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## Pacific Union Conference S. D. A. DIRECTORY

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## Central California Conference

The sixth annual camp-meeting and the first biennial session of the Central California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists was held in Recreation Park, near Fresno, Cal., May 29 to June 9, 1918, Elder N. P. Neilsen, president of the conference, presiding.

One hundred forty-one delegates were seated, representing every church in the conference.

The following named churches, organized since the last session, were received into the conference: Fairmead, with a membership of 21; Barstow (German), 21; Madera, 45; Wasco, 22; Hanford (Mexican), 19; and Exeter, with 22 members.

Upon request of the members, the name of the Exeter church was changed to Caplin. Because of removals, the churches of Wallace and Reedley were dropped from the list of churches.

### Committees

The following named persons served upon committees:

Plans and recommendations: B. L. Howe, N. P. Neilsen, Mrs. A. M. Mann, Dr. E. C. Bond, W. F. Field,

Mrs. E. L. Powers, Mrs. A. N. Loper, M. N. Helligso, J. A. Stevens, M. L. Rice, Frank A. Coffin.

**Credentials and licenses:** F. E. Brown, E. H. Adams, G. W. Reaser, N. P. Neilsen, P. J. Wolfson.

**Nominations:** J. W. Christian, G. A. Wheeler, W. J. Dart, G. A. Grauer, Nis Hansen, G. S. Reichard, R. H. Schwartz.

### Officers

The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President, J. Adams Stevens; secretary-treasurer, W. F. Field.

**Executive committee:** J. Adams Stevens, E. H. Adams, F. E. Brown, G. A. Grauer, Nis Hansen, P. J. Wolfson, M. L. Rice.

**Departmental secretaries:** Missionary secretary, G. A. Wheeler; educational secretary, Mrs. A. M. Mann; young people's secretary, R. R. Breitigam; field secretary, C. L. Davis; Sabbath school secretary, Myrtle B. Hudson.

### Credentials and Licenses

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

**Ministerial credentials:** N. P. Neilsen, J. Adams Stevens, F. E. Brown, G. A. Grauer, B. L. Howe, Frank Weeks, E. H. Adams.

**Honorary credentials:** C. N. Miller, S. Swinson, H. E. Giddings.

**For ordination and credentials:** R. R. Breitigam.

**Ministerial licenses:** George T. Vore, M. L. Rice, C. D. Stone, Chauncy Hare, William Miller, C. Castillo.

**Missionary licenses:** G. A. Wheeler, C. L. Davis, Charles D. Utt, Marvel Beem, Isaac Schneider, Mrs. A. M. Mann, Mrs. Gertrude Rodman, Mrs. Miriam E. Utt, Ada Bond, Myrtle B. Hudson, Laurel Campbell, Lyla Kauble.

**Colporteurs' licenses:** B. T. Meyers,

Mrs. C. Hollenstein, E. A. Vore, A. E. Horn, Rose Winterberg, M. O. Adams, J. W. Beardslee.

### Resolutions Adopted

#### Gratitude and Consecration

Resolved, That we express our sincere gratitude to the Giver of all good for the continuation of all these, with many other blessings, and that we renew our consecration to faithful service, and we earnestly plead for the power of the Holy Spirit to quickly finish the work of carrying the gospel of the kingdom to all the world, that a people may be made ready for the coming of the Lord.

#### Condolence

Whereas, Since our last biennial session, the ranks of our workers have been entered by the hand of death, taking from among us two of our faithful laborers, Elder J. W. Bagby and Sister Lida Ackley; therefore,

Resolved, That we would first express our sincere appreciation of the earnest and faithful labors of these dear co-workers, and while we acknowledge the loss which our cause has sustained by their decease, we would bow our heads in submission to Him who doeth all things well; and we hereby pledge ourselves to renewed devotion to the work in which our departed co-laborers spent their lives.

We extend our deepest sympathies to the bereaved families and relatives of our fallen comrades in the loss and sorrow which have come to them, and we give to them the assurance of our earnest prayers to the end that sustaining grace may be granted them from Him who alone can truly comfort those who mourn.

#### Sabbath School Work

Whereas, It was the expressed wish of our late secretary, Sister Lida

Ackley, that our small Sabbath schools and our isolated members, now numbering 105, receive the help greatly needed in Sabbath school work; and believing this would bring added blessings to these small Sabbath schools and isolated members, as well as those who would visit them; therefore,

Resolved, That in every Sabbath school, where it is deemed necessary, a Sabbath school missionary committee of three members be appointed by the conference committee. These Sabbath school missionary committees shall supervise the visiting of other Sabbath schools and isolated members in counsel with the secretary of the Sabbath school department.

#### Religious Liberty

Whereas, Sunday law champions have launched a movement to compel all California cities to adopt enforced Sunday observance, preparatory to an effort to force a state Sunday law through the Sacramento Legislature, in spite of the repeatedly expressed will of the people against such measures; and,

Whereas, Separation of church and state, and freedom to worship God without hindrance, according to the dictates of the individual conscience, is a fundamental principle of the American government; and,

Whereas, Sunday laws, of whatever kind, are based upon the religious nature of the day, and therefore are religious laws, and in conflict with true American principles; therefore

Resolved, That we, the delegates of the Central California Conference, in biennial session assembled, hereby respectfully, but most earnestly and emphatically protest to the various law-making bodies against the passage of Sunday ordinances or other religious laws.

#### Red Cross Work

Resolved, That we urge our members to join the Red Cross, and that our sisters especially enlist in the relief work being carried on by that organization, sewing, knitting, preparing surgical dressings, and doing other work for the relief of human suffering; and that our children be enlisted especially along the line of making clothing for Belgian orphans and others in need.

#### Prohibition

Resolved, That we urge our people to support heartily any movement for the securing of absolute prohibition, and that we urge our representatives in the State Legislature to support the federal amendment.

#### Departmental Secretaries

Whereas, The officers of the departmental secretaries in the General Conference, and most of the union conferences, are elective rather than appointive; therefore,

Resolved, That this plan of electing our departmental secretaries be followed in the Central California Conference.

#### Mission Offerings

Whereas, The expansion of our world-wide missionary work has compelled the General Conference Committee to recommend that our missionary offerings be increased from 20 cents to 25 cents per week per member; therefore,

Resolved, That we adopt this plan in the Central California Conference; that it be the basis for our goal in missionary offerings, and that under the blessing of God, we individually endeavor to reach it.

#### Conference Sessions

Whereas, The General Conference has recommended the holding of biennial sessions of our local conferences; therefore,

Resolved, That our constitution be so amended as to be in harmony with this recommendation.

#### Constitution and By-laws

Whereas, The conference in session has voted that the regular sessions of our conference shall be held biennially instead of annually as heretofore; therefore,

Resolved, That wherever the word "annual" or "annually" occurs, in the constitution and by-laws, it be so changed as to read "biennial" or "biennially" as the case may be.

Whereas, By action of the conference in session, the offices of departmental secretaries have been made elective instead of appointive as heretofore; therefore,

Resolved, That the following be substituted for section II, article 5, of the by-laws:

"That the departmental secretaries be elected, and that the executive

committee appoint such committees as may be provided for from time to time by the conference in session."•

Whereas, The State law requires the payment of laborers in the employ of any person, agent, or corporation semi-monthly; therefore,

Resolved, That section I of article 8 of the by-laws be amended by substituting the words "from time to time as directed by the executive committee" for the expression "from month to month," and that the words, "at the close of the month" be stricken out.

#### Home Missionary Department

Whereas, The Spirit of the Lord has told us that "church members are to do evangelistic work in the homes of their neighbors who have not yet received full evidence of the truth for this time," and realizing that "time is short, and our forces must be organized to do a large work," therefore,

Resolved, (a) That a home missionary secretary be employed to devote his whole time to this important department.

(b) That the conference be thoroughly organized to reach every family, definite districts being assigned to each church; each church to subdivide its district with leaders for each subdivision.

(c) That short institutes be held at certain centers to instruct leaders and such others as might attend.

Resolved, (a) That the incoming conference committee give early consideration to the plan of having the fourth Sabbath home missionary meeting a regular morning service, consisting of a short sermon or study, and campaign reports and plans.

(b) That the leaders and missionary secretary of each church be provided with the "Church Officers' Gazette" from church expense funds, where necessary.

#### Harvest Ingathering

Whereas, The Harvest Ingathering campaign has proved a great blessing both in raising funds to help swell our gifts to missions, and at the same time acquaint the public with the character and growth of this world-wide movement, be it

Resolved, (a) That the month of October of 1918 be the time to open the campaign in the Central California Conference.

(b) That the goal for the conference be set at \$5,797.22.

(c) That we ask our church-members to set their individual goals at \$2.86, endeavoring to realize an average of 25 cents for every paper circulated.

Resolved, That the incoming conference committee plan for a thorough campaign to reach every person in the conference.

(a) By enlisting and thoroughly instructing the whole membership for the campaign.

(b) Districting the conference, and placing a minister or other leaders in actual charge of each district.

(c) Districting the territory of each church to include the whole conference, and placing leaders with assistants over each local section who shall be responsible for the covering of the territory assigned.

(d) That the weekly report system be followed as in last year's campaign.

#### Tithe Appropriation

Whereas, The Lord has greatly blessed our conference financially during the past year, and as we had a good surplus of tithe on hand at the close of the year; therefore

Resolved, That we give \$4,000 of our surplus tithe as a donation to foreign missions for the extension of the work in other lands.

#### Missionary Volunteer

Resolved, That we urge our conference workers, church elders and others to familiarize themselves with the aims, literature and methods of work of the missionary volunteer department; and further—

Resolved, That in view of the need of bringing to our young people a deeper experience in things most important to their salvation, strong evangelistic efforts be put forth in their behalf this year.

#### Appreciation

Resolved, That we hereby express to the "Fresno Republican" and the "Fresno Herald" our sincere appreciation of the courtesy they have shown us in publishing from day to day extended reports of our conference sessions, and excerpts from the discourses of our speakers.

Whereas, Sherman, Clay, & Company and Esther Roach very kindly loaned us pianos for use during our

conference and camp-meeting; therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby extend to them our hearty thanks for these courtesies.

### Address of the President of the Central California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Two years, and more, have passed into eternity since our last conference session. In harmony with the action taken at that time, no meeting of the conference was called during 1917. These two years have been years of unparalleled war; bloodshed in the world; but also of advancement and progress in the cause of God. It is always a source of encouragement to recount the blessings of the Lord so generously bestowed upon us and His cause, and I esteem it a privilege to be given the opportunity of presenting a brief report of the progress of the work in our conference. With profound gratitude would we acknowledge the rich blessings of God bestowed upon us during this time.

We welcome the delegates to this our sixth session, and we are pleased to place the burden of the conference work into your hands. You have been chosen by our churches to represent them in the business of this conference, and upon you will rest the responsibility of saying what the policy of our conference shall be for the coming year.

Our people have stood by us and have upheld our hands in times of perplexity, and we thank the Lord for their loyal support. There is a spirit of union and of pressing together among our people, and it gives us added courage to know that our people are praying for our conference workers, and are presenting their names before the throne of God. This is as it should be.

Looking out upon the world strife and unrest can be seen on every hand. The past two years have been the most eventful years we have ever experienced. The greatest war in the history of the world has been in progress, and millions have been mown down in the death struggle of the nations. But, dear brethren and sisters, we are nearing home, and we soon shall be there. We can see the gleams

of the golden morning, and can almost hear the celestial songs wafted to us from the better land. But the work must be finished ere we can go home, and the key-note of this conference should be, a preparation for the speedy finishing of the work that God has committed to us. The time has come when the message of the coming of Christ must sound throughout the world. From the pen of Sister White we quote the following stirring words:

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

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

This is our work. This is the task committed to this people. And it will be done. But listen to the servant of God again: "The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church-membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and officers." Vol. 9, page 117. Yes, we must all have a part in this great work and we must all help to finish it.

During the time covered by this report, two of our laborers have been called away by death,—Elder J. W. Bagby and Sister Lida Ackley. Elder Bagby was well known, as he had labored many years in this denomination, and had grown old in this precious cause. As a tired, aged warrior, he was had to rest until the Life-giver shall call him forth in the resurrection morning. Sister Ackley was suddenly called from us in the prime of her life, and while the cause has sustained a great loss, we would humbly submit to the will of God, who doeth all things well. Her unselfish life and untiring efforts to lead others to Christ will not soon be forgotten. Let us, then, with greater earnestness carry forward the work laid

down by her.

The Lord has given us devoted, earnest workers, and we think God for their faithful and untiring efforts. Let me express my appreciation for the pleasant associations which we have had with these workers during our labors in this field. But while our conference workers have labored untiringly, we must also recognize that our lay-members have had a large share in the winning of souls, as they have worked so faithfully in connection with the different efforts, and in scattering the truth-laden literature.

Fruits of the labors put forth are seen in the conversion of souls. During 1916, 186 new members were added to our numbers, 147 by baptism, and 39 on profession of faith. During 1917, we received 224 new members into our churches, 174 by baptism and 50 on profession of faith. The following table showing additions for the past six years may be of interest:

1912	.....	96
1913	.....	80
1913	.....	155
1915	.....	247
1916	.....	186
1917	.....	224

After all the winning of souls is the great work before us. One soul saved is worth more than all the riches of the world. It may be necessary for us to consider financial matters, to form resolutions and shape policies, but all of these things should only be a means toward the giving of the message of warning to the world, and of rescuing perishing souls from impending doom. O, that God would roll upon us a greater burden for the lost, and that we may taste the joy of leading souls to the Lord!

Six new churches have been organized since our last session, and these will ask to be admitted into the sisterhood of churches—one at Fairmead with a present membership of 21, one at Madera with a present membership of 45, one at Exeter with a present membership of 22, one at Wasco with a present membership of 22, the Barstow colony German church with a membership of 21 and a Mexican church at Hanford with a membership of 19.

We now have 35 churches in our conference, with a membership of

2,002 at the close of 1917. Our delegates will be interested in the growth of our membership. It is as follows: At the close of 1911 it was 1,064; for 1912, 1,138; for 1913 it was 1,218; for 1914 it was 1,341; for 1915 it was 1,452; for 1916 it was 1,748, and for 1917 it was 2,002. This surely shows a steady growth in our small field of six and one-half counties, for which we thank the Lord.

Since our last conference, church buildings have been erected at Bakersfield, Madera and Barstow; and at Porterville and Shafter, the recently erected church school buildings are being used for church services.

Our tithe has more than doubled during the last two years, as will be seen by the following table, and it will be of interest to notice the amount of tithe received each year since the organization of the conference:

1911	.....	\$18,031.55
1912	.....	19,669.91
1913	.....	17,932.99
1914	.....	19,999.32
1915	.....	20,821.64
1916	.....	31,942.08
1917	.....	46,752.29

We can but thank the Lord for this good increase in the tithe, and continually pray that our people may be faithful in returning to the Lord His own. This will be a blessing to our people as well as to the cause. This tithe has not all been consumed in the home-field, for during the last year we sent \$2,193.42 more of our tithe out of the field than was consumed in our field in paying our laborers' salary, laborers' expenses, general expenses, and all other expenses added together. I believe this is right, and I would recommend that some of our surplus tithe be given to foreign missions for the extension of the work in foreign fields. I believe the Lord will bless us in so doing.

Our mission offerings show a steady increase, not only in the amount received, but also in the amount per capita, as will be seen by the following table:

Year	Amt. Rec'd	Cts. per Week per mem.
1912	....\$ 7,237.93	13.04
1913	.... 7,352.64	13.29
1914	.... 9,487.50	15.70
1915	.... 10,941.21	17.90
1916	.... 12,991.29	18.89
1917	.... 17,995.33	22.67

We hope and pray that during 1918

we shall not only reach our goal of 25 cents per week per member, but that we may exceed this by a substantial sum for missions. The opening providences of God are loudly calling us for best efforts. Let us not disappoint our God.

We must train our children and youth for the message. Not alone on the Sabbath day should our children be taught the message, but during the week they should be learning the things that will prepare them for a place in the Lord's work, for from them must come our recruits for mission fields. This year we had 17 schools, 24 teachers and 536 pupils enrolled. Marked progress has been made, as will be evinced by our educational superintendent's report. Since our last session of the conference, six new church buildings have been erected, and a number of buildings have been enlarged. Better equipment, however, is needed in most of the schools, and our church school work should receive careful attention by our delegates.

We have 21 senior young people's societies and 16 junior societies, with a combined membership of 812. Their offerings for foreign missions for 1917 were \$2,345.64, and for home missions, \$364.50. The secretary of this department will be able to show advancement along all lines of this work. When converted to the Lord our young people are a great asset to this denomination, and a great strength to our churches.

Our Sabbath school work is one of the important departments of our cause. Under the efficient leadership of our late beloved Sister Lida Ackley this department has made remarkable gains the past two years. At the close of 1917 we had 38 Sabbath schools and three home department schools with a combined membership of 1886. This is little less than our church membership, and earnest steps should be taken to get every church member to become a member, either of the regular Sabbath school or of the home department. This work should not be left for our conference secretary alone, but all should assist in trying to reach this much desired goal. Our offerings for 1917 were \$10,122.74, which was a good gain over previous years, as will be seen when the secretary renders her report.

Our literature must be scattered like the leaves of autumn, and earnest efforts should be put forth to carry it into every home in our conference. Not only are our loyal canvassers carrying the books into the homes of the people, as will be seen when our field missionary secretary renders his report, but our conference territory has been divided between our churches, and plans laid for carrying our literature into every home in a systematic way. This work should not be permitted to lag, but the enthusiasm that has been kindled should be fanned into a brighter flame. It would be well if our home missionary secretary could devote all his time to this important work.

Having thus briefly cast a glance backward over the work of the past two years, we can but acknowledge that the Lord has been merciful to us and greatly blessed us in spite of mistakes that have been made. We would now reconsecrate ourselves to Him for service, and shall endeavor to be more faithful to our sacred calling. We are weak, but He is strong, and in His strength we would go forward to victory. We crave the prayers of God's people, that whatever duties may fall to our lot, we may perform them to the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

We pray that this coming year may bring greater success and richer blessings to the cause in our conference than has any preceding year. We trust that, as churches and individuals, you will stand by those whom you may ask to carry the burdens of the administrative work for the coming term, the same as you have stood by us in the past years. Press together, labor for souls, be often found in prayer to God, and success will crown your efforts. Soon the glad day will come when the work is finished, and all the ransomed will go home to Father's house on high with sheaves we have been able to gather for Him.

N. P. Neilson.

**Central California Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists**

In harmony with the published call this association was called to order by the president at 10:00 A. M., June 3, 1918.

The following persons were elected as a board of trustees for the ensuing term: J. A. Stevens, E. H. Adams, F. E. Brown, G. A. Grauer, P. J. Wolfson, R. H. Schwartz, W. F. Field. Auditor: B. M. Emerson.

Following is a list of church and other properties held in trust by the association:

Laguna, Bakersfield, Selma, Le-moore, Fowler, Tulare, Burrough, Ar-mona, Hanford, Clovis, Chowchilla, Barstow, Rolinda, Dinuba, Dinuba German (near Dinuba), Del Monte Heights, Porterville, Laton, Tulare, Fresno office property.

It was voted that the board of trustees of the Central California Conference Association be authorized to make such changes in the articles of incorporation as to call for biennial sessions of the association, these sessions to conform in date to the time of the sessions of the Central California Conference.

**Treasurer's Report of the Central California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists**

Revenue Account December 31, 1917	
	Income
Tithe .....	\$46,752.29
Donations .....	314.67
Donations on auto .....	126.00
Rent on Tent—Special .....	55.00
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$47,247.96</b>
Expenses	
Laborers' Salary .....	\$12,430.56
Twenty Per Cent Bonus .....	1,284.26
Laborers' Expense .....	1,846.97
Tract Society Salary—	
Donated .....	806.52
General Expense .....	578.24
Subsidies:	
Loma Linda .....	\$ 250.00
Lodi Academy .....	786.56
Camp-meeting Expense .....	171.22
Summer School Expense .....	359.82
Bookmen's Convention .....	47.40
Auto Operating Expense .....	68.99
Taxes .....	65.33
Insurance .....	19.63
Young People's Dept.	
Expense .....	82.47
Pac. Union Conf. 15% .....	7012.80
No. Am. Div. Conf. 20% .....	9350.37
Sustentation, 6% .....	2805.10
<b>Tithe Remitted:</b>	<b>19,168.27</b>
Depreciation:	
Tent Property .....	281.25
Office Building .....	70.00
Office & Misc. Prop. .....	94.57
Automobile .....	42.95
<b>Total Expense .....</b>	<b>\$38,205.01</b>
Excess of Income over Expense .....	9,042.95
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$47,247.96</b>

**Financial Statement, December 31, 1917**

Assets	
Cash on hand .....	\$ 5,789.76
First National Bank .....	10,108.94
Central Cal. Bible House .....	414.65
Armona School .....	46.50
Personal and Misc. Accounts .....	13.33
Church Accounts:	

Clovis .....	\$ 518.86	
Fowler .....	5.46	
Fresno .....	197.00	
Porterville .....	13.35	
Rolinda .....	175.78	910.45

Inventories:			
Automobile .....	400.00		
Tent Property .....	2085.67		
Office Property .....	608.78		
General Expense .....	56.10		
Insurance Unexpired .....	50.62		
Office Bldg. \$2650.49			
Less Res for Dep. ....	390.00	2260.49	5,461.66
<b>Total Assets .....</b>			<b>\$22,745.29</b>

Liabilities	
Central California Conf. Assn. ....	\$ 507.29
Church School Equipment .....	25.84
Ministerial Educational Fund .....	55.00
\$150,000 Educational Fund .....	10.00
Poor Fund .....	146.96
Religious Liberty .....	42.97
Reserve Fund .....	3.40
Personal Deposits .....	880.56
Higgins Property Contract .....	671.64
Schofield Contract .....	336.25
Tulare Church Fund .....	42.36
Children's Tent Fund .....	14.60
<b>Total Liabilities .....</b>	<b>\$ 2,737.87</b>

Present Worth January 1, 1917 .....	\$10,584.97
Tithe Refund by Pac. Union Conference .....	379.50
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$10,964.47</b>

Operating Gain .....	9,042.95
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Present Worth, December 31, 1917 .....	\$20,007.42
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Total Liabilities and Present Worth .....	\$22,745.29
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Trust Funds received and remitted by the Central California Conference during 1917:

Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund	
Annual Offering .....	\$ 1,508.85
Harvest Ingathering .....	2,011.75
Midsummer Offering .....	330.12
Missions .....	3,386.84
Sabbath School .....	10,101.69
Young People's Goal—Phil. Is. ....	461.07
Special Donations—India .....	145.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$17,995.33</b>

Miscellaneous	
E. G. White Mem. Hosp. ....	\$ 305.20
\$150,000 Educational Fd .....	2263.50
Southern Work .....	114.69
Rural Schools .....	258.73
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>2,942.12</b>

<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$20,937.45</b>
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**To Whom it May Concern:**

This is to certify that a careful examination has been made of the records of the Central California Conference S. D. A., for the year ended December 31, 1917.

To the best of my knowledge and belief the attached Revenue and Financial statements reveal the financial standing of the conference on the date mentioned above, as disclosed by its books of account.

B. M. Emerson, Auditor, Pac. Un. Conf. Fresno, Cal., Feb. 4, 1918.

**Trading Statement, Central California Bible House, 1917.**

Sales	
Gross Sales .....	\$11,692.08
Less: Goods Returned .....	436.07
<b>Net Sales for 1917 .....</b>	<b>\$11,256.01</b>
Costs	
Inventory January 1, 1917 .....	\$ 1,979.93
Purchases for the Year .....	10,382.03
Less:	
Pub. House Crs. ....	\$245.82
Discounts .....	51.32
297.14 .....	10,084.89
Net Cost of Purchases .....	12,064.82
Less Inventory, Dec. 31, 1917 .....	2,382.32
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 9,682.50</b>
Merchandise Gain, 1917 .....	\$ 1,573.51

<b>Revenue Account December 31, 1917</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Gross Merchandise Gain .....	\$ 1,573.51
Salary Donation by Conference..	806.52
<b>Total Income .....</b>	<b>\$ 2,380.03</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Salaries .....	\$ 806.52
General Expense .....	393.54
Sustentation .....	108.97
Bad Accounts .....	\$73.43
Provision for Bad Accts....	22.35 95.78
Canvassers' Institute .....	11.15
Property Depreciation .....	17.59
<b>Total Expense .....</b>	<b>\$ 1,433.46</b>
<b>Excess of Income over Expense</b>	<b>946.57</b>
	<b>\$ 2,380.03</b>

**Financial Statement, December 31, 1917**

<b>Assets</b>	
Accounts Receivable....	\$ 1,79,620
Society Accounts.....	\$ 378.31
Personal Accounts .....	628.38
Society-Relief Bk Accts .....	77.26
Personal Relief Bk Accts .....	7.25
Temporary Accounts .....	357.65
	<b>\$1948.85</b>
Less Bad Accts. Prov. ....	152.65
	<b>\$1796.20</b>
<b>Inventories:</b>	
Merchandise .....	2382.32
Relief Books .....	270.30
Property .....	75.00
Expense .....	138.25
	<b>2,865.87</b>
<b>Total Assets .....</b>	<b>\$4,662.07</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Publishing House Accounts.....	\$ 1,811.02
Cent. Cal. Conf. Deposit Account	413.15
Cent. Cal. Conf. Current Account	34.50
Sustentation Fund Unremitted....	246.21
Free Literature Fund .....	5.99
Miscellaneous Accounts .....	.50
Provision:	
Merchandise .....	\$527.49
Relief Books .....	407.26 934.75
<b>Total Liabilities .....</b>	<b>\$ 3,446.12</b>
<b>Present Worth, January</b>	
1, 1917 .....	\$269.38
1917 Operating Gain.....	946.57
<b>Present Worth, Dec. 31, 1917....</b>	<b>1,215.95</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Pres Worth.</b>	<b>\$ 4,662.07</b>
G. A. Wheeler, Treasurer.	

**Revenue Account of S. D. A., December 31, 1917**

<b>Expense</b>	
Interest Paid and Accrued .....	\$ 476.94
Excess of Income over Expense..	3,320.41
	<b>\$3,797.35</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Educational Fund Payments during	
1917 .....	\$3,797.35

**Financial Statement, December 31, 1917**

<b>Liabilities</b>	
Notes Payable .....	\$8,300.00
Provision for Interest Accrued...	124.19
<b>Total Liabilities .....</b>	<b>\$8,424.19</b>
<b>Assets</b>	
Central California Conference.....	\$ 507.29
Surplus and Original School Debt:	
Original Indebtedness..	\$19,273.67
Less Edu Fund Payment 11,139.36	\$ 8,134.31
Surplus January 1, 1917.....	694.35
Less loss for the year .....	476.94
<b>Surplus December 31, 1917.....</b>	<b>\$ 217.41</b>
<b>Total Assets .....</b>	<b>7,916.90</b>
	<b>\$8,424.19</b>
G. A. Wheeler, Treasurer	

**FIELD TIDINGS****NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA**

G. W. Wells, Pres. S. Donaldson, Sec.  
Box 308, Santa Rosa, Cal.

**Santa Rosa Camp Meeting**

It would be quite satisfactory and much more enjoyable to have a personal visit with all the brethren and sisters of the North Western California Conference but this is not possible now, so I am pleased to take advantage of this means to address you and call attention to the importance of attending our annual camp-meeting and biennial conference to be held in Santa Rosa July 4 to 14.

The committee at a recent meeting reconsidered the matter of locating our camp, and decided that the interest of all would doubtless be served to better advantage if the meeting was held in Santa Rosa instead of St. Helena.

A suitable place has been secured for the camp, and it may be of interest to some to know that it will be pitched on the same grounds that were used three years ago. It is a nice location with plenty of large shade trees, and in addition to the protection these will give, electrical fans will be installed in the large pavilion. We plan to do everything possible for the comfort and joy of all who attend.

The solemn and startling events occurring indicate that we are in the closing days of human probation and what we do to prepare for the final test must be done quickly.

A season of great trial is fast approaching; it is stealing upon us like a thief in the night. Now is the time for us to unite our forces and plead with God for the blessed Holy Spirit. No opportunity should be passed by to receive a fitting up to stand in the hour of trial; so let us all pray that we may have a great spiritual feast.

The meeting will open Thursday evening, July 4. The first session of the conference will be called Friday morning, July 5, at 9:30. It is hoped that all our people who attend will plan to come early and remain through the entire meeting. The delegates are especially urged to be pres-

ent at the first meeting.

There are at least three ways in which each may help to make the meeting a success. First, give ourselves wholly to prayer and the influence of the Spirit of God. Second, tell as many as possible about the time and place of the meeting and urge them to come. Third, lay plans to attend yourself, and make every effort and needed sacrifice to be present.

G. W. Wells.

**Field Notes**

Elder W. A. Johnson is doing pastoral work in the St. Helena and Valjejo churches. We pray that his labors will be the means of bringing these churches upon higher ground.

Sisters Oleta Butcher and Olive Doward are continuing their labors with those interested in Petaluma, and we hope that some will take their stand through the labor of these faithful Bible workers.

The conference office has been moved. It is now located at 714 College Avenue, Santa Rosa. Our post office address remains the same as formerly, Box 408, Santa Rosa. Our telephone number temporarily is Santa Rosa 1002 W.

Word comes from the company at Lakeport that four or five people are deeply interested in the message, and the brethren are encouraged to believe that some of these will take their stand for the Lord. They have been presenting the testing points of truth and look forward with hope to fruits for their labor.

Are you doing your part in making this a 100 per cent conference in "Review and Herald" subscriptions? If you are already a subscriber to this good friend in the message, loan a copy to your nearest brother who does not subscribe, then show him the benefits he will receive from the weekly visits of this faithful messenger.

Did you renew your subscription to the "Recorder?" Everywhere we go, our people tell us how much they enjoy the visits of our union conference paper, and that they always look first for the items from this field. We shall endeavor to do our

part in keeping all items of interest published each week. Now do your part and subscribe today.

Orders are continuing to come in, making tent reservations for our camp-meeting. We are glad that our people are showing such an interest in our annual gathering, and shall hope that everyone will do their best to plan to be present, if not all of the time, at least a portion of the time. We request the prayers of our people that the presence of the Spirit of God will be manifest during this annual convocation.

Some interest is manifested in the short series of meetings that are being held in the Napa church by Brethren L. L. Moffitt and Alzo Edwards. Five or six people are quite interested and attending the meetings practically every evening. Last Sunday night between 40 and 50 outsiders were present. The brethren feel that many of the residents of Napa are deeply interested in a study of God's word at this time.

Elder J. D. Alder reports the organization of a church in Blue Lake with eight members. Baptism was held, Thursday, June 6, in which four adults were baptized as a result of the work in Blue Lake. Two others have declared their intentions of baptism, and it is believed by the workers that still others will take their stand. Brother E. E. Beddoe is now laboring in Blue Lake, having taken up the work that Brother L. O. Pattison had been doing.

Brother L. O. Pattison called at the office one day last week as he was leaving the field. As he goes to take up work in the foreign fields in harmony with the call of the General Conference, he goes with good courage that the Lord is leading the way, and he earnestly requests the prayers of God's people that the Lord will give him wisdom and knowledge to handle the work he has for him to do, in a way that is acceptable to God. We are sorry to see Brother Pattison leave our field and yet we rejoice with him in the great opportunities that are before him.

S. Donaldson.

June 14.

**CENTRAL CALIFORNIA**

J. A. Stevens, Pres. W. F. Field, Sec.  
Box 1304, Fresno, Cal.

**Items of Interest**

Elder R. R. Breitigam met with the Madera church on the 15th. Two persons there desire baptism.

Elder F. E. Brown met with the Selma church June 22. He reports several preparing for baptism there.

Elder B. L. Howe met with the Wasco church Sabbath, June 15. He found the work progressing in Wasco.

REMEMBER, Sabbath, June 29 is

the THIRTEENTH SABBATH. Let us make it a real DOLLAR day for the work in Burma, Bengal and South India.

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Brother C. L. Davis is helping several new colporteurs to get started. Several new workers enlisted in the colporteur band at camp-meeting, and good success is attending their efforts. Remember these workers in your prayers.

J. Adams Stevens.

**CALIFORNIA**

J. L. McElhany, Pres. H. B. Thomas, Sec.  
537 25th St., Oakland, Cal.

**Oakland Camp Meeting**

The latest word from Elder Daniels brings the assurance that he is planning on attending the Oakland camp-meeting. An important General Conference Committee Council will be held in Washington early in July. Immediately at the close of this council he plans to start for California, reaching Oakland for the beginning of our meeting, July 25. He is hoping to meet a large gathering of our people at that time.

Events are transpiring swiftly and new history in connection with this cause is being written daily. Our wonderful General Conference session is only a few months in the past, but new and important developments have called for a midsummer General Conference Council. These are no ordinary times. Remarkable events are about to transpire. Ponder this well. You cannot afford under any circumstances to miss this camp-meeting. No one knows how many more such gatherings we will be able to hold. If this should be the last one, would you want to miss it?

All our churches should elect their delegates to the conference session to be held in connection with this camp-meeting. Each church is entitled to one delegate for the organization, and an additional delegate for each

twenty members, or major fraction thereof.

Send in your tent orders at once, so that we may know how many tents to provide. A beautiful shady campground, and a pleasant summer climate will add to the comfort of all who attend. Remember the place and the date—Beulah Park, Oakland, July 25 to August 4.

J. L. McElhany.

**MISCELLANY**

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### Battle Creek Reunion

All former residents of Battle Creek, Mich., are invited to attend a reunion in Sycamore Park, Los Angeles, Cal., Sunday, June 30, 1918. Other Seventh-day Adventists who wish to attend are also cordially invited. There will be a program suitable to the occasion. For further information, phone Main 4554. Pliny F. Haskell, Chairman Battle Creek Assn. of Southern California.

### Inter-Mountain Conference

The third annual session of the Inter-Mountain Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the camp-meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah, July 18 to 28, 1918, for the election of officers, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the conference. The first meeting is called to convene at 9:00 A. M., Friday, July 19, 1918. Each church is entitled to one delegate for its organization, and to one additional delegate for each ten members or major fraction thereof.

H. E. Lysinger,  
President.

J. H. Weeks,  
Secretary.

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### Inter-Mountain Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Inter-Mountain Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the camp-meeting and conference in Salt Lake City, July 18 to 28, 1918. The first meeting will be held Friday, July 19 at 9:00 A. M. Officers will be elected for the year, and such other business transacted as

should properly come before the constituency.

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J. A. Neilsen,  
President.

J. H. Weeks,  
Secretary.

### California Conference Association of the Seventh-Day Adventists

The twenty-second annual meeting of the California Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the regular forty-seventh annual camp-meeting of the California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, in Oakland, Cal., July 25 to August 4, 1918 for the election of a board of seven trustees for the ensuing term, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. The first meeting will be called at 10:00 a. m. Monday, July 29, 1918.

J. L. McElhany, President.

H. B. Thomas, Secretary.

### California Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists

The forty-sixth session (first biennial) of the California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the forty-seventh annual camp-meeting in Oakland, Cal., July 25 to August 4, 1918, at which time officers will be elected for the ensuing biennial term, and for the transaction of such other business as shall come before the meeting. The first meeting will be called at 10 A. M., Friday, July 26, 1918.

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J. L. McElhany, President.

H. B. Thomas, Secretary.

### Southern California Camp-Meeting and Conference

Arrangements have been made to hold the camp-meeting this year on the same ground as used last year,

West Washington St. and Orchard Ave., Los Angeles, Cal., August 1 to 11, 1918.

Preceding the camp-meeting, beginning the evening of July 30, the first biennial session of the Southern California Conference will convene. We trust for a full attendance of our people.

Send in your tent and furniture orders early to the conference office.

W. L. Mecum, Secretary.

### Northwestern California Missionary Volunteers—Notice

Senior and junior missionary volunteers, you are expected to report for duty July 4, on the Santa Rosa campground. It will be your duty to GET all the help you can from the meeting, and your great privilege to BE all the help you can to others while there. Do not disappoint us.

Esther Francis, M. V. Secretary.

"That which has been set apart according to the Scriptures as belonging to the Lord, constitutes the revenue of the gospel, and is no longer ours. It is no better than sacrilege for a man to take from God's treasury in order to serve himself or to serve others in their secular business. Some have been at fault in diverting from the altar of God that which has been especially dedicated to Him. All should regard this matter in the right light. Let no one, when brought into a straight place, take money consecrated to religious purposes, and use it for his advantage, soothing his conscience by saying that he will repay it at some future time. Far better cut down the expenses to correspond with the income, to restrict the wants, and live within the means, than to use the Lord's money for secular purposes."

### CAMP-MEETING DATES

Northern California	-	Oak Park, Stockton	-	June 20 to 30
Northwestern California	-	Santa Rosa	-	July 4 to 14
Inter-Mountain	-	Salt Lake City, Utah	-	July 18 to 28
California	-	Beulah Park, Oakland	-	July 25 to August 4
Southern California	-	Los Angeles	-	August 1 to 11
Southeastern California	-	Santa Ana	-	August 15 to 25
Arizona	-	Phoenix	-	October 31 to November 10