledger prepared at the Emmanuel Missionary College is recommended.

11. For daily register the form now in use is recommended. Messrs. Ruble, VanKirk, and Hiatt, were appointed to prepare blank pages to be placed in the back of the register for recording monthly standings.

12. For register book for use of union conference secretaries and conference superintendents, the book prepared by the International Publishing Association, College View, Nebr., Professor Ruble to send Professor Salisbury corrected sheet as sample.

13. Certificate of scholarship for grades eight and ten, a form similar to that now issued by the general department, with following suggestion: "This certificate entitles the holder to admission into the — grade of any Seventh-day Adventist school."

14. *Reading Course Certificate*: "This certifies that — has completed in a satisfactory manner the work of the Reading Circle outlined by the Educational Department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists for the school year ending — and is entitled to this certificate. — date. No. —" To be signed by the educational secretary and the conference superintendent.

15. We recommend a teachers' summer school certificate similar to the one used by the Central and Northern Union conferences, union conference names to be printed in.

16. Question envelopes similar to those now in use, with the compendium left off. Print directions governing examinations on small slips to be handed to the examiners with the questions.

17. We recommend accompanying blank for union conference lists of applicants for teachers' examinations.

18. For application for Reading

Course, the blank supplied the general department.

19. For single subject grade cards, sample as presented.

20. Summer school enrolment cards, similar to those used in the Northern Union.

21. For second grade, first grade, and professional teachers' certificates, use as model the forms used by the South-eastern Union, with subjects for grades printed on back, the professional certificate to be stamped with red seal.

22. Recommended that each union conference secure a seal for its educational department.

23. For teachers' permit, use style similar to that of the Lake Union Conference.

24. For application for renewal of teacher's certificate, use accompanying blank.

25. *Voted*, That the union conference secretaries keep in stock a supply of all blanks used in the school work, and that they supply the local conferences through their superintendents. The General Conference will open accounts with the union conference treasurers, and bills will be sent to the secretaries for approval before forwarding to the treasurers.

#### Revised and Amended Report of the Committee on Text-Books

*Whereas*, There is a constant and pressing demand for the more speedy preparation of text-books:

##### *We Recommend*:

1. That persons upon whom God has placed the burden of text-book work be encouraged by the officers of the conferences or institutions in which they are laboring, and that they be released as far as possible for this important work; and further that they be allowed to draw upon the fund for authors to an extent such as may be advised by the general department.

2. That the Pacific Press secure sufficient help, so that text-book manuscripts that may be recommended by the department of education may be published without unnecessary delay.

3. That the efforts of Prof. F. S. Bunch to produce a text-book on United States history for the use of our church schools be recognized by this council and due appreciation be expressed. Feeling, however, that the book "United States History in the Light of Prophecy" fails to meet the needs of our church schools, and in view of the fact that Professor Bunch is involved in official conference duties, and hence is not directly in touch with the needs of the schools, we suggest that Prof. H. A. Washburn, of the Pacific Union College, be encouraged to prepare a suitable text for grammar grades, the work to be undertaken during the summer vacation of 1912.

4. That Eliza H. Morton be encouraged to prepare a text in geography, from the view-point of general missionary endeavor, as given in Sarah E.

Peck's outline in the "Church School Manual," and that Miss Peck be associated with Miss Morton, the matter in this text to be so arranged as to cover a year's work in the grammar grades.

5. We would not encourage the placing of a text-book on numbers in the hands of the earlier primary grades, and hence would not recommend the publication of Mrs. Lawson's Mathematical Primer.

6. *Whereas*, There is an earnest call for text-books for use in our German schools, we recommend to the favorable consideration of the department of education the publishing of Educational Reader No. 1 in German, the translation being ready for the printer.

7. *We Recommend*, That the general department invite Mrs. H. A. Washburn to prepare a text-book on Daniel and Revelation adapted for one year's work in the grammar grades.

8. *Recommended*, That the action taken by the educational department immediately after the council of 1909—namely, that Miss Peck prepare for publication primary reading charts with accompanying sets of cards (including sentence builders)—be carried out as early as possible, and that Miss Hale and Mrs. Miller be associated with Miss Peck in completing this work.

9. *Whereas*, The instruction given through the Spirit of prophecy regarding text-books for our schools is not confined to the elementary grades, we therefore, as educators, deplore the fact that so little has been done to create an educational literature for our advanced schools in harmony with the principles of Christian education. We urge the teachers in our advanced schools to consider earnestly the importance of providing proper text-books for these schools; and we further recommend (a) that in harmony with a former action of the department, Prof. H. R. Salisbury prepare as early as possible manuscript for a tenth grade general history; (b) that the department urge Prof. J. G. Lamson to the early completion of the manuscript on civil government already recommended; (c) that Prof. George M. Price duplicate typewriter copies of his inductive geology, so that it may be tested the coming year in our colleges; and—

*Whereas*, There is demand and need for texts in physical geography and elementary geology, we further recommend (d) that Professor Price be asked to write an academic text combining these subjects under the title of physiography.

10. *We Recommend*, That, to promote uniformity in the use of texts other than those published by the denomination, the selection for each union conference be left with the union educational department of each field, and that the general secretary prepare, in the form of a suggestive list for publication, with the course of study adopted by this council, the texts most generally recom-

mended and adopted by the various union conferences.

### Teachers' Certificates

Reported by the Committee on organization and the Special Committee on Life Certificate, as amended and adopted by the council.

1. A *Special Permit* may be issued by the union secretary on recommendation of the conference superintendent, said certificate to be given only under special conditions.

2. *Second Grade Certificate*.—Good for one year. Applicant must pass union conference examinations, or present proper credits, in the following subjects: elementary Bible doctrines, "Education," arithmetic, grammar, geography and Seventh-day Adventist missions, United States history, methods and management, civics, music, spelling, reading, writing, drawing, nature study. Average standing, 75 per cent; minimum, 65 per cent.

3. *First Grade Certificate*.—Good for three years. Applicants must have had eight months of successful teaching in denominational schools, must pass union conference examinations, or present proper credits in all the subjects required for second grade certificate, and the following additional subjects: advanced Bible doctrines, Old Testament history, Testimonies, Volume VI, elementary agriculture, physiology, botany, advanced arithmetic and elementary bookkeeping, composition, general history, algebra, rhetoric, and sewing. Average standing, 80 per cent; minimum, 70 per cent.

4. *Professional Certificate*.—Good for five years. Applicant must hold first grade certificate, and in addition must pass examination, or present credits, in the following subjects: New Testament history, history of missions and denominational history, advanced agriculture, physics, physical geography, literature, Latin or modern language two years, Daniel and Revelation, elementary astronomy, zoology, plane and solid geometry, and woodwork. Average, 90 per cent; minimum, 75 per cent.

5. Graduates from the elementary course of normal departments meeting the General Conference standard shall be entitled to receive First Grade Certificates without examination; graduates from the advanced normal course, the Professional Certificate.

6. The General Conference Department of Education shall grant Life Certificates under the following conditions:

(a) To persons holding a Professional Certificate, after three years of successful teaching, on recommendation of the union conference secretary in whose territory the teaching has been performed.

(b) To persons who hold the Bachelor's Degree from a Seventh-day Adventist college, and who, in pursuing their course after graduation, have engaged three years in successful teaching, recommendation to be made by the union

conference secretary in whose territory the teaching has been performed.

(c) To those who by reason of long and successful teaching and school management have shown themselves to possess qualifications and attainments equivalent to those required under "a" or "b" above, recommendation to be made by a union conference secretary.

7. In all cases, whether issued by union conference departments or by the General Conference, of whatever grade, certificates will remain valid only so long as the holder is a member of a Seventh-day Adventist Church in good and regular standing.

8. Candidates applying for certificates of whatever grade during 1913 must present with their applications evidence of having pursued satisfactorily one year's work in the Teachers' Reading Course; those applying during 1914, evidence for two years' work; those applying during 1915, three years' work; and all renewals will be conditional upon faithful pursuance of the regular reading courses.

9. (a) A second grade certificate upon which no subject is marked below 70, is, upon recommendation of the state superintendent, renewable for one year, if its holder has taught at least one term of the time for which it was originally issued. The application for renewal must state that the holder has shown progress by attending summer schools, and by reading the books prescribed by the teachers' Reading Circle Board and other educational books and papers. Beginning with August, 1912, one Reading Circle certificate will be necessary for the renewal of the second grade certificate.

(b) A first grade certificate is, upon recommendation of the state superintendent, renewable for three years, if its holder has taught at least twelve months of the time for which it was originally issued, and has fulfilled the requirements for a renewal of a second grade as to attendance at teachers' summer schools and as to educational reading. Beginning with August, 1914, three Reading Circle certificates shall be necessary for the renewal of a first grade certificate, at least two of which must have been earned within the two years immediately preceding presentation.

10. *Credits Accepted*.—The following credits will be accepted in place of examination only when the latest one was obtained within two years of its presentation, save in cases where the holder has, in the meantime, attended school or has taught; in which case this time may be exceeded. No credits earned more than five years previous to the time of presentation will be accepted unless the holder has taught twelve months during the five years.

(a) High school state board certificates in the senior subjects required for first or second grade excepting civil government, agriculture, geography and Seventh-day Adventist missions, physical

geography, United States history and general history. The mark in each case must be 75 per cent, or passed plus.

(b) Final marks of ninety per cent from a state normal school.

(c) Final marks of 90 per cent from a Seventh-day Adventist college, summer school, or union examining board.

#### Additional Report of Committee on Text-Books

Whereas, The discussion indicated that with teachers in some sections there is a desire for a text in physiology that incorporates the principles of Christian education, yet in view of the fact that several physiologies may now be had comparatively free from objectionable features,

We Recommend, That the selection of a text on physiology be referred to the various union conference educational departments as provided for in the recommendation concerning text-books published by outside firms.

The committee on text-books, to whom had been referred the report of a committee on the revision of Bell's language text-books, appointed some time ago by the general department, recommended the adoption of the recommendations of said committee, as follows:

"1. That Professor Bell's 'Natural Method' be so revised as to form a complete text-book in grammar, which would take the place in our schools of Nos. 2 and 3 in the series.

"2. That the revision be sufficiently thoroughgoing to make the book equal to the best of modern text-books in point of helps for teachers, suggestions for written and oral work, outside readings in literature, etc., and that it be strengthened on the technical side as far as this can be done without departing from its essential plan.

"3. That the work of revision be done by a person of approved literary ability, having associated with him a teacher of ability and experience whose field of activity lies in the grades in which the book is to be used, in order that the fine literary quality of the original work, which is no small part of its charm, may not be lost in the course of revision. The revisers should also be persons who understand Professor Bell's books thoroughly, and are in sympathy with his method of teaching.

"4. That the educational department take under consideration the revision on similar lines of Professor Bell's rhetoric and his text-book in English literature.

"Signed:

"M. E. Olsen,

"W. E. Howell,

"Mrs. Winifred P. Rowell,

"Mrs. Flora H. Williams."

The committee on text-books further recommended:

(a) That the entire series be revised in harmony with principles of language study and development as given by the Spirit of prophecy, giving the Bible its proper place as a book of literary merit.

(b) That in connection with this series of English text-books work be given in Biblical literature to precede and introduce the study of academic English and American literature.

H. R. Salisbury, *Chairman,*

C. C. Lewis, *Secretary.*

(To be continued)



### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

#### New and Renewed Consecrations

So far as the reports have come to me of our week of prayer just closed, they have been very encouraging. All seem to think this has been the best week of prayer they have experienced. In most if not all the churches, this began with much of the blessing of God; and as the week progressed, the blessing increased. I spent the larger part of the time at Carr Street (Los Angeles) and Glendale. The first part of the week was spent at Carr Street and with the young people at the two cafeterias in the city. This was a season of refreshing. Quite a large number of our young people especially gained a new experience; and some who had never given their hearts to God, surrendered before the week of prayer closed.

Elder McCord spent the latter part of the week at Carr Street. I had the privilege of spending one evening at San Fernando with the church and the academy students. We enjoyed much of the blessing of God in this service, and I am glad to report a most excellent week of prayer at Fernando. Both the church and the school shared in the outpouring of the Spirit of God upon His people. At the beginning of the week the students in the school heartily responded to the efforts put forth to lead them nearer to God, and ere the week closed large numbers had sought the Lord for a new experience, and this included quite a number who had never given their hearts to the Lord before. Last Sabbath, twenty-six adults were baptized. These were almost wholly among the students. I feel sure that this is the greatest blessing the Fernando Academy or church have ever experienced.

The latter part of the week was spent with the church at Glendale and with the young people at the sanitarium. The

Lord richly blessed here also, and some of the young people at the sanitarium reconsecrated themselves to God. Others gave their hearts for the first time to the Lord.

From all through the conference similar reports came to us, and I feel sure that this will mark a new era in our work. The Lord has blessed us in the past, but we are expecting greater things at His hand in the future. In order that this may be realized, it will require a greater degree of consecration to the service of God, and a more ready response to His requirements, than ever before. We can not live in violation of His righteous laws and expect His rich blessing upon us. The time is come when we must cast up the highway, gather out the stones, and prepare the way of the people. We must put away our differences so far as these have existed, and press more closely together than ever in the past. We must be faithful in rendering to the Lord His own in tithe and offerings, and we must do this promptly, if we expect the outpouring of the Spirit of God.

God gives His Spirit to them that obey Him; and unless we step into the channel of perfect obedience to His holy will, we can not expect that He will pour upon us the Holy Spirit in the latter rain. He will not unseal the fountain of the water of life to those that would prostitute His gifts to the service of the flesh.

We have reason to believe that we shall have the largest contribution to the foreign work that we have ever had at any annual offering. But inasmuch as the great work in the field demands more at our hands, we must not feel satisfied with what has been done, but let the gifts come in a steady stream. It has come to be quite a common thing for the people of the world to furnish Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners to the poor in the cities; but this is of very little value to them, since they can not fast between these dinners. The poor need constant help. And likewise the cause of God can not be supported by spasmodic gifts or by annual offerings alone. It needs continued offerings; and I would appeal to our brethren and sisters throughout the field to begin with the first of the new year, 1912, and see that in your church the offerings reach at least fifteen cents a week for each member of the church, as this is the sum fixed upon by the General Conference

Committee for the foreign work, whether they be Sabbath-school offerings for the foreign work, annual offerings, or any special offerings, including the Harvest Ingathering. It is expected that this amount will cover all that may be demanded for the foreign work, in the way of offerings, at least for the present.

We are of good courage, and sincerely believe that the end is nearing. Soon we shall receive the reward of the faithful at the coming of the Life-giver.

E. E. Andross.

December 22.

### The Week of Prayer at Fernando

The week of prayer was a season of refreshing to the school and church at Fernando. Students and teachers unitedly sought the Lord for His promised blessings, and He did not in any way disappoint us. Throughout the year student bands have prayed for the conversion of friends and fellow students; and their hearts were filled with rejoicing when, during the week, one after another yielded to the Saviour.

On the afternoon of the last Sabbath twenty-six young persons followed their Lord in baptism. For two weeks prior to this, Elder E. J. Hibbard had taken the time of the chapel period each day to give instruction on each step of the Christian life, and the significance of baptism. These studies prepared all to take this step with a better understanding of its importance. A spirit of earnestness and quietness was manifest in all the gatherings.

Elder E. E. Andross spent one day with the church and school, and expressed his gratitude for the spirit of consecration so manifest among the students.

The visit of Prof. T. M. French, who placed before us the needs of the West African mission field, was a source of inspiration to all, and deepened in every heart the desire to prepare for work in some part of the Lord's vineyard.

The offering for missions has at present reached the sum of about eighty dollars.

Emily Johnson.

### ARIZONA

#### Conference Notes

Some most excellent seasons came to the Phoenix church during the week of prayer. On Sabbath, the 16th, a spirit of confession came in, and we believe

the true spirit to get right with God is taking possession of our people here, and that we shall see better days for this church, and we trust for all others in the conference, resulting from the experiences of the week just closed. Some liberal donations were made.

Elder M. Serna is still at Solomonsville, but will soon go to Duncan and open work in that new field.

We have not received much word from Brother E. A. Brown since he returned from the conference to his field in Bisbee; but we are certain he is at work.

A baptismal service was held in the Phoenix church Sabbath, December 9, and others are to be baptized Sabbath, the 23d. These are all new Sabbath-keepers.

Elder George G. Sims is still located in Verde Valley, and visited some churches in the north during the week of prayer. We are thankful Sister Sims is again able to be in the field with Brother Sims.

Elder F. E. Shaeffer is following up some interest in Salt River Valley. The meetings in Glendale have closed. Sister Shaeffer is kept busy in and about Phoenix, and reports some deeply interested.

H. G. Thurston.

December 18.

### CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

#### Conference Items

J. W. Rich, field canvassing director, left last Monday evening for the bookmen's convention at Loma Linda.

Brother L. L. Hutchinson, from the California Conference, is paying Fresno a visit during the Christmas week.

December 24, Elder Behrens left Fresno for Mountain View, and before returning will visit the companies in Monterey and San Benito counties.

Rates are being secured to the Central California Conference session at Hanford, February 1 to 5, 1912, over the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe lines.

Mrs. T. D. Robison visited all the church schools in the valley during the week of

prayer, and reports the deep workings of God's Spirit among the children. In several of the churches, the children of the church school took the lead in giving their hearts and consecrating their lives to God. Let us remember these missionaries who are educating the young people for the Master's service, that they may have wisdom to lead those in their charge in the paths of righteousness.

Reports from the churches of the conference indicate that all enjoyed blessed experiences during the week of prayer. Many of the young people made their first start in the kingdom of God. The Lord blessed in a special manner the meetings at the Fresno church and church school. Sabbath, December 16, eight were baptized at Fresno—six young persons and two adults. Sabbath, December 23, fourteen were baptized at Hanford. Some of these individuals came from near-by churches.

S. G. White.

### The Week of Prayer at Armona Academy

To the students and teachers of Armona Academy, the week of prayer for 1911 is an occasion never to be forgotten, a season in which the Lord manifested Himself to us in graciousness and power.

The routine class work, to a great extent, was laid aside, and opportunity given for the Master Teacher to instruct us in the special lessons He had to impart. And He who never disappoints the sincere seeker for help, came near in a wonderful manner.

The hosts of evil were present to oppose the release of their captives, but "thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph" in Him, every soul present made a consecration of the life to God's service. A goodly number of these also expressed a desire for baptism.

Elder J. H. Behrens, who was present for several days, in a simple, touching manner pointed the way to Christ for pardon and peace. His godly counsel and instruction was much appreciated.

During the week following the week of prayer, some time each day was spent with the candidates for baptism, in the study of our duty as Christians and as members of the Seventh-day Adventist

Church. Two hours were spent by Elder Behrens with the whole school in answering their questions concerning our peculiar views on diet, dress, amusements, etc. This was very much enjoyed by all present.

On Sabbath afternoon, December 23, we met at the Hanford church, and fourteen of the students were there buried with their Master in baptism.

We are indeed grateful to the Lord for these mercies, and pledge ourselves anew, as a church and as a school, to carry forward the sacred work committed to us.

Mrs. J. L. Jones.

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

### Conference Items

The president of our conference has requested that the matters of business considered at the committee meeting held December 27, 1911, be placed before the constituency. It is the policy of our committee to keep our people in touch with the workings of the conference, as they consider themselves but servants to carry out the wishes of this body of Christ.

It was voted that between now and the time of the ministerial institute next March, as far as possible, a ten days' revival meeting be held with each church, the principal object to be the reviving and building up of the church. It is suggested that these meetings begin on Friday, to continue over two Sabbaths; that a meeting be held the first Sunday, at which time the roll will be called, and the members present be asked to volunteer to write those who are isolated, telling them of the good meetings in progress, and asking them to write, that their letters may be read to the church before the meeting closes. These isolated members expect to get a letter from the clerk anyway once a quarter, but a good letter from a brother or sister not officially appointed to do this correspondence will be to them like an oasis in the desert to the weary traveler.

It is further suggested that the modern plan of the minister's stopping with one family throughout the time be changed to the old method. Let the elder arrange with the church, and see if there are not ten families who can care for the minister one night, and as many

more who will invite him to their homes for dinner. You will be blessed in having this man of God in your homes. He will enjoy your hospitality even though you can not care for him as you might like to do. It is hoped that many families will be visited, and though he may be in your home but a few hours, he will be pleased to pray with you and for you. He will doubtless ask you if you are taking the *Review*, *Signs*, *RECORDER*, etc. We shall hope and pray that when his ten days of labor with your church is passed, you will have been wonderfully blessed because of the spirit of good that has accompanied his labors.

It was voted to hold our conference and camp-meeting in Sacramento, June 6 to 16.

Our people will remember that it was voted at our conference at Stockton, that the headquarters be moved from Lodi to Sacramento as soon as practicable. This matter was considered at our committee meeting, and the question was asked, What shall we do? or rather, What can we do? At the conference referred to we had but little time to weigh matters. It was voted that we move to Sacramento, and it was understood that we build before we move. The question of money with which to build was not considered. Since that time there have been so many calls for money, we have not asked for means for this enterprise, and your committee did not consider it wise to go in debt; hence we are still at Lodi.

As Prof. E. D. Sharpe was in Washington at the time of the division of the California Conference, and has since returned to this state with health somewhat improved, but still unable to take up active ministerial work, it was voted to grant him honorary ministerial credentials.

Vera MacPherson,  
*Secretary.*

### Church School Items

The Turlock school has four new additions.

The Merced school hope to be in their new schoolroom this month.

The Sacramento school has doubled its enrolment since the beginning of the school year.

A visit to Salida found the church school progressing nicely, with teacher and pupils thoroughly interested in their work.

The pupils of the Acacia Grove school show their appreciation of their new school building by regular attendance and faithfulness in their work.

The little company at Esmerelda were greatly encouraged by the week of prayer readings. The church school is progressing nicely under the supervision of Miss Mabel Robertson.

The church school children throughout the conference are already ordering the Morning Watch Calendar for 1912. Each one is trying to interest at least one other individual in its study.

The junior society of Fallon, Nevada, are all Pocket League members, and have just ordered a Morning Watch Calendar for each member. They are still active with the Ingathering *Signs*. One individual had obtained \$25 when last reported.

The Merced Volunteers are the first to send in their report this month. Although their society numbers only eighteen, yet they have a very good report, which shows them to be active in missionary correspondence and Christian help work.

The week of prayer readings were studied in the societies and church schools, resulting in a deeper experience and a renewed consecration to the work of the Lord, both by teachers and pupils. Truly the Lord has blessed the children of our schools in a marked manner.

Last Sabbath the church at Galt gave the forenoon service to the children. A very interesting and instructive missionary program was rendered. Eighteen from the Lodi Sabbath-school were present and took part in the exercises. The sisters of the church had brought well-filled baskets, and very kindly invited all to partake with them. After luncheon a short service was held.

Lida Ackley,  
*Ed. Sec. N. Cal.-Nev. Conf.*

December 22.

**Modesto and Linden**

When our tent meetings at Modesto closed, it looked as if quite a number who were interested would soon take their stand with us; but as yet only two have been baptized and united with the church since the occasion when seven were baptized.

On Thanksgiving night these two brethren, heads of families, were baptized, and the following Sabbath they were received into the church. Last Sabbath two more, man and wife, kept their first Sabbath, and attended services. This is due only in part to the tent meetings. We have hopes of others.

The recent Sabbath-school and young people's convention held here by Elder Taggart and others was greatly enjoyed, and we trust will result in much good.

From Wednesday, December 13, to the following Sunday, the writer spent with the Linden church. From Sabbath, December 9, to Wednesday, Elder Israel was with this church, and meetings were progressing nicely when I arrived. We trust the week of prayer will prove of lasting benefit to this new church. We desire the prayers of the brethren and sisters, that we may be able to reach with the message other souls in this part of the field.

A. J. Osborne.

**CALIFORNIA  
Conference Current**

In renumbering the city of Oakland, our office number has been changed from 601 Telegraph Avenue to 2201 Telegraph Avenue.

Most excellent meetings are reported from the churches during the week of prayer just closed. It has been a time of special refreshing.

One of our magazine workers, Mrs. W. D. Fleming, made some good records recently in her work. In five and one half hours at Antioch and Pittsburg she sold 146 copies. Another day at Benicia and Crockett she sold 142. At Lodi and Stockton one day's sales numbered 139 copies. In one hour on Sunday evening at Vallejo, Mrs. Fleming disposed of fifty papers. The magazines handled were *Signs of the Times Monthly*, except a few *Life and Health* at Lodi.

Claude Conard.

**REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 15, 1911**

| Agent                                 | Book    | Hrs. | Ords. | Helps  | Value   | Delivered |
|---------------------------------------|---------|------|-------|--------|---------|-----------|
| <b>Central California</b>             |         |      |       |        |         |           |
| A. G. Westphal                        | P.G.    | 6    | 2     | \$4.95 | \$15.95 |           |
| Harry Hoffman                         | P.G.    | 10   | 3     | .25    | 10.75   |           |
| John L. Hoffman                       | P.G.    | 9    | 2     | 2.00   | 11.00   |           |
| Harry Bond                            | Heralds | 3    | 1     |        | 2.00    |           |
| Miscellaneous not previously reported | Misc.   |      |       |        | 113.55  |           |
|                                       | P.G.    |      | 1     |        | 3.50    |           |
|                                       | Heralds |      | 38    |        | 78.00   |           |
| G. W. Eddy*                           | D.R.    | 31   | 4     | 11.25  | 23.25   |           |
| *Two weeks.                           |         |      |       |        | \$18.45 | \$258.00  |

**Utah**

|             |       |    |    |        |          |         |
|-------------|-------|----|----|--------|----------|---------|
| A. L. McCoy | P.G.  | 30 | 17 | \$1.75 | \$74.00  |         |
| W. J. Camp  | Misc. | 12 | 9  | .50    | 40.00    | \$82.25 |
| 2 Agents    |       | 42 | 26 | \$2.25 | \$114.00 | \$82.25 |

**REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 22, 1911**

**Utah**

|                 |      |    |   |         |         |         |
|-----------------|------|----|---|---------|---------|---------|
| A. L. McCoy     | P.G. | 16 | 9 | \$4.75  | \$45.25 |         |
| *A. R. Robinson |      | 48 |   | 44.05   | 44.05   |         |
| W. J. Camp      |      |    |   |         |         | \$51.00 |
| J. G. Smith     |      |    |   |         |         | 23.05   |
| 4 Agents        |      | 64 | 9 | \$48.80 | \$89.30 | \$74.05 |
| *Two weeks.     |      |    |   |         |         |         |

**St. Helena Sanitarium Siftings**

The sanitarium pharmacy is being moved from the main building to the laboratory building.

The sanitarium board held a meeting Wednesday evening, December 20. Those present from abroad were: Elder E. W. Farnsworth, Elder H. W. Cottrell, E. E. Parlin, and Claude Conard.

Dr. C. A. Burrows, with his wife and son, returned to Loma Linda on Tuesday. We have very much appreciated Dr. Burrows's help during the past few months, and regret to have him leave us.

A farewell was given Dr. H. F. Rand Tuesday evening in the gymnasium, combined with a reception to welcome the incoming physicians, Dr. George Thoma-son and Dr. Ida Shively-Nelson. An interesting program was rendered, and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all present. Dr. Rand is the happy owner of an alligator traveling-bag, presented by the sanitarium family.

M. B. Hudson.

December 22.

**Work in Humboldt**

There have been four workers in Humboldt during the past year — Elder S. T. Hare, who has charge of the field, J. W. Bressie, A. Glatt, and the writer.

Since camp-meeting in June six series of meetings have been held at the following places: Fields' Landing, Falk, Garberville, Bull Creek, Ferndale, and Samoa. Besides this, considerable work has been done at Eureka. As a result of this labor, twenty-six have been baptized, and ten are ready for baptism.

The week of prayer was entirely devoted to our own people.

L. L. Hutchinson.

**"Fortune Knocks Once at Every Man's Door"**

"They do me wrong who say I come no more  
When once I knock and fail to find you in;  
For every day I stand outside your door,  
And bid you wake and rise to fight and win.  
Wail not for precious chances passed away,  
Weep not for golden ages on the wane;  
Each night I burn the records of the day,  
At sunrise every soul is born again."

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1912

The auditing committee of the California Conference is to meet in Oakland Sunday, January 7, instead of January 14 as formerly announced. There will be a meeting of the executive committee the night of the 6th.

Brother James Harvey, of 1373 Grove St., Oakland, Cal., would appreciate the receipt of any of our denominational periodicals and tracts for missionary use in that city. Readings for the week of prayer are also desired.

Brother and Sister C. N. Woodward and daughter Mary stopped over at Mountain View a short time last week, previous to their sailing Wednesday on the China *en route* to Shanghai, China. Brother Woodward goes to that place to take the work of secretary and treasurer of the China mission.

An unclaimed suit case containing lady's clothing, etc., has been held for several months at the office of the *Signs of the Times*, Mountain View, California, waiting for owner to prove property.

## Special Notice

The German Young People's Society of the German church at Lodi, California, request the various conference workers in California, and especially those who are engaged in city work, and also the members of different churches, to secure and forward to the undersigned the names and addresses of German families who do not read the English language intelligently, and who are not of our faith. To these names this society will send German periodicals, and take up correspondence in their native language. L. E. Westermeyer, Lodi, California, care of Normal.

## Central California Conference Notice

The first annual session of the Central California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at Hanford, California, February 1 to 5, 1912. This session is called for the purpose of electing officers of the conference for the ensuing year, and for the transacting of such other conference business as may properly come before the meeting. The first meeting is called for 10:00 a.m., February 1.

There are some matters of special importance to come before the delegation, among which are the forming of a legal conference association and the Armona Academy interests.

All churches in the conference are entitled to a delegate representation at this session on the following basis: One delegate to represent the organization, and one additional delegate for each twenty church-members. Unorganized companies will be represented by the delegates at large.

J. H. Behrens, *President*.

S. G. White, *Secretary*.

## Church Appointments for Dr. D. H. Kress

Desiring to form further acquaintances with the brethren of the local churches in this union conference, Dr. D. H. Kress desires to fill appointments at the following places upon the dates named below:

|                               |                 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| San Francisco (Laguna Street) | January 27, 28  |
| Oakland                       | February 3, 4   |
| Fresno                        | February 10, 11 |
| Island                        | February 17, 18 |
| Armona                        | February 24, 25 |
| Dinuba                        | March 2, 3      |

The doctor desires to make arrangements at each of these places for additional meetings in adjoining districts. At San Francisco he would like to meet the other city congregations through the week following the dates for that city.

From Oakland he desires to meet with the churches in Alameda and Berkeley.

From Armona he will, if desirable, visit the churches of Hanford and Le-moore; and from Island, he will be pleased to meet with the church at Laguna.

In order to perfect these side appointments, the brethren from these districts should attend the Sabbath and Sunday meetings appointed for their vicinity, and come prepared to make definite arrangements regarding their wishes.

The doctor will be accompanied by other help throughout his itinerary. Besides the local talent that may be present at the several points, Elder J. H. Behrens will attend most of the gatherings. Elder J. O. Corliss will also be present at some of the meetings.

These meetings can be made seasons of spiritual refreshing greatly needed in this time of worldly temptations. Let the brethren in every place mentioned each contribute his part to this desired end.

G. A. Irwin,

*Pres. Pacific Union Conference.*

## Notice to Brethren and Sisters in the California Conference

The year is just closing. I wish to call your attention to a matter that is of interest to you all. We have done what we could in raising the \$300,000 fund, and many of the brethren and sisters have lifted nobly in this worthy cause. We now desire to have all the pledges paid in just as soon as possible. We are aware that some of the brethren, when making the pledges, desired more time to pay them, and this was cheerfully granted; but most of those that made the pledges thought they could pay them by the first of January. We hope that all will now make a special effort to have all paid up just as soon as possible.

The mission board needs the money. The missionaries in the field need the things the money will get for them. So let us give one good earnest, long lift, and close this fund all out, and then we can pass on to something else.

We do not expect to press the matter of the \$300,000 fund any more. We have done what we could. We believe that every church in the conference has had an invitation to assist, and many of the brethren and sisters have done remarkably well. Now we wish all to do their very best to pay it all in, so that this matter can be closed up. In the meantime, if there are any others that wish to do something, the way is open, and we shall be glad to receive all that will come.

We wish to invite the elders and treasurers of the churches to call the attention of the brethren and sisters to this notice, and request all to do what they can to pay their pledges, so this work can be finished.

E. W. Farnsworth.

December 29.