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Synopsis of Proceedings

In harmony with the published call, the first annual session of the Central California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists was held at Hanford, Cal., February 1 to 5, 1912.

Elder J. H. Behrens, the president, called the first meeting of the session to order at 10 A.M. February 1. Delegates from Armona, Bakersfield, Barstow Colony, Burrough, Dinuba, Exeter, Fowler, Fresno, Hanford, Island, Laguna, Lemoore, Monterey, Selma, Tulare, Visalia, and Wallace District were in attendance at the meetings. These, with the delegates at large, made a representation of seventy-seven.

Two churches were presented, and accepted into the conference. Tulare, whose membership had been so reduced that no regular meetings had been held for some time, but whose list now numbers nine members, was reinstated. The Tulare church has a meeting-house. The church was never formally dropped from the conference list of churches. Hollister, with a membership of thirteen, was presented by Elder E. H. Adams.

Besides the president's address and the treasurer's statement of accounts, the departmental officers gave a report of the progress of their special divisions for the ten months. Mrs. T. D. Robison submitted the reports for the Sabbath-school and educational departments; J. W. Rich, the canvassing and young people's departments; J. O. Corliss, religious liberty; J. L. Jones, the Armona Academy; and S. G. White, the tract and missionary society. Copies of these reports appear elsewhere in this paper.

During the first meeting, the standing committees of the conference were appointed as follows:

Pastoral Committee, J. H. Behrens, E. H. Adams, F. E. Brown.

Plans and Resolutions, W. C. White, J. J. Ireland, J. O. Corliss, Mrs. T. D. Robison, J. E. Scoggins, H. C. Basney, J. W. Rich.

Credentials and Licenses, G. A. Irwin,

J. W. Bagby, E. H. Adams, G. S. Reichard, Wm. Bond.

Nominations, E. E. Andross, C. W. Fuller, Harry Thompson, L. J. Stearns, E. P. Ackley, F. L. Boynton, C. Woessner.

Press Agent, J. R. Ferren.
The following-named persons were chosen as officers to serve the conference:
President, J. H. Behrens.

Secretary and treasurer, S. G. White.
Executive Committee, J. H. Behrens, E. H. Adams, Nis Hansen, G. S. Reichard, E. P. Ackley, A. N. Loper, C. W. Fuller.

Board of Directors Central California Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists, J. H. Behrens, Nis Hansen, Harry Thompson, Wm. Bond, J. E. Hackney, E. P. Ackley, P. Rosenfeld.

Armona School Board, J. H. Behrens, L. J. Stearns, Nis Hansen, J. L. Jones, Harry Thompson, Peter Rosenfeld, Wm. Bond.

Armona School Advisory Board, President of Pacific Union Conference, Educational Secretary of Pacific Union Conference, Educational Secretary of Central California Conference, E. H. Adams, G. S. Reichard, F. E. Brown, A. N. Loper, C. W. Fuller, E. P. Ackley, Mrs. J. E. Driver, Dallas Gray, R. H. Schwartz, O. Koch, John Mattern.

Credentials and licenses were voted as indicated:

Ministerial credentials, J. W. Bagby, J. H. Behrens, H. C. Basney, E. H. Adams.

Ordination and credentials, F. E. Brown, J. R. Patterson.

Ministerial licenses, C. W. Fuller, J. L. Jones, A. J. Stevens, P. E. Scoggins, J. W. Rich.

Missionary credentials, S. G. White, Mrs. T. D. Robison, Tressa Belvail.

Honorary missionary credentials, Mrs. A. C. Bainbridge.

The special service for the ordaining of Brethren F. E. Brown and J. R. Patterson to the ministry of the gospel, followed the evening meeting of February 4, 1912.

Resolutions Adopted

Great and manifold have been the blessings bestowed on the churches and workers of the Central California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists during its initial year of separate organization. These blessings have been both spiritual and temporal, resulting in double prosperity to many of its charter members, and in important additions to its ranks. Be it therefore —

1. *Resolved*, That this conference in session, collectively and individually, express publicly its heart-felt gratitude to our heavenly Father for His sustaining grace in all branches of our work; and as ministers, colporteurs, school-teachers, department secretaries, and church officers, together with non-official members, at this time, renew our consecration vows, pledging to more faithful work in the behalf of humanity. To this end we unitedly plead for the coming year a more complete realization of that eternal promise, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world," that we may all be found "looking for and hastening unto the coming of the day of God," with greater faith and patience than ever before.

Whereas, The needs of the cause in our conference seem to demand a legal corporation to receive, hold, and convey real estate and personal property; therefore,

2. *Resolved and Determined*, That the church and religious association of the Seventh-day Adventists of the central portion of the State of California, known as the Central California Conference, incorporate as a corporation under title 12, part 4, division 1, of the Civil Code of the State of California, and under the laws of the state, and under the name of "Central California Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists." And be it further —

3. *Resolved*, (a), That the name of said corporation is and shall be "Central California Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists."

(b) That the purposes for which it

is formed are to hold and administer the common property, funds, and money of such church and religious association, and the money, funds, and property of any constituent congregation, and for the administration of the temporalities of said church and religious association, and the management of the property or estate thereof; to build, maintain, and carry on churches, hospitals, sanitariums, orphanages, asylums, colleges, schools, parsonages, missions, and all kinds of private and public buildings and institutions; to receive, purchase, hold, improve, mortgage, lease, or sell real or personal property, and for the constructing and operating of all kinds of improvements; to engage in the publication and dissemination of books, papers, pamphlets, and literature pertaining to the Seventh-day Adventists, and of all kinds and character; also to borrow money, and receive deposits, gifts, and bequests, and to loan and invest all moneys and funds, and to buy and sell all kinds of public and private stock, and to take and carry out trusts, and to fit out and establish and maintain missions, and to do all missionary and religious and charitable work, and to employ preachers of the gospel and all necessary agents in any and all places, that may be necessary to maintain or advance the principles and doctrines of the Seventh-day Adventists, and in general to do and perform any and all acts and things pertaining to, or that may be connected with, the principles and objects above specified, or that may be necessary, convenient, or useful to carry out the principles or to conduct the business of the corporation.

(c) The place where the principal business of said corporation is to be transacted is in the city of Fresno, county of Fresno, State of California.

(d) That the term for which this corporation shall exist is fifty (50) years from and after the date of its incorporation.

(e) That the number of directors of this corporation shall be seven (7).

(f) There is no capital stock, and there are no shares of stock in this corporation. Pecuniary profit is not the object of this corporation.

That Articles of Incorporation be prepared and signed and acknowledged by the presiding officer and secretary of this body, and all proper steps be taken to perfect the said incorporation.

(4) *Resolved*, That all and singular the following by-laws be, and they are hereby, adopted and declared to be the by-laws of the Central California Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists incorporation.

By-Laws of the Central California Conference Association of the Seventh-Day Adventists

ARTICLE I

Section 1. The corporate powers and property of this corporation shall be vested in, exercised, conducted, and controlled by, a board of seven directors.

ARTICLE II

OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this corporation shall consist of the directors, president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and auditor, none of whom shall receive salaries from the corporation.

ARTICLE III

POWERS AND DUTIES OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The board of directors shall have power,

Firstly, to elect and remove at pleasure all the other officers, agents, and employees of the corporation, prescribe such duties for them as may not be inconsistent with these by-laws and with the laws of the State of California, fix their compensation, and require from them security for faithful performance of the duties assigned them.

Secondly, to conduct, manage, and control the affairs and business of the corporation, and to make such rules and regulations therefor as they deem best not inconsistent with these by-laws and with the laws of the State of California.

Thirdly, to handle and manage all the property of the corporation and all the profits arising therefrom in carrying out the purposes of the corporation, as specified in its articles of incorporation.

Fourthly, generally to do and to perform every act and thing whatsoever pertaining to the office of directors.

ARTICLE IV

VACANCIES AMONG DIRECTORS

Section 1. Whenever any vacancy shall occur among the directors by death, resignation, or otherwise (except by the removal of all the directors and the election of their successors, as set down in Section 310, Civil Code), it shall be filled by appointment of the board of directors, and for that purpose a majority of the remaining members of the board shall constitute a quorum, and the person so appointed shall hold office until his successor is elected.

ARTICLE V

PRESIDENT

Section 1. The powers and duties of the president are to preside at all meetings of the corporation and of the board of directors.

Section 2. To call special meetings of the board of directors, to be held at the office or principal place of business of the corporation, at such time as he shall deem proper.

Section 3. To fix the signature of the corporation to all deeds, conveyances, mortgages, leases, promissory notes, contracts, obligations, drafts, checks, certificates, and other papers and instruments in writing that may require the same, and to supervise and control, subject to the direction of the board of directors, all the officers, agents, and employees of the corporation.

Section 4. All the powers and duties hereby or by law imposed upon the president may be exercised and performed by him either within the State of California or elsewhere.

Section 5. If the president or vice-president is not present at any meeting of the board of directors, or of the corporation, a president *pro tempore* may be chosen at such meeting.

ARTICLE VI

VICE-PRESIDENT

Section 1. In case of the absence or of the disability of the president, the vice-president shall take his place and perform his duties.

ARTICLE VII

SECRETARY

Section 1. The powers and duties of the secretary:

First, to keep full and complete records of the proceedings of the board of directors and all the meetings of the corporation.

Second, to supervise and control the keeping of the accounts and books of said corporation.

Third, to keep the seal of the corporation, and to fix the same to all instruments executed by the president which may require the same.

Fourth, to countersign all promissory notes, certificates, checks, and drafts.

Fifth, to make and file in the office of the corporation during each and every calendar month a report in writing showing the amount and nature of the business done by the corporation during the preceding calendar month.

Sixth, to make service and publication of all the notices that may be deemed necessary or proper, and without command or direction from any one. In case of the absence, inability, refusal, or neglect of the secretary to make service of the publication of any notice, then such notice may be published by the president or president *pro tempore*, or by any person thereto authorized by any of them or by the board of directors.

Seventh, generally to do and to perform all such duties as pertain to his office and as may be required by the board of directors.

ARTICLE VIII

TREASURER

Section 1. The powers and duties of the treasurer shall be to keep safely all moneys of the corporation which may be deposited with such treasurer from time to time, and to pay out said money upon the check or draft of the president countersigned by the secretary; and generally to do and to perform all such duties as pertain to his office and that may be required by the board of directors.

Section 2. Once during each month to make and to file in the office of the corporation a report showing the receipts and disbursements of the corporation for the preceding calendar month.

ARTICLE IX

AUDITOR

It shall be the duty of the auditor faithfully to examine the accounts of the corporation every year and report the condition of the same to the members and the board of directors.

ARTICLE X
MEETINGS

Section 1. The board of directors shall always be in session, no adjournment ever taking place, provided, however, that either the president or the vice-president shall be present at such meetings; and provided, further, that no action of the board of directors shall be valid unless supported by a vote of at least five members of the board of directors present and voting.

Section 2. The directors of such corporation shall be elected annually by the Central California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, at the usual meeting of said conference held in accordance with the constitution of said conference.

Section 3. All elections shall be by ballot.

Whereas, At the recent council of union conference educational secretaries held in College View, Nebraska, a resolution was adopted favoring the holding of a teachers' institute in each local conference near the middle of each school year, at which time the salaries of the teachers are to be continued and the local conference is to pay their traveling expenses; and—

Whereas, It is also voted that a summer school of at least six weeks be held in each union conference; and further, since it was also voted that the general secretary prepare an educational program for the entire denomination, to be presented through the *Review and Herald* some time in August; therefore,

(5) *We Recommend* (a), That this conference adopt the plan of holding a teachers' institute in the middle of each school year.

(b) That we favor the plan of holding a union conference summer school.

(c) That the third Sabbath in August be reserved as an educational day, at which time the needs of the church school will be considered.

(d) That on this day a special collection shall be taken in all our churches, for the purpose of creating a school equipment fund to be used as the conference sees best in equipping new and needy schools.

Whereas, It is impossible in the ordinary church school for the teacher to give the time required in order to cover the work of the ninth grade, and—

Whereas, It is lowering our standard to attempt to do that which we can not do well, therefore,

(6) *We Recommend*, That we discourage any efforts to carry any work of the church school beyond those grades it is designed to cover, except in those cases where ample teaching force is provided.

Whereas, The placing of our truth-laden books in the homes of the people is a regular department of conference work, and therefore should be recognized in a definite way;

(7) *We Recommend*, That two classes of papers be granted such workers, as follows:

(a) A regular colporteur's credential to permanent canvassers who have demonstrated their faithfulness and conse-

cration to the satisfaction of the conference committee; and to students who have declared their intentions in making this their permanent work and have spent at least two vacations canvassing.

(b) A colporteur's license to be issued to those who have had less experience, but give evidence of becoming successful laborers in this branch of the work.

(c) While the granting of these papers formally recognizes the recipient as a conference laborer, neither the credential nor the license carries with it financial support.

Whereas, Each year witnesses new forces entering the field in behalf of "civic righteousness," whereby it is sought to create a "universal brotherhood" regardless of personal Christian experience; and—

Whereas, The late adoption of the "initiative, referendum, and recall" is now being brought to bear against the Christian liberties of conscientious God service, by calling upon men and women to establish by popular vote certain religious forms, which may be enforced by statute law, to the annoyance and persecution of non-adherents; therefore,

(8) *Resolved*, That knowing, as we do, this is a marked evidence of a fast approaching end, and that the world about us is not apprised of the tremendous issue involved in these popular religious movements, we pledge ourselves anew to the work of enlightening our friends and neighbors regarding the significance of these general movements, through persistent distribution of appropriate literature by sale and gift, until all within our conference have been given the opportunity to accept or reject the warnings and blessings of the third angel's message of Revelation 14.

(9) *Resolved*, That, as a conference, we heartily endorse "the thirteenth Sabbath plan" adopted by the General Conference; that is, the plan of setting apart the thirteenth Sabbath in each quarter for giving to a special enterprise.

In order that we may not lose sight of the chief object of our Sabbath-school work—the salvation of souls; and—

Whereas, There is need of spiritual awakening in our Sabbath-schools; therefore,

(10) *We Recommend*, That one Sabbath in each quarter be set apart for the holding of a consecration service in connection with the Sabbath-school lesson.

Whereas, The speedy delivery of the third angel's message to the world depends upon our bringing into activity all the various talents which are to be found within the church; therefore,

(11) *We Recommend*, The inauguration of such plans for cottage meetings, systematic distribution of our literature, Christian help work in all its various forms; the careful education of our young people for service in the regions beyond, that will greatly hasten the work which we, as a people, have been called to complete.

Whereas, This conference has been called to mourn the loss by death of

our beloved brother, J. M. Church, of Fresno, who at the time of his decease, January 7, 1912, was a valuable member of the conference executive committee; therefore,

(12) *Resolved*, That we extend our sincere sympathy to his bereaved family, and recommend the preservation of his memory as a faithful husband and father and a devoted church-member, to all who have witnessed his earnest love for the cause we all endeavor to maintain.

Whereas, The Fresno church has donated to the conference a valuable lot of land, 25 x 75 feet, at the rear of the meeting-house, upon which our executive committee has erected a roomy building, now occupied by the conference offices and the book department, and which furnishes the storeroom for our tents and other conference property, whereby rent is saved and an economy of several hundred dollars annually is effected; therefore,

(13) *Resolved*, That we approve of the action taken in building in Fresno, and hereby express our appreciation of the liberality of the Fresno church; and believing that the tithe should all be used in the evangelical and administrative work of the cause, we now invite the liberal hearted brethren and sisters throughout the conference to make generous donations to the conference treasury to cover the cost of this much needed and very useful building.

Whereas, It seems quite evident that in some of our churches the membership roll is not in concord with the heavenly records, and that we ought to harmonize, as near as may be, earthly records with the heavenly, and also to facilitate the work at conference headquarters; therefore,

(14) *We Recommend*, That all the churches make a careful revision of their church records, so that they may show the actual membership of those who are in good and regular standing in the church.

Whereas, The membership of certain churches has become so reduced by removals that no organization nor meetings are maintained; therefore,

(15) *We Recommend*, That the churches known on our records as Lockwood, Laton, Glennville, and Lerdo be dropped; and we recommend the members who are left to unite with other churches of the conference.

(16) *Resolved*, That Article 5, Section 2, of the constitution be amended to read as follows: "Each local church shall be entitled to one delegate in the sessions of this conference without regard to numbers, and one additional delegate for every fifteen church-members or fraction thereof" ("fraction thereof," to mean more than seven).

Whereas, At the Tulare camp-meeting our people assembled adopted a series of resolutions regarding our Armona school, looking toward the raising of the necessary funds for the acquiring of the ownership of the Armona school property and the Armona meeting-house, the

sum required being only seven hundred and fifty (\$750) dollars; and —

Whereas, At this session of the conference a legal association has been organized suitable for the holding of this school property; therefore,

(17) *Resolved*, That we proceed at once to raise the \$750 for the acquirement of these properties, and that we raise one thousand dollars for the improvement of the grounds and the equipment of the school.

(18) *Resolved*, That this conference elect a board of managers of seven (7) members for the direction of the work of this school; also,

(19) *Resolved*, That we elect an advisory educational board of fourteen members, which shall include the president and educational secretary of the Pacific Union Conference, the educational secretary, and all members of the executive committee of our conference not members of the board of managers, and a sufficient number of persons elected by this conference to make fourteen members, whose duty it shall be to assemble at the call of the president of the conference to consider the general policies of the school and give counsel regarding the same.

(20) *Resolved*, That we request the nominating committee to present to the conference names of persons to be elected as a board of managers and a board of advisers.

(21) *Resolved*, That the board of managers and committee of counselors be requested to give faithful study to the proposal made at the Tulare camp-meeting that the Armona school be graded up to and including the twelfth grade according to the course of study adopted by our educational department.

(22) *Resolved*, That the plans of procedure as regards improvements and enlargements at the school shall be as follows:

(a) As regards minor improvements calling in one year for less than one thousand dollars, that plans and estimates adopted by the school board shall be submitted to the advisory board for approval, after which they shall be presented to our people and the money raised before expended.

(b) As regards important improvements calling for one thousand dollars or more for one year, that plans and estimates adopted by the school board be presented to the delegates at a session of the conference, and after adoption that the funds required be raised before expended.

(23) *Resolved*, That we approve the plan presented by the General Conference of increasing our average donations to missions from ten cents a week to fifteen cents a week or more per capita.

(24) *Resolved*, That we approve the plan of paying to the General Conference fifteen per cent of our conference tithe receipts for the extension of the work in regions beyond, and request our executive officers to increase this payment to twenty per cent as soon as they may deem it consistent; and that we

continue the plan of paying five per cent to the sustentation fund, as outlined by the General Conference.

Whereas, Such a large proportion of our constituency is engaged in fruit farming, necessitating the almost constant attention to their private interests, thus preventing their attending a long meeting in the summer season; therefore,

(25) *Resolved*, That the present plan of holding the business session of the conference at some convenient season during the winter be continued.

In view of the fact that this conference at the time of its organization one year ago assumed its proportion of the educational debt upon the California Conference, amounting to \$19,077.47, for which amount a note was given bearing interest at the rate of five per cent per annum; and —

In view of the fact that the accumulating interest is constantly adding to our obligation; therefore,

(26) *Resolved*, That we take steps at once to pay this note, both principal and interest, and that one or the other of the two following plans be adopted as a method of raising this means:

(a) That our people in this conference be asked to adopt a system of payment equal to five per cent or more of their income from January 1, 1912, the same to be paid as other funds through the church treasurer; or —

(b) That each church be invited to become responsible for a portion of debt equal to the amount of tithe paid by its members during the year 1911, and that together the respective churches endeavor to raise this amount within two years.

Whereas, It seems the present boundary lines of the Central California Conference could be so changed as to serve better the convenience of the several conferences of California; therefore,

(27) We, the duly elected delegates of the Central California Conference in session at Hanford, February 5, 1912, propose the following changes:

The Central California Conference requests the Southern California Conference to take the county of San Luis Obispo; and that the California Conference give to the Central California Conference the county of Santa Cruz, and also the southern portion of Santa Clara County, the division line being the first township line north of the second standard line; and we ask the California-Nevada Conference to give to the Central California Conference the counties of Merced and Mariposa; and that this matter be presented to the union conference for consideration and action.

(28) *Resolved*, That we, the delegates of this conference, extend to the Hanford and Armona churches our heart-felt thanks for their kindness and hospitality during the conference session.

(29) *Resolved*, That we extend to the management of the Hotel Esrey, of the city of Hanford, a vote of thanks for the excellent service rendered the conference in furnishing vegetarian meals

to the delegates at a most reasonable rate.

J. H. Behrens, *President*.
S. G. White, *Secretary*.

President's Address

Delivered at the first annual meeting of the Central California Conference, held at Hanford, February 1 to 5, 1912.

It is a pleasure to meet and welcome the delegates and visiting brethren and sisters to this, our first annual conference. Our heavenly Father's mercy and tender watch-care have been evident in behalf of His work and people during the past year. For this we lift our hearts in grateful praises to Him, and with you, dear brethren, would make this conference an occasion for strengthening the ties of Christian fellowship and brotherly love, that the cause of God may the more speedily triumph in the earth.

Solemn indeed are the times. Unmistakable are the evidences of our Lord's soon return. Everything that can possibly be used by God to foretell the end of all things, speaks in positive tones, "Prepare to meet thy God." We quote a few words from the Testimonies which, it seems to us, we do well to heed:

"The lives of professing Christians who do not live the Christ-life are a mockery to religion. Every one whose name is registered on the church roll is under obligation to represent Christ by revealing the inward adorning of a meek and quiet spirit. They are to be His witnesses, making known the advantages of walking and working as Christ has given them example. The truth for this time is to appear in its power in the lives of those who believe it, and is to be imparted to the world. Believers are to represent in their lives its power to sanctify and ennoble.

"The inhabitants of the heavenly universe expect the followers of Christ to shine as lights in the world. They are to show forth the power of the grace that Christ died to give men. God expects those who profess to be Christians to reveal in their lives the highest development of Christianity. They are recognized representatives of Christ, and they are to show that Christianity is a reality. They are to be men of faith, men of courage, whole-souled men, who, without questioning, trust in God and His promises.

"All who would enter the city of God must during their earthly life set forth Christ in their dealings. It is this that constitutes them the messengers of Christ, His witnesses. They are to bear a plain, decided testimony against all evil practices, pointing sinners to the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world. He gives all who receive Him, power to become the sons of God. Regeneration is the only path by which we can enter the city of God. It is narrow, and the gate by which we enter is strait, but along it we are to lead men and women and children, teaching them that in order to be saved, they must have a new heart and a new spirit. The old, hereditary traits of character must be overcome.

The natural desires of the soul must be changed. All deception, all falsifying, all evil-speaking, must be put away. The new life, which makes men and women Christlike, is to be lived.

"There must be no pretense in the lives of those who have so sacred and so solemn a message as we have been called to bear. The world is watching Seventh-day Adventists, because it knows something of their profession of faith, and of their high standard, and when it sees those who do not live up to their profession, it points at them with scorn."

General Summary

Number of churches	24
Membership	1,064
Number of companies	3
Membership	26
Number of isolated Sabbath-keepers	35
Total Sabbath-keepers 1911	1,125
Total Sabbath-keepers 1910	1,098
Total tithe receipts (12 mos.)	\$20,079.21
Total tithe receipts (10 mos.)	\$18,031.55
Tithe per capita	\$16.95
Ten churches show a gain in tithe for 1911.	
Amount of tithe appropriated to fields outside of conference	\$6,626.56
Total offerings to foreign missions	\$5,965.34
Total contributions for home mission work	\$592.22
Total contributions for local church work	\$2,902.84
Conference debt and pledges	\$1,467.98
Number of church buildings	19
Estimated value	\$52,100.00
Approximate seating capacity	2,785
Ordained ministers	6
Licensed ministers	5
Licensed missionaries	4
Book and periodical canvassers	33

Field Work

During the ten months there were conducted in our conference five tent efforts, six church and schoolhouse efforts, and two with churches, of one week each. The result of these, with the blessing of God, is sixty baptisms. Besides these, there are nine who are keeping the Sabbath but have not received baptism as yet, making a gain of sixty-nine. One church of thirteen members has been organized, and one of nine members re-organized.

Concerning the stability and permanency of the work, the Testimonies have this to say:

"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 skilful 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."

Camp-Meeting and Conventions

But one camp-meeting was held in our conference during the year. This was at Tulare. The good influences there started are still evident in the lives of many. May the good work and operations of grace continue upon all of our hearts, till each shall reflect the perfect image of Him "whom having not seen, ye love."

In connection with the camp-meeting at Oakland, the teachers from our conference were called together for a season of study and meditation. We are sure the church schools are reaping the benefit of these experiences. This convention served to unify the work, as well as being directly beneficial along the line of progress in a higher standard of work and discipline.

A Sabbath-school convention was called at Fresno, to which the officers and members of our schools in the San Joaquin Valley were invited. A number of excellent papers were read. Among these the ones on "Donations or Offerings" and "The Place of Music and Song in Our Sabbath-Schools" were of special interest. We believe these gatherings can be made a blessing, and when carefully planned should be encouraged.

Book and Periodical Work

"The canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order, and it is as good and successful a method as can be employed for placing before the people the important truths for this time. The importance of the work of the ministry is unmistakable; this is one of God's means for enlightening the world. But He has other means also. He uses the power of the press in printing papers and books containing the messages of truth. These are essential in carrying forward the work of the gospel. Many who are hungry for the bread of life have not the privilege of hearing the word from God's delegated preachers. For this reason it is essential that our publications be widely circulated. The sheets that come from the groaning press to be prepared as tracts and bound up as books are to go forth to all parts of the earth. Thus the message will go where the living preacher can not go, and the attention of many will be called to the important events connected with the closing scenes of this world's history.

"God has ordained the canvassing work as a means of presenting before the people the light contained in our books; and canvassers should be impressed with the importance of bringing before the world as fast as possible the books necessary for their spiritual educa-

tion and enlightenment. This is the very work the Lord desires His people to do at this time. All who consecrate themselves to God to work as canvassers are assisting to give the last message of warning to the world. We can not too highly estimate this work; for were it not for the efforts of the canvasser, many would never hear the warning."

The canvassing work, to be reported in detail by our field agent, is for a period of nine months, beginning with April 1 and ending December 31, 1911, a summary of which is as follows:

Number of agents doing work	33
Value of orders	\$4,313.50
Value of orders delivered	\$3,805.85
Loss of orders in delivery	\$325.20
Per cent of orders delivered	92.4
Lowest amount of sales per agent	\$2.50
Highest amount of sales per agent	\$656.50
Besides these, there was sold by the Bible House and at camp-meeting:	
School-books	\$460.78
Bibles	293.44
Tracts	294.39
Magazines	1,107.70
Periodical subscriptions	985.25
Miscellaneous sales	573.95
Merchandise	90.74
Total	\$3,806.25
Making a grand total of	7,612.10

Church Schools

Number of church schools	9
Number of teachers	12
Total enrolment	222
Estimated value of buildings and equipment	\$6,375.00
Expense of annual maintenance	\$6,097.00
School prayer-meetings reported thus far	60
Number of conversions and baptisms during the present term	18
Children attending school who are not Adventists	18

Active missionary work is carried on in nearly every school through an organized missionary society. About \$45 is reported as having been raised by these schools during the past school term, and definite plans are being laid during the present term to raise money for the same purpose.

It is encouraging to the hearts of parents to know that their children are not only instructed in the common branches, but are having an experience of heart, and preparation for service in the work of the Lord.

The Armona Academy

Quite a strong sentiment existed during the time of our conference at Fresno, that the Central California Intermediate School at Armona should be continued, and that the school be graded up to the twelfth grade. The Central California Conference Committee, at a meeting held on April 30, 1911, recommended "that we look with favor on appointing strong committees to consider and present the school proposition of this conference at our coming camp-meeting."

In harmony with the foregoing, the

people who were gathered at the Tulare camp-meeting appointed two committees—one on nominations, the other on plans. The following is a complete report of the last-named committee, as published in the PACIFIC UNION RECORDER of June 8, 1911:

"Your committee appointed to consider the Armona school, and its relation to the Central California Conference, would suggest the following recommendations, with the understanding that they are to be submitted to the first session of the Central California Conference for ratification before they become of binding obligation:

"1. That the offer of the present owners and board of management of the Armona school to turn over the property and management of the school to the Central California Conference as soon as said conference is ready to assume the responsibility, be gratefully accepted; and that the school be graded up to and including the twelfth grade, according to the course of study recommended by the General Conference Department of Education, and that its name be 'The Armona Academy.'

"2. *We Recommend*, That the people at the Tulare camp-meeting elect a supervisory board of eight members for the Armona Academy, to supervise said academy until the annual meeting of the Central California Conference, when the people shall elect the board.

"*Whereas*, The parties who at present hold the conditional deed of the Central California Intermediate School property, and also the deed of the Armona church, offer to make a straight deed to a legal association to be formed by the constituency of the Central California Conference at the first annual session of said conference; and—

"*Whereas*, The only condition imposed by the said parties as a purchase obligation for the said above-named property is the sum of \$750;

"3. *We Recommend*, That the members of the Central California Conference in camp-meeting assembled accept said offer and conditions; and,—

"4. *We further recommend*, That we hereby favor the newly elected school board petitioning the Central California Conference to appoint some one to solicit the said amount of \$750.

"5. *We further Recommend*, That the financial policy of the Armona Academy be to steadfastly avoid the making of debts in the running of the school or in building and supplying equipment, etc."

These recommendations were adopted by the people at camp-meeting, and have formed the basis of action for the newly elected academy board. It now devolves upon this conference to provide for the future of the Armona Academy as to its continuance and work.

Sabbath-School Work

"The Sabbath-school work is important, and all who are interested in the truth should endeavor to make it prosperous."

"The Sabbath-school affords to par-

ents and children a precious opportunity for the study of God's word. But in order to gain that benefit which they should gain in the Sabbath-school, both parents and children should devote time to the study of the lessons, seeking to obtain a thorough knowledge of the facts presented, and also the spiritual truths which these facts are designed to teach."

Looking at the statistics gleaned from the Sabbath-school secretary's records, we present the following to the conference: Six schools were added and five dropped during the year.

Total number at present	25
Total membership of these schools	1,028
Total contributions for year	\$2,048.67
Total amount given to missions	2,014.27

The total contributions last year for the schools of this conference were \$1,443.30.

This year shows an increase of \$605.37. Last year the schools of this conference used \$36.24 of Sabbath-school contributions for expenses. This year \$34.40 has been used.

Young People's Work

"Youth is the opportunity to do something and to become somebody."

"Youth is the period of building up in habits, and hopes, and faiths,—not an hour but is trembling with destinies; not a moment, once passed, of which the appointed work can never be done again, or the neglected blow struck on the cold iron."

"Every period of life has its peculiar temptations and dangers. But youth is the time when we are most likely to be ensnared. This preeminently is the forming, fixing period, the spring season of disposition and habit; and it is during this season, more than any other, that the character assumes its permanent shape and color, and the young are wont to take their course for time and eternity."

We have in our conference six societies, with a membership of 127. Of this number, thirty-three are taking the reading course. Among other noteworthy features are 56 letters written and 13 received, 90 Bible readings held, 230 papers sold, 213 books sold, \$57.33 given to foreign missions, \$28.88 to home missions, and \$37.69 for the work of the local societies.

Religious Liberty

During the year an educational work was carried forward in the conference along religious liberty lines. All the public school-teachers were supplied with the special issue of *Liberty*, and later on a copy of "American State Papers" was sent to each of the senators and representatives, also to the judges of the district court and county attorneys. In view of the aggressive movements of the Catholic Church and the inactivity of Protestants, we believe that now is the time for a decidedly educational campaign among all classes in behalf of freedom of conscience.

"While the Protestant world is by her attitude making concessions to Rome, let us arouse to comprehend the situation, and view the contest before us in its

true bearings. Let the watchmen now lift up their voice and give the message which is present truth for this time. Let us show the people where we are in prophetic history, and seek to arouse the spirit of true Protestantism, awaking the world to a sense of the value of the privileges of religious liberty so long enjoyed."

"When God has given us light concerning the dangers before us, how can we stand clear in His sight if we neglect to put forth every effort in our power to bring it before the people? Can we be content to leave them to meet this momentous issue unwarned?"

"We, as a people, have not accomplished the work which God has committed to us. We are not ready for the issue to which the enforcement of Sunday law will bring us. It is our duty, as we see the signs of approaching peril, to arouse to action. Let none sit in calm expectation of the evil, comforting themselves with the belief that this work must go on because prophecy has foretold it, and that the Lord will shelter His people. We are not doing the will of God if we sit in quietude, doing nothing to preserve liberty of conscience. Fervent, effectual prayer should be ascending to heaven that this calamity may be deferred until we can accomplish the work which has so long been neglected. Let there be most earnest prayer; and then let us work in harmony with our prayers.

"A great crisis awaits the people of God. A crisis awaits the world. The most momentous struggle of all the ages is just before us.

"There are many, even of those engaged in this movement for Sunday enforcement, who are blinded to the results which will follow this action. They do not see that they are striking directly against religious liberty. There are many who have never understood the claims of the Bible Sabbath and the false foundation upon which the Sunday institution rests."

During the year before us, steps should be taken by this conference through its religious liberty department secretary to supply the press with up-to-date articles on these all-important themes. A campaign should be inaugurated by our churches in supplying reading-matter to their neighbors and friends.

Conference Building

At a meeting of the delegates and members of the Central California Conference held February 17, 1911, it was voted to have the office and headquarters located at Fresno. It became evident at once that rooms must be found in which to conduct our business; but upon inquiry nothing suitable could be had for less than \$50 a month, and this accommodation did not provide warehouse facilities for the storing of the conference property, such as tents, etc. It was found, when provision for the latter was considered, that the rental for both office and warehouse would amount to \$75 a month, or \$900 a year.

For our immediate needs, the Fresno church kindly voted the free use of a room in the rear of the church, and on March 4, 1911, passed a resolution that they "empower the board of trustees of said church to transfer, for the consideration of ten dollars, to the Central California Conference, a building site in the rear of the Fresno Seventh-day Adventist church; and that all details of said transfer be worked out by the board of trustees and the Central California Conference Committee, and that the Central California Conference bear all expenses connected with said transfer."

This offer of the Fresno church was accepted by the Central California Conference Committee on March 5, 1911, and their appreciation of said gift duly forwarded to the Fresno church. At this same meeting of the conference committee, your president and secretary were "empowered to make arrangements for material with which to build the conference office and warehouse." On March 19, 1911, a building committee was appointed "with power to purchase material and go ahead with the building." This committee consisted of the following-named persons: J. H. Behrens, F. P. Cady, J. M. Church, and S. G. White.

After submitting plans, the conference committee, on the same date, passed a resolution "that it is the sense of this committee that the building be of cement blocks."

Building operations were begun at once, and on July 1 we were able to occupy our new office rooms. The building was dedicated on September 3, Elder E. E. Andross officiating, assisted by other conference help. The cost of the building as shown by bills and vouchers is \$2,536.94. This takes into consideration the donations that were made to the building fund. It is evident from a business standpoint that in three years' time more than this amount would be paid in rent, for which no returns would come to the conference. The lot, 25 x 75, is worth, at the lowest estimate, \$1,000. Hence in two and a half years from now, the conference, in paying rent at \$75 a month, would save the entire cost of the building. The value of the property to-day is not less than \$3,500.

Recommendations

1. Steps should be taken by this conference to form a legal association whose object and duty it shall be to hold in trust all church and conference properties.
2. Provision should be made for the Armona Academy as to its future and work.
3. It should be decided at what time we shall hold our conference. Shall it be in connection with our camp-meeting, or shall it be held at a separate time?
4. What proportion of our income shall be paid to the General Conference?
5. Steps should also be taken to provide for the conference debt assumed at the time of the Fresno conference.
6. Plans should also be laid by the conference and carried out in all the

churches whereby every member of the Lord's household shall have some definite work in the closing days of the third angel's message.

"The Great General is not only leading a few generals; but the Captain of the Lord of Hosts is leading the armies of both heaven and earth to battle; and they are marching on to a 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."

We now return the responsibility of the work to the delegates of the conference, with the earnest prayer that our heavenly Father shall give to each the needed grace and sanctified judgment for all deliberations.

J. H. Behrens.

THE CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE REVENUE STATEMENT FOR THE TEN MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1911

Gains	
Tithe	\$18,031.55
Donations	104.90
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	\$18,136.45
Losses	
Expense	\$ 594.55
General expense	530.56
Educational Dept.	26.85
Sabbath-school Dept.	25.14
Young People's Dept.	12.00
Percentage of tithe to Union and General conferences	6,626.56
Tithe	1,803.15
Second tithe, 6 3/4 %	1,217.14
Mission Board, 15 %	2,704.72
Sustentation fund, 5 %	901.55
Miscellaneous losses	301.61
Depreciation on property	35.00
Agent's transportation	4.50
Free literature	20.00
Fuel	15.00
Insurance	11.90
Scholarships	6.04
Teachers' institute and transportation	209.17
Camp-meeting	213.09
Salary and laborers' expense	9,921.73
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Total losses	\$17,657.54
Net gain 1911	478.91
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	\$18,136.45

FINANCIAL STATEMENT DECEMBER 31, 1911

Assets	
Central California Bible House	\$2,168.32
Armona school	145.00
Inventory	5,673.05
Office building and lot	\$2,546.17
Expense	61.93
Fuel	14.75
Insurance	46.55
Property	552.60
Tents	2,446.55
Teachers' institute	4.50
Funds available	1,657.54
In bank	1,561.31
Cash on hand	96.23
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Total Assets	\$9,643.91
Liabilities	
California Conference	\$ 219.99
Orphan's fund	63.58
Teachers' institute	188.27
Personal accounts	4.34
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Total liabilities	\$ 476.18
Surplus Account	
California Conference	\$8,675.82
Building fund donations	13.00
Net gain 1911	478.91
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Present worth December 31, 1911	\$9,167.73
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	\$9,643.91

MEMORANDA OF OFFERINGS AND TRUST FUNDS

Foreign mission offerings	\$7,061.97
Annual offerings	\$1,100.92
Midsummer offerings	790.40
Missions offerings	615.79
\$300,000 fund	2,577.14
Sabbath-school offerings (10 months)	1,688.96
Harvest ingatherings	288.76
Miscellaneous foreign	287.61
Africa	1.25
California Mountain Home, India	3.00
China	142.84
Eskimo Indians	5.41
India	19.55
Inca Indians	23.35
Japanese Mission	70.74
Nyasaland	11.20
Philippines	9.77
Portugal	.50
Miscellaneous home missions	592.33
Jewish work	5.00
"Christian Record" (blind)	60.12
Maine "Instructors"	.90
Southern work	147.22
Oakwood equipment	245.32
Portland, Maine, church	21.77
German Seminary	85.00
Swedish Seminary	27.00
Local conference	1,569.06
Armona school	27.50
Conference debt and pledges	1,467.98
Miscellaneous	73.58
Special (Reinke)	5.00
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Total	\$9,515.97
	S. G. White, Treasurer.

THE CENTRAL CALIFORNIA BIBLE HOUSE REVENUE STATEMENT FOR THE TEN MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1911

Gains	
Merchandise	\$428.28
Losses	
Agents' expense	\$ 8.23
Expense	234.10
Field agent's expense	.75
Insurance	2.40
Labor	126.01
Property	26.42
Scholarships	8.70
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Net Gain 1911	\$ 21.67

FINANCIAL STATEMENT DECEMBER 31, 1911

Assets	
Local church societies	\$ 52.84
Personal accounts	398.35
	451.19
Inventories	
Merchandise	\$1,491.82
Expense	124.02
Property	111.75
Field agent's expenses	3.00
Insurance	18.00
	1,748.59
	\$2,199.78
Liabilities	
Personal accounts	\$ 7.67
Local church societies	2.12
Central Cal Conf.	2,168.32
	2,178.11
Net gain 1911	21.67
	\$2,199.78
	S. G. White, Secretary.

Auditor's Report

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that I have made a careful examination of the books of account with the vouchers produced of the Central California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and its missionary department, the Central California Bible House, for the ten months ending December 31, 1911, and find that the revenue and financial statements presented are correct reports of the present condition of the business as on the 31st day of December, 1911, as disclosed by said books of account.

J. J. Ireland,
Auditor Pacific Union Conf.

The Armona Academy
The Student Body

The most interesting feature of the Armona Academy is the student body. I am sure that I have never seen a more wide-awake class of students. All seem working toward a definite aim, and that in harmony with the purpose of the institution. The enrolment at the present time is 96,—30 in the academic department, 36 in the intermediate, and 30 in the primary. The present attendance is about 85. It is a joy to the faculty to see the spirit of cooperation manifested by all. Our location and the spirit of loyalty on the part of the patrons have enabled us to reduce our discipline to a minimum, and the energies and time of the teachers have been thus saved for the mental and spiritual work of the institution. It is safe to say that we have a helpful, Christian atmosphere in the school. The non-Christian element is as small as could be expected.

Week of Prayer and Christian Experience

During the week of prayer every student in the academic department took a

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF TITHE RECEIPTS
From the Central California Conference Churches for the Years 1910-1911, with a Summary of Mission and Sabbath-School Offerings for the Ten Months Ending December 31, 1911

Name	Tithe Jan.-Feb. to Cal.	Tithe 10 Months	Total Tithe 1911	Tithe 1910	Sabbath-School	Missions
1. Armona	\$ 170.66	\$2,634.36	\$2,805.02	\$3,290.19	\$ 174.95	\$ 704.90
2. Arroyo Grande	10.85	155.91	166.76	366.42	33.40	73.76
3. Bakersfield	319.87	623.61	943.48	287.95	135.11	327.43
4. Barstow Colony	28.22	624.27	652.49	299.12	25.32	102.81
5. Burrough	6.00	241.90	247.90	275.59	20.41	84.67
6. Dinuba	189.50	2,200.26	2,389.76	1,561.64	134.29	952.01
7. Dinuba (German)					11.94	22.00
8. Exeter		212.78	212.78	313.00	57.08	377.31
9. Fowler	18.57	235.43	254.00	1,001.34	27.86	132.62
10. Fresno	418.67	4,432.01	4,850.68	3,169.60	413.23	1,400.55
11. Hanford	125.17	1,125.26	1,250.43	1,540.63	53.07	398.56
12. Hollister		207.92	207.92			42.10
13. Island	141.55	702.08	843.63	608.43	68.25	162.49
14. Lemoore	127.35	980.94	1,108.29	1,191.44	63.50	176.21
15. Laguna	51.55	919.84	971.39	395.39	83.37	150.47
16. Lockwood		91.50	91.50	831.09	.84	
17. Lindsay Co.					14.07	33.47
18. Madera	14.15	47.42	61.57	146.24	6.04	1.50
19. Monterey	6.35	163.55	169.90	132.50	15.87	26.75
20. San Luis Obispo	39.35	487.21	526.56	229.48	24.85	53.21
21. Selma	33.01	918.81	951.82	1,057.76	71.27	149.65
22. Tulare		20.24	20.24		5.00	4.05
23. Visalia	137.25	218.23	355.48	14.85	45.79	102.00
24. Wallace District	209.59	229.66	439.25	246.69	18.74	38.40
Totals	\$2,047.66	\$17,473.19	\$19,520.85	\$16,959.35	\$1,504.25	\$5,520.92
Personal		558.36	558.36		184.71	352.94
Received by Central Cal.	\$18,031.55	\$20,079.21			\$1,688.96	\$5,873.86
To California two months	2,047.66					
		\$20,079.21				\$17,473.19
						2,047.66
Tithe received from churches of Central California during 1911						\$19,520.85
Tithe received from churches of Central California during 1910						16,959.35
Gain received in tithe from the churches of Central California Conference for the year 1911						\$2,561.50
						S. G. White, Treasurer.

definite stand for God. As a tangible result of the week's work, fourteen of the students were baptized, ten of whom were from the grammar grades. We have two prayer bands organized among the students, which meet twice a week, just before the chapel hour.

Canvassers' Band

A canvassers' band of nine members has been organized in the school, and definite work is being accomplished.

Class Work

We have a class of ten members studying the principles of our faith. The class studying the life of Christ is composed of twelve members. Both of these classes are doing good work. Throughout the school special emphasis is put upon the study of the Scriptures. The teachers are seeking to develop a systematic study of the Bible, as well as imparting daily spiritual lessons, and promoting the spirit of reverence for the Word of God.

Course of Study

The course of study that is carried out is the same as the academic course outlined by the Educational Department of the General Conference. By a com-

binization of classes we have been able to satisfy the needs of every student. Our program provides for forty-five minutes for class recitations. We feel confident that our work will meet the required standard.

Five students will finish the academic course this year. There are eight students who are contemplating finishing the eighth grade.

Music Department

We have made a beginning in music, and the department is developing satisfactorily. We are endeavoring to cultivate in the entire student body a love for good, pure, uplifting music.

From a Financial Standpoint

The management is seeking to operate the institution free from debt. We are doing everything possible to carry out the financial policy outlined by the people assembled at the Tulare camp-meeting.

Improvements

A water plant has been built, the school building has been papered and painted within, and a coat of paint has been put on the building used for the primary and intermediate grades.

A manikin chart and a globe have been purchased for the grammar grades,

and a fund is now being raised to purchase desks for these grades. A good microscope has been secured for the science department. About fifty dollars worth of apparatus has been received for the physics class. A good piano has been secured for the music department.

Amounts Received and Expended

The tuition for the first three months of school this year is \$655. Of this amount, \$597 has been collected, and expended as follows:

Salary	\$495.00
Janitor	12.00
Fuel	20.00
Piano	10.00
Calendars and expense	35.00
Music department	8.00
Farm	10.00

Total	\$590.00
Leaving a cash balance of	7.00

On the improvement fund created last summer, we have collected \$833.70, and expended as follows:

Water plant	\$650.00
Manikin chart	26.00
Globe	12.00
Tools and furniture	12.00
Repairing school building	133.70

Total	\$833.70
Pledges still due on this	147.00

In addition to this fund, we have received \$69.30 worth of labor, and the microscope, \$50. A fund has been started for the music department. We have pledges to the amount of \$96. Twenty-five dollars has been collected and applied on the purchase of our piano.

J. L. Jones, *Principal*.

Sabbath-School

I take pleasure in reporting the work done by the Sabbath-schools of this conference, for the Lord has blessed in this department of His work.

When the conference was organized last March, we had twenty-four Sabbath-schools. On account of the removal of so many of our brethren, it has been necessary to discontinue five of these schools: Madera, West Muscatelle, Bakersfield (German), Exeter (English), and Templeton. Six new schools have been added: Templeton and Exeter (English), which have since been dropped; Paso Robles, which is made up of our colored brethren; Wheatville, consisting of members of the Home Department; Tukare, having a membership of nineteen; and Hollister, having seventeen members. This gives us an enrollment of twenty-five schools at the present time, with a membership of 1,028.

The financial record of these schools is very encouraging. The report by quarters is as follows:

No.	Total Contributions	Expenses	To Missions
	<i>First Quarter</i>		
24	\$412.31	\$9.26	\$403.05
	<i>Second Quarter</i>		
25	537.11	2.35	534.76

	<i>Third Quarter</i>		
23	496.68	11.96	484.72
	<i>Fourth Quarter</i>		
25	602.57	10.83	591.74

The total amount of contributions for the year 1911 was \$2,048.67. The amount used for expense has been \$34.40. The total amount given to missions is \$2,014.27. Comparing these statistics with those of last year, we find an increase in the total amount of contributions of \$605.37.

Our Sabbath-school offerings show a steady increase throughout the year. Reports have been sent to various schools each quarter, showing the decrease or increase in offerings, as the case might be; also the average amount given by each member per Sabbath. The schools have been encouraged to work toward the end of raising the amount given each Sabbath to five cents per member. The reports show that the average amount given each Sabbath per member during the first quarter was three cents; during the second quarter, four cents; during the third quarter, 4½ cents; and during the fourth quarter 5 cents; thus making a gradual increase from quarter to quarter.

In our Sabbath-school work, surely we have a strong incentive held out to us to give. When we remember that all Sabbath-school offerings at the present time are given to promote the message in needy fields, it should stimulate us to put forth our best and most earnest efforts to give, "not grudgingly, nor of necessity," but gladly and cheerfully, remembering that "he which soweth sparingly shall also reap sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall also reap bountifully."

At the present time there are forty-three members in our Home Department who are studying the Sabbath-school lessons in their homes. It is an inspiration to read the letters that come from the members of this department, telling of their faith, hope, and courage in the progress of this message. It is a matter of interest to know that \$71.67 of the Sabbath-school offerings this past year has been given by the faithful members of the Home Department.

One of our Sabbath-schools has been organized and is made up of Home Department members; and one brother is now obeying the truth and making a systematic study of the Sabbath-school lessons, through the efforts of a family belonging to this department.

I would like to speak of the work done by the Sabbath-school children during the past year. An appeal was made to all the Sabbath-schools to interest the children in working to raise money for a definite field, Japan being the field chosen. Only a few schools responded, but these few have worked faithfully, and as a result \$70.74 has been raised in this way. This illustrates, however, what might be accomplished if all our schools worked toward a definite end in giving.

Our camp-meeting contributions amounted this year to just \$97.

We are glad for the faithful corps of Sabbath-school officers and teachers we have had during the past year; also for the effort that has been put forth in so many schools to interest the children in a systematic and definite study of the Sabbath-school lessons.

Several schools have taken an active interest in the Sabbath-School Workers' Training Course, and are finding it a source of help and inspiration in their Sabbath-school work. We trust that all who desire to qualify themselves for better and more effective Sabbath-school work will take advantage of this course.

Fifty conversions and baptisms are reported for the past year. It is our privilege to see definite results along spiritual lines in our Sabbath-school work. We trust that the time will come when every Sabbath-school officer will make the chief end and aim of his Sabbath-school work the salvation of souls; that special days will be set apart, at which time children and young people are invited to find the Saviour. And when this is done, the result will be a harvest of souls for the Master, and one hundred conversions where now there is one.

Mrs. T. D. Robison,
Secretary.

Book Work

When the book work was entered upon by the Central California Conference some ten months ago, the prospects were not at all flattering. When the field was turned over by the California Conference, the canvassers to man the field were evidently overlooked, and we were obliged to begin at the ground and work up. We did begin at the bottom, and even up to the present time have not attained any great degree of height; but a work has been done, and I believe that it has been a substantial start that has been taken.

For permanent workers our numbers are and have been few. The greatest work was accomplished during the summer months, when the students were out for the summer vacation. I might say here that it is hoped a permanent set of workers may be developed, in order that the tide of these truth-laden pages need not stop when the schools begin, and then start again when the schools close.

In this evangelistic soliciting work, we are ever mindful of the statement that the canvassing work, properly conducted, is as good and successful a method as can be employed for placing before the people the important truths for this time. From this, then, the work of the canvasser is unmistakable.

It may seem strange to many that although the book work is so important, few persons take it up as their vocation. It is regarded largely as an avocation; that is, canvass when you can not do anything else. This is not so strange when we consider the work in a different light. There are a number of people who start to do an excellent work for a time, and then begin to slip back, until they are heard of no more; but it is just as true that many people can not stand the

dizzy heights of prosperity and public attention. The storm that gently sways the delicate flower of the plain, often works havoc with the giant oak on the mountain crest. So it is with the book work. The storms that come to us ordinary people in the daily walks of life are gentle zephyrs compared with the storms that greet the men and women who are doing a great work; and it is to be regretted that so many are swayed from this work to attend to the call of a Sanballat, or still farther, as recorded in Jotham's parable, to stop their goodly vintage to go and be king over the trees.

During the nine months preceding Jan. 1, 1912, thirty different individuals were engaged in the book work, placing some of nearly all our regular subscription books. Among those especially handled was "Practical Guide," of which 321 copies are now in the homes of the people, aggregating the sum of 203,835 pages. "Past, Present, and Future" follows, with a total of 341 books, or 170,500 pages. Then follows the messenger of the approaching dawn, "Heralds of the Morning." You will be glad to know that the light on the subject of the second coming of Christ has been placed in 396 homes, about 1,500 persons thus having the privilege of knowing what these things mean. 165,924 pages were left to tell them the story. The book "Daniel and the Revelation" must not be omitted, as over 130 copies of this book were left, giving as many expositions of each chapter in the two books. 87,300 pages were distributed to tell the people of Central California about the prophecies of these two remarkable epistles. One hundred three copies of "Great Controversy" may now be found dotted here and there over the territory of the Central California Conference, as monuments of God's love and care in sending to men a message of admonition. "Coming King," with a circulation of 51 copies, places before the inmates of as many homes a title suggesting their duty just as many times as they look upon the book, even though they do not read a page. 16,218 pages have been distributed to tell the story. Among other books might be mentioned 9 copies of "Bible Readings," each with its 162 subjects, or an equivalent of 1,458 Bible readings based on that sacred volume, the Bible. Five copies of "The Desire of Ages" tell the story of the life of Jesus in as many homes, while seven copies of "Patriarchs and Prophets" testify to the lessons that may be gleaned from the experiences of God's people of old. Seventy-five copies of that valuable little book "Steps to Christ" have found a reception in as many homes, as well as have 47 copies of "Story of Daniel," 14 "Seer of Patmos," 124 "Best Stories," and 94 copies of our smaller subscription books.

All together, 1,500 copies of our subscription books, averaging 519 pages each, or an aggregate of 810,968 pages, have been placed to give the message. This does not include the forty per cent

books, of which 230 were disposed of at a value of \$123.15.

The good accomplished by the distribution of these books will never be realized in this world; but let us each pray that in the great eternity beyond some fruit will be seen in the kingdom as a result of these efforts.

Statistical

Value of orders taken	\$4,313.50
Value delivered	\$3,805.85
Amount considered good undelivered	182.45
Total in field	\$3,988.30
Loss of orders in delivery	\$325.20
Percentage of orders delivered	92.4
Highest amount of orders per agent	\$656.50
Average sales per week	\$110.60
Average deliveries per week	\$102.26
or an average of \$20.45 for each day of work for the nine months.	

J. W. Rich,
Field Director.

The Publication Department

"Of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh," were words penned three thousand years ago, but certainly more true to-day than ever before. It is a fact that when God calls a people out of Egypt, or darkness, He asks them to study books and writings, and meditate thereon day and night, that they may advance and develop spiritually, mentally, and physically, and that whatever they expend energy upon may prosper.

The circulation of good writings and prints means as much to Protestantism to-day as it did in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, and the suppression of the same spells progress and prosperity for the powers of darkness.

The prosperity of this department is measured by the amount of literature circulated. We can not give a comparative report, as we have no previous record for this field. We are glad to say that some of the churches of this conference are laying plans for more advance work for 1912 than has been carried on during the past, although many thousands of pieces of literature have been circulated within the ten months of our sojourn. Our literature sales are as follows:

	Copies	Value
Sub. books, 50%	1,648	\$3,682.70
Sub. books, 40%	230	123.15
School and church books	704	460.78
Miscellaneous books	930	573.95
Total	3,512	\$4,840.58
Retail per volume		1.38
Bibles	125	\$ 293.44
Tracts, pamphlets, and leaflets (16p. tracts)	29,439	294.39
Magazines	11,227	1,107.70
	44,303	
Bible Training School	1,350	
Chinese Signs	100	

Owari No Fukins (Jap.)	200
Life Boat	120
Liberty	1,702
Life and Health	705
Watchman	589
Signs Monthly	1,886
Temperance Instructor	4,575

Subscriptions	40,156	985.05
Arbeiter	\$ 1.50	
Bible Training School	3.00	
Christian Education	1.50	
Chinese Signs	1.00	
Life Boat	.70	
Liberty	14.50	
Life and Health	17.40	
Our Little Friend	108.27	
Protestant	9.35	
PACIFIC UNION RECORDER	35.35	
Review and Herald	149.93	
Watchman	9.25	
Sabbath School Worker	26.37	
Sendebud	5.25	
Signs weekly	397.17	
Signs Monthly	21.05	
Tidens Tecken	6.00	
Youth's Instructor	176.96	

Miscellaneous merchandise	\$7,521.36
	90.74
Total sales	\$7,612.10

Besides these, there were 6,890 Missions Ingathering Signs sent out and circulated in this conference, and \$288.76 was realized. This makes a total of separate pieces of literature of 91,349.

To transact the business connected with the handling of these orders, we paid to the government \$166.98 for postage stamps (\$68.38 worth were put on merchandise packages, and \$98.60 on letters); to Wells Fargo, \$122.66; and for the transportation of freight, \$54.84; making a total of \$344.48. Besides this sum, the publishers paid, at pound rates, postage on the periodical subscriptions and magazines.

We were very glad to note, at the time of making out the financial standing, that the Central California Bible House came through the year with a small margin of \$21.67 gain after paying the running expenses, such as freight, drayage, express and mail charges, office expense (stationery, stamps, account books, etc.), and the stenographic help.

At the Tulare camp-meeting about \$1,000 worth of literature was sold. Tulare was sown with the Temperance Instructor, and tracts were purchased for some of the tent companies. Seventh-day Adventists realize that if the seed (the printed page) is sown, the harvest will surely follow at the proper season.

Brother Rich has done faithful work in the canvassing field, and the accounts of the canvassers, as well as the church societies, are in a very healthy condition.

We feel to thank God for the prosperity which has attended this branch of the work, and trust that next year's record may see the awakening in the cir-

culuation of literature which the time and circumstances call for.

S. G. White, *Secretary*.

Church Schools

Although the church school work in the Central California Conference has had a very small beginning, there are many encouraging features in connection with the progress of the work.

At the time the conference was organized, church schools were conducted in the following places: Armona, Bakersfield, Hanford, Fresno, Laguna, Arroyo Grande, and a five months' term had just been completed at Kaweah. At the beginning of this school term, these schools were all continued with the exception of Arroyo Grande, and three new schools were begun.

In harmony with the instruction given us to establish schools and build up the work in the smaller places, the church at Monterey opened a church school in October. It is encouraging to know that almost every one in the church has had a part in establishing this school, although the majority of the members had no children to send. A portion of the church was fitted up for this purpose, and all the brethren helped in making screens, home-made desks, doing necessary carpenter work and plumbing, in order that four children might have the benefits of a church school. Some difficulties have been encountered in connection with starting the work, but the church has shown a willing spirit and a desire to sacrifice that a school might be built up. The enrolment has now increased from four to seven, and the Lord is blessing the efforts of a faithful teacher in that place.

An attractive little schoolroom and the best equipped of our new schools in this conference, is the Island school, where the brethren have not spared expense or time in fitting things properly for the duties of school work. The room is light and cheery, well finished, and provided with that which is worth so much to every teacher—good blackboards. These are found on every available bit of wall. All the school furnishings are new, which affords a real incentive to any teacher, and makes it a pleasure to work. The brethren are to be congratulated on the spirit of coöperation they have shown and the successful way in which they have financed their school. They have further shown their interest by providing a home for their teachers, having built a little cottage for this purpose near the church.

Another of our new schools may be found at Selma, about three fourths of a mile from town, being located on a small hill in the midst of a farm. It would be hard to find a more cheery, pleasant schoolroom than this very one, and it is indeed a pleasure to visit there—not because of its up-to-date schoolhouse, for the school is conducted in two rooms of an old farmhouse; not because of its modern furnishings, for you would find that the seats had been cut out by the planing-mill and put together

by the parents. The teacher's desk is home-made also, being fashioned by the loving, patient hands of a dear old brother in his ninety-eighth year, who wished to have a part in helping to establish this school. It is not, then, the excellent equipments that contribute to the atmosphere of cheer existing in the schoolroom, but the bright races of twelve happy children who have started to church school for the first time, and the spirit of harmony and coöperation that exists between patrons and teacher. Two rules are made by the school board and enforced by the parents, which account for the success of this school. The first is, "Every child must obey the teacher;" and the second, "Parents must coöperate with the teacher." If these rules were enforced and carried out in every school, the question of discipline would be solved.

Our greatest enrolment this year in the church school grades is found at Armona, where 64 children are enrolled in the first eight grades. A spirit of study and work characterizes this school in a very marked degree.

Fresno is the second largest school, having an enrolment of 61. The school board here have recently provided their teachers with a very fine set of maps, of which they are justly proud.

Our most remote school on the south is Bakersfield, which is progressing nicely. Having so small a space for a playground, the children have been provided with a May-pole, which not only makes it possible for a large number of children to play on a small piece of ground, but affords healthful exercise as well. About half of the children attending this school are not children of Adventists.

The school at Laguna boasts of the only school garden yet started in the conference, although plans are being made by other of our schools to begin gardens soon. We most earnestly invite the coöperation of every parent and every school board in a decided reform in perfecting this feature of our school work. We are plainly instructed that "daily systematic labor should constitute a part of the education of youth." We are told that "study in agricultural lines should be the A B C of the education given in our schools. This is the very first work that should be entered upon." We are also told that if we spent but one third of the ordinary amount of time upon book study, and devoted the remainder to physical labor of the right kind, we would not only gain physically, but would accomplish intellectually in one year what it now requires five years to acquire.

In view of this plain instruction, can we afford to delay in carrying out God's plan in this line of work—"that line which will give the very best kind of education"?

Our teachers feel the need of doing more along industrial lines. They realize that the Spirit of prophecy has spoken in no uncertain tones. They know that worldly schools are realizing the

importance of this line of work, and are making it a part of their school curriculum. But as it now is, if a small outlay of means is necessary to install some line of industrial work as we have been instructed to do, our teachers must provide the money from their own small salaries to carry on this work. This should not be. Our churches should give thought and study to this question, that teachers may have your full coöperation financially as well as morally, that facilities may be added to strengthen and carry on this work.

Hanford with an enrolment of fifteen, all primary children below the fourth grade; and Kaweah, which is operated by our German brethren, complete the list of church schools, making in all nine schools, with twelve teachers employed, and two hundred twenty-two pupils enrolled.

The week of prayer was made a precious season in the church schools, and as a result sixteen conversions are reported in the first eight grades. In addition to this, special efforts are put forth daily, by means of the morning exercises and organized mission bands, to promote the spiritual interests of the children, and fit them to fill positions of responsibility in this work.

I feel that thanks are due our school boards for the successful way in which our schools are financed. While not paid a large wage, our teachers are paid a uniform wage, and it is a matter of encouragement to know that only in one single case has there been any embarrassment over delay in the payment of salaries. In fact one teacher told me that she had been offered her salary a month in advance.

As we review the progress of our educational work during the past few years, we can see many evidences of advancement; still the call comes to us that we must lift the standard of our work higher, far above where it now stands. The time has come for us to work as we never have before, that we may keep pace in the march of educational reform. We need teachers, trained teachers, consecrated teachers, teachers who are willing to make this their life-work until the work is finished. We need the financial support of every church-member, that means may be forthcoming to carry on this work; for we read that "the work that lies nearest to our church-members is to become interested in our youth." We need the children of every Seventh-day Adventist in our schools. There are many who are not sending their children to our schools. Some are waiting for a higher standard to be maintained; some are waiting for better equipments; some are waiting for better teachers; but will you lose the blessing of a church school, and lose the privilege of helping to build up this most important branch of the Lord's work, by withholding your children from our schools?

Our needs are many and urgent; the call is imperative; the salvation and speedy preparation of the children are at stake. Is any sacrifice too great to make

for the accomplishment of this work? Shall we allow this work to languish for lack of means and coöperation, or shall we pledge ourselves anew to accept this holy trust that has been given us—the Christian training of our children?

Mrs. T. D. Robison,
Educational Superintendent.

Young People's Department

"Lift up your eyes, and behold them that come from the north: where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?" Jer. 13:20.

In ancient Israel this question was addressed to the fathers and mothers of Israel, to call their attention to a work that they were and had been neglecting for years, so much so that the young people were going the way of the world, and the work of the Lord was not being done. Since the fathers and mothers proved themselves incapable of the task, the Lord devised a means of assisting them in the plan, so that the youth would not be left to the work of the world. This plan consisted in what were termed the schools of the prophets.

The experiences of ancient Israel were given for our admonition; and every time we see or hear of a church school, we are forcibly reminded of the fact that modern Israel have been failing in their parental responsibilities, as much as did ancient Israel, though the example of ancient Israel is before them.

The General Conference, seeing the trend of our young people, and the manner in which the work of the Lord is regarded, has made an effort to turn the tide by establishing and maintaining the young people's department for the express purpose of assisting the parents in this direction. You will note that this department is not to do the work of the fathers and mothers, but merely to assist them.

Upon the organization of the Central California Conference, there were four such societies at work, with a membership of 85. Since that time, two more societies have been organized, so that at the present time the membership has grown to 127. A large number of the young people of the conference are not so situated that they can organize into bands for personal work in assisting each other, or in planning an aggressive campaign to help others. These need to be encouraged, and here I should like to recommend that our ministers and other conference laborers speak encouragingly to such, and urge them to take a part in the conference society. These workers can also assist the conference secretary in getting such information as will aid in doing more efficient work for them.

I will be unable to give any comparative statistics as to what has been done the last two years, for the reason that I have been unable to get any statistics of the work that was done during that time, unless it be in the reading courses offered. In the same territory last year

there were four societies; now there are six. Then there were eleven enrolled for the reading course work; now there are sixty-one. Thirty-one of these are also members of the local societies. The others are members of the conference society.

Quite an interest has been awakened in the courses, of which there are two—the Junior No. 4, and the Senior No. 5. The books used in the Junior course are "Uganda's White Man of Work," which has already been completed; "Early Writings," and Carpenter's "North America." There are nineteen young persons taking this course.

The Senior books are "Price of Africa," "Passion for Men" (both finished), "Ministry of Healing," and "Miracles of Missions." Forty-two are taking this course. From this list of books I am sure no one can doubt that much benefit will be derived from their perusal. But this is not all. Our young people have been doing some actual work for others, as you will notice by the following report:

Number of societies	6
Membership	127
Junior societies	2
Junior membership	12
No. taking Senior reading course	42
No. taking Junior reading course	19
Letters written	56
Letters received	13
Missionary visits (personal work)	65
Bible readings or cottage meetings held	90
Subscriptions taken for periodicals	18
Papers sold	230
Papers mailed, lent, or given away	4,643
Books sold	213
Books lent or given away	98
Pages of tracts sold	1,971
Pages of tracts lent or given away	16,554
Number of meals provided	37
Hours of Christian help work	151
Articles of clothing given away	184
Signers obtained to the temperance pledge	5
Offerings for foreign missions	\$57.33
Offerings for home missions	\$28.88
Offerings for local society work	\$37.69
Number of conversions of young people	3
Total contributions received	\$123.90

J. W. Rich, *Secretary.*

The Field

CALIFORNIA

St. Helena Sanitarium Siftings

On Sunday evening a reception will be given in the gymnasium in honor of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Bowen and family.

On Friday evening, after the young people's meeting, all four of the classes

met in their respective class rooms and had class prayer-meetings.

Several new rooms provided with private baths and other modern conveniences have recently been added to the sanitarium accommodations.

A public speaking class has recently been formed, and is under the direction of the chaplain. The class is enthusiastically carrying forward its work.

Within a week the sanitarium young people's society raised \$25 for Brother Charlie Roberts of the West Indies, as he is returning home after having had his leg amputated.

The sanitarium chorus is preparing to render the sacred cantata "David, the Shepherd Boy." Prof. M. W. Newton and other friends from the Pacific Union College will render valuable assistance.

Brother L. M. Bowen is disposing of a considerable portion of his household goods, and is preparing to move his family to his ranch at Hughson. He will continue his work as business manager, though of necessity a portion of his time will be spent at his Hughson ranch.

The medical library of Dr. Amy Bascom-Post has been donated to the Sanitarium Training School by Mr. Leon C. Post. Dr. Bascom was connected with the work at Huntsville, Alabama, from the time of her graduation in 1907 until her death of pellagra two years ago. She was married to Mr. Post about six weeks before her decease.

M. B. Hudson.

February 9.

Church Organization at Daly City

History

For some time Sister E. E. Parlin had been giving readings regularly to individuals in Daly City—a San Francisco suburb. Seeing what seemed to be an opening of Providence for public work, she presented the need before a meeting of the workers, held in March, 1911, at the Oakland church.

In May Brother and Sister G. A. Hamilton took up work in Daly City. Finding no suitable building for meeting purposes, a church building was used for

about three weeks in the near-by village of Colma. This proved to be too far removed from the center of interest. However, one sister began keeping the Sabbath.

During the summer a Sabbath-school was organized in Daly City. In September a tent was pitched. This series of meetings continued to about December 1. Soon after these meetings opened, the writer joined Brother Hamilton in labor. December 2 six were baptized. Meetings were then held in a hall. Others began to obey the truth.

Organization

Wednesday evening, February 7, the date set for the organization service, several of our brethren and sisters from the city and many strangers came to meet with us. Elder E. W. Farnsworth took charge of the service. Elders A. Brorsen, J. Adams Stevens, and the writer were also present and took part. The service was very impressive, and will be long remembered by those who attended.

Elder Farnsworth preached on "The Christian Church." Briefly the history of the church was traced from the time of the church in the wilderness — just after the exodus — to the time of Paul. The church organization of Paul's day, and the officers, with their qualifications and duties, were carefully considered. The strangers present manifested a deep interest in the sermon, and in every detail of the organization service that followed.

Three individuals, presenting themselves by letter, were selected for a nucleus. These were questioned concerning the points of the faith, and also as to whether they could fellowship each the others. One at a time, persons were questioned, and added by vote to this nucleus of the new church. This continued until the membership numbered seventeen.

Then a nominating committee was appointed. A suggestive list of names was presented for the different offices. This report was adopted, and the individuals were elected. Two elders and two deacons were then ordained for their sacred work. At the close of the meeting five others presented themselves for the solemn rite of baptism, which will be administered in the near future. We went home that night feeling profoundly grateful to God for this new church of witnesses and its bright future prospects.

B. E. Beddoe.

Pepperwood

A year ago I preached every evening for two months at this place. At that time the whole country around was stirred. Several took their stand for the truth. Since that I have held meetings in Del Norte County, and in Humboldt County, at Fields Landing, Dyerville, Garberville, Ferndale, Samoa, McKinleyville, Arcata, Bulwinkle, and now at Pepperwood again.

We are having a good attendance. Last evening a man who has been the burden of my heart day and night came forward and gave his heart to God. His son and three daughters have also expressed a desire to unite with us. A lady told me this morning she would be baptized the next opportunity.

After the service last evening some of the faithful ones remained, and we had a prayer and praise meeting. The good Lord came very near to us. It was a glorious place to be. My text last evening was Rev. 3:20, and hearts were opened to Him, and He verified His promise to the hungry souls of those who heard.

A gentleman from Holmes Camp who was present, made a strong plea that I should come to his little town and do such a work for them. The set time for God to clothe His servants with the power of the Holy Ghost has come. May we learn the lesson He has for us in Isa. 11:11, 12, 16; also Matt. 17:14-21. While the dear Lord is working through us with great power, Satan is inspiring his servants with great deceptiveness. While I was giving a Bible reading to a family last Sunday, the father of the lady of the house tried to bring in opposition because they had accepted the truth; but as we read many precious gems of truth, he left the room in rage. When he heard us still reading, he returned and joined us. Then again he rushed from the room like a madman, but returned. The next morning he told me he was so troubled he did not close his eyes to sleep all night. The next night he came to meeting. We are praying for him. So the battle is on. Let us pray much and work hard and see marvelous results.

J. W. Bressie.

February 6.

"He that is choice of his time will be choice of his company and choice of his actions."

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Conference Items

Elder Henry Shultz spent Sabbath, February 10, at Dos Palos.

Our president suggests to the workers that an interest take precedence of other appointments.

Miss Alice Brayshaw, our Bible worker at Stockton, is calling for a minister to administer baptism at that place.

Elder Taggart spent Sabbath, February 3 with the Atwater church. He reports a most interesting and profitable time.

Elder F. De Witt Gauterau writes that there will be a baptismal service at Sacramento the 17th. It is encouraging to hear of so many baptisms.

Elder A. J. Osborne is holding a ten days' meeting with the Placerville church. He will attend the convention to be held at Woodland the 17th and 18th, unless there is a special interest awakened at Placerville.

Quite a few of the brethren and sisters of the Sacramento church are planning on attending the missionary, Sabbath-school, and young people's convention at Woodland the 17th and 18th of this month.

Prof. J. A. L. Derby spent Sabbath, February 10, with the Stockton church and expects to be at Modesto the 17th. Professor Derby assisted in a tent effort at this place last summer, and they will be pleased to have him with them again.

Elder C. L. Taggart went to Chico to spend Sabbath and Sunday, February 10 and 11. Brother W. S. Holbrook has been holding meetings there since the convention. At the last report four were ready for baptism, and others have joined the church by profession of faith. The baptismal services were held Sabbath, February 10

Brother B. E. Baldwin, who has been laboring in Fallon, Nevada, writes as follows:

"The Spirit of God has been manifest among us in a marked degree. A wonderful spirit of harmony is coming into the church. We are being closely drawn together. Sabbath, when the call was made for those who wished to join the church to come forward, eleven cheerfully responded. Others are expected to follow soon. Cheering indeed were the testimonies that followed. The illuminated faces and grateful voices bore strong testimony that the great Life-giver had tuned the heart-strings with the cordant notes of heaven-life, light, liberty, and love. Non-Adventists are becoming interested. Children are attending and begging their parents to come. For these omens of good we are very thankful. Though duties call me away for a while, feeling very much attached to the people and the work here, I hope soon to return."

Verah MacPherson.

February 9.

Lodi Normal Institute Items

The two new sanitary fountains are giving much satisfaction.

The class in chalk talks is doing some good work, and manifesting much interest in the subject.

The Missionary Volunteers will occupy the morning service hour Sabbath, using the second Sabbath missionary program.

The class in astronomy have just completed that subject, and will give an "astronomical reception" Sunday evening.

The literary Saturday evening had some pleasing features. Fred Landis gave a very interesting sketch of the Panama Canal. Fred Whitmore's description of late inventions, brought forcibly to mind the text, "Knowledge shall be increased."

Elder J. N. Loughborough was with us January 26, on his eightieth birthday. He told us he was converted when eleven years of age; so he has been serving his

Master for sixty-nine years. He is now reading his Bible through for the fifty-ninth time. Such a record is truly inspiring.

Mr. Kaiser, of Ashland, Oregon, an ex-editor of that place, visited our school recently, and manifested much interest in the work, especially the manual training and industrial lines. Mr. Kaiser expects to start an industrial school in Washington, and is gaining all the suggestions he can.

Prof. W. M. Wallace handled in the following from the music department:

We are glad to report a general increase in membership and interest in certain lines of music work this year in comparison with last. The number taking orchestral instruments is considerable, being taken from the general enrolment of the school, and not from the townspeople as is often the case. Our young people are thus fitting themselves, though sometimes unconsciously, for help in the various lines of church services and missionary efforts. We have a general orchestra of about twenty-three members, besides several small orchestras taken generally from the above for the various religious meetings. The theory department is represented by three classes in harmony, counterpoint, and history of music. Students' recitals are held semi-monthly, at which confidence is gained in playing before others. The teachers of the music department are planning a few public events before the close of the year. The first one will be given Tuesday afternoon, at half past four, in the chapel, and will consist of the following numbers:

1. Sonata, No. 7 *Beethoven*
Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Wallace
2. "Non Destarmi" *Gounod*
Mrs. Taylor
3. a. Aria, for G string *Bach*
b. Capriccio *Wieniawski*
Mr. Wallace
4. Rhapsody *Brahms*
Mrs. Taylor
5. a. Flower Rain *Schneider*
b. 'Tis the Day *Leoncavallo*
Mrs. Taylor
6. Fantasia *Vientemps*
Mr. Wallace
7. Slavische Tanze *Dvorák*
Mrs. Taylor and Miss Page

ARIZONA

Conference Gleanings

W. O. James, our state agent, is now seeking health through manual labor on his ranch.

The Globe church will soon have a visit by the conference president—probably February 17.

Some books are being sold in the conference, yet we are anxious to see greater achievements in placing truth before this people.

On January 27, the conference president met with the church at Flagstaff. He was entertained at the hospitable home of O. S. Emblem.

Brother Juan Orozco is still at work at Winkelman. He has not sent in a report recently, so we can not tell how much interest he has been able to develop.

Elder G. W. Reaser is in Tucson, developing work among the English-speaking population, and also assisting Elder Serna, who is there working among the Mexicans.

Elder F. R. Shaeffer and wife are still working in Salt River Valley. He is to visit the state's prison at Florence in the near future, as some there are interested in the message.

Brother E. A. Brown finds new interests in Bisbee, where he is spending the winter. We trust his work will develop some substantial Sabbath-keepers even in that wicked city.

Elder George G. Sims has just moved from Cottonwood, Verde Valley, to Camp Verde, where the indications are favorable for a series of meetings. No doubt he will be able to report new Sabbath-keepers in this location in the near future.

"The Phoenix Rest Home," formerly managed by Drs. Bond, is under the management of G. A. Roberts. God is blessing Brother Roberts, and every patient is recovering. Brother Roberts is a

member of the Arizona Conference Committee, and has had a long experience among the sick.

Work in our office moves along nicely, and we rejoice at the kind spirit we see manifested everywhere. However, let us not rest satisfied with unity. Let us have unity with greater labor—"laborers together." We are very thankful that our secretary is having such health. The Lord has certainly blessed Sister Poston. Office Arizona Conference.

Missionary Work

Why Success?

In a letter recently received from Brother Walter Harper, who is now working in Arizona, he states that in five weeks the Lord has helped him to sell \$1,000 worth of our books, besides many helps. This, you will see, is an average of \$200 worth a week.

Brother Harper is not a strong man physically, not as strong as most of our workers in the field. There must be some secret in connection with the success that attends his efforts. Inasmuch as the writer has been asked many times, What is the secret of Brother Harper's success? I am going to tell you a few things that Brother Harper does, and leave you to judge and to answer the question yourself.

First, I note that in nearly every letter I receive, he says something about canvassing men early in the morning while they are on their way to work, or about working at night with a lantern. This is certainly in harmony with the commission, "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand." And we must work in harmony with the heavenly commission if we would succeed, must we not?

Second, I notice that he speaks of spending different Sabbaths in fasting and prayer.

In "Patriarchs and Prophets" we read of Joshua that "he did all that human energy could do, and then he cried in faith for divine aid."

We believe this plan that Brother Harper follows is a good one. Why not try it?
A. A. Cone.

PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE

January 31, 1912

	Wks.	Agt.	Hrs.	Ords.	Value
Cal.-Nev.	2	4	69	55	\$ 272.30
S. Cal.	6	4	480	252	766.55
Arizona	6	2	252	141	1,255.00
Gen. Cal.	6	2	301	115	541.70
Utah	5	2	199	77	461.95
Cal. (coast)	5	1	271	166	630.75

Totals 15 1,572 806 \$3,428.25
Same weeks last year 721.35

Gain \$3,206.90
A. A. Cone.

Following His Foot Steps in the Cities

As the Lord spoke to Jonah of old, so He speaks to us to-day, "Arise, go unto . . . that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee." Jonah 3:2. I am sure the cities of to-day are as wicked as Nineveh, or worse, and the needs are greater, and the laborers are as scarce almost as in Jonah's time.

But upon those who go, the Lord surely pours out His blessings, and it is a source of great rejoicing to hear words of encouragement from strangers who receive the literature.

We are glad to have Miss Agatha Russell with us in the city work now. The Lord has blessed her efforts wonderfully the past week.

We had some encouraging incidents in Chinatown last Sunday. We sold 150 Chinese and 25 English magazines in about three hours. We found these poor heathen patiently waiting for us to bring them the message. Met some earnest, Christlike characters among them, and enjoyed the work. All were nice to us, though a tong war was on at the time. But we knew in whom we have believed, and are persuaded He is able to keep us at all times.

We ask you, brethren and sisters, to pray for this work, also for more laborers to enter the harvest-field.

Report of Magazine Work for Week Ending February 3, 1912

	Hours	Copies	
Miss A. Russell *	37	406	\$ 44.65
Mrs. W. Fleming *	18	280	30.25
G. H. McCoon **	20	175	17.50
Miss R. Crane **	16	100	10.00

Totals 91 961 \$102.40

* "Signs" and "Watchman."

** "Life and Health."

W. D. Fleming,
Miss. Sec. Cal. Conf.

"Concentrate all your thoughts upon the work in hand. The sun's rays do not burn till brought to a focus."

St. Helena Sanitarium Training School for Missionary Nurses

On April 2, 1912, we would gladly welcome thirty-five consecrated young men and women to our spring class. This is a call for the largest class ever made, but it is due to the expansion of the sanitarium and hospital work and the opening of additional facilities in San Francisco—laying the foundation for a more extensive work in anticipation of the great opportunities offered by the World's Fair of 1915.

The sanitarium board has decided to open treatment rooms in the best part of the city of San Francisco in addition to the Laguna Street dispensary. This added work will necessitate more workers, but the cities *must be warned*.

Believing that "medical missionary work is the door through which the truth is to find entrance to the large cities," and realizing the need of medical missionary workers in foreign fields, as well as because of our own need of trained workers, we urge our young people to come now and enter the work.

With a large four-story hospital connected with the sanitarium, those in the training school have the advantage of a thorough preparation in surgical work. A laboratory course in gastric and urine analysis is also now part of the required work.

It is necessary that students shall have completed at least the eighth grade of preliminary school work.

The training school calendar and an application blank will be forwarded upon request.

Read in volume 9, page 167, the testimony given June 1, 1909.

George Thomason, M.D.,
Medical Superintendent.
Dr. Myrtle B. Hudson,
Secretary.

Sanitarium, Napa County, California.

The time of God's investigation is at hand. The Most High will come down to see that which the children of men have builded. His sovereign power will be revealed; the works of human pride will be laid low.—"Patriarchs and Prophets."

"Men who try to do something and fail are infinitely better than men who try to do nothing and succeed."

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1912

The regular yearly meeting of the board of directors of the Pacific Union College, for the purpose of electing the faculty for the ensuing year, was held at the school Sunday, February 11.

The following organization was effected after the informal annual meeting of the California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association held at Sanitarium January 24: H. W. Cottrell, president; L. M. Bowen, business manager; J. B. Giddings, secretary.

Brother H. H. Hall, of the Pacific Press, left the early part of the week for a two months' trip. He will attend the West Canadian Union Conference, in connection with which will be held a bookmen's convention, and will meet with the tract societies, schools, and larger churches in the Canadian, Northern, and Central Union conferences in the interests of the publishing work.

The first annual session of the Central California Conference was held in the Hanford Seventh-day Adventist church February 1 to 5. In addition to the laborers in the home field who were present, there were the following from abroad: G. A. Irwin, W. C. White, E. E. Andross, J. O. Corliss, J. R. Ferren, A. A. Cone, and J. J. Ireland. The services during the day were devoted to the transaction of the conference business, while the evening hour was set apart for the presentation of the Word. A full report of the business proceedings of this important conference is given in this paper. We trust that it will have a careful reading. We believe the foundation for a large and important work has been laid for the Central California Conference, and all will

be interested in its development under the direction of the Spirit of God.

Following the close of the Central California Conference Elder G. A. Irwin spent several days with Elder E. E. Andross in Southern California, visiting Los Angeles and National City. Elder W. C. White, during the past week, made a short visit to Loma Linda Sanitarium and Los Angeles before returning from the Central California Conference.

Wanted

Good stableman. Must be kind to horses, capable, and industrious.

St. Helena Sanitarium, Sanitarium, California.

Wanted

To correspond with any woman wishing to do kitchen work. No washing. Salary \$25 a month. Address Mrs. J. H. Miller, Fallon, Nevada.

For Sale

Eggs for hatching. White Rocks, \$1.25 for 15; White Leghorns, \$1 for 15; \$5 a hundred. All fine stock. Address Mrs. C. A. Sanford, Mountain View, California.

California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association

The fifteenth annual meeting of the California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, for the purpose of electing four or more members of the board of directors and transacting any other business that may properly come before the meeting, will be held at Sanitarium, Napa County, California, on Wednesday, March 13, 1912, at 12 o'clock M.

H. W. Cottrell, *President*.

J. B. Giddings, *Secretary*.

Sanitarium Food Company

The tenth annual meeting of the Sanitarium Food Company will be held at Sanitarium, Napa County, California, on Thursday, March 14, 1912, at 12 o'clock M.

L. M. Bowen, *President*.

L. A. Whitney, *Secretary*.

Annual Meeting of the Arizona Conference Corporation

The ninth annual session of the Arizona Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at Phoenix, Arizona, in the Seventh-day Adventist

church, April 2, 1912 (the first Tuesday following the first Monday in April), for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. The first meeting will be held at 10 A.M., April 2, 1912.

H. G. Thurston, *President*.

M. T. Poston, *Secretary*.

Pacific Union Conference Biennial Meeting

The sixth biennial session of the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene at 417 West Fifth Street, Los Angeles, California, at 9:30 A.M., March 21, 1912, and continue until the 26th, for the purpose of electing the officers for the ensuing biennial term and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Each local conference shall be entitled, aside from its president, to one delegate in the sessions of this conference, without regard to numbers, and one additional member for every three hundred church-members in the conference.

A ministerial institute will be held in Los Angeles from March 12 to 20, which will precede the opening of this session of conference.

By order of the executive committee.

G. A. Irwin, *President*,

J. J. Ireland, *Secretary*.

A Word to Our Elders

We are very anxious that the churches should make up the amount pledged to the \$300,000 fund as soon as possible. We are not asking for new pledges. We only ask that pledges already made should be paid as soon as they can be, and we request the elders in the California Conference to keep this matter before their churches until the amount pledged is paid.

No doubt there is in the hands of the elder a list of the pledges taken in each church; but if not, such lists can be obtained from the church treasurer. Thus you will know who have pledged, and how much has been paid. Then kindly visit the brethren and sisters, and see if you can not encourage them to send in the money soon. When this matter is fully accomplished, and the fund is made up, there are other matters we must consider.

E. W. Farnsworth.

Pres. Cal. Conf.