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Pacific Union Conference S. D. A. Directory

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The Utah Conference

Thirty-eight delegates convened at Ogden, Utah, for the thirteenth annual session of the Utah Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, September 10-14, 1913. Five churches were represented, also a few of the isolated Sabbath-keepers were present.

Elders E. E. Andross, E. W. Farnsworth, and Brother James Cochran were present from the union conference. Brother Cochran represented the Pacific Press Publishing Association, and also audited the books of the conference and the tract society. We greatly appreciated the help of these brethren.

The president's address, the treasurer's report, and the resolutions adopted by the conference follow.

The President's Address

We are glad to welcome the delegates, the visiting brethren, and the friends assembled in this the thirteenth session of the Utah Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. These delegates represent our denomination in a state which has 84,969 square miles of territory and a population of about 400,000.

The mission and decisions of these representatives are of the highest importance, not only to our immediate families and churches, but to the citizens of our commonwealth, and also to work in foreign fields. Therefore much wisdom and earnest prayer ought to characterize all our deliberations.

In looking over the work of the past year, there are, without doubt, many things that we see which have not met our ideals. While there has been a good degree of courage and faithfulness on the part of both laborers and lay members, yet we have not seen all accomplished that we have desired. As has been expressed, "It has been a battle and a march, a battle and a march."

But while we can not congratulate ourselves because of great achievements, yet we are not unmindful of the many blessings Heaven has bestowed upon us. We would be most ungrateful not to recognize the wonderful victories God has given us individually and collectively. Surely our heavenly Father has done great things for us, for which we most sincerely praise and thank Him.

The Evangelical Work

This part of the work has been carried on mostly by the ministers and Bible workers. Six laborers have given all

their time this year to this work,—three ministers and three Bible workers. Other faithful laborers will be mentioned later in this report, as their lines of work are presented.

We have made a strong endeavor to carry on aggressive work, and to some extent have been successful. Since the last annual conference, series of meetings have been held in South Jordan, Provo, Midvale, Sandy, Ogden, and Salt Lake City. From four to ten weeks were spent in each place. In some of the efforts there were apparently little or no results.

We have had constantly to meet deep-seated prejudice in these various efforts. I may term it "special" prejudice which has been caused by the mistakes of God's people. In one instance, two persons who had taken their stand with us and had kept two Sabbaths, when told of the trouble and disunion which had existed among the Sabbath-keepers, became discouraged and gave up all. We worked earnestly for them, but seemingly to no avail. In almost every effort, we have had to meet the published reports about our recent trouble.

Yet there are honest souls who have their eyes upon God. Some twenty-five of these have accepted the Sabbath, and most of them have united with some one of our churches. Backsliders have been reclaimed, and new courage seems to be taking the place of discouragement. It is true that there are some things that are not righted yet, but we have a mighty helper in the Lord Jesus Christ. Victory is for God's people.

The union conference committee asked

Elder J. W. Adams to connect with the church work in Salt Lake City during the summer months. He and his wife came to this field, and their work has been much appreciated and blessed of God.

Elder Charles Nelson, though not regularly employed by the conference, has had charge of the Scandinavian churches, that is, Logan and Brigham. Besides visiting one of these churches each Sabbath, he has visited some of the isolated Scandinavian members. His work has been appreciated and blessed.

At the close of the General Conference, Elder P. P. Adams, of Alberta, Canada, was asked to connect with the tent effort in Salt Lake City. He did so, laboring there some eleven weeks. He returned to his field the first of September.

The Bible workers have labored mostly in Salt Lake City and Ogden. The work has been hard in many ways, yet some results have been seen. A good Bible worker is much appreciated.

The president of the conference has engaged in three of the above named series of meetings, speaking every other night. He has enjoyed the work, though it was found quite taxing at times, with his other conference duties.

Our Tract Society

It is through our tract society that we come in touch with all our people. It is our medium of correspondence, or in other words, our "information bureau," and our "depository" for all our papers, tracts, pamphlets, and books.

In the fore part of the year, Brother C. H. Castle was in charge of the work. But because of overwork and impaired health, a change became necessary. Brother J. F. Gaster of Southern California was asked to take this work. Brother and Sister Gaster accepted the call and are with us now.

While Brother Gaster, the treasurer, will give the full financial report, yet it might be of interest to know that the single sales of our magazines at ten cents each have reached the sum of \$387; while the subscription list for our papers and magazines has amounted to the sum of \$346, making a total of \$733. While this is not large, yet we consider it very good. A number of tracts have been sold and given away also.

We wish all to know and feel that the Utah Tract and Bible Society is your agent for all business in connection with

our publishing houses. Keep in touch with it and remit for all accounts promptly. If a mistake should occur, kindly make it known, and it will receive due attention.

The Canvassing Work

From September, 1912, to January, 1913, we had no field missionary. Late in the year 1912 Brother L. R. Aekerman of Kansas was invited to connect with our conference and take charge of this work, which he did.

During the latter part of March, 1913, a workers' meeting and canvassers' institute was held in Salt Lake City. Our field agent, with Brother A. A. Cone, the union field agent, had charge of the institute. A number took the drill, but only two went out into the field, and another entered later. In all, seven persons have engaged in the canvassing work during the past year. But none have put in all the time, only a small part. Yet it has been demonstrated that faithfulness and consecration will bring good results even in this field. Our canvassers are sowing the seeds of truth which will yield an abundant harvest of saved souls.

The sales of books for this year, in round numbers, as reported, is about \$4,000. Of this amount there are large deliveries to be made in this month. It may be of interest to know that the combined sales of our books and magazines, with the subscriptions for our papers, total some \$5,000 during the past conference year.

Brother Aekerman, who has charge of the field work, has not only endeavored to get men into the field, but he has gone out into the battle, and for weeks has set the pace for his fellow laborers. He says, "Come on, boys. Our truth-laden books can be sold in Utah by the consecrated missionary." The field is open for many more to join in this noble work. Many a young man needs the missionary's experiences, and thousands of people need the truth found in the books of our denomination.

The Young People's Work

As the old soldiers of Jesus Christ, through hardships and overwork, fall at their posts, we must look to the young men and women of our ranks to fill their places.

Our young people's department is under the leadership of Brother W. A. Johnson, who has been secretary for the last five months. From his reports, I give the following as a part of the work

of our young people during the past year:

Number of societies	3
Number of members	40
Papers mailed, lent, or given away	945
Missionary visits	1,100
Traacts lent or given away	1,829
Papers sold	1,879
Offerings, foreign and home	\$68.47

This report is surely encouraging to both old and young. We are informed also that a number are taking the standard of attainment. May God bless our young people, and may they honor God.

The Sabbath-School Work

The late Elder S. H. Lane once stated in public that he attended the first Sabbath-school held by our people in Battle Creek, Michigan. Though a small boy when he started, he had been a faithful scholar in attendance. He also attended for some years our college in Battle Creek. To show his appreciation of the influence of the Sabbath-school he said, "If you should ask me which I would rather give up, my college education or my Sabbath-school training, without hesitation I would say, Take the college education and let me keep the Sabbath-school training."

This work is in charge of Mrs. W. M. Adams, who was chosen to act as secretary when Mrs. C. H. Castle was called to another field. We will give a few items as gleaned from the records. In giving the table below, it is understood that each year ends August 31, as that is the end of the conference year.

Number of Sabbath-schools	1912	5
Number of Sabbath-schools	1913	5
Number home schools	1912	0
Number home schools	1913	3
Membership	1912	139
Membership	1913	156
13th Sab. off., last quarter	1912	\$15.66
13th Sab. off., last quarter	1913	\$44.89
Sabbath-school donations	1912	\$320.34
Sabbath-school donations	1913	\$483.05

One Sabbath-school convention was held in Salt Lake City, which was appreciated by all who attended. We are glad to see this work growing, as well as the other lines of work. The Sabbath-schools are a strong factor in our denomination, both spiritually and financially.

Religious Liberty Work

To the casual observer in Salt Lake City and in the surrounding towns, it would seem that Sunday was lightly regarded, and that the Sunday law question was a dead issue. While this may be so to some extent, yet it was a very

live question in our legislature this last winter. At that time two Sunday bills were presented, one to each house.

Through the initiative of Brother J. F. Blunt, our union religious liberty secretary, a memorial requesting the repeal of the present Sunday law was presented and read in both the senate and the house of representatives. As soon as possible, Brother Blunt and Elder W. M. Healey came, and rendered valuable help for the cause of liberty.

We were permitted to appear before the two committees to which the two Sunday bills had been referred. We were treated with respect as we gave our arguments and reasons why Sunday legislation was wrong. When the bill went back to the lower house, arguments were made pro and con with great energy. After a heated discussion, the bill was rejected by a nice majority, the speaker of the house voting against it. The other bill died in the committee on education.

At the recent state W. C. T. U. convention, held in Salt Lake City, resolutions were adopted opposing "all forms of Sunday labor or amusement," and favoring the "better observance of the Sabbath." May all our people be wide awake, and wisely scatter our religious liberty literature in their neighborhoods! Do this in Christian love of souls, not for fight, and God will bless your efforts.

General Remarks

We will not attempt to speak at length of the financial part of our work, as our treasurer will render you a report of this. But we notice that there is a small increase in nearly all lines. The tithes are increased some, and the offerings are a little larger. We are thankful for this, yet shall we not be still more faithful to God this coming year in giving to Him His own in tithes and offerings? A blessing awaits the faithful, God-fearing tithes-payer, while a curse rests upon the professed child of God who robs Him. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse," is the divine command.

For some years our people have been asked to give to foreign missions a sum equal to fifteen cents a week, a member. At the last General Conference this was changed to twenty cents a week. It is from this fund that our faithful missionaries in the foreign countries receive their support. We are far behind on this fund. Can we afford to let our dear

brethren and sisters suffer for the need of proper food and clothes while they are also deprived of home companionship and comforts? Are you sorry that the amount has been raised to twenty cents a week? Count it up and you will see that it will only be \$10.40 for twelve months. There are many who can easily give three or four times that amount. Shall we not endeavor for God's sake, for the truth's sake, for our missionaries' sake, and for our own sake, to raise this full amount or more this coming year? We can do it, and God's blessing will be upon us in doing it.

The Harvest Ingathering is just before us. All this money goes to foreign missions. Brother, are you ashamed to ask your neighbor or friend to give you of his means to help forward God's cause in supporting His missionaries? Does not the wealth they have rightfully belong to God? Hand them one of the *Reviews*, laden with the messages of active work for the salvation of the heathen; then kindly and expectantly solicit of their means. It can be done. There is victory for every one, and success in this kind of missionary work, if we are much with God in the secret chamber. There is also a blessing in it for every one. If you have not already made arrangements for your *Reviews* for this work, do so before you return to your homes. Let every one talk courage, think courage, look courage, and act courage, and you will be filled with courage to do this work for God and His cause.

During the last year, one church school was conducted in Salt Lake City. It was late in starting, so was not largely patronized. Yet we are glad to say that the church paid the teacher in full at the close of the school. This year the church school started at the same time the public schools began. A good interest is manifested, and we have reasons to believe that it will be a success. The church is united in supporting it.

We are indeed, very thankful to the union conference for their financial help and their kindly advice. We certainly appreciate such help, especially in this field where it seems that Satan has set his throne.

In closing I wish to say that there has not been a jar or discord in the work of the conference committee this year. Our relationship has been the most cordial. And there has seemed to be the

most earnest endeavor upon the part of the conference laborers to encourage unity and faithfulness in the work. We have not accomplished all that we would like, yet God has blessed our efforts. We want to thank the brethren and sisters for the degree of loyalty to the organized work. Also, wherein you have seen mistakes in our work, we ask your forgiveness.

Now we lay the burden of this conference work down, and you, the regularly elected delegates, are to take it up. May heaven's blessings rest upon you in laying wise plans and choosing consecrated officers to carry forward the work of the ensuing year.

"Be of good courage, and let us behave ourselves valiantly for our people, . . . and let the Lord do that which is good in His sight." 1 Chron. 19:13.

W. M. Adams,
President of Utah Conference.

REVENUE STATEMENT

Utah Conference of S. D. A., Fiscal Year
Ending Aug. 31, 1913

INCOME	
Tithe	\$2,721.01
Salt Lake	\$1,770.14
Brigham	138.19
Provo	233.52
Ogden	232.11
Logan	215.00
Individual	131.05
Donations to laborers	122.00
Appropriations from Pacific Union Conference	5,365.93
Tents & furnishings	23.85
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	\$8,232.88

EXPENSE	
Tithe to P. U. Conf.	\$272.08
Second tithe	136.04
Sustentation fund	136.04
Mission Board	136.03
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Laborers' salary	\$ 680.79
Laborers' expense	5,659.50
Expense, general	1,576.19
Expense, rent	139.20
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Office furnishings	297.79
	4.25
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	\$8,217.92
Net gain	14.96
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	\$8,232.88

BALANCE SHEET

Utah Conference, August 31, 1913

ASSETS	
Bills receivable	\$ 81.50
Personal accounts	149.06
Petty accounts	\$46.26
H. Hanson	30.40
A. L. McCoy	34.25
W. J. Camp	10.00
O. J. Fisher	28.15
Utah Tract Society	100.00
Worthy poor fund	27.20
Tents & furnishings	281.35
Office furnishings	200.75
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	\$832.86

LIABILITIES	
Personal account	\$15.45
Educational fund	16.12
Special collection95
Religious liberty	1.13
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	\$33.65

Surplus, Aug. 31, 1912 \$791.25
Net gain 14.96

Surplus, Sept. 1, 1913 806.21
\$839.86

Memorandum of Trust Funds Received

Sabbath-school offerings\$485.93
\$300,000 Fund 13.00
Harvest Ingathering 76.97
Religious liberty 2.38
Midsummer offering 41.70
Foreign missions 140.62
Loma Linda 22.00
\$786.60

REVENUE STATEMENT

Utah Tract and Bible Society August 31, 1913

GAINS

Merchandise\$547.70

LOSSES

Office expense\$ 58.64
Office furniture 1.50
Net gain 487.56
\$547.70

BALANCE SHEET

Utah Tract and Bible Society August 31, 1913

ASSETS

Cash\$ 196.40
Merchandise 375.12
Office expense inventory 10.00
Office furnishings 7.00
Bills receivable 18.41
Society accounts 36.72
Petty accounts 45.84
Personal accounts 1,364.85
\$2,054.34

LIABILITIES

Utah Conf. Corporation\$ 852.25
General Conference 2.81
Literature fund 4.49
Utah Conference 100.00
Col. San. Food Co. 9.45
Publishing houses 636.96
Surplus 448.38
\$2,054.34

Auditor's Report

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that I have carefully examined the books of account, with accompanying vouchers, of the Utah Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and the Utah Tract Society, for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1913, and find the revenue statements and balance sheets submitted to be a correct report of the business transacted for the year.

Respectfully submitted,

James Cochran, Auditor.

September 15, 1913.

Resolutions

Resolved, That we express our gratitude to God for the prosperity that has attended the work in all departments of the conference the past year, for the preservation of the lives of our workers and members, and for the spirit of union that prevails throughout the con-

ference, and pledge ourselves to a deeper consecration to His service during the coming year.

Whereas, A consistent and systematic plan for the liquidation of our institutional indebtedness has been adopted by the General Conference, which for success calls for the cooperation of every conference and every member in said conference in the contribution of an offering of not less than twenty cents a week, fifteen cents of which is for the support and extension of our mission work and five cents is for the institutional indebtedness; therefore,

We endorse this general plan and urge that efforts be made to hold up our general mission contribution to not less than twenty cents a week per member.

Whereas, The plan known as the Harvest Ingathering has proved to be a successful method for providing funds for missionary work;

We Recommend That the time fixed by the General Conference, October 6 to 13, be set apart by the Utah Conference for this special campaign, and that the effort be continued by as many as possible through the remainder of the year.

We Further Recommend That every church-member be earnestly invited to take part in this work, endeavoring to raise an amount equal to five dollars per member.

Whereas, The canvassing work is ordained of God and is a successful means of getting our truth-laden books into the hands of the people, thus leading them to seek for truth, and—

Whereas, The Lord has told us that our literature will reach a class of people that can be reached in no other way; therefore,

Resolved,

(a) That suitable persons be encouraged to engage in canvassing as a life work.

(b) That we encourage the work of resident canvassing.

(c) That we put forth greater effort in lending books to our neighbors, carrying with us tracts, pamphlets, and papers for free distribution, thus becoming active message bearers.

We Further Recommend, That inasmuch as there are no schools in this conference from which to draw recruits for the canvassing work, we encourage students and other capable persons not now connected with other conferences in the Pa-

cific Union to make Utah their field of labor.

Whereas, The spirit of prophecy calls for the organization of Christian young men and women for the study of the Word and missionary endeavor; therefore,

Resolved, That our conference workers and church officers make a stronger effort to organize our young people into Missionary Volunteer societies.

Whereas, Our young people need to be guarded against the reading of harmful and useless literature; and—

Whereas, They should be encouraged in the reading of good, helpful books and in the study of the Bible principles which make us a distinctive people; therefore,

Resolved, That all our workers and church officers put forth more diligent effort, not by word only but by example, to get our people to study for the standard of attainment membership.

Resolved, That special effort be put forth to place the *Review and Herald*, *Youth's Instructor*, and PACIFIC UNION RECORDER in every Seventh-day Adventist home in the conference.

Recognizing the blessing of God in the Sabbath-school work, both spiritually and financially; therefore,

Resolved, That we endeavor to be more faithful in the daily study of the Sabbath-school lesson and in personal work with each Sabbath-school pupil.

Resolved, That we heartily approve of the Sabbath-school plan to raise \$1,000,000 in four years, and to assist in accomplishing this object, we endeavor as far as possible to make the thirteenth Sabbath offering a "dollar day" offering for each person.

Whereas, We believe that both civil and religious liberty are ordained of God; therefore,

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves anew to do all in our power to persuade our fellow citizens to embrace the Christian religion and to keep all the Ten Commandments of their own free will and not by the force of human laws; and—

Further, That we encourage our people to distribute judiciously our literature setting forth the principles of separation of church and state.

Whereas, We are unalterably opposed to the liquor traffic, either its manufacture or sale; and—

Whereas, Tobacco is a terrible curse to humanity; therefore,

Resolved, That we encourage a large distribution of the temperance number of the *Youth's Instructor* and other literature prepared to enlighten minds in regard to these evils.

J. F. Gaster,

Sec'y-Treas. of Utah Conference.

The Field

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Conference Items

The church at Galt was dedicated Sunday, September 21, at 2:30 P.M. Elder C. E. Ford, who now resides at this place, assisted in the dedicatory services.

Several have begun keeping the Sabbath as the result of the tent meetings being held in Oakdale and Stockton. Some of these are people of prominence.

Elder J. S. James, from India, was with the church at Lodi over Sabbath and Sunday, September 13 and 14. His visit was enjoyed by all. He came by invitation of the young people's society.

A young man by the name of Fred E. Meisner, of Patterson, California, was baptized at Lodi, Sabbath, the 6th of this month. This is a very remarkable case. He had never heard an S. D. A. sermon until that day, having studied by reading, and accepted the truth without any personal help.

The prospects are good for a large attendance at the Lodi Normal Institute this year. A number are greatly pleased that it will not open until October 1, as they are working in the fruit, etc. The first of next week will be interesting times at the school. Trunks will be hauled by loads again to the old home of the students.

Conference Office.

The Harvest Ingathering

We hope our churches will lay their plans at once for the Harvest Ingathering campaign. Let no one hurriedly pick up a few *Reviews* and go out soliciting promiscuously, thus burning over territory. You can see how this might

discourage others. If they go to the same ones and learn that some one has been there, they will go no farther. Our territory should be assigned us by the elder or church missionary leader. If we want a certain district, as there may be some certain ones we wish to visit, make it known, and a record can be kept. You can see how embarrassing it would be to solicit some one and learn that another had been to see him.

I think we should plan on getting at least ten cents for every copy we pass out. We might have a small tract to give to those who could not give anything. If every member of our churches will order fifty copies and realize ten cents each (which will be a very easy matter), they will have reached the mark set by our conference of \$5.00. No doubt you will receive a dollar from some, half that sum from others, etc., and thus very soon have your \$5.00 and more, too.

It may be you will want to mail a paper to a friend, or you may want to pass out a few papers and call again for the money. Some of these details, of course, you will work out in your own way. At any rate, let us see if we can not do a great work in bringing the truth before the people everywhere by giving them a *Harvest Ingathering Review*, and then gathering a large sum for missions.

As far as possible, let us canvass the entire field covered by this conference. The churches, in giving territory, will do well to begin by finding out first how far some will be able to get away from home, leaving near-by districts for those who can not get far away. Some have automobiles and can in a few minutes get to another town, carrying with them several others. Some can go on bicycles, some by train, etc.

We have the *Reviews* here at the office. Will not our leaders order at once on the basis of fifty copies a member, or make a canvass of the church, getting all to say how many papers they want? This can not be done very well by having them say in a general meeting what they will do. Have a heart to heart talk with them.

A program has been prepared to be carried out in all our churches October 4 and 5. As far as possible, we will have our ministers assist in these exercises.

C. L. Taggart.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

From the Missionary Volunteers

Encouraging reports have come to this office from Brother George Truesdell, district secretary of the young people's societies in the coast section of the Central California Conference. He writes: "I presume before now you have received good word from the Arroyo society. They raised their \$20 for the Bombay treatment rooms long before it was expected. I had a very pleasant visit with them last Sabbath. They are now raising money with which to paper their church, and the day I was there they raised \$7.35. Every one of them plans on taking the reading course this year. A brighter, more energetic company of young people you never saw. I am trying to get the church at San Luis to organize a society, and I think they will. It will be on a small scale, but am sure it will work. The society at Monterey raised enough money to buy three chairs for the pulpit in their church."

The young people's society at Dinuba have made a call for the standard of attainment examination questions, and we hope to see a large number granted certificates.

Excellent reports have been received from the Lemoore and Bakersfield societies. We are glad to see the spirit of service manifested among our young people. We are glad to see so many making their preparations to attend one of our schools this coming year.

M. Leslie Rice,

Missionary Volunteer Secretary.

The eleven articles by Elder I. H. Evans, to appear in the new series of the *Signs*, beginning November 11, are very important. The subject is "The Gospel of the Kingdom to the World in This Generation," and is developed in a most interesting way. They present particularly the greatness of missions and the mission work. The subject itself, with what we know of the writer, is enough to convince us that they will be good. It will do your friends good to read them. It will do you good to provide them the privilege.

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 29, 1913

Agent	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Value	Delivered
California (Supplemental)						
C. O. Blincoe	P. G.	23	11	\$2.25	\$43.75	

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 5, 1913

California						
Glenn Adams	B. R.	16	1	\$4.25	\$ 7.25	
C. O. Blincoe	B. R.	26	7		22.00	
Mr. and Mrs. Gonter	P. G.	38	11		41.50	\$89.00
4 Agents		80	19	\$4.25	\$70.75	\$89.00
N. California-Nevada						
R. H. Miller	P. G.	20	10		\$60.00	
Berger Johnson	P. G.	20	9		51.00	
G. B. Morrison	B. R.					\$26.00
3 Agents					\$111.00	\$26.00

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 12, 1913

Central California						
Clarice Geara	B. R.	14	9	\$2.50	\$20.00	\$27.75
F. O. Jensen	P. G.	22	6	2.25	25.75	3.75
V. Ryder	P. P. F.		3	3.50	13.25	
3 Agents			18	\$8.25	\$59.00	\$31.50

Arizona

G. H. Reese	C. K., Span.	34	62		\$93.00	
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N. California-Nevada

M. A. Reese	G. C.	38	7	\$11.25	\$30.25	
Miscellaneous				12.50	48.25	
R. H. Miller	P. G.					\$55.00
Berger Johnson	P. G.					51.00
H. R. Miller	B. R.					25.00
4 Agents				\$23.75	\$78.50	\$131.00

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 19, 1913

Southern California

H. E. Farmer	B. R.	22	10		\$33.35	
C. C. Morlan	B. R.	43	20		71.25	
Wm. Keele	B. S.	33	51		39.25	
D. G. Edwards	P. G.	13	3		12.50	
Miss Lydia Johnson	H. W.				3.00	
Mrs. S. M. Housler	H. W.	24	21		15.60	
Mrs. B. Masters			17		12.00	
Mrs. M. E. Norris	H. W.				1.75	
Miscellaneous			8		13.75	
8 Agents					\$202.45	

Save the Children

Have you seen groups of little children intently scanning the pages of the comic section of one of our Sunday papers? Have you ever noticed the conversation of these children as they go about their play? If so, what did you think about it? Did you hear anything about Jesus and the angels, anything about "good little children going to heaven when Jesus comes," anything

about plans to earn some money to help the missionaries so they can tell the little heathen children about Jesus? Did you hear anything in their conversation that was elevating or that suggested to you that their young minds were being fitted for the reception of the Holy Spirit?

Have you noticed the class of literature that is on sale for the children and youth? If you haven't given particular attention to this, it will interest you to

do so. Watch the children and see what they are reading these days.

But some of you have noticed, and your hearts have been pained as you have seen children coming up with no thought of God, no knowledge of His wonderful love, and no Bible principles in the literature they read, or perhaps in their home training. Will it be enough, in that great day, to say, "Yes, Lord, I saw all this and it pained my heart. I was very much grieved over the terrible condition"? Was it enough that the Jewish rabbi saw the sick Samaritan and recognized his needs? Are we not every one pricked in our hearts as we see how we have "passed by on the other side," as it were, and have neglected to do what we might have done by just a little effort each day, or as we had opportunity?

During the heat of September the dealers in the cities have been laying in their supplies of toys and Christmas books for children. They are planning now for the holiday trade. Parents are always advised, through the papers and otherwise, to shop early. Parents are beginning now to decide what they will get their children for Christmas. Do you want them to buy "This Is the House That Jack Built" or "Jack the Giant Killer" for their children when you know of something infinitely better?

Perhaps there are some who would gladly do something to help their friends and neighbors in selecting good books for Christmas presents if they knew just how to do it.

The new Home Workers' prospectus is so arranged that it includes samples of such books as "Advance Guard of Missions," "Bible Child Life," "Elo the Eagle," "Gospel Primer," "House We Live In," "Making Home Happy," "Mount of Blessing," "Our Paradise Home," "Story of Pitcairn Island," "Uncle Ben's Cobblestones," "Best Stories," "Christ Our Saviour," "His Glorious Appearing," "Little Folks' Bible Nature," "Making Home Peaceful," "New Testament Primer," "Steps to Christ," "Those Bible Readings."

Many of these books come in several languages; "Steps to Christ" is printed in twenty-two languages. We have it in Japanese now, you know.

You should order one of these Home Workers' prospectuses from your tract

society at once and look it over carefully, preparatory to telling your neighbors about these good books, at the first opportunity.

The prospectus costs you nothing, for you sell enough books in an hour or two to pay the purchase price, \$1.00. Send in your dollar and get one at once. They will send a little leaflet which tells you how to begin work. If you would like additional help, write to your field agent and he will be glad to come and help you get started.

A. A. Cone.

Missionary Work

The Ingathering

Shall any of us say, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended," and my opportunity has gone forever? "Let us not be weary in well-doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

The annual ingathering is almost at hand. It is the Lord's harvest time. He *calls* every one. "Whoever will may *come*," and to all who respond He says, "Go." His commission to go is as far-reaching as His invitation to *come*. Go ye ALL and preach the gospel to every creature, is the essence of the great commission.

"And they were *all* scattered abroad . . . except the apostles." "They that were scattered abroad went everywhere *preaching the word*." That is God's interpretation of the great commission. All are to go to all. Many will go to fields near-by; some to places more remote. Many who go to near-by neighborhoods will be able to care for themselves. Those who go to distant lands must be provided for.

"Why stand ye all the day idle?" "Go, labor in My vineyard." He gives "to every man his work." Brethren, have we each done the work Christ gave us to do?

The Harvest Ingathering gives all an opportunity to work. It requires no outlay of money. It simply says, "Go work in the vineyard to-day. Never was there a time when money was needed more,—not that our people are giving less, for they are giving more; but the demands made upon us are greater, the work is growing, the calls become louder and more insistent.

The money collected the past four

years from the world amounts to about \$140,000. This has been a wonderful help to our missionary work. From the human view-point we do not see what we should have done without it. But the cause is in the same needy condition now that it has been in the past, and the calls come louder than ever before.

We appeal to elders, deacons, and all the officers of the church and associated societies to lay hold of this work energetically, and with great enthusiasm. Set the members of the church at work. Show them how. Lead out yourselves. Enthuse, inspire, encourage. Talk faith, and "be strong, and of good courage."

Visit the members and persuade them to take the *Review* that is prepared for this occasion. Send your orders early to the tract society office. Let the light of the message extend, let the money come in that will send it farther and farther away.

The life of the church depends not so much on the light they receive, as on the light they give. In God's economies we squander what we hoard, we keep that which we give away. Our own light increases as we impart to others. It goes out and leaves us in utter darkness when we attempt to withhold. Those who are feeble in spiritual life are those who do little or nothing to help others.

So, brethren and sisters, do all you can to gather with Christ, and do it now.

E. W. Farnsworth.

A Word of Appreciation

As a missionary from India, and on behalf of the workers in that field, I wish to write a word of greeting and appreciation for the liberal donations of dried fruit which many of our dear brethren on the Pacific Coast have so kindly sent to us the past few years. Space will not permit me to tell you what a great need this fruit has supplied, and how much it has been appreciated.

The tropical fruits of India are such as can not be preserved with advantage, and their season is of short duration. Consequently there is a great portion of the year when we must resort to the use of canned or dried fruit. To our workers scattered over India, many of them away from the railways and chief markets, these fruits are unobtainable, and where they can be purchased, the prices are often prohibitive and the quality very poor. Insects and worms are very

numerous in the tropics, and unless dried fruits are carefully packed and kept in cans, they soon become unfit for use.

The fruit which you have sent out to us in the past has been like bread to the famished. We have not dared to place much of it on our tables as a regular diet, but only to use for dessert, in times of sickness, or on birthdays and wedding anniversaries. Each dried pear, prune, or apple is carefully treasured and not infrequently exposed to the boiling sun to destroy mold which might accumulate. That which is fed to the stock and trampled underfoot through the lavish hand of nature in California is treasured and utilized in India.

In past years, Elder C. L. Taylor has very kindly given his time and attention to the work of collecting and preparing your gifts of fruit for shipment to India. This year other duties prevent him from looking after it, but it will be possible for you to send on another gift of fruit notwithstanding. That this would be possible I have taken, for this year, the responsibility of getting the shipment ready.

There are many of our brethren in this union who will feel it a privilege to contribute to this enterprise. To all such I would say: Send dried apples, prunes, pears, raisins, apricots, and other dried fruits you may have to spare. Nuts are very acceptable. Some have olives and olive oil they could send. These should be sent in strong tins of from one to five gallons.

Your contribution should be sent to me in strong cases or bags, carriage prepaid, addressed to St. Helena, California, care of Sanitarium Food Company. The railway shipping bill should be sent to me at the Pacific Union College. This fruit will then be put through the ovens, packed in tins, and prepared for shipping to India. Where a number of brethren live in one community, one shipment could be made up of all, thus saving freight, but I would like to hear from all who donate.

We will also need some funds to buy cans, packing cases, and to pay the freight to Calcutta, India. Those who wish to assist in this, but do not have the fruit and could donate money, may help with this last item. All remittances will be duly acknowledged. This matter should have your early attention, as the whole consignment should be off to India by the middle of November.

J. S. James.

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Before It Is Too Late

If you have a gray-haired mother
In the old home far away,
Sit you down and write the letter
You put off from day to day.
Don't wait until her weary steps
Reach heaven's pearly gate,
But show her that you think of her
Before it is too late.

If you have a tender message,
Or a loving word to say,
Don't wait till you forget it,
But whisper it to-day.
Who knows what bitter memories
May haunt you if you wait,
So make your loved one happy
Before it is too late.

The tender words unspoken,
The letters never sent,
The long-forgotten messages,
The wealth of love unspent—
For these some hearts are breaking,
For these some loved ones wait;
Show them that you care for them
Before it is too late.

— George Bancroft Griffith.

A very pleasant day was spent by the employees of the Pacific Press and their families last Wednesday, the 17th, when their annual outing was held at Congress Springs, a few miles distant from San Jose.

The Pacific Union College opened with more than twice as many students in the homes as were present at the opening last year. Sixty-five young women and eighty young men were there the opening day. We understand that the Fernando Academy has also opened strongly, and that the prospects for Lodi were never brighter. Surely all are encouraged to see our schools full to overflowing.

The Utah Conference

The annual meeting of the Utah conference was held in Ogden, September 10-14. There was a fairly good attendance of our people during the five days of the meeting, and the attendance from the outside at the evening services was good.

The annual address of the president indicates the progress the work has made in Utah the past year. There is no harder field, possibly, to labor in than Utah, yet with the many difficulties to contend with, all lines of the work have made rapid advancement. The business sessions of the conference were most excellent. Harmony and a spirit of brotherly kindness were manifest in every meeting. The services on the Sabbath deserve special mention. At the close of a discourse by Elder Andross, practically the entire audience consecrated themselves anew for service. I think it has not been my privilege to attend a more spiritual meeting than this one.

Elder W. M. Adams, the president, and his force of colaborers have worked hard the past conference year. They have seen results from their labor. Brother Adams was again elected president of the conference, and Brother J. F. Gaster was chosen as secretary and treasurer. The other officers are practically the same as last year. At the close of the afternoon service on the Sabbath, Brother W. A. Johnson was ordained to the ministry. The conference voted to hold a camp-meeting in connection with the conference next year.

Sixty-five per cent of the people of Utah are Mormons, and of the remainder a large per cent are Roman Catholics. The workers in this conference meet with many difficulties in their work. Let us remember them constantly in our prayers.

James Cochran.

Brother M. L. Rice, who has been serving the Central California Conference as secretary of the Missionary Volunteer department, has felt compelled by circumstances to resign that position. Sister Lida Ackley, who has had long experience in teaching and in general work with the young people, has been selected to take up the work, and has already entered upon it. All correspondence for the secretary of the Missionary Volunteer department of the Central California Conference should, therefore, be addressed to Miss Lida Ackley, Route 7, Box 117 A, Fresno, California.

Pacific Press Training School

Should you visit the Pacific Press on a Monday or Thursday evening, you would find the schoolroom adjoining the chapel lighted, and a body of earnest young people engaged in class work. Their evening training school, which has a regular course outlined for the school year, opened last Thursday evening with an enrolment of sixty-nine. This includes the larger part of the employees of the plant, including every department foreman. There is a splendid interest shown on the part of all. The Bible class, which will cover Bible prophecies, has the largest enrolment, the number being forty-eight. The business class, which will continue the study of commercial law from last year, and include church and conference accounting, has a membership of twenty-five. Twelve are taking English, eleven modern history, and twenty-seven technical printing.

In addition to the regular classes which are held on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:45 to 9:15, a series of lectures has been planned to be given during the fall and winter on alternating Saturday nights, these to be open to all. They will be on subjects of science, history, and Bible prophecy. Furthermore, there will be open evenings when the work of each department in the Press will be taken up informally, so that all may become intelligent as to the details of the publishing work as a whole. The members of the evening classes have access to an excellent library placed in the schoolroom, this containing many volumes loaned to the school from the *Signs* editorial rooms.

Thus, although engaged throughout the day in preparing books, periodicals, and tracts to carry the gospel message, the workers of this institution are working to gain a better education, and become more efficient in their work. This is made possible by the cooperation of the leaders in the work, the teachers all donating their services, and the earnest interest of those who gladly take advantage of these opportunities.

Papers Wanted

We can use large quantities of back numbers of the *Signs*, *Instructor*, *Review*, *Little Friend*, *Watchman*, and *Life and Health*, for free distribution.

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