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President's Address

To the Delegates and Brethren of the Northwestern California Conference:

"Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly things in Christ." At this first annual conference session of the Northwestern California Conference it is fitting that we should recount the blessings that God has bestowed upon His people and work, and call to mind the rapid fulfilment of the prophecies that indicate the finishing of the work and the coming of our Lord.

"More and more, as the days go by, it is becoming apparent that God's judgments are in the world. In fire and flood and earthquake, He is warning the inhabitants of this earth of His near approach. The time is nearing when the great crisis in the history of the world will have come, when every movement in the government of God will be watched with intense interest and inexpressible apprehension. In quick succession the judgments of God will follow one another,—fire and flood and earthquake, with war and bloodshed." Testimonies, Volume 9, page 97.

Almost two decades ago the spirit of prophecy sounded this warning: "The Lord will arise to shake terribly the earth. We will see troubles on all sides. Thousands of ships will be hurled into the depths of the sea. Navies will go down, and human lives will be sacrificed by the millions. Fires

will break out unexpectedly, and no human effort will be able to quench them. The palaces of the earth will be swept away in flames. Disasters by rail will become more and more frequent; confusion, collision, and death without a moment's warning will occur on the great lines of travel. The end is near, probation is closing. O, let us seek God while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near!"

Surely we are witnessing the fulfilment of these words. Men stand aghast at the Satanic dementia that is driving the world toward universal ruin, and statesmen tremble for what a day may bring forth. "The world is stirred with the spirit of war. The prophecy of the eleventh chapter of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfilment. Soon the scenes of trouble spoken of in the prophecies will take place." Testimonies, Volume 9, page 14. "The mercy of God is shown in His long forbearance. He is holding back His judgments, waiting for the message of warning to be sounded to all." "The time of God's destructive judgments is the time of mercy for those who have had no opportunity to learn what is truth. Tenderly will the Lord look upon them. His heart of mercy is touched; His hand is still stretched out to save, while the door is closed to those who would not enter." Testimonies, Volume 9, page 97.

Evangelistic Work

The blessing of God has attended the efforts of ministry and laymen, and every department shows advancement. During the year sixteen laborers spent part or all the time in active field work. Some did not begin work until after the close of the school year, others left at the beginning of school, and there were also transfers of laborers. Seven ordained ministers have been in the employ of the conference, although only six were carried through the nine months after the division. Thirteen have held missionary licenses from the conference. This includes the heads of the departments. Three young men were encouraged to enter the work, one of whom, Brother Lester Bond, has returned to school for a time.

Although the actual division of the conference did not take place until the

NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

The first annual session of the Northwestern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists was held at St. Helena, Cal., February 29 to March 4, 1916. The first meeting was held at 7:30 P. M., February 29. Besides the seventy-five delegates in attendance, there were present from outside the conference Elders E. E. Andross, E. W. Farnsworth, R. F. Cottrell, Prof. M. E. Cady, and Brethren F. A. Coffin, Claude Conard and B. M. Emerson.

Two newly organized churches were received into the conference, namely, San Rafael church with thirteen members, and Willits church with twenty-one members.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Plans and Recommendations: A. Nelson, C. W. Irwin, E. R. Rhymes, C. S. Prout, Sarah E. Peck, C. C. Morlan, S. Donaldson, Vesta J. Farnsworth, W. C. White.

Credentials and Licenses: E. J. Hibbard, S. T. Hare, W. H. Saxby, E. W. Farnsworth, Z. Thorp.

Nominations: E. E. Andross, J. D. Alder, G. E. Klingerman, J. C. Fisher, A. W. Gibson.

Seating of Delegates: J. D. Alder, J. Berger Johnson.

Conference officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, J. Adams Stevens; secretary and treasurer, S. Donaldson; auditor, Pacific Union Conference auditor; confer-

close of the first quarter, and considerable time was needed to get the work organized, yet eight series of meetings were held during the year. Meetings were held at Healdsburg, McKinleyville, Willits, San Rafael, Santa Rosa, Shively, and Willow Creek. Two churches have been organized, one at Willits with a membership of twenty-one, and one at San Rafael with a membership of thirteen. Other churches were strengthened as a result of faithful labor, and 152 were baptized. We greatly rejoice at this ingathering of souls, but there should be a much greater harvest gathered during the year which has begun. Surely we have reached the time when we may expect God to do great things for us. We believe that the least to expect should be 200 souls, and what might it be if every soul fully surrendered to be used of God for the saving of the lost!

At the time of the division our membership was 1257. The reports from the churches December 31 indicated a membership of 1295, making a net gain for the year of thirty-eight. I greatly fear that the apparent loss of 114 members has come about through the practice of placing certain names on a "retired list." This is a matter which I trust will receive careful consideration at this conference. The care of the flock is of primary importance, and the welfare of the sheep that are away from the fold and alone must be prayerfully attended to.

At the time of the division the following laborers were allotted to us: S. T. Hare, Andrew Nelson, M. A. Hollister, J. D. Alder, S. Donaldson, secretary, D. R. Sperry joint tract society secretary, Mrs. Mary M. Lester, Miss Laura B. Morrison, Mrs. Vesta J. Farnsworth, Miss Sarah E. Peck. Sister Farnsworth is Sabbath school secretary for the two conferences, and Sister Peck serves both conferences as educational superintendent. Since the division the following laborers have been employed: C. C. Morlan, joint field missionary agent for the two conferences, D. E. Robinson, C. S. Prout, Young People's Missionary Volunteer secretary and home missionary secretary, Lyle Wallace, Lester Bond, Berger Johnson and wife, Fannie May, Belle F. Hickox, and Oleta Butcher.

Brother Morlan was kindly released by the Southern California Conference, and Elder Prout was released from the young people's work in the Nevada Mission. Late in the year, in harmony with a request from the union conference, we released Elder Hollister to take up work in Utah, Elder W. A. Johnston, of Utah, coming to us in exchange. In harmony with a request from the Colorado Conference, Elder D. E. Robinson was released to go to that field.

During the year Elder E. J. Hibbard and several of the young men that are attending Pacific Union College have rendered faithful service in the field. Special efforts have been conducted by companies of students, which have been of great help. The conference

has been greatly blessed in having the labors of many of our leading brethren as they have visited here during the year.

Tithes and Offerings

"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." The report of Brother Donaldson, our secretary-treasurer, will show that our people have given a generous response to the various calls for money with which to carry forward the many lines of work at home and in foreign lands. Our territory has been passing through a financial stringency, but we believe better times are coming; for a while, at least. The tithe amounted to \$22,287.31. This is a gain over 1914 of \$1344.74. I greatly regret that our operating expense exceeded our income by \$1376. Had the operating expense for the whole year maintained the same average as for the last nine months, the loss would have been approximately \$600. A large part of this loss was incurred in the operating of the camp-meeting, and it would be well for this delegation to suggest plans that would help in making our camp-meetings less expensive. It will be encouraging to you to learn that our operating account for January shows a gain.

For missions \$11,436.61 was raised averaging slightly better than 18 cents per member. We have been glad for the sacrifices that made this average possible, and feel sure that the same earnest effort in all the churches will make it a full 20 cents for 1916. Nine churches reached the goal. Two of these averaged above 40 cents per week. The churches that succeeded were: Arcata, Pacific Union College, Pepperwood, Petrolia, Petaluma, Sanitarium, Sebastopol, Ukiah and Vallejo. Santa Rosa reached 18.4 and Sonoma fell just a mite short of fifteen cents.

The churches have entered upon a plan to raise their part of this fund, and pledges of definite weekly offerings have been made. Some are unable to give an average amount of 20 cents per week, but there are others that are able and willing to give up to \$1.00, or more, every week. Thus the full amount for every member will be raised if we are all faithful in doing what God would have us do. I trust you will consider this problem at this conference, and suggest any plans that will assure the success of this effort. As nearly as can be approximated from the reports of the various departments, \$50,600 was raised in cash in this conference during 1915.

Public and Denominational Institutions

The territory embraced within the bounds of the Northwestern California Conference is conceded to be very favorable to the restoration of health of both mind and body. As a consequence a large number of health institutions and other public institutions have been established here. We feel that we are especially favored in having the St. Helena Sanitarium here. This institution is the largest sanitarium in the world under our denominational

control. With one exception 1915 was the best year financially in its history. Twenty-two were baptized there during the year. Offerings to missions exceeded the goal by \$250. The new building is rapidly nearing completion, and will greatly increase its facilities for the care of the sick. Toward the close of the year Brother L. M. Bowen, the business manager, was called to the management of the Loma Linda Sanitarium, and Brother C. E. Rice accepted the call to fill the vacancy. Elders S. T. Hare and R. W. Munson have charge of the spiritual work of the institution. Plans are now under consideration that will greatly enlarge the missionary activities of the sanitarium.

There are six large public institutions within the conference. One of these is San Quentin Penitentiary, where are confined nearly 2500 people. Plans should be considered at this meeting as to how we can best discharge our responsibility to the inmates of these state institutions.

Educational

The territory covered by this conference was the cradle of the message on the Pacific Coast. The first church building on the coast still stands in Santa Rosa, utilized at the present time as a black-smith shop. Here the first souls were won to the truth, and later, when it was decided to establish an educational center to serve the West, Healdsburg was selected as the location. We have a sincere appreciation of the fact that the educational center of our work in the West is still within our borders. While it is true that Pacific Union College is not a local institution in the strictest interpretation of the term, it is true also that the Northwestern California Conference furnishes a large percentage of its students, and it feels a large measure of responsibility for its success.

As an evidence of the close harmony that exists between the college and the conference, I call attention to the \$6,245.45 raised by the college church for different lines of work during 1915. The Harvest Ingathering campaign alone raised over \$400 to apply on their goal for missions. As an evidence of the interest of our people in Christian education please notice that they pledged to give \$22,648.98 to the relief of the schools, as represented by the \$150,000 fund. This is an average of more than \$18.00 per member. There are ten church-schools, one new school having been started this year. Three of these are doing ninth and tenth grade work. We feel a deep interest in this part of our work. We have been told: "While we should put forth earnest effort for the masses of people around us, and push the work into foreign fields, no amount of labor in this line can excuse us for neglecting the education of our children and youth."—"Counsels to Parents and Teachers."

Sabbath School

Sister Vesta J. Farnsworth, our Sabbath school secretary, will present a detailed report of that department, so I will notice briefly the larger items. The report for the quarter ending December 31 shows a membership of 1404. This is an increase of 102 over the first quarter of 1915. There are twenty-seven schools, and the total offerings for the year were \$6,242.44. This is a very encouraging showing, but we are striving to reach an average of 15 cents per week for every member of the Sabbath schools. We are going to reach it, too, with the help of the Lord.

Our Young People's Department

Until the time of our camp-meeting the young people's work was under the direction of Elder M. A. Hollister in connection with the same work in the California Conference. The union conference kindly consented to release Elder Prout from the work in the Nevada Mission, and he came to the conference at the time of the Educational and Young People's Council held at the college. The societies report a total membership of 598 at the close of the year. There were but seven societies reporting at the close of the second quarter, while at the close of the fourth quarter there were twenty-two, ten of these being junior societies. We have been told that "to train the young to be true soldiers of the Lord Jesus Christ, is the most noble work ever committed to man."—"Counsels to Parents and teachers."

Home Missionary Department

Elder Prout has also served as secretary of our home missionary department. We believe that the old-time missionary spirit is returning. There are many who are doing earnest, personal work with our tracts and periodicals. However, we feel that only a beginning has been made. One of the early-day workers wrote: "The tract and missionary society places within the hand of every man, woman, and child the means of contributing to the spiritual improvement of the world. Our books, periodicals and tracts will penetrate where no preacher could get a foothold; they will preach where he could not be heard. Our publications will reprove, condemn, alarm, advise, and console in solitude, where no passion interferes to drown their voice. Of these silent preachers thousands and thousands may be sent abroad and reach the honest in heart; and where the good seed of the kingdom is abundantly sown, we may reasonably hope for an abundant harvest."

"Church-members are to put forth the continuous efforts that He [Christ] put forth. They are to be ever ready to spring into action in obedience to the Master's commands. Wherever we see work waiting to be done, we are to take it up and do it, constantly looking unto Jesus. If our church-members would heed this instruction, hundreds of souls would be won to Jesus. If every church-member were a living

missionary, the gospel would speedily be proclaimed in all countries, to all peoples, nations, and tongues." Testimonies, Volume 9, page 32.

Colporteur Work

In presenting this brief survey of the work of our faithful colporteurs, it is encouraging to note that \$2624 worth of subscription books were sold and delivered in this conference during the year. This department of our work merits a larger place in our interest and prayers. There are many strong, capable men and women, eking out a precarious existence working for people of the world, when they might be independent workers in the service of God, and have the joy of scattering the good seed of the kingdom. "The great and wonderful work of the last gospel message is to be carried on now as never before. The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the Word in our books and periodicals. . . . 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 who professes the name of Christ testify, 'The end of all things is at hand; prepare to meet thy God.'" Testimonies, Volume 9, pages 61, 62.

The Tract Society

Soon after the conferences were divided, the Northwestern California Missionary Society was organized. The work of the society has been done in connection with that of the California Bible House, with office at 537 Twenty-fifth Street, Oakland. Brother D. R. Sperry has filled the office of secretary for both societies. He has had an assistant throughout the year. The volume of business amounted to \$7348.13, and the total income of the joint societies was \$21,628.63. The report of the joint secretary indicates a loss approximating \$1000. While the showing is better than that of 1914 in some respects, it is, nevertheless, a matter of grave concern that this volume of business is conducted at so great a loss, and a problem that should receive attention by the committee on plans.

In Conclusion

"We are living in the time of the end. The fast fulfilling signs of the times declare that the coming of Christ is near at hand. The days in which we live are solemn and important. The Spirit of God is gradually but surely being withdrawn from the earth. . . . 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." Volume 9, page 1.

God is marvelously blessing the efforts of His people in all the world, and

the message is finding a glad response in thousands of honest hearts. We have shared in these blessings, and a measure of success has attended our efforts. For all these things we ascribe praise and honor to the Lord of the harvest. We are deeply grateful for the increase in the funds so needful for carrying forward the work, but we believe this golden stream will increase yet more and more as our people surrender themselves for whole-hearted service, and realize the nearness of the end and the urgent need for laborers to finish the work. We hope that there may be a considerable increase in the tithe this year, in order that laborers may be provided to answer the many calls.

The work has not been carried on faultlessly during the year that is past, but we believe that God has placed His hand over every mistake, and earnestly pray that all may have worked out to the glory of His name.

I wish to take advantage of this opportunity to express to the churches, through this delegation, my sincere appreciation for the spirit of cooperation and hearty response that has been accorded all our plans. The conference workers have spared themselves no toil or sacrifice that seemed necessary for the success of the work. For this I have been very grateful. I feel grateful also to my brethren on the conference committee, for their patient counsel in planning together for the work. Throughout the conference there is a spirit of harmony, and may it be that the Spirit of God shall bind together His people in a bond of unity that will hasten the triumph of this great cause.

"Transgression has almost reached its limit. Confusion fills the world, and a great terror is soon to come upon human beings. The end is very near. We who know the truth should be preparing for what is soon to burst upon the world as an overwhelming surprise." "May God help His people to arouse and walk and work as men and women on the borders of the eternal world. Soon an awful surprise is coming upon the inhabitants of the world. Suddenly, with power and great glory, Christ will come. Then there will be no time to prepare to meet Him. Now is the time for us to give the message." Testimonies, Vol. 8, pp. 28, 37.

I pray that God may richly bless you and bless likewise the churches which you represent. May His Spirit guide you in every council of this meeting, that wise plans may be laid that will hasten the finishing of our work and prepare us for the coming of our glorious Lord.
J. ADAMS STEVENS.

Resolutions Adopted

Gratitude

Recognizing that the manifold blessings of our heavenly Father during the past year have been manifest in the preservation of the life and health of our workers; in the addition of a large number of souls to our church membership; for the efficient manner in which

the president of the United States has guided the ship of state through the turbulent waters of strife, so that we live in a land of peace, while so much of the world is engaged in war; in the continuance of religious liberty, and in the bestowal of many precious blessings, we unite in offering a heart-felt tribute of praise and thanksgiving to God, and hereby most solemnly consecrate ourselves anew with all that is ours to the finishing of the work in this generation.

Religious Liberty

Whereas, One or more bills have been introduced into the present session of the United States Congress, designing to abridge the freedom of the press and the right to frank statements upon religious subjects, by excluding from the mails any publication which prints articles subjecting any creed or religion to reproach, and granting the Postmaster General the power of censorship over all newspapers, periodicals and magazines; and

Whereas, The first amendment to the United States Constitution very properly provides that "Congress shall make no laws respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press;" and

Whereas, The present federal laws against libel now give full redress in case the rights of individuals or sects are infringed; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the delegates of the Northwestern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, in conference assembled, hereby respectfully and most earnestly protest against the passage of these bills, or any others of like nature which may be presented to Congress.

We Recommend, That a religious liberty secretary be chosen to look after that department of the cause in our local conference.

Resolved, That we put forth an effort in all of our churches to get our people to subscribe for the *Liberty* magazine at the club rate of 25 cents per yearly subscription.

Resolved, That our conference continue to supply the *Liberty* magazine to the county and state officials residing in our conference territory, the necessary expense of this work to be taken from the annual collection for conference religious liberty work.

Resolved, That the churches supply the *Liberty* magazine to such public school teachers, in our conference, as may be thought advisable, in harmony with plans worked out in the conference office.

Whereas, The state of California has so far resisted the efforts of those who have endeavored to induce its legislature and people to enact religious laws and thus darken its fair record; and

Whereas, The diligent work done by our people in the past has had no small part in sustaining this splendid condition;

We Recommend, A diligent continuance on the part of ministers and church members of their efforts to keep before

the legislators and people of California the dangers of religious legislation and a knowledge of the principles of religious liberty.

Colporteurs

Whereas, We are told in the spirit of prophecy that, were it not for the efforts of the colporteur, many would never hear the words of truth for this time; and

Whereas, There is an increasing demand for a larger number of consecrated men and women of the right type to engage in this self-supporting, soul-saving work;

We Recommend, That each conference worker and lay member put forth special effort to encourage strong, well educated young men and women who have tact, keen foresight, and a deep Christian experience, to enter the colporteur work and make it their business twelve months in the year.

Whereas, The colporteur work is a self-supporting missionary enterprise of the highest order and a part of our regular denominational work, those who have qualified for this work, should have some certificate of recognition from the conference;

We Recommend, That upon the recommendation of the committee on credentials and licenses or the conference committee, colporteurs be granted colporteur's credentials, such as have been recommended by the publishing department of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists.

Whereas, Colporteurs are often unable financially to attend camp-meeting;

We Recommend, That the conference pay the car fare to and from the camp-meeting of colporteurs holding colporteur's credentials and who have received an invitation from the field missionary secretary to attend such meeting. Further that such hold themselves in readiness to respond to any call for service during the camp-meeting.

Home Missionary

Whereas, The times in which we are now living, when important issues are so rapidly developing, and signs that show the end to be near are multiplying on every hand, urge the enlistment of every Sabbath-keeper in the finishing of the work, and

Whereas, Our home missionary work is destined to bring results of the greatest magnitude,

We Recommend, That all our churches avail themselves of every agency outlined by the home missionary department for the purpose of working in a definite way for neighbors and friends.

Resolved, That we urge every church to prosecute the winter home missionary campaign with unflagging zeal, and as nearly as possible reach the different goals as follows:

One soul each for Christ in 1916.

One subscription for the weekly *Signs* obtained by each member and a club for each church and company.

The *Review and Herald* in every Sabbath-keeping home.

The systematic circulation of our

tracts and of the Present Truth Series in every large town and city.

A club of magazines in every church. Systematic work for the foreigners around any church.

A systematic study of the Testimonies.

Resolved, That as far as possible every church hold regularly a missionary meeting and plan carefully to work every home in its territory with our truth-filled literature.

Resolved, That as laborers and delegates we urge our respective churches to develop a better system of reporting work done, in harmony with plans of the General Conference home missionary department.

Whereas, There is an unusual demand for our literature to be used in the navy yard at Mare Island and on the ships that come into the Vallejo harbor;

We Recommend, That our church members in the Northwestern California Conference be urged to send clean copies of our papers, magazines and assortments of our tracts to the Vallejo church, and we further suggest that the Vallejo church make known their needs from time to time through the PACIFIC UNION RECORDER, and that the Vallejo church be responsible for the distribution of the literature.

Missionary Volunteer Department

Whereas, The Missionary Volunteer department methods of enlisting our youth in soul-saving service, are being demonstrated as effective and successful;

We Recommend, That our conference laborers take a more active part in the Missionary Volunteer society meetings; that these laborers more faithfully study and employ the Volunteer methods in their efforts to save, enlist and hold our young people; that we encourage our youth to faithfully observe the Morning Watch, read the Bible through each year, pursue the reading course if possible, and become members of attainment, training and holding our youth in this message.

Resolved, That since our 1916 Missionary Volunteer goal for the Kiangsi Mission applies on the twenty-cent-a-week fund, we encourage our young people and children to give liberally to the Kiangsi Mission fund through the Missionary Volunteer society.

Whereas, It is the regular plan of the churches to nominate and elect the officers of the young people's society, the same as other officers; and

Whereas, Some of our churches are only electing the young people's leader and omitting to elect the secretary, or an educational secretary, leaving these officers to be merely appointed by the leader of the society; and

Whereas, This omission greatly weakens the young people's organization; therefore

We Recommend, That whenever we have a Missionary Volunteer society, the three officers with assistants, (leader, secretary and educational secretary) and such other officers as local conditions demand, be nominated by the church nominating committee and

lected by the church in the regular way.

Whereas, There are many books on soul-winning and kindred topics to which our young people should have access for the spiritual uplift that their reading would have, and for the sake of the instruction they can give on how to win souls; and

Whereas, Our conference Missionary Volunteer circulating library contains only the 1915-1916 reading course books and a few others given to the library; therefore,

We Recommend, That approximately \$30 be provided to help add the back reading course books and such others as the conference Missionary Volunteer secretary should deem best to add.

Sabbath School

We Recommend, That every officer and teacher in the Sabbath school fit himself for greater efficiency in the Sabbath school by taking the Teachers' Training Course prepared by the General Conference Sabbath school department.

We Recommend, That vigorous efforts be put forth to secure every church member as a member of the Sabbath school, either personally or as a member of the home department.

We Recommend, That the local schools put forth earnest effort to secure all isolated members who cannot attend church regularly as members of the home department.

We Recommend, That we make our goal for missions offerings \$10,000 for 1916, and that our churches be encouraged to bring a larger share of the amounts that have been pledged to the twenty-cent-a-week fund, as their Sabbath school offerings.

Resolved, That we devote one Sabbath each year as a rally day in all our churches when the church services shall be devoted to the consideration of the interests of the Sabbath school work and the securing of new members.

We Recommend, That our ministers and workers assist in the Sabbath school as they visit families and churches by,—

Attending the Sabbath school themselves; by studying the Sabbath school lesson each week; by conducting the review or teaching a class, encouraging the superintendent and secretary and manifesting a live interest in the children and in every exercise of the school; by studying the lesson with the families they visit, assisting parents and children to have a greater interest in the lessons.

We Recommend, That every officer and teacher study the *Sabbath School Worker*, and supply themselves with literature that will give them information as to how to do better service in the Sabbath school.

Christian Education

Whereas, In the providence of God our educational institutions have been established for the education and training of our children and youth, thus qualifying them to act their part in giving the last message of truth to the world; therefore

We urge that all parents recognize and appreciate God's plan of education by making the sacrifices necessary to provide their children with a Christian education.

Whereas, Our church schools in many places are poorly equipped for doing the work the Lord designs for them to do, lacking maps, globes, dictionaries, reference books, desk copies of school books, supplementary readers and material for simple experiments in nature study and physiology, primary material and material for manual training and other equipment that is necessary to reach the standard defined by the General Conference educational department; and

Whereas, Many of our schools are unable to raise the money to provide these much needed supplies;

We Recommend, That a conference fund be created for the purpose of helping to purchase these things for the needy schools; and further

We Recommend, That this fund be raised in the following manner: A collection to be taken in each church in the conference on each semi-annual educational Sabbath and on the first Sabbath in the second month of the second and fourth quarters. That in churches where there are church schools, this collection be used for local school equipment; in each church where there is not a church school, the collection be sent to the conference treasurer to be used to help the most needy schools, as recommended by the superintendent and the conference president.

Whereas, No provision has been made for summer school the present year;

We Recommend, That the conference committee arrange for conducting such institute work as is needed.

Whereas, There is at present considerable difference in the teachers' salaries paid by our various churches; and

Whereas, This difference has a tendency to create dissatisfaction among teachers and a spirit of rivalry between churches, thus resulting in injuring the work;

We Recommend, The following schedule of salaries according to the membership and difficulty of the school, and subject to the family obligations of the teacher:

Teachers having no normal training, and no experience, \$35 to \$40 per month. Teachers having less than one year's normal training and not more than two years successful experience, or those having no successful field experience, but having at least one year's normal training, \$40 to \$45 per month. Teachers having full normal training and at least two years of successful field experience, \$45 to \$55 per month.

We Recommend, The following schedule of tuition as nearly as local conditions may warrant:

Grades 1 and 2 \$1.00 per school mo.
Grades 3 and 4 1.50 per school mo.
Grades 5 and 6 2.00 per school mo.
Grades 7 and 8 3.00 per school mo.
Grades 9 and 10 5.00 per school mo.

In order to insure a closer cooperation among our schools, thus increasing

efficiency and economizing time and means;

We Recommend, That our school year provide for thirty-six full weeks of schoolroom work, and that as far as possible the school year in our different churches begin and close at the same time.

In harmony with the recommendations of the General Conference department of education,

We Recommend, That in considering the selection of a teacher, the school board advise with the educational superintendent before taking up the matter with the individual concerned.

Health and Temperance

Since we have long been counseled through the spirit of prophecy to unite in evangelistic and medical missionary work, including the preaching of the gospel and general instruction in all lines of health and temperance work, and that henceforth medical missionary work is to be carried forward with an earnestness with which it has never yet been carried; ("There should be workers who make medical evangelistic tours among the towns and villages." "Let little companies go forth to do the work to which Christ appointed His disciples.")

Resolved, That we unite in earnest prayer that the Lord of the harvest shall lay the burden of this work on the heart of some of our ministers and department secretaries.

Resolved, That we invite the St. Helena Sanitarium to take an active part in this work, by sending into the field and supporting a well experienced medical evangelist to work with ministers in the conference; by sending into the field groups of nurses in training, to work with our evangelists to help in their soul-saving labors; by giving a special training to persons selected from the classes of nurses in training, to fit them to be leaders and teachers in schools of health for the public, and in Christian help institutes in our churches.

Resolved, That we request our conference committee to arrange for the holding of classes and institutes in our churches for the study of the Bible and Testimonies on the subject of health reform.

Whereas, In the development of the health reform movement among Seventh-day Adventists, it has been necessary to build factories for the manufacture of pure foods; and

Whereas, This effort on the part of the denomination has led to competition and also to counterfeit, some of which to a large degree have been accepted by our people; therefore

Resolved, That we ask our physicians to publish through our periodicals warnings against popular foods containing unhealthful elements, that unwittingly are used by our people.

Whereas, The St. Helena Sanitarium Food Factory puts out a good line of pure foods that should be used by our people in preference to other products along the same lines;

Resolved, That we encourage our people to use the products of this factory, and that arrangements be made between the food company and agents that may be appointed in our churches, whereby our people may obtain these foods at reduced prices.

Temperance

Whereas, The temperance question is again before the people of California for consideration at the next election; and

Whereas, Seventh-day Adventists have always been strict advocates of temperance, therefore we hereby endorse the stand taken by the several papers in our territory for a clean press on the liquor question, and pledge ourselves anew as being in hearty sympathy with every legitimate means for the abolition of the liquor traffic in the state, and will lend our sympathies and support to that end, and by the careful distribution of literature and other proper means, aid in this great movement; and further

Resolved, That it is the sense of this body that we favor a clean-cut temperance issue and discountenance any effort to unite any issue that would infringe upon the principles of religious liberty.

Foreign Population in Bay Cities

Recognizing a great door of opportunity is open for fruitful labor in behalf of the foreign population outside of our conference, especially in San Francisco and the bay cities, and feeling it to be a privilege to share the responsibilities financial and otherwise involved in this important undertaking, we therefore gladly offer to cooperate with the California Conference as our conference committee may arrange.

Church Records

We Recommend, That our churches keep but one membership roll, and that any member leaving his church for another locality apply for a letter of transfer at once to the nearest accessible church. That when this is not done, the officers of the church of which he is a member shall request the president of the conference to which the member has gone to have a watch care of the member and see that he becomes a member of some church either local or conference.

Conference Sessions

We Recommend, That the next regular session of the Northwestern California Conference be held two years hence.

Mission Funds

Believing the plans for the raising of missionary funds, recommended by the North American Division Conference and the Pacific Union Conference, to be the most successful method for raising the necessary funds for the mission work, we therefore pledge ourselves to unite in an effort throughout the conference to raise during 1916 and 1917 the full amount of 20 cents a week for each member, and recommend that our entire membership as individuals pledge definite, regular, weekly amounts for foreign missions, such sums to be gradu-

ated according to the ability of each individual as the Lord may impress each heart, and that our conference and church officers be requested to carry forward a continuous campaign in behalf of this fund.

Gospel Ministry

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

Resolved, That we approve of the recommendations on the gospel ministry adopted by the North American Division Conference and the Pacific Union Conference as recorded in the PACIFIC UNION RECORDER of December 2, 1915.

Sabbath School Department

Had we been present at the California Conference held in 1886, thirty years ago, we should have found but one conference in the state, with an organization known as the California Sabbath School Association, having sixty-eight Sabbath schools, with a membership of 2220.

The total offerings to missions was made the last quarter of the year as far as records show, when \$336 was contributed.

In contrast to this it is pleasing to state that we now have six conferences in this state, with a total Sabbath school membership of 9659, and the offerings made to missions in California alone, for one quarter, ending in June last year, were \$11,285 of which \$2690 was given in one day as the Christmas gift of our schools to China. Probably the total offerings made during the year would reach \$50,000.

In the Northwestern California Conference, we have twenty-seven Sabbath schools with a total membership of 1404. We have enrolled 102 new members during the year. Our church

membership is 1295, and it is our aim to have every church member a live worker in the Sabbath school. If we do not reckon the 362 children found in the intermediate, primary and kindergarten divisions of whom but few are church members, it will be seen that we have 253 in the Northwestern California churches who have not enlisted in the Sabbath school army.

We have twenty-three home department members that reported to the secretary last quarter. There are over 100 isolated believers with whom we correspond; but we do not count as members any but those who send their reports. Some of the letters come from those who seldom, if ever, have the privilege of meeting with those of like faith. Some are invalids, some meet bitter opposition in their homes, some are very poor, yet nearly all send their offerings, and express their interest in the progress of the message. Our oldest home department member is ninety-five years of age, and till recently has written frequently.

We have 182 Sabbath school teachers, and of this number thirty-two have reported that they are taking the Teacher's Training Course, although this number, we feel sure, does not represent the actual work done; for since writing this report, we learn of one school (Pacific Union College) where the studies are conducted every week with a large attendance of teachers. It may be that many others are taking the course who have not reported to the secretary. We believe all would receive better equipment for service if they would faithfully take this training.

At our camp-meeting held in Santa Rosa, we had the privilege of talking with many officers and teachers, and met several times with the isolated ones who were present. Children's meetings were held in three divisions, and faithful workers labored untiringly for the children, with good results.

Report of Twenty-cent-a-week Fund

Northwestern California Conference for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1915

Church	Mem.	12-month Quota	Amt. Paid	Over	Short	Ave. per wk. per Mem.
Arcata - - -	17	\$ 176.80	\$ 360.28	\$183.48		.407
Calistoga - - -	33	343.20	128.38		\$214.82	.074
Eureka - - -	63	655.20	408.46		246.74	.124
Ferndale - - -	16	166.40	23.95		142.45	.028
Fort Bragg - - -	30	312.00	94.03		217.97	.060
Fortuna - - -	25	260.00	159.62		100.38	.122
Healdsburg - - -	161	1674.40	953.42		720.98	.111
Kelseyville - - -	9	93.60	44.65		48.95	.095
McKinleyville - - -	24	249.60	88.82		160.78	.071
Napa - - -	82	852.80	313.50		539.30	.073
Pacific Union College	210	2184.00	2184.01	.01		.200
Pepperwood - - -	13	135.20	173.13	37.93		.256
Personal - - -			829.82	829.82		
Petaluma - - -	10	104.00	181.70	77.70		.349
Petrolia - - -	6	62.40	149.25	86.85		.478
Sanitarium - - -	216	2246.40	2492.51	246.11		.221
Santa Rosa - - -	42	436.80	411.36		25.34	.184
Sebastopol - - -	74	769.60	835.98	66.38		.217
Sonoma - - -	49	509.60	377.71		131.89	.148
St. Helena - - -	115	1196.00	534.87		661.13	.091
Ukiah - - -	43	447.20	432.46		14.74	.192
Vallejo - - -	19	197.60	198.18	.58		.201

**Treasurer's Report of the Northwestern California
Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
Year Ending December 31, 1915
REVENUE STATEMENT**

Expense			
Laborers' Salary and Ex. (1st qtr. 1915)	\$2570.36		
Laborers, Salary (9 mos. since division)	8790.05		
Laborers' Expense (9 mos. since division)	2250.86		
Pacific Union College Teacher	650.94		
General Expense	276.60		
Advertising and Miscellaneous Expense	230.05		
Rent (Santa Rosa and Oakland)	204.36		
Specific Appropriations	80.00		
Camp-meeting Expense	659.77		
Printing and Paper	120.99		
Teachers' Transportation	176.86		
Institutes	147.18		
Japanese School	124.91		
Orphans and Aged	155.43		
Poor Fund	34.71		
Miscellaneous Expense Items	38.90		
Depreciations:			
Tent Property	\$ 115.71		
Office Furniture	23.65		
Joint Property	78.27	217.63	
Tithe Remittance for 12 months:			
Pacific Union Conference	3351.61		
North American Division	2694.94		
Sustentation Fund	1340.81	7387.36	\$24,116.96
Income			
Tithe for Twelve Months	\$22,347.36		
Donations	227.33		
Interest from California Conf. Assn.	165.88		
	\$22,740.57		
Excess of Expense over Income	1,376.39	\$24,116.96	

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Assets			
Cash	\$ 883.35		
Savings Bank of Santa Rosa	85.90		
California Conference S. D. A.	2771.55		
California Bible House	1888.95		
Labor Provision	2.00		
Inter-Mountain Conference	100.00		
Prov. for Int. Due from Cal. Conf. Assn.	165.88		
Inventories:			
Tent Property	\$ 897.10		
Office Furniture	322.00		
Joint Property	1271.20		
Expense	54.70	\$2545.00	\$8442.63

Liabilities

Religious Liberty	\$ 69.01		
Worthy Students	109.75		
Church School Equipment	45.45		
Suspense	89.57		
Miscellaneous Trust Funds	18.60		
	\$ 332.38		
Present Worth April 1, 1915	\$9486.64		
Less Loss for 1915	1376.39		
Present Worth Dec. 31, 1915	\$8110.25	\$8442.63	

S. DONALDSON, *Treasurer.*

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that the accounts of the Northwestern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists have been checked for the nine months ended Dec. 31, 1915. I believe the revenue account and financial statement submitted show the financial standing of the conference for the time specified and upon the date named as disclosed by its books of account.

CLAUDE CONARD, *Auditor.*

Oakland, Cal., March 1, 1916.

Supplementary Treasurer's Report

Trust Funds:			
Annual Offering	\$ 599.11		
Harvest Ingathering	1321.80		
Midsummer Offering	410.24		
Missions	963.76		
Sabbath School Offering	3909.95		
Weekly Offering	157.72		
Philippines	112.00		
African Students	73.08		
Solusi Mission	180.70		
Thirteenth Sabbath	929.40		
Chinese Students	5.00		
Junior Missionary Society	4.47		
Birthdays	45.56		
Java Mission Homes	108.48		
Support of Boys at Nazareth	30.00		
J. E. Fulton's Work	10.00		
India	25.00	\$8886.27	
First Quarter Paid at Oakland		2489.92	
Total Mission Funds		\$11376.19	
\$150,000 Fund	\$985.55		
Oakwood Equipment	4.25		
Southern Education	10.00		
Total Specific Funds Remitted		999.80	
First Quarter Paid at Oakland		18.05	
Total Funds Remitted		\$1017.85	

Last October a general "rally day" was appointed for our churches, and the regular Sabbath services were conducted in the interest of the Sabbath school. As far as we have heard, good results followed this effort.

Our lessons for the year have been of great interest and importance. It is to be hoped that the study they deserve will be given those of the series that yet remain, and that in the future the life of the Master may be more fully reflected in our own.

Within the memory of some who are present, our Sabbath school offerings have grown to be the main financial support of our world-wide missions. It was about forty years ago that the first gifts were made to the distant fields. Ten years later Elder S. N. Haskell wrote very earnestly asking that \$10,000 be given by the schools in a year for the support of the work in Africa. It was then thought that was a large sum to give in one year; but our latest report shows more than twice

that amount given in one day to the Spanish American fields. Then the Oakland Sabbath school with 316 members gave \$100 in a quarter, and no doubt thought it did well. Los Angeles with sixty-one members, gave \$10, and Healdsburg, with 164 members, gave \$18. In a few states the average offerings per member each Sabbath reached one cent a week, but many gave far less than that, some averaging not more than one cent a month per member. Our schools are now giving over

\$1100 every day of the year, and our goal is 15 cents a week per member. Northwestern California has reached two-thirds of the way to this goal.

A letter just received from Sister L. Flora Plummer contains these paragraphs: "Northwestern California shows an average per member for the first quarter of last year of .086; second quarter, .102; third quarter, .083; fourth quarter, .098. Now if you can get Northwestern California on the honorable mention roll, we will give you a credit mark longer than you have yet had.

"I have a sort of shivery feeling every time I think of our stiff financial goal. Of course we are not anywhere near reaching it so far quarter by quarter. How much better we shall do in the months to come remains to be seen, but I am hoping that every school will be led to sacrifice so that the utmost possible liberality may prevail everywhere that the goal may be reached, and God's work in the earth that much nearer done. The calamities that are coming on the earth have a strong tendency to loosen our hold and our affections on things here. I wish we could all cut loose,—give ourselves and all we have to the finishing of the work speedily. Please urge our schools as diplomatically and earnestly as you can to reach out and do even better than they have done as God blesses them and gives them the ability to do this. We are certainly living in solemn times. Our Sabbath schools have a great responsibility to furnish the dimes and dollars for the closing up of this work. We certainly hope that our schools in the Northwestern California Conference will soon be on the honor roll, and help to reach our goal by the close of the present year."

Our offerings last year were as follows: First quarter, \$1423.24; second quarter, \$1730.81; third quarter, \$1384.37; fourth quarter, \$1608.33; total, \$6146.75.

The thirteenth Sabbath offerings were as follows: First quarter, \$372.28; second quarter, \$515.03; third quarter, \$375.74; fourth quarter, \$427.48; total, \$1690.48.

In the large offering given the second quarter, the amount given at the Santa Rosa camp-meeting is included.

With the plan carried into effect throughout the conference of each member giving a certain amount to be contributed each week to twenty-cent-a-week fund, it is hoped and expected that our Sabbath-school offerings will show a large increase during the present year. Our people have responded loyally to the world-wide call for workers and support, and knowing that money given means laborers sent, they have answered the Macedonian call for help till now the penny offering is relegated to the misty past, and "dollar day" beckons us forward.

During the past year fifty-nine were reported converted and 104 baptized. Such results are the high goal to which we aspire. Scripture lessons, teacher training, missionary giving, high-grade efficiency, spiritual progress,—all are

for the purpose of instructing and saving souls. One has well said: "Personal work for every pupil should be the aim of every teacher. This is paramount in importance, preeminent in its relative position to all other phases of the Sabbath school work, and absolutely eternal in its results."

The secretary of this department has greatly appreciated the expressions of confidence, and the hearty cooperation of the laborers and officers of this conference. This has made the work easy, the burden very light.

The greatest need we face in this department is to have a deeper spirituality take possession of our officers, teachers, and pupils, and pervade every Sabbath school. Already there is seen progress in this direction, and we long for the time when every Seventh-day Adventist in this conference will come to the Sabbath school to give and receive the inspiration that comes from close study of the Word of God.

We suggest the following topics for consideration by the delegates attending this conference:

1. How shall our officers and teachers obtain better training and greater efficiency in their work?

2. What plan shall we adopt whereby every church member may become a part of the Sabbath school?

3. How can we strengthen our conference home department?

4. What shall be our conference goal for offerings during 1916?

5. Shall we devote one whole Sabbath day's service to the Sabbath school each year?

6. How can our ministers and other conference workers assist in creating an interest in the Sabbath school in the families and churches where they visit?

7. What use shall we make of the *Sabbath School Worker* and other literature prepared for this department?

Forgetting the things behind, we reach for the goal that is before;—we cannot yet count that our schools have attained that for which they were ordained. With courage, faith, and unceasing prayer let us seek to gain the prize before us.

VESTA J. FARNSWORTH.

Missionary Department

The entire work of this department was directed from the Oakland office by Brother D. R. Sperry until camp-meeting, at which time the present secretary was asked to assume the responsibilities of the field work in the home churches.

As reports of missionary work done were not kept separate in the two conferences, I will be unable to give a summary for the year, however the following comparisons will show to some extent how God has been blessing our churches in missionary endeavor:

	June 30	Dec. 31
Number of churches	21	22
Membership of churches	1336	1295
Churches reporting work done	9	15
Members reporting work done	90	470
Letters written	260	553
Letters received	79	190
Missionary visits, personal wk.	450	1114

Bible readings, (cott. meetings)	108	196
Papers sold	146	1284
Papers mailed, lent or given	4071	6850
Books sold	173	164
Tracts mailed, lent, or given	2976	5632
Offerings for home missions	\$ 51.89	\$238.56
Harvest Ingathering	1402.00	

At once it is apparent to all that this report does not properly represent all missionary work done by our churches during these periods. The reasons for this are obvious. Of the twenty-one churches in June, only nine were faithful in reporting, while there were fifteen out of the twenty-two in December. Even with this increase there were seven not reporting. In June ninety members out of 1336 reported, while in December 470 of the 1295 gave in reports. Thus 825 members did not report; 284 of the 470 reporting were young people, leaving only 186 adults reporting. If we knew how to secure more faithful cooperation in this essential feature of our work, I am sure this report would swell many times, for the majority of our members are quite active.

Our aim in this department has been "Every member a working member," for the spirit of prophecy has said, "The work of God in the earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work." Testimonies, Vol. 9, p. 117. While the Lord has richly blessed our efforts in enlisting our laity in active service, still we realize that much remains to be done. Our conference workers have been very faithful in cooperating with us in this task.

We find our members willing to work, but many do not know how. It has been our endeavor to assist these people by organizing working departments and bands in every church, distributing the responsibilities of the various lines of work among capable persons. We are encouraging the organization of a missionary committee in every church composed of all church officers for the purpose of choosing appropriate lines of missionary activities and executing them. Also our goal has been to see that every member of the church is a reader of the *Review and Herald*, and we have a rapidly growing subscription list for this paper. We have an unusually large subscription list to the *Signs* weekly and monthly; also the *Watchman*, and other of our periodicals have a wide circulation. We have tried to place the PACIFIC UNION RECORDER with every family of our people. The majority of our leading church officers are using the *Gazette*.

We feel gratified with the Harvest Ingathering campaign, but not satisfied. While we were pleased to see \$1402 raised, we felt that another year our forces should be more thoroughly organized for even a greater campaign.

Many local conventions and institutes have been held. Brother Ernest Lloyd's help in these has been greatly appreciated, and we hope to see this work carried out more extensively this spring.

The fourth Sabbath home missionary

services are proving a blessing to the churches wherever they are held. Our missionary leaders and secretaries have felt handicapped in their work many times when these services were neglected, and we trust that all our brethren will cooperate in making these services all that they are designed to be.

The Morning Watch is taking a very prominent part in the devotional life of our people. Over 700 have been sold in this field and are being used. May we as workers see the importance of this agency in the up-building of the spiritual life of our people, and supply ourselves with copies of these booklets to spread among the people everywhere we go.

To God we ascribe profound gratitude for the advancement our people are making in home missionary lines, and we pray earnestly that the missionary spirit already aroused will grow into the loud cry of the third angel's message in this conference. This will mean "every member a working member," and a glorious harvest of souls for Christ when He appears.

C. S. PROUT.

Colporteur Work

Quoting from the "Manual for Canvassers": "Since canvassing for our literature is a missionary work, it should be conducted from a missionary standpoint. Those selected as canvassers should be men and women who feel the burden of service, whose object is not to get gain, but to give light to the people."

Since connecting with the colporteur work in this field, we have endeavored to follow the above instruction, and the Lord has added His blessing to our feeble efforts, and to Him be all the praise for all that has been accomplished.

There have been eleven colporteurs who have done more or less work in this conference since last May. Several of these were students from the college, and consequently were in the field only a short time.

Our canvassers have endeavored to carry on their work from a missionary standpoint. Some who have been working with the health book have given the people treatments, while others who have worked with the religious books have had prayer and Bible study with many whom they have met. We wish you might have the privilege of reading the encouraging letters we have received from these faithful workers. Brother Boehne, who has done some work up in Trinity County, wrote us that he hoped to have "a whole German family for the truth as his Christmas present." Brother Reese, who worked in the Napa Valley last summer, is now doing most encouraging work in Lake County. One report recently received from him shows \$56.00 worth of orders for the week, and on Wednesday of that week he took \$27.00 worth of orders and delivered \$38.00 worth of books the same day. The Lord has opened the way for

him to have lodgings with the people all of the time, and he has taken advantage of this opportunity by holding Bible studies with them, and reports several that are much interested in the truth.

A joint institute for the California and Northwestern California conferences was held at Healdsburg last September, which we believe was a great blessing to those who attended. We were all benefitted spiritually as a result of the Bible studies held by Elders J. L. McElhany, J. Adams Stevens, and W. H. Saxby. The general instruction given principally by Brother F. E. Painter proved very beneficial, and we are sure has enabled our colporteurs to make much better sales since re-entering the field.

As this conference has been in existence only since last April, we can not give figures showing the subscription book sales for the entire year of 1915, but our total literature sales for the nine months—April to December—amount to \$7,348.13. Already the seed has begun to bear fruit.

We are grateful for the kindly cooperation on the part of the workers and lay members in this conference, and sincerely solicit your earnest prayers and co-operation during the present year. We feel that this line of work must go forward with increasing success, for we are told that were it not for the efforts of the faithful canvasser, many would never hear the truth for this time. This being true we are most forcibly impressed that we must have more consecrated workers who will go forth with the printed page in these solemn times. Brethren and sisters, may God help us to do all in our power to encourage men and women of the right type—those who have good address, tact, keen foresight, and ability—to consecrate their lives to this work.

C. C. MORLAN.

Missionary Society

Since the division of the California Conference, the California Bible House has jointly served both fields. The total retail sales of these two conferences have been \$21,628.63, a gain of \$3,004.21. The total volume of business in this conference was \$7,348.13. These sales consisted of subscription, trade and educational books, Bibles, tracts and periodicals. There were \$2,624.10 worth of subscription books sold.

A large number of trade books were sold. The value of these was \$1,266.98. They consisted largely of Testimonies, trade editions of "Bible Readings," "Desire of Ages," "Great Controversy," "Patriarchs and Prophets," "Life Sketches of Sister White," Morning Watch Calendars and song books. The church schools and the Pacific Union College purchased educational books to the value of \$665.53. This is more than two thirds of educational books sold to both conferences last year. We attribute this large sale of educational books to an increased at-

tendance of our young people at our schools.

Our people in this conference purchased Bibles to the value of \$275.30; tracts, \$331.52; periodicals, \$2,298.09. The camp-meeting sales at Santa Rosa amounted to \$646.95 net.

As this is the first year since the division, we do not have previous records for comparison. It is not all summed up in dollars and cents of records made, but the good our literature is doing in placing the truth in the homes of the people.

When the tract society was first started, it was for the purpose of quickly sending out books, periodicals and tracts, and to encourage our people to engage in all lines of missionary endeavor. We are constantly in close touch with our church missionary secretaries, and it is very easy to "feel the pulse" as it were of the interest that is put forth by the churches. We are pleased to say that a lively interest has been manifested by the lay members in this conference. We are constantly encouraged by receiving large orders for our truth-filled literature from our faithful church missionary secretaries.

As the time of the end of all things earthly is drawing to a speedy close, we should put forth greater efforts to place our truth-filled books, tracts, and magazines in the homes of the people, to whom we are duty bound to warn of Christ's second coming.

D. R. SPERRY.

Missionary Volunteer Department

No doubt the greatest problem that confronts us to-day as laborers in the cause of present truth is the salvation of our young people with whom we meet constantly in our Seventh-day Adventist homes. How to win these youth, and enlist them in soul-winning service, is the great problem. This work must be done. As workers we must strive to see it accomplished, for God speaks to us in no uncertain way: "Young men and young women, cannot you form companies, and, as soldiers of Christ, enlist in the work? . . . Let there be companies formed in every church to do this work. Cannot you form bands of workers, and have set times to pray together and ask the Lord to give you His grace, and put forth united effort?"

In this conference we are eager to see this message heeded. We find it a great problem, for nearly one-half of our membership is composed of young people, and it has been the constant aim of this department to devise every means possible for the enlistment of this large army of youthful workers in active soul-winning service. The following comparisons will but partially show what results have been attained; for here again we are confronted with the difficulty common to all fields; it is, inability to secure accurate reports and faithful reporters. And must we expect to accomplish this with the youth until we line up the older members in this essential duty?

	June 30	Dec. 31
Number of senior societies	7	12
Number of junior societies	0	10
Membership of all	312	598
Members reporting	54	389
Letters written	37	438
Letters received	18	132
Missionary visits (personal work)	40	588
Bible readings (cott. meetings)	13	99
Papers mailed, lent, or given	193	3581
Books mailed, lent, or given	35	180
Tracts mailed or given away	778	2156
Hours of Christian help work	34	833
Offerings for foreign missions	\$61.43	\$765.00
Offerings for home missions	10.16	128.00

It will be impossible to give a total of work done during the past year, as Elder Hollister directed the work of this department in connection with the same in the California conference until camp-meeting, and reports were not kept separate.

The following will show results of the young people's 1915 goal:

	Aim	Results
Number added to the church	64	108
Standard of Attain. cert'f	31	44
Reading the Bible through	64	67
Reading Course certificates	95	28
Financial goal	\$1206.26	\$965.64

While we see that the last two items were not reached, we feel that had our young people been faithful in reporting offerings, we would have at least reached the financial goal. For the year 1916 we have printed goal cards with offering envelopes attached, and a space for keeping record of what is given, so that we hope to know more definitely next year what has been done.

At the present time our Missionary Volunteer societies are organized in harmony with the plans outlined by the General Conference missionary department, and we find that those societies doing the best work are the ones most closely following the suggestions as outlined by this department.

The Harvest Ingathering campaign was entered into very energetically by the majority of our children and young people, and the majority of our societies are heartily engaged in various kinds of missionary activities, as taking large clubs of the *Signs* weekly, some few are selling the different monthlies; and also doing aggressive home missionary work with the Present Truth Series, and other papers and tracts.

Generally our prayer and personal workers' bands are exerting an uplifting influence and seeing marked results.

Wherever possible we have organized Bible workers' bands for the purpose of training those who desire to give Bible readings to neighbors and friends.

There are over 200 who are making an attempt to read the Bible through this year, and almost the entire membership have promised to observe the Morning Watch.

The junior phase of our young people's work has occupied no small amount of time, for we have over 250 children in the church schools in this conference, and in many churches deprived of this privileges. We have determined not to overlook this mighty force of energy represented by this army of youth. We have been busily engaged in harnessing this talent for the Master's service, and God has richly blessed us.

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 25, 1916

AGENT	BOOK	HRS.	ORDS.	HELPS	VALUE	DELIVERED
Arizona						
I. T. Reynolds	P.G.	35			\$115.50	\$61.00
California						
W. Nelson	P.G.	37	8		\$38.00	
O. W. Smith	U.S. Proph.	16½	4		10.00	
2 Agents		53½	12		\$48.00	
Central California						
Ruth Strever	B.R.	29	2	\$2.25	\$ 8.25	\$ 4.00
F. O. Jensen	P.G.	8				21.75
Iva Garner	B.R.	29	3	2.25	11.25	1.30
B. T. Meyers	B.R.	34	8		24.00	
J. W. Beardslee	G.C.	38	7		21.00	
Myrtle Pettis	H. W.	29			4.20	
C. W. Pettis	B.R., P.G.	29	5		15.50	
7 Agents		196	25	\$4.50	\$34.20	\$27.05
Inter-Mountain						
G. H. Hewitt*	B.R.	48	27	\$ 9.75	\$115.75	
A. R. Robinson*	B.R.	50	23	6.00	110.00	
H. B. Meeker	B.R.	25	12		\$40.00	
J. L. Sauder*	B.R.	14				55.85
*2 Weeks. 4 Agents		137	62	\$15.75	\$265.75	\$55.85
Northwestern California						
M. A. Reese	B.R.	35½	11	\$2.25	\$37.25	

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 3, 1916

Central California						
F. O. Jensen	P.G.	6	1		\$ 4.50	\$ 9.00
Ruth Strever	B.R.	21	5	\$.30	15.30	2.70
E. J. Woods	B.R.	14	1	.50	3.50	3.00
Ivy Garner	B.R.	20	3	1.55	11.55	
J. W. Beardslee	B.R.	26	2		6.00	39.00
Bert T. Myers	B.R.	16	3		9.00	17.75
J. V. Pierson	S.P.	12	5		7.50	
7 Agents		115	20	\$2.35	\$57.35	\$71.45
Northern California						
Geo. W. Winn	G.C.	14	4	\$ 4.85	\$ 20.85	
G. H. Barbeef	B.R.	47½	12	3.50	43.50	
J. A. Pearson	G.C.	22	4	2.25	18.25	
John G. Lea	D.R.	33	2	5.00	11.00	
L. M. Overholt*	B.R.	79	8	13.75	42.75	
Myrtle Barbee	B.R.	11½	4		13.00	
Luther Johnson†	B.R.	69	8	6.25	34.25	
† 2 Wks. * 3 Wks. 7 Agents		276	42	\$35.60	\$183.60	
Inter-Mountain						
H. B. Meeker	B.R.	24	12		\$ 45.00	
Totals for Union: 18 Agents		871½	184	\$60.45	\$836.65	\$215.35

All praise is due our heavenly Father who has so wonderfully revealed His love for young people, for His tender mercies and rich blessings bestowed upon the work of this department during the past year. I earnestly pray that the possibilities before this rapidly growing department will be recognized by all present, and that plans will be laid for greater efforts during the present year. C. S. PROUT.

Comparative Tithe Statement

Northwestern California for Months of January to December

Church	1914	1915
Arcata	\$ 359.70	\$ 468.01
Calistoga	122.75	201.80
Eureka	1020.13	1060.37
Ferndale	188.60	18.80
Fortuna	574.35	691.38

Ft. Bragg	137.92	104.30
Healdsburg	1579.06	1783.59
Kelseyville	123.50	174.78
McKinleyville	72.76	77.60
Napa	997.39	1291.50
P. U. College	2900.28	3716.87
Pepperwood	267.09	129.85
Petaluma	203.52	251.99
Petrolia	75.30	58.54
St Helena	1634.97	1101.55
Sanitarium	7440.83	7080.38
Sebastopol	576.74	826.59
Sonoma	788.79	597.58
Ukiah	524.15	760.55
Vallejo	191.75	237.46
Personal	768.36	793.77
	\$20920.12	\$22264.86

Don't fail to read the April *Watchman*. It has a message for you, your neighbors, and your friends. Try it in your missionary work and watch results.

MISCELLANY

WANTED.—Experienced blacksmith and horse-shoer, who has recently accepted the truth, wishes employment where he can keep the Sabbath. Address J. F. Wadsworth, 341 E. Lodi Ave., Lodi, Cal. 31-33

FOR SALE.—Three hundred first-class stereopticon slides, mostly on prophecy. Will discount 25 per cent for cash. Address L.R. Hunton, 519 Crocker Street, Los Angeles, Cal.

WANTED.—Place to work among Sabbath-keepers, by one who has recently accepted the truth. For further particulars write Herman Berta, 765 Osis Street, San Luis Obispo, Cal.

FOR SALE.—Hotel rooming house; established fifteen years. Twelve large, sunny rooms. Well furnished. Could be used as small hospital. Good trade. Low rent. Price, including horse, surrey, etc., \$725. Address G. W. Mann, St. Helena, Cal. 32-33

WANTED.—To trade a good lot and four-room house within fifty yards of boulevard and near church school in Long Beach for property near Loma Linda. Call or address 2076 Hollenbeck Drive, Los Angeles, Cal., corner St. Louis Street. 31-32

WANTED AT ONCE.—Woman of mature age to do general housework and assist with care of children. Seventh-day Adventist preferred. Church privileges. Good wages to reliable party. References required. Address Herbert Judson, R. F. D. 1, Box 132, Escondido, Cal. 32-34

FOR SALE.—400 acres in western Oregon. Sixty acres under cultivation, 300 fruit trees, ten-room house, barn 56x72 feet, twenty head dairy cattle, unfenced government range, all necessary farming machinery, two running streams across place, three million feet timber on slopes belonging to place, within three-fourths mile of Seventh-day Adventist academy and church of over 100 members. If interested, please write for price and terms. Will sell part or all. Address A. D. Owens, Pacific Union College, St. Helena, Cal. 28-32.

WANTED.—Papers and books wanted for free distribution by parties whose business requires them to travel over several counties and meet many persons of different nationalities, who may not otherwise have opportunity of hearing the truth. Can use tracts and papers or books in any language, especially Portuguese, Italian and Japanese. A good supply of English tracts, "Signs of His Coming," and "The End of the World," for distribution, also the small book, "The World's Crisis,"

for loaning, will be especially appreciated. Address all literature, post-paid, to Mrs. J. E. Bruner, Box 484, Fallon, Nev.

Obituaries

HARVEY.—Miss Euphemie Berly was born in Mondon, France, July 27, 1851, and died in Santa Rosa, Cal., Feb. 13, 1916. She came to the United States in 1872. She left the Catholic Church and united with the third angel's message in 1892 at Denver, Colo., being baptized by Elder Anglebarger. She was united in marriage to Brother Charles L. Harvey in July, 1894. Four years ago they united with the Healdsburg church. She was buried here today. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, one son, one sister in Los Angeles, Cal., and three sisters in France. She died in bright hope. *February 14.* W. H. SAXBY.

BOWEN.—Mrs. Lucy Bowen, born in the state of Pennsylvania, Feb. 22, 1833, died at the Glendale Sanitarium Feb. 24, 1916, aged 83 years and two days. The deceased embraced the third angel's message in 1855, and she remained a firm believer in the present truth until she quietly fell asleep in the blessed hope of coming forth again in the first resurrection. Two children, Brother L. M. Bowen, business manager of the Loma Linda Sanitarium and Medical College, and Mrs. W. A. Humphries of Somis, Cal., survive her.

Interment took place at Fresno, where she had been a faithful member of the Adventist church for many years. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer, assisted by Elder E. H. Adams. N. P. NEILSEN.

JOHNSON.—Handal Malancthon Johnson died at Fresno, Cal., January 6, at the age of 64 years, 3 months and 8 days, and was laid to rest in said place to await the call of the Life-giver, when he will doubtless come forth in the first resurrection. He was born at West Newton, Penn., and for twenty-six years worked at the stove-moulder's trade. He came to California in 1900 and accepted the message under the labors of Pastor F. E. Brown and united with the Laguna church in 1905. He gave his heart to Jesus at the tender age of six, and loved to read the Bible, having read it through three times by course at the family worship hour besides many other times. Num. 23:10 and Psalms 17:15 were appropriate scriptures used by the writer from which words of comfort were spoken. E. H. ADAMS.

HUDSON.—Carry S. Tilley was born December 13, 1873. She was converted and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church in Garden Grove, Cal., at the age of fifteen. She was married to Charles G. Hudson December 25, 1891. Ten children were born to them, nine of whom survive, and all but one were present at the funeral services.

Sister Hudson has been a faithful member of the Lord's family for over twenty-seven years. She died of paralysis February 12, 1916, in her home in Garden Grove. While deeply stricken with grief the father and children rejoice in the certain hope of soon meeting their loved one where death will never separate. Comforting words were spoken by the writer to about three hundred friends and neighbors assembled in the Seventh-day Adventist church. The text used was Matt. 16:18. C. MCREYNOLDS.

BALCH.—Lucy Balch, *nee* Maxey, died in Fresno, Cal., January 16, 1916, at the age of 60 years, 10 months and four days. She was born at Greenville, Ill., and accepted the message at Curtis, Neb., under the labor of Pastor L. A. Hoops. She was a charter member of the church organized at Reedley, Cal., in 1912, and was one of its delegates attending the Central California Conference in Fresno. When on the way to her room Friday night, walking arm in arm with Sister Alice Woods of Reedley, she was knocked down by an auto and sustained a fracture of the skull. She lingered for two days, never regaining consciousness, falling asleep in Jesus Sunday night just as the last meeting of the conference closed.

Funeral service was conducted at Parlier, her home town, in the Methodist church by Elder F. E. Brown, assisted by the local pastor, Brother Rider and the writer, using the same text, Luke 19:42, from which he preached the last sermon our sister heard. Sister Balch was a very devoted Christian, and was doubtless ready for her unannounced change. We laid her in the Reedley cemetery to rest till Jesus comes. A large company of sympathizing friends and neighbors were present to mourn her untimely death with the husband Ebenezer Balch; son Arthur; two daughters, Miss Adell and Mrs. Pearl Quick. E. H. ADAMS.

College of Medical Evangelists Annual Meeting

The annual session of the constituency of the College of Medical Evangelists is called to convene at Loma Linda, Cal., at 10:00 A.M. March 22, 1916, for the purpose of transacting such business as may properly come before the meeting. E. E. ANDROSS, *President*, S. S. MERRILL, *Secretary*.

Arizona Conference Corporation Meeting

The twelfth annual meeting of the Arizona Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Phoenix Seventh-day Adventist chapel at the southeast corner of Third and Pierce streets on Tuesday, April 4, 1916, at 9 A.M. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected at this meeting. J. ERNEST BOND, *President*, A. E. EARLL, *Secretary*.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 1916

Two codes of law are in existence. One of these is the heavenly law of Christ, the other is the civil law of earthly governments. Men may be very earnest in claiming their "rights" under this latter law, and yet never apply for full rights under the higher and better law.

Some weeks since the RECORDER sent out a request for expressions of regard for the paper, and for suggestions looking to its improvement. The editors unite in expressing appreciation of the kind words of commendation received, and hope, when space affords, to reproduce some of these pleasant declarations of approval.

The Southside church of Los Angeles was favored last Sabbath, the 11th inst., with an excellent discourse by Elder Elmer Neff, president of the South Texas Conference. Elder Neff was on a visit to his sister Bertha, a resident of that quarter of the city, who has recently been very ill. The writer was glad to meet Brother Neff, who, when his father and mother in Virginia were being confirmed in the truth, thirty-nine years ago, was a babe in his mother's arms. A short visit with him revived old and very pleasant memories.

The *Review and Herald* has just issued a pretty little tent-meeting hymn book, entitled "Songs of the Message." It is a reproduction of the best hymns to be found in the church hymnal, intended especially for use in tent and hall meetings. But the 260 songs it contains are a most excellent selection for Sabbath and prayer meeting songs in our smaller churches. The hymns are so numbered that anyone using the old "Hymns and Tunes" can readily turn in it to the announced hymn. They will probably be on sale at the tract society offices in the union conference at 15 cents each.

Fresh Air

What is fresh air? Does a sleeping porch necessarily imply fresh air? Can one have fresh air indoors? Is a draft necessary in supplying fresh air? Does

breathing air invariably render it impure? Is fresh air damp, dry, cold or warm? Is fresh air the product of one's imagination? Does fresh air require one to be uncomfortable in order to obtain it, or is it air free from dust, cool, dry and in motion, whether in or out of doors?

Read Dr. Morse's article on fresh air in the April number of *Life and Health*. Read also the editor's article, "The Building Stones of the Body." In fact, the entire issue is worth while - worth the price of the health mentor for a full year.

"The Men of the Mountains"

This book, prepared by A. W. Spaulding, is one that will interest both old and young, and is profitable to those who read it. While the quick emotions and violent prejudices of these people can be easily fanned into a flame of revenge and persecution, the same quick responsive feelings can be moved by the tender helpful spirit that represents Christ, and a staunch loyalty to the truth may be implanted as shown by incidents given in the book. And, really, the lesson broadens out until all peoples are included. "He fashioneth their hearts alike." (Ps. 33:15) is the divine statement. The book gives many interesting incidents of the opening of our work in these southern fields. It is written in an interesting way, and will benefit those who read it.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

Resolution Regarding the Testimonies

Among the many resolutions of far-reaching influence considered and adopted at the Fall Council, the following was not the least in importance:

"Whereas, When the study of the Testimonies is taken up by the members of a church, there is manifested by them a fuller consecration to the Lord, and a deeper personal spiritual experience which leads to active labor in the winning of souls;

"We Recommend, That in every conference an effort be made to place the Testimonies, especially volumes 6 to 9, in the home of every Sabbath-keeping family."

Many of our people already have one or more volumes of the Testimonies in their homes, and they know the value of them. But there are many who do not have them. We greatly desire to see all our people enjoying the spiritual help and blessing that this gift has brought within our reach. Of this people it is spoken, "Here are they that keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ (or the spirit of prophecy)." Rev. 12:17; Rev. 14:12: 19:10. This must mean more than simply an acknowledgment of their right in the church. Yes, we have and keep them. We trust this shall be true of every family of Seventh-day Adventists.

In urging that our people provide themselves "especially" with volumes 6 to 9, we do not wish to underrate the

importance of the other volumes. But we do want to *emphasize the value*, right at this time, of our reading these four volumes.

You will find God's plan for the finishing of the work in the individual heart, in the church, and in the world, clearly set forth in these blessed volumes.

The home missionary department will be glad to hear from any and all who will join in this most worthy undertaking of procuring and reading carefully the counsel of our great Leader to His people, who are soon to be gathered home. It is our privilege to know the purposes and plans of God. It is imperative that we do understand these, and that we keep abreast with that which is being speedily accomplished in all the earth.

We know of nothing, apart from God's Holy Word, more worthy of our careful consideration at such a time than this. Who, throughout the entire field, will respond? Who? Will you?

F. W. PAAP.

Dedication and Convention

Our membership and the attendance has been increasing at the Island church until the church building became too small to accommodate our people at their Sabbath meetings, and the church schoolroom too small for the church school. It was then decided to erect an addition on the building, which could be used as a church schoolroom, and which could also be opened into the main building. Through their aid society our sisters did most excellent work in securing means with which to purchase the material for the building, and all the labor in the erection of it was donated. All bills were paid, and it could thus be dedicated free of debt.

In rendering her report, Sister Mae Mark, treasurer of the aid society, said, "We decided to tie comforts and sell them, and work at whatever our hands could do. Later on we took up the rug work, which we found profitable. We may say that we have built our building out of rags, quilts, laces, rugs, cakes, and pies, and trimmed it with tating and laces." They sold forty-eight quilts, twenty rugs, fifty-five aprons, thirty-three dust caps, besides handkerchiefs, ties, handbags, etc., not at "church fairs", but at private sales from house to house. This is far better than to have a debt on the building. And while they were working they read the Testimonies or studied some Bible subject.

The dedication was held in connection with a Sabbath school and young people's convention which was held on Sabbath and Sunday, February 26 and 27. There was a good attendance at this convention. A number of our people from the surrounding churches were present. Some excellent papers were presented on the Sabbath school and young people's work. We are sure that if followed, the instruction given will be very helpful. We believe that bright days are ahead for the Island church. N. P. NEILSEN.