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

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The Annual Meeting of the Southern California Conference

The annual meeting of the Southern California Conference was held at the Carr Street church, Los Angeles, January 25 to 28. After seating the delegates from the various churches which were well represented, the president, Elder B. E. Beddoe, presented his annual report which will be found in this issue of the RECORDER. Considering the fact that the division of the conference came in the early part of the year, materially interfering for a time with the progress of the work, the report shows splendid progress.

From the opening of the conference it was apparent that the Spirit of the Lord was present to give wisdom, and to direct in all the work of the conference. A beautiful spirit of harmony prevailed throughout the meeting and we have reason to believe that the plans laid will materially help in the advancement of the cause of truth in this field. This undoubtedly will be the result if all of our people in the churches take hold heartily in carrying them out.

It will be observed that one of the plans adopted at the conference provided for the holding of the next annual session of the conference two years hence. This was chiefly for the purpose of giving more opportunity of holding general meetings with the churches in the winter season to thoroughly organize and train our forces for aggressive missionary work.

Elder Beddoe was again elected president of the conference, and Brother Emerson, secretary and treasurer. The executive committee chosen was as follows: B. E. Beddoe, F. I. Richardson, G. A. Snyder, H. G. Lucas, I. C. Colcord, E. G. Fulton, Dr. C. A. Burrows.

Elders E. W. Farnsworth, G. W. Reaser, W. F. Martin, and M. E. Cady, besides the conference laborers, were present to assist in the work of the meeting.

Sabbath morning at nine o'clock the laborers gathered at the conference hall for a special meeting for instruction and prayer, also at three P. M. These proved to be seasons of great profit to all. We were led to realize perhaps more fully than ever before the fact that but little time is left us

for personal preparation for the close of probation and for more effective service for the lost in this brief interim. It truly seemed as if the Saviour breathed upon us and we could hear His voice saying, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost."

We earnestly pray that the Lord may clothe His ministers with salvation, and let His saints rejoice in goodness.

E. E. ANDROSS.

President's Address

In presenting a review of the past year's work to the delegates assembled in this the sixteenth annual session of the Southern California Conference, I desire to set forth as the key-note of my address—and I trust will be the key-note of our entire session—the following from "Gospel Workers," page 470:

"The time has come when through God's messengers the scroll is being unrolled to the world. The truth contained in the first, second and third angel's messages must go to every nation, kindred, tongue and people; it must lighten the darkness of every continent, and extend to the islands of the sea. There must be no delay in this work.

"Our watchword is to be, onward, ever onward! Angels of heaven will go before us to prepare the way. Our burden for the regions beyond can never be laid down till the whole earth is lightened with the glory of the Lord."

This must be our watchword until the work is finished. The light of these messages is to shine upon every nation, kindred, tongue and people. Our burden for souls must continue till the entire earth has been lightened with the glory of the Lord.

"The time has come when the message of Christ's soon coming is to sound throughout the world." The time *has come*. Human voices are to sound this warning everywhere. This great cry will not be raised alone by ministers and other conference workers.

"The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers."

The present awful conflict in which

twelve nations are engaged has plunged this earth into a time of trouble such as has never been since there was a nation. The future forbodes the cruellest anguish and disappointment for the inhabitants of earth. Surely this should stir every believer to give himself anew, and to give himself wholly, to a work which will soon be finished. If those who know the truth are ever to have a part in its proclamation, it must be now. "The Spirit of God is being grieved away from the earth." Ere long that night of most awful darkness will settle down upon the earth.

Several years ago this message came to us: "In the time of trouble before us, a time of trouble such as has not been since there was a nation, the uplifted Saviour will be presented to the people in all lands, that all who look to Him in faith may live." Testimonies, Vol. 8, p. 50. This was, no doubt, written for such a time as this. It seems to me that the greatest service the leaders in our churches can do at this time, is to follow the instruction God has given, devising ways and means whereby every member of this conference may act some part in the finishing work.

"Let the church arouse and go forth to do her appointed work."

As the result of the blessing of God upon the faithful labors of workers and laymen the past year, the cause has made advancement. This advancement has been made in spite of and in the face of some paralyzing difficulties. It gives me no little pleasure to tell you that a spirit of unity—a spirit of pressing together—is taking hold of our loyal members throughout the conference. In this day when "the spirit of pulling away from fellow-laborers, the spirit of disorganization, is in the very air we breathe," we must be on guard lest the enemy hinder the work.

Our Work and Workers

Thirty-seven workers have labored in this field all or a part of the past year. Twelve of these are ordained ministers, nine are licensed ministers, thirteen carried missionary credentials and three others were engaged in office work.

Meetings have been held in Florence, Latin Station, Huntington Park, Whittier, Fillmore, San Luis Obispo, Bur-

bank and Los Angeles. In Los Angeles work has been carried on in various parts of the city including some work for the Russians, Germans and Mexicans. In all, fourteen regular series of meetings were held.

For the year 1914 there were 240 baptisms for the undivided Southern California Conference. During the year 1915, 205 baptisms have been reported. We are very thankful to be able to report so many baptisms, but with over thirty conference workers and more than 2000 lay workers, there should be many more baptized into this movement in a year's time. Should we not set ourselves a goal for 1916 of at least 300 souls?

Our membership has decreased from 2163 to 2121. I regret to report loss of membership. This is cause for alarm, and must arouse us to make inquiry as to the reasons for such a condition. Why such a loss? Death cannot explain it. Then is it apostasy or long-neglected church lists? Here permit me to utter a word of caution to our church officers. The question has been asked me a number of times the past year, Shall we not transfer inactive, absent and unknown members to a retired list? I have wondered if some of our churches are doing this. Such second lists are confusing. Is a man any less a member of the church because his name is placed on a retired list? One is either a member or not a member. There are no neutrals in church membership. If there are persons on the church record who ought not to be reported as members, let the church take action and remove them. Until the church does take such action, should they not be reported as members?

Since our last annual meeting the following laborers have taken up work in the conference: Elder Alexander Ritchie, Elder Sydney Scott, Brethren Gerhart G. Brown, H. A. Hebard, J. R. Dieffenbacher, Celian E. Andross and Harold Davis. Brethren George M. Bobst and J. R. Saunders were in the employ of the conference during the summer.

The following laborers have been released during the year to go to other fields. Elder D. A. Parsons, at the recommendation of the North American Division Conference, has accepted a call from the West Pennsylvania Conference to labor in Pittsburgh; Brother T. T. Babienco went to San Francisco to labor among the Russians; Brother W. H. Bradley was invited to join the laborers of the Nevada Mission; and Brother J. H. Miller has gone to labor in the Northern Illinois Conference in the city of Chicago. Early in the year Brother C. C. Morlan was invited to take charge of the book work in the California and the Northwestern California conferences. Brethren G. G. Brown and Harold Davis are at present attending Pacific Union College.

Elder G. A. Snyder, the pastor of the Carr Street church, reports that more than 120 were baptized in the baptistry of the church in 1915. The major portion of these united with other churches in the conference. The tithes for the

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE S. D. A.
REVENUE ACCOUNT, DECEMBER 31, 1915**

EXPENSE

Labor, nine months	\$13,296.21	
Laborers' Expense, nine months.....	3,314.75	
Office Rent	180.00	
General Expense	652.73	
Camp-meeting Expense	831.91	
Church School Expense	7.55	
Drayage	34.00	
Improvements	24.31	
Insurance	24.08	
Taxes	102.95	
Loma Linda Council	162.72	
Educational Convention and Summer School.....	231.26	
Loma Linda Subsidy	1,003.50	
Donations Paid	100.00	
Stereopticon Loss	145.31	
Tithe paid, 12 months—		
Pacific Union Conference 15%.....	\$6,319.35	
North American Division, 20%.....	8,425.81	
Sustentation Fund, 6%.....	2,527.74	
		17,272.90
Depreciation—		
Furnishings	\$ 152.69	
Tents	1,365.88	
Warehouse	17.25	
Association Property	56.40	
		1,592.22
Balance Operating Expense, first quarter 1915.....	\$ 5,633.93	\$44,610.33

INCOME

Tithe 12 months	\$42,129.03	
Donations received, nine months.....	694.40	
Hall Rent	21.43	
Interest on Bank Deposit.....	98.53	
	\$42,943.39	
Excess of Expense over Income, 1915.....	1,666.94	\$44,610.33

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE S. D. A.
FINANCIAL STATEMENT, DECEMBER 31, 1915**

ASSETS

First National Bank	\$ 1,618.37	
Southern California Association	6,216.87	
Southern California Association Current.....	366.46	
Sanitarium Association	173.66	
Glendale Sanitarium	139.00	
Southern California Tract Society.....	207.80	
Personal and Miscellaneous	235.30	
Inventories—		
Furnishings	\$ 889.43	
Camp-meeting Property	1,442.43	
Tents	4,313.61	
Warehouse	270.00	
Warehouse Improvements	19.45	
Thirty-third Street Warehouse.....	63.40	
Expense	35.75	
Improvements	48.62	
Insurance	33.30	
	\$7,115.99	\$16,073.45

LIABILITIES AND PRESENT WORTH

Loma Linda Sanitarium	\$ 647.50	
Emergency Church School Fund.....	27.11	
Mission Home	42.92	
Old People's Home	28.20	
Southeastern California Conference	16.57	
Worthy Students' Fund.....	77.30	
Personal and Miscellaneous	386.60	
Total Liabilities	\$1,226.20	
Present Worth, January 1, 1915.....	\$16,514.19	
Loss for 1915	1,666.94	
Present Worth, December 31, 1915.....	\$14,847.25	\$16,073.45

B. M. EMERSON. *Treasurer.*

To the Delegates and Members of the Southern California Conference, S. D. A. :
 An examination has been made of the accounts of the Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists for the year ended December 31, 1915, comparing the original vouchers with the entries written, and in my judgment the revenue and financial accounts here submitted reveal the financial condition of the conference on the date mentioned as shown by its books of account.
 (Signed) CLAUDE CONARD,
 Glendale, Cal., Jan. 25, 1916. *Auditor.*

TRACT SOCIETY
SOUTHERN AND SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA
S. D. A. CONFERENCES
REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1915

INCOME		
Merchandise		\$ 3,037.85
EXPENSE		
Salary	\$ 1,640.55	
Office Rent	300.00	
Expense	831.19	
Tract Society Sustentation	206.43	
Improvement Depreciation	13.11	
Furnishings Depreciation	22.96	
Free Literature	18.75	
	\$ 3,032.99	
Excess of Income over Expense	4.86	\$ 3,037.85

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
DECEMBER 31, 1915
ASSETS

Cash		\$ 570.89
Society Accounts Receivable	\$ 1,164.20	
In Arizona	\$ 74.68	
In Southeastern California	512.14	
In Southern California	577.38	
Personal Accounts Receivable	\$ 2,995.18	
In Arizona	\$ 446.28	
In Southeastern California	1,243.43	
In Southern California	726.46	
Miscellaneous	56.00	
Sundry and Petty Accounts	523.01	
	\$ 4,159.38	
Less Provision for Doubtful Accounts	211.24	\$ 3,948.14
Institutional and Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable		277.99
College of Medical Evangelists	\$ 30.00	
San Fernando Academy	86.19	
Glendale Sanitarium	15.65	
Loma Linda Sanitarium	69.24	
Paradise Valley Sanitarium	2.40	
Vegetarian Cafeteria	7.20	
California Bible House .....	.85	
Arizona Conference	2.05	
Southeastern California Conference	64.41	
Inventories		\$ 3,123.92
Merchandise	\$ 2,713.40	
Furnishings	242.43	
Improvements	21.84	
Expense	146.25	\$ 7,920.94
LIABILITIES		
Publishing House Accounts Payable		\$ 2,689.05
Society Accounts Payable		57.85
In Southeastern California Conference	\$ 1.75	
In Southern California Conference	56.10	
Personal Accounts Payable		11.08
In Arizona	\$ 8.02	
In Southeastern California Conference .....	.56	
In Southern California Conference	2.50	
Southern California Conference		189.38
Arizona Tract Society		16.58
Merchandise Provision		278.35
		\$ 3,242.29
Present Worth, January 1, 1915	\$ 4,673.79	
Net Gain for 1915	4.86	
Present Worth, December 31, 1915	\$ 4,678.65	\$ 7,920.94

B. M. EMERSON, *Treasurer.*

year from this church were \$5925.93, and \$2479.90 to foreign missions. Over \$10,000 was raised by the church during the year for all purposes.

In presenting this summary of the labors of our workers, I am not unmindful of the faithful service and the timely counsels of our aged ministers residing in this field. Nor do I overlook the work of Sister Edna J. Calkins, who, the greater portion of the past year, labored as a Bible worker under the direction of the conference committee but at her own expense. Others not paid by the conference have rendered very acceptable service, co-operating with the regular workers in both public and house-to-house labor.

Finances

In the report to be given by the treasurer, Brother B. M. Emerson, it will be seen that \$42,129.03 in tithes was received for 1915. This is an increase of \$1753.17 over the amount received from this territory in 1914.

We deplore the fact that we must report an operating loss. We believe the causes, contributing to this loss are: 1. An increase of five per cent of our tithes to the North American Division, which was voted prior to the division of the conference in harmony with the action by the North American Division Conference. To this increased obligation the conference must adjust itself. 2. Increase in the pay-roll. Several students from our schools, whom we felt we should encourage, were employed for the summer. At present the pay-roll is normal. 3. Possibly too large a portion of the Loma Linda subsidy apportioned to the old conference—an adjustment of this matter is pending. 4. Camp-meeting loss. Should not our committee on plans wrestle with this problem and bring in a recommendation to the conference at this session? On the whole I wish to say that as we are entering upon the second year's operation since the division, the conference is working, we believe, on a better financial basis.

For the twenty-cent-a-week fund this conference raised for 1915, \$16,960.84, an average of a little over 16 cents a week for each member of the conference. The following churches raised more than the 20-cent average: Los Angeles German, Glendora, Glendale and Santa Monica. Vermont Avenue (Los Angeles) averaged 19.9 cents. Seventy-five cents more would have put the church out. Ten other churches have high averages. Why should not this conference average 20 cents a week for each member for 1916? Why should we not follow the plan adopted in some of the Eastern conferences—canvass each member of the church for a pledge of the amount he will give during the year in weekly offerings? Some can give from one to several dollars a week, others give a fraction of a dollar. We hope the plans committee will study this question.

You will also be interested to know that, counting all money raised by our people in this conference for the advancement of the work in all lines

during 1915 the amount was, as nearly as we can learn from reports, \$67,114.45, or \$31.64 per capita.

Departmental and Institutional Reports

Inasmuch as the secretaries of the various departments of conference work and the heads of our institutions will present detailed reports, I shall confine my report of these phases of the work to a general survey.

Educational Department

"We may bring hundreds and thousands of children to Christ if we will work for them." This is the counsel coming to us in "Counsels to Teachers." Our educational secretary testifies to the truthfulness of this statement when he reports: "During the week of prayer there was a good response on the part of the pupils. In one school when the question was asked 'How many wish to be baptized though the circumstances be favorable or unfavorable, seventeen hands went up. In another school ten expressed themselves as desiring baptism. Similar reports from other schools have been received.'"

In our conference we have fourteen church schools with an enrolment of 331. These schools are taught by eighteen teachers. Three new schools were organized at the beginning of the school year.

It is reason for gratitude to see the way our people are supporting this work in behalf of our children. Our believers throughout this conference should pray daily for the success of these schools, and that God will signally bless our faithful teachers. These teachers are as truly missionaries as are those who give themselves to teach the children of the heathen in far off lands. They should not be permitted to suffer because of unpaid salaries.

We are of the opinion that the following motto should be posted in every church:

Our Motto Till Jesus Comes

Every child in the church a member of our church school.

Every child in the school a member of our Lord's family.

Sabbath School Department

An enrolment of 1885 at the close of 1915 is reported by our Sabbath-school secretary. This is 120 more than the year before. While thankful to see this increase, we wish the Sabbath school enrolment were more nearly equal the church membership of the conference. We have at the present time thirty-five schools. Three new schools were organized and two dropped during the year.

Specially interesting is the increase in Sabbath school offerings. These offerings for 1915 amounted to \$9419.05, an increase of \$1607.43 over the year previous. In other words for the past year there was a weekly average of nearly 10 cents for each Sabbath school member. If this weekly average could be increased to 15 cents, it would be a great assistance in raising the twenty-cent-a-week fund.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the accounts of the Southern California Tract Society have been checked for the year ended December 31, 1915. After comparing the entries with the original vouchers and making necessary adjustments, and an examination of the inventory lists, I believe that the revenue account and financial statement submitted are a true synopsis of the financial standing of the society for the time specified and upon the date named as disclosed by its books of account. (Signed) CLAUDE CONARD,
Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 25, 1916. Auditor.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

REVENUE STATEMENT FOR TWELVE MONTHS

ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1915

INCOME

Interest Received and Accrued.....\$ 8,480.48

EXPENSE

Interest Paid and Accrued\$ 7,168.11

Annuities Paid and Accrued 655.94

Expense 36.38

Salary 404.00

\$ 8,264.43

Net Gain 216.05 \$ 8,480.48

FINANCIAL STATEMENT DECEMBER 31, 1915

ASSETS

Cash in Banks\$ 10,318.26

Notes Receivable—

Loma Linda Sanitarium\$27,650.00

Glendale Sanitarium and Treatment

Rooms 31,158.50

Fernando Academy 9,400.00

Paradise Valley Sanitarium..... 1,500.00

Miscellaneous 7,177.65

Sanitarium Association 5,297.78 \$ 82,183.93

Interest Receivable—

Loma Linda Sanitarium\$ 134.33

Glendale Sanitarium and Treatment

Rooms 154.90

Fernando Academy 524.70

Paradise Valley Sanitarium..... 7.08

Miscellaneous Notes 372.46 \$ 1,193.47

Church Accounts—

Carr Street\$ 54.00

Edendale 165.79

Gardena 240.00

Santa Barbara 135.00

Santa Monica 82.96

Southside 20.09 \$ 697.84

Fernando Annuity Bond Account\$ 500.00

Miscellaneous Accounts 659.22

Southern California Depreciation Account..... 56.40

Southeastern California Depreciation Account..... 43.60

Real Estate and Buildings—

Thirty-eighth St. Property\$ 3,908.40

Thirty-third St. Property 2,359.24

Dolgeville Property 841.95

Escondido Property 1,263.47

\$ 8,373.06

Less Reserve for Depreciation on

Buildings 100.00 \$ 8,273.06 \$103,925.78

LIABILITIES AND PRESENT WORTH

Notes Payable\$ 73,656.59

Annuity Bonds 10,870.00

Southern California Conference 6,216.87

Southern California Conference Current..... 422.86

Southeastern California Conference 4,805.95

Southeastern California Conference Current..... 83.14

Dolgeville Property Sale 480.00

Deposits and Personal Accounts..... 3,941.83

Church Accounts—

Carr Street\$ 9.92

East Side 181.04

Fernando 30.00

Los Angeles German 333.00

South Side 93.87 \$ 647.83

Provisions—

For Unpaid Interest	\$ 1,916.21		
For Unpaid Annuities	71.50	\$ 1,987.71	
		\$103,112.78	
Present Worth, January 1, 1915.....	\$ 596.95		
Gain for 1915	216.05		
Present Worth, December 31, 1915.....	\$ 813.00	\$103,925.78	

B. M. EMERSON, *Treasurer.*

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The accounts of the Southern California Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation, for the year ended December 31, 1915, show a marked improvement over those of one year previous. At the close of 1914 the association was paying interest at six per cent on \$60,994.60. The listing at the end of 1915 shows \$28,656.59 on which six per cent is being given, a difference of over \$32,000, for the most of which sum five per cent is now being paid. A reduction of approximately \$4000 has been made in the notes payable, while the notes receivable have increased by nearly an equal amount. Whereas on December 31, 1914, the balance carried in the bank stood at about \$20,000, at the close of 1915, it is a little over \$10,000. After having checked the book entries with the original receipts and vouchers, in my judgment the revenue and balance sheets presented show the financial standing of the Southern California Association of Seventh-day Adventists on December 31, 1915, as disclosed by its books of account.

Glendale, Cal.,
January 26, 1916.

(Signed) CLAUDE CONARD,
Auditor.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE
COMPARATIVE TITHE RECEIPTS FOR 1914 AND 1915

Church—	Member-ship	1914	1915	Increase	Decrease
Arroyo Grande	29	.....	\$ 416.61	\$ 416.61	.....
Berean	.....	.....	166.17	166.17	.....
Boyle Heights	84	1,898.64	1,808.88	.....	\$ 89.76
Burbank	28	573.76	775.30	201.54	.....
Carr Street	357	5,465.49	5,925.93	460.44	.....
Eastside	66	1,259.59	858.44	.....	401.15
Edendale	50	1,281.86	1,669.07	387.21	.....
Fernando	203	3,289.02	3,171.31	.....	117.71
Florence Avenue	53	980.87	1,180.00	199.13	.....
Furlong	74	973.20	641.97	.....	331.23
Gardena	11	116.50	159.64	43.14	.....
Glendale	200	5,489.85	5,183.21	.....	306.64
Glendora	16	509.72	542.12	32.40	.....
Graham	47	454.67	507.93	53.26	.....
Inglewood	27	276.10	488.33	212.23	.....
Long Beach	134	2,566.68	2,927.11	360.43	.....
Los Angeles (German)	20	657.15	762.42	105.27	.....
Mexican	20	347.27	197.00	.....	150.27
Norwalk	54	928.51	820.71	.....	107.80
Pasadena	148	2,755.32	3,117.87	362.55	.....
Pomona	60	2,255.55	2,051.89	.....	203.66
Rivera	46	615.57	959.08	343.51	.....
San Pedro	44	609.81	607.23	.....	2.58
Santa Barbara	57	1,053.27	1,605.33	552.06	.....
Santa Monica	32	992.48	603.45	.....	389.03
San Luis Obispo	6	.....	24.53	24.53	.....
Sawtelle	63	574.86	506.02	.....	68.84
Southside	156	3,107.60	1,925.29	.....	1,182.31
Vermont Avenue	37	239.35	777.46	538.11	.....
Watts	16	68.16	147.31	79.15	.....
Personal	.....	1,035.01	1,601.42	566.41	.....
	2138	\$40,375.86	\$42,129.03	\$5,104.15	\$3,350.98

Increase in Tithe in 1915 over 1914, \$1,753.17.

TWENTY-CENT-A-WEEK FUND STATEMENT
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE FOR 1915

Church—	Member-ship	Amount Due	Amount Received	Amount Short	Amount Over	Amt. per Member per Wk.
Arroyo Grande	29	\$ 301.56	\$ 263.90	\$ 37.66	.....	.175
Boyle Heights	84	873.60	791.65	81.95	.....	.181
Burbank	28	291.24	264.92	26.32	.....	.181
Carr Street	357	3,712.80	2,479.90	1,232.90	.....	.133
Eastside	66	686.40	427.16	259.24	.....	.124
Edendale	50	520.08	280.90	239.18	.....	.107
Fernando	203	2,111.16	1,816.01	295.15	.....	.172
Florence Ave.	53	551.16	345.34	205.82	.....	.125
Furlong	74	1,029.60	286.63	742.97	.....	.074

Missionary Volunteer Department

Standing as one of the most important departments is the one working for our young people. This year it has been unfortunate in that it has not had continuous leadership. After quite a delay Brother Walter H. Bradley was appointed secretary of this branch. He had only been in this work three months when he was called to labor in the Nevada Mission. In September Brother Celian E. Andross was invited to take up work for the young people. Brother Andross has been spending a considerable amount of time in reorganizing the work and in laboring for the youth. There are at this time twelve societies with a total membership of about 250.

Tract Society

For the past year the Arizona, Southern California and Southeastern California tract societies have been using jointly the Los Angeles depository. The total retail sales of the depository was \$37,513.98 for the year. In the territory of the Southern California Conference the publication sales amounted to \$20,272.10. This is made up of the sales of subscription books, trade books, Bibles, educational books, tracts, magazines and periodical subscriptions. While it is with a degree of satisfaction that we present such a report, yet this is by no means the high water mark. With a company of faithful colporteurs and several hundred additions to the army of church members now circulating the printed page in this conference, there would be an increase in the sales of the tract society of many thousands of dollars. Yet such a splendid result is not desired merely for the sake of reporting, for the tract society operates for neither profit nor honor. The tract society operates for but one purpose, and that is to cooperate with believers of the third angel's message in carrying out the mandate of God, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

Colporteur Work

For some months after Brother C. C. Morlan had accepted the call to labor in another field, we had no secretary of this department. We have been fortunate, however, in being able to secure the services of Brother H. A. Hebard of the Nebraska Conference. Even though we were temporarily without a leader in this line of work, there was but a small falling off in book sales.

Says the message from God, "We have been asleep, as it were, regarding the work that may be accomplished by the circulation of well-prepared literature. Let us now, by the wise use of periodicals and books, preach the Word with determined energy, that the world may understand the message that Christ gave to John on the Isle of Patmos. Let every human intelligence testify, 'The end of all things is at hand; prepare to meet thy God!'"

God calls for a great awakening in this very important line of our work. Scores of people in this conference should consecrate themselves for trained

service in the sale of our truth-filled books and periodicals. We pray that God may mightily stir the hearts of those who should be engaged in this work that they may step forward and say, "Here am I; send me."

Glendale Sanitarium

Eleven patients openly accepted present truth at the Glendale Sanitarium during the year ending June 30, 1915. Others have been baptized since, while a goodly number are deeply interested and studying. Patients speak of the sweet Christian spirit manifested among the workers throughout the institution.

Less than a year ago the Sanitarium Society of Missionary Nurses was re-organized for the purpose of arousing a greater interest in the missionary phase of this work. In a systematic and effectual way, various lines of missionary activity are being carried on by members of both the faculty and training school. This kind of work is being done not only in the institution, but a company of visiting nurses is doing splendid missionary-nurse work in the city of Los Angeles. We believe this is as God would have it.

During the year 1914-1915, 560 patients entered the sanitarium. An average of eighty-five workers were employed. The total income for the year was \$66,685.47. While there was a loss for the year ending June 30, 1915, the following six months there was a good gain.

San Fernando Academy

The San Fernando Academy, which serves the southern part of the state, is located in our conference. The enrolment last year was 129, and this year it is a little higher. There is a larger home attendance this year and a smaller outside attendance. A good class of students is attending our school. About sixty per cent of the students in attendance are from the Southern California Conference. The financial report to be rendered is not as encouraging as it might be. The loss sustained was occasioned by the expense of much needed repairs and by the new system of auditing which provides for heavy depreciation on old accounts. Before the beginning of the present school year, plans were worked out which have resulted in materially decreasing the operating expense. Every worker in the institution is carrying heavy work, and we believe the academy will operate this year without a loss.

Another matter of which I feel I must speak is the constant demand our churches are making for pastoral help. Some of our churches must have much pastoral assistance, all of our churches should have some ministerial labor, but if we should consume all our tithes on our churches, the prosperity and progress which now attends our work would cease and decadence would gnaw at the very vitals of this movement. On this point I wish to read a paragraph from page 140 of Volume 9 of the Testimonies:

"Should all the labor that has been

Gardena	11	114.36	86.47	27.89	.....	.151
Glendale	200	2,080.08	2,380.08	.....	\$300.00	.228
Glendora	16	166.44	226.55	.....	60.11	.272
Graham	47	488.76	293.07	195.69	.....	.119
Inglewood	27	280.80	166.30	114.50	.....	.118
Long Beach	134	1,383.24	1,204.51	178.73	.....	.172
Los Angeles (German)	20	208.08	380.42	.....	172.34	.365
Mexican	20	156.00	54.22	101.78	.....	.052
Norwalk	54	561.60	433.15	128.45	.....	.154
Pasadena	148	1,539.24	1,129.48	409.76	.....	.146
Pomona	60	624.00	554.56	69.44	.....	.177
Rivera	46	478.44	317.53	160.91	.....	.132
San Pedro	44	457.56	244.89	212.67	.....	.107
Santa Barbara	57	592.80	357.20	235.60	.....	.125
Santa Monica	32	332.76	358.53	.....	25.77	.216
San Luis Obispo.....	06	62.40	49.37	13.03	.....	.158
Sawtelle	63	655.20	426.95	228.25	.....	.133
Southside	156	1,622.40	469.86	1,152.54	.....	.066
Vermont Ave.	37	384.84	384.09	.75	.....	.199
Watts	16	166.44	57.26	109.18	.....	.068
Personal			429.94	429.94	.....	.....
		21 38	\$22,433.04	\$16,960.84	\$6,460.36	\$988.16

Amount received per member for the year 1915.....\$8.342

Amount received per member per week for the year 1915.....0.1604

expended on the churches during the past twenty years, be again expended upon them, it would fail, as it has failed in the past, of making the members self-denying, cross-bearing followers of Christ. Many have been overfed with spiritual food, while in the world thousands are perishing for the bread of life. Church-members must work; they must educate themselves, striving to reach the high standard set before them. This the Lord will help them to reach if they will cooperate with Him. If they keep their own souls in the love of the truth, they will not hold the ministers back from presenting the truth in new fields."

We are grateful to God for the increase in the tithes, but I believe that frequent sermons and studies by ministers and church elders presenting God's claim upon His people would greatly increase the tithes of the conference. This would make possible the employment of more laborers to hasten the heralding of the message.

In conclusion I desire to express my appreciation for the hearty cooperation and support the churches of the conference have given the past year. I feel a sense of obligation to the workers and others of our leading brethren in the conference for the manner in which they have sustained me in my work. Especially do I have a feeling of gratitude to the members of the conference committee who have faithfully borne with and assisted me in every way possible.

My prayer is that God may bless the delegates to this meeting with the presence of His Spirit, that plans may be laid for the future of the work that may result in pressing more rapidly the work given us of God.

B. E. BEDDOE.

Southern California Conference

The sixteenth annual session of the Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists was held in the Carr Street church, Los Angeles, Cal.,

Jan. 25 to 28, 1916, with 126 delegates present. In addition to the delegates at large and the regular delegates from the conference, there were present several representatives from the Pacific Union Conference, among whom were Elders E. E. Andross, E. W. Farnsworth, J. O. Corliss, W. F. Martin and G. W. Reaser, Prof. M. E. Cady, Dr. T. J. Evans, and Brethren Claude Conard, Frank Coffin and J. C. McReynolds.

The first meeting convened Tuesday, January 25, at 10 A. M.

It being the desire of the delegates that the chairman should appoint the standing committees, the following were named:

Committee on nominations: C. A. Burrows, chairman; E. E. Andross, L. M. Hodge, J. F. Davis, H. H. Johnson.

Committee on plans: G. A. Snyder, chairman; I. C. Colcord, E. G. Fulton, D. D. Comstock, M. E. Cady, B. M. Emerson, A. Ritchie, Claude Conard, E. A. Brown, Sydney Scott, B. E. Fullmer.

Committee on credentials: E. E. Andross, chairman; F. I. Richardson, E. W. Farnsworth, H. G. Lucas, G. W. Reaser.

Committee on constitution: H. G. Lucas, chairman; Claude Conard, B. M. Emerson.

Committee on seating of delegates: F. I. Richardson, chairman; J. F. Blunt, C. E. Andross.

Conference officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows: President, B. E. Beddoe; secretary and treasurer, B. M. Emerson.

Conference executive committee: B. E. Beddoe, F. I. Richardson, G. A. Snyder, H. G. Lucas, I. C. Colcord, E. G. Fulton, C. A. Burrows.

Credentials and licenses were granted to the following persons:

For ministerial credentials: B. E. Beddoe, F. I. Richardson, H. G. Lucas, G. A. Snyder, E. A. Brown, Alexander Ritchie, H. S. Premier, J. F. Blunt, H. F. Rand.

For honorary ministerial credentials: J. H. Rogers, F. R. Shaeffer, G. A. Rauleder, V. H. Lucas, L. D. Santee, S. Swinson, O. E. Jones.

For medical missionary credentials: D. D. Comstock, Belle Wood-Comstock, A. C. Larson, Mary Zener.

For ministerial license: C. Castillo, C. E. Andross, J. R. Dieffenbacher.

For missionary credentials: B. M. Emerson, I. C. Colcord, Clyde Lowry, Mrs. M. E. Hoyt, Miss Elizabeth Carter, Mrs. Florence Merrill, Jennie L. Ireland, Mrs. L. A. Parsons, Amy R. Temple, Violet R. Bell, P. B. Bontemps.

For honorary missionary credentials: C. F. Marvin, Mrs. Edna J. Calkins.

For colporteurs' credentials: Frank W. Ross.

Resolutions Adopted

Gratitude

Recognizing that during the past year of increasing perplexities and peril, the hand of God has been with us in the proclamation of the three-fold message; in the bountiful harvest of souls, in the various departments and activities of the church, with its contributory institutions; in the accomplishment of important financial aims, in the continuance of religious liberty and enjoyment of peace, and in the bestowal of many gracious blessings,—

We unite in offering a heart-felt tribute of praise and thanksgiving to our heavenly Father; and hereby most solemnly consecrate ourselves anew, with all that is ours, to the finishing of the work in this generation.

1916 Goal

Resolved, That we set ourselves the goal of at least 300 souls won to God in this conference for the year 1916.

Conference Session

We Recommend, That the next regular session of the Southern California Conference be held two years hence, and that during the winter of 1916-1917 general meetings be conducted in the churches.

Committee on Plans

In order to expedite and systematize the work of our conference session,

We Recommend, That the conference committee be empowered to appoint the committee on plans and recommendations at least thirty days prior to the conference session, and that the names and addresses of each member of said committee be published in the RECORDER and our people be invited to communicate suggestions to the members of the committee to the end that the latter be given time to carefully weigh and arrange all matter before presentation for final action.

Tithing

As an expression of gratitude to God for His bountiful mercies, and to our brethren and sisters who, by their faithfulness in rendering unto God the things which are God's, have made possible a goodly increase in the aggregate of our tithes and offerings, we hereby pledge ourselves to still greater faithfulness in this blessed privilege of being workers

together with God, and urge all our people who have not been faithful in tithing to unite with us, to the end that God's work in the earth may enjoy ever increasing prosperity, and thus hasten the appearance of our Saviour.

Mission Offerings

Whereas, Systematic giving is endorsed both by Scripture and experience,

Resolved, That we encourage our entire membership to pledge, according to their ability, definite, regular weekly sums for the foreign mission work.

That this resolution be put into practice at once.

Sabbath School Work

Whereas, A large percentage of our reported church membership is disconnected from the Sabbath school,

We Recommend, That our superintendents give close attention to their Sabbath school membership, comparing it with the church list, and that decided efforts be made to connect every church member with the school.

Whereas, There is crying need for greater efficiency in the work of teaching in all departments of the Sabbath-school,

Resolved, That our schools plan to make the teachers' course a part of the regular work of the school.

Whereas, Through the Sabbath school a large portion of foreign mission funds is systematically raised; therefore be it

Resolved, That our superintendents give special attention to the interests of missions, and financial goals be adopted by the schools.

To increase the interest in all lines of Sabbath-school work,

We Recommend, That each church devote one whole Sabbath day's services to the consideration of Sabbath school work at least once a year.

Church Records

In order that our church records may more accurately reveal our true membership and that uniformity in the keeping of these records may be established,

We Recommend, 1. That our churches keep but one membership roll, and that any member leaving his church with a knowledge of his destination, apply for letter of transfer at once to the nearest accessible church; or if uncertain of his destination, at the earliest possible date; to the end that all may be enrolled as working units.

2. That names be dropped from the church list only on account of death, apostasy, disorderly conduct, or continued failure to adhere to their church covenant, or failure to report to the church for a period of one year, and then only after the church has faithfully performed its whole duty toward absent members.

3. That in order that non-resident members may have no justifiable excuse for such failure, church officers be urged to communicate with said persons at least quarterly; and after failure to respond for three successive quarters, final notice be sent that the church will take action by dropping their names from the church record.

4. That where isolated members find it most convenient to hold membership in the Conference church, only such persons in good and regular standing be recommended for membership on the conference roll.

5. That, whereas many of our churches have departed from the old plan of calling the roll, and giving opportunity for testimonies at quarterly services,

We Recommend, That all our churches return to the old plan, and that their officers encourage absent members to report by letter.

6. In order to encourage our church clerks to faithfulness in their performance of duties,

We Recommend, (a) That each church provide stationery and postage for the work of its clerk. (b) That in large churches where correspondence is heavy, an assistant be provided, that the work may be performed with dispatch.

7. We urge that these recommendations be carried into effect as soon as they are adopted.

Missionary Work

In view of the great need of personal effort for the salvation of souls, and of such precious promises as the following from the spirit of prophecy: "When the reproach of indolence and slothfulness shall have been wiped away from the church, the Spirit of the Lord will be graciously manifested, divine power will be revealed. The church will see the providential working of the Lord of Hosts. The light of truth will shine forth in clear, strong rays, and as in the time of the apostles, many souls will turn from error to truth. The earth will be lighted with the glory of the Lord. Heavenly angels have long been waiting for human agents—the members of the church—to cooperate with them in the great work to be done. They are waiting for you. So vast is the field, so comprehensive the design, that every sanctified heart will be pressed into service as an instrument of divine power;" therefore,

We Recommend, First, That our church members everywhere be encouraged to labor for their neighbors and others, by, (a) Acts of personal kindness and medical missionary work which tend to remove prejudice, and to show others that we are practical Christians. (b) By more determined effort in the distribution of tracts, papers and books on present truth, to friends and neighbors within their reach. (c) Taking up continuous Bible study on the leading points of our faith with the definite purpose of equipping themselves to give Bible studies and holding cottage meetings among their neighbors.

Second, That the church officers be asked to engage persons capable of teaching the members, methods of labor, and to superintend the medical missionary work of the church.

Third, That our people everywhere cultivate broader sympathy for those in darkness by following up their missionary endeavors by earnest, personal prayer for the individuals whom they are laboring for.

Fourth, That the old-fashioned missionary meeting be revived in all our churches.

Owing to the great importance of home and foreign missionary work, as set forth in resolutions already adopted by this conference; therefore,

We Recommend, That, as far as consistent, our churches carry into effect the second and fourth Sabbath missionary services.

Colporteur Work

Whereas, The house-to-house visits of our gospel colporteurs are calling the attention of the 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 spiritual 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. (c) That each conference laborer and layman be encouraged to sell three or more of our large books, thus encouraging others to take up the work.

Church School Work

Whereas, At the council and convention held at the Pacific Union College in the summer of 1915 there was given much careful study of the church school work; and,

Whereas, There were voted certain recommendations, covering forms, blanks, course of study, text books, support of our schools, junior society work, vacation periods and finals in examinations;

We Recommend the adoption and ratification of the above mentioned action and recommendation in view of unifying our school system, and endeavor to carry out as fully as possible both in spirit and in fact, these recommendations of the council convention and the Pacific Union Conference as outlined in the RECORDER under date of Dec. 2, 1915, page 3.

Whereas, Our church schools are much in need of better equipment for carrying forward successfully the work outlined in the course of study, such as maps, reference books, blackboards, materials for simple experiments, work in nature study and physiology, and other supplies; therefore,

We Recommend, That each church make a contribution once a quarter to what shall be known as the Church School Equipment Fund, which contribution shall be retained by churches conducting a school; but forwarded by other churches to the conference office, from which place it shall be distributed to schools most needing assistance, as determined by the president of the conference and school superintendent.

Whereas, In the providence of God our schools have been established for the education of our children and youth; and,

Whereas, These schools are designed especially to prepare our youth to fill positions of responsibility; therefore,

We urge parents to make the sacrifice necessary to provide their children with a Christian education, which will enable them to act their part in the work of the closing message.

Evangelistic and Medical Missionary Work

Since we have long been counseled through the spirit of prophecy to unite evangelistic and medical missionary work, including the preaching of the gospel, and general instruction in all lines of health and temperance work;

Resolved, That definite steps be taken to start such a combined work first in the city of Los Angeles and later in other parts of the conference; and further,

We Recommend, That all our people be urged to engage in definite lines of Christian help work among their friends and neighbors. And that this may be accomplished more intelligently, we urge the organization of classes in our churches for the study of the Bible and the Testimonies on this subject.

Missionary Volunteers, Religious Liberty Health and Temperance

For lack of space the resolutions on the above lines of work are omitted here and will appear in the issue of February 17.

California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association

Notice is hereby given that the nineteenth annual constituency meeting of the above association will be held at Sanitarium, Napa County, Cal., Wednesday, March 8, 1916, at twelve o'clock noon, for the election of directors, amending of by-laws, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

E. E. ANDROSS, *Pres.*,
L. V. ROBERSON, *Sec'y.*

CALIFORNIA

California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

The forty-fifth annual session of the California Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists will be held March 6 to 9, 1916, at Mountain View, Cal., at which time officers will be elected for the ensuing term, and for the transaction of such other business as shall come before the meeting. The first meeting will be called at 10 A.M., Monday, March 6, 1916.

J. L. MCELHANY, *President*,
H. B. THOMAS, *Secretary*.

California Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists

Legal Meeting

The twentieth annual meeting of the California Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the regular

forty-fifth annual session of the California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists at Mountain View, Cal., March 6 to 9, 1916, for the election of a board of seven trustees for the ensuing term, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. The first meeting will be called at 3 P.M., Monday, March 6, 1916.

J. L. MCELHANY, *President*,
E. E. PARLIN, *Secretary*.

NORTHWESTERN

Annual Meeting of Northwestern California Conference

The first annual session of the Northwestern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Seventh-day Adventist church at St. Helena, Cal., Feb. 29 to March 4, 1916. The first meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 29, at 7:30 P. M.

At this session officers will be elected and such other business transacted as may properly come before the meeting.

The delegation is composed of one delegate for each church organization and an additional delegate for each fifteen members or major fraction thereof.

Each church should elect delegates at the earliest possible date, and immediately after the election the church clerk should mail the delegates' credentials, properly filled out, to the conference secretary.

A good attendance of delegates is desired.
J. ADAMS STEVENS, *Pres.*
S. DONALDSON, *Sec'y.*

WANTED.—To hire, a small ranch, not to exceed ten acres, for fruit, vegetable garden and poultry, by a retired worker. Address at once Box 104, Loma Linda, Calif. 27-29

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

Items

Elder J. R. Patterson will begin a series of meetings in the new church at Rolinda next week.

Brother C. W. Fuller returned to Winton after the conference to begin a series of meetings in the Winton church.

Elder E. H. Adams met with our people at Clovis and Reedley last Sabbath. At Clovis, Brother Fred Rodman was ordained as church elder.

Elder G. A. Grauer went to Reedley and Dinuba this week. He is planning to hold a series of meetings in the German church, built last fall in the country near Dinuba.

Elder F. E. Brown and Brother and Sister Breitgam expect to begin a series of meetings in the Dinuba church next week. Our people at Dinuba can do much toward making these meetings a success by attending and assisting in every way possible, also by encouraging their friends and neighbors to attend. Pray that souls may be won for the truth.
January 28. N. P. NEILSEN.