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Seating of Delegates:—D. T. Fero, G. G. Sims, E. J. Urquhart.

Officers

The following officers were elected for the ensuing term:—President, Clarence Santee; Secretary-Treasurer, Verah MacPherson.

Executive Committee:—Clarence Santee, N. W. Kauble, P. H. Glantz, J. W. Rich, A. J. Osborne, T. H. Watson, T. C. Tunsen.

Credentials and Licenses

It was recommended that the following receive papers from the conference:

Ministerial credentials:—Clarence Santee, A. J. Osborne, N. W. Kauble, G. G. Sims, T. H. Watson, E. E. Gardner, Henry Shultz, D. T. Fero, M. C. Israel.

In harmony with recommendation No. 8, concerning the ministry, passed at the Fall Council, 1915, it was recommended that credentials be issued to C. M. Gardner at such time as arrangements can be made. The credentials issued to our sustentation ministers are honorary.

For ordination and credentials:—J. W. Rich, W. P. Dayton.

Ministerial licenses:—E. J. Urquhart, J. H. Papp, M. J. King.

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Colporteurs' licenses:—Mrs. E. H. Abbott, G. H. Barbee, Mrs. G. H. Barbee, L. M. Overholt, G. W. Winn.

The committee on plans and recommendations brought in fifteen recommendations covering various plans for aggressive conference work. Attention should be called to recommendation No. 14, having reference to the amending of our constitution. Articles 6 and 7, as amended, read as follows:

Article VI—Officers

"The officers of this conference shall be president, secretary, treasurer, auditor, and an executive committee of seven members, including the president, all of whom shall be elected at each biennial meeting.

Article VII—Meetings

"Sec. 1. Meetings of this conference shall be held biennially at such time and place in the California territory as the executive committee shall determine and designate, for the purpose of electing the officers of this conference, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the conference. Notice of such biennial meeting shall be published at least three weeks prior to such meetings in the 'Review and Herald' and the 'Pacific Union Recorder.'"

A lively interest was manifested in the discussion of all these recommendations, which made apparent the unanimity of purpose that prevailed throughout the sessions of the conference.

Northern California Conference

The seventh annual session of the Northern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists was held in Oak Park, Stockton, California, June 6 to 8 inclusive.

The first meeting was called at 10 a. m. Tuesday, June 6. The roll was called, and seventy-seven regular church delegates responded from the various churches in the Northern California Conference. In addition to these, there were twenty-four delegates composed of representatives of the Pacific Union Conference and North American Division, ordained ministers, and conference committee-men.

Elder M. C. Israel read the 84th Psalm for a scripture reading, after which prayer was offered by Elder N. W. Kauble.

By request, the Yuba City church was received into the Northern California Conference.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Plans and Recommendations:—Verah MacPherson, M. J. King, J. W. Rich, E. H. Abbott, N. W. Kauble, D. T. Fero, E. S. Abbott.

Nominations:—T. H. Watson, C. H. Fink, J. N. Webb, P. H. Glantz, A. J. Osborne, H. E. Ross, Fred Wolfson.

Address of the President of the Northern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

To the delegates assembled at this, the seventh session of the Northern California Conference, Greeting:

It is with feeling of deep gratitude to God, that I have the privilege of presenting this report before you. That which was laid upon your president and committee at your last annual meeting, is now again placed upon you. Through you as the representatives of the churches, I wish to express to them my sincere appreciation for the loyal and hearty support that they have given during the eventful year that is now in the past.

We are today gathered under the shadow of the darkest storm cloud this world has ever known. Kingdoms are shaking to their bases, and at times it seems that all the world will be engulfed. The only thing that is sure and firm, is the message that has called you together here. It

will continue its work to a finish, though kingdoms fall. The time of trouble to which the servant of the Lord called the attention of his people in 1847—sixty-nine years ago—as a short period just preceding the plagues, in which the nations would be angry, and war, famine and pestilence would be seen on every side, in which the message would be closing, and while Christ was still in the sanctuary, evidently is upon us. You will not be called many times more to sit in the councils of earth, to deliberate upon plans and means to advance the cause of God. But may He who has called you here today, grant to each one in the near future, a place and a seat in the eternal councils of heaven.

If ever a council needed the wisdom and presence of God to direct them, we need it today, if ever a body of delegates needed to realize their utter weakness when confronting the issues of the present hour, we do so. The sun of this world is setting and the darkness is upon us, in which no man can work.

It is with a profound conviction that these things are solemn truths that I place before you some items of our present standing, and suggestions that may be helpful in your deliberations during this meeting. I will not take your time with a full report of the different departments, as these will be given by others, but will refer more to present conditions.

The number of churches in the conference is 22, with a present membership of 1735. Since making the January report, a number of the churches have been carefully revising their records, and this has brought down the increase so that it will not seem in harmony with the reported accessions. Seven distinct efforts have been made, either in halls or tents, since January 1. The strongest one was in Stockton, conducted by Elder Booth, assisted the greater share of the time, by Elder Sims, and by our three Bible workers. Forty-nine signed the covenant as a result of these meetings. This effort, with the other meetings held, has brought the number accepting the truth during the first quarter of the year to 120. We cannot expect that all of these will remain faithful. But it is an encouraging record. People, who in time past, had no time to listen, are now anxious to hear. The number reported baptized since January 1, is 62.

A church has been organized at Yuba City, and a small, neat building in which to worship has been erected. A strong company has been brought out near Yankee Hill. The other efforts have been made in connection with our churches.

The number receiving papers from the conference as recognized laborers is 19. This includes those not in active employment, and in school. The churches have all been visited during the year, and the general courage is

good. Our Bible workers have labored at Chico, Oakdale, Modesto, and Stockton. God has blessed their labors with fruit. There are many calls for this kind of work. One general meeting was held in Chico.

The Sabbath school department has shown marked advancement. After the division of the conference, last year, the Sabbath schools had a membership of 1219. The present membership is 1560, a gain of 341. This should be increased until every church member is on the roll, either of a regular school, or the home department. This should also embrace our children who are not yet church members. For this we will work and pray.

Sabbath school conventions have been held at Lodi, Sacramento, Turlock and Modesto. Those attending them have pronounced them strong factors in uplifting and strengthening the Sabbath school work. We believe they should be continued with hearty support from all. The number of our Sabbath schools is 32. This includes new companies and home schools.

The Sabbath school donations last year were \$5181.79. We believe that this can be and will be materially increased during the present year. The missionary department has increased its work, and the outlook is encouraging. The sales from the office were \$11,430.67. As these definite figures will be submitted in other reports, I will only call attention to them in this brief summary that I present to you.

There were eleven church schools last year. This year there are twelve. This branch of our work should receive careful study, and all our people be brought to see the important place God would have it occupy among us. God has spoken in no uncertain tones of the part our church-schools, if rightly conducted, will act in the salvation of our children. Two hundred seventy-one students were enrolled last year, and 283 this year. We are thankful to know that so many are in our schools, but there are many more of our children who have not as yet closed, this is really a report of the first two months of the year.

In some way, provision should be made for all. This branch also should receive consideration by our committee on plans.

There was a very profitable institute held for our canvassing workers early in the year, by Brethren Painter and Abbott. This branch of the work has advanced most encouragingly. Our banner week of sales thus far, was the week before last,—May 14 to 19,—when \$519 in orders were taken, with a large per cent paid in cash, a few willingly paying the full price in advance. One lady who signed her name to the order blank, was told by the agent that she had not read the blank and did not know to what she had signed her name. She answered that it was all right, as she had made

up her mind about him before she decided to give her order at all. If we realized how critically we are all measured by others, what an incentive it would be to live carefully before them.

Our tithes last year were \$22,490.11. This was below the preceding year. Some who are very faithful in their tithing, had less to tithe than usual and four churches were transferred to another conference, but considering the time in which we now live, others who have not paid a tithe should be hastening into the ranks, and in this way there should be an increase each year. God has said, through his servant, "This tithing system, I saw, would develop character and manifest the true state of the heart." Gospel Workers, page 269, old edition. Until all return to the Lord his own, some hearts will be left uncleaned.

The tithe for the first quarter of this year was about \$1000.00 more than for the corresponding quarter last year. We hope for a continued increase as the fruits and grains of the season shall begin to be harvested.

The calls for labor were never more urgent than now. The question has been asked, "Why do we not add more laborers and answer the calls more quickly?" It will be remembered that thirty-six per cent of our tithe goes to other fields. This has not left an amount sufficient to increase the pay roll.

During the conference year now past, some have donated toward a fund to bring young workers into conference employ, and three young people were taken into conference work. Two of these have labored faithfully, and the Lord has given both of them souls for their effort. The other was taken out of the work by sickness in the family, and because of a severe accident, has not again taken up the work. As the funds increase young laborers must be encouraged. God has called and is calling for them. We must help them to respond. It has been said that our greatest asset is our young people, but no asset is of value if not made use of.

There were \$13,546 paid in offerings during the year. For the first quarter of the present year, \$291.44 are reported, but as the offerings for the last month of the quarter were not received until the books were close, this is really a report of the first two months of the year.

The mission fund has been far behind what it should have been. I believe that we owe this to the great sin-sick world that is being sent into eternity by the millions, unwarned and unprepared. This call must be met by those who have the blessings of the truth, with the means God still places in their hands for this purpose. We, as ministers, elders and leaders of the flock, must take a stronger hold of this matter, and while warn-

ing those close by, we must not be remiss in our duty to the other part of our charge, who are equally precious in the sight of God, though farther away.

Our people responded nobly in finishing the educational fund, or the \$150,000 fund as it has been called, and \$26,903.95 was pledged. This was more than \$4000.00 in excess of any other conference.

The battle is growing more intense as it nears the final effort. We have no time now to slacken our diligence. What we use for the Lord of all our substance, will be used quickly, or there will be no place for it in His cause. No man can tell what a day may bring forth, nor what day our privilege to work without violent interruption, will be taken away.

A few suggestions may be in place. Plans for the encouragement of our young people to quickly become laborers, should be laid. Our church school department should receive consideration, and steps be taken to enlist every Seventh-day Adventist family in its support and maintenance. A large territory in the north part of our conference is not reasonably accessible for tent meetings, because of its scattered population and large foreign element. Plans should be laid to reach these in other ways. We have many Italians in those parts, for whom nothing has been done as yet. Our canvassers have entered an earnest plea for reading matter for this people.

There should be a settled, systematic plan devised, for the raising of the mission fund, or the twenty cents a week for each member. We believe that at the present camp-meeting, the officers of the churches should have special meetings to consider and formulate a plan in which all can join, and which will accomplish the desired end. It can be done, and united effort will bring it to pass.

May our God, who has devised the way of salvation through infinite sacrifice, give richly of His spirit to each delegate as you deliberate upon the matters that will come before you, and when the results of this conference shall be summed up in the books of heaven, may it bring to each one a sense of His approval; and may the glad words "Well done," be heard by each one when all is finished, and the final rewards are given to the faithful.

Clarence Santee, President.

California-Nevada Missionary Society

"A messenger from heaven stood in our midst, and he spoke words of warning and instruction. He made us clearly understand that the gospel of the kingdom is the message for which the world is perishing, and that this message as contained in our publications already in print and those yet to be issued should be circulated

among the people who are nigh and far off." Testimonies Vol. 9, page 67.

With this clear instruction before us, and realizing to some extent the great work to be accomplished "through the evangelizing ministry of the word in our books and periodicals," a little missionary society was started in the front room of our home in Lodi, March 7, 1911. Our full corps of office help was limited to one person who was conference secretary and treasurer, stenographer, home missionary secretary, as well as tract society secretary and treasurer. Our total assets were: outstanding accounts receivable of \$848.48, turned over to us by the California Bible House; \$2.10 worth of furniture; and \$120.44 in cash, making a total of \$971.02. There was not a canvasser or a field agent in this field.

While this beginning was small and humble, yet we thank our heavenly Father for the beginning. As the servant of the Lord said in the early days of our publishing work that "from this small beginning it was shown me to be like streams of light that went clear round the world," so our aim, hope, and determination, with the Lord's help, is to reach every corner of the California-Nevada Missionary Society territory with our gospel-filled books and papers. As a result of the prospering hand of the Lord upon our work, I take pleasure in presenting to you this morning an audited revenue and financial statement showing a present worth January 1, 1916, of \$4141.94, against an original investment of \$971.02, which shows a gain of \$3170.92. This \$4141.94 present worth is composed of the following assets: Cash in safe and bank, \$744.89; accounts receivable (missionary societies and personal, less a reserve for doubtful accounts), \$1712.61; inventories (merchandise and expense), \$1866.22; giving a total asset of \$4323.72. Our liabilities are composed of accounts payable to church missionary societies, individuals and trust funds of \$60.16; a merchandise provision for unbilled stock, \$121.62, making our total liabilities \$181.78, which subtracted from the total assets of \$4323.72, gives us a present worth January 1, 1916, of \$4141.94.

Our operating of 1915 shows a slight loss of \$31.09. This was caused by the introduction by our auditors of a new system of setting aside as a loss any account receivable two or more years old, and one-half of any account receivable one year old. They suggested that we divide the loss thus shown equally between the years 1915 and 1916. In previous years we have transferred to doubtful accounts about \$50.00 per year, and had we followed the same system in 1915 we would have a net gain of \$42.71; but the introduction of this new system, and setting aside \$123.80 to doubtful

accounts, throws the balance on the other side of the ledger.

Our operating expenses for 1915 were: Salary and wages, \$770.51; expense and discount balance, \$16.18; one per cent. of all sales to the sustentation fund, \$75.53. Our income and gains were: merchandise gain, \$957.05; donations, \$1.88.

Our total net merchandise sales for the five years' operating were \$40,963.42. Our total net merchandise gain for the five years was \$6097.71, which gives us a per cent. of net merchandise gain for the five years of 14 2-5%. Our net gain for the five years was \$3170.92, which gives us a per cent. of net gain for the five years of 7% plus. Our overhead and operating expenses for the five years were \$2926.79, which shows an operating cost of 7 2-5% on our business for overhead and operating expenses. Our increase in surplus during the five years is the same as our net gain, \$3170.92. This gives a present worth January 1, 1916, of \$4141.94.

This report is submitted by your treasurer with a prayer of thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for His manifold blessings upon our Missionary Society, and a sincere appreciation of the willing and loyal support and cooperation of our Seventh-day Adventists throughout Northern California and Nevada.

Verah MacPherson, Treasurer.

Statement of Tithes and Offerings Received from Churches of the Northern California Conference During the Year 1915

Church	Tithe	Offerings
Almond Grove	\$ 157.10	\$ 93.89
Camion	191.17	86.55
Chico	1376.47	587.23
Corning	55.40	29.67
Conference	1170.45	430.65
Galt	450.77	267.84
Camp-meeting		441.62
Home Dept	422.67	294.67
Hughson	559.81	292.05
Lodi English	6947.91	4381.67
Lodi German	976.14	808.88
Los Molinos	441.56	264.38
Manteca	350.84	113.13
Modesto	1135.45	526.76
Oakdale	578.79	288.78
Oroville	163.47	74.47
Placerville	147.93	59.59
Red Bluff	294.35	114.64
Redding	292.66	164.01
Sacramento	2176.88	908.49
Salida	1201.72	460.58
Stockton	1114.96	1045.08
Turlock	1313.23	943.60
Woodland	705.53	713.91
Yuba City and Paradise	264.85	154.51
Total	\$22490.11	\$13546.65

Revenue Statement

Revenue Statement of the Northern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists for the year ending December 31, 1915:

Income

Church tithes	\$22490.11
Donations	748.22
Interest	2.95
Portland Summer School...	9.65
Young Worker's Fund	290.00
	<u>\$23540.93</u>

The auditor advises deducting \$544.10 from above donations which represents \$4.10 worth of books bought from our tract society by the Lodi Missionary Volunteer and donated to the conference library; \$40 worth of bedding for camp-meeting use donated by our sisters, and the lot on which the office stands, representing \$500 donated by Brother P. H. Glantz.

With this deduction it gives us a total income of.....\$22996.83
Thus giving us an excess of expense over income of.. 265.94
\$23262.77

Expenses

Laborers' salary and expenses	\$13744.73
General expense	337.58
Insurance	22.44
Taxes	38.96
Rent-expense	108.22
Repairs and improvements..	27.35
Stationery and supplies.....	372.83
Missionary Volunteer Department	3.91
Library	2.30
Transportation	410.49
Donation-special	50.00
Tools	1.09
Camp meetings	324.12
Chico	\$ 224.06
Oakdale	100.06

Depreciations	\$ 147.04
Tent and camp-meeting stock..\$	23.90
Property	39.74
Office furniture..	83.40

General funds	\$ 7421.71
Tithe to P. U. Conf.	\$2249.01
Part tithe to P. U. Conf.	1124.49
North American Division	2698.81
Sustentation	1349.40

Loma Linda appropriation (provided for)	\$ 250.00
New gain for 1915.....	278.16
	<u>\$23540.93</u>

If we reduce the donation as suggested, it will do away with this gain and leave the footing\$23262.77

Financial Statement

Northern California Conference, S. D. A. Financial Statement, December 31, 1915:

Assets

Cash	\$ 2055.78
On hand	\$ 358.17
Lodi First Nat'l Bank	1417.64
Mills. Nat'l Bank	279.97
Inventories:	
Expense supplies	36.48
Improvements ..	9.90
Insurance unexpired	9.95
Library	11.47
Missionary Volunteer Dept..	28.49
Office furniture..	642.89
Repairs	1.00
Stationery and supplies	210.63
Tools	13.60
Tent stock	2354.91
Office and warehouse buildings	1708.74
Less reserve for depreciation ...	39.74
	<u>\$ 1669.00</u>
Sustentation fund overpaid.	253.25
Salary overpaid	2.71
	<u>\$ 7300.06</u>

Liabilities

Trust funds	\$ 134.80
Guinda Church..\$	25.00
Conference poor	4.55
Religious Liberty	99.65
Church school fund	5.60
Provision for Loma Linda appropriation unpaid.....	250.00
	<u>\$ 384.80</u>
Present worth, Jan. 1, 1915..\$	6637.10
Net gain for 1915.....	278.16
Present worth, Dec. 31, 1915.\$	6915.26
	<u>\$ 7300.06</u>

By taking the \$544.10 out of our donations, and not entering it in the operating record of the year, but adding it in our present worth after we have closed our loss and gain account, it will give us the same final present worth of \$6915.26, but it will show an operating loss of \$265.94 for the year of 1915 instead of a gain of \$278.16.

Five years ago our capital stock account showed a surplus of \$6848.49. At the close of 1915 our surplus was \$6915.26, or an increase of \$68.07 in the five years' operating of the conference. It has been the policy of your conference officers to keep the expenses within the income, and at the same time to have as many ministers and workers in the field as could be paid from this income.

Five years ago we could only find 937 church members in the territory of the Northern California-Nevada Conference, which then composed all the territory that we now have with the addition of Merced, Mariposa, Modoc and Lassen counties, also that portion of California east of the Summit of the Sierras, and the northern half of the State of Nevada. On January 1, 1916, without the membership of Northern Nevada and the other California counties just mentioned, which have been turned over to other fields, we had a membership of 1728, or a net gain of 791 members in the five years' work. For this we humbly thank our Heavenly Father, and assure our faithful workers that their untiring efforts which have helped to make this showing possible are appreciated.

Respectfully submitted by your treasurer,

Verah MacPherson.

Northern California Conference, S. D. A., Revenue Account for Year Ending December 31, 1915

Income and Gains		
Tithe		\$22490.11
Donations		204.12
Young Workers' Fund Donations....		290.00
Summer School Return.....		9.65
Interest		2.95
Total		<u>\$22996.83</u>
Excess of expense over income.....		265.94
		<u>\$23262.77</u>
Expense and Loss		
Laborers' salary and expense.....		\$13744.73
Salary		
Expense		
General expense		337.58
Insurance		22.44
Taxes		38.96
Rent-expense		108.22
Repairs and improvements.....		27.35
Stationery and supplies		372.83
Missionary Volunteer Department...		3.91

Library	2.30	
Transportation	410.49	
Donation special	50.00	
Tools	1.09	
Camp-meetings	324.12	
Chico	\$ 224.06	
Oakdale	100.06	
Depreciations		\$ 147.04
Tent and camp-meeting stock....	\$ 23.90	
Property	39.74	
Office furniture	83.40	
General funds		\$ 7421.71
Tithe to Pacific Union Confer- ence	\$2249.01	
Part tithe to Pacific Union Con- ference	1124.49	
North American Division.....	2698.81	
Sustentation	1349.40	
Loma Linda Appropriation, 1915, (provided for)		\$ 250.00
		\$23262.77

Northern California Conference, S. D. A., Financial Statement, December 31, 1915

Assets		
Cash		\$ 2055.78
On hand	\$ 358.17	
Lodi First National Bank	1417.64	
Mills National Bank.....	279.97	
Inventories:		
Expense, supplies	\$ 36.48	
Improvements	9.90	
Insurance unexpired	9.95	
Library	11.47	
Missionary Volunteer Dept.....	28.49	
Office furniture	642.89	
Repairs	1.00	
Stationery and supplies.....	210.63	
Tools	13.60	
Tent stock	2354.91	
Office and warehouse buildings..	\$1708.74	
Less reserve for depreciation..	39.74	
		\$ 4988.32
Susentation fund overpaid		\$ 253.25
Salary overpaid		2.71
		\$ 7300.06
Liabilities		
Trust funds		\$ 134.80
Guinda Church	\$ 25.00	
Conference poor	4.55	
Religious Liberty	99.65	
Church School Fund.....	5.60	
Provision for Loma Linda appropria- tion (unpaid)		\$ 250.00
Present worth, Jan. 1, 1915.....	\$ 6637.10	
Plus donations	544.10	
Office lot	\$ 500.00	
Beds	40.00	
Library	4.10	
		\$ 384.80
Total	\$ 7181.20	
Less loss for 1915.....	265.94	
Present worth, December 31, 1915...		\$ 6915.25
		\$ 7300.06

Auditor's Statement

To Whom It May Concern:

The books of account of the Northern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, together with its missionary department, the California-Nevada Missionary Society, have been checked with the sustaining vouchers or receipt and disbursement, for the year ended December 31, 1915. After making the necessary entries of adjustment and inventories, I believe the Revenue Account and Financial Statements here given show the financial condition of the conference and missionary society on the date named as disclosed by their records of account.

Claude Conard,
Auditor.

Glendale, Cal., June 2, 1916.

Northern California Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists

This association held its first meeting in harmony with the published call at 2:00 P. M., Tuesday, June 6, 1916, on the campground at Oak Park, Stockton.

The committee on nominations for the Northern California Conference was appointed to also act as committee on nominations for the Northern California Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists. The following were elected as a Board of Trustees for the ensuing term:

Clarence Santee, Verah MacPherson, P. H. Glantz, C. H. Fink, H. E. Ross, C. H. Abbott, H. L. Wallace.

List of Property Owned by the Northern California Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists

Crows Landing: Lots 11, 12, 13, and fractions of lots 14, 15 and 16, in block 48.

In Butte County: Lot 1, of block 3, of Lindo Subdivision of the John Bidwell Rancho.

Galt: Lots 1 and 2, in block 5.

Hughson: Lots 1 and 2, in block 7.

Le Grand: Lot 8, in block 7.

Stockton: Lot 12, in block 83.

Lodi: Lot 8, in block 7.

Lodi: South 100 feet of lot 30, Barnhart Tract.

Lodi: Lot 7, in block 7.

Modesto: Lots 11 and 12, in block 23 of Maze Addition.

Lake City: 70x40 feet in block R.

Modesto: Lots 31 and 32 in block 34.

Modesto: 150x277 feet, in Albermerle Tract.

Merced: Lots 31 and 32, and fractional part of lot 30, block 142.

Red Bluff: Lots 5 and 6, in block 102.

Reno, Nev.: 97x44 feet, 452 Ralston Street.

Susanville: One-half of lot 2, block 40.

Sacramento: West one-half of lot 8, 2301 K Street.

Woodland: 144x60 feet, Third Street.

Turlock: 243x165 feet in lot 7 of Crow and Browder Colony.

Turlock: 103x60 feet of lot 13, Crane Brothers' Subdivision.

Dos Palos: Lot 74, in the H. M. Fortney Addition.

Verah MacPherson, Secretary.

**Northern California Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists
Revenue Account for Year Ending December 31, 1915**

Income		
Donations and pledges collected, January 1 to December 31, 1915....	\$ 1389.84	
Interest received and receivable.....	765.26	\$ 2155.10
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Expense		
Annuities	\$ 48.00	
Interest paid and payable	1054.69	
Excess of income over expense.....	1052.41	\$ 2155.10
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Financial Statement Dec. 31, 1915.

Liabilities.		
Annuities	\$ 1000.00	
Notes payable .. .	13220.00	
Personal accounts .. .	111.28	
Provision for interest unpaid.....	474.85	\$14806.13
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Assets		
Cash on hand .. .	\$ 88.45	
Lodi National Bank .. .	996.79	
Notes receivable .. .	5679.17	
Academy accounts advance.....	821.00	
Interest receivable .. .	95.03	
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Total assets .. .	\$ 7680.44	
School Indebtedness		
School debt, Jan. 1, 1915.....	\$8178.10	
Less net excess of income for 1915..	1052.41	
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School debt Dec. 31, 1915.....	\$ 7125.69	\$14806.13

Verah McPherson, Treas.

Auditor's Statement

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that an examination has been made of the books and records of account of the Northern California Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation, for the fiscal year ended

December 31, 1915, and in my judgment the revenue and financial statements here presented, as drawn from the books, show the financial standing of said association on the date named.

Claude Conard,
Auditor.

Glendale, Cal., June 2, 1916.

As the train leaving Montrose was almost six hours late, it was past midnight when we reached Telluride. The day following was spent in visiting the believers in Telluride, and at Pandora, a mining camp two miles further up the canyon. This little place is peculiarly situated, being almost completely hemmed in by high mountains. There are times during the winter when, due to the height and nearness of the mountains, there is but one hour of sunshine during the day. Sister Schuka, who lives here with her husband and little boys, is doing what she can to spread among her neighbors a knowledge of the soon-coming Saviour. She longs, however, for church privileges, and would like to be where the boys might attend one of our church schools. At Telluride there are only a few scattered believers, and no regular Sabbath services are conducted. It is to be hoped, however, that they may soon organize into a Sabbath school, and meet regularly for the study of the lessons outlined.

A pleasant evening and restful night were spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hampton at San Miguel, which is about two miles west of Telluride. Sister Hampton is endeavoring to so live the truth that she may be the means of encouraging her noble husband, who also believes the message, to take his stand with her in the church. On the morning of June 7 these kind and hospitable friends took me in their machine to the switch, where the train was taken for Dolores.

W. M. Address.

MISCELLANY

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INTER-MOUNTAIN

E. A. Curtis, Pres., J. F. Gaster, Sec'y-Treas.

Utah Corporation

The annual session of the Utah corporation of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, August 21, 1916. The first meeting will be called Monday at 10:30 A. M., in a tent located on Fifth East near 21st South.

The constituency of this corporation are to be chosen by the local churches, one for the church organization, and one for every five members. The object of the meeting is a contemplated change of the constitution, or possibly that of merging into another corporation.

W. M. Adams, President.
J. F. Gaster, Sec.-Treas.

Among the Churches in South Colorado

Following the colporteurs' institute at Cedaredge, I started southward on June 5, to visit the churches, companies and isolated believers in southwestern Colorado and at Farmington, New Mexico.

At Montrose, between trains, I had a brief but pleasant visit at Brother J. R. Habson's home. He and his faithful companion seem very devoted to the truth which make of us a peculiar people, and are doing what they can to pass the good news on to their neighbors and friends. Among others seen at Montrose were Sister Burch and her daughter, Helen, Sister Horace Byerrum, and Anna Byerrum, the latter being secretary of our Missionary Volunteer Society.

Home for Little Girls.—For your girls under thirteen years of age; a good Christian home; mother's complete care; board, room and laundry; Seventh-day Adventist church school privileges and music lessons. Best of references furnished. For particulars, address Mrs. C. M. Wyant, Forest Grove, Oregon. 2t

For Sale.—Two large lots and a good, nearly new, six room house, modern throughout, well finished, Three minutes walk of Lodi Academy; will consider light touring car as part payment. Terms if desired.

Address Central Calif. Conf. S. D. A., Box 1304, Fresno, Cal.

Obituaries

Morton.—R. A. Morton was born in the state of Tennessee, April 2, 1840, and died near Sebastopol, Cal., May 28, 1916, aged seventy-six years, one month and twenty-six days. In his early manhood he married Miss Sarah Harrison, seven children being born of the union.

Brother Morton was one of the pioneers of the third angel's message on the Pacific Coast, having accepted present truth under the labors of Elder J. N. Loughborough and assisted in the erection of the first church in California. He was an earnest Christian, always an active representative of his Lord, and died with a bright hope of a part in the first resurrection. His aged companion and six children survive to mourn his decease.

J. Adams Stevens.

Winn.—Otha Paul, son of George W. and Rosetta Winn, was born in Downing, Mo., August 3, 1897. For several years he has lived in Colorado. Most of his education was gained at the Western Slope Academy in Palisades, Col.

About four years ago he joined the Seventh-day Adventist church in Grand Junction, Col., and about one year ago he came to Lodi, Cal., with his parents. He died June 23, near Lodi, being 18 years 10 months and 20 days old. During the last sickness he suffered keenly, but manifested Christian resignation and patience. His ambition was to live to engage in colporteur work. Father, mother, two brothers and two sisters mourn, but with the comfort of believing he sleeps in Jesus.

D. T. Fero.

A Summons to Universal Action

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sage to the world. This force is constantly increasing and must continue to grow in numbers until every dark corner of the earth shall have been lighted with the glory of this message. To the leaders, the counsel from the True Witness comes, saying, "Let the gospel message ring through our churches summoning

them to universal action." This certainty means that every believer in this truth must gird on the armor, and do all in his or her power to help advance the message.

All cannot go to foreign fields, but all can do something at home. We can pray for those who have gone and who may still go to the dark lands of earth, and we can also assist materially in their support. Already we have a great line of advance guards encircling the earth, depending almost wholly upon the liberality of the brethren and sisters in the home land for their support. Others still must be sent forth to join them in extending the lines into still other lands, and strengthening the work already established in fields now entered.

This calls for a greater degree of liberality on the part of the believers than we have ever yet seen. Some are giving to the extent of their ability, while many others have not yet done all that they can, or all that God expects of them. We are told that "a Christian character can be symmetrically and completely formed only when the human agent regards it as a privilege to work disinterestedly in the proclamation of the truth, and to sustain the cause of God with means." Volume 9, page 127.

Again on page 131 of Volume 9, we read: "To those who love God sincerely and have means, I am bidden to say, now is the time for you to invest your means in sustaining the work of the Lord. Now is the time to uphold the hands of the ministers in their self-denying efforts to save perishing souls. When you meet in the heavenly courts the souls you have helped to save, will you not have a glorious reward?"

"Let none withhold their mites, and let those who have much rejoice that they can lay up in heaven a treasure that faileth not. The money that we refuse to invest in the work of the Lord, will perish. On it no interest will accumulate in the bank of heaven."

Then, again: "The Lord now calls upon Seventh-day Adventists in every locality to consecrate themselves to Him, and to do their very best, according to their circumstances, to assist in His work, by their liberality in making gifts and offerings. He desires them to reveal their appreciation of His blessings and their gratitude for His mercy.

"My dear brethren and sisters, all the money we have is the Lord's. I now appeal to you in the name of the Lord to unite in carrying to successful completion the enterprises that have been undertaken in the counsels of God." Let not the work of establishing memorials for God in many places be made difficult and burdensome because the necessary means is withheld. Let not those who are struggling to build up important enterprises, great and small, be-

come disheartened because we are slow to unite in placing these enterprises in a position to do efficient service. Let all our people arise and see what they can do. Let them show that there is unity and strength among Seventh-day Adventists." Vol. 9, pages 132, 133.

The needs of the work in the foreign fields were never so great as now, and the calls for additional laborers never so urgent. Many of our young people are ready to respond to the call of God for service in any part of the world, but the condition of the treasury at present will not warrant their being sent to these fields.

Sabbath, July 29, has been set apart for our annual Midsummer Offering to missions, and I urge our brethren and sisters throughout this union conference to plan definitely for a large offering upon this occasion. I am sorry to have to tell you that on May 31, 1916, the general average of our 20-cent-a-week fund was only 11.01 cents per member, instead of 20 cents, which is our goal. This shows that we have reached only a little more than one-half the amount we should have given in our mission offerings.

Up to the end of May we had raised \$25,788.74, instead of \$46,830.32, the amount due from our union conference. This leaves a shortage of \$21,041.58. We sincerely hope the June report will show quite an improvement over this one, and yet undoubtedly we will be far behind our goal when it appears.

I would urge our church officers to consider this matter seriously, and then do all in their power to induce our brethren and sisters to contribute freely toward this annual offering. Let all help to make up the deficit, that at the end of the year 1916 we shall have reached our goal in this union conference, and thus have contributed our part toward the success of this work throughout the world.

So far as I can discover, there is no legitimate reason why our people in this union conference should not contribute as liberally toward the support of our foreign work as in any other part of the world, and yet it is a fact that up to this time some of the other unions have done far better than we have. The Northern Union has contributed on an average more than 20 cents a week toward this fund to the end of May, and yet our report shows that we have given only a little more than one-half of what is expected of us.

I would summon our people everywhere to universal action upon this occasion, and then to a continued effort throughout the remaining portion of this year in behalf of the great, needy fields abroad. Let nothing interfere with your plans for a liberal offering on July 29, 1916, remembering that the liberal soul shall be made fat, and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.

E. E. Andross.

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THURSDAY, JULY 13, 1916

Good reports come from the recent general meeting in Fallon, Nev.

Mr. W. I. Hilliard and his bride, formerly Miss Jessie Allen, spent a few days recently visiting friends at the Glendale Sanitarium, where they were recently graduated from the nurses' training course. These young people are now spending a little time in the Middle West before leaving Seattle, Wash., August 8, for the Orient to take up mission work in China.

Owing to the many false doctrines now prevalent, there is a growing interest in the subject of death. The new book, "The Other Side of Death," by Elder C. B. Haynes, contains a very clear and comprehensive exposition of this question. In lots of ten or more it can be obtained in the paper covers for 12½ cents per copy. Order a supply from your tract society, and you will be surprised to see how quickly they will sell. Try it.

At the close of the Fallon (Nevada) meeting, Elders W. S. Holbrook and G. W. Reaser made a visit to Bishop, California. During this visit two adults were baptized, and it seems certain that others will be ready for baptism in the near future. Brother Paul Samson and wife, with other members of the Bishop church, are laboring for the ingathering of souls in Bishop and vicinity. It is hoped that a series of meetings may be conducted there in the early autumn.

That our literature does not stand altogether alone in its advocacy of freedom of conscience, is seen from the following sentences taken from a recent editorial in "The California Voice," official organ in California of the Prohibition party, entitled, "Should We Insert a Religious Plank?" "There is one thing however, that should by all means be made a part of the platform. We should put into the national platform a plank declaring for a complete separation of church and state, and we should not fail to have a

plank declaring that no public funds, national, state or municipal, should be used for sectarian purposes."

Brother and Sister Henry F. Brown, of Long Beach, sailed from San Francisco on the Peru, of the Pacific Mail Line, July 1, for their new field of labor in southern Honduras. Brother Brown spent three years in study at San Fernando academy. For two years he labored in Mexico, and during the last four years has been at the Washington Missionary College, spending his summer vacation periods in Cuba, circulating our books. Sister Brown is a native of Pennsylvania, her former home having been Souderton, a town just out of Philadelphia. She was formerly Miss Helen Gerhart. We wish Brother and Sister Brown a good voyage, and much of the blessing of the Lord in their new work.

That a keen interest is taken in the message for these times is evidenced in part by the increased circulation of our gospel literature. The report of book sales in their territory sent out by the Pacific Press Publishing Association for the first six months of 1916 shows a gain of more than 12 per cent. over the same period in 1915. In every branch of literature with the exception of tracts, a marked increase is seen. This general gain is more pronounced in the Pacific Union conference than in any other part of the field. For the six months from January 1 to June 30, 1915, the sales, in this territory are reported as \$16,683.75, including, for the sake of comparison, Western Colorado, which was not then a part of this union. For the same period in 1916, the sales have been \$25,276.40, a gain of \$9,592.65, or over 57 per cent. Subscription book sales for six months in 1915 were \$12,203; 1916 shows \$19,744.70, an increase of 64 per cent. Trade and educational books record smaller gains, while a small loss is shown in this field also on tract sales. The fact that there has been placed in the hands of the people over \$7,500 worth more of our good subscription books for the first half of the year over last year certainly bespeaks an awakening interest both on the part of our own workers to spread the message, and

on the part of theirs to hear. May the truth sown spring up and bear fruit abundant in the kingdom of God.

A Summons to Universal Action

Speaking of the conditions that prevail in the world at this time, the Lord says: "Apparently these calamities are capricious outbreaks of seemingly disorganized, unregulated forces, but in them God's purpose may be read. They are one of the means by which He seeks to arouse men and women to a sense of their danger. The coming of Christ is nearer than when we first believed. The great controversy is nearing its end. The judgments of God are in the land. They speak in solemn warning, saying, 'Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh.'" Testimonies, Volume 8, page 252.

Again I quote from the Testimonies, Volume 7, page 14: "Those who place themselves under God's control, to be led and guided by Him, will catch the steady tread of the events ordained by Him to take place. Inspired with the Spirit of Him who gave His life for the life of the world, they will no longer stand still in impotency, pointing to what they cannot do. Putting on the armor of heaven, they will go forth to the warfare, willing to do and dare for God, knowing that His omnipotence will supply their need."

Those who are watching the events that are now taking place in the world, and who are acquainted with the Scriptures that reveal the events that are to take place just before the second coming of the Lord, can have no question but that we are in the very last hour of probation, and that soon, yea, very soon, the end itself will be upon us.

Although this truth has made marvellous strides during the past seventy years of its history, still there is much more to be accomplished ere the end itself can come. But we have the unfailing promise of the Lord that He will pour His Spirit upon His people in great power in the latter rain, and a short work will he do in the world.

About 3000 of our young people have gone forth into the fields outside the home land to carry his mes-

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CAMP-MEETING DATES, 1916

Northwestern California, Napa	- -	July 20 to 30
Southeastern California, San Diego	- -	August 3 to 13
Inter-Mountain, Salt Lake City, Utah	- -	August 17 to 27
Arizona	- -	October 12 to 22