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SYNOPSIS OF PROCEEDINGS

The third annual session of the Central California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists was held at Fresno, April 28 to May 10, 1914.

Elder J. H. Behrens, president of the conference, acted as chairman of the regular business meetings.

Eighty-eight delegates out of the total of one hundred six were seated, representing the following churches: Armona, Arroyo Grande, Bakersfield, Barstow, Burrough, Dinuba, Dinuba German, Exeter, Fresno, Fowler, Hanford, Hollister, Island, Lemoore, Laton, Lindsay, Monterey, Reedley, Selma, Tulare, Visalia, Wallace, and Chowchilla.

The church at Chowchilla, with twenty-four members, had been organized since our special session of the conference in November, 1913, and was received into the sisterhood of churches.

The usual committees appointed by the chairman at the first meeting consisted of the following named persons:

Plans: J. H. Behrens, G. A. Wheeler, C. L. Davis, Lida Ackley, Mrs. M. N. Behrens, J. O. Corliss, F. E. Brown.

Credentials and Licenses: E. W. Farnsworth, R. H. Schwartz, E. H. Adams, A. N. Loper, N. P. Neilsen, F. M. Burg, J. R. Patterson.

Nominations: E. E. Andross, J. E. Hackney, Thorley Cody, A. R. Morris, W. J. Dart, J. W. Rogers, G. A. Grauer.

Reports of Committees

Resolutions

The committee on plans respectfully submit the following:

GRATITUDE

In this third annual session of the

Central California Conference, it is fitting that its delegates review the history of the year, as related to the good hand of God upon them. First of all, then, we call to mind the providential care over and protection for His work and people. His work has prospered, and no laborer has fallen under the stroke of death. Many souls have been born to the truth through evangelical and colporteur effort, and His people appear united to finish the work assigned them in the shortest possible time.

Second, we also remember that our physical benefits have been abundantly bestowed in the way of harvest returns and in general health. In view of all this, and more that can not well be told in so brief a sketch, we hereby renew our consecration to Him who is the author of our multiplied blessings, and unitedly pledge our means and vital energies to assist in carrying forward God's sacred work, and so hasten the consummation of His eternal purpose.

TEMPERANCE

Whereas, We believe that intemperance is crime in the economy of government, because it tends to immorality and even to death; and—

Whereas, It is recorded that the *Wholesalers' and Retailers' Review* has confessed that "with comparatively few exceptions our saloons are houses of drunken men, profanity, and obscenity of the vilest type," and that *Bonfort's Wine and Spirit Circular* says that "the modern saloon has been getting worse instead of better, that it has been dragged in the gutter, has been made the catspaw for other forms of vice, has succumbed to the viciousness of gambling, and has allowed itself to become allied with the social evil"; and—

Whereas, We fully believe these almost heartrending concessions to be entirely justified, thus making the temperance question one of the most important of the age, and demanding the extermination of all saloon commerce as a vile monster; and—

Whereas, To remain passive under such circumstances can be considered no

less than at least a partial endorsement of the saloon evil; therefore be it—

2. *Resolved*, That we positively repudiate any sympathy whatever with this terrible traffic in the souls of men, and pledge hearty support by voice and vote to the 1914 "dry" campaign, praying also that the God of battles in behalf of right will cause victory to perch on the cause and colors of that righteous enterprise.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Whereas, An almost supreme effort is being made to secure a Sunday law for the state of California through statewide lectures and the circulation of petitions by which to invoke the referendum; and—

Whereas, Grave danger is apprehended in case success attends this effort, in that many might vote for a Sunday law without understanding the evil to which it will lead; therefore,

3. *Resolved*, That we will do all in our power to sustain a campaign of education in behalf of revealed truth covering this phase of sentiment, and for that purpose we recommend the preparation of inexpensive leaflets, which will briefly yet clearly set forth the principles of religious liberty, to the end that they may be carried to every hamlet and fire-side within the boundaries of our conference; and be it further—

4. *Resolved*, That should the Pacific Union Conference deem it necessary to recommend a supplementary lecture campaign, we will give it our hearty support, and agree to bear our proportionate share of the expense accruing thereby.

Be it further—

5. *Resolved*, That in order to impart more readily and forcibly the precious truths of religious liberty, we advantage ourselves of the liberal club offer of the publishers of the *Liberty* magazine, and raise subscription clubs for it in our churches, so that our neighborhood associates may not only have the benefit of knowledge we may gain by personal reading, but that we may be able to circulate the magazine freely, as it may be needed in our several vicinities.

EDUCATIONAL OBLIGATIONS

Whereas, Our Christian educational system is of paramount importance in the finishing of the proclamation of the everlasting gospel in the earth; and—

Whereas, It is apparent to all who have made a careful study of the present status of our educational work in the territory of the Pacific Union Conference that plans should be adopted, and, with the blessing of the Lord, carried to completion, which will give financial relief to our larger educational institutions;

6. We therefore recommend to the constituency of this conference hearty cooperation in the plan recently inaugurated by the Pacific Union Conference, the text of which plan reads as follows:

"Whereas, In view of the proximity of the close of earth's history, and consequently the urgent need of training our children that they may be prepared to fill the imperative calls for consecrated missionaries to carry the last message 'unto the uttermost part of the earth,' and thereby speedily finish this great advent movement and bring the glorious coming of our King, it is essential that adequate provision shall be made for the Christian education of our children and youth, and for this purpose the sum of \$60,000 is required; and—

"Whereas, The present indebtedness of our educational work in the Pacific Union Conference, including the obligation which rested upon the former Healdsburg College, reaches a total of \$90,000; therefore,

"We Recommend, That the total sum of \$150,000 be raised by the constituency of the Pacific Union Conference in the following manner:

"a. That the said \$150,000 be divided into three thousand shares of fifty dollars each.

"b. That by public and private solicitation we aim to secure five or more persons who will each become responsible for one hundred shares of fifty dollars each; ten for fifty shares each; ten for ten shares each; ten for five shares each; two hundred for two shares each; one thousand for one share each; and one thousand for a half share each.

"c. That the money received for these purposes shall be kept intact by the Pacific Union Conference upon interest, subject to the conditions hereinafter specified.

"d. That the PACIFIC UNION RECORDER shall publish frequent statements of receipts and disbursements of this fund.

"e. That all local church and other enterprises in territory of this union, requiring the expenditure of money for the erection of buildings, etc., be held in abeyance, as far as consistent with the progress of the cause in each field, during the time herein specified for the raising of this fund.

"f. That if within eighteen months from the first day of June, 1914, the total sum of \$150,000 shall not have been subscribed, then all sums paid, with all notes given, shall be subject to recall by the individual subscribers.

"g. That as soon as the total amount is subscribed, then and thereafter all money paid into this fund shall be applied, first, pro rata according to the indebtedness of each conference; and, secondly, for the improvements specified.

"h. That the officers of each local conference and mission field, in consultation with the union conference president, organize before the first day of June, 1914, for the carrying of this enterprise to successful conclusion.

"i. That we encourage our people to avail themselves of the opportunity of selling 'relief books' and thereby endeavor to carry out the plan presented to us for the education of workers, for the relief of the schools, and for the winning of souls to the cause of Christ."

"We suggest the following form of note to be used as a means of giving assurance to the success of this enterprise:

".....191..

"Upon conditions hereinafter named, on or before 18 months after date, I, the undersigned, promise to pay to the treasurer of the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, the sum of \$.. (said amount being for .. shares at \$50.00 each), to apply upon the indebtedness and improvements of the educational institutions of the Pacific Union Conference approximately as follows:

"1. California Conf. edu. note..	\$48,000
"2. Northern California Conf...	16,000
"3. Central California Conf....	16,000
"4. Southern California Conf. (San Fernando Academy indebtedness and improvement)	15,000
"5. P. U. College (indebtedness)	20,000
"6. P. U. College (improvement)	25,000
"7. Utah. Conf. sch. (bldg. fund)	5,000
"8. Nevada Miss. sch. (bldg. fund)	5,000

"\$150,000

"Interest on this note payable after November 30, 1915.

"The conditions on which this note is given are as follows:

"a. That the sum of \$150,000 shall be subscribed for said purpose on or before the 30th day of November, 1915.

"b. If the said sum of \$150,000 is not subscribed on or before said 30th day of November, 1915, then this note, together with any payments made thereon, including any interest that may have accrued on such payments, shall be subject to recall of the undersigned, and the same shall, upon request in writing, be surrendered to the person whose name is affixed below.

"c. It is agreed that this note be paid in instalments as follows: \$.. on or before the .. day of 191. and \$.. on the .. day of each and every month thereafter until the whole amount shall have been paid.

"Name.....

"St. or P. O. No....."

EDUCATIONAL WORK

Whereas, The church school work throughout the union conference needs to be carefully and systematically conducted; therefore,

7. Resolved:

a. That in any church where there seems to be a demand for a church school, the matter shall be brought before the church for action.

b. That if such action be favorable, a church school board, consisting of three, five, or seven members, shall be selected by the church. Their duties and organization shall be as follows:

1. The board shall have a chairman, secretary, and treasurer, and shall hold regular monthly meetings, the dates of the meetings being filed beforehand with the church school superintendent.

2. The secretary shall both keep minutes of the meetings in a permanent record book and send a duplicate report regularly to the church school superintendent.

3. At each meeting, the treasurer shall make a report of the financial standing of the school to date.

4. It shall be the duty of the board to select one or more teachers, sign contracts, fix the salaries, and have general supervision of the school.

5. That no teacher shall be engaged or dismissed without first conferring with the superintendent.

6. That the school term shall consist of at least nine school months, or thirty-six weeks.

c. That there shall be two days' vacation at Thanksgiving, one week during the Christmas holidays, and two days' spring vacation in March, the teachers receiving their full salary during these vacations; but any other time taken out of the school term by the teacher shall be made up by continuing the school longer in the spring.

d. That schools having one teacher give grades one to eight only.

e. That the conferences pay the fares of teachers in the fall from their homes to their schools.

Whereas, The autumn council of the General Conference of 1913 set apart two Sabbaths in the year as Educational Sabbaths, therefore,

8. Resolved:

a. That we observe these days in our churches throughout the Central California Conference in considering denominational school interests; and—

b. That on these days this conference give the churches opportunity to contribute to a conference emergency school fund to assist needy schools in paying teachers' salary and providing necessary school equipment.

c. That we endorse the action taken at the recent union conference session, asking the Pacific Union College to establish a permanent summer school for teachers and others who wish to take academic or college work for credit.

d. That this conference send its teachers to the summer school at conference expense as heretofore, paying railroad fares and two dollars a week for board.

e. That where schools are conducted, every member of the church be encouraged to pledge a certain monthly amount.

f. That our church-members be urged to pay their monthly pledges or tui-

tions all through the summer vacation, as an emergency fund during the school year.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

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

Whereas, The Missionary Volunteer movement has been a great blessing to our youth in safeguarding them from many temptations, by enlisting and training them in Christian service; therefore,

9. *We Urge:*

a. That church officers and parents, with their prayers, visits, and helpful suggestions, foster the young people's societies organized in their midst.

b. That isolated young people and children be encouraged to become members of the conference society.

Whereas, All must become men and women of prayer if they would be successful soul-winners; therefore,

10. *We Recommend*, That all, both young and old, strive to observe the Morning Watch regularly, using the little calendar as a daily reminder of this our greatest privilege and our greatest need.

Realizing—

a. That our young people need to be guarded against the huge quantities of unwholesome and useless literature found everywhere; and—

b. That they should be encouraged in the reading of good and helpful books, and in the study of Bible principles, which make us a distinctive people;

11. *We Recommend*, That all our workers, church officers, and parents put forth diligent effort to get our young people to enroll in the reading courses and to study for the Standard of Attainment membership.

Realizing the importance of the North American Missionary Volunteer goal for 1914,

12. *We Recommend*, That our church officers and parents encourage our young people to persevere in their efforts to reach their proportionate goal, which is as follows: forty-eight young people added to the church and to the Missionary Volunteer organization; sixteen new members of attainment; thirty-two reading course certificates; \$785 for the support of the native workers in Sumatra.

BOOK WORK

Whereas, The "Testimonies" tell us the book work is a means of quickly giving the sacred light of present truth to the world; therefore,

13. *We Recommend*, That our conference officers, ministers, and other workers make a special effort to get men and women of mature experience, also promising young people, to devote their lives to the colporteur work.

PUBLICATIONS

Recorder

Whereas, The PACIFIC UNION RECORDER is an important factor in the upbuilding of the work of the Pacific Union Conference in general, and of the Central California Conference in

particular, and should for that reason be regularly read by every member of the conference; therefore,

14. *We Recommend*, That each and every family in the conference become a subscriber for that trusty paper of conference news, and that, if any are so unfortunate as not to have it in their home, all such subscribe for it here and now, and so join the family of its happy readers.

Protestant

Whereas, It has become apparent that our lot has fallen upon the times so clearly foretold in sacred prophecy, when the "man of sin" would direct a policy of evil intent, to the subversion of civil and religious liberty; and—

Whereas, The *Protestant Magazine* has been set to expose and oppose the movements of that astute hierarchy, for the enlightenment and education of all who will investigate; be it therefore—

15. *Resolved*, That we engage to do our best to forward the work attempted by that valuable magazine, by subscribing for it on our own behalf, and for circulation among our friends and immediate neighbors.

Gazette

Whereas, The greatest possible efficiency of any organization of men depends upon the existence of such relationship between recognized leaders and every individual composing the organization that there shall be perfect unity of purpose and action on the part of the whole body; and—

Whereas, A recognition of this principle has called into existence in our denomination a new journal, entitled the *Church Officers' Gazette*, we therefore earnestly—

16. *Recommend* to all of our ministers and church officers the aforesaid publication as the best agency yet created by our people for giving instruction in successful leadership.

Whereas, It has been demonstrated that the missionary and other operations of our general work require the sum of twenty cents a week to carry them forward; and—

Whereas, A sum short of this brings embarrassment to some departments, and retards legitimate progress of our blessed message; and—

Whereas, An examination of the conference finances reveals a shortage of more than \$1,700 on this fund to date of the current year; therefore,

17. *Resolved*, That each member of this conference consider himself or herself responsible for the amount in deficit, and that we pledge ourselves not to rest until the amount lacking be covered into the conference treasury, and that in addition we hereby renew our pledges each to pay twenty cents a week for the future advancement of the work.

Whereas, The work of the conference sessions would be greatly facilitated could time be given to its committee on plans and resolutions for more mature thought before presenting the results of their work for final action; therefore be it—

18. *Resolved*, That this conference

authorize its executive committee to select its committee on plans some weeks before the conference convenes, that each member of that committee may put deliberate work on the subjects assigned to him.

Since the publishers and editors of the *Signs of the Times* have planned for it to carry all the phases of the third angel's message in its columns twice a year, thus making it a most valuable medium for the circulation of the truth; we therefore—

19. *Recommend:*

a. That large clubs of this paper be solicited from our churches by those having the oversight of their work, to the extent of a circulation averaging two copies a member.

b. That besides posting them through the mails to interested persons, an effective house-to-house neighborhood campaign be entered upon, to secure readers.

c. That in addition to these efforts to obtain temporary readers, a strong canvass be organized for securing regular annual and semiannual subscriptions.

Knowing our Sabbath-schools are a strong factor in raising the means which make up the twenty-cents-a-week fund;

20. *We Recommend:*

a. That our Sabbath-schools set a goal, in the matter of offerings to missions, toward which each school shall work from quarter to quarter. We would suggest that this goal be an amount not less than fifteen cents a week for each member of the Sabbath-school.

b. That some device be adopted by each Sabbath-school whereby the secretary shall inform the school of its standing each week, and thus give an opportunity to make up any shortage in the amount.

c. That inasmuch as the per capita offering is based on church-membership rather than a membership of the Sabbath-school, we recommend that in the churches where some of the church-members do not attend Sabbath-school, but come in for the church service, a second offering be taken just before the close of the Sabbath-school, in order that those coming in late may have a part in raising the desired amount.

21. *Resolved*, That this body hold in grateful remembrance the generosity of the two city dailies, the *Fresno Republican* and the *Fresno Herald*, for their many courtesies extended during our encampment, by way of full reports of business meetings and sermon excerpts.

President's Address

(Delivered at the third annual meeting of the Central California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists held at Fresno April 28 to May 10, 1914)

It is a great pleasure to extend greeting to the delegates and brethren and sisters in attendance at this our third annual conference, and to welcome you once more to a consideration of the

progress and development of the work of the Lord in this field. Our prayer for some time past has been that this conference and camp-meeting shall mark an era in the experience of each one present that shall lead to a decided advance in the spreading of the message in central California. To this end shall we not unitedly seek God at the very beginning of this conference, that He may pour out His Spirit upon us? Let us ask Him that our needs may be very apparent to us, and that a genuine hungering and thirsting after righteousness shall spring up in our hearts.

The prophet Isaiah had a wonderful experience, as recorded in the sixth chapter of his book. He saw the Lord in His glory, and at once realized his sinful and undone condition, whereupon the process of cleansing from sin was revealed to him. This was doubtless written for those who should give the last warning message to the world. Let us seek to make this experience of the prophet our own during our sojourn at this meeting.

In submitting to the assembled delegates a brief review of the progress of the work in this field, my report, and all reports to follow, will cover a period of fifteen months. This is in harmony with the action taken at the special conference and camp-meeting at Laton, it being voted to end the conference year the thirty-first of March instead of the last of December, thereby adding three months to the year 1913. In this report, I shall confine myself largely to the field work, mentioning the work of the departments only in a general way, since the details of the work will be presented by the several secretaries.

FIELD WORK

Soul-saving is the one great theme of the Bible. To this, those consecrated to God in all ages have devoted their lives. It was the all-absorbing life-work of our Great Example, and is characteristic of those who profess to obey the last message, as recorded in Luke 14: 16-24. With these thoughts in mind, we look back over the work of the past months with the wish that they might bear the record of greater faithfulness on our part in this line. At the same time, we are not unmindful of the blessings that have attended our efforts, and we thank our heavenly Father for the souls won for Him.

In the past fifteen months, twenty-one series of meetings have been held by the laborers in this field. Among these we might mention the following:

Elder E. H. Adams and Brother Breitigam have been located at Bakersfield; and as a result of the work done at Watts, Kern City, and Bakersfield, twenty-six baptisms have been reported.

At Laton the little company of isolated Sabbath-keepers was strengthened and built up by the addition of thirteen who were baptized as the result of the efforts in and around Laton by Brethren H. C. Basney, C. W. Fuller, and J. R. Patterson, the last named having joined the company during the last series of meetings. Since the camp-meeting at Laton, Elder Patterson has been laboring at Hanford.

Elder F. E. Brown has carried on a good work at Lemoore, strengthening the church by the addition of thirteen Sabbath-keepers.

A series of meetings held in the Fresno church by the speaker, in company with Elder N. P. Neilsen, resulted, under the blessing of God, in the addition of thirty to the church.

Elder G. A. Grauer has labored faithfully among the German-speaking people at Kaweah, Dinuba, Kerman, Shafter, and Chowchilla. At Chowchilla a church has recently been organized by him.

Brother Paul Scoggins, in company with Brother E. P. Ackley, conducted a series of meetings at Fowler, resulting in a number of souls' taking their stand for the truth.

Work has also been carried on at Del Rey, Farmersville, West Park, Visalia, and Monterey, and the total number of baptisms reported for the fifteen months is 173. Of this number, nearly one half have taken their stand since the first of the year. I believe I voice your sentiments when I say that the present year, by God's help, must see this number greatly increased. Shall we not as a people adopt the standard set forth by the North American Division Conference, and aim at one soul for God for each member in 1914? This, according to our present membership, would mean the addition of 1,218 members by December 31. God grant that it shall indeed be so. In giving more serious thought to this all-important question, we do well to consider the agencies under God in operation among us, and to inquire carefully whether we as individuals and churches are making the most of our opportunities.

CHURCHES ORGANIZED

As mentioned before, two churches have been organized the past year. The Laton church, with a membership of

nineteen, as will be remembered, was received into the conference at the special session held there last fall; while the Chowchilla church, with a membership of twenty-four, was organized this spring. At Shafter a company of thirty are already organized into a Sabbath-school, and will doubtless soon become a regularly organized church.

FINANCE

I shall leave the details of our finances to be presented by the treasurer, when careful study can be given them. Our total tithe for the past fifteen months is \$21,752.23, and the offerings are \$9,667.13. Of the total tithe, 35% for 1913 and 36% for 1914 has been sent to the General and the union conference. It will be noticed, from the report of the treasurer, that there is a decrease both in tithes and in offerings as compared with the previous year. This is due in part, doubtless, to the shortage in crops and the market conditions of last year. On the other hand, as tithes and offerings are the only source of revenue available for the spreading of this message to the ends of the earth, we who believe in the soon coming of our Lord should do our utmost, as faithful stewards, to provide funds for the finishing of the work.

BOOK AND PERIODICAL WORK

Ever since this work was called into existence, the printed page has, in the providence of God, been the means of bringing the knowledge of the soon coming of the Lord to souls who otherwise would never have heard it. It is an avenue of work open to all, and special blessings are in store for those who go from door to door in search of the honest in heart, leaving with them the message of truth in our books, papers, and tracts.

During the past fifteen months, forty-nine canvassers, including twelve home workers, have been engaged in this work for varying lengths of time. As the result of their efforts, \$6,261.80 worth of books have been placed in the homes in this field. This amount shows a gain of \$1,406.85 over the previous fifteen months, and is most encouraging. In addition to these workers, there have been some who at different times have engaged in the magazine work with good success. This is a work that should be encouraged among us. Many can carry the gospel to the homes in this way, and should be encouraged to do so, by conference laborers, church

officers, and others interested in this line of the work.

EDUCATIONAL WORK

Owing to the removal of families having children, two of our small schools have been discontinued. This, together with the closing of one family school, reduces the number of schools from twelve, as reported last year, to nine. The enrolment has accordingly dropped from 227 to 183. Ten teachers have been employed during the year in carrying forward the work in the schools, and have been doing faithful and successful work. This report does not include the seventh and eighth grade enrolment at Armona, nor the teacher doing work in those grades.

ARMONA

Due in part to the change in our educational policy in this union, and in part to the lack of facilities to accommodate boarding students, the total enrolment at Armona has been small. Three teachers have been employed in carrying forward the work of the school, and a high grade of class-room work has been done. In harmony with the recommendation of the Pacific Union Conference in outlining the educational policy for the union, our school should adjust to conform to this plan, and recommendations to this end will doubtless be submitted by your committee on plans.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

One of the great sources of strength in our church is the young people's department, and we are glad to report that this line of the work is prospering in our midst. At the organization of this conference, three years ago, there were four societies, with a membership of eighty-eight. At the present time we have twenty-two societies, with a membership of 527. Forty-two conversions are reported for the past fifteen months. The comparison of funds raised by the society in the last two years is most interesting, and is indicative of the development of the societies. For the year 1912, \$274.83 was raised for missions; in 1913, \$945.02; for the local society work for 1912, \$87.06; in 1913, \$232.61; for home missions for 1912, \$189.69; for 1913, \$97.19. Total offering for 1912, \$551.58; for 1913, \$1,274.82. The total report of offering for the fifteen months period is as follows:

Offerings to missions, \$1,059.79; to home missions, \$107.80; to local work, \$255.31; making a total of \$1,422.90.

This increase in funds is truly an indication of the zeal and earnestness with which our young people are taking up the responsibilities of spreading the message for this time; and let us pledge ourselves to a more hearty cooperation with them in carrying forward their work in our churches.

SABBATH-SCHOOL WORK

The importance of the Sabbath-school work in connection with this message can not be overestimated. The spirituality of the church is fostered and increased through the study of the Word, interest in missions is aroused and kept alive, workers are trained for service in this cause, souls are saved for the kingdom, and funds are supplied for the spreading of this message to the ends of the earth.

We have now thirty-one Sabbath-schools in this conference, with a membership at the close of the last quarter of 1,222, while at the beginning of 1913 we had twenty-seven schools, with a membership of 1,161. The total offerings for 1912 amounted to \$3,514.06, and for 1913, \$4,060.34. For the entire fifteen months ending in March, the total offerings were \$4,986.84. This is an encouraging report; but shall we not put forth every effort to increase this fund, that the everlasting gospel may be carried to the ends of the earth speedily?

With this brief sketch of the work of the past fifteen months, we now return to the assembled delegates the responsibility of the work entrusted to us. Our prayer is that wisdom from on high may be given to this assembled company, that plans may be laid that will bring added prosperity and advancement to the work in this field.

J. H. Behrens.

Credentials and Licenses

Ministerial credentials: B. E. Beddoe, J. H. Behrens, F. E. Brown, N. P. Neilsen, G. A. Grauer, J. R. Patterson, E. H. Adams.

Honorary credentials: J. W. Bagby.

For ministerial credentials: G. A. Truesdell, C. W. Fuller, R. R. Breitigam.

For missionary credentials: G. A. Wheeler, C. L. Davis, Mrs. Mable N. Behrens, Lida Ackley, Lou Ellen Watts.

Nominations

For president, Elder B. E. Beddoe; secretary-treasurer, G. A. Wheeler; for executive committee, B. E. Beddoe, Nis Hansen, F. E. Brown, E. H. Adams, A. N. Loper, N. P. Neilsen, G. A. Grauer.

Departmental Secretaries

MISSIONARY

The missionary secretary, G. A. Wheeler, reported for the missionary branch of the work, showing an encouraging increase in missionary endeavor in many of the churches, as well as among the isolated Sabbath-keepers throughout the conference. Strong efforts are being made to get the societies thoroughly organized for work; and we trust that before many quarters shall pass, the work will be thoroughly organized, so that reports may be received from every society. It was shown that during the fifteen months, our periodical business shows a good increase over the previous year.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S REPORT

We feel grateful to our heavenly Father for the advancement we see in our Missionary Volunteer work, and that it has been a great blessing to our youth in safeguarding them from many temptations by enlisting and training them in Christian service.

A greater interest is manifest in missions and missionary work, especially in house-to-house work.

A deeper interest is awakened in the reading course work, many having completed two courses this year.

We have at present, including juniors, twenty-two societies, with a membership of 527. Of this number, 122 are juniors. Eighty are taking this year's reading course, sixty are observing the Morning Watch, and thirty are studying for the Standard of Attainment.

The following is a report of work done the past year, including the first quarter of 1914:

Letters written	506
Letters received	168
Missionary visits	1,726
Bible readings held	514
Subscriptions for periodicals	250
Papers sold	1,014
Papers distributed	12,963
Books sold	498
Books lent or given away	455
Tracts sold	415
Tracts lent or given away	23,386
Meals provided	394
Hours of Christian help work	2,119
Articles of clothing given away	358
Offerings to foreign missions	\$1,059.79
Offerings to home missions	\$107.80
Offerings for local work	\$255.31
Total offerings	\$1,422.90
Young people converted	42

Working with the 1914 goal ever before us, we hope to increase the numbers of many of these items during the next quarter.

Lida Ackley.

CANVASSING

Forty-nine canvassers have worked more or less during the year:

9 with "Practical Guide"
8 with "Bible Readings"
6 with "Great Controversy"
4 with "Heralds of the Morning"
3 with "Past, Present, and Future"
4 with "Coming King"
2 with "Story of Daniel"
2 with "Daniel and the Revelation"
1 with "Patriarchs and Prophets"
12 with home workers' books

These workers have sold \$6,261.80 worth of books during the past fifteen months—a gain of \$1,406.85 over the previous fifteen months. Many encouraging reports have been received at the office, expressing the joy of service for the Master.

We often meet people who seem to be hungering for light on the Scriptures. After one woman in Fresno had been canvassed, she said that she once bought the book "Daniel and the Revelation," and gave it away, and that she wished she had it now. We secured her order. The Spirit of the Lord is moving upon the hearts of men and women everywhere, and now is the time to work for souls. The outlook for 1914 is a good one. Already strong plans are laid, and we hope to work the entire field.

C. L. Davis,
Field Agent.

SABBATH-SCHOOL REPORT

In submitting a brief report of the Sabbath-school work in this field for the past fifteen months, I am glad to be able to report that progress has been made and the work is onward.

At the beginning of 1913 there were twenty-seven organized Sabbath-schools in the conference. During the past fifteen months six schools have been added and two dropped, making the present number thirty-one. Our new Sabbath-schools were organized as follows:

Kerman, a German Sabbath-school, ten members.

Sanger, eight members.

Waukena, thirteen members.

Chowchilla, a German school, twenty-four members.

Mulberry, eleven members.

Shafter, a German school, thirty members.

The little Sabbath-schools at Sanger, Waukena, and Mulberry are the outgrowth of the State Home Department, being organized and built up by isolated members living in these localities.

The schools dropped during this period are the family school at Point Sur and the colored school at Paso Robles.

The Point Sur school was kept up by Brother Charles H. H. Brooks and family, and was one of our most faithful schools. While we are sorry to have lost this little company from our field, we rejoice with them in that they are now located where they can associate with others of like faith.

The Paso Robles school has gradually been growing smaller, until its membership has been added to the State Home Department Sabbath-school.

The increase in the membership of the Sabbath-schools over that of last year is encouraging, since over fifty per cent of the increase is due to growth in the existing Sabbath-schools rather than the addition of new schools. At the beginning of 1913 the membership reported was \$1,096, while at the close of the last quarter it stood at 1,222. Shall we not continue with greater earnestness our efforts to increase our Sabbath-school membership until every church-member shall be reached either through the Sabbath-school direct or through the local Home Department? At present the only Sabbath-school that is systematically carrying forward the local Home Department work is the Bakersfield school. I am sure that the Sabbath-schools miss a blessing by not keeping in touch with those who are isolated or kept away from the regular meeting by other causes. Not only would these members be encouraged and strengthened, but the school itself would be blessed by the reports and letters sent in and by increased offering as well.

The financial report of this department for 1913 is as follows:

	<i>Members</i>	<i>Offerings</i>
1st quarter	1,161	\$ 951.47
2d quarter	1,108	1,005.12
3d quarter	926	994.82
4th quarter	1,029	1,108.93*

Total offering \$4,060.34†

*Camp-meeting, \$265.30

†A gain of \$546.28 over 1912

You will notice the marked decrease in membership and offerings during the summer. This seems to be the condition existing in this field as regularly as the season comes, and would almost seem to indicate that our zeal cools off in direct proportion to the rise of the mercury. Shall we not make a special effort this year to change this condition by regular attendance when possible, and by reporting through the local Home Department when the vacation is spent away from the Sabbath-school?

In addition to the offerings as re-

ported for 1913, we have the offering of the quarter just past,—\$926.50,—making a total, for the fifteen months, of \$4,986.84, which is the highest offering so far reached in this field in this length of time. Our per capita offering a week has, however, made only a slight gain, it being six cents last year, and averaging seven cents for the past fifteen months. As the Sabbath-school funds are the only constant supply that pours into the treasury of the mission board, shall we not unite in the effort put forth in all this North American Division to increase this regular fund to fifteen cents a member a week, that the extension of the work may go forward accordingly, and the gospel be hastened to the ends of the earth?

One of the most interesting lines of work in connection with this department of the work is the State Home* Sabbath-school. At present fifty-five isolated ones are enrolled in this Sabbath-school, the number having decreased on account of the organization of regular Sabbath-schools. Most encouraging reports come in from these members, some of whom are doing a good work in inviting others to meet with them, and so starting a nucleus for new schools. A regular "social meeting" is conducted once each quarter, the words of cheer and courage being sent in to the office to be collected in one letter and sent on to each home. This contact with each other is proving a source of encouragement to all, and we shall be glad to be put in touch with others who are isolated in the faith. The offerings from the Home Department have amounted to \$103.12.

That efforts are put forth to hold our young people in the truth is shown by the report of ninety-five conversions and eighty-eight baptisms for the past fifteen months from among our Sabbath-school pupils. We are told that the aim of our Sabbath-school should be to win souls, and I am sure that more can be done along that line by every school. The holding of a consecration service in the Sabbath-school at least twice a year is proving a blessing to the schools that are following the plan; and I trust that in the future all of the schools will unite in making this special effort to reach the children and youth within its borders, and so bring added spiritual life and energy into its work.

Another line of work that has been carried forward with success in some of the schools and is adding to the efficiency of the work, is the Teachers' Training Course. As teachers of the

Word, we need to seek to improve constantly, that better results may be obtained from our work. The books on training suggested by the general department, together with the *Sabbath School Worker*, should be carefully studied by every teacher and Sabbath-school worker and all interested in this line of work, and I would urge that the books for the new course and the *Worker* be in every home.

In concluding this synopsis of the Sabbath-school work, I wish to appeal to every Sabbath-school to rally with greater energy than ever before to the reaching of the standard set before the schools for 1914, the realizing of which will bring such a degree of spiritual prosperity to our schools as has never before been realized. Our goal is:

- Daily study of the Sabbath-school lesson.
- Personal work for every pupil.
- \$1,000,000 for missions as soon as possible.

Mrs. Mable N. Behrens.

REPORT OF CHURCH SCHOOLS

While there has been a decrease from last year's record in the number of schools operated in the conference, yet the school year that is just closing has been one of advancement and prosperity. God has surely rewarded the efforts of the churches in maintaining their schools under the financial difficulties that have marked this field this year.

Almost without exception, the work in the several schools has proceeded with interest and enthusiasm, and efficient work has been done.

Nine schools, with a total enrolment of 183, have been maintained in the conference the past year, while ten teachers have been employed. The small schools at Arroyo Grande and Monterey were discontinued on account of the removal of families having children, and the family school at Reedley was also dropped.

In harmony with the instruction given us that all in the church should share the expense, our churches, without exception, have endeavored to finance their schools on that basis. The result has been that a greater interest is taken in the school by the church as a whole than when the school is sustained by a few parents; the financial burden is much less to all; and schools are maintained in churches where it would otherwise be impossible to maintain them. It is a matter for regret that there should

be any in our churches who are indifferent to the plain instruction given as to the duty of each one with regard to financing our schools. It is even more serious that where there are schools, in some instances the children of our people should be found in the schools of the world. Warnings have been given us again and again that the time has fully come when we should withdraw our children from the public schools.

Again these solemn words are given: "Parents, some of you are rearing children to be cut down by the destroying angel, unless you speedily change your course and be faithful to them. . . . Will you suffer your children to be lost through your neglect? Unfaithful parents! Their blood will be upon you. And is not your salvation doubtful with the blood of your children upon you?" — *Review and Herald*, March 28, 1893. Shall we not all determine to guard the children in every possible way, and gather them into our own schools as the Lord has commanded us?

In some of the schools, successful work along various lines of manual training has been carried forward. Sewing, gardening, and basketry have received most attention. In this work, the Dinuba school has been especially active. From their hotbed, the children sold the earliest and best tomato and cabbage plants raised in the vicinity, and realized twenty-five dollars from the sale of garden and hotbed products. The manual work has an important place in our school work, and a more complete cooperation with our teachers in this respect is to be desired. Concerning this work, we have the following message from the spirit of prophecy: "When the child is old enough to be sent to school, the teacher should cooperate with the parents, and manual training should be continued as a part of his school duties." In harmony with these words, let us study the question as teachers, parents, and school boards, and strive to reach a higher standard in this line of school work.

Throughout the schools this year Junior Missionary Volunteer societies have been organized, and very profitable and interesting meetings have been held by the children, under the direction of the teachers. Active missionary work has been carried on, the children's reports being most encouraging, and showing that a real interest is taken in the work of the Master. The children's reports have entered into the report of

the work of the Missionary Volunteers as given by the Young People's secretary of the conference.

The prospects for the school work the coming year are good. Several new schools will doubtless be organized to prove a blessing to the churches that foster them.

Mrs. Mable N. Behrens.

Central California Conference Association

In harmony with the published call, the association was called to order by the president at 10 A. M., April 30.

The committee on nominations presented the following names for the board of trustees for the ensuing fiscal year: B. E. Beddoe, Nis Hansen, F. E. Brown, E. H. Adams, Dr. A. N. Loper, N. P. Neilsen, G. A. Grauer.

For auditor, Claude Conard.

All were duly elected.

The president reported the following list of properties as being held in trust by the association: Tulare, Laguna, Monterey, Wallace, Bakersfield, Arroyo Grande, Armona, Burrough, Selma, Island, Lemoore, Hanford, Fowler, and the Fresno office property.

Central California Conference S. D. A. Financial Statement for Fifteen Months Ending March 31, 1914

ASSETS	
Cash on hand	\$ 500.90
Central California Bible House . . .	861.37
Inventories	3,224.89
Insurance	5.20
Office property	733.44
Tent property	2,486.25
Office building and lot	2,650.49
Salary provision	132.39
Trust funds overpaid	3.75
	\$ 7,373.79
LIABILITIES	
Armona Academy	\$ 37.45
Central California Conf. Assn. . . .	1,596.12
Depreciation reserve	110.00
Pacific Union College	62.30
Trust funds general	552.19
Trust funds and accounts local . . .	156.72
	\$ 2,514.78
Surplus January 1, 1913	\$7,197.89
Sale of Mt. View property	174.40
Rec'd on conf. tent don.	155.92
	\$7,528.21
Net loss for 15 months ending March 31, 1914	2,669.20
Surplus March 31, 1914	4,859.01
	\$7,373.79

Central California Conference S. D. A. Revenue Statement for Fifteen Months Ending March 31, 1914

LOSSES	
Armona Academy (debt forgiven)	\$ 132.18
Bookmen's convention	61.15
Depreciation	480.00
Office bldg.	\$ 60.00
Office prop.	120.00
Tent prop.	300.00

Expense	354.12
Free literature	10.00
Insurance	22.70
Laton camp-meeting	47.09
Ministerial institute	30.93
Mission Board 15%	3,170.01
Sustentation Fund	1,082.58
Tithe 10%	2,113.30
Second tithe 5%	1,056.58
Salary and laborers' exp.	15,595.05
Teachers' institute	43.81
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	\$24,199.50

GAINS

Tithe	\$21,134.03
Donations	396.27

\$21,530.30

Net loss for 15 months ending March 31, 1914	2,669.20
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\$24,199.50

Central California Bible House Financial Statement for Fifteen Months Ending March 31, 1914.

ASSETS

Cash on hand	\$ 49.49
Armona Academy	33.97
Canvassers' fund	5.00
Individuals owing us, regular accts.	572.51
Individuals owing us, relief books	40.50
Societies owing us, relief books	417.56
Societies owing us, regular accts.	152.58
Publishing house owing us	1.76
Inventories	2,285.49
Merchandise	\$1,884.19
Relief books	228.30
Expense	30.00
Office property	143.00
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	\$ 3,558.86

LIABILITIES

Central California Conference	\$ 861.37
Individuals we owe, regular accts.	4.49
Societies we owe, regular accts.	5.31
Societies we owe, relief books50
Publishing houses we owe	1,838.00
Free literature fund	1.64
Merchandise provision	76.71
Relief books	685.86
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	\$ 3,473.88

Surplus January 1, 1913 ..\$359.15

Loss for 15 months
ending March 31, 1914.. 274.17Surplus March 31, 1914 84.98 |

\$3,558.86

Central California Bible House Revenue Statement for Fifteen Months Ending March 31, 1914

LOSSES

Agents' expense	\$ 6.50
General expense	498.01
Insurance	12.00
Office property depreciation	28.50
Scholarships	4.23
Salary	569.00
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	\$1,118.24

GAINS

Merchandise	\$844.07
Loss for fifteen months ending March 31, 1914..	274.17

\$1,118.24

G. A. WHEELER, Treasurer.

To Whom It May Concern:

The books of account of the Central California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, including its tract and missionary department, known as the Central California Bible House, have been checked with the original vouchers of receipt and disbursement for the fifteen months period ended March 31, 1914, and

I believe that the financial statements and revenue accounts here presented show the true financial standing of this conference and its missionary department, as disclosed by the said books of account on March 31, 1914.

Claude Conard, Auditor.

Fresno, Cal., April 21, 1914.

Central California Conference Association, S. D. A.

Revenue Account

MARCH 31, 1914

INCOME

School debts donations, Jan. 1, 1911, to March 31, 1914	\$4,082.05
Receipts from home field \$2,681.43	
Dist. from Cal. Conf. Assn. 1,400.62	
Relief book sales	1,071.80
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	\$5,153.85

EXPENSES

Expense	\$ 132.79
Interest, Jan. 1, 1911, to March 31, 1914	2,792.72
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	\$2,925.51

Surplus balance trans- ferred to school debts March 31, 1914	2,228.34
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	\$5,153.85

Financial Statement

MARCH 31, 1914

LIABILITIES

Bills payable, general	\$10,000.00
Bills payable, Cal. Conf. Assn.	7,881.27
Cal. Conf. Assn. int. and sundries ..	831.09
Provision for interest unpaid	247.46
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	\$18,959.82

ASSETS AND ORIGINAL DEBT

Cash	\$ 318.37
Cent. Cal. Conf. S. D. A.	1,596.12
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	\$1,914.49
Original school debt	\$19,273.67
Surplus balance March 31, 1914, from dona- tions and sale of relief books	2,228.34
Pres. indebtedness March 31, 1914	17,045.33
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	\$18,959.82

G. A. WHEELER, Treasurer.

To Whom It May Concern:

After a careful examination of the books of account of the Central California Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of California, I find that the financial statement and revenue account here presented show the true financial condition of the said association, as disclosed by its books of account upon March 31, 1914.

Claude Conard, Auditor.

Fresno, Cal., April 28, 1914.

The meeting adjourned *sine die*.

Constitution of the Central California Conference of Seventh- Day Adventists

(As adopted at the Conference Session in Fresno, California, February 9-19, 1911, and revised by vote of the conference April 30, 1914)

ARTICLE I—NAME

This organization shall be known as the Central California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

ARTICLE II—OBJECT

The object of this organization shall be to extend the work of the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ in its threefold setting throughout the world.

ARTICLE III—TERRITORY

The territory of this conference shall consist of the following counties in the state of California:

Madera, San Benito, Fresno, Tulare, Kings, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, and that portion of Kern County lying north of the Tehachapi range.

ARTICLE IV—MEMBERSHIP

This conference shall be composed of such churches as are or may be organized in any part of its territory, under the direction of its executive committee, said churches having been accepted by vote of the conference in session.

ARTICLE V—REPRESENTATION

SECTION 1.—The voters of this conference shall be the duly accredited delegates from the local churches, members of the executive committee, all regularly ordained ministers holding credentials from the conference, and such representatives of the Pacific Union, North American Division, and General conferences of Seventh-day Adventists as may be present at any meeting.

SEC. 2.—Each local church shall be entitled to one delegate in the sessions of this conference, without regard to numbers, and one additional delegate for every fifteen church-members, or fraction thereof when the number exceeds seven.

SEC. 3.—Unorganized companies of Sabbath-keepers shall be represented by the delegates at large.

SEC. 4.—The delegates present at any regular or specially called meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VI—OFFICERS

The officers of this conference shall be a president, a secretary, a treasurer, an auditor, and an executive committee of seven members, including the presi-

dent, all of whom shall be elected at each annual meeting.

ARTICLE VII — MEETINGS

SECTION 1.— Meetings of this conference shall be held annually at such time and place in the Central California territory as the executive committee shall determine and designate, for the purpose of electing the officers of the conference, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the conference. Notice of such annual meeting shall be published at least three weeks prior to such meetings, in the *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald* and the *PACIFIC UNION RECORDER*.

SEC. 2.— The executive committee may call extra sessions, as occasions may require, by a like notice, and the transaction of such sessions shall be equally valid with the regular sessions.

ARTICLE VIII — CORPORATION, TRUSTEES, DEPARTMENTS, AGENTS, COMMITTEES

SECTION 1.— This conference shall authorize the creation of corporations necessary for the execution of its business or the operation of its institutions, and shall at each regular session elect or appoint the boards of management of such institutions and enterprises as are or may be operated by this organization, with the acts governing the same.

SEC. 2.— This conference shall maintain such departments as may be provided by the conference in regular session, and employ such committees, agents, ministers, missionaries, and make such distribution of labor, as may be necessary to carry on its work effectually.

ARTICLE IX — LABORERS

Credentials and licenses shall be granted by the conference at its regular sessions to all its approved laborers, and during the interval between sessions, when deemed necessary, by the executive committee.

ARTICLE X — BY-LAWS

The voters of this conference may make by-laws and amend or repeal them at any session thereof, and the scope of such by-laws may embrace all subjects not inconsistent with the constitution.

ARTICLE XI — AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present and voting in any session, provided that if it be proposed to amend the constitution at a special session, notice of the proposed amendment shall be given in the call for such special session.

By-Laws

ARTICLE I — PRESIDENT

It shall be the duty of the president to preside at all meetings of the conference, to report annually the condition of the work, and to make such recommendations as may seem best in the judgment of himself and the executive committee, and to attend to all the duties that usually pertain to this office.

ARTICLE II — SECRETARY

It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of each session of the conference; to give immediate notice to officers and committees, trustees and agents, of all votes pertaining to their respective duties; to have charge of the records; to collect from the churches in the territory such financial and statistical reports as may be required, and forward copies of the same as may be directed; and to conduct the general correspondence of the conference.

ARTICLE III — TREASURER

SECTION 1.— It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive all moneys belonging to the conference, keep a detailed and accurate account of the same, and disburse them by order of the president, also to make a full report thereof at each annual session of the conference, and at such other times as may be required by the president or executive committee.

SEC. 2.— It shall be the duty of the treasurer to forward monthly all trust funds to their proper destination through the Pacific Union Conference.

ARTICLE IV — AUDITOR

The conference shall elect an auditor to examine thoroughly, at least once a year, all accounts of the conference and its several departments, and to report the same to the conference annually.

ARTICLE V — THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1.— The executive committee shall have full administrative power during the intervals between sessions of the conference, and shall exercise a general watch-care over all matters pertaining to the work of the conference; and shall fill, for the current term, any vacancies that may occur in its membership, or in the boards, committees, or agents which are appointed or selected by the conference. It shall direct the movements of the employees of the conference, and pay them for labor at regular intervals from the funds of the conference.

SEC. 2.— The executive committee shall appoint annually such department secretaries and committees as shall be provided for from time to time by the conference in session.

ARTICLE VI — AUDITING COMMITTEE

The executive committee shall appoint a sufficient number of brethren from year to year to exceed their own number by one, and who shall not have been in the employ of the conference during any part of the preceding year. These, together with the executive committee, shall constitute an auditing committee to examine and settle all accounts which are presented to the conference at the close of each conference year.

ARTICLE VII — FUNDS

The funds of this conference shall consist of the tithes paid by the churches and individuals in the conference, donations for special purposes, and such other funds as it is proper to use for conference work.

ARTICLE VIII — LABORERS

SECTION 1.— It shall be the duty of laborers in the employ of this conference to make a written report of their labors performed from month to month during the year, together with such receipts and expenditures as are required by the conference, and to send the same at the close of the month to the conference secretary.

SEC. 2.— This conference shall not regularly employ any worker, and pay him from the tithe, unless he is himself a tithe-payer.

SEC. 3.— Those who may feel it duty to exercise their gift in preaching, colporteur, or Bible work in a public way should express their wish to the conference.

ARTICLE IX — CHURCHES

SECTION 1.— Each church of this conference shall render faithful support to the conference work by the prompt payment of its membership tithe, and such other funds as may be set apart for that purpose.

SEC. 2.— Each church, through its clerk, shall make a written report every quarter to the conference secretary of its standing, its additions and losses, the amount of its tithe, and the number of members of its Sabbath-school and young people's societies, and such other information as may be called for.

SEC. 3.— Any church or scattered brethren desiring labor in their vicinity should make request for the same to the conference.

G. A. Wheeler, Secretary

The Field

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

"There Is a Reason"

I think there is a situation, and at least one reason for it, that should be brought to the attention of our people in every church. The situation to which I refer is a very serious one, as I am sure every reader of the RECORDER will recognize and acknowledge as soon as it is placed before him.

What would the members of our churches think should it be stated to them that the offerings for foreign missions by our people all over the United States have for the first quarter of 1914 fallen short fifty per cent of the amount the conferences are expected to raise? Just such a situation as this confronts us at this time. This means a shortage in the mission treasury, for the three months, of over \$90,000. What do you think this shortage of funds for the support of missions will mean to our evangelical operations in the great needy fields, where our devoted and sacrificing workers are giving the best of their lives in order that those benighted people may hear the truth of God for this time?

Dear brethren and sisters, should not our missionaries be sustained in their work, and should not more workers go out, so that the world may soon hear its last warning, and the way be prepared for the coming of our blessed Lord and King? I know that you are ready to answer this question in the affirmative.

Now why this startling shortage in the offerings for our mission work? This paper does not attempt to point out the many reasons which may exist for this serious situation; but I think one possible reason may enter into it in a larger degree than many have thought. I wish to call attention to this matter very briefly and yet plainly. We are aiming to raise twenty cents a week a member for missions. That means \$10.40 a year for each person. This looks small, does it not—an easy thing to do? Who could not, in a whole year, make an offering of this amount to missions, and be in no way the poorer for having done it? If all would give this amount, the needed funds would be in the treasury, and our work in the mission fields would be sustained and

largely extended. It is evident that we all need to be educated to appreciate the blessedness of giving. The average of our giving is manifestly far below normal.

It follows, under the conditions which so evidently exist at present, that if the average of twenty cents a week, or \$10.40 a year, a member, is raised, many will have to give much more than that amount. I am sure that with many who are now giving twenty cents a week, there is a willingness to do much more; but somehow psychologically there is a tendency, where so much emphasis is placed on the idea of each member giving twenty cents a week, that those who have means, and who can give easily far more than this amount, will stop at the twenty cents a week, and feel that their duty is done. This is not to be regarded as unfaithfulness, but I think rather is a natural effect following the cause which I have named and coming in the manner that I have pointed out. I believe that this is one of the foremost causes for the difficulty which exists all over the field.

It is to be wished that every Seventh-day Adventist who is a steward over the Lord's goods and who can give more than the amount a member that is so much talked of, would forget entirely the quota or per capita idea, and give "as God has prospered him." I think that in such a case, our people would double, treble, or even quadruple their offerings to missions. And I may suggest that if every Seventh-day Adventist, rich and poor, would give on this basis—"as God has prospered him"—the mission treasury would have the twenty cents a week and far more.

May I appeal to our dear people in every church to come at once to the relief of the foreign mission treasury? Why should we not be receiving gifts, from many persons, of hundreds and even thousands of dollars, to be passed on to the needy fields for the support of our work? Will not our conference laborers and church elders seek to stir our people everywhere to come up to the help of the Lord just now?

F. M. Burg,

Pres. Southern Cal. Conf.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Conference Items

We want to make the camp-meeting helpful in the way of preparing us all for better service in various lines of work.

Work on the new church building at Lodi is progressing rapidly.

Elder Fred Brink's meetings at Millville continue with interest. Some persons are taking hold of the truth.

Elders C. M. Gardner and M. C. Israel are conducting a tent meeting at Escalon, with some interest. Let us pray for the work at this new town.

Elder F. De Witt Gautereau has a small tent in the suburb of Stockton. This is but a local meeting. After camp-meeting it is planned to hold a large effort there similar to the one in Sacramento, pitching the large camp-meeting pavilion.

It is planned to pitch the camp in Sacramento in blocks, each block to be a division over which a worker will have supervision. As far as practical, all in attendance will be encouraged to do missionary work in the city. Some instruction will be given in giving Bible readings.

C. L. Taggart.

CALIFORNIA

An Opportunity to Help in the San Francisco Work

A deep interest in the truth is being created among all classes of people who are attending the meetings held each night in San Francisco. Some nights the hall will not hold the crowd that comes. Elder J. W. McCord is in the office, and has just told me how much he needs a club of from 100 to 125 *Signs* weekly each week to use with the persons becoming interested. "Our workers would distribute them personally," said he, "if we could only get them." I told him I felt sure the churches of this conference could easily supply him with all of the *Signs* needed; and I am writing you this note with this in mind.

Twenty-five copies three months will cost only \$7.50; ten copies cost only \$3.00. A number of clubs of this size from different societies will make up the number needed.

Many of us would gladly help in the great city work personally, but we are in positions where we can not; but we can send the *Signs*, and it will do better preaching than many of us can. So let me suggest that where consistent, this need be brought to our churches, and in this way the papers can be supplied. Send your order for the number of

copies you wish to furnish, to the California Bible House, and we will keep you in touch through the RECORDER with the progress of the city work.

J. R. Ferren,
Sec. Cal. Bible House.

**Comparative Statement of Tithe
California Conference S. D. A.**

January to April

Church	1913	1914
Alameda	\$ 402.91	\$ 469.47
Arcata	36.44	79.60
Berkeley	990.68	629.98
Byron	33.00	44.50
Calistoga	56.26	59.32
Daly City	187.96	227.58
Eureka	287.44	195.87
Ferndale	35.90	87.15
Fortuna	172.07	273.75
Fort Bragg	25.15
Guerneville	21.90	39.74
Hayward	54.64	71.76
Healdsburg	366.94	422.27
Kelseyville	22.45	19.40
Los Gatos	90.79	44.79
McKinleyville	40.40	14.00
Melrose	654.58	456.22
Morgan Hill	100.95	108.00
Mountain View	2,047.94	1,316.61
Napa	399.05	343.95
Oakland	1,572.72	2,300.44
Pacific College	660.48	1,110.51
Park	145.90	237.58
Pepperwood	23.05	111.85
Petaluma	82.40	76.15
Richmond	186.90	207.21
St. Helena	408.48	264.34
San Francisco	3,052.39	1,158.00
Sanitarium	1,615.75	2,050.20
San Jose	416.37	567.57
Santa Cruz	106.85	118.44
Santa Rosa	231.12	67.28
Sebastopol	109.96	191.99
Sonoma	138.70	345.51
Soquel	33.95	74.30
Smith River	2.00
Ukiah	112.71	116.26
Vallejo	56.45	77.51
Watsonville	66.60	56.75
Japanese Church, Oakland	21.55
Personal	434.98	345.67

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REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 1, 1914

Agent	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Value	Delivered	
Northern California							
Walter Harper	P. G., D. R., Min.	45	90		\$260.00		
F. L. Bonney	P. G.	23	12		59.00		
G. B. Morrison	B. R.	35	10	\$.50	38.50	\$.50	
M. A. Reese	B. R.	36	9	1.30	32.30	4.30	
M. Munson	P. G.	20	4		18.00		
E. C. Peifer	P. G.	10	3	2.00	17.00		
6 Agents			169	128	\$3.80	\$424.80	\$4.80
Central California							
F. O. Jensen*	P. G.	29	7	\$1.50	\$30.50	\$94.25	
* Two weeks.							
Southern California							
Charles R. Millar	Heralds	46	16		\$37.50		
Homer Robinson	D. & R.	22	10		28.25		
Mrs. M. Maddix	P. G.	10	6		21.00		
Miscellaneous					7.00		
					\$93.75		
Arizona							
G. H. Reese	C. K., Span.	30	6	\$10.00	\$18.00		
C. F. Innis	Misc.	25		25.75	25.75		
A. E. Gann*	D. & R.	39	9	4.75	38.75		
3 Agents		* Three weeks.		94	\$40.50	\$82.50	
California							
A. R. Hill	B. F. L.	24	5	\$1.75	\$12.25		
L. E. Hill	B. F. L.	24	8	5.75	5.75		
Phebe Tyler	P. P. & F.	5½	1		1.75		
Joseph Stouter	B. R.	5	2		8.00		
4 Agents		58½		16	\$7.50	\$27.75	

Back to the "Signs"

There is a returning call for a five-cent paper. Inquiries are being received at the *Signs of the Times* office as to the sale of the *Signs* weekly. And why not? There were times, before the introduction of our ten-cent magazines, when thousands of copies of the *Signs* were sold by our people everywhere. For several years we have thought a five-cent paper could not be sold, and we have left it alone. But the field is

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THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1914

The Northern California Conference is making special preparations for the camp-meeting to be held in Sacramento June 10 to 21. They have set their mark for one thousand to be in attendance.

Since returning from South America, Brother H. H. Hall has occupied the last two Sunday morning chapel services in telling the Pacific Press employees some of the results of this long trip. The evening after next Sabbath, he will give a stereopticon lecture on his travels, at the assembly hall. This lecture will close the term for the night-school, which has been successfully carried on by the Pacific Press. The regular class work ends Thursday evening.

The following is just received from Elder J. H. Behrens:

"Will all those having occasion to correspond with the undersigned as president of the Central California Conference bear in mind that Elder B. E. Beddoe was elected by the recent conference to take my place, so that all mail coming to me in an official capacity in the Central California Conference should hereafter be addressed to Elder Beddoe? After June 1 my address will be Greensboro, North Carolina.

"Sincerely yours,

"J. H. Behrens."

For Sale

Alfalfa ranch of twenty-three and one half acres, all first-class land. Plenty of irrigating water. Fine water plant for domestic use and garden. Six-room California house. Shade-trees and some fruit. Close in. Five minutes' walk to post-office and stores. Suited for dairying. On account of health, will sell for less than cost. Good terms. Call or address Oscar Hill, Waukena, Tulare County, California.

For Sale or Trade

A house and lot in Lodi, near church and church school, also two lots. Address J. J. Hanley, 329 Flora Street, Lodi, California.

For Sale

A six-room house with ten acres good land near Morgan Hill, Santa Clara County, twenty miles from city of San Jose, one mile from a railway station. Grapes and fruit-trees. Bored well. Good roads and fine climate. Price \$1,350. Apply to A. Carter, Sanitarium, California.

For Sale

Five-room house. Bath. Furnished. Five acres bearing prunes and almonds. Also cow, chickens, etc. Near St. Helena (California) church school. Cheap. \$2,500.50.

Also five acres prunes and grapes. If sold at once, \$525.

Ten acres prunes and grapes, \$1,225.

Eight acres—four acres vineyard, balance grove. Stone-fence. \$525.

Five acres prunes and vineyard. Four-room house. Well. \$800.

Twenty-one acres—five acres orchard. Well. Timber. \$1,550.

All within one mile of Pacific Union College.

Eighty acres. Small home. Barn, cow, two horses, wagon, five acres fruit, good timber, plenty of water. \$1,200. One and one half miles from college. Address G. W. Mann, St. Helena, California.

No Back Numbers

The time is here when there are no back numbers of the *Signs of the Times* weekly obtainable. Every edition is used each week to fill subscriptions, and seldom can a few back copies be supplied. You should have your subscription entered regularly for this good journal. And each copy should be treasured carefully. Some are binding them in heavy manila covers for personal use, and loaning them to friends. The splendid articles that are now appearing are among the best we have seen, and it will pay you to preserve them for reference, and use in local missionary work. Let us make the most of this valuable agency for giving the message.

A Real Winner

The temperance number of *Our Little Friend* is meeting with a hearty reception, in fact, much greater than was anticipated. This indicates how well the paper is appreciated. The first 25,000 were all sold before they were off the press. The second edition, of 10,000, lasted only two days, and now 20,000 more are being printed, and it looks as though a third of them will be ordered before they are printed. Let us give our children the opportunity of circulating this good little temperance worker. Speak a word to them. This pretty little paper sells readily, and fills its place in this great temperance cause, among the little folks, that no other literature does. Let the children carry the temperance banner. They have an influence on those who are older. This little "temperance friend" is their special ammunition in the warfare against this evil.

Five or more copies, 2½ cents each. Order through the tract society.

California Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists

The forty-third annual session of the California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at Oakland, California, June 23 to July 5, 1914, for the election of officers for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as shall come before the meeting. The first meeting will be called at 10:00 A. M., Tuesday, June 23, 1914.

E. W. Farnsworth, *President*.
Claude Conard, *Secretary*.

California Conference Association of Seventh-Day Adventists

Legal Meeting

The eighteenth annual meeting of the California Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the forty-third session of the California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, at Oakland, California, June 23 to July 5, 1914, for the election of a board of seven trustees for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. The first meeting will be called at 3:00 P. M., Wednesday, June 24, 1914.

E. W. Farnsworth, *President*.
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