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"Then They that Feared the Lord Spake Often One to Another."

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Synopsis of Proceedings

At the close of the Autumn Council of the General Conference and the North American Division Conference Committees, the eighth session of the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists convened at Loma Linda, Cal., November 22 to 24, 1915. The first call announced the meeting to begin November 28, but when it was known that the Council would close its work early, it was decided to advance the date of the union conference to correspond.

The business of the session was handled in six regular meetings, at all of which Elder E. E. Andross presided.

Delegates

The conferences and the field at large were represented by the delegates whose names are given below:

North American Division Conference: I. H. Evans, G. B. Thompson, W. W. Eastman, F. W. Paap.

Pacific Union Conference: J. O. Corliss, Newton Evans, M. D., T. J. Evans, M. D., G. A. Grauer, H. H. Hall, W. M. Healey, W. S. Holbrook, J. N. Loughborough, J. H. Paap, G. W. Reaser.

Pacific Union Conference Executive Committee: E. E. Andross, W. M. Adams, B. E. Beddoe, J. Ernest Bond, M. E. Cady, D. D. Comstock, M. D., Claude Conard, E. W. Farnsworth, C. W. Irwin, C. H. Jones, J. L. McElhany, W. F. Martin, N. P. Neilsen, Clarence Santee, J. Adams Stevens, C. L. Taggart, W. C. White.

Arizona: L. L. Hutchinson, C. D. M. Williams.

California: A. Brorsen, C. E. Ford, R. S. Fries, J. W. McCord, B. M. Shull, H. B. Thomas.

Central California: E. H. Adams, F. E. Brown, C. L. Davis, A. N. Loper, G. A. Wheeler.

Northern California: P. H. Glantz, Verah MacPherson, A. J. Osborne, J. W. Rich, T. H. Watson.

Northwestern California: C. C. Cris-

ler, S. Donaldson, S. T. Hare, M. A. Hollister.

Southeastern California: J. A. Burden, F. M. Burg, C. F. Folkenberg, Clyde Lowry, R. S. Owen, C. E. Rice, A. W. Truman, M. D.

Southern California: I. C. Colcord, B. M. Emerson, E. G. Fulton, C. E. Kimlin, H. G. Lucas, D. A. Parsons, F. I. Richardson, G. A. Snyder.

Utah: J. F. Gaster, W. A. Johnson.

Committees

The following named persons served upon committees to bring items of business before the delegates:

Nominations: C. H. Jones, I. H. Evans, R. S. Owen, E. G. Fulton, J. W. Rich, C. W. Irwin.

Plans and Recommendations: B. E. Beddoe, M. E. Cady, H. H. Hall, W. M. Healey, G. W. Reaser, F. M. Burg, B. M. Emerson, F. E. Painter, T. J. Evans, W. C. White, J. W. McCord, Claude Conard, J. L. McElhany, J. Adams Stevens, N. P. Neilsen, W. F. Martin, J. Ernest Bond, C. L. Taggart, W. M. Adams, Clarence Santee, E. A. Curtiss.

Credentials and Licenses: E. W. Farnsworth, A. Brorsen, J. O. Corliss, G. A. Grauer, G. A. Snyder.

Pastoral: I. H. Evans, E. E. Andross, E. W. Farnsworth, W. F. Martin.

Seating of Delegates: F. I. Richardson, M. A. Hollister, C. E. Ford.

Officers

Pacific Union Conference officers for the ensuing term were elected as follows:

President: E. E. Andross.
Vice-President: E. W. Farnsworth.
Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor: Claude Conard.

Executive Committee: E. E. Andross, E. W. Farnsworth, Claude Conard, J. L. McElhany, J. Adams Stevens, Clarence Santee, N. P. Neilsen, B. E. Beddoe, W. F. Martin, J. Ernest Bond, E. A. Curtiss, C. L. Taggart, M. E. Cady, T. J. Evans, F. E. Painter, C. H.

Jones, G. W. Reaser, C. W. Irwin, and L. M. Bowen.

In the list above M. E. Cady was chosen to act upon the committee as educational secretary of the Pacific Union Conference; Dr. T. J. Evans, as secretary of the medical department, and F. E. Painter field missionary secretary. The home missionary secretary to be secured will also be a member of the executive committee. Elder W. F. Martin was chosen by the committee as secretary of the religious liberty department.

Credentials and Licenses

Below appears the list of those to whom credentials and licenses were voted:

Ministerial Credentials: E. E. Andross, M. E. Cady, J. O. Corliss, E. W. Farnsworth, E. J. Hibbard, W. S. Holbrook, C. B. Hughes, G. W. Reaser, G. W. Rine, C. L. Taggart, H. A. Washburn.

Ministerial License: W. H. Bradley, C. W. Irwin, F. E. Painter, R. L. Shoemaker, G. L. Wilkinson.

Missionary Credentials: Nellie A. Buchanan, Lela M. Bullock, Frank A. Coffin, Claude Conard, Katherine B. Hale, H. H. Hall, Mrs. Eva Holbrook, James Howarth, A. W. Russell.

Resolutions Adopted

Gratitude and Consecration

Whereas, The Lord has granted to our union conference since its last session a continuation of the blessings of outward peace and prosperity, with liberty in worship, and given an unparalleled increase in all departments of the work, resulting in a gain of more than 1,500 members, with but three deaths of public laborers, and has given His blessings upon the effort to lift the debts that have long rested upon our schools, and has given harmony among the laborers;

Resolved, That we express our deep and sincere gratitude to God for the continuation of all these, with many other blessings, and that we reconsecrate ourselves and our all to His service, for the speedy finishing of the work He has given us to do.

Condolence

Whereas, Our beloved sister, Mrs. E. G. White, has been removed from our midst by the hand of death,

We hereby express our deep sorrow and our sense of the loss that we have sustained because of this separation from us of one who, during so many years, was so closely and vitally connected with the Advent Movement, and whose untiring labors were spent in its promotion.

We extend to the members of her family our sincere sympathy in their bereavement, and wish for them the consolation that the hope of the resurrection affords.

In grateful recognition of the special blessing of God so long enjoyed by the remnant church in the exercise among them of the gift of prophecy, and appreciating the inestimable value of the counsels which have had so large a part in upbuilding and forwarding the closing message for the world, we express anew our faith and confidence in the Testimonies to the Church, and our purpose to remain loyal to the instruction that has come to us through this channel until our work is done.

Intermountain Conference

Whereas, Favorable action has been taken by the Utah and Western Colorado Conferences, looking toward the union of the said two conferences; and,

Whereas, The North American Division Conference at its recent council has recommended that the said two conferences be united in one, taking the name of the Inter-Mountain Conference, and that this conference become a part of the Pacific Union Conference, with the understanding that this union conference assume responsibility for the payment of Western Colorado's share in the Central Conference Association debt assigned to the Central Union Conference, as originally apportioned to the Western Colorado Conference (not to exceed \$600), with accrued interest.

Whereas, The Central Union Conference, through its representatives, has consented to release the territory of the Western Colorado Conference to the Pacific Union;

Resolved, That we concur in the actions of the above named conferences, and that we hereby extend a hearty welcome to our people now comprising the Western Colorado Conference to unite with us; and,

Resolved, That this action take effect January 1, 1916.

We Further Recommend, That officers of this Inter-Mountain Conference be appointed by the Pacific Union Conference during this present session, such officers to carry the work

until a session of the Inter-Mountain Conference can be called to convene during the summer of 1916, at such time and place as may be agreed upon by the executive committee of the conference, in counsel with the union conference president, and that the union conference assist in making the proper adjustment of laborers in said conference.

Conference Sessions

In harmony with the action of the North American Division Conference, touching the holding of union and local conferences,

We Recommend, (a) That the next regular session of the Pacific Union Conference be held four years hence, and that the constitution be so amended as to harmonize with this action.

(b) That the local conferences in this union conference be requested to consider the matter of holding their sessions biennially.

Pacific Union College Board

Whereas, The Pacific Union College is in every sense a union conference institution, serving the interests of the entire field; and,

Whereas, The board of trustees as at present constituted is a local body; therefore,

We Recommend, That the college board be changed so as to include in its membership the president of each local conference in the union conference;

We Recommend Further, That a local board of seven members be appointed by the board, said local board to be responsible to the board for all matters of administration and policy.

Legal Corporations and Duties

Whereas, Corporations have been multiplied in the Pacific Union Conference until their handling has become expensive and cumbersome;

We Recommend, That careful counsel be taken from the union conference committee before further legal organizations are effected. But, on account of the liability that deeds, legacies and other transfers of property have been made in favor of existing corporations, such organizations be not discontinued except upon careful counsel; and,

Whereas, A corporation, especially for the temporary holding of property, so organized as to transfer without order of court, is desirable;

We Recommend, That the Pacific Union Conference create a corporation sole for this purpose.

Whereas, Property amounting to thousands of dollars could be saved to this cause by making proper provision for its transfer;

We Recommend, That special attention be given to the matter of securing from our people such property or funds as should be devoted to the advancement of this message; conveyance to be made by donation, deed, annuity bond, assignment, or will, and we request the executive officers of local conferences to encourage this

plan by the use of a booklet of instruction for the officers of our legal associations and conferences, containing extracts from the spirit of prophecy bearing on this subject, proper forms of transfer, and exact legal names of our corporations.

Believing that many of our people who have had only a limited experience in the use of legal forms and methods in transferring and handling property, real or personal, would appreciate suggestions from men of more experience in these lines, thus safeguarding their interests and conserving the funds of Seventh-day Adventists that might otherwise be partially or wholly consumed in attorney's fees, court, or other unnecessary expenses while distributing their property to their heirs, friends, or our religious associations;

We Recommend, That all our presidents and secretaries of religious associations or conferences shall consider it a part of their duty to carefully watch for opportunities of thus assisting our church members who may be in need of such advice.

Institutional Efficiency

For the unification of our institutional work, we authorize the union conference committee in counsel with local conference committees to study the question of the future policy of our institutions, and make such changes as may be agreed upon.

Mission Offerings

Whereas, We believe that the proclamation of the last gospel message to all the world is committed to this people; and,

Whereas, The successful operation of gospel work in all lands demands a steady and reliable flow of funds into the treasury of our Foreign Mission Board; and,

Whereas, Experience has demonstrated that the twenty-cent-a-week plan greatly aids in securing necessary funds for the operation of all lines of gospel work; and, further, to avoid the practise of almost constant solicitation to raise money in our churches; therefore,

We Recommend, The adoption of the plan of encouraging our entire membership, as individuals, to pledge definite, regular, weekly sums for foreign missions, such sums to be graduated according to the ability of each individual as the Lord may impress each heart, and that this plan be set in operation in the entire Pacific Union Conference January 1, 1916.

Colporteur Work

Whereas, The house-to-house visits of our gospel colporteurs are calling the attention of people everywhere to the fact that the end of all things is at hand; and the books left in the homes are deepening the impressions thus made, and as a result a constantly increasing number of people are accepting the message which these books contain; therefore,

We Recommend, (a) That the spir-

itual character of the colporteur work be constantly emphasized, and that we seek by this means to attract a class of devoted men and women who are longing for an opportunity to engage in continuous self-supporting, soul-saving service for God.

(b) That as conference officers, laborers, and laymen, we unite in encouraging such workers in every possible way.

Home Missionary Department

We Recommend, That the home missionary work be organized in our union and local conferences, as follows:

(a) The continuation of our present plan of employing a union home missionary secretary.

(b) That each of the local conferences appoint a home missionary secretary as soon as conditions permit.

(c) That these secretaries be practical instructors and organizers, with ability and experience which will enable them to set people to work in the following lines:

1. Distribution of literature—tracts, periodicals, magazines, small books.

2. Bible readings and cottage meetings.

3. Christian help work.

4. Missionary correspondence.

We Recommend, That continuous efforts be made to place the Review and Herald, our church paper, in every Sabbath-keeping home, and a club of the Signs of the Times, our pioneer missionary journal, in every church and company.

Liberty

Whereas, Human liberty is in the power of the people, it is necessary for its preservation that they be instructed in its true principles and often reminded of its dangers; and,

Whereas, There is increased activity among certain religious organizations to obtain coercive Sunday laws, and so deprive many of their rights; therefore,

Resolved, That we approve of a reasonably liberal expenditure of money in procuring and circulating leaflets and other literature upon this subject, and in conducting institutes, the delivery of lectures, etc.;

We recommend, That the fourth Sabbath home missionary offering for each February be set apart for this purpose.

Educational

Resolved, That we approve and adopt the following detail plans for union conference school organization, suggested to us by the Educational and Missionary Volunteer Council held at St. Helena, California, June 4 to 14, 1915:

"1. That the educational board of the union conference consist of the union educational secretary, the educational superintendent of the local conferences, the president of the college, the director of the normal department, and the principals of academies and conference intermediate schools.

"2. That the actions of this board be subject to the approval of the union conference executive committee.

"3. That the union conference educational secretary be chairman of the educational board.

"4. That there be an inspection committee consisting of the president of the college, the union educational secretary, and the superintendent of the conference in which the school is located.

"5. That it be the duty of this committee to examine carefully and inspect annually all academic work, and report their finding to the college faculty and the union conference educational board, and recommend a rating for the schools inspected; and that a report of such rating, together with the necessary information, be forwarded to the department of education of the division conference for final approval, and that the college faculty issue the rating.

"6. That students from accredited schools be admitted to the academies and college without examination.

"7. That the basis of a credit be the academic standards adopted by the North American Division departments of education.

"8. That the general department prepare an inspector's report blank for use of the committees of inspection, embodying the items of standardization.

"9. That the general department provide general examination questions for grammar grades in all elementary schools, and in all grades in unaccredited secondary schools.

"10. That final examinations in first semesters subjects be given at the middle of the school year; and final examinations in second semester and full-year subjects be given at the close of the school year.

"11. That the teacher under whom the final eighth grade examinations are given, mark the papers, grading each question, sending them to the superintendent, who shall record the approved standings in his own book and in the teacher's register, and forward a list of the same to the union conference secretary, together with all final ninth and tenth grade examination papers marked by the teacher. Examination papers in academic grades shall be marked by teachers teaching the subject and forwarded by the principal to educational secretary, who shall record all these standings above the eighth grade upon his books.

"12. That upon receiving a final grade of seventy-five per cent, or more, the student be granted a certificate of standing in that subject, the certificate to be signed by the chairman of the examining board and the superintendent. In making up final standings, half credit shall be allowed for examination and half credit for class work.

"13. That when a student has completed the eighth or unaccredited

ninth to twelfth grades, and has passed the examinations, the union conference educational secretary issue a certificate of promotion, signed by himself and the superintendent. Such certificate to contain the specification by subject 'without laboratory,' 'without library,' or any other feature upon which the school does not have accredited standing.

"14. That accredited schools send a list of all final standings to the union secretary for recording within four weeks after examination.

"15. That the average of the student's work and class standings, as well as the examination grades, be marked by the teacher upon the outside of examination papers, thus clearly indicating the average of written work and class standing, in addition to the examination standing.

"16. That elementary teachers be required to pass examinations so arranged by the educational board, or give sufficient evidence of qualification, before being employed in our schools.

"17. That the union educational secretary shall conduct the general teachers' examination annually, in connection with the summer school.

"18. That other examinations than those conducted at the summer schools be given under the direction of the superintendent on a date to be arranged in each conference by the union educational secretary.

"19. That teacher's examination papers shall be graded under the supervision of the superintendent, and then examined by the educational secretary of the union, who, if all requirements have been met, shall sign and issue appropriate certificates, which must also be signed by the superintendent of the conference in which the applicant is to teach.

"20. That all appeals to the examining board must be made through the superintendent, within sixty days after the issue of any certificates, or after notice of failure."

Missionary Volunteer

Whereas, The Young People's Missionary Volunteer organization is proving a very effective agency in safeguarding our youth from worldly influences by—

(a) Strengthening and deepening the spiritual life.

(b) Enlisting their efforts in active missionary work.

(c) Stimulating a greater interest in reading the Bible and other good books.

(d) Encouraging our youth to have definite aims and purposes in life.

(e) Counselling and aiding in plans for their education and training for service in the cause of God.

We Recommend, That each local conference of the union arrange to carry forward a strong work in behalf of our young people in harmony with the plans formulated by the Missionary Volunteer Council, held recently at St. Helena, California, June

4 to 14, 1915, and approved by the North American Division Conference Fall Council recently held at Loma Linda, California.

Gospel Ministry

Whereas, The work of the gospel ministry is a sacred and holy work, and only those should be encouraged to enter it who renounce the world, sin, the love of display, and worldly pleasures, and who are willing to lead humble, self-sacrificing Christian lives; that by precept and example they may preach the pure gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; and,

Whereas, The third angel's message and our world-wide work demand a growing, progressive, educated ministry, who can preach the message to all classes, and who give evidence of a divine call to the ministry, not only in their own experience, but in the judgment of the brethren;

We Recommend, That all candidates for ordination to the general gospel ministry shall be carefully examined in Bible doctrine, their ability to correctly expound the same, and their confidence in and loyalty to the denominational organization.

We recognize that God often calls to the gospel ministry, men of limited education, but whose mature judgment and practical experience in life, with rich spiritual endowment, give them a special fitness for the work of the ministry. The fruit of their labors has demonstrated the genuineness of their call, and we esteem them highly for their works' sake.

We Recommend, That these workers, in the exercise of the ability which God has given them, seek by every reasonable means to increase their efficiency. By the opportunities offered in the Fireside Correspondence School, in the ministerial reading course, and in general reading and study, this increased efficiency may be obtained.

We Recommend, That young men who are planning to enter the ministry, avail themselves of the opportunities offered in our denominational training schools to secure an education, and that they be encouraged as far as possible to complete not less than fourteen grades of school work before they are ordained to the gospel ministry.

We Further Recommend, That all under twenty-five years of age, now laboring in the ministry, either as ordained or licensed preachers, who do not possess an education equal to fourteen grades of work, be encouraged to attend either our denominational training schools, or take work in the Fireside Correspondence School until the educational standard of fourteen grades has been reached.

That all our ministers shall pursue the ministerial reading courses and such other regular courses of study as they can take consistently with their gospel work.

That the ordination of men to the gospel ministry shall be governed as follows:

(a) The committee on ordination shall consist of the union conference committee, with such members of the General and Division Conference committees as may be present, and such other ordained ministers of experience as may be invited in; and if the candidate be for work in a foreign department, the secretary of that department be consulted.

(b) The local conference executive committee, believing that one of their workers should be ordained to the gospel ministry, shall by vote recommend said person to the union conference committee for examination for ordination.

(c) The chairman of the union conference committee shall take up the question of the ordination of a candidate at a meeting of the committee, and if the vote is favorable, shall call the candidate to appear before the committee on ordination, or a sub-committee appointed by the same, for examination in harmony with these recommendations.

(d) Those passing satisfactory examinations and giving full proof of their call to the ministry, shall be recommended to their respective local conferences for ordination at the earliest suitable occasion.

We Further Recommend, That the arrangements for the ceremony or ordination be in the hands of the representatives of the General or Divisional Conference who may be present, together with the union and local conference presidents; and that the service in general be conducted as follows:

Let there be a sermon on the ministry, if possible; then a short history of the one chosen for ordination; then the prayer, followed by the charge, and lastly the welcome.

Whereas, Our rapidly advancing work oftentimes affords opportunity for men to do efficient service for the Lord, who are worthy to be engaged in the work because of their deep spiritual experience and ability to organize and lead in missionary work, who are not sufficiently qualified to enter the regular ministry; therefore,

We Recommend, That we recognize the call of these persons to a service which may or may not be a call to a life work, by giving them missionary credentials.

Whereas, The union conference is called upon to adjust matters when the local conferences become burdened with too heavy a force of laborers; therefore,

We Recommend, That whenever additional regular laborers are to be added to the pay-roll of the local conference, the union conference officers be consulted.

That credentials shall be revocable at such time, and for such cause, as the conferences granting them deems it unwise for the persons to continue in the work of the gospel ministry.

We Recommend, That ministerial credentials be renewed only to such as to give their undivided time to the sacred work of the ministry to which they were set apart by ordination, except in cases where ordained ministers are employed by the conference in other lines of conference or institutional work. It is understood that this does not apply to aged or infirm workers who may receive their support from the sustentation fund or from private income.

That where ministerial credentials are not renewed, the authority to administer the ordinances of the church, to perform marriage ceremonies, etc., be not recognized.

That where for any cause ministerial credentials are revoked, or are not renewed, and application is made to another conference for their renewal, this request be not granted without consultation with the local and union conferences previously granting the credentials. This does not preclude the right of appeal.

Evangelistic Work

We Recommend, (a) That evangelists and those in charge of assistant laborers, systematize and carefully supervise the work of those whom they direct.

(b) That a strong corps of auxiliary workers, where possible, be organized from among our church members.

Testimonies

Whereas, The study of the Testimonies leads to a deeper personal spiritual experience, developing into active labor in soul-winning;

We Recommend, That in every conference an effort be made to place the Testimonies, especially volumes five to nine, in the home of every Sabbath-keeping family.

Dress and Health Reform

Whereas, There has been an evident relaxing in giving the decisive, clear-cut message, given in the Bible and the Testimonies, by many, in the ministry, concerning the subject of dress, and the wearing of jewelry and gold, and as a result there has been a tendency to disregard the instruction God has given by many members of our churches; therefore,

We Recommend, That the ministers and Bible workers be urged to give these important subjects greater prominence in their teachings, and that candidates for baptism and church fellowship be carefully taught in these matters.

Resolved, That we recognize the hand of God in giving the light upon health reform to Seventh-day Adventists, and that we will, by example and precept, teach this branch, which means so much to our people, in harmony with the light given in the Bible and the Testimonies of His spirit.

Goal for 1916

Resolved, That we set ourselves the goal of fifteen hundred souls won to God in this union conference for 1916.

That the local conferences set before their workers a proportionate number of this goal.

Appreciation

Resolved, That we extend to the Loma Linda Sanitarium management and helpers, and to the brothers and sisters of the Loma Linda church, a vote of thanks for the many courtesies accorded us during the session of this conference.

Resolved, That we by vote express our appreciation to the Southeastern and Southern California conferences for the use of their tent and other equipment during our meeting.

Treasurer's Report of the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, 1914-15

Pacific Union Conference Revenue Account December 31, 1914

INCOME	
Tithe	\$19,214.66
Arizona	\$ 522.26
California	5,199.65
Central Cal.	1,999.89
Northern Cal.	2,704.56
Southern Cal.	7,560.93
Utah	285.18
Nevada	294.89
Personal	647.30
Second Tithe	9,140.88
Arizona	\$ 261.15
California	2,599.62
Central Cal.	999.93
Northern Cal.	1,352.26
Southern Cal.	3,780.48
Utah	
Nevada	147.44
Religious Liberty Fund ..	234.17
Rent Mountain View	45.00
Total Income	\$28,634.71

EXPENSES	
Appropriations	\$10,780.57
Arizona	\$3,650.00
Nevada	2,885.47
Utah	4,245.10
Laborers' Salary, Expenses	10,895.09
Salary	8,747.95
Expense	2,147.14
Specials	222.28
Donations	250.00
Expenses	\$6,389.57
Sustenta. fund	1,152.87
Tithe N.A. Div.	1,921.47
Office rent	175.00
Pa. Rel. Lib Assn.	877.96
Pa. Union Rec.	1,399.33
Gen. & Office	690.94
Furnishings	115.52
Depreciation on building	56.48
Total Expenses	\$28,537.51
Gain	97.20
Total	\$28,634.71

Pacific Union Conference Balance Sheet December 31, 1914

ASSETS	
Cash and Bank	\$11,146.49
Cash on Hand	\$ 210.23
Gen. Conf. Corporation ..	124.81
F. & M. Bank, Mt. View ..	5,621.95
First National, Glendale ..	5,189.50
Educational Fund Notes ..	5,200.00
Accounts	2,990.30
Col. of Med. Evangelists ..	125.00
Nevada Mission	500.00
Pacific Press	308.61
Special Accts. (Ins.)	574.94
Pac. Union Recorder	86.55
Donations	38.60

Educational Fund Ex.	77.38
Laborers	467.81
Rent Advance	25.00
Personal	786.41
Inventories	2,926.58
Land, 2 lots Mt. View ..	700.00
Building	1,568.85
Less Reserve	246.05
Furnishings	687.50
Expense Supplies	198.28
Pac. Union Recorder	18.00
Total	\$22,263.37

LIABILITIES

Labor and Personal Accts. ..	\$ 121.75
Labor & Expense Acct.	111.23
Personal	10.52
General Funds	263.89
Religious Liberty Fund ..	71.75
Sustentation Fund	192.14
Local Funds	5674.23
Mexican School	8.00
Educational Fund	5654.26
Ministry of Healing	3.35
Orphans & Aged	8.62

Provisions for Pacific Union Recorder ..	302.00
Expense	6.42
Total	308.42
Surplus Jan. 1, 1914	\$15,797.88
Plus Net Gain for Year ..	97.20
Surplus Dec. 31, 1914	\$15,895.08
Total	\$22,263.37

Pacific Union Conference Revenue Statement For Nine Months Ending September 30, 1915

INCOME	
Tithe	\$ 13,594.58
Arizona	\$ 461.29
California	2,921.39
Central California	1,339.29
Nevada Mission	151.34
Northern California	1,269.03
Northwestern Calif.	1,124.35
Southeastern Calif.	1,820.50
Southern California	3,749.20
Utah	164.88
Personal	593.31
Second Tithe	6,418.17
Arizona	\$ 230.63
California	1,460.68
Central California	669.64
Nevada Mission	75.65
Northern California	634.51
Northwestern Calif.	562.18
Southeastern Calif.	910.25
Southern California	1,874.63
Religious Liberty fund	257.04
Mountain View rent	66.70
Labor donation	12.20
Interest	286.33
Total income	\$ 20,635.02
Loss	1,675.73
Total	\$ 22,310.75

EXPENSES

Appropriations	\$ 7,500.00
Arizona	\$1,500.00
Nevada Mission	1,875.00
Utah	3,000.00
Col. of Med. Evangelists ..	1,125.00
Laborers' Salary and Expense ..	8,146.72
Salary	\$5,799.16
Expense	1,567.57
Pacific Union Col.	779.99
Donations	1,150.00
Pan. Pac. Exposition	750.00
Miscellaneous	400.00
Expenses	5,514.03
General and office	\$ 791.21
Office rent	225.00
Office furnishings	100.43
Mt. View bldg. repairs	12.10
Mt. View bldg. depr.	33.92
Educational convention	785.64
Pacific Union Recorder ..	1,194.14

No. Am. Div. Tithe	1,359.49
Sust. Fund P. U. Conf.	815.67
Religious Liberty exp.	191.43

Total expenses

Pacific Union Conference Balance Sheet September 30, 1915

ASSETS	
Cash and bank	\$ 8,526.91
Cash on hand	\$ 90.53
F. & M. bank, Mt. View ..	5,621.95
First Nat'l, Glendale	2,814.43
Notes and accounts	37,012.36
Educational fund notes ..	27,443.42
Accounts	9,568.94
Labor accts.	\$2,379.38
Cal. Conf. Assn	98.83
Delayed Conf. Remittance ..	2,306.15
Edu. fund exp.	216.08
N.A. Div. Conf.	112.17
Pacific Press	281.65
Nev. Miss. Sch.	2,648.27
Miscellaneous	500.00
Personal	1,026.41
Provisions	\$ 2,173.53
Items paid in advance	29.63
Edu. Convention	592.90
Mt. View rent	11.50
Office rent	25.00
Special donations	653.51
Interest accrued	286.33
Pacific Union Recorder ..	306.11
Special Adv. Local Confs ..	263.55

Inventories	2,798.85
Real estate (2 lots M.V.) ..	\$ 700.00
Off. bldg. M.V.	\$1,556.75
Less res. for depr.	284.97
Furnishings	827.07
Booths	
Stereop.	\$ 132.50
Office furn.	661.32
Library	33.25
Total assets	\$ 50,511.65

LIABILITIES

Notes payable	\$ 2,500.00
Labor and personal accounts ..	1,245.34
Labor and expense	99.82
Miscellaneous	1,135.00
Personal	10.52
General funds	1,520.90
Trust funds	\$ 1,508.00
Sustentation	12.90

Local funds	29,966.86
Arizona conference	\$ 500.00
\$150,000 Edu. fund	29,084.57
\$150,000 Edu. fund int.	98.83
Special donations	264.49
P. U. Coll. Imp. fund	7.00
Orphans & Aged	8.62
Ministry	3.35

Provisions for Expense	\$ 1.85
Pacific Union Recorder ..	671.30
Edu. convention	386.05
Total liabilities	\$36,292.30
Surplus Jan. 1, 1915	\$ 15,895.08
Less net loss for 9 mo.	1,675.73
Surplus Oct. 1, 1915	14,219.35
Total	\$ 50,511.65

Memorandum of Offerings and Trust Funds Received for 1914

Arizona	\$ 6,789.23
Annual	\$ 154.51
Foreign Missions	5,006.04
Harvest Ingathering	134.80
Midsummer	114.23
Sabbath-school	1,320.40
Special-foreign	5.00
Special-Home	4.25

California	22,488.73	Sabbath-school	7,962.46	Harvest Ingathering	205.88
Annual	\$2,689.08	Special-Foreign	870.04	Midsummer	379.57
Foreign Missions	4,198.88	Special-Home	103.96	Sabbath-school	8,581.86
Harvest Ingathering	1,717.83	Central California	5,847.88	Special-Foreign	509.02
Midsummer	542.46	Annual	\$ 15.13	Special-Home	475.02
Sabbath-school	11,933.78	Foreign Missions	997.97	Utah	\$ 764.37
Special-Foreign	1,047.67	Harvest Ingathering	37.30	Foreign Missions	28.69
Special-Home	359.03	Midsummer	264.79	Harvest Ingathering	48.79
Central California	9,640.60	Sabbath-school	4,245.52	Midsummer	74.10
Annual	1,071.94	Special-Foreign	257.07	Sabbath-school	601.39
Foreign Missions	1,330.72	Special-Home	30.10	Special-Home	11.40
Harvest Ingathering	723.23	Nevada Mission	\$ 526.91	Totals	50,039.35
Midsummer	170.67	Annual	\$ 5.00	RECAPITULATION:	
Sabbath-school	5,030.78	Foreign Missions	141.84	Annual	\$ 638.32
Special-Foreign	1,160.16	Harvest Ingathering	3.75	Foreign Missions	9,956.20
Special Home	153.10	Midsummer	7.15	Harvest Ingathering	583.84
Nevada Mission	1,229.10	Sabbath-school	369.17	Midsummer	2,117.61
Annual	\$ 135.28	Northern California	\$ 4,732.56	Sabbath-school	33,179.20
Foreign Missions	146.64	Annual	\$ 71.50	Special-Foreign	2,848.82
Harvest Ingathering	197.62	Foreign Missions	820.64	Special Home	715.36
Midsummer	44.40	Harvest Ingathering	105.86	Total	50,039.35
Sabbath-school	663.93	Midsummer	297.89	Sustentation Fund	7,837.94
Special-Foreign	30.65	Sabbath-school	2,974.84	Arizona	\$ 313.93
Special-Home	10.58	Special-Foreign	401.35	California	1,752.78
Northern California	12,170.81	Special-Home	60.48	Central California	893.56
Annual	\$1,989.51	Northwestern California	4,727.17	Nevada Mission	90.90
Foreign Missions	1,224.02	Foreign Missions	\$ 570.27	Northern California	761.42
Harvest Ingathering	2,114.46	Harvest Ingathering	11.80	Northwestern California	674.61
Midsummer	271.33	Midsummer	364.53	Southeastern California	1,092.30
Sabbath-school	4,601.59	Sabbath-school	3,338.76	Southern California	2,249.53
Special-Foreign	1,702.26	Special-Foreign	427.56	Utah	93.91
Special-Home	267.63	Special-Home	14.25	Mission Board Tithe	21,738.09
Southern California	33,205.55	Southeastern California	5,209.02	Arizona	\$ 230.63
Annual	\$2,551.33	Foreign Missions	\$ 684.02	California	5,842.78
Foreign Missions	8,749.91	Harvest Ingathering	10.10	Central California	1,339.29
Harvest Ingathering	2,035.77	Midsummer	356.86	Nevada Mission	75.65
Midsummer	859.69	Sabbath-school	3,811.67	Northern California	1,903.54
Sabbath-school	15,584.12	Special-Foreign	332.47	Northwestern California	1,124.85
Special-Foreign	1,950.70	Special-Home	13.90	Southeastern California	3,641.00
Special-Home	1,474.03	Southern California	13,713.21	Southern California	7,498.47
Utah	1,383.18	Annual	\$ 376.22	Utah	82.38
Annual	\$ 146.34	Foreign Missions	3,185.64	Below is the adjustment, after the division of the California and the Southern California conferences, of the mission funds as recorded by the North American Division Conference on the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund for the nine months of 1915 to September 30, the average cents per member credited to each conference, and the comparison of the same with the first nine months of 1914.	
Foreign Missions	66.88	Totals	\$36,857.20		
Harvest Ingathering	238.76	RECAPITULATION			
Midsummer	45.26	Annual	\$ 8,737.99		
Sabbath-school	821.87	Foreign Missions	20,723.10		
Special-Foreign	6.40	Harvest Ingathering	7,212.17		
Special-Home	7.67	Midsummer	2,048.04		
Totals	\$36,857.20	Sabbath-school	39,956.47		
		Special-Foreign	5,902.84		
		Special-Home	2,276.29		
		Total	\$36,857.20		
		Sustentation Fund	\$11,097.39		
		Arizona	\$ 276.13		
		California	3,119.47		
		Central California	1,193.90		
		Nevada Mission	176.93		
		Northern California	1,622.60		
		Southern California	4,537.27		
		Utah	171.09		
		Mission Board Tithe	\$26,735.91		
		Arizona	\$ 261.18		
		California	7,799.28		
		Central California	2,999.83		
		Nevada Mission	147.45		
		Northern California	4,056.82		
		Southern California	11,343.16		
		Utah	128.19		
		Memorandum of Offerings and Trust Funds Received for 1915			
		Nine Months Ending September 30.			
		Arizona	\$ 1,760.24		
		Annual	\$ 103.70		
		Foreign Missions	212.23		
		Harvest Ingathering	17.64		
		Midsummer	75.58		
		Sabbath School	1,293.53		
		Special-Foreign	51.31		
		Special Home	6.25		
		California	12,757.99		
		Annual	\$ 66.77		
		Foreign Missions	3,314.90		
		Harvest Ingathering	142.72		
		Midsummer	297.14		

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California	11996.40	10135.99	1860.41	.16 73	.11 44
Central California	9547.20	5817.78	3729.42	.12 18	.10 33
Northern California	11871.60	4672.08	7199.52	.07 87	.11 52
Northwestern Calif.	9238.80	7230.96	2097.84	.15 50	.11 44
Southern California	15857.40	10423.13	5434.27	.13 14	.15 40
Southeastern California ..	12058.80	8010.18	4048.62	.13 28	.15 40
Utah	1497.60	752.97	744.63	.10 05	.09 38
Nevada Mission	1232.40	526.91	705.49	.08 55	.17 39
Pacific Union Conf.	\$75761.40	\$49323.99	\$26437.41	\$.13 02	\$.14 29
Special Home Funds		715.36			
		\$50039.35			

Twenty-cent-a-week Fund in Pacific Union Conference Nine Months Ending September 30, 1915—Also Comparison per Member per Week for Same Period 1914

	Amount Due	Amount Received	Amount Short	Cts. per Mem. Rec'd 1915	Cts. per Mem. Rec'd 1914
Arizona	\$ 2371.20	\$ 1753.99	\$ 617.21	\$.14 79	\$.66 20
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		\$50039.35			

CLAUDE CONARD, Treasurer.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that I have made a careful investigation of the books of account of the Pacific Union Conference Seventh-day Adventists, examining all of the vouchers and other records on file, and find the reports for the year ending December 31, 1914, to be correct.

A supplementary statement for the nine months ending September 30, 1915, has been prepared, and the records pertaining to same have been examined and checked.

J. J. IRELAND, Auditor.

November 23, 1915.

Nevada Mission Revenue Statement, Eighteen Months Ending September 30, 1915

INCOME		
	1914	1915
Appropriation	\$2,885.47	\$1,875.00
Tithe	2,948.88	1,513.36
Merchandise	70	4.75
Religious Liberty		4.55
Donations	322.42	94.72
Tent Rent		8.00
Tent Calif. Donation	500.00	....
	\$6,657.47	\$3,500.38

Net Loss 1915	....	211.61
	\$6,657.47	\$3,711.99

EXPENSE		
	1914	1915
R. L. Work	\$ 12.00	....
General Expense	18.00	\$ 31.05
Laborers' Salary	3,636.12	2,201.55
Expense	1,292.96	958.14
Tithe to Unions, 10%	294.89	151.34
Second, 5%	147.44	75.65
Sust. Fund	176.93	90.90
Mission Tithe	147.45	75.65
Miss. Vol.	....	15.91
Tent Furnishings	99.08	100.00
Tract Socy	.63	....
Summer School	30.00	....
Interest Susanville Church	....	11.80
	\$5,857.10	\$3,711.99

Net Gain 1914	800.37	....
	\$6,657.47	\$3,711.99
Gain 1914	\$800.37	....
Loss 1915	211.61	....
Net Gain	\$588.76	....

Nevada Mission Balance Sheet, September 30, 1915

ASSETS	
First National Bank	\$123.41
Supt. Emergency Fund	50.00
Summer School	15.00
Tent Furnishings	461.45
Total Assets	\$649.86

LIABILITIES	
Sabbath School	\$ 14.55
Laborers' Accounts	44.43
R. L. Shoemaker	\$28.87
G. L. Wilkinson	15.56
Emergency School Fund	2.12
Total	\$ 61.10
September 30 Surplus	588.76
Total Liabilities and Surplus	\$649.86

Memorandum of Funds Received		
	1914	1915
Tithe	\$2,948.88	\$1,513.36
Twenty-cent-a-week Fund:		
Sabbath School	\$ 663.93	\$ 383.72
Annual	135.28	5.00
Harvest Ingather	197.62	3.75
Missions	136.64	151.84
Mid Summer	44.40	7.15
Spec. Foreign	30.65	....
Total 20-cent-a-wk Fund	\$1,208.52	\$ 551.46
Special Home	\$ 10.58	....
Local Funds:		
Religious Liberty	2.00	\$ 6.55
Em. School Fund	2.12	....
Ed. Fund	29.00	17.50
	\$ 34.70	\$ 24.05
Total Funds Raised	\$4,192.10	\$2,088.87

To Whom It May Concern:
 I have made a careful examination of the accounts of the Nevada Mission, and find the accompanying statement and balance sheet to be correct reports of the financial affairs of the said mission for the twenty-one months ending September 30, 1915.
 J. J. IRELAND, Auditor.
 November 23, 1915.

President's Address

[Read before the delegates at the Pacific Union Conference, Loma Linda, November 22, 1915.]

Once again I have the pleasure of addressing the delegates and others who have obtained like precious faith with us, assembled in the eighth biennial session of the Pacific Union Conference.

Beloved Brethren:
 "Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord."

Only one year and nine months have passed since the last session of this conference; but these months have been filled with events of the most far-reaching consequences. Speaking of the great conflict now in progress in Europe and Asia, the editor of the London Daily Telegraph wrote as follows:

"Practically within the compass of a single week, we have had to watch the evolution of a crisis absolutely unparalleled in the memory of the present generation,—perhaps in the history of the world,—and have discovered to our astonishment and dismay that we stand on the brink, not of a mere localized conflict in the east of Europe, but of an appalling European war. It is this alarming violence, this remorseless haste, as of a tornado tearing its way with resistless force across peaceful lands, which takes away our breath and paralyzes our thoughts. Before we have had time to guess whither events were leading us, we find ourselves in the center of a storm; and every man in every capitol looks with feverish anticipation for what the next few hours may bring forth. Human imagination is stunned by so sudden, so tremendous, and so unexpected a catastrophe."—August 1, 1914.

In the Los Angeles Times, Sunday, October 24, 1915, Oswald F. Schuette writes as follows:

"The month just past has been the bloodiest and most decisive in the history of the world. . . . In thirty days the loss in killed and wounded has exceeded the terrifying figure of one million. There have been thirty days of slaughter on every front, so that many of the rivers of Europe are carrying crimson tides to the sea."

In a recent issue of the London Fortnightly Review, the editor, Dr. W. L. Courtney, says:

"In the clash of the two great European organizations,—the Triple Alliance and the Triple Entente,—we have all those wild features of universal chaos which the writer of the Apocalypse saw with prophetic eye as ushering in the great day of the Lord."

Truly, my dear brethren, the dark shadows of that great day have fallen heavily across our pathway. "The day goeth away, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out". But while the knowledge of this fact brings inexpressible sadness to our hearts as we think of the millions who are un-

prepared to meet their God, it is surely time for us to lift up our heads, for our redemption draweth nigh. The darkest hour of the night, we are told, is just before the dawn; and surely we have entered upon the darkest hour this world has ever known. Since the devil "knoweth that he hath but a short time", why should we not expect the most complete revelation of his true character—that of a murderer from the beginning—just before he is finally bound and cast into prison to await the execution of the sentence of death upon the great rebel leader, and upon all those who with him have destroyed the earth?

Nearing the Home Land

While we have been compelled to sail against contrary winds, my heart fills with inexpressible joy, as I pass the word on to you, my beloved brethren, that we are most surely nearing the harbor. We are in the midst of dangerous reefs, but the unerring hand of the Pilot is on the helm, and He will guide the good old ship through the narrows, into the haven of eternal rest. A few more hours of vigilant watchfulness, and the stormy voyage will be over, and we shall have reached the shores of the home land.

Instead of fixing our eyes upon this dark world, let us fasten them upon the visions of future glory, scenes pictured by the hand of the Master Artist. "We must have a vision of the future and of the blessedness of heaven. Stand on the threshold of eternity, and hear the gracious welcome given to those who in this life have cooperated with Christ, regarding it a privilege and an honor to suffer for His sake. As they unite with the angels they cast their crowns at the feet of the Redeemer, exclaiming: 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing. * * * Honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever'.

"There the redeemed ones greet those who directed them to the uplifted Saviour. They unite in praising Him who died that human beings might have the life that measures with the life of God. The conflict is over. All tribulation and strife are at an end. Songs of victory fill all heaven as the redeemed stand around the throne of God. All take up the joyful strain, 'Worthy, worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and lives again, a triumphant conqueror'". Test. Vol. 8, page 44.

In view of what lies before us, "shall not the incense of praise and thanksgiving ascend (now) from hearts purified and sanctified and glorified by the presence of Christ?"

I am truly thankful that I am able to report some degree of progress in all departments of the work represented in this union conference. The biennial period has been filled with strenuous labor, and this has resulted in the gathering of some fruit.

A number of changes have been made in the organization of our field since the last session of our conference. We now have eight organized conferences and one mission field. The California and Southern California conferences have each been divided into two conferences, thus creating what are known as the Northwestern and the Southeastern California conferences. These changes were effected with the hope that better results would follow with the conference officers in closer touch with every part of the field, and this could be made possible only by a division into smaller conferences.

At the council just closed of the North American Division and General conferences, action was taken providing for the union of the Western Colorado and Utah conferences, forming a conference to be known as the Intermountain Conference, to form a part of the Pacific Union Conference, to become effective January 1, 1916.

We now have 171 churches in the union, showing an increase of seventeen. The church membership has increased from 9,677 in 1913 to 11,203 at the end of the third quarter of 1915, or a net gain of 1,526 for the year and nine months. During the same period, 1,950 have been baptized. This shows a gain of 625 baptisms over the same part of the previous biennial period. During the year 1914 there were 871 baptized, and for nine months of 1915 there were 1,081 baptized. We have seventy-eight ordained ministers, twenty-one licensed ministers, seventy-five licensed missionaries, and an average of about seventy-eight book and periodical workers, making a total of 252 laborers. In addition to the above we have an efficient corps of workers in our institutions and our church schools, all of whom are contributing their quota to the advancement of the message. I am sure that there has never been such a general interest on the part of our people as a whole in the progress of the work as now, or more of a disposition to assist in a practical way by earnest missionary endeavor.

Finances

The tithe for 1914 was \$186,271.99, and for the three quarters of 1915 it was \$130,626.34, or a total of \$316,898.33 for the twenty-one months. For the same time during the previous biennial period it was \$304,666.85, a gain of \$12,231.48. While the tithe report shows a gain, the gain is not as large as we had reason to hope it would be considering the increase in our membership, nor is it as large as it was two years ago. This may to some extent be due to the financial depression through which the country has been passing. But when we consider the fact that the very conditions that have brought on this depression are unmistakable signs of the approaching end, it seems as if it would have the effect of leading the large number who have not rendered to God His own in tithes

and offerings to repentance and restitution, and thus the shortage due to hard times would more than be made up. It would not, however, be proper for me to fail to recognize the devotion, loyalty and faithfulness of large numbers of our dear people, even to the point of real sacrifice. Some are not only denying themselves the luxuries of life, but also of what many regard as its necessities, that this cause, that is so dear to their hearts, may be advanced. Of such the Lord says, "They shall be Mine . . . in that day when I make up My jewels; and I will spare them as a man spareth his own son that serveth him." Mal. 3:17.

During the period covered by this report, \$86,686.29 of the tithe was appropriated to fields outside of our union conference. In addition to this, \$16,655.57 was appropriated to mission work inside the union conference. The conferences of Arizona and Utah, and the mission field of Nevada, are still dependent to some degree upon financial assistance from the union conference, although Arizona gives promise of soon being self-supporting. The total amount of the tithe used for mission purposes is \$103,341.86, or nearly thirty-two and two-thirds per cent of the whole.

The offerings for missions for 1914, and three-quarters of 1915, aside from that contributed by the young people's societies, were \$134,417.26, showing an increase of \$36,911.30 over the same period in 1912-1913. During this period, as nearly as I can ascertain on account of the fact that only the annual reports are complete in all respects, \$597,499.63 have been contributed in cash toward this work, aside from what was given for the erection of churches and church-school buildings, and for institutional purposes. This does not include also many thousands of dollars contributed toward the \$150,000 fund. During the school year of 1914 and 1915, salaries to the amount of \$57,700 were paid to the teachers in our schools. Surely God is in this work.

Sabbath-School Work

Of all the departments of our work, perhaps none have made better progress than that of the Sabbath-school; and yet there is still a vast field for labor in its further development. There has been an increase of twenty schools and 1,410 members during the biennial period. The total Sabbath-school offerings for 1912 and three-quarters of 1913 were \$46,395.32, while for the same period in 1914-1915 they were \$73,047.28, showing a gain of \$26,651.96.

The Educational Work

While all the institutions connected with our work are important, and really necessary to the successful prosecution of the work, yet the Lord has said, "Of all the institutions in our world, the school is the most important". Our children and youth must receive an education either in our own

schools or in the schools of the world. The latter are wholly unprepared to train them for the kingdom of God. All they can do is to fit them to take part in the mad contest for commercial or professional supremacy. Our schools are established primarily, "to restore in man the image of his Maker, to bring him back to the perfection in which he was created, to promote the development of body, mind, and soul, that the divine purpose in his creation might be realized; this was to be the work of redemption. This is the object of education, the great object of life". Education, pages 15-16.

We have seventy-five church schools and 105 teachers, with an enrollment of 2,032 pupils. There are a number of church schools that are carrying the ninth and tenth grades. We have two intermediate schools, one at Phoenix, Arizona, and another at Fallon, Nevada. We have three schools that are doing higher grade work—two academies and the Pacific Union College. There are about one hundred students in each of the academies, and about two hundred in the college, making around four hundred in the academic grades; and in addition, there are about one hundred students at the college taking the college course. This makes a total of about five hundred students in our schools of this union conference taking the higher grade work. This will provide a continuous supply of recruits from the various courses given in the training college, who are thoroughly prepared to take their place in this work both at home and abroad. Twenty-three of our young people from our schools have just been selected by the Mission Board and placed under appointment for service in the Far Eastern and other mission fields.

We were quite fortunate in having the council of the Educational and Missionary Volunteer departments for the North American Division and General conferences held at the Pacific Union College in June, 1915. Following this meeting a convention for our union was held, a report of which will be presented by the secretary of these departments.

The Educational Fund

It will be remembered that at the last session of the union conference held in Oakland, March, 1914, the plan for raising \$150,000 for the relief of our educational work in the union was adopted. The field was to be organized and the campaign of solicitation of pledges on the fund was to begin throughout the union conference June 1, 1914, and was to be completed November 30, 1915. Later, however, the time was extended to December 31, 1915. The executive committee of the conference requested Elder G. W. Reaser to act as financial secretary of the union, and to take general supervision of the work of solicitation in the field. Later Elder W. S. Holbrook was called to assist Elder Reaser in the

field work. These brethren have had the cooperation of both church and conference officials, and the result to date is as follows:

Cash	\$ 29,000.00
Pledges	114,000.00
Total	\$143,000.00

There still remains to be secured in cash and pledges \$7,000. We believe that this can be done, and that the delegates should return to their various fields resolved to gather in the last dollar on this fund ere the expiration of the time limit. Thus the burden of debt carried so long by our educational institutions will be provided for, and it will be made possible to furnish further needed improvements. I feel that this entire union conference should unite in hearty thanksgiving to God, who has so manifestly helped in our efforts to carry out this plan of financial relief. We should not forget the untiring efforts put forth by Elders Reaser and Holbrook, and others who have taken part in this good work.

Medical

We see some marked evidences of the Lord's prospering hand in our medical work. There are four conference sanitariums in our union, and while the general financial depression has made itself felt in the patronage, we are thankful that on the whole there is an upward tendency. Greater efforts than ever before have been made by the boards and by the local managements to operate the institutions on a scientific and economical, as well as an efficient basis, and these efforts are meeting with some success. We believe, however, that great improvement may yet be made along these lines.

The results of the efforts put forth in spiritual lines have produced a larger degree of success than ever before, and this we regard as most gratifying. We have a corps of faithful, devoted, self-sacrificing men and women engaged in this department of our work. They do not hesitate at any personal sacrifice that the cause we all love may prosper.

The St. Helena Sanitarium board, after taking counsel with the union conference committee, decided to erect a much-needed building for treatment rooms, physicians' offices, etc. This is to be constructed at an estimated cost of about \$21,000. The delegates will be pleased to learn that sufficient money is now in hand from the earnings of the institution to pay for the building; and to completely furnish it with all necessary equipment. Work on the foundation of this new building has begun, and it is expected, the Lord willing, that it will be ready for occupancy by the spring of 1916.

The College of Medical Evangelists of Loma Linda is exerting a splendid influence for good. While the new class in the regular medical course is not large, there are forty-nine students in the first year of the medical evangel-

istic course, and all are very enthusiastic. We solicit the hearty support of the entire constituency of our union conference for this institution that is yet in its infancy.

Young People's Work

While much has been accomplished for our young people through the medium of the Missionary Volunteer Society, it is evident that we are just beginning to realize its possibilities. The field is now being organized more thoroughly in this line than formerly, and we confidently look forward to a much greater work in the near future. We have ninety-six societies with a membership of 2,196. We have greatly appreciated the splendid help rendered us by Elder Meade MacGuire, especially through the last two camp-meeting seasons.

Religious Liberty Work

Since our last union conference session, we have passed through in California the most strenuous campaign in the interests of religious liberty that we have ever had in our union, and our efforts were crowned with success. For this we are profoundly thankful to God. We greatly appreciate the splendid response of our people that made the defeat of the proposed Sunday law possible. We are undoubtedly approaching times of great peril to liberty of conscience hitherto guaranteed by the federal and state constitutions.

"The agencies of evil are combining their forces, and consolidating. They are strengthening for the last great crisis. Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones". Test. Vol. 9, page 11. "Protestantism is now reaching hands across the gulf to clasp with the papacy, and a confederacy is being formed to trample out of sight the Sabbath of the fourth commandment; and the man of sin, who, at the instigation of Satan, instituted the spurious Sabbath,—this child of the papacy,—will be exalted to take the place of God". Special Testimony. "A season of great trial is before us. It becomes us now to use all our capabilities and gifts in advancing the work of God". Test. Vol. 9, page 227.

Publishing

During the year and nine months just passed, \$116,586.71 worth of our books and periodicals have been sold. This record has been made by a very small company of workers compared to the number that should be engaged in this blessed work in this large union conference.

"God has ordained the canvassing work as a means of presenting before the people the light contained in our books; and canvassers should be impressed with the importance of bringing before the world as fast as possible the books necessary for their spiritual education and enlightenment. This is the very work the Lord desires His people to do at this time.

All who consecrate themselves to God as canvassers are assisting to give the last message of warning to the world. We can not too highly estimate this work; for were it not for the efforts of the canvasser, many would never hear the warning". Manual for Canvassers, pages 5, 6.

The time has now come when we should call into the field every consecrated believer who is fitted for the work of placing our literature in the homes of the people. The times surely demand that we arouse our slumbering energies; and with a greatly increased army of well-trained, devoted canvassers under competent leadership seek out the lost sheep.

We rejoice over the unprecedented growth of the work of the Pacific Press located in our midst. The grand total of their sales for 1914 and ten months of 1915 amounted to \$589,763.75, and the net gain of \$66,070.28.

We were favored with the Bookmen's convention, which was held at the Pacific Press in March of this year. Great blessings came upon the brethren as they endeavored to better prepare themselves for a wider diffusion of this glorious light through the printed page.

During the past biennial period death has visited our ranks, taking from us Elder A. G. Schlotthauer, of the Central California Conference, Brother Virgil M. Donaldson, of the Pacific Press, and Sister E. G. White. Elder Schlotthauer spent many years in successful public labor in this cause, while Brother Donaldson was for long years a highly respected and valuable laborer at the Pacific Press in Oakland and later in Mountain View, where he fell asleep in Jesus. It would be impossible for me to add to what has already been said regarding the life and work of our beloved sister, Mrs. E. G. White, who, after about seventy years of continuous and very arduous labor to build up from its foundation this glorious temple of truth, was laid to rest by the side of her husband. We in this union conference owe much to her faithful labors. The crowning years of her long and fruitful life were spent here; and, while the whole world was her parish, her last efforts were directed toward building up the Pacific Union College, and especially the College of Medical Evangelists.

We commit the bereaved ones to the care of the One who notes the sparrows fall, and who will soon awake the righteous dead.

Conclusion

While we greatly rejoice over the progress the truth has made in our field in the past, we must not forget that still there are many who "hunger to know more of the ways and works of God". All over the world, men and women are looking wistfully to heaven. Prayers and tears and inquiries go up from souls longing for light, for grace, for the Holy Spirit. Many are on the very verge of the

Kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in". Test. Vol. 6, page 71. As we see these falling tears, and hear the plaintive pleas "for light, for grace, for the the Holy Spirit", we hear the voice of God speaking to our hearts through the disturbed elements, in the unwonted world-wide distress of nations "and dismay that driveth out the souls of men, from fear of that which is to come on the earth", calling us to more complete consecration to the service of the Master, to greater sacrifices of personal interests, of property and of all that we possess, that the sound of this glorious gospel may quickly reach the ears of the lost in all the world. May the Holy Spirit in all its fulness descend upon the delegates to this conference, guiding in your deliberations and henceforth completely fitting you for His holy service.

E. E. ANDROSS.

Publishing Department

From the very beginning of our publishing work, there has been the clearest evidence of the divine leading and the signal blessing of Heaven upon the use of the products of the press in disseminating the light of present truth, and this evidence is more abundant to-day than ever before. It is the conviction that this work is born of God, and that it will ultimately triumph in Him and through Him that keeps many of those who are working in this department faithfully at their posts of duty when the work seems to go hard, or the calling of the colporteur seems to be lightly esteemed.

Any history of the colporteur work must, of necessity, be somewhat incomplete, for the reason that many of the most inspiring chapters have never been written, and are known only to those earnest men and women who have gone into the dark places and out-of-the-way corners of the earth accompanied only by the angels of God, and have hunted out the honest in heart and placed in their hands Heaven's message of mercy in the form of the printed page. The faith and love, the courage and fortitude that have urged these earnest workers onward in the face of difficulties and trials can not be expressed in figures, nor conveyed by the printers' art. But in the day of final awards, when God makes up His jewels, and the results of our work are fully known, it will be seen that the good seed that has thus been scattered over hill and plain have produced an abundant harvest of souls for the Kingdom of God.

My connection with the work in the Pacific Union dates back only nine months, and I am not familiar with its previous history, therefore my report must necessarily be lacking in some of the elements and facts which would otherwise appear, and which would make it more interesting and helpful. But as I review the records that have been preserved, I find much

to encourage us to look forward with new hope and anticipation, and to press onward with fresh ardor, and I believe that there are better days in store for the colporteur work in this part of the field.

Year	Subscription Books
1912	\$27,083.35
1913	32,173.00
1914	26,267.10
1915 (9 mos.).....	19,941.15
Grand Totals.....	\$105,464.60

The following comparison of sales for the past four years will give some idea of how the work has been going so far as the actual sale of publications is concerned:

Year	Total Book and Tract Sales	
	1914	1915
1912	\$39,464.75	44,457.50
1913	44,457.50	\$83,922.25
1914	39,275.40	31,612.95
1915 (9 mos.).....	\$46,208.25	\$70,888.30
Grand Totals.....	\$105,464.60	\$154,710.55

Inasmuch as the report for this year embraces only nine months, a comparison of the results obtained

with those of the same period in 1914 might be of some interest.

	Subscription		Total Sales		Gain	Loss
	1914	1915	1914	1915		
Arizona	\$ 630.00	\$ 820.60	\$ 679.70	\$ 938.25	\$ 258.55	.....
California	3216.60	4474.80	5377.50	7998.90	2621.40	.....
Northern Calif. . .	5453.15	2852.20	7046.85	4231.15	.....	2815.70
Central Calif.	2392.80	2720.85	3103.15	3909.60	806.45	.....
Southern Calif. . .	6430.60	7553.45	11488.85	12984.75	1476.20	.....
Utah	1813.00	1661.85	1962.20	1850.30	.....	111.90
Totals	19941.15	20083.75	29658.25	31612.95	.....	.....
Net gain	\$ 142.60	.....	\$1954.70	.....	.....	.....

Thus it will be seen that, while the difference between this year and last is very slight, the balance is on the right side of the ledger, and the trend is in the right direction. I am sure that none of us will feel satisfied with the record that has been made; and I am confident that we recognize the time has come when all must unite our efforts for a strong earnest uplift of this effective soul-winning department of our work.

One condition that has had a tendency to hinder the development of the work has been the frequent change of leaders, not only in the union, but in the local conferences as well. Parts of the field have been entirely without leaders for considerable periods of time.

After the resignation of Brother A. A. Cone the union was without a field secretary for a period of about six months, when Brother C. E. Weeks, who had just returned from India, was placed in charge. He remained only a short time and then another six months elapsed without a man in charge, until about March 1 of this year, when your present secretary was called to this field.

The changes in some of the local fields have been still more marked, but I will speak of those only that have taken place since my connection with this union.

Brother C. C. Morlan, who had rendered faithful service in Southern California, was transferred to the two coast conferences, which for some time had been without a field secretary. With characteristic energy he has entered upon the task of reviving the work in his new field, and already has a small corps of colporteurs at work, and his two conferences have made a gain of more than \$2,000.

Brother H. A. Hebard, of Nebraska, was called to fill the place made vacant by Brother Morlan in our southern conferences, and we trust that a strong, consistent work may be built up in his field.

Brother J. W. Rich, of the Northern California Conference, was called to another line of effort, and the work in that field declined. Then Brother E. H. Abbott was given the task of reviving the work in that part of the vineyard. He has worked hard in the face of adverse conditions, and reports that the outlook now is brighter than at any time since he took up the work. He has five canvassers actually in the field, some of whom have been making good records, and two others who will be at work within another week.

Last spring the Utah Conference called Brother J. L. Sauder to oversee the colporteur work, but did not place him on full salary until just recently, so he has spent most of his time in personal canvassing. But now that the conference is to be enlarged by the union with West Colorado, we trust that he will be able to devote his undivided attention to the work of developing a strong band of earnest, self-supporting soul winners.

I now feel that we are fairly well equipped for more thorough and aggressive work in this union, and I am confident that God will add His rich blessing to our united efforts for the revival of this department of missionary effort.

In view of the peculiar conditions existing in our field, I wish to briefly outline the policy which I believe we should adopt, and upon which we may all unite: First, there should be close and hearty cooperation on the part of the conference president, the tract so-

ciety secretary, and the field secretary. This same cooperation should, and I believe will, exist between the field secretaries and the faculties of our schools. We recognize that our colporteurs and all our young people need a thorough education, and as field men, we will do all we can to encourage such persons to attend our schools, and we believe that our school men recognize the great good that consecrated students can do by the circulation of our truth filled books, and that the experience thus gained constitutes a most valuable feature of their education, and will make them a much more valuable asset to the school, as well as to the denomination. However, we believe that greater care must be exercised in the future in the selection of students from our schools who will enter the colporteur field. What we want is a small number of earnest, consecrated, efficient young people who give promise of success, rather than a large number who may be lacking in those sterling qualities which make for successful soul-winning endeavor.

I believe that we should concentrate on a limited number of books for this year, choosing some of our best sellers which have not had too large a circulation in this field. One of these leaders will doubtless be "Past, Present and Future." Others will, perhaps, be "Bible Readings" and "Practical Guide." With a small number of books in the field at one time, our field secretaries will be able to do better work in training and assisting those who enter the work, and we believe that a much larger number of them will succeed.

While we fully appreciate the good work that has been done by the young people in our schools, we should all recognize that our chief concern is to develop a strong force of efficient, determined, consecrated soul winners, who have the devotion and stick-to-it-iveness that will keep them faithfully in the field throughout the year. There is practically no limit to the great good that may be accomplished by such workers, and there is a splendid field for them in the Pacific Union Conference.

Brother Abbott reports five persons who have accepted the truth in his field in recent months through the efforts of the colporteurs, and Brother C. L. Davis reports a similar number.

Brother and Sister Barbee and Sister Price, working in the city of Stockton, sold \$687 worth of our books in ten weeks. One man has already accepted the truth, and offers to donate a building and lot for a church school in that city. These workers are really on the hunt for souls, and not merely trying to sell books. Whenever they find an interested person, they hand his name and address to the Bible workers, and they are now keeping three Bible workers busy. More names have been supplied than the Bible workers have been able to use. While out with one

of his colporteurs recently Brother Davis sold a book to a well-to-do rancher in the San Joaquin Valley. They read the book with great interest and were deeply impressed with the truths it contained. Learning of this interest, Brother Davis took the president of the conference with him and called on this family. A very interesting Bible study was given. After that one meeting they decided that they would obey God, and are now faithful members of the church.

A young man over in Utah was studying Mormonism, and was on the verge of accepting that faith, when one of our faithful colporteurs found him and awakened an interest in the truth. Recognizing an honest seeker after light, the colporteur followed up the interest with the result that this young man fully accepted the truth, and is none other than Brother Moore, who is now himself doing good work in the canvassing field.

Brother Sauder writes that five persons have recently accepted the truth in Utah through the work of our colporteurs. He says, "Two of these people I met while canvassing. One of them was baptized several months ago, and the other about two weeks ago. Two others Brother Holloway met while out in the field. They became interested, Bible studies followed, and they were baptized about a month ago."

Brother Morlan, while out with Brother Harris recently, sold a book to the sisters in a Catholic nunnery. They paid a dollar down on the order, and arranged for Brother Harris to board out the rest. So we have the unique spectacle of a Seventh-day Adventist colporteur boarding in a Catholic nunnery. In addition to this they wrote a good recommendation for the book.

Brother Morlan happened to be at the Monterey church a few weeks ago when a sister was received into the church who had accepted the truth from reading a few copies of the Signs and a "Bible Readings" which was given her by a lady who had purchased it from a colporteur, but did not become interested in it herself.

The cases cited undoubtedly represent a very small proportion of the blessed results that have followed the work of our colporteurs, and I am sure that none will be more happy than they in that day when we shall see many from the east and from the west sit down with all the faithful in the kingdom of God.

I have been out in the canvassing field doing some practical work with each of our field secretaries, and with some of the colporteurs, and I have been impressed with the fact that our books can be sold in this state. Recently Brother Morlan and I, working together, sold \$29.00 worth of "Practical Guide" in nine and one-half hours. This work was done among the Portugese in San Mateo County. It might be of interest in this connection to state that the Pacific Press

has ordered a large number of "Coming King" in the Portugese language, so we will soon be able to supply these people with this book in their own tongue.

Perhaps the greatest need that I can mention is that of greater spiritual power, and of a higher conception of the sacredness and possibilities of this work. We need to realize that the hand of our God is upon us for good, and if we believe in Him, and go forward in the work committed to our hands, we will be enabled to see indeed that "in a large degree through our publications is to be accomplished the work of that other angels which comes down from heaven, and the earth is lightened with his glory."

I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the friendly cooperation of our union and local presidents and secretaries, since I came to this field. This has been a source of great encouragement to me, and I take it as an omen of better things for the future of this work. No matter what the enemy may do, nor what the difficulties we have to meet, we have no occasion for discouragement. The God who brought His people out of Egypt and opened a way for them through the sea is our God to-day, and He has promised to be with us "all the days, even unto the end of the world."

We enter upon another conference period with cheery prospects and high hopes. We expect to see this work advance, and believe that, under the blessing of Heaven, the next few years will be the best we have ever known. F. E. PAINTER.

The nearly one hundred tents at Loma Linda which accommodated the delegates to the General Conference and North American Division Conference Council, and later the Pacific Union Conference delegation, have been taken down. With the exception of a little rain early in the meeting and one windy day, the month of November has furnished ideal camping weather.

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Constitution of the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists

[As amended at the Loma Linda Conference, November 22 to 24, 1915.]

Article I—Name

This organization shall be known as the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Article II—Object

The object of this conference shall be to unify and extend the work of the everlasting gospel throughout this conference and the mission fields under its direction.

Article III—Territory

This conference shall comprise the states of California, Nevada, Utah, and Arizona, and that portion of the state of Colorado west of the Continental Divide, including also San Juan County, New Mexico, and such other territory as may hereafter come under its supervision.

Article IV—Membership

Section 1. This conference shall be composed of such local conferences and mission fields as are and may be organized in any part of its territory, said conferences having been accepted by vote of the union conference.

Section 2. The voters of this conference shall be the duly accredited delegates from the local conferences and mission fields, members of the Pacific Union Conference Executive Committee, such members of the North American Division Conference Executive Committee and General Conference Executive Committee, or other representatives from those bodies as may be present at any session, and such other persons, not to exceed twelve, as shall receive delegates' credentials from the executive committee of the union conference, of which there shall be three representatives each from the educational, the medical, and the publishing branches of our work.

Section 3. Each local conference shall be entitled, aside from its president, to one delegate in the sessions of this conference, without regard to numbers, and one additional delegate for every three hundred church-members in the conference. Such delegates shall be elected by the local conference, or appointed by the executive committee.

Section 4. Each mission field shall be entitled to one delegate in the sessions of this conference, who shall be appointed by the union conference executive committee.

Article V—Officers

Section 1. The officers of this conference shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary, a treasurer, an auditor, and an executive committee not to exceed twenty-one members, of which the president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer of the union conference, the president of each local conference, a representative of the educational, the medical, the publishing, and the religious liberty depart-

ments of our work shall be members. Any five members of the executive committee, including the president of the union conference, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 2. The officers of this conference shall be elected at the regular sessions of the conference, and shall hold their offices for a term of four years, or until their successors are elected, and appear to enter upon their duties.

Section 3. The executive committee shall have power to remove for cause any officer of the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists who is not president of a local conference, or any member of the Board of Council of the Pacific Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists.

Section 4. All vacancies in office, except that of a member who is president of a local conference, may be filled by the executive committee. The executive committee may also fill any vacancies occurring in the membership Board of Council of the Pacific Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists.

Article VI—Sessions

Section 1. The conference shall hold regular sessions at intervals of about four years, at such date and place as the executive committee shall designate by a notice published in the Review and Herald and in the official organ of the Pacific Union Conference at least three weeks before the date of the meeting.

Section 2. The executive committee may call extra sessions, if occasion requires, by a like notice, and the transaction of such sessions shall be equally valid with those of the regular sessions.

Article VII—Trustees, Committees, and Agents

Section 1. For the purpose of administering the temporalities of this conference, and to manage the property and estate of the same, the president duly elected shall, in accordance with the laws and statutes of the State of California, constitute a corporation sole, known as "Pacific Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists."

Section 2. The voters of this con-

ference shall, at each regular session, elect the Board of Council consisting of seven members, including the president, of Pacific Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, and the trustees of the Pacific Union College Association, and of such other institutions and enterprises as are or may be connected with this organization, in accordance with the acts governing the same; and this conference shall employ such committees, agents, ministers, missionaries, and other persons as may be necessary effectually to carry on its work.

Article VIII—Funds

The funds of this conference shall be derived from all the local conferences and mission fields, in the payment by them to the union conference treasurer, at regular stated intervals, of ten per cent of their tithe receipts, and such other percentage of their tithes as may be agreed upon at stated intervals, together with such offerings, legacies, bequests, and other devises as may be made for its work.

Article IX—Auditing

The executive committee shall constitute an auditing committee who shall audit annually the accounts of all its employees.

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—Amendment

This constitution may be amended by a two thirds vote of the delegates present at any session.

Week of Prayer

The week from December 11 to 18 has been designated by the General Conference this year as the annual Week of Prayer. If ever in the history of the world God's people needed to draw near to Him with prayer and consecration, it is at the present. The rapid passing of events in the fulfillment of prophecy leaves no question that the Lord's work is closing in the earth. Now is the time to "prepare to meet thy God."

Statistical Report

September 30, 1915

	No. of Churches.	Mem.	No. of S. S.	Mem.	Ord'n'd Minstrs.	Lis'd Wrkrs.	Book & Per. Wrkrs.	Total Labor ers.
Pacific Union Conf.					6	5		11
Arizona	12	464	20	430	4	5	4	13
California	20	1773	21	1399	9	13	12	37
Central Cal.	29	1333	37	1474	6	11	13	30
Northern Cal.	22	1721	31	1469	9	14	3	26
Northwestern Cal. .	21	1348	27	1235	7	10	3	20
Southeastern Cal. .	27	1828	30	1809	19	16	6	41
Southern Cal.	30	2347	35	1768	13	14	8	37
Utah	5	215	7	182	4	5	4	13
Nevada Mission ...	5	174	10	243	1	5		6
	171	13203	218	10009	78	98	53	234