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From the Santa Rosa Camp-Meeting

Three days of our conference and camp-meeting for the California Conference have passed. These have been busy days, but filled with rich blessings. Today (the Sabbath), at the close of the morning sermon, a quiet revival took place, during which scores came forward to give themselves to God, some for the first time, and others to renew their consecration. Between four hundred and five hundred persons are here tented on the grounds and in rooms near.

The place is ideal, the weather is perfect; and the people who have come, have come to get closer to God, and more in touch with His work. A sweet spirit pervades the camp, and a splendid interest is present in the meetings. The

larger part of the delegates to the conference have arrived, and the conference business is going forward. Our first meeting was given to hearing reports from the laborers who have been in the field. Brethren Beddoe, Hamilton, Snyder, Stevens, Watanabe, and others reported. The first two told of the work at Daly City, where an organization with twenty-two members has recently been perfected. This church was voted into the conference. Brother Stevens stated that forty have been baptized into the San Francisco church during the past year. Brother Watanabe, the Japanese worker, told of how he has been working with our Japanese literature among his people. He had nothing but courage to express, having taken more than 150 yearly subscriptions to *Owari no Fukuin* (Signs of the Times in Japanese) recently. Elder Taylor mentioned several recent conversions at the St. Helena Sanitarium, and the splendid impression recently gained there by a professor of the University of California, who wrote to a prominent pastor of Berkeley, “We have been a long time in the way, but if you want the real thing in Christianity, come up among these Seventh-day Adventists.” May God grant that such an influence may always be carried by our people, no matter where they are, or under what circumstances they come in touch with others. Elder Snyder spoke encouragingly of the work in East Oakland and Melrose, where another church is about to be organized. Elder J. W. Bressie brought an encouraging report from Humboldt County.

These reports brought into the very first of our conference a spirit of service; and as the business proceeded, a

report of which will appear in a later number, the real object of our organization and work has been kept before us. Committees on plans and on nominations are at work. It is hoped that the business of the conference can be closed by Sunday, so that the entire week may be given to the camp-meeting proper.

The meeting has been well advertised, and already some are coming in to the evening services. The newspapers are taking quite full reports of each day's proceedings. Elder E. E. Andross, Elder M. C. Wilcox, Elder J. O. Corliss, Elder W. M. Healey, J. F. Blunt, and other general workers are here to assist.

Pray earnestly, brethren and sisters, for this meeting. If you can possibly come, even though late, come.

E. W. Farnsworth.

Third Annual Session Northern California-Nevada Conference, Sacramento, June 6, 1912

President's Address

Delivered June 7, 1912

It is with pleasure we welcome the delegates and visiting brethren to this third session of the Northern California-Nevada Conference. At this time we wish to recount the blessings God has so abundantly bestowed upon us the past year. It is clear to be seen that the omnipotent hand has guided in the work during this period. The Lord is to be praised for the good that has been accomplished. We are all together His servants. The success that has crowned the efforts of our faithful laborers is not due alone to their humble services, but united prayers have daily ascended from

family altars that God would bless those who are devoting their lives to the Master's work. The strength of an army is measured largely by the efficiency of the men in the ranks. The strength of this conference is in a united constituency praying and working for the salvation of souls. We are alike interested in the advancement of this message, and we all share alike. In 1 Sam. 30:24, I read, "As his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff: they shall part alike."

I will speak only of the prosperity of the work in a general way, as the secretaries will give a detailed report. All reports will show the work accomplished from March 1, 1911, to March 31, 1912, thus covering a period of thirteen months.

You all know that March 1, 1911, was the date of the organization of this conference, known as the Northern California-Nevada Conference. It comprises all of California north of the south line of Mariposa and Merced counties, and east of the west line of Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Sacramento, Yolo, Colusa, Glenn, Tehama, Shasta, and Siskiyou counties, and the north half of the State of Nevada. It might be well if you would take a map and draw a heavy line as above suggested, thus marking the boundary of the territory to which we are to carry this present truth.

Until you have traveled over this field considerably, you will have but little idea of the area it covers. The population is scattered, and our brethren and sisters are scattered. It is no small sacrifice you have made, being scattered over such a vast area of country, in coming to this conference and camp-meeting. Many more would be here were it not that they live so far away. The Fort Bidwell church is nearly five hundred miles from Sacramento. These brethren would have to take the stage for the first fifty miles, costing them ten cents a mile; then the next one hundred miles they would pay seven cents a mile on a very slow narrow-gauge railroad. So you see what an expense it would be to them. We have one sister conference with a membership about the same as ours, whose area is less than one fourth that of this one; another with twice the constituency and one fifth the area. The object of drawing these comparisons is that we may get a correct idea of the field and the work to be accomplished. It will require the same labor and means to work these sparsely settled districts,

that it would if there were many more living there.

One might suggest that we turn over some of our territory to another conference. That which we could spare is not so situated that they could work it. We can not afford to give away any of the field where we would lose any of our constituency. We need all the support we now have, and more too. Should there be any present who have been robbing God in tithes and offerings, it is to be hoped that as the needs of the field are presented, they will be admonished to give to God His own, that this work may be speedily accomplished. We must have more workers, but this means we must have more money. We want young men to go into these frontier sections as pioneers who can endure hardships.

All the while people are coming to California from the East. Many of them are not able to buy expensive land, so they are going into the foot-hills and the little valleys all through the mountains. Now is the time to teach these people. Their social ties have been broken, and they do not have old-time friends to hold them back. We believe it would be a good thing if some of our brethren in our large churches would move to these out-of-the-way places and let their lives tell for God's truth for to-day. There are honest souls in these outlying districts, who will gladly accept the truth. Brethren Holbrook, Alder, and Johnson will tell this conference some of the results of their work across the summit of the Sierras, in Modoc County.

Book and Periodical Work

From the work that has been done in our office, working sometimes till late into the night to get the orders filled, you would conclude that something was being done along this line. With no agents to begin with when the conference was organized, the work has steadily grown until one week's report has exceeded six hundred dollars. Students from the Lodi Normal have demonstrated that a summer's canvassing makes for success in their educational work, consequently there are a number who will go from this meeting to spend their vacation in selling our message-filled books. We feel sure there are those here to-day who will yet be called of the Lord to take up this line of the work. We have a promising field for book work. Men who have not had a thorough training can go into these rural districts and make a success. These people seldom

see a canvasser. They are very hospitable, and one will have no trouble in getting into these homes, and many of them are eager for good reading.

It has been demonstrated beyond a doubt that gospel salesmanship is a profitable business. We want men to take up this work for life — those who have the love of souls at heart. We believe that a prosperous future is before us in this line of the Lord's work, and we expect to see the coming year go far beyond what has been done the past year.

Religious Liberty Work

This is a subject of special interest to every Sabbath-keeper. War against liberty of conscience has long been waged in this State, and various efforts have been made to bring about religious legislation, but they have all alike failed. We are led to believe that the present proposal of placing the lawmaking power in the hands of the voters is a scheme of the enemy by which eventually the cruel hand of persecution will be laid upon the children of God. This plan appeals to the people; and yet, think, if you will — what do the rank and file, of the voters, including women, in a general way know about lawmaking? We have heretofore spoken of our legislators as lawmakers, but now every voter is a lawmaker.

Our people sense in a measure the evil that is coming eventually from present developments. The campaign of the last few months illustrates what can be done when our people are fully aroused. In the past we have secured petitions against Sunday laws. Then we prayed for our general men who appeared before the legislature. Now our lawmakers are every man and woman who has a vote. What our leading brethren did for these few, we must now do for everybody. We must educate the people so they may vote intelligently. Instead of getting signatures to a petition, we must get subscriptions for the Religious Liberty Signs, etc., place literature on this subject in the hands of the people, and do what we can to help them to stand on the side of liberty. Our brethren and sisters have taken hold with a will, but what we have done is but a beginning of what we must accomplish.

Young People's Work

There is no branch of the work more encouraging than that of our young people. Nothing gives better returns. The youth who have not spent most of a use

ful life in the service of the enemy are developing their energies to be spent in the cause of God. This work is to be cut short in righteousness. In other words, a great work is to be done in a short time. The youth have certainly "come to the kingdom for such a time as this."

Sister Lida Ackley, the leader of this great army of Volunteers, owing to ill health, a short time ago was compelled to resign. You need only to mention Sister Ackley to the young people, and they, together with fathers and mothers, will tell you of her faithful and untiring labor for them. The work is well organized, and many are proving to be real missionaries.

Education

I believe you will agree with me that there is nothing in the world of greater importance to us than the education of our children. I am afraid very few youth will be converted to God in these last days who have grown up without a Christian education. The allurements of today are so fascinating that when the enemy has woven his net about them, few will ever break away from his ranks. Every year that passes, we have less hopes of the child's giving its heart to God. What a comfort it is to fathers and mothers to see their children growing better every day! Mothers tell me they can see a marked difference for the worse in their children attending a worldly school; others say they see an improvement in those attending the church school. I am glad that our brethren and sisters are more and more coming to see that their children must be in a Christian school. We have had eleven church schools the past year, and sixteen teachers, with an enrolment of 325. We expect more next year.

Lodi Normal

I am simply telling you what you already know when I tell you the Lodi Normal has enjoyed one of the best years in its history. Peace and harmony have characterized the work. A Christian spirit of earnestness has existed among both the faculty and the student body. Two hundred and sixty-nine have been enrolled during the year. This is the largest enrolment since it started. When all tuition is collected, it will quite a little more than meet the expenses. The missionary spirit has been excellent. When they could spare time, students have gone to Stockton and other towns near, loaning and selling much literature.

While a good work has been done in the class room, there has been a greater work done upon the hearts of the students. Many have been converted. At one time thirty were baptized. Nothing short of the Spirit of God could cause harmony and good will among this multitude with different temperaments. We have reason to believe that this institution has the hearty support of its constituency. From present prospects we may look for a steady advancement.

Sabbath-School Work

Sabbath-school conventions have been held in Modesto, Chico, Woodland, and Stockton. The missionary and young people's work was connected with these institutes. In each place, the surrounding Sabbath-schools were well represented. Many plans were formulated which have since been carried out, and have done much to strengthen this branch of the work. The secretary reports an increase of 270 members over last year. Six new schools have been organized. We would say of this department, the same as all others, while advancement has been made, that it may be pleasing to our heavenly Father, it must continue to increase. We are happy to report that all our Sabbath-schools are now on the honor roll, giving their entire donations to missions.

Financial Statement

We can measure the spiritual condition of the church by the sacrifices they are making to pass on to others what they are enjoying. It is encouraging to apply this rule to this conference.

Some effort has been made to liquidate our indebtedness; but owing to the many calls for help, we have not urged the matter as we might otherwise have done.

When the conference was organized, the debts which we were called upon to pay were as follows:

Apportioned to us in the division, March 1, 1911	\$20,412.05
Later Apportionment	69.90
Later Apportionment	139.80
E. D. Sharpe	500.00
B. E. Baldwin	177.00
Due the Old California Conference Association	1,200.00
Heating Plant, Boys' Dormitory Indebtedness	607.50
Total	\$23,106.25

March 31, 1912, we had paid \$5,321.75, reducing the old debt to \$17,784.50.

The Sabbath-school Donations.	\$ 2,457.85
Missionary Society Sales (Less Discount)	8,727.58
Tithes	29,424.80

Tithe per Capita	26.27
Tithe and Trust Funds per Capita	39.23

At the conference last June one thousand dollars tithe was given to foreign missions; since that time, we have been passing on to the union and the General Conference over one third of incoming tithes. We believe this is a wise move, as to wish to consume all upon the home field has the savor of selfishness.

Our Workers

We believe that the success that has been achieved is due to the good spirit of harmony and cooperation that has existed among our workers. The conference committee has worked together as one man.

We have nine ordained ministers (not all of them, for good reasons, have put in full time), six licentiates, two Bible workers, and eighteen book and periodical workers. A number of these canvassers are students, consequently they have put in but little time.

As a result of the united efforts of these workers, 217 have been baptized. This does not include those who joined the church being satisfied with their former baptism.

Three churches have been organized, Linden, Manteca, and Fort Bidwell. This last-named church is in the extreme north-eastern part of California, in a country in which but little work has ever been done. This is the first church of any denomination organized in the town. Two church buildings have been dedicated, Turlock and Dos Palos. Tent meetings have been held in ten cities and towns; two efforts have been held in Sacramento, and twenty-five have been added to the church. Ten days' revival meetings have been held in a number of churches, at which times they were greatly strengthened. Owing to the ministerial institute at Los Angeles, and to our early start in tent work, we were unable to hold as many of these meetings as we had hoped.

As we have reviewed the work of the past year, we can see that mistakes have been made, and very much more might have been done had we lived nearer to God, and been fully clothed with the Holy Spirit, which is given to His children to fit them for service.

We unite with you in earnest prayer to God for the needed strength, that we may all be prepared to do what lies before us.

The responsibility which we have car-

ried the past year is now turned over to you. As a committee, we have shared the burdens together; we have tried to steer clear of a one-man power; steps in which much was involved have not been taken without the unanimous consent of your executive committee.

We trust that the delegates as a body will realize the obligations now placed upon you. We want you to know that this is your conference; what this united constituency, controlled by the Spirit of God, wishes carried out is what we want to see accomplished. Let us be found much in prayer that God may have His way in all the deliberations.

C. L. Taggart.

The third annual session of the Northern California-Nevada Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists was held at Sacramento, California, beginning June 6, at 2:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order with President C. L. Taggart in the chair.

Fifty-two of the ninety delegates were seated. They represented the churches of Northern Nevada, and in California from Fort Bidwell on the north to Merced and Dos Palos on the south.

The standing committees were appointed at this time as follows:

Pastoral committee: C. L. Taggart, C. M. Gardner, F. De Witt Gauterau.

Committee on seating delegates: B. E. Baldwin, Fred Brink.

Nominating committee: A. J. Osborne, J. S. Harmon, C. H. Fink, J. Webster, S. H. Colvin, H. C. Haslam, H. Wolfson.

Committee on plans: W. C. White, D. T. Fero, W. E. Tong, I. C. Colcord, H. L. McKubbin, J. A. L. Derby, W. S. Holbrook.

Committee on credentials and licenses: Henry Shultz, P. J. Wolfson, C. M. Gardner.

The officers for the coming year are as follows: president, C. L. Taggart; secretary and treasurer, Verah MacPherson; executive committee: C. L. Taggart, Henry Shultz, P. J. Wolfson, I. C. Colcord, A. E. Parker, J. S. Harmon, B. E. Baldwin.

The Lodi Normal board is composed of the members of the executive committee, with the addition of C. E. Holmes, C. H. Fink, H. L. Wallace.

Ministerial credentials were granted to C. L. Taggart, D. T. Fero, C. M. Gardner, M. C. Israel, Henry Shultz, F. De Witt Gauterau, A. J. Osborne, Fred

Brink, N. W. Kauble, Valentin Leer.

Honorary credentials: J. S. Harmon, E. D. Sharpe.

Ordination and credentials: W. S. Holbrook, J. D. Alder.

Ministerial licenses: I. C. Colcord, W. A. Johnson, W. P. Dayton, E. J. Urquhart, B. E. Baldwin, A. L. Philbrick.

Granted by executive committee later: J. A. L. Derby.

Missionary licenses: Alice Brayshaw, Wilma Landis, Verah MacPherson, Mrs. Lila Taggart, Mrs. Mina Mann, R. H. Miller.

Additions by executive committee later: Mrs. A. J. Osborne, Mrs. Eva Holbrook, Mrs. Veda Dayton.

The ordination services for Brethren W. S. Holbrook and J. D. Alder preceded the regular Sabbath afternoon service June 15.

The newly elected board of directors for the Northern California Conference Association are as follows: C. L. Taggart, Verah MacPherson, C. H. Fink, P. J. Wolfson, W. E. Tong, A. E. Parker, Henry Shultz.

The officers of the Northern California Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists are: president, C. L. Taggart; vice-president, P. J. Wolfson; secretary, Verah MacPherson; treasurer, Verah MacPherson; auditor, J. J. Ireland.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, A good degree of success has attended all branches of the work in the conference during the year past; therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby express our gratitude for the signal blessing of God which has attended the efforts to advance His cause in our conference. We deplore our lack of personal consecration, that limits our success; and we individually, as representatives of the people of the conference, express our desire and purpose to reconsecrate ourselves, so we shall not limit God's blessing upon the work in the current year.

Whereas, God in His wisdom created man a free moral agent, not subject to his fellows in religious things; and —

Whereas, The denial of inalienable rights in other lands led our forefathers to establish in America a free republic, in which the blessings of liberty might be enjoyed; and —

Whereas, Special safeguards were erected, as fundamental principles of the United States Constitution and of the

Constitution of California, whereby the free exercise and enjoyment of religious profession and worship, without discrimination or preference, might be forever guaranteed to citizens of this commonwealth; therefore be it —

(a) *Resolved*, That we, the representatives of the Seventh-day Adventist churches in the Northern California-Nevada Conference, now assembled, do hereby as citizens of the State of California earnestly plead for the maintenance of the principles, established by Almighty God and recognized by human government, whereby absolute freedom of conscience and entire liberty of religious observance may be enjoyed in this State.

(b) *Resolved*, That inasmuch as Congress is prohibited from the making or enforcement of any law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, and inasmuch as the fourteenth amendment to the United States Constitution expressly declares that no State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States, we therefore urge that California refrain from the enactment of any Sunday law, or other statute whereby the compulsory observance of any weekly day of rest might be attempted by the representatives of the State.

(c) *Resolved*, That as the United States Constitution expressly declares that the judges in every State shall be bound by that instrument, anything in the constitution or laws of any State to the contrary notwithstanding, we therefore are constrained to regard as unconstitutional and as subversive of inherent rights all laws in restraint of religious practise or profession, and especially such statutes relating to Sunday observance as exist in other States, or may be proposed in California, by recourse to the initiative or otherwise.

(d) *Resolved*, That we do hereby express our unalterable conviction that civil and religious liberty ought to be maintained throughout the republic, and that the church and the State ought forever to be kept separate in the discharge of their respective functions and duties.

(e) *Resolved*, That as the adoption of the initiative and the referendum has transferred the lawmaking power from the legislature to the hands of the people, who may not be fully informed concerning the underlying principles of religious legislation, but who by the exercise of their privilege are liable to deprive

the minority of the protection that civil government should vouchsafe, it is the duty of this people to enter at once upon a campaign of education, by which to enlighten the voters of this State upon the true issue before them, that they may not only be prepared to cast their vote properly upon the question of a proposed Sunday law being placed upon the ballot for the next election, but may also thereby learn what the divine truth is for this generation, regarding the issue upon which they are to take so important a part.

We Recommend, That as soon as possible our church schools be provided with better facilities for carrying on their work, such facilities as maps, globes, charts, reference books, etc., also that school boards be encouraged and urged to cooperate with the conference superintendent in an early selection of teachers, in reporting promptly, and in helping the church to plan some definite way to raise the teacher's salary.

Whereas, While we have a number of schools, we need more, and while the majority of our people are acquainted more or less with the church school work, yet there are many who are not familiar with it; therefore,

We Recommend, That an educational campaign be carried on this summer, planned by your conference committee and the superintendent.

Whereas, The Lord has spoken specifically regarding the organization of our young people for aggressive work, and such an organization has been established among us as a people; and—

Whereas, This Volunteer movement has already developed workers in the home churches and abroad, and is an important factor in the distribution of our literature, and promoting Christian help work, as well as other lines of missionary endeavor:

We Recommend, That the ministers and conference workers, as they visit the various churches, not only help the societies already organized, but encourage the churches where there is not an organization to form one as soon as practicable.

Whereas, The Sabbath-school Department of the General Conference has prepared a teachers' training course, all the equipment for which can be obtained for a small sum; therefore,

We Recommend, That all teachers take said course.

We Recommend the use of the memory

verse card prepared by that department.

We Recommend, That each Sabbath-school set a definite amount for donations for each quarter, and work to secure it.

Whereas, The Northern California-Nevada Conference has paid its portion of the original indebtedness to the California Conference Association; therefore,

We Recommend, That the incoming conference committee take immediate steps to secure the deeds to all property belonging to the Northern California-Nevada Conference now held by the California Conference Association.

Whereas, There is a growing tendency to build up private enterprises and to solicit means for the support of the same among our churches; therefore,

We Recommend, That the church elders allow the public presentation of such proposition, only as may be endorsed by the conference committee in appropriate credentials.

Whereas, The existing indebtedness of our conference is a little over \$17,000, which ought to be raised as soon as possible; and—

Whereas, It would necessitate the expenditure of several thousand dollars to equip properly a conference office in Sacramento; and—

Whereas, Our present office is occupied free of charge; therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend that our conference office remain in its present location until we can make the change without incurring additional indebtedness.

Whereas, The present political situation demands a mighty campaign of education on religious liberty lines; and—

Whereas, The special six-week series of the *Signs of the Times* clearly presents the principles of liberty in connected, well-written articles;

We Recommend, (1) That steps be taken at once to supply quantities of those papers for personal distribution in every city and town where tent meetings shall be held; (2) That still further efforts be put forth by each church to supply every voter in the precincts represented by the members; and (3) That steps be taken at this meeting to furnish voters in the country districts far removed from Seventh-day Adventist churches.

Whereas, It is the conviction of many that the growing interests of our school at Lodi demand the attention of a local board; therefore,

We Recommend, That not less than three members be elected at this conference to act in conjunction with the conference committee, the entire body to constitute an acting conference school board.

Whereas, It has been demonstrated that our subscription books can be sold to the business and professional classes of people in our towns and cities;

We Recommend, That our conference workers cooperate with the field agent and endeavor to secure at once two or three agents who can successfully meet these classes.

Appreciative of the sympathy manifested by our people generally in relation to the work of our canvassers, by entertainment and otherwise,

We Recommend, That in all practicable ways such field work be facilitated by our brethren wherever canvassers may be employed.

Whereas, The liberal "sowing" of our periodicals and tracts and small books by our workers and lay members is widely extending a knowledge of the truth; therefore,

We Recommend, That every member take hold with renewed courage during the coming year in sowing "broadcast" this small and inexpensive literature, personally and through the mails, and that we assist our evangelistic companies with suitable literature to use in connection with the public work.

All people have obligations to meet, and so has the Lodi Normal. To meet these obligations, we ask that expenses be met promptly. For reasons obvious to the management, we ask that all expenses of students be paid strictly in advance, whether it be board, room, or tuition. There is no reason why all can not help us in this matter. Just remember that the Normal is not a money-making institution, and the only way it can run and meet expenses is to ask for all dues in *advance*. Students who are in arrears at the close of the school month will not be permitted to continue school work, until satisfactory arrangements have been made. *Remember* that at any time a student not arranging for expenses, in any department, will be asked to drop his work until such arrangements have been made.

Realizing the urgent necessity of keeping the minds of the youth free from skeptical and infidelic teachings, we wish to express our appreciation of the efforts made by our Educational Depart-

ment to eliminate from our schools all text-books contaminated with the theory of evolution; and we urge that the work be hastened of supplying books free from such errors.

Whereas, The servant of the Lord has suggested that a fund be provided by the conference for meeting the tuition of worthy students in our schools who are not able to pay their way;

Resolved, That this conference take subscriptions here at this camp-meeting to start such, and ask the churches in the conference to do likewise; and that such fund be also used to meet the back indebtedness to the Lodi Normal.

Realizing the faithfulness of our conference committee in avoiding debt the last year, we hereby indorse this policy, and recommend its continuance the coming year.

REVENUE STATEMENT

Northern California-Nevada Conference S. D. A., for 13 Months Ending

March 31, 1912

Expenses and Losses	
Tithe to Union Conf. \$	2,942.48
Second Tithe to Union	
Conference	1,860.89
Mission Board Tithe	4,413.72
Sustentation Fund ..	1,471.24
	<u>\$10,688.33</u>
Donations	
Missions	\$ 1,000.00
Miscellaneous	37.10
	<u>1,037.10</u>
Laborers' Salary and	
Expense	18,763.26
Expenses, General	
and Office	\$ 164.57
Rent	140.62
Office Supplies	83.22
Stationery Supplies ..	80.79
Insurance	2.70
Miss. Vol. Dept.	3.04
Transportation	12.20
	<u>487.14</u>
Stockton Camp-meeting	136.85
Depreciation	
Tents and Fixtures	\$296.77
Office Furniture ..	44.39
	<u>341.16</u>
	<u>\$31,453.84</u>
Income	
From Church Tithes	\$29,424.80
Donations	316.92
	<u>29,741.72</u>
Net Loss	<u>\$ 1,712.12</u>
	<u>\$31,453.84</u>

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

of the Northern California-Nevada Conference, March 31, 1912

Cash on Hand and in	
Bank	\$ 1,111.85
Bills and Accts. Receivable	
Bills Receivable ..	\$ 5,162.00
Personal Accounts	427.53
Pacific Union Conf.	10.00
Trust Funds	95.29
	<u>5,694.82</u>
Inventory	
Tent Stock	\$ 1,502.22
Office Furnishings ..	451.57
Interest	9.75
Expense Supplies	43.00

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 7, 1912

Agent	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Value	Delivered
Central California						
Miscellaneous	50 per cent				\$107.60	
Miscellaneous	40 per cent				64.85	
					<u>\$172.45</u>	

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 14, 1912

Central California						
Mrs. H. G. Brown	50 per cent				\$ 2.40	
Mrs. H. G. Brown	40 per cent				10.25	
J. V. Pierson	S. D.					\$49.50
2 Agents					\$12.65	\$49.50

Southern California

J. A. Starr	D.&R.					\$75.50
G. G. Brown	D.&R.	33	9		\$18.50	
Reathel Jenkins	Heralds	35	16		44.50	8.00
Luella Ashbaugh	Heralds	40½	13		30.50	
C. C. Bunch	Heralds	12	7		18.00	
Mrs. C. N. Young	P.G.	21	2		9.00	8.00
R. I. Witt	Misc.	24			11.00	
7 Agents		165½			\$131.50	\$91.50

Stationery Supplies ..	19.65	
Office Supplies	34.14	
	<u>2,060.33</u>	
	<u>\$8,867.00</u>	

Liabilities

Personal Accounts .. \$	1,701.20
Trust Funds	436.86
Normal Improvement	
Funds	60.00
California-Nevada	
Missionary Society	11.17
Rent	30.00
Total Liabilities	<u>2,239.23</u>
Division from California Conference \$	8,339.89
Loss for 13 Months..	1,712.12
Present Worth	<u>6,627.77</u>
	<u>\$ 8,867.00</u>

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA CONFERENCE OF S. D. A. Tithes and Offerings from Churches March 1, 1911, to March 31, 1912

Church	Tithe	Offerings
Atwater	\$ 372.05	\$ 67.58
Camp-meeting Don.		137.60
Chico	2,162.62	1,059.19
Corning	19.50	6.50
Dos Palos	345.57	106.45
Fallon	272.04	226.78
Fort Bidwell	148.55	38.53
Galt	833.01	258.80
Hughson	355.11	137.74
Home Department	822.64	751.32
Lodi (English)	9,908.49	4,513.91
Lodi (German)	728.83	465.81
Le Grand	162.65	63.15
Merced	3,725.05	2,909.78
Manteca	249.83	65.54
Modesto	755.08	430.37
Oakdale	303.67	161.78
Oroville	53.65	44.68
Linden	284.94	107.16
Placerville	332.56	144.88
Paradise	419.98	241.38
Reno	1,176.81	553.40
Red Bluff	218.10	83.69
Redding	230.26	49.52
Salida	416.42	111.82
Stockton	1,018.48	270.81
Sacramento	1,427.72	575.77
Turlock	1,903.79	749.82
Woodland	777.43	863.09

\$29,424.88 \$15,196.85

REVENUE STATEMENT California-Nevada Missionary Society for 13 Months Ending March 31, 1912

Merchandise Sales ..	\$ 901.65
Gain	
Losses	\$ 202.08
Expenses	202.08
Provision for Doubtful Accounts	60.00
Net Gain	<u>639.57</u>
	<u>\$ 901.65</u>

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

March 31, 1912

Assets	
Local Society Acct. ...	\$ 255.55
Personal Accounts ..	828.15
Northern California Conference Assn. ...	10.25
Northern California Conference	11.17
Inventory	
Mdse. Supplies ... \$	906.87
Expense Supplies ..	27.35
	<u>934.22</u>
	<u>\$2,039.34</u>
Liabilities	
Local Societies	\$ 11.76
Personal Accounts ..	41.54
Cal. Bible House ...	224.19
Provision on Mdse. Acct. (Periodical Business Unbilled) ..	91.26
Provision for Doubtful Accounts	60.00
	<u>428.75</u>
Surplus	
Division from California Conference. \$	971.02
Net Gain, 13 Months	639.57
Surplus March 31, 1912	<u>\$1,610.59</u>
	<u>\$2,039.34</u>

Auditor's Report

To Whom It May Concern:

After making a careful examination of the books of accounts, with vouchers produced, of the Northern California Conference Association of the Seventh-day Ad-

ventists, for the year ending June 1, 1912, I can certify that the financial statements submitted present a correct report of the present condition of the business as on the 1st day of June, 1912, as disclosed by said books of accounts.

J. J. Ireland,
Auditor of N. Cal. Conf. Assn. of the
Seventh-day Adventists.

Dated this 1st day of June, 1912.

**Partial List of the Distribution
of Laborers**

Northern Modoc County — J. D. Alder, W. A. Johnson.

Southern Modoc County — W. S. Holbrook, W. P. Dayton.

South Central Nevada — B. E. Baldwin, Fred Brink.

Western Nevada — J. S. Harmon, A. L. Philbrick.

Sacramento — F. DeWitt Gauterau, J. A. L. Derby, Wilma Landis.

Turlock — C. M. Gardner.

Lodi English — D. T. Fero.

Lodi German — Valentin Leer.

Placer County — A. J. Osborne, Mrs. A. J. Osborne, E. J. Urquhart.

Manteca — Henry Shultz.

Stockton — Alice Brayshaw.

Arbuckle — N. W. Kauble.

Verah MacPherson,
Secretary.



The Field

**ARIZONA
Among the Churches**

Leaving Phoenix on the 5th of June, the writer spent about two weeks in visiting the churches and scattered believers in the southeastern portion of our conference.

Beginning at the most northerly point, the places visited were Miami, Globe, Safford, Solomonsville, Sanchez, Willcox, Bisbee, and Tucson. In each place nearly all the families were seen in their homes, and public meetings were held in Globe, Bisbee, and Tucson. In these three cities meetings were held with our people for the celebration of the ordinances of the Lord's house; and in Globe, two sisters followed our Lord in baptism. One of these came out of the Methodist Church, notwithstanding the efforts of her former minister to turn her away from the truth. Although she was but new in the message, he could not persuade her

that the Sunday institution had taken the place of the Sabbath, in the plans of God for the human family.

Both of these sisters are earnest Christians. They, with four children, will make quite an addition to our Sabbath-school at Globe. This baptismal service was the first to be celebrated in our new chapel in that city. The special interest of Brother Williams in the construction of the baptismal font, saves much inconvenience in performing this rite.

It would be difficult to find a company of Adventists more full of active missionary zeal than our church at Globe. Sister Jessie Cornforth and others gave Bible readings to several persons in the city, and much literature has been distributed. We have reason to believe that other interested persons will soon be ready to unite with the church there.

Brother Eugene Brown's work in Bisbee is beginning to show encouraging results. Several new Sabbath-keepers are rejoicing in the truth, while others seem on the verge of taking a positive stand to obey. Brother and Sister J. K. Strever are taking a lively interest in keeping up our work in Tucson, and their efficient services are much appreciated by our people there.

On the journey mentioned, two new families of Sabbath-keepers were discovered, who have located in our conference within the past few months; and one sister was visited, who, in her childhood, had known of the truth through relatives, but had never seen one of our ministers. Through the nearly twenty years since she learned of the message, it has lingered in her heart, and she is still trying to be faithful herself, and also to train her three daughters for service in the cause of our Master.

As many of those visited had not heard a sermon for months, because of the dearth of workers in our conference, it is natural that they should appreciate a visit. I believe I can truly say that I never have seen our people more appreciative of help in their church services and of a visit paid to them in their homes, than are the churches and scattered families in our conference. The heat, the dust, the dreary desert travel, are forgotten in the joy of breaking the bread of life to hungry souls. It was especially encouraging to the writer to learn that in all the portion of our conference visited, not a single church-member has apostatized or grown lukewarm in the message. A few more years of faith-

fulness, and then the glorious triumph day and the glad reunion on the boundless shores of eternity.

On the 19th of June, Elder W. L. Sims made his first visit to our conference headquarters. He reports the interest in Prescott encouraging. Having rented a hall in quite a central location, he expects soon to begin a series of meetings. We trust that this effort may be prospered of the Lord in adding some to the faith, as well as in strengthening our people in that city.

G. W. Reaser.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Elder Proctor and Brother D. D. Fitch are working at San Jacinto. The interest there is growing.

Elder Ernest Bond, with Brother Miller, a Fernando student, is opening meetings in a tent at San Diego.

Eight have just embraced the truth at Lakeside, San Diego County, where Elder Silas Davis and Philip Knox have been holding a series of meetings.

About thirty Southern California church school and academy teachers left Sunday for the teachers' institute and convention in Portland, Oregon.

The series of tent meetings which has been in progress at San Bernardino has just closed. At least twelve persons there took their stand for the truth.

Elder J. W. McCord and A. S. Booth have recently opened tent meetings on Boyle Heights, in the city of Los Angeles. From 200 to 400 persons are in nightly attendance.

We are glad to report a good patronage at the Glendale Sanitarium. Brother Stephen Dock, formerly of the Graysville, Tennessee, Sanitarium, is now business manager, and Mrs. Dock is acting as matron.

Elder E. J. Hibbard has a tent in a prominent place in Glendale. From one hundred to two hundred are present each night there. Elder H. G. Thurston will connect with Brother Hibbard in the Glendale effort, which will continue until the time of the camp-meeting there. Celian Andross is also connected with this effort.

E. E. Andross.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 1912

While full announcement for the Southern California camp-meeting has not as yet been given, definite word has come that the meeting will be held in Glendale early in August, beginning perhaps on the 5th. Full announcement will appear a little later.

Recent newspapers issued in Oakland, San Francisco, and Fresno announce the fact that the Rev. G. L. Tufts, of Berkeley, has forwarded to all the pastors in the State petition blanks for the securing of signatures asking that a Sunday law be brought before the people for vote at the coming November election. These reports state that his proposed measure is drafted after the Idaho law.

A cablegram has just been received from Cesar Lopez, an Ecuadorian, who has charge of the book work in Ecuador, and is located at Guayaquil, for 400 "Home and Health," cloth; 75 half leather; and 50 full leather. Brother Lopez and his family, on moving to this place, had a very narrow escape from death. Their small boat capsized, and they barely got out with their lives, their household goods and trunks of clothing, etc., going down.

Facts to Encourage

If you are inclined to feel that God's work is not making progress, note carefully the report of the Northern California-Nevada Conference in this issue. There are advance steps being taken all along the line. In the California Conference, according to the report of Elder E. W. Farnsworth, 201 persons have been baptized and taken into the churches of the conference since the last camp-meeting. Elder Andross reports that during the past two years 802 persons have been baptized and taken into churches in the Southern California Conference. The tithes are increasing; the offerings to for-

eign missions are increasing; the spirit for service among our people is rising; and through the mercy of God's co-operating Spirit and guidance, the efforts and means expended are reaching people with this message. Don't be discouraged. Go forward. In referring to the amount of work that has been done in this State, and the amount yet to do, Elder Andross said, in a recent service:

"I believe we shall see large reaping from the seed-sowing we have been doing in the past years. What we need is to get a better hold of God, and to lift the standard of our Christian living. I believe we will see hundreds and thousands come in among us who have been watching us for years. We need courage to go at this work more energetically, and we shall see larger results."

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

Lindsay

Our meetings at Lindsay covered a period of seven weeks, with a splendid attendance all the way, interest deep, the hearers taking the subjects seriously. Many decided victories were gained over sin, tobacco, liquor, and other vice.

Sabbath, June 15, nine dear souls followed their Lord in baptism, and three others were admitted to the church by profession of faith, and a church of twenty-nine was organized. Elder Behrens was present, and gave a study leading up to the organization, and assisted in bringing it about.

Sunday night, June 16, our last meeting was especially marked by the presence of the Spirit of God, when two more gave their hearts to the Lord, making now fourteen for the effort. Next Sabbath three more will be buried with their Lord. And four others are now keeping the Sabbath of the Bible. Several others are convinced of the truth.

Rejoice with us at Lindsay, and give God all the glory. F. E. Brown.

CALIFORNIA

Mendocino County

"In every city, town, and village, there are honest souls who will embrace the truth if it is brought before them in a judicious manner."

Trusting in this promise, we have gone forth to the field and labored. Nearly two months have elapsed since it was decided I should go to Mendocino County to labor in Bible and colporteur work. On account of the short time I would have to work before returning to the camp-

meeting, I decided to cover a large portion of the field in colporteur work. This county is as large as some of the Eastern States, with a population nearly that of the city of Alameda. Mountain ranges would have to be crossed in order to reach the valleys and coast line, where most of the population were to be found.

Accompanied by Brother George H. Reese, I drove with my horse and buggy, through Anderson Valley, and down Navarro Ridge to the coast. After working the towns of Greenwood, Allison, and Mendocino City, we crossed over the mountains to Ukiah and Potter Valley, and on return trip passed Blue Lakes and Clear Lake. We engaged in Bible readings, sold over forty "Story of Daniel," besides other books, including many foreign books, five hundred journals, took some subscriptions, and gave away over five hundred tracts and papers.

We took a list of these people who seemed favorable to respond to future labor, these to be followed up later with personal Bible work. One of them, a young German, the librarian at Mendocino City, was reading a copy of "Steps to Christ" in his language. We sold him several books and tracts. These he is reading with great interest. I gave several Bible readings to the Presbyterian minister there.

Away on the mountain top, amongst the redwoods, I met a German and his wife. After buying "Story of Daniel" and "Revelation," he said: "I was brought up a Roman Catholic; but I have been drifting, not knowing what to believe. I believe this is what I have been looking for." I found one lady who had heard the message presented years ago, who believed what she heard, but had never been established in the truth, being isolated as she was.

We did what we could to encourage the scattered believers we found on the way. There is only one small church company in this county; but we look for more in the future.

On this trip we have covered territory that was not covered by a trip we took last year to this same county, when we sold seven hundred pounds of books and seven hundred journals, placing most of them in Fort Bragg and towns on the coast.

In all these labors, we have seen the hand of the Lord guiding us, and giving us success, a spirit of love, and burden for souls that are perishing.

Chas. W. Peter.