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EIGHTY-FIVE delegates from the twenty-three Seventh-day Adventist churches in the Central California Conference were present during the second annual session of the conference, which opened at Fresno, at 10:00 A.M. Thursday, February 20, 1913. In addition to the conference ministerial force, there were present: Elder E. E. Andross, president of the Pacific Union Conference; Elder G. A. Irwin, vice-president of the Pacific Union Conference; Elder F. M. Burg, president of the Southern California Conference; Elder H. Schultz; Elder V. Leer; and a portion of the time Elder C. L. Taggart, president of the Northern California-Nevada Conference. Elder J. H. Behrens, president of the Central California Conference, presided throughout the session.

As shown by the report of the president, and also those of the departmental secretaries, the past year has been one of progress for this conference. In the first meeting, which was opened with a Scripture reading, Romans 12, by Elder E. E. Andross, three new churches were received into the conference. These are as follows: Reedley, with a membership of 16, organized January 11, 1913; Lindsay, with a membership of 32, organized June 15, 1912; and Dinuba—German—with a membership of 23 organized January 18, 1913. Several workers spoke with reference to the victories which had been gained at each of these places, the faithfulness of the new members, and their desire to become a part of the organized work.

In the second meeting, Elder J. H. Behrens gave his report to the delegates. This contains many interesting items concerning the work, and is printed in full:

President's Annual Address

[Delivered at the second annual meeting of the Central California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, held at Fresno, February 20-24, 1913.]

It is a pleasure to meet and welcome the delegates and visiting brethren and sisters to the second annual meeting of the Central California Conference. The past year has been one of deepest interest to those who soon expect to see the realization of their hope in the coming of our Lord. Signs, long looked for by the earnest Bible student, indicate this glorious event to be right upon us. One of the most evident tokens of this, is the progress of the message in all lands, for a witness unto all nations.

It is expected that a report will be rendered by the conference officials to their constituency at the annual meeting, presenting before them the conditions of the work entrusted to them, and showing its progress—as well as for study in order that plans may be laid for strengthening the same. In my report I shall deal with the work along lines of principles, giving only a general outline, and will leave the details to be reported by department secretaries.

Field Work

During the year ten series of meetings were held in the following places: Kaweah, Lindsay, Armona, Reedley, Hollister, Oak Grove, Oceano, New Monterey, Bakersfield, and Monterey. Also Sabbath-school conventions at Arroyo Grande and Hollister, and young people's conventions at Fresno and Dinuba. The total number baptized and received into the several churches is 96. Besides these, 23 are reported as converted, but have not received baptism, nor united with the church. Three new churches were organized: Reedley with 16 members; Lindsay with 32 members; and Dinuba German with 23 members.

Laborers Transferred

During the year a number of our laborers left the conference for other fields. While we are sorry to lose them, yet we are glad to report that those secured to fill their places are doing good and efficient work. Brother S. G. White, our conference secretary and treasurer, left to take up work in China. His place is filled by Brother G. A. Wheeler. Sister T. D. Robison, our educational and Sabbath-school secretary, connected with the Pacific Union College, and Miss Mable D. Noggle fills her place. Brother J. W. Rich, our field canvassing agent, connected with the school at Lodi, and Brother C. L. Davis now occupies the place made vacant. Mrs. L. L. Hutchinson, our faithful office stenographer, is at present in the Bible work in Humboldt County, and Miss Lou Ellen Watts was secured to fill the vacancy. Elder J. A. Shlottbauer left our field, and is now in the California-Nevada Conference. In order to fill the urgent need of our German-speaking brethren, Elder H. F. Graf was called to the conference.

Churches Dedicated

The Wallace District church was finally completed, and dedicatory services were held there, February 23-25, 1912. All rejoiced that their place of worship was finally ready to be formally dedicated.

The Dinuba company erected a very neat building at a cost of about \$3,500, and on March 9, 1912, this building, too, was solemnly dedicated to the Lord, Elders A. G. Daniells and E. W. Farnsworth officiating.

The church at Laguna was set apart as a place of worship and service to the cause of God, April 19-20.

The last church to be dedicated for the past year was the Island church, and on January 18, 1913, amid solemn and joyful service and praise, this house was publicly dedicated.

Finance

By carefully studying the treasurer's report, it will be noticed that the tithe receipts for 1912 are \$19,672.45, whereas for 1911 the amount is \$20,079.21,

showing a shortage of \$406.76 in 1912. The offering to missions for 1912 is \$9,996.84, whereas for 1911 the amount is \$9,598.52, showing a gain of \$398.32. A still further study shows that thirteen churches have an increase in tithe for the past year, and nine churches show a decrease in tithe receipts. The greatest decrease in the receipts of tithes from a comparative standpoint, for the year, was during the month of December. Sixteen churches show an increase in offerings to missions, and seven a decrease. We would suggest that church officers and conference laborers study the "Report of Tithes and Offerings" carefully so that we may strengthen this part of our work.

In a testimony to ministers, we notice the following: "Presidents of conferences, do your duty; speak not your words, but a plain 'Thus saith the Lord.' Elders of churches, do your duty. Labor from home to home that the flock of God shall not be remiss in this great matter, which involves such a blessing or such a curse. Every man who bears the message of truth to our churches, must do his duty by warning, educating, rebuking. Any neglect of duty, which is robbery toward God, means a curse upon the delinquent." ("Special Testimonies to Ministers.")

"I have been shown that many of our people are robbing the Lord in tithes and in offerings, and as a result His work is greatly hindered. The curse of God will rest upon those who are living upon God's bounties and yet close their hearts and do nothing or next to nothing to advance His cause. Brethren and sisters, how can the beneficent Father continue to make you His stewards, furnishing you with means to use for Him, when you grasp it all, selfishly claiming that it is yours!

"Instead of rendering to God the means He has placed in their hands, many invest it in more land. This evil is growing with our brethren. They had before all they could well care for, but the love for money or a desire to be counted as well off as their neighbors, leads them to bury their means in the world, and withhold from God His just dues. Can we be surprised if they are not prospered? if God does not bless their crops and they are disappointed? Could our brethren remember that God can bless twenty acres of land, and make them as productive as one hundred, they would not continue to bury themselves up in lands, but would let their means flow into God's treasury." ("Testimonies," Vol. 5, pp. 151, 152.)

While considering the matter of finance, it may not be out of place to mention that our conference raised \$554.35 above the required amount of the fifteen-cent-a-week per member fund. All hearts I am sure rejoice in the fact that the full amount for the cause of missions was raised during 1912, even though we fell short a few hundred dollars for our own work.

"Do not wait until your imaginary wants are all satisfied. Do not trust to your feelings, and give when you feel like it, and withhold when you do not feel like it. Give regularly, either ten, twenty, or

fifty cents a week, as you would like to see upon the heavenly record in the day of God." (Id. p. 151.)

Book and Periodical Work

Although having nine canvassers less than last year in the field, and being obliged to change our field agent in the midst of the season, the sales report shows an increase of \$327.77. It is not that we would measure our success by dollars and cents only, but it indicates the increased number of books and periodicals—laden with the precious truths of God's Word—that have gone to the homes of the people, in order that they may be prepared for the great issues that hang over the world. We trust, during the year before us, that many of our young people will feel the burden of yoking up with the Master in placing the printed page in thousands of homes. In order that the greatest number may be encouraged to enter the field, we suggest that our conference laborers, together with the church officers and parents, keep this matter before those who shall take up this line of work. A word of counsel is all that is needed many times to thus start them. Our magazines should be much more extensively sold. We believe that our large cities, and such districts as the Bakersfield and Coalinga oil fields, are splendid territory, as well as our thickly settled farming districts of the San Joaquin valley. To the one who thus links himself with the great Master worker, there is double reward. First, he is sowing precious seeds of truth and gathering souls for the kingdom of God; and he is also engaged in an occupation that will yield greater financial returns than worldly occupations. This may be seen by the work of a young lady who last summer, in three months, sold and delivered \$1,363.66 worth of our subscription books. We believe this can be done by many of our young people who will give themselves to this work with a whole heart.

Conference Relief Campaign

At a meeting of the conference committee held at Dinuba September 8, 1912, the matter of our conference debt was considered. These plans were further considered at another meeting of the committee, with Elder E. E. Andross present, and finally by all the laborers and church elders and officers at Fresno, October 12 and 13. These plans were so fully discussed at that time—also sent to each church and individual in the conference, as well as published in the RECORDER—that we hardly think it necessary to repeat them here. We still and most firmly believe the plan of placing the Relief Books in the homes is of the Lord, and has resulted in great blessing to all who have conscientiously carried it out.

The result of the campaign thus far is as follows:

Received on sale of Relief Books	\$1519.40
Received in cash	1087.76
Received in notes and pledges	4963.00

Total \$7570.16

I would suggest the following for the

consideration of the conference in regard to completing this work:

1. Let the conference agree to raise the 15 cents a week per member fund to 25 cents a week, using 10 cents a week of this fund, till June 30, 1913, for our conference debt.

2. In connection with this, let the sale of relief books be pushed to make up this amount, or otherwise apply on the conference debt.

3. If possible, secure cash and notes from all who have not contributed to this most worthy cause, setting before them the great blessing in doing so.

4. Secure large donations to this same fund as early as possible.

Educational Work

Our 12 church schools with 14 teachers have given instruction and training to 227 pupils. A good spirit is manifested among the children in acquiring an education, and we trust many will in the near future find a place in the vineyard work of the Lord.

The Armona Academy has enjoyed a good attendance, having at present 47 in the academic and 28 in the intermediate and primary departments. During the week of prayer seven were baptized, and united with the church. At the beginning of the fall term, five teachers were employed, but this number has been reduced to four. We believe all of them are doing good work, and are rendering faithful, God-fearing service in training those under their care.

It became necessary last fall to provide a home for students from other parts of the field, and through the very generous offer of Brother and Sister Nis Hansen this great need was supplied, in allowing their home to be used for that purpose. This is much appreciated by the board as well as those who are enjoying the privilege of school.

At the council held at Pacific Union College last December, important changes were recommended in regard to our educational work in the Pacific Union Conference. Among them was: "That the school at Armona from September, 1913, give but ten grades of regular academic work." I shall let Professor Jones speak in detail of the school and its future, but from a financial view-point it would seem that this course is a wise one to follow.

Sabbath-School Work

It has been said that "the Sabbath-school is the church at study," and also that "it is the nursery of the church." Both statements are true, and in order that it may be true of each individual, it means much. It is safe to say that the importance of the Sabbath-school in imparting a knowledge of the Word of God can not be over-estimated. Many of our smaller churches are kept alive because of the influence and work of the Sabbath-school. We should therefore build up this most important branch of the work to its fullest possible state of usefulness, that a greater knowledge of the Word may be imparted to its members, and that more workers may through this means be gathered for the great harvest field.

Another source of service in connec-

tion with Sabbath-school work is the matter of offerings. A gain of \$1,499.79 for 1912 is certainly a very handsome sum for the cause of missions, but I am sure we have not reached the maximum of our ability along this line. Shall we not for the coming year attempt to raise very largely through our Sabbath-school offerings the amount called for for missions? It can be done if those in charge as under-shepherds will in a judicious way keep it before the members of the Sabbath-school. The Spirit of God will move upon hearts when appeals are made for the speedy finishing of the Lord's work in the earth. Let 1913 be the banner year for this conference in its Sabbath-school work.

Religious Liberty Work

Early in the year Brethren Corliss and Ferren, assisted by local workers, visited the churches in the valley in behalf of this all-important work. We are glad to report to you that a very liberal response was manifested to the call to place the Special Religious Liberty Series of the *Signs of the Times* in the hands of every voter in our territory. We believe the small number of signatures obtained by those who advocated the initiating of the Sunday measure is due to the good influence of those papers.

So far as we know, every church in the conference sent in petitions against the enactment of a Sunday Law measure by the legislature at Sacramento and also at Washington. Brethren Healey and Blunt report that present indications are that the measure at Sacramento will not receive favorable recognition by the legislature. Still we should remember the matter in our prayers, that God will work after the counsel of His own will, and prevent the enactment of oppressive laws that shall restrict the liberties of mankind or hinder the furtherance of His work.

We now return the responsibility of the work entrusted to us for the past year to the delegates to the conference. Our earnest prayer is, that wisdom and grace which comes from on high shall be given to each one, and that all the plans proposed, and work of this conference, shall meet the mind of Him who is Father of us all, and who loves us with an everlasting love. J. H. Behrens.

Treasurer's Report

REVENUE STATEMENT

**Central California S. D. A. Conference
Year Ending December 31, 1912**

Expenses and Losses	
Laborers' salaries ...	\$11051.91
Laborers' expense ...	2450.75
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	\$13502.66
Expense	619.15
Educational Department	34.94
Fuel	17.90
Insurance	18.65
S. S. Department	9.80
Young People's Department	9.75
Agents' Transportation	30.00
Teachers' Transportation	7.00
Teachers' Institute	296.80
Camp-meeting	319.11
Donation	155.00
Depreciations	
On Tents, etc.	235.00

Property	60.00
Office Building	50.00
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Sustentation Fund 5%	15355.76
Mission Board 15% of tithe	983.12
Tithe to P. U. C. 10%	2949.36
P. U. C. 5%	1966.24
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	6881.84
Total	22237.60
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Income	
Tithe from churches	19662.45
Donations	72.97
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	19735.42
Expenses exceed income by	\$2502.18
Central California S. D. A. Conference	
Balance Sheet, December 31, 1912	
Assets	
Cash	\$2978.11
On Hand	\$ 662.31
In Bank	2315.80
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Accounts Receivable	861.62
Cent. Cal. Assn.	27.25
Armona School	162.15
Cent. Cal. Bible House	508.08
Laborers' Acct.	150.00
Trust Funds, General	3.56
Trust Funds, Local	2.00
P. U. Conference	8.58
Inventories	5565.13
Real Estate	26.50
Building	2573.99
Less \$50 depreciation	
Tents, etc.	2317.05
Property	611.19
Expense - Supplies	8.50
Unexpired Insurance	27.90
Total Assets	\$9404.86
Liabilities and Surplus	
Accounts Payable	
Personal	741.51
Trust Funds, General	105.06
Trust Funds, Local	1360.40
Total Liabilities	\$2206.97
Surplus Jan. 1, 1912	9700.07
Less Loss for Year 1912	2502.18
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Surplus Dec. 31, 1912	7197.89
Total	\$9404.86

**REVENUE STATEMENT
Central California Bible House - for
Year Ending December 31, 1912**

Gains	
On Merchandise Sales	\$ 722.51
Losses	
Expense	\$334.26
Agents' Expense,	
\$5.25 plus \$5.55	10.80
Insurance	6.00
Property	33.97
Total	385.03
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Net Gain	\$337.48
Central California Bible House	
Balance Sheet, December 31, 1912	
Assets	
Cash	\$ 537.84
Society Accounts	151.19
Personal Accounts	505.73
Purchase Accounts	4.31
Relief Accounts	1571.15
Armona Academy	15.17
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	\$2785.39
Inventories	
Stock of Publications	1626.64
Furnishings	170.00
Office Supplies	75.00
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	1871.64
Insurance	12.00
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	\$4669.03
Liabilities and Surplus	
Due Pub. Houses	1352.80
Cent. Cal. Conference	1261.89
Personal Accounts	14.49
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	2629.18
Relief Book Provision	1519.40
Merchandise Provision	159.66
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	1679.06
Free Literature Fund	1.64
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	4309.88
Surplus Jan. 1, 1912	21.67
Net Gain for Year	337.48
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Surplus Dec. 31, 1912	359.15
Total	\$4669.03

G. A. Wheeler, Treasurer.

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 of its missionary department, the Central California Bible House, for the last fiscal year, and find that the revenue statements and balance sheets submitted are correct reports of the present condition of the business at the close of the year, December 31, 1912, as disclosed by said books of account.

J. J. Ireland,
Auditor.

Dated this 21st day of February, 1913.

Committees

The standing committees appointed by the conference were as follows:

Plans: E. E. Andross, J. O. Corliss, H. E. Adams, J. L. Jones, Miss Mabel D. Noggle, G. A. Wheeler, J. J. Ireland, J. R. Ferren, C. L. Davis.

Nominations: A. N. Loper, J. E. Hackney, John Johnson, F. M. Burg, R. H. Schwartz, W. Bond, A. Koch.

Credentials and Licenses: Elder G. A. Irwin, F. E. Brown, H. G. Thompson, J. W. Bagby, E. P. Ackley.

Pastoral: J. H. Behrens, E. E. Andross, E. H. Adams.

Seating of Delegates: H. C. Basney, M. L. Rice, E. L. Powers.

Officers

The report of the nominating committee was accepted and the following officers were elected to serve the conference for the coming year:

President, J. H. Behrens;
Secretary and Treasurer, G. A. Wheeler.

Executive Committee: J. H. Behrens, E. H. Adams, H. F. Graf, Nis Hansen, A. N. Loper, J. E. Hackney, H. G. Thompson.

Armona School Board: J. H. Behrens, principal of the Armona School, J. W. Rogers, Miss Mabel Noggle, William Bond, Nis Hansen, and L. J. Stearns.

Board of Directors Central California Conference Assn., S. D. A.: J. H. Behrens, E. H. Adams, E. P. Ackley, J. E. Hackney, R. H. Schwartz, Nis Hansen, Wm. Bond.

Credentials and licenses were voted as follows:

Credentials

Elder J. H. Behrens, Elder J. W. Bagby (honorary), Elder E. H. Adams, Elder H. F. Graf, Elder J. R. Patterson, Elder F. E. Brown, Elder H. C. Basney.

Ministerial License

C. W. Fuller, Richard Breitigam, Geo. Truesdell, G. A. Wheeler, J. L. Jones, P. E. Scoggins.

Missionary License

E. P. Ackley, C. L. Davis, M. L. Rice, Mable D. Noggle, Lou Ellen Watts.

Resolutions Adopted**Gratitude**

In recognition of the loving kindness of our Heavenly Father, so bountifully bestowed upon our conference during its second year—in physical health to the workers; in conversion of many precious souls; in its financial interests; and in enabling its members to give so liberally to the work of the Lord outside its local territory—therefore, we express our sincere gratitude publicly to the Giver of all good, and we renew our consecration to faithful service, and we earnestly plead for the power of the Holy Spirit to quickly finish the work of carrying the gospel of the kingdom to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, thus hastening the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Temperance

Whereas, At the present time a local issue is on regarding the extent to which temperance principles may be enforced, be it, therefore,

Resolved, That this conference puts itself on record as unalterably opposed to the traffic in intoxicating beverages at all times and in all places; and we hereby pledge ourselves to cooperate with all associations in behalf of the same principles, and

Whereas, The circulation of the annual number of the *Temperance Instructor* has proved a strong factor in promoting the principles of true temperance, therefore, be it

Resolved, That all make a special effort in the circulation of the splendid number for 1913, and that in localities where the liquor question is an issue, a special effort be put forth, and if necessary that neighboring churches assist in the work where such special interest demands.

During the discussion of this resolution \$150.00 was raised with which to provide a quantity of the *Temperance Instructor* to use in the local campaign against the liquor traffic in Fresno.

Religious Liberty

In view of the ever increasing tendency toward religious federation, which in its very nature must result in a union of the church and the state, and does becloud and hinder the message of salva-

tion to be given to the last generation of men, therefore,

We Recommend, That we hereby renew our earlier vows to do all in our power to enlighten our neighbors and friends regarding the situation, and that we not only keep informed upon current issues in this direction but that we will do all in our power to inform others about the meaning and the ultimate results of these movements, especially the following:

(a) The strenuous efforts now in motion toward securing a Sunday law for California, and

(b) The strong endeavor to create a general sentiment in behalf of Christian citizenship by the contemplated congress to be held in Portland, Oregon, June 29 to July 6, of the present year.

The "Review and Herald" and "Recorder"

Whereas, The degree of spiritual life and missionary activity among our members depends to a large extent upon their knowledge of the advancement of the third angel's message, therefore,

We Recommend, That our conference and church officers unite in continuous effort that every Sabbath-keeping family shall have the *Review and Herald*; and that where it is known that families are in circumstances that forbid their affording the paper, the church provide a fund so that they may have it, and

We Further Recommend, That a similar cooperative effort be made in behalf of the PACIFIC UNION RECORDER, so that every family may keep in touch with the work in this union conference.

The Book Work

Whereas, The book work has proved a great blessing to our young people in furnishing a practical training in missionary methods, as well as financial aid toward their education, therefore,

We Recommend, That earnest efforts be put forth to encourage more of our young people to take up this work on the scholarship plan.

Whereas, It is evident that stronger work with our large subscription books should be carried on in our cities, therefore,

We Recommend, That everything possible be done this year to work Fresno, Bakersfield, and other of our larger places.

The Church Missionary Work

Whereas, Our churches should be strengthened as missionary centers, therefore,

We Recommend, That constant, united effort be made by ministers and conference and church officers to instil into the hearts of our people the thought of service; and that they be helped and encouraged in all lines of home missionary work, including the liberal distribution of tracts, periodicals, and small books, and the holding of Bible readings, cottage, jail, and hospital meetings.

Recognizing that God has used the printed page in opening many doors in

this and other countries among different peoples and languages, therefore,

We Recommend, That our churches make a study of the foreign peoples in their communities, and make a part of their missionary program the distribution of our foreign literature.

Institutes for Church Officers

We Recommend, That the incoming conference committee consider favorably the holding of institutes for the instruction of church officers in such places in the conference as will accommodate all the churches within the conference during the year.

Educational

Recognizing that our educational work should be conducted on a safe, economical, and more efficient basis, and

Whereas, The Educational Council, called at the Pacific Union College, December 23-25, 1912, gave this subject careful consideration, therefore,

Resolved, That we endorse the general plan outlined by that Council, which is as follows:

(a) That church schools confine their efforts to eight grades of work, unless their carrying of ninth grade work is approved by their respective conference superintendents and they are able to employ and do employ two or more teachers;

(b) That the schools of Lodi and Fernando offer the regular academic and elementary business courses, and that the elementary normal course be given for a period of two years, beginning September, 1913. That the school at Armona from September, 1913, give but ten grades of regular academic work. Furthermore, that the Lodi Normal solicit no students for normal training after the year 1913.

The following restrictions, which were adopted by the representatives of the Central and Northern California-Nevada conferences at the Educational Council, were embodied as a part of this report:

"That if the Central California Conference will reduce Armona at the close of the current year to ten grades and allow the Lodi Normal Institute to solicit for grades eleven and twelve in the Central California Conference, at the end of two years, after September, 1913, the Lodi Normal Institute will drop from its curriculum the normal course, no new normal students to be received in 1914.

"We further agree to discourage the moving of families from the Central California Conference to the Northern California-Nevada Conference, who have children to enter school.

"We further discourage likewise all students below grades eleven in the Central California Conference to attend the Lodi Normal Institute.

"We agree to encourage all student workers to return to their home field after completing their school work."

"We the Central California Conference Committee, accept the proposition made by the Northern California-Nevada

Conference, with the specifications previously mentioned."

(c) That the regular college course, the ministers' course, the advanced normal course, the pre-medical course, and the course in commerce be conducted *only* in the Pacific Union College.

(d) That each school of academic grade confine its solicitation to its own conference, excepting that the Northern California-Nevada Conference shall be permitted to solicit students of the eleventh and twelfth grades from the Central California Conference.

(e) That the entire field of the union conference be open to the college for the solicitation of students above the academic grades, and that the president or other representative be invited to attend all camp-meetings, and to distribute catalogs and other literature concerning the school.

(f) That all graduates from academic courses, of suitable age, and who give promise of becoming efficient workers in the cause of God, be encouraged to complete their scholastic preparation for service in the Pacific Union College.

(g) That all conference and educational workers, as well as students and members of churches, unite heartily in the plans thus proposed, to the end of building up in this union conference a united, harmonious educational system, for the glory of God and the advancement of His closing work in the earth.

Whereas, There is a great need of an army of well qualified workers, therefore,

We Recommend, That conference officers, laborers, and church officers do all in their power to create a school spirit among the young people of the conference, and urge their attendance in our schools.

Whereas, It was voted at the last conference session to raise \$1,000.00 for the Armona Academy for the improvement of the grounds, and for equipment, and

Whereas, That fund has not been fully raised,

Resolved, That we proceed at once to raise the balance of the fund.

Relief From Indebtedness

At a recent meeting of the General Conference Committee held in Mountain View, plans looking toward the relief of our educational institutions from the burden of indebtedness were adopted as follows:

Whereas, It is more clearly revealed, with each passing year, that schools, sanitariums, and publishing houses are most helpful and necessary facilities for the rapid and efficient carrying forward of the work of God throughout the world; and,

Whereas, These institutions can accomplish their purpose only to the extent that they are understood, appreciated, and supported by our people; and,

Realizing, That in the establishment and maintenance of the institutions we

now have, there has not been given the careful study, the efficient management, and the proper financial support they should have had; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we take these institutions, with their workers and their great interests and needs, more fully upon our hearts and into our plans and fostering care than heretofore; and, further,

That we commend to the study, the interest, and the support of our people everywhere the schools, sanitariums, and publishing houses among us.

Resolved, That we adopt the following arrangement for removing the present liabilities of these institutions, and for maintaining them without creating further indebtedness:

The standard of offerings to missions to be raised from 15 cents to 20 cents a week per member in the United States and Canada, and that 25 per cent of the total amount thus raised be devoted to the liquidation of the liabilities of all training-schools, and those academies, intermediate schools, and sanitariums whose liabilities equal or exceed 25 per cent of their assets.

We Further Recommend, That the carrying out of this plan be governed by the following provisions:

1. That the entire amount received on the twenty-cent-a-week fund be kept intact, and remitted to the General Conference treasury.

2. That the 25 per cent to be devoted to the liquidation of the liabilities of the schools and sanitariums shall be divided annually, by the General Conference Committee, among the institutions, on the pro rata basis or their indebtedness.

3. That in the apportionment, due consideration be given to the conditions prevailing in each institution as to its financial situation, earnings, available assets that can be realized upon without detriment to the work, annuity contracts, etc., a complete report and financial statement being rendered each year to the General Conference by the institutions.

4. In case the total amount raised falls short of the 20 cents a member, so as to interfere with the operations of our foreign mission enterprises, the shortage shall be deducted from the relief fund rather than from the foreign funds.

5. That each institution receiving appropriations from this fund shall apply the full amount it shall receive to the liquidation of its liabilities.

6. That an institution sharing the benefits of this fund shall not by any means add to its present indebtedness either by buildings, by equipment, or in its operations.

7. That for the enlargement, repairs, equipment, or loss in operating, the needed funds shall be raised by direct gifts from the people.

8. Where it is demonstrated that an institution can not maintain itself without increasing its liabilities or encroaching upon the proposed relief fund, such institution shall, upon the advice of the General Conference Committee and the union conference in which it is located, be closed, and its assets be disposed of to the best advantage, or diverted to other denominational use.

9. That failure on the part of any institution to comply with these provisions shall debar it from receiving the benefits of this plan.

10. That there be appointed a finance commission of three members, men having experience that will enable them to give counsel regarding training-schools, sanitariums, and publishing-house enterprises, to counsel with the management of each institution regarding its affairs, and to make recommendations as to plans of operation, this commission to report to the General Conference Committee; that this commission shall take the place of the recently appointed committee on institutional finance, its members to devote their whole time to the work, the salary and expense of the members to be met from the 25-per-cent institutional fund before its distribution.

11. That this plan go into effect July 1, 1913.

Believing that the Lord has guided in the foregoing, we hereby pledge ourselves to do our utmost to make the plans effective throughout our conference by raising an amount equal to 20 cents per member per week.

In order to hasten the day of deliverance from the bondage of indebtedness,

We Further Recommend, That 5 cents per week per member in addition to the above amount be raised, making 25 cents per week per member, and that until the plans of the General Conference Committee become operative, we retain all above 15 cents in our conference treasury to apply on our local debt, and that later we retain all above 20 cents per week per member for the same purpose.

Relief Books

Realizing that great blessings have been received in the campaign for the relief of our schools in placing the books, "Christ's Object Lessons," and "The Ministry of Healing" in the homes of the people, therefore,

Resolved, That we continue the sale of the books during the year to assist in raising the amount necessary in the relief of our indebtedness.

Young People's Work

Whereas, a greater effort should be made toward building up our young people's work, therefore,

We Recommend:

1. That young people's conventions or institutes be held in various parts of the conference this year;

2. That where there are not enough young people in the church to organize a regular Young People's Society, the church elder report the names of these young people to the conference secretary so that they may be encouraged to become members of the conference society; and further, that our laborers and church officers take a special interest in our young people;

3. That a special effort be put forth this year to encourage our young people

to take up the Standard of Attainment; 4. And that in order to accomplish the above, and more, in behalf of our young people,

We Recommend to the incoming conference committee the appointment of a committee of five, of which the secretary of the Young People's Department shall be the chairman; and that the field be divided into districts so that each member of this committee may have the responsibility of looking after the work in the district assigned.

This resolution was taken up section by section and spoken to by several. It was voted unanimously.

Appreciation

We, the delegates of the Central California Conference, express our hearty appreciation to the Fresno church for the kind entertainment they have provided for us during the conference session.

We would further extend our thanks to the management of the Kopper Kettle Cafeteria for the excellent service and courteous treatment they have given;

And to the Fresno *Republican* and the Fresno *Herald* for their liberality in reporting our meetings.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Sabbath-School

In looking over the records of the development of the Sabbath-school work of this conference since its organization, I have noted the steady and rapid advancement made in this department of the message. Surely the hand of the Lord has been over the work for good and I take pleasure in being able to report to you for the past year even greater evidences of blessing and prosperity.

During the year, four Sabbath-schools have been added,—McKittrick, Velma, Reedley, and the Laton Home School. Later the McKittrick school and also the small school at Wheatville were discontinued on account of the removal of members. This leaves us with 27 schools,—a permanent gain of two over last year.

One of these schools, the Reedley organization of 18 members, comes to us as the result of the tent effort held there the past summer. The one of the youngest schools, Reedley has taken its place as one of the foremost Sabbath-schools in point of earnestness and enthusiasm in the work, while the interest of this body in the spread of the third angel's message is very evident from the fact that Reedley, at \$133, stands second in the list of Sabbath-schools in the amount of weekly offerings per capita.

The Velma school is made up of the English-speaking people of Velma and

Kaweah, and reports an enrolment of 20 members.

The Laton Home School, with 12 members, is an outgrowth of the State Home Department Sabbath-school.

To each of these new schools, I am sure we extend a hearty welcome to the ranks of the Sabbath-schools of Central California, and wish them continued blessing and prosperity in the fulfillment of their mission.

The growth of the Sabbath-school department along financial lines has been most encouraging, as shown by the following financial report:

	Total Members	Offerings to Missions	Per Member per Week
1st Quarter	1051	\$613.58	\$.045
2d Quarter	987	966.00*	.075
3d Quarter	1043	910.31	.067
4th Quarter	1096	1024.17	.072

*Including camp-meeting offering of \$146.03.

The total offering to missions was \$3,514.06, a gain of \$1,499.79 over 1911.

In addition to this \$25.70 has been reported as appropriated to local expense, this amount being \$8.70 less than the amount so used in 1911.

That this increase in offerings is not due to any great increase in membership is more apparent from the following comparison:

Year	Average Membership	Total Offerings to Missions	Per Member per Week
1911	1011	\$2014.27	\$.038
1912	1044	3514.06	.063

This shows an increase in average membership of only 33 with an increase in offerings of \$1,499.79, while the amount per member per week was practically doubled. This gain per capita is to me the most encouraging feature in our increased offering, as it shows the result of the systematic efforts being put forth by most of the schools to increase the individual offerings. What has already been done along this line is shown by the following list of schools that have now passed the 10 cent a week per member mark, the first school having reached the 15 cent standard — Hollister, Reedley, Fresno, Laguna, Dinuba, Tulare, Visalia, Monterey, and Lindsay.

Shall we not continue to put forth earnest effort along this line until the Sabbath-schools of Central California shall all be cooperating to the fullest

extent in spreading the closing message by furnishing means to send forth laborers into the harvest.

A few schools are still halting at the 1, 2, and 3 cent mark in weekly offerings per member. I sometimes wonder what the effect would be in such schools if after opening the school by singing, "What are you doing for Jesus?" the secretary should rise and state that you were giving 1 cent a week each to spread the message of the Saviour's redeeming love. Would you feel satisfied to have this fact recorded in the record books above?

It is true that offerings are not the object of Sabbath-school work; they are the result. It has been my observation, however, that a live Sabbath-school and generous offerings are inseparable. The saying, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also," is true in Sabbath-school work, and if you want more interest taken in your home Sabbath-school, why not try the plan of investing more money in it?

Another encouraging feature of the Sabbath-school work the past year has been the progress made in the State Home Department Sabbath-school. From 43 in 1911, the enrolment has increased to 70 and includes isolated members in the most remote parts of our field. Many of these faithful members are actively working to spread the message and frequent calls come for help in following up interests. Most encouraging letters come from the members of the Home School, and new names of isolated ones are frequently reported by them. It is a matter of regret that the Home Department work has been largely neglected in the local schools. At present Bakersfield and Barstow Colony are the only schools carrying out this line of work. Shall we not as Sabbath-schools open our doors through the Home Department to those who can not come to us? Certain blessing will attend the efforts put forth to encourage and strengthen these neglected ones.

At the conference meeting held one year ago, the following recommendation was adopted:

"That one Sabbath in each quarter be set apart for the holding of a consecration service in connection with the Sabbath-school lesson."

I am glad to be able to report that some of the schools have endeavored to follow out this plan and that all report that this service has been a blessing to the Sabbath-school. We are plainly told

that the object of the Sabbath-school should be the salvation of souls and every effort should be made to bring this about. Realizing the need of greater efficiency as teachers in presenting the truths of the Bible in an attractive way, a greater number than ever before have taken the work of the Teachers' Training Course. I trust that even more attention will be given to these lines of work in the future. Let us remember as teachers and officers that we are dealing with souls for whom we must give account, and let us each seek more earnestly in this present year to secure better results through our teaching and our lives.

The outlook for the future development of the Sabbath-school work in this conference is bright. Let us, then, set higher standards for every line of the work and earnestly and prayerfully strive for them. God is waiting to bless our efforts to perfect His work, and let us cooperate with Heaven in bringing our Sabbath-schools to a complete fulfilment of their mission.

Mable D. Noggle,
Sabbath-School Secretary.

Subscription Book Work

When the changes are taken into consideration, the past year (1912) has many encouraging features. During this time 18 canvassers have worked more or less,—6 for "Great Controversy," 4 for "Heralds of the Morning," 3 for "Practical Guide," 2 for "Story of Daniel," 1 for "Bible Readings," 1 for "Ministry of Healing."

These faithful canvassers have succeeded in placing in the homes of the people \$4520.20 worth of our books, besides speaking words of cheer to many weary hearts, giving Bible readings, etc. In one case at Coalingo, one lady was led to accept the truth. It can well be said of the faithful canvassers that they are God's helping hand.

"We believe that God has ordained the canvassing work as a means of presenting before the people the light contained in our books, and that canvassers should be impressed with the importance of bringing before the world as fast as possible the books necessary for their spiritual education and enlightenment."

"The lost sheep of God's fold are scattered in every place and the work that should be done for them is being neglected."

"From the light given me I know that

where there is one canvasser in the field there should be one hundred. Where are the ninety and nine?"

We are glad to report that the outlook for 1913 is a bright one, there being at the present time 5 canvassers in the field devoting part or all of their time, and we believe that Central California will be able to do its part in reaching the one-half-million-dollar mark, which is our motto for 1913.

Our canvassing band, numbering 14, at the Armona Academy, under the supervision of Professor Jones, is well organized and gives promise of good results.

C. L. Davis.

Tract Society

This branch of our conference work has had a varied experience during the year 1912. The work moved along in a regular way until about the middle of July, when our worthy secretary, S. G. White, took his departure for far off China. Since that time, the writer has tried to carry on the work so well done by Brother White. At about the same time that the secretary left, Brother Rich, our successful field agent, resigned his position to take up work in the Lodi Normal. This necessitated placing a new man in the field, and Brother C. L. Davis was chosen for that work.

While we have reason to thank the Lord for what has been accomplished, yet we can not help comparing what has been done by what might have been done had these breaks not occurred.

We find that during the year our business has amounted to \$10,010.44.

Subscription book sales\$4,520.30
Trade books 595.35
Educational books 250.20
Tract sales 383.60
Periodicals 2,412.00
Relief books 2,285.64

This shows a net gain of \$2,713.41 over the business of 1911.

We believe that a better work should be done during 1913 than we have done the past year. This can be done if all will do what they can.

Surely we have reached the time when our literature is to be scattered like the leaves of autumn. The stirring events taking place in the world open ways for us to approach the people with our truth-laden literature, and they will listen as never before.

Let us thank God, and take courage.

G. A. Wheeler,
Secretary.

Church Schools

As I look over the field of this conference and see the little church schools established in various places throughout its territory, I thank God for the faith of His people. As I have met the difficulties faced by some of the churches in establishing their schools, I have seen that the burden was almost greater than they could carry. When, in the face of almost insurmountable obstacles, they have stepped out by faith and the way has been opened, I have realized even more forcibly that God is leader of the church school movement.

As I report the progress of the work of the present year, it may seem to some a small work. It is, if we look at it from the world's standpoint. But when we remember that God Himself has directed in the establishing of these schools; that the object for which they are established has nothing to do with the world's standard, then who can say that the work is not a great work and that it is not accomplishing its mission in behalf of our children?

Twelve schools have been opened this year, employing fourteen teachers and with an enrolment of 230, not including the eighth grade at Armona, which has been given work in the Academic department. Schools not in operation last year are the schools at Reedley, Dinuba, and Arroyo Grande.

The school at Reedley, while including only one family and having an enrolment of 6, has followed the regular course of study and employed an accredited teacher.

Through the generosity of Brother and Sister Driver, who built an attractive and modern bungalow school building, and placed it at the disposal of the church for school purposes as long as it should be needed, the Dinuba school was started under unusually favorable conditions. The school room is large and well lighted. Provision has been made for ample blackboard space, and all equipment is new. A large hall and cloak-room combined complete a very pleasant and attractive school building. As should be the case, the children are happy and contented and I was pleased to learn that without exception every one of the older children in this school is definitely seeking a preparation to enter the work, some having already consecrated their lives to a foreign field.

The little school at Arroyo Grande is our other new school. Its history is very different from the school just mentioned,

but it is doing its work just as surely and is just as much appreciated by the little company there. Having seen the loyalty and devotion of this small church to the cause of Christian education, and having witnessed the rise of this school in the midst of difficulties, which would have dismayed utterly where there was less faith, I rejoice with them in the successful work being done there.

The other schools in the conference, which were in operation last year as well, are located at Armona, Bakersfield, Fresno, Hanford, Island, Kaweah, Monterey, Selma, and Laguna.

One mark of progress in the school work this year which is most encouraging is that, with one exception, every school has raised the standard of its work by entering on a full nine month's term. This will permit of the carrying out of the regular course of study as adopted by this Union at the Portland summer-school. This course of study is the most complete plan which we have yet followed, and so closely outlines the work to be done in each subject that children moving from any school in the Union to a new one, should be able to continue their work without a change of books, and with practically no loss in time. I am glad to report that almost without exception this course of study is being followed in our schools in this conference and thorough work is being done.

It is also of interest to know that the present financial standing of the schools is excellent. The churches have assumed this responsibility in a very loyal way, and in many cases in a spirit of personal sacrifice. Practically every school is a real "church" school and not a school financed and managed by a few parents paying tuition. I have been truly thankful to see the churches arousing to the responsibility and privilege left with them to educate the children in their midst. The children are indeed the heritage of the church as a whole, and I long for the time when every church member will be assisting in the work of preparing the children for the responsibilities of the work, by giving of his means.

This ideal is being met to some extent in one church in our conference, where there is no school. In response to a call for help from a sister church a number are giving monthly pledges to help in the educating of some of the children of "the church." What difference does it make that these children happen to live in another town? They are a part of our heritage.

A new movement has been started in the schools this year which is worthy of mention. This is the organized Church School Missionary Volunteer Society. The importance of having our children trained in an atmosphere of missionary activity was discussed by the educators assembled at Portland this summer and definite plans were laid for this work in the schools. The children are organized into a missionary society and one hour each week is devoted to its work. Lessons on the history of our denomination and Bible subjects are outlined, and all of the schools in this way carry on the same work. Blanks for reports are furnished to each child. I have at hand a partial report of the work done by these societies in our conference for the past month. Not all of the reports for this month have been sent in. However, the following will give some idea of the scope of the work.

Missionary letters written.....	12
Missionary letters received.....	3
Missionary conversations.....	32
Missionary readings.....	4
Missionary scripture cards given away.....	13
Books lent.....	2
Papers sold.....	13
Papers lent or given away.....	597
Tracts sold.....	2
Tracts given away.....	271
Subscriptions taken for papers.....	7
Articles of clothing given away.....	55
Offerings.....	\$17.96
Missionary money earned:	
By selling books or papers.....	72.70
By work.....	.50
By home gardens.....	.50
By chickens, eggs, etc.....	2.00
Total.....	\$93.66

I am sure that even this partial report for one month is sufficient to show us that this movement in the schools is helping in the spread of the message and that it can not fail to inspire the children with the spirit of working in the vineyard of the Lord.

With this brief glimpse of the work of the church schools for this year, I leave the subject with you, urging each one to a more earnest study of the great subject of Christian education, and to a more complete cooperation with this branch of the message. Wonderful progress has already been made in developing the work into a complete system of schools, but much remains to be done in raising the standard still higher and surmounting some of the difficulties that we now meet. Your sympathetic help is needed.

Mable D. Noggle,
Church School Secretary.

Report of the Young People's Department

For Year Ending December 31, 1912

Just a little over twenty years ago the first testimony was given to organize our young people for work. It was accepted by our people, but like all other branches of the work the beginning was small and it was several years before we realized the importance of establishing a Young People's Department. Since the organization of this department the advancement has been rapid and much has been gained for the young people that otherwise would have been lost.

A large number of the young people of this conference are so situated that they can not organize into bands for personal work in assisting each other, such as in our smaller churches, and I would recommend that the officers of such churches or conferences laborers report the names of these young people to the conference Young People's secretary so that they may become members of the Conference Society.

In the Central California Conference the Young People's Department is advancing each year. We are glad to report that the work has more than doubled during the past year. In every church where there is a sufficient number, the young people are organized for service, and God is abundantly blessing them.

During the past year one convention was held at Dinuba. I trust that during the coming conference year a number of these meetings will be held, as they have proved a great blessing to the young people.

The following is a comparative report of the work done during the past two years.

	1911	1912
Number of societies ..	6	14
Membership	127	314
Number taking reading course (Senior)	42	42
Number taking reading course (Junior) ...	19	30
Letters written	56	164
Letters received	13	93
Missionary visits (personal work)	65	403
Bible readings or cottage meetings held..	90	116
Subscriptions taken for periodicals	18	375
Papers sold	213	268
Books sold	213	3000
Papers lent, mailed, or given away	4643	12697
Books lent, or given away	98	244
Pages of tracts sold..	1971	*100
Pages of tracts lent or given away	16554	*12359

GENERAL COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF THE CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

Composed of the following counties in the state of California: Tulare, Madera, San Benito, Fresno, Kings, San Luis Obispo, Monterey, and that portion of Kern County north of the Tehachapi Mountains.

Number of meals provided	37	47
Hours of Christian help work	151	492
Articles of clothing given away	184	63
Offerings for foreign missions	\$57.33	\$274.83
Offerings for home missions	28.88	189.69
Offerings for local society work	37.69	87.06
Total offerings received	\$123.90	\$551.58
Number of conversions of young people....	3	14
*Tracts.		

M. L. Rice,
Missionary Volunteer Secretary.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION
Revenue Statement, Year Ending
December 31, 1912

Income	
Receipts on school debt acct.	\$2276.09
Distribution from Cal. Conf. Assn.	\$ 586.18
Receipts from this field	1689.61
Expense	\$663.26
Interest	226.07
	889.33
Balance to apply on principal of school note	1386.76
Balance Sheet, December 31, 1912	
Assets	
School debt account	\$19475.23
Central Cal. Conf.	1342.28
Expense	74.35
	20891.86
Liabilities	
Cal. Conf. Assn.	8279.03
Bills payable, local	11000.00
Interest	226.07
	19505.10
Surplus Gain	1386.76
	20891.86

Auditor's Report

To Whom it May Concern:

This is to certify that I have made a careful examination of the revenue statement and balance sheet submitted of the Central California Conference Association, S. D. A., for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1912, and find the same to be correct.

J. J. Ireland,
Auditor.

Dated this 24th day of February, 1913.

Wanted

An experienced commercial baker, who can bake for the trade. Good wages. Address Vegetarian Cafeteria, Fifth and A streets, San Diego, California.

For Sale

In Stanislaus County, six miles from Modesto, six acres of first-class alfalfa land, all in alfalfa. A quarter of a mile from church and church school. Price, \$290 per acre. Address Spencer Potts, R.F.D. No. 4, Box 102, Modesto, California.

Number of Churches	1911	1912	
Membership	24	23	1-
Total Tithe Receipts	1125	1209	84*
Number Church Buildings	\$20079.21	\$19672.45	\$ 406.76-
Estimated Value	18	19	1*
	\$52100.00	\$55600.00	\$3500.00*

Laborers

Ordained Ministers	6	5	1-
Licensed Ministers	5	5	
Licensed Missionaries	4	5	1*
Book and Periodical Canvassers During the Year			
	33	24	9-
Total Laborers	48	40	8-

Appropriations

Amount Tithe Appropriated to Fields Outside the Conference	\$6626.56	\$6889.13	\$ 262.57*
Total Offerings to Foreign Missions.....	5965.34	7237.93	1272.59*
Total Contributions to Home Missions....	592.23	1256.78	664.55*
Total Contributions to Local Work	2002.84	3495.00	592.16*
Total Contributions	\$16086.97	\$18878.84	\$2791.87*

Sabbath-School Department

Number Sabbath-Schools	25	27	2*
Membership	1028	1096	68*
Total S. S. Contributions	\$2048.67	\$3539.76	\$1491.09*
Total S. S. Offerings Foreign Missions..	\$2014.27	\$3514.06	\$1499.79*

Educational Department

Number Church Schools	9	12	3*
Number Teachers	12	14	2*
Total Enrollment	222	227	5*
Estimated Value of Buildings and Equipment	\$6375.00	\$7875.00	\$1500.00*
Expense of Annual Maintenance	\$6097.00	5500.00	\$597.00*

Missionary Volunteer Department

Number Young People's Societies	6	14	8*
Membership	127	314	187*
Contributions to Foreign Work.....	\$ 57.33	\$274.83	\$217.50*
Contributions to Home Mission Work...	28.88	189.69	160.81*
Contributions to Local Society Work...	37.69	87.06	49.35*
Total	\$123.90	\$551.58	\$427.68*

Book and Periodical Sales

Subscription Book Sales	\$4313.50	\$4520.50	\$ 207.00*
Trade Books	573.25	595.35	22.10*
Educational Books	460.78	250.20	210.58-
Tract Sales	294.39	833.60	89.21*
Periodicals	2092.95	2412.99	320.04*
	\$7734.87	\$8162.64	\$427.77*
Relief Books		2285.64	
Grand Total	\$7734.87	\$10448.28	\$2713.41*

* Shows a gain.
- Shows a loss.

Loma Linda Hospital Day

For some years the Lord has been calling for the establishment of a medical college among us for the education of our youth for medical missionary work. In response to this call the American Medical Missionary College was established at Battle Creek. Later this institution passed out of the hands of the denomination, and for some time we have had no medical college. The Lord then definitely pointed out Loma Linda as the place for the establishment of a medical college. This property was secured and a school started. At first no provision was made for the training for fully qualified physicians. Three years ago this work was

started under the counsel of the Union and General Conference committees, and ample facilities were provided for the giving of three of the five years in the course. The last two years of the medical course are made up very largely of clinical work and require a clinical hospital in order to give the required work in a practical way. This is necessary according to the state laws regulating medical institutions, and it is also necessary in order to give the proper training to students who are to deal with human life in their medical practise. It is especially important that we should have a hospital under our own care where our physicians can diagnose and prescribe

**CENTRAL CALIFORNIA COMPARATIVE REPORT OF TITHES AND
OFFERINGS, 1911 AND 1912**

	Tithes		Offerings	
	1911	1912	1911	1912
Armona	\$2805.02	\$3379.15*	\$879.85	\$1569.61*
Arroyo Grande	166.76	460.14*	107.16	146.40*
Bakersfield	943.48	1490.23*	462.54	527.01*
Barstow	652.49	297.74-	128.13	244.66*
Burrough	247.90	187.57-	105.08	213.90*
Camp-Meeting				146.13
Dinuba	2389.76	1009.58-	1086.30	729.11-
Dinuba, German		11.00	33.94	96.71*
Exeter	212.78	536.64*	434.39	212.40-
Fowler	254.00	285.79*	160.48	73.92-
Fresno	4850.68	5424.50*	1813.78	3264.13*
Hanford	1250.43	1128.43-	451.63	228.88-
Hollister	207.92	271.68*	42.10	112.06*
Island	843.63	900.18*	230.74	415.73*
Lemoore	1108.29	780.47-	239.71	266.26*
Laguna	971.39	681.53-	233.84	305.35*
Lockwood	91.50			
Lindsay		628.83	33.47	198.51*
Madera	61.57			
Monterey	169.90	308.05*	42.62	255.83*
San Luis	526.65	529.47-	87.06	100.46*
Selma	951.92	222.58-	220.92	114.96-
Tulare	20.24	147.69*	9.05	95.94*
Visalia	355.48	397.98*	147.79	176.82*
Wallace	439.25	235.17-	57.14	49.18-
Personal	558.36	658.05*	537.65	445.41-
Miscellaneous			2053.15	
	\$20079.21	\$19672.45	\$9598.52	\$9996.84

Loss in tithe for 1912 equals \$406.76.

Gain in offerings for 1912 equals \$398.32.

* Shows gain.

- Shows loss.

G. A. Wheeler,
Secretary.

treatment along hydrotherapy lines, following the light given us for years in the past for the treatment of the sick.

The building of such a hospital can not be further delayed if we are to carry out the instruction given us, and which seems so very necessary in the conduct of the medical missionary work.

March 15 has been set aside as *Loma Linda Hospital Day*, when an offering is to be taken up in all our churches throughout North America in order to provide means for the building of this institution. It will be necessary to raise an amount equal to about fifty cents per member throughout our churches in order to furnish the means necessary for the building and equipment of the hospital. This can be done without imposing any serious burden upon our people anywhere. And if it is done, sufficient money will be provided and the building will be erected and furnished without incurring any debt upon the denomination. This is the ideal plan and I feel very sure that our brethren throughout this Union Conference will come to our assistance at this time.

The general conference is taking hold of this matter very, very earnestly, and with one united effort we ought to accomplish that which is so much needed in order to carry forward our work. Let all conference workers and church officers unite in making this effort a grand success.

Five and ten cent offerings will not be sufficient to provide the fund necessary for the construction of our hospital. True, some may not be able to give more than this, but the church should see that the average offering amounts to at least fifty cents per member. In order to accomplish this some must give very much more than this amount to make up for those who are unable to bring a large offering. If at first the offering is not what it should be, let another effort be made, until each church does its part in providing the necessary funds.

E. E. Andross.

CALIFORNIA

Church School Missionary Volunteer Items

CHURCH SCHOOL MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS

Total Summary

For Month of January, 1913

Miss. Letters Written	31
Miss. Letters Received	21
Miss. Conversations	256
Miss. Readings	126
Miss. Bouquets Given Away	338
Miss. Scripture Cards Given Away	512
No. Papers Sold	431
No. Papers Lent or Given Away	1171
No. Tracts Sold	604
No. Tracts Lent or Given Away	1610
No. Subscriptions for Papers	290
Articles of Clothing Given Away	116
Signers Obtained for Tem. Pledge	59
Food Given Away	148
Offerings	\$9.10

Missionary Money Earned

By Selling Books or Papers	\$26.05
By Work and Sale of Articles	49.88
By School and Home Gardens	7.10

By Chickens, Eggs, Etc.	3.00
By Manual Training	1.00
By Errands	1.65

Total Offerings to Missions....\$97.78

Missionary Visits	8
Books Sold	1
Sick Visited	6
Books Loaned	6

Wood given away to one family.
1 box apples given away to one family.
13 hours Christian help work.

January reports from two schools only have been included in the foregoing summary.

From the St. Helena church school the Missionary Volunteer report has reached us month by month as regularly as have the monthly membership and attendance summaries. This school alone reports in offerings and money earned for missions the sum of \$13.71.

The grammar department of the Mountain View church school reports \$23.27. There are 24 pupils enrolled in this department, thus the average gift to missions from each of these boys and girls for the first four months of school is \$1.00. The primary room offerings of the Mountain View school total \$11.59.

The Sebastopol church school reports \$9.00 collected at the time of the Harvest Ingathering.

The Sanitarium intermediate department has reported thus far \$14.16 for missions. The primary children are saving their pennies for Miss Randall's missionary yard stick. It doesn't take long to fill it, they say, and they have in their room a Missions Honor Roll, too. Every boy or girl who earns and brings in fifty pennies for missions may have his name on the Missions Honor Roll.

The grammar department of the Pacific Union College church school is planning to earn money for missions by the sale of the manual training articles made by the wood sloyd and sewing classes.

Of the total number of tracts loaned and given away, 1058 were reported from one school.

Of the 512 Scripture cards given away, this same school reports 255 cards. Perhaps all our Volunteers do not know that Scripture cards are gladly received by our foreign workers, and that they can be used to good advantage in work with heathen peoples.

The reports from our smaller schools are encouraging indeed. Our gifts help to swell the grand total of offerings, and every little counts. Every wide-awake Church School Volunteer will have something to report every week.

Notice the summary of our missionary

letters written and received. Can not more be done in this line?

Where are our Canvassing Volunteers? We are sure that some of them are in the Eureka church school. Are there many of them in *your* school?

We are glad to get such regular reports from Vallejo. The neatly laid walk leading to the school building and the improvement of the grounds in the school yard and around the church building are certainly missionary work of the highest order.

The church school in Los Gatos sent an offering of \$1.40 from their school gardens last summer. They are planning to do more this year, and their gardens have been planted.

On Friday of last week we found the school at Healdsburg plotting their missionary gardens. The pupils of this school constitute a very active missionary society. There are in this school children from homes not professing this truth, but these boys and girls imbibe the missionary zeal of their church school companions, and bring in reports and offerings as faithfully as do our own children.

Katherine B. Hale.

Central California Magazine Sales			
Name	Hrs.	Copies	Value
Miss Lull	19	55	\$5.50

For Sale

A bargain; six-room bungalow containing all the modern improvements, electric lights; ten-minute walk from Lodi Normal Institute.

G. W. Sargeant.

For Sale

Small lot, good modern house with four rooms, bath, porch, and large basement; one block from church and church school, in suburbs of Los Angeles. One block from car line. Will sell furnished for \$1,700 cash, or \$2,000 on payments. Address Mamie Adams, Loma Linda, Cal.

Arizona Conference Corporation Meeting

The annual meeting of the Arizona Conference Corporation of Seventh-Day Adventists will be held in the Seventh-Day Adventist church, Third and Pierce streets, Phenix, Arizona, at 10:00 A.M., Monday, April 7, 1913. All Seventh-day Adventist churches in the Arizona Conference are invited to select delegates on the usual basis to attend this legal meeting.

G. W. Reaser, President. G. A. Roberts, Secretary.

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1913

Agent	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Value	Delivered
Northern California-Nevada						
G. B. Morrison	B. R.	36	14	\$1.10	\$55.10	
H. R. Miller	B. R.	35	21	6.90	80.90	
W. R. Nelson	B. R.	15	4		17.00	
M. A. Reese	G. C.	35	8		26.00	
Deliveries						\$232.50
4 Agents		121	47	8.00	\$179.00	\$232.50

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 22, 1913

Northern California-Nevada						
G. B. Morrison	B. R.	36	14		\$50.00	
H. R. Miller	B. R.	20	11	\$3.20	44.30	
W. R. Nelson	B. R.	16	4	.50	13.50	
L. B. Ward	B. R.	19	4	1.35	17.35	
W. S. Brown	B. R.	17	4	1.60	17.60	
5 Agents		108	37	\$6.65	\$142.75	
Central California						
M. L. Rice	B. R.	11	12		\$34.00	
F. M. Slater	G. C.	11	8		26.00	
Dr. Mable Church and Mrs. I. Church		G. C.	22	11	15.90	51.10
4 Agents					\$15.90	\$111.10
Utah						
L. R. Ackerman	P. G.	16	3	\$1.50	\$16.00	
California						
A. C. Hanson	B. R.	27½	8		\$32.00	
O. H. Shrewsbury	G. C. & P. P.	33½	12	\$5.25	41.25	
2 Agents		61	20	\$5.25	\$73.25	

A Suggestion

A double blessing would be conferred upon humanity if you should choose to raise your offering for Loma Linda Day by selling the Temperance number of the *Instructor*. This is a suggestion that some may appreciate. This *Instructor* is doing a quiet work with the people in the homes that is more effective than any other means of work against the liquor and tobacco traffic. Thousands of copies are now being circulated. Thousands more would be circulated if all our people would take an interest in the campaign in behalf of temperance. How appropriate for those who wish to do so, to use this beautiful paper in bringing a real blessing to the people now, while raising an offering that will help to build an institution that will be a blessing to humanity as long as the work shall last. You order the papers for four cents each; they sell for ten cents each.

Big Edition Gone

February 25, and all the March *Signs Magazine* sold, and so badly rushed in the factory that a second edition cannot be printed," is the encouraging word that comes to us from the home of "The

Magazine with the Message." They assure us, tho, that they will endeavor to guard against this disappointment of their agents again. The March number was unusually good; those short, pointed articles took so well, that it is no wonder it enjoyed such a remarkably good sale. The April number is now ready for mailing. Its make-up follows the same style as the March number. Over twenty real, winning articles, many of them short and right to the point.

California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association

Notice is hereby given that the sixteenth annual meeting of the members of the constituency of the California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association will be held at Sanitarium, Napa County, California, Wednesday, March 12, 1913, at 12 o'clock M., for the election of four or more directors to take the place of those whose term of office expires at that time, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

L. M. Bowen, President. J. J. Wessels, Secretary.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 1913

Following the conference at Fresno, Elder E. E. Andross was called to Southern California to attend important board meetings at the Paradise Valley Sanitarium, and at the College of Medical Evangelists, as well as at Los Angeles.

The gospel meetings recently opened in San Francisco by Elder J. W. McCord and Elder R. S. Fries are well attended. A strong corps of Bible workers have been associated with these ministers, and the Lord is blessing the work in a marked way. A good hall, well located, was secured, and there is a most encouraging outlook for the work in this great city. The brethren feel that the time is ripe for this strong effort. Let all unite with them in earnestly seeking the Lord for His special blessing for the work and workers at this time in San Francisco.

The spring of the year has arrived and all nature is coming forth in the bloom or green which brings gladness to the hearts of all mankind. With these bright prospects before us of another bountiful year, the children of the kingdom should not lose sight of the openings for missionary labor that are permitted to come their way daily. A little tact in making opportunities for labor will open the door of many hearts for a deeper knowledge of "What do these things mean?" and "Is the day of the Lord hastening on?" Our excellent magazines or other small publications will in many instances answer the questions.

In spite of wet and windy weather, writes Elder G. W. Reaser, president of the Arizona Conference, the interest in the meetings in progress at Buckeye continues strong. As many as 150 persons have been in attendance. There are brighter days ahead for the canvassing work in Arizona. Brother C. F. Innis,

who will take the field agency, is now in Phoenix and has entered upon his work. During the past three weeks Brother Walter Harper has sold \$700.00 worth of books, and Brother G. W. Reese during the same time has sold \$575.00 worth. This is certainly evidence that there are wonderful opportunities for this work in Arizona, and we wish for Brother Innis the hearty cooperation of the brethren and sisters in building up the book work there.

Canvass for the Temperance "Instructor"

"I am working in the interests of the temperance cause. This is the Temperance Annual of the *Instructor*. The front cover tells the whole story,—the 'Protection of the Child by Education and Legislation.' It is designed to teach him to shun the evils of the liquor traffic and to choose the better way. The price is only ten cents.

"Prominent men have written for the paper. Here is an article by Professor McKeever of the Kansas State Agricultural College on Home Training. Another is written by Professor Fisher on the efficiency demanded by employers. There is a vast fund of information here for only ten cents.

"Besides the liquor traffic, it also deals with another menace to the boy—the Cigaret Evil. Every parent as well as the boys should read this. The price is only ten cents."

Loma Linda Day — March 15

We call to the attention of all our people the fact that Sabbath, March 15, has been set apart by the General Conference as a day when a special offering is to be taken all over the United States and Canada to build a hospital at Loma Linda. This has become an absolute necessity to maintain our standard, and to carry on our work successfully at that place. We desire to raise an amount equivalent to fifty cents per member for all our people. Our church officers and members are especially invited to acquaint themselves fully with the plan through what has been written in the *RECORDER*, the *Review and Herald*, and in the second Sabbath Missionary Reading. Surely it will be an inspiration to all lift together to provide this hospital free from debt, and if we all work together we shall be able to do it. Let us all plan for a most liberal offering for this most worthy object.

E. W. Farnsworth.

The Twenty-Five-Cent-a-Week Fund

The readers of the *RECORDER* have already a clear conception of what this fund is. It is the same as the fifteen-cent-a-week fund with some slight additions and modifications. The plan originated with the General Conference.

The fund as enlarged is designed to meet the necessities not only of our missions and missionaries, but our missionary institutions as well — our schools and other institutions.

The fund is made up in precisely the same way as the other was. Sabbath-school offerings, annual offerings, harvest ingathering, birthday, midsummer, and weekly offerings; in short, all offerings for foreign mission work, and also offerings for the blind and for the Negro people in the South are reckoned in this fund. Our brethren will see that the fund is made up in the same way it has been before, the only difference being that now we plan to raise twenty-five cents per week per member instead of fifteen cents as before.

Fifteen cents out of every twenty-five that is raised in this way will go to support our missions and missionaries, and ten cents to pay the obligations resting on our schools and other missionary institutions.

It is the plan and purpose of the General Conference to pay in part the indebtedness of our schools and some of our other institutions in this way if they cooperate with them. This is a plan in which every Seventh-day Adventist in America is earnestly requested to take a part. It is a plan that we are sure will succeed if all do take a part.

We know that we are not well started here in the California Conference yet. At our general meeting recently held in Oakland we agreed to date the beginning of this work from January 1, 1913, and so we should be well on our way by this time.

We must look to the officers of our churches to see that it is made a success. Let me ask the elders and deacons and treasurers, How much will have to be raised in your church each week if each member pays twenty-five cents?

What progress have you made thus far? Do not delay this any longer. If your church gets far behind, it will be hard to make up the lack. Let us all take hold with good heart and courage, and we will be able to do our share of this work.

E. W. Farnsworth.

Number of meals provided	37	47
Hours of Christian help work	151	492
Articles of clothing given away	184	63
Offerings for foreign missions	\$57.33	\$274.83
Offerings for home missions	28.88	189.69
Offerings for local society work	37.69	87.06
Total offerings received	\$123.90	\$551.58
Number of conversions of young people...	3	14
*Tracts.		

M. L. Rice,
Missionary Volunteer Secretary.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION
Revenue Statement, Year Ending
December 31, 1912

Income	
Receipts on school debt acct.	\$2276.09
Distribution from Cal. Conf. Assn.	\$ 586.18
Receipts from this field	1689.61
Expense	\$663.26
Interest	226.07
	889.33

Balance to apply on principal of school note 1386.76

Balance Sheet, December 31, 1912

Assets	
School debt account	\$19475.23
Central Cal. Conf.	1342.28
Expense	74.35
	20891.86
Liabilities	
Cal. Conf. Assn.	\$279.03
Bills payable, local	11000.00
Interest	226.07
	19505.10
Surplus Gain	1386.76
	20891.86

Auditor's Report

To Whom it May Concern:
This is to certify that I have made a careful examination of the revenue statement and balance sheet submitted of the Central California Conference Association, S. D. A., for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1912, and find the same to be correct.

J. J. Ireland,
Auditor.

Dated this 24th day of February, 1913.

Wanted

An experienced commercial baker, who can bake for the trade. Good wages. Address Vegetarian Cafeteria, Fifth and A streets, San Diego, California.

For Sale

In Stanislaus County, six miles from Modesto, six acres of first-class alfalfa land, all in alfalfa. A quarter of a mile from church and church school. Price, \$290 per acre. Address Spencer Potts, R.F.D. No. 4, Box 102, Modesto, California.

that the object of the Sabbath-school should be the salvation of souls and every effort should be made to bring this about. Realizing the need of greater efficiency as teachers in presenting the truths of the Bible in an attractive way, a greater number than ever before have taken the work of the Teachers' Training Course. I trust that even more attention will be given to these lines of work in the future. Let us remember as teachers and officers that we are dealing with souls for whom we must give account, and let us each seek more earnestly in this present year to secure better results through our teaching and our lives.

The outlook for the future development of the Sabbath-school work in this conference is bright. Let us, then, set higher standards for every line of the work and earnestly and prayerfully strive for them. God is waiting to bless our efforts to perfect His work, and let us cooperate with Heaven in bringing our Sabbath-schools to a complete fulfilment of their mission.

Mable D. Noggle,
Sabbath-School Secretary.

Subscription Book Work

When the changes are taken into consideration, the past year (1912) has many encouraging features. During this time 18 canvassers have worked more or less,—6 for "Great Controversy," 4 for "Heralds of the Morning," 3 for "Practical Guide," 2 for "Story of Daniel," 1 for "Bible Readings," 1 for "Ministry of Healing."

These faithful canvassers have succeeded in placing in the homes of the people \$4520.20 worth of our books, besides speaking words of cheer to many weary hearts, giving Bible readings, etc. In one case at Coalingo, one lady was led to accept the truth. It can well be said of the faithful canvassers that they are God's helping hand.

"We believe that God has ordained the canvassing work as a means of presenting before the people the light contained in our books, and that canvassers should be impressed with the importance of bringing before the world as fast as possible the books necessary for their spiritual education and enlightenment." "The lost sheep of God's fold are scattered in every place and the work that should be done for them is being neglected."

"From the light given me I know that

where there is one canvasser in the field there should be one hundred. Where are the ninety and nine?"

We are glad to report that the outlook for 1913 is a bright one, there being at the present time 5 canvassers in the field devoting part or all of their time, and we believe that Central California will be able to do its part in reaching the one-half-million-dollar mark, which is our motto for 1913.

Our canvassing band, numbering 14, at the Armona Academy, under the supervision of Professor Jones, is well organized and gives promise of good results.

C. L. Davis.

Tract Society

This branch of our conference work has had a varied experience during the year 1912. The work moved along in a regular way until about the middle of July, when our worthy secretary, S. G. White, took his departure for far off China. Since that time, the writer has tried to carry on the work so well done by Brother White. At about the same time that the secretary left, Brother Rich, our successful field agent, resigned his position to take up work in the Lodi Normal. This necessitated placing a new man in the field, and Brother C. L. Davis was chosen for that work.

While we have reason to thank the Lord for what has been accomplished, yet we can not help comparing what has been done by what might have been done had these breaks not occurred.

We find that during the year our business has amounted to \$10,010.44.

Subscription book sales	\$4,520.30
Trade books	595.35
Educational books	250.20
Tract sales	383.60
Periodicals	2,412.00
Relief books	2,285.64

This shows a net gain of \$2,713.41 over the business of 1911.

We believe that a better work should be done during 1913 than we have done the past year. This can be done if all will do what they can.

Surely we have reached the time when our literature is to be scattered like the leaves of autumn. The stirring events taking place in the world open ways for us to approach the people with our truth-laden literature, and they will listen as never before.

Let us thank God, and take courage.

G. A. Wheeler,
Secretary.

Church Schools

As I look over the field of this conference and see the little church schools established in various places throughout its territory, I thank God for the faith of His people. As I have met the difficulties faced by some of the churches in establishing their schools, I have seen that the burden was almost greater than they could carry. When, in the face of almost insurmountable obstacles, they have stepped out by faith and the way has been opened, I have realized even more forcibly that God is leader of the church school movement.

As I report the progress of the work of the present year, it may seem to some a small work. It is, if we look at it from the world's standpoint. But when we remember that God Himself has directed in the establishing of these schools; that the object for which they are established has nothing to do with the world's standard, then who can say that the work is not a great work and that it is not accomplishing its mission in behalf of our children?

Twelve schools have been opened this year, employing fourteen teachers and with an enrolment of 230, not including the eighth grade at Armona, which has been given work in the Academic department. Schools not in operation last year are the schools at Reedley, Dinuba, and Arroyo Grande.

The school at Reedley, while including only one family and having an enrolment of 6, has followed the regular course of study and employed an accredited teacher.

Through the generosity of Brother and Sister Driver, who built an attractive and modern bungalow school building, and placed it at the disposal of the church for school purposes as long as it should be needed, the Dinuba school was started under unusually favorable conditions. The school room is large and well lighted. Provision has been made for ample blackboard space, and all equipment is new. A large hall and cloak-room combined complete a very pleasant and attractive school building. As should be the case, the children are happy and contented and I was pleased to learn that without exception every one of the older children in this school is definitely seeking a preparation to enter the work, some having already consecrated their lives to a foreign field.

The little school at Arroyo Grande is our other new school. Its history is very different from the school just mentioned,

