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CALIFORNIA

Summary of the Proceedings of the California Conference

The first meeting of the thirty-sixth annual session of the California Conference was held in San Jose, at 2:30 P. M., Jan. 25, 1907. Ten meetings in all were held, closing Tuesday evening, January 29.

Forty-three churches were represented by about one hundred and fifty delegates. Nine new churches, consisting of Los Gatos; Dos Palos; Oakland, colored; Fallon, Nev.; Oakdale; Mt. Bullion; Turlock; Laton; Le Grande; were taken under the watchcare of the conference. The gain in membership among the sixty-three old churches in the conference amounts to about two hundred and two members. The nine new churches report a membership of one hundred and forty-one, which would show a gain for the year, according to reports, of three hundred and forty-three, making the present membership of our conference forty-three hundred and ninety-four.

President's Address

To the delegates and friends assembled at San Jose, greetings. It is with much pleasure we welcome you to this the thirty-sixth annual session of the California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. We have looked forward to this meeting with great expectation and interest. It is therefore with much pleasure and satisfaction we greet you, giving to your committee, as it does, an opportunity to report to you concerning their stewardship and to return to you the responsibilities you laid upon them at our last conference session.

THE EARTHQUAKE AND FIRE

It will hardly be necessary to state to this delegation that the past year has been an eventful one to California and to this conference. The severe earthquake that visited so large a section of the most populous portion of the conference, the

terrible fires that at the same time wrought such frightful loss of life and property in San Francisco and Santa Rosa are of too recent date and the results are to you too evident to-day to require comment in this address.

That such a calamity should visit the most populous section of our conference without affecting our organized work is not to be expected. We have much to be thankful for that it has done so little to retard our work, and, on the other hand, has given us such greatly enlarged opportunities for carrying forward the work of God.

It was with feelings of great sadness that our brethren throughout the field learned that one of our own institutions—the Pacific Press—had been a heavy sufferer from the earthquake, but all were rejoiced to see the Christian courage with which its management so quickly set their hands to restore to usefulness the damaged buildings and plant.

Scarcely three months had passed since that terrible morning of April 18, and the workers had hardly become settled in their restored quarters before the entire plant was wiped out by fire. Words can not express the shock and sorrow this second visitation brought to our people. But the courage and confidence of God's people rose to the test, and with but the slightest interruption, the work of the publishing house has gone on, though under great difficulties.

Plans for rebuilding were at once formulated and substantial financial assistance rendered from many of the California brethren and also from those in other conferences. A new and very convenient factory building will very soon be ready to house the machinery and workers. This double calamity has, however, placed this institution of the Lord's where it needs the most hearty cooperation and sympathy of our people.

While not such heavy sufferers as the Pacific Press, yet our Medical Missionary Association was a heavy loser, everything

the association had in San Francisco being entirely destroyed, so that to-day we have neither treatment-rooms, store, nor restaurant in the city.

While much damage was wrought in the town of Healdsburg, we are fortunate that the college building and home escaped without serious loss. That the protecting hand of God was over His people is evident. In the midst of all these great dangers in which unknown numbers lost their lives, not one of His remnant people has been missed. Surely, the Lord is gracious and merciful.

THE FIELD WORK

The work that had been planned for the year by the last conference was quite materially modified by the happenings of April and July, but while your committee was obliged to forego some of your plans, yet the Lord has overruled to His own glory, and hearts have been prepared for the reception of the truth.

A number of camp-meetings had to be abandoned, principally those that were to be held in the spring and early summer. A general meeting was held in Oakland, that was well attended by our people from all over the conference, and also by the citizens of Oakland. The results of this meeting were excellent, a great encouragement and uplifting to the attendants. At the close of the meeting a large number were baptized. The interest to hear the message appeared to demand the continuance of the meetings. Arrangements were at once made with Brother and Sister Haskell and Elder Hibbard to remain and care for the interest. By these after meetings a number were brought to a saving knowledge of the truth.

While the number of laborers available for active field work has been quite small, yet, during the year, twenty-two tent and hall meetings have been held. It has not been possible to gather satisfactory statistics as to the number who have accepted the truth during the year, but the laborers report over three hun-

dred and fifty baptized and a large number awaiting baptism. Eight churches have been organized with a present membership of one hundred thirty-four. These are Colony Center, Turlock, and Laton in the San Joaquin Valley; Mt. Bullion in Mariposa County; Le Grande in Merced County; Los Gatos in Santa Clara County; Fallon, Nevada; and a church of our colored brethren in Oakland.

The tent-meeting held in Oakland by Elder Simpson, assisted by Elder Hibbard, has been a very interesting effort. Our large pavilion was pitched in the very heart of the city in the early part of October, and the meetings continued for two months under very discouraging circumstances on account of the weather. Five times the stormy weather took down the tent, putting the large pavilion out of commission entirely. But notwithstanding the many interruptions, the interest was maintained throughout the meetings, and forty-five have thus far been baptized as a result. While the expense of the meetings was very heavy, amounting to \$1,000, yet this was met by the donations received. It seems evident to all who have observed the situation that the work in Oakland has only been begun, the situation in this city caused by the catastrophe of the 18th of April having evidently made it a very inviting field for labor at the present time.

The committee exceedingly regrets that they have been unable to do anything for the equally inviting field in San Francisco.

Another interesting work accomplished during the year, is that of Elder Haskell and wife, who have conducted training classes for house-to-house workers in Oakland and San Francisco, by which means quite a large number of the members of these churches have been enlisted in the sale and distribution of literature containing present truth.

MOVING OF HEADQUARTERS

During the session of the Pacific Union Conference held in Portland last February, a recommendation was made that the California Conference move its headquarters to Mountain View, and we were invited to join with them in securing a suitable office building. After carefully and repeatedly considering this recommendation, your committee decided to follow the suggestion of the union conference. The plan was presented to a

large meeting of the brethren during the Oakland camp-meeting and met with their approval.

The latter part of August, the office was moved to Mountain View, where a comfortable but modest building had been erected at a cost of \$2,300, owned jointly by the California and Pacific Union Conferences. The office of the Sabbath-school secretary still remains in Oakland, a depository of the tract society being conducted in connection with it.

THE TRACT SOCIETY WORK

During the year we have been requested by the Pacific Press to take over the publishing work in this conference which has for the past two years been conducted by them. This we have done, and the tract society office has been re-established. A report of their work will be submitted by the secretary.

The year 1906 has been a most satisfactory one in the canvassing work. The number of canvassers in the field has been greater than for many years. The work accomplished has been very gratifyingly done, as it has been the aim of each canvasser to put in forty hours of faithful work each week. The sale of our subscription books has amounted to \$15,000. To this corps of workers the tract society has issued eleven scholarships, and the young people are now in attendance at Healdsburg College.

One of the most satisfactory features about this year's canvassing work is that we have among us now a large number of young people whose hearts are filled with enthusiasm concerning this branch of our work, and we may look for even better results for the year 1907. I think the principal cause that has contributed to the success this year in this line, is found in the faithful and thorough training given the class by Brother Covell, our canvassing agent.

We have much to be encouraged over in our institutional work. The Pacific Press, notwithstanding its sad experiences of the year, will very soon be established in its convenient new quarters.

OUR COLLEGE

The college is enjoying a fairly good attendance and is doing excellent work with the students. In harmony with the plans outlined by the last conference, the school was organized on a simple and economical basis. We were unable to dispose of the Healdsburg property, nor were we able to find suitable build-

ings in any other location. Acting, therefore, on the advice given us by our brethren at the Oakland camp-meeting, we made—with a small outlay of means—some changes in the college home that have enabled us to conduct all the classes on the home property. We have rented the college building to the Healdsburg high school officials, who have also taken a year's option on the property at a fair price. We hope to dispose of this property to them next fall. I believe the report of the auditor will show that the operating expenses of the college are within its income. You will, however, be obliged to provide in some way for the interest on the debt, as only a small part of its obligations has been provided for during the year. Altogether \$4,073.82 has been realized from those who a year ago agreed to take part in raising the debt.

THE SANITARIUM

The prosperity enjoyed by the St. Helena Sanitarium during recent years has continued during 1906 in a greatly increased measure. The patronage throughout the year has taxed their facilities to the utmost. Their report will show a very encouraging financial gain and an excellent work accomplished.

FINANCE

I am glad to report to you that, notwithstanding the calamities of the year, the Lord has abundantly prospered us in our finances. The tithe for the year has amounted to \$60,928.98, the largest tithe ever paid into the conference, either before or after its division. It may be of interest to you to compare the past twelve months with previous years:

In 1904 the tithe amounted to \$42,574.34. In 1905 the tithe was \$48,119.41, showing the past year a gain of \$12,809.51 over 1905 and \$18,454.34 over 1904. This is very encouraging to us as it shows not only the prosperity with which God has blessed us, but it is also indicative of greater faithfulness on the part of the people in this service.

After making allowance for settlement in full with all conference laborers, for all accounts of any character held against us, after transferring to the tract society \$2,287.91 as its working capital, and transferring to loss and gain account \$3,163.66 that had for a number of years been accumulating in our annuity account, after payment of \$1,150 for office property and \$1,000 donation to the Gen-

eral Conference, you still have on hand \$3,531.31 from this year's receipts with which to begin the work of 1907.

Notwithstanding this large increase in tithe, it is still evident that there is not that faithfulness in this obligation to the Lord that should be found among us. Individuals have been requested to prepare papers on this subject for presentation to this delegation.

The donations for the year to the various branches of the work have been as follows:

To the various mission funds.....	\$7,587.13
To the \$150,000 fund.....	1,639.42
To the college debt.....	4,073.82
Sabbath-school donations.....	2,652.65
Miscellaneous funds.....	2,401.30
Making a total for the year of	\$18,134.32

SUGGESTIONS

The following suggestions should receive your consideration: That an earnest and persistent effort be put forth to speedily raise at least our proportion of the \$150,000 fund called for by the General Conference.

That some plan be adopted to provide for the college debt that will receive the support and cooperation of the churches necessary to make the effort successful.

That plans be devised to immediately and thoroughly give the message to San Francisco and Oakland while the hearts of the people are open to receive it. The conditions existing in these bay cities and their recent experiences give to this conference privileges and lay upon them obligations that can only be met by faithfully declaring to them the warnings and blessings contained in the third angel's message.

To prepare for a thorough dissemination of our truth-bearing literature (a) by a large and thoroughly trained corps of canvassers, and (b) by educating and encouraging our churches for active and continual effort in this line. That this latter may be accomplished, all church officers be urged to faithfully discharge the duties devolving upon them as leaders and teachers of the people, and that in visiting the companies, conference laborers devote their energies to this end so that the entire machinery and funds of this conference may be utilized to speedily giving the message within our own borders.

PERSONAL

With this session of the conference I will have completed the fifth term in

which I have served you in my present capacity. I feel very grateful and highly honored by the confidence you have thus repeatedly shown in me; but I realize very keenly the faulty service I have rendered, and deeply deplore the mistakes that have marred my administration. I wish to take this opportunity to publicly express my gratitude to my fellow-laborers and associates for the cooperation they have so kindly given me. It seems best now on account of the length of time of my service and existing conditions that my official connection with the conference should be terminated with this session.

I trust that this conference may prove to be to all present and to the field at large a great blessing, and that the guiding presence of the Lord may be very manifest to us all. W. T. Knox.

According to custom, the following committees were appointed: On nominations, W. E. Whalen, F. A. Lashier, G. E. Henton, F. E. Brown, and E. G. Fulton. This committee selected the following persons who were unanimously elected as officers of the conference for the ensuing year: for president, W. T. Knox; for secretary and treasurer, E. A. Chapman; for executive committee, W. T. Knox, J. O. Corliss, J. H. Behrens, E. D. Sharpe, H. Schultz, A. Brorsen, and B. L. Howe.

The committee on credentials and licenses, consisting of J. H. Behrens, J. O. Corliss, and C. M. Gardner, submitted the following resolution, which served as the basis for further work, along with the list of names:

(a) Resolved, That we recommend no names for credentials and licenses but such as to the best of our knowledge are in full harmony with the principles of truth and government of the organized body of Seventh-day Adventists.

(b) That all names recommended are presented on the condition of their continuing as faithful and profitable laborers in conference employ.

(c) That we recommend all that class who are accredited and tried laborers.

(d) That we recommend all who expect to devote their entire and undivided time to conference work and are in harmony with the foregoing resolutions.

(e) That we recommend no one for ordination and credentials unless he has given full proof of his ministry.

(f) That we recommend no one to enter conference employ unless in full

harmony with the church of which he is a member, and with the advice of the conference executive committee.

Credentials and licenses were granted to the following:

Credentials: J. W. Bagby, H. C. Basney, J. H. Behrens, Andrew Brorsen, M. H. Brown, J. O. Corliss, D. T. Fero, C. M. Gardner, E. J. Hibbard, B. L. Howe, M. C. Israel, W. T. Knox, D. D. Lake, C. N. Martin, N. C. McClure, Isaac Morrison, A. J. Osborne, J. D. Rice, G. W. Rine, Henry Shultz, E. D. Sharpe, H. A. St. John, A. Schlotthauer, A. O. Tait, C. L. Taylor, M. C. Wilcox.

Ministerial Licenses: B. E. Beddoe, A. J. S. Bourdeau, I. C. Colcord, W. H. Covell, C. J. Holmes, Chas. N. Miller, Wm. T. Mogle, L. A. Reed, W. L. Sims, M. H. St. John, Seth W. Walker, W. W. Wheeler, Jas. A. Stevens, Jas. Taphouse.

Missionary Licenses: E. A. Chapman, Mrs. Irene Griffith, Mrs. A. R. Hawkins, Miss Belle Hickox, Mrs. Caroline G. Holmes, A. R. Jones, Mrs. Carrie R. King, Mrs. Minnie Pond-Martin, Mrs. F. E. Merrill, Chas. H. Moler, Laura Morrison, Mrs. E. E. Parlin, Chas. W. Peter, Mrs. Cora A. Rice, Geo. G. Sims.

The committee on plans and resolutions, consisting of M. C. Wilcox, J. O. Corliss, E. D. Sharpe, A. J. S. Bourdeau, L. M. Bowen, W. C. White, and W. T. Knox, submitted the following resolutions, which were all adopted.

Resolutions

THE PUBLISHING WORK

1. Resolved, That we recognize the power of the tract and missionary work as an evangelizing agency, and that we call upon our churches and isolated members to unite in building up this work to a point of high efficiency.

2. Resolved, That we heartily approve of the following perpetual missionary program inaugurated by the Publishing Department of the General Conference.

(a) Placing the *Review* in every Sabbath-keeping home in this conference.

(b) The liberal circulation of message-filled tracts.

(c) A more general use of our missionary periodicals, the *Signs of the Times*, *Watchman*, *Life and Health*, and *Liberty*—a small club to be taken by each isolated member, and a large club, by each church and company.

(d) All of these lines of work to be followed by Bible readings, cottage-meetings, missionary correspondence, etc.

3. We Recommend, That the missionary secretary and the state canvassing agent unite in holding not less than four conventions during the coming year, in the interests of practical home tract and missionary work, and the recruiting of agents for our forty per cent. and regular subscription books.

We Further Recommend, That wherever practicable, these conventions be also joined to such conventions as may be planned by the superintendent of the young people's societies and the Sabbath-school secretary.

4. We Recommend, That the old-time church, tract, and missionary society be thoroughly reconstructed,—

(a) By appointing active leaders and librarians in each church.

(b) By reviving regular church missionary meetings.

(c) By providing a distinct item and line of work for each member of the church, including all the young people and children, and,—

(d) By establishing a simple, thorough reporting system on blanks provided for the purpose.

5. We Recommend, That the gospel ministry in this conference renew its earnest labors in behalf of the tract and missionary work as in the past, which responsibilities in recent years, from various causes, they have permitted to fall on less experienced and less influential shoulders. The lines of work referred to are in part as follows:

(a) The extensive sale and free circulation of literature in connection with gospel meetings.

(b) A definite, accurate knowledge of the plans and work of the tract society workers and the state agent, and a generous, strong, and sympathetic support of all its features.

(c) Earnest, systematic efforts to build up the tract and missionary work in the churches by holding missionary meetings, instructing librarians, introducing our new books, tracts, and other literature, and taking orders for periodicals.

EDUCATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

6. We Recommend, That we indorse the spirit of the plans and recommendations of the missionary educational movement inaugurated at the General Conference Educational Convention, held at College View, Neb., July 29, 1906.

7. That we approve of the general

plan of the course of study with the exception of the correlation of subjects as outlined in the primary grades; and a favorable consideration of the text-books recommended by the said convention.

8. That we adopt the courses of study and text-books recommended by the Normal Institute, Healdsburg, Cal., and the Educational Department of the California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists to meet the local needs of our educational interests; and,—

9. That the manual published by the Normal Institute be used by our primary school teachers.

10. That our youth and every Seventh-day Adventist child of school age attend our church and intermediate schools; and further, that our churches make special effort to establish and maintain efficient schools.

11. Whereas, Parents ought to be the best teachers of their children until they have reached the age of nine years; therefore,—

We Recommend, That wherever the home conditions warrant it, parents be encouraged to furnish their young children at home the education their years require, in preference to sending them to either church or public schools. That this suggestion may be carried out without loss to the children, we further recommend that instruction in printed form and otherwise be supplied parents who feel the need of assistance to qualify them for this work and responsibility.

12. In order to secure better results and bring about more stability and efficiency in our church schools,—

We Recommend, That the churches be encouraged to retain the services of those teachers that have proved themselves to be capable, and have ability to manage a school, and have given satisfaction to the majority of the patrons, and discourage the idea of changing teachers each year in hope of getting better ones.

13. That those of our young people that have teaching in view be encouraged and helped to take a thorough course in our Normal Institute and Training School at Healdsburg, Cal.

14. That the teachers attend the six-weeks' term of the Normal Institute to be held during the summer of 1907, at Healdsburg, and that the conference defray the expense of transportation of accredited teachers to and from the in-

stitute, and that the matter of room and board be left to the incoming committee.

15. We Recommend, The adoption of the "Primary Church School Government" now published in pamphlet form by our conference.

16. Whereas, The success of our intermediate schools in other conferences has demonstrated the value of the plans generally adopted, of maintaining the most intimate relationship between conference and schools; and,—

Whereas, We regard the education of our youth as one of the most sacred responsibilities of this conference; therefore,—

We Recommend, (a) That the administration be vested in a board of managers, elected annually by a constituency.

(b) That this constituency be composed of the executive committee of the conference, and the regularly elected elders and deacons of the churches in the territory designated to be served by the school.

(c) That in the organization and administration of our intermediate schools, the plans as outlined by the General Conference, with reference to rank and number of grades taught, and published in Year Book of 1907, page 105, be followed.

We further recommend, That suitable students' homes for non-resident students be provided, and that these schools be located where agricultures and other industrial lines may be taught.

(d) That the ownership of intermediate schools be vested in the California Conference Association.

(e) That to schools organized and conducted in accordance with the above plans the conference render assistance in providing and supporting the Bible teacher.

17. Whereas, The Pacific Union College is financially embarrassed, to the detriment of its legitimate work; and,—

Whereas, The college is nobly fulfilling its mission in educating laborers for the work, be it, therefore,—

Resolved, That this conference pledge itself to assist the Pacific Union Conference in devising, and putting into immediate operation, some plan by which said school may be permanently relieved from its present indebtedness.

MISCELLANEOUS

18. Whereas, The great calamities that

befell San Francisco and neighboring cities, April 18, 1906, have prepared the people to listen to the truths of the closing gospel message; therefore,—

Resolved, That we ask the counsel and assistance of the executive committee of the Pacific Union Conference, and the General Conference, in planning for special work in these cities, and in securing experienced men to lead in the various branches of this work.

19. Whereas, The Scriptures enjoin us to "owe no man anything but to love one another," and experience has justified the consistency of this business injunction,—

Resolved, That we again approve of a consistent cash policy in the operation or all departments of the conference work.

20. Whereas, The circulation of our periodicals is the direct means of bringing large numbers of people to a saving knowledge of present truth; and,—

Whereas, A moderate amount of financial assistance would enable many worthy periodical workers to enter the organized work as self-supporting; house-to-house missionaries,—

Resolved, That the conference president, together with the missionary secretary be authorized to select a number of suitable persons to whom the conference shall supply, free of charge, an average of 400 of our periodicals per month, the expense to approximate \$8.00 per month, per worker, and each worker to be under the direction of the conference.

21. Resolved, That we hereby express our hearty sympathy for our faithful brethren at the Pacific Press who, since the burning of the old factory, have been struggling with innumerable difficulties; and that we approve of the practical, safe, and economical manner in which the new factory is being built.

22. Resolved, That we recommend especially at this time, the vegetarian cafe, and health food store work, to the favorable consideration of those of our people who are seeking employment in the Lord's work for their labor and capital on a private enterprise basis.

23. Whereas, About eight millions of colored people in the United States are calling in mute appeal to those entrusted with the last message of mercy, for immediate help; and,—

Whereas, The nearness of the time when the door of mercy will forever be closed and thus the blessing of the gos-

pel be of no avail to them, be it, therefore,—

Resolved, That this conference urge upon all our churches a hearty cooperation with the Southern Union Conference in their work for the colored race.

Resolved, That we advise that all funds gathered for this work should be sent through the regular organized channel to the treasurer of the Southern Union Conference.

Resolved, That a copy of these preambles and resolutions be sent to Elder Geo. I. Butler, president of the Southern Union Conference.

24. Resolved, That we unite most heartily with our brethren and sisters in all parts of the field in raising quickly the large fund of \$150,000 for the providing of facilities for sanitarium work in Washington, D. C., and Nashville, Tenn., and for educational, publishing, and missionary work in many important and needy fields named in the appeal.

25. Whereas, The failure on the part of conference laborers to make full and complete reports of labor performed has been the cause of undue labor and perplexity on the part of the auditing committee; therefore,—

Resolved, That we ask our laborers to make a reasonably full and complete report in conformity with the printed report blank, especially making clear (a) the place of labor, (b) time spent there, (c) nature of labor while there, (d) if at home on account of sickness, or for needed rest (not that such time be deducted, but that settlement may be intelligently made), (e) and the nature of all expense reported.

26. Resolved, (a) That we express our appreciation of the action of the conference committee in offering employment to such medical missionary nurses as give promise of making successful workers.

(b) That we urge upon those bearing responsibilities in connection with the nurse's training school, that every effort be put forth to bind them to the work, and look to their training merely as a stepping-stone to great interests in advancing the third angel's message, but in no way to be used to further private interests.

(c) We Recommend, That a convention or special course of instruction in practical missionary work be provided for the nurses each spring.

(d) We approve of the action of the

Board of Directors of the California Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, in releasing to other worthy enterprises, the proceedings from the sale of "Ministry of Healing."

(e) That our conference workers be encouraged to search out young people of promise and recommend them to a course of training at the sanitarium in order to better fit them for the responsibilities of the message.

Reports were received from the different departments of the conference, the educational, publishing, sanitarium, Sabbath-school, and missionary departments. These will appear more fully under their respective heads.

Subscriptions were taken at the various meetings for needy funds amounting to over \$1,000.

E. A. Chapman, *Secretary*.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
Tithe Receipts of the Southern California Conference

July 1 to December 31, 1906

	First	Second
Corona	\$ 110.58	\$ 48.67
Centralia	75.77	19.94
Escondido	334.67	149.65
Edendale	362.66	214.23
Furlong	7.12	.80
Glendale	989.21	167.27
Garden Grove	102.53	22.75
Los Angeles	4,608.45	758.25
Long Beach	633.15	268.67
Loma Linda	753.20	20.66
Monrovia	76.88	36.54
Norwalk	366.25	168.45
Ontario	328.59	102.24
Paradise Valley	500.95	164.18
Pomona	498.98	175.09
Pasadena	1,201.30	142.77
Personal	329.27	4.63
Riverside	398.63	72.91
Redlands	95.22	19.36
San Diego	1,068.82	232.61
Santa Ana	417.78	70.41
San Pasqual	763.65	319.87
San Bernardino	194.45	38.37
Santa Barbara	87.29	19.61
Sawtelle	334.16	47.92
San Pedro		
Santa Monica	193.67	18.11
San Fernando	1,567.61	441.51
Ventura	46.65	3.55
Vernon	333.98	105.54

\$16,781.47 \$3,854.56

S. S. Merrill, *Treasurer*.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1907.

A canvasser's institute which is to continue for about two months, began at Fernando Academy, Southern California, the first of this week. Brother W. H. Covell, state canvassing agent for California, is in attendance and assisting with the instruction. It is hoped that a good number of our people, especially the young in the Southern California Conference, will avail themselves of this opportunity to become proficient laborers in the Master's vineyard.

Without discipline it is difficult for any school to fully succeed. Hence correct ideas of discipline are a necessary qualification for all aspiring teachers. But the art of discipline can not be imparted by arbitrary rules, as can any other subjects with which the teacher has to do. Exchange of ideas and comparison of thoughts and experiences, however, are very potent means of advancement in this as well as the other of the fine arts, for it is certainly an art. Church schools need discipline; and the educational department of the California Conference wishes to get from those who have had experience, and any that are interested, papers and suggestions on this important part of the teacher's duty, that those who are selected to take charge of the various schools in our churches may receive practical instruction in this as well as some other lines of study. Address all papers and communications treating on this subject to the Educational Superintendent of the California Conference, Healdsburg, Cal., care of Pacific Union College.

The reward of one duty is the power to fulfil another.—George Eliot.

The Sunday-Law Amendment

January 30, at 2 P. M., was the hour set for a hearing by the Assembly Committee on Constitutional Amendments on the proposed Sunday-law Amendment. Those in favor of the measure were absent at the opening hour, so those who opposed the amendment were given the opportunity to present their reasons for opposing it. While Elder Corliss was speaking, some of the friends of the amendment appeared and stated that they would like some other day in which to present their evidence, but that the opponents could go on with their side of the case. Since such an arrangement would be neither agreeable nor fair, the date of Feb. 4, at 2 P. M., was set as the time when both sides should appear and present their arguments. One hour and fifteen minutes was granted to each side. Eight persons spoke in favor of the amendment and presented petitions with something over 6,000 names attached. Those opposed to the measure presented petitions with nearly 15,000 signatures. Elders Corliss, Healey and Wilcox were the speakers against the proposed amendment. The hearing was fair and impartial. No decision has yet been given by the committee, but when it is made known, we will be pleased to communicate it to our readers.

St. Helena Sanitarium Training School

The next class for training missionary nurses begins April 1, 1907, and offers a very thorough course in this line of work, and extraordinary advantages in the way of practical experience. We shall be pleased to correspond with all interested persons who desire to devote their lives to this branch of the Master's work! For circulars and full information, address, St. Helena Sanitarium, or H. F. Rand, Sanitarium (Napa Co.), Cal.

St. Helena Sanitarium Notes

The new surgical ward is now filled to its utmost capacity.

Patients are already beginning to come into the sanitarium to the extent that the main building is full, and some of the rooms have two occupants.

Just now we are seeing the effects of our recent beautiful snow in a number of cases of la grippe among the nurses; but nothing serious.

The improvements on our buildings are now about completed. The operating room has recently been replastered and rearranged for Dr. Rand and his worthy assistants.

Special attention is called to the announcement appearing in another column of this paper regarding the Sanitarium Training School. Also to the notice for help. Will all our church elders and our leading brethren throughout the conference who know of young men and women that give promise of making a success of medical missionary work, please send us their names, and also encourage them to investigate this important branch of the Master's work. The conference has taken action that those who give promise of doing successful service will be encouraged to places in the field as laborers.

Notice

Wanted, help.—Six young or middle-aged women for pantry, chamber, and laundry work, etc. One boy from sixteen to twenty to learn steam laundry business. Two boys from fifteen to eighteen for call service. One reliable four-horse teamster. Two good men for ordinary work. One young man for tray work. Only good, reliable persons who can furnish recommendations need apply. For full information, address, L. M. Bowen, Sanitarium (Napa Co.), Cal.

Notice—Reading-Matter Wanted

S. B. Taft, mechanical instructor, Indian Training School, Fort Defiance, Ariz., desires *Signs, Watchman, Review, Life and Health, Liberty, Youth's Instructor, Little Friend*, and other literature to use in missionary work among the Navajo Indians. Also bound books, old or new, pamphlets, tracts, etc., will be very acceptable. Send all by mail well wrapped and securely tied. This is the tribe that makes those wonderful Navajo blankets all from raw home products, some of which bring as high as \$100 each.

“Good, the more communicated, more abundant grows.”

“O, many a shaft, at random sent,
Finds mark the archer little meant!
And many a word at random spoken,
May sooth, or wound, a heart that's
broken.”