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A Memorial—The Division of the Pacific Union Conference

We, the undersigned delegates to the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists now in session in the city of Portland, Ore., present this memorial regarding a division of the Pacific Union Conference. For the past two years the conviction has been gaining ground that a division of this large Pacific Union Conference, and consequently a division of its responsibilities, would insure greater success to the work in all of its departments than can possibly come under its present administration with the headquarters of the conference so far removed from its geographical center.

As delegates representing the various interests and branches of the work in the northern portion of this Pacific Union Conference, we have carefully studied whether a division of this conference would be to the best interests of the work in the large territory embracing all the states and territories west of the Rocky Mountains. We ask your careful and thoughtful consideration of the following points, which we believe go to show that the division of this conference will be for the best interests of the cause, and for its most rapid growth and advancement in all of its various departments.

1. The Immense Area.—The exceedingly large area of country included within the boundary lines

of this Pacific Union Conference makes it very difficult to reach all parts of the field without consuming a great deal of time and involving a large expense. The total area included in this conference is 1,843,086 square miles. If the conference were divided by what would seem to be natural division lines, the present conference would then be composed of two union conferences, the first including the Arizona Mission Field, the California-Nevada Conference, the Southern California Conference, the Utah Mission Field, and the Hawaiian Mission Field, making an area of 471,119 square miles, and having a population of 2,122,952. The second would include the British Columbia Mission Field, the Montana Conference, the Upper Columbia Conference, the Western Washington Conference, the Western Oregon Conference, and the Alaskan Mission Field. The area included in these conferences, and mission fields, excluding Alaska, is 781,083 square miles, or about three hundred thousand more square miles in area than that included in the first division of the Pacific Union Conference, while it would have a population of 1,587,798. We do not add the area in square miles included in Alaska because it has more territory than that included in the southern part of the Union Conference—an area of 590,884 square miles.

According to this division, the boundary lines between the two union conferences run along between California and Oregon, Idaho and Nevada and Utah. The boundary line thus formed would

fall in that part of the territory where there are few inhabitants, and for the most part, a mountainous or arid country. In describing the two union conferences thus formed, we all denominate them by the terms of "the northern division" and "the southern division." The area of the northern division, excluding Alaska, is 781,083 square miles; and of the southern division, 471,119. The population of the northern division is 1,651,390, and of the southern division, 2,122,952. Thus we see that the territory of the northern division would be considerably greater than that of the southern, while the population of the southern is 1,500,000 more than that of the northern division.

2. Present Headquarters.—The present headquarters of the Pacific Union Conference is in Oakland, Cal., and geographically it is considerably to one side of the center, both north and south, and east and west.

Furthermore, the present headquarters are in close proximity to some of our oldest and largest institutions in this Union Conference; viz., the Pacific Press Publishing Company, St. Helena Sanitarium, and Healdsburg College. These important interests demand attention, and the officers of the Union Conference, especially the president, find much to do, and many demands are made upon their time, which hinder them from giving attention to some of the other interests in the various conferences in the Pacific Union Conference.

3. Various Interests.—While we recognize most of these older institutions that are in close prox-

imity to the present headquarters of the Union Conference, we believe that growing interests of equal importance are to be found in the northern part of this Union Conference, and also the almost extreme southern part. Those in the southern part can be more easily reached than those in the northern, because of their being less distant from the headquarters. It seems only proper and right that the advice and counsel of those leading and guiding in the affairs of the Union Conference shall be equally given to the various interests that demand attention.

4. The Northern Division of the Union Conference.—The area and population of the northern division have already been given, but we repeat them here in order that they may be fresh in your minds. The area, not including Alaska, is 781,083 square miles, and Alaska's area, 590,884 square miles, would make a total area in square miles, 1,371,967. The population including Alaska is 1,651,390. There are 134 churches, with a membership of 4,432; while in the southern division there are 86 churches, with a membership of 4,458. While the number of churches in the northern division is greater, the membership is within 24 of being the same as in the southern division. The amount of tithe paid by the members in the northern division during the year 1904 was \$47,052.87, by the southern division, \$61,615.26. When we come to compare the church membership of these two divisions with the membership of the other union conferences, we find it to be larger than any of them with the exception of the Central Union Conference, the Lake Union Conference, and the Atlantic Union Conference. This we find also to be true with reference to the amount of tithe paid in. The Southwestern Union Conference, the Northern Union Conference, and the Southern Union Conference each have a smaller membership and area than the northern division of the Pacific Union Conference.

5. Natural Division Line.—As the Rocky Mountains seem to form a natural division between the East

and the West, so it would seem that the boundary line between California and Oregon, Nevada, Utah and Idaho, would form a natural boundary line between the two portions—the northern and the southern—of this Union Conference. The territory adjacent to this boundary line is partly settled, and consists, as said above, largely of mountainous country, or arid land. As much time is required to go from Oakland to points in Montana as would require to go from Oakland to Chicago, with almost as much, if not equal, expense. The coast line of California, one state in the Pacific Union Conference alone, is 800 miles; and from the boundary line between Oregon and California up to, and including, the British Columbia coast line, is more than 800, thus giving us a coast line not including Alaska, of over 1,600 miles.

6. Growth of Institutions.—In addition to the regular lines of conference work, there are several educational and medical institutions in the northern divisions. In this northern portion there are three sanitariums, two vegetarian restaurants, and several treatment rooms in various cities. In addition to these, there are two food factories manufacturing our health foods. The educational feature of the work in the north is also quite strong, and is growing from year to year. In this northern division we have one college, four intermediate schools, and forty-one church schools. In the southern division, there is one college, one intermediate school, and thirty-one church schools. The total number of students attending all these schools in the northern division is 853; while in the southern division it is 1144, making a total of 1997 throughout the Union Conference. The medical and educational work is growing rapidly, and is much in need of the counsel and advice that can be given by the Union Conference. But very little help has been received in the north from the Union Conference headquarters. The officers, and especially the president, have found all, and more than they could do in encouraging and fostering the work in that part of the

conference where the headquarters are situated.

The evangelical, medical, and educational interests are growing rapidly on account of the tide of immigration settling in from the East. Hundreds of Seventh-day Adventists are settling yearly in the various conferences of the Northwest, thus giving a large membership to our local conferences, and consequently increasing the growth of the institutions in their borders. This is equally true in the southern division.

In view of the above considerations, it seems clear to us, who have given much thought to the work now in our hands, of the prospects of larger and more rapid developments of the work in the future, that this northern part of the Union Conference should become a union conference with its headquarters located at such a point as will make the work of the Union Conference most effective. In presenting this memorial, asking for a division of the Pacific Union Conference, we are expressing the desire and convictions, not only of ourselves, who are already entrusted with responsibilities in the work, and who are here at this meeting because of the responsibilities we carry, but we are also expressing the desire of many workers and lay members, who would be glad to be present on this occasion, and enjoy the benefits and blessings that we are enjoying.

Believing that it is the earnest desire and prayer of every delegate to this conference that only those steps shall be taken which will be for the best interest of the work within the boundary lines of this Pacific Union Conference, and believing further that the delegates will give careful and impartial consideration to the request embodied in this memorial, we leave the matter in your hands, praying that God will give wisdom and discretion in all the decisions of this body. Delegates from the Northern Division of the Pacific Union Conference.

PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Synopsis of Proceedings (Continued)

Recommendations Adopted

Whereas, God in infinite mercy, has, during the past two years, granted us, as a conference, many blessings, both temporal and spiritual, and we are again assembled in conference, surrounded by so many evidences of His love; therefore,

1. Resolved, That we express our thankfulness and gratitude for His kind providence, and that we hereby renew our covenant relation with Him; and pledge ourselves to renewed energy and devotion to His service.

Whereas, a considerable number of delegates express a desire that the Pacific Union Conference be divided into two union conferences; therefore,

2. We recommend, That this conference consider the advisability of dividing the territory, making the southern boundary of Oregon and Idaho the line of separation.

And, if such division is agreed upon by action of this conference, we further recommend:

(a) That the southern division retain the name, Pacific Union Conference; and that the northern section assume the name, North Pacific Union Conference.

(b) That the funds now belonging to the Pacific Union Conference be divided in proportion to the number of Sabbath-keepers in each section.

(c) That the Pacific Union Conference take the oversight of, and provide for, the mission fields of Utah and Arizona; and that the North Pacific Union Conference take charge of, and provide for, the mission fields of British Columbia, Alaska, and the Hawaiian Islands.

We heartily approve of the continuous missionary campaign policy adopted by the General Conference, and

3. Recommend a united effort in the doing of the different items of work outlined, which are:

(a) The placing of the "Review and Herald" in every Sabbath-keeping home.

(b) The liberal circulation of

message-filled tracts by every Seventh-day Adventist, using a pound of the Signs Leaflets (about 18 each of the 16 different kinds) as an entering wedge.

(c) A more general use of our missionary periodicals—the "Signs of the Times," "Watchman," and "Life and Health"; small clubs by isolated members, and large clubs by churches and companies.

(d) The development of the interest thus created, by the sale of forty-per-cent books, and the relief books—"Christ's Object Lessons" and "Ministry of Healing."

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

We also approve of the church depository plan outlined by our Missionary Department, whereby the department shall make up assortments of missionary publications valued at perhaps \$10, \$15, and \$20, and

4. We recommend all our churches to secure such assortments that they may the more readily and effectually give a reason for the hope that is within them.

5. We further recommend the more general adoption of the plan of devoting the fourth Sabbath donation to home missionary work.

Believing that the efforts which have been put forth to more thoroughly organize and unify the educational work have resulted in the building up and strengthening of this important branch of the cause; therefore,

6. We recommend, That these efforts be continued:

(a) By the appointment of a committee of five members which shall be known as the Educational Department Committee, to look after the general interests of the educational work throughout the Union Conference.

(b) By our intermediate and training schools seeking the counsel of the Educational Department Committee, regarding courses of study, preparation for educational literature, rates of tuition, selection of faculties, and the general policy of their work.

(c) By schools of the same rank, as far as local conditions will permit, making uniform rates of

tuition to their students, and that such rates be charged as will bring an income to the school sufficient to meet all running expenses, and also to provide the needed facilities as the work demands.

(d) By our schools protecting each other in their interests, and by our conference officers and workers encouraging our people to be loyal to the school located in their respective districts, and in giving them their patronage and support.

(e) By making the transfer of teachers from one school to another, and from one conference to another, in accordance with the plan followed in the transfer of our regular conference laborers.

(f) By conducting teachers' summer schools or institutes for the purpose of better qualifying our teachers for their work.

Recognizing the merit and value of the educational literature prepared by the Educational Department, as represented by the "Teachers' Manual" and the "Christian Educator Reading Series," published by the Pacific Press Publishing Company, and believing that further steps should be taken in the way of revising and publishing another edition of the readers, and securing a wider circulation of these books; therefore,

7. We recommend:

(a) That all our educators and conference workers put forth earnest effort to place this literature in our schools, and in the homes of our people.

(b) That the Educational Department Committee of the Pacific Union Conference make arrangements for the publishing of another edition of the "Christian Educator Reading Series," as the present edition is nearly exhausted, and that arrangements be made also for the revision of the readers before publishing another edition.

(c) That this conference make an appropriation sufficient to meet the deficit connected with the publishing of the Manual and readers, occasioned by the heavy initial expense involved, and the printing of small editions of these books, and also to meet the expense of necessary revision of another edition.

(d) That a committee of three be appointed to close the reader and Manual account with the Pacific Press, and to superintend the publication of other text-books that may be prepared.

(e) That the text-book fund, started one year ago for the purpose of developing a clean, wholesome educational literature, be continued; that this very important work may go forward.

NOTE.—It was voted that a committee consisting of the presidents of the two union conferences, the finance committee that had been named by the two union conferences to superintend the division of the funds, and the educational secretary of each of the two union conferences, should take under consideration sections "b," "c," and "d" of the recommendation No. 7, with power to act, and that \$1,000 of the funds of the Union Conference, before the division, should be held back for the use of this committee.

Whereas, The experience gained in selling our publications to the people is, in and of itself, a valuable education for our youth, and will enable them to be more successful in our other lines of evangelical work; therefore,

8. We recommend, That our conference and tract societies, cooperate with our training-schools in the matter of granting scholarships to those who sell our regular subscription books to the amount required by the condition of the scholarship.

Whereas, There is a tendency to divert the tithe from its specific object;

9. We recommend, That all of our conferences sacredly guard the tithe, that this fund be not used for building purposes, the maintenance of church-schools, or for church expenses; but that it be devoted entirely to the support of evangelistic work and Bible teachers in training-schools.

Whereas, Misunderstandings frequently arise both in churches and conferences from the lack of personal knowledge of Christian organization; therefore,

10. We recommend, That thorough and continued instruction

be given all our churches, showing the relation of the individual to the local church, the church to the local conference, the local conference to the union conference, the union conference to the General Conference, and vice versa.

Whereas, The Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists has divided up its territory and given to the North Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists the rights and powers, which the Pacific Union Conference exercised in the selection of twenty-four constituents of the Walla Walla College, an educational institution organized under the laws of the state of Washington; and,

Whereas, The Articles of Incorporation of said Walla Walla College provide that said constituents shall be selected by said Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; and,

Whereas, It may be necessary to change the Articles of Incorporation of said Walla Walla College, so as to permit the selection of said constituency by the North Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists; now, therefore, be it

11. Resolved, That C. M. Christiansen, A. J. Breed, and M. E. Cady be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to cooperate with said Walla Walla College, or with any committee appointed by said corporation for the purpose of carrying into effect the intention and purpose of this body in transferring its rights to elect and choose said constituency of said Walla Walla College, and to that end and purpose the said C. M. Christiansen, A. J. Breed, and M. E. Cady are hereby authorized, directed, and empowered to take all necessary and legal steps which may be necessary or convenient for carrying into effect the intention and purpose of this body to delegate to said North Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists the right to elect said constituency of said Walla Walla College; and, be it further resolved, that in case of the inability of either of said named parties, C. M. Christiansen, A. J. Breed, and M. E. Cady, to act in the manner herein provided, then and in

that event it is hereby expressly provided that the said C. M. Christiansen, A. J. Breed, and M. E. Cady are either or any of them hereby authorized and empowered to fill the vacancy caused by the inability of any of said parties to act, and the person or persons so appointed to fill said vacancy are hereby authorized and empowered to do and perform any and every act and thing which might be done or performed by either or any of said original parties named in the committee herein.

12. Resolved, That the territory north of the northern boundary lines of California, Nevada, and Utah hereby is set off from the Pacific Union Conference to be organized into a union conference which shall be known as the North Pacific Union Conference.

Whereas, Many of our people are isolated from the privileges of church and Sabbath-school; and,

Whereas, Many who could unite with our schools do not seem to realize the importance of doing so; therefore,

13. We earnestly recommend all our ministers, canvassers, and other workers to cooperate with the secretary of the Sabbath-school Department in an effort to get all Sabbath-keepers to connect with the Sabbath-school work by becoming members either of a regular school or of the State Home Department.

Realizing the lack of field work since we do not have a Sabbath-school president to spend his time in the field as in former years, and feeling that our schools need more help than can be obtained from the state secretary alone;

14. We recommend, That all our ministers devote, if possible, at least one service to the interest of the Sabbath-school work when they visit the churches.

Whereas, The "Sabbath-School Worker" is the official organ of the Sabbath-school work in this denomination; and,

Whereas, Experience teaches that the use of this journal is a great help to the officers and teachers, and to the schools in fostering an interest in advancing the work in all parts of the world; therefore,

15. We recommend, That our workers encourage all the schools

to take a club of the "Worker," and to use the monthly missionary exercises contained therein.

Whereas, In this reading age, there exists a real need for wholesome literature which shall be brought within reach of our youth and children;

16. We therefore recommend, That the Educational Committee constitute a committee who shall select and recommend through the conference paper, suitable literature for young people's libraries for use of the Sabbath-school, church, and young people's society.

Whereas, There is danger that the comfortable support of our superannuated workers be overlooked;

17. We recommend that in each conference of this union special attention be given to the care and maintenance of this class of workers, and that this attention be extended as freely as if these workers were actively engaged in labor, and in a manner not to cause embarrassment to them.

18. Resolved, That we invite the Pacific Union Conference Executive Committee to carefully consider the question of holding a medical convention at some convenient point during the present year.

Whereas, The "Pacific Union Recorder" in its present form is larger than necessary to meet the needs of the work in this Union Conference; therefore,

19. We recommend, That the size of the paper be either four or eight pages according to the needs of the field, and that it continue as a weekly publication, with its present subscription price.

Whereas, The "Pacific Union Recorder" was created by vote of local conference delegates in a session of this conference, to be the organ of the Union; therefore,

20. We recommend, That we thoroughly support, *in fact*, our own action by becoming permanent subscribers of the "Recorder" ourselves, and that we do all we can to place the paper in every Seventh-day Adventist home in the conference.

21. We recommend:

(a) That a union teachers' in-

stitute of not less than four weeks' duration be held.

(b) That the Union Conference furnish the instructors for this institute, excepting the two church-school superintendents.

(c) That the institute be held in connection with a series of meetings to be conducted by Elder W. W. Simpson at Santa Barbara, if consistent.

Whereas, It has been thought best at this conference that the conferences of Western Oregon, Western Washington, Upper Columbia, Montana, British Columbia, and the mission fields of Hawaii and Alaska be organized into a union conference, known as the North Pacific Union Conference; and,

Whereas, This territory has been set off; therefore,

22. Resolved, That we, the delegates of the Pacific Union Conference, pledge ourselves anew to the work of God on the Pacific Coast and in the vast foreign fields yet unentered, endeavoring at the same time to preserve such cordial relations with the North Pacific Union Conference as will make our work mutually effective and helpful.

23. We recommend, That this body extend its thanks and gratitude to the press of the city of Portland for the fairness of the reports of the proceedings of our meetings that have appeared in the columns of its daily papers.

24. Resolved, That we, the delegates to the third session of the Pacific Union Conference, hereby extend our hearty thanks for the kind entertainment and hospitality afforded us by the Western Oregon Conference, and the members of the Portland and surrounding churches.

OFFICERS

The officers of the Pacific Union Conference, elected for the ensuing biennial term, are as follows:

President, H. W. Cottrell,
Secretary, J. J. Ireland,
Treasurer, E. A. Chapman,
Auditor, J. J. Ireland.

Executive Committee: president of the California Conference, president Southern California Conference, president Arizona Conference, president Utah Conference,

H. W. Cottrell, J. J. Ireland, M. C. Wilcox, J. R. Leadsworth, W. E. Howell, J. O. Corliss.

The following departmental secretaries and committees were appointed by the executive committee:

DEPARTMENTAL SECRETARIES

Missionary secretary, H. H. Hall; educational secretary, W. E. Howell; medical secretary J. R. Leadsworth; religious liberty secretary, J. O. Corliss.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEES

Educational—W. E. Howell, H. G. Lucas, the educational superintendent of the California Conference, the educational superintendent of the Southern California Conference and I. C. Colcord.

Medical—J. R. Leadsworth, Camillus Bush, Julia A. White, F. Zelinsky, Howard Rand, J. A. Burden, L. M. Bowen.

Publishing—H. H. Hall, G. W. Reaser, W. H. Covell, A. J. S. Bourdeau, and W. C. White.

CREDENTIALS AND LICENSES

Ministerial credentials were granted to the following: Elders H. W. Cottrell, W. B. White, M. C. Wilcox, J. O. Corliss, and A. O. Tait.

For ministerial license—W. E. Howell.

The following received missionary licenses: J. J. Ireland, J. R. Leadsworth, H. H. Hall, and W. H. Covell.

For the constituency of Walla Walla College to serve for four years: A. J. Breed, S. A. Miller, I. A. Dunlap, J. M. Willoughby, G. Holbrook, W. B. White, J. A. Holbrook, E. L. Stewart, F. S. Bunch, W. F. Martin, O. Hill, M. E. Cady.

DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR

It as recommended:

1. That Brother and Sister Widgery of Loma Linda Sanitarium, California, make British Columbia their field of labor.

Whereas, At the last session of the Montana Conference Elder J. A. Holbrook was elected as president of that conference and as a member of the board of trustees of its legal corporation; and,

Whereas, Owing to certain conditions, the said J. A. Holbrook has tendered his resignation as presi-

dent of the Montana Conference, and as a member of the executive committee of the legal corporation; and,

Whereas, The said Montana Conference, by vote of its delegates in conference assembled, has requested the Pacific Union Conference to supply a minister to be president of the conference, and become a member of the executive committee of their legal corporation, thus filling the vacancy made by the resignation of the aforesaid J. A. Holbrook; therefore,

2. It is recommended by the delegates of the Pacific Union Conference in conference assembled, that, in harmony with the invitation extended to us by the Montana Conference, Elder W. F. Martin be invited to take the presidency of the Montana Conference, and the place on the directorate of the legal corporation made vacant by the resignation of J. A. Holbrook.

3. That G. E. Langdon of California, make the Upper Columbia Conference his field of labor.

4. That J. A. Snyder of Upper Columbia Conference, make California his field of labor.

5. That Elder G. W. Rine of the California Conference, make the Southern California Conference his field of labor.

6. That, After finishing certain work already planned in Southern California, Elder W. W. Simpson make the California-Nevada Conference his field of labor for a time.

7. That A. L. Lingle and wife of the California Conference, make the Southern California Conference their field of labor, subject to the decision of the Southern California Conference Committee.

COMMITTEES

The following additional committees are named:

On amending the constitution—H. W. Cottrell, J. J. Ireland, E. S. Ballenger, H. Shultz, L. M. Bowen.

On apportionment of funds, to meet with the committee appointed by the North Pacific Union Conference—W. T. Knox and L. M. Bowen.

Constitution of the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

(As amended at the Portland Conference, Feb. 15-25, 1906.)

ARTICLE I.—NAME

This organization shall be known as the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT

The object of this conference shall be to unify and extend the work of the everlasting gospel throughout this conference and the mission fields of the world.

ARTICLE III.—TERRITORY

This conference shall comprise the states of California, Nevada, Utah, and the Territory of Arizona, and such other territory as may hereafter come under its supervision.

ARTICLE IV.—MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. This conference shall be composed of such local conferences as are and may be organized in any part of its territory, said conferences having been accepted by vote of the Union Conference.

Section 2. The voters of this conference shall be the duly accredited delegates from the local conferences, members of the Pacific Union Conference Executive Committee, such members of the General Conference Executive Committee or other representatives from that body as may be present at any session, and such other persons, not to exceed twelve, as shall receive delegates' credentials from the Executive Committee of the Union Conference, of which there shall be three representatives each, from the educational, the medical, and the publishing branches of our work.

Section 3. Each local conference shall be entitled, aside from its president, to one delegate in the sessions of this conference without regard to numbers, and one additional delegate for every three hundred church-members in the conference. Such delegates shall be elected by the local conference, or appointed by the executive committee.

Section 4. Each mission field shall be entitled to one delegate in the sessions of this conference who shall be appointed by the Union Conference Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V.—OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this conference shall be a president, a secretary, a treasurer, an auditor, and an executive committee not to exceed twelve members, of which the president and secretary of the Union Conference, the president of each local conference, and a representative of the educational, of the medical, of the publishing, and of the religious liberty departments of our work shall be members. Any five members of the executive committee, including the president of the Union Conference, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 2. The officers not otherwise provided for shall be elected at the regular sessions of the conference, and shall hold their offices for a term of two years, or until their successors are elected, and appear to enter upon their duties.

Section 3. All vacancies in office, except that of a member of the executive committee, who is president of a local conference, may be filled by the executive committee.

ARTICLE VI.—SESSIONS

Section 1. The conference shall hold regular sessions at intervals of about two years, at such date and place as the executive committee shall designate, by a notice published in the "Review and Herald" and in the official organ of the Pacific Union Conference, at least three weeks before the date of the meeting.

Section 2. The executive committee may call extra sessions, if occasion requires, by a like notice, and the transaction of such sessions shall be equally valid with those of the regular sessions.

ARTICLE VII.—TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, AND AGENTS

The voters of this conference shall, at each regular session, elect the board of management of such institutions and enterprises as are, or may be, connected with this organization, in accordance with the acts governing the same; and this conference shall employ such committees, agents, ministers, missionaries, and other persons as may be necessary to effectually carry on its work.

ARTICLE VIII.—FUNDS

The funds of this conference shall be derived from all the local conferences in the payment by them to the Union Conference treasurer, at regular stated intervals nineteen one-hundredths of their tithe receipts, the said nineteen one-hundredths of this tithe being designated to represent a first and second tithe, together with such offerings as may be made for its work.

ARTICLE IX.—AUDITING

The executive committee shall constitute an auditing committee who shall audit annually the accounts of all its employees.

ARTICLE X.—BY-LAWS

The voters of this conference may make by-laws, and amend or repeal them at any session thereof, and the scope of such by-laws may embrace all subjects not inconsistent with the constitution.

ARTICLE XI.—AMENDMENT.

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present at any session.

ARIZONA

[Presented at the Pacific Union Conference held at Portland, Ore., Feb. 15-25, 1906.]

Our Conference is the youngest one in the Union, having been organized in April, 1902. It is not yet four years old. In fact, it is not able yet to walk alone, having to still receive assistance from the Pacific Union Conference, for which I assure you we feel very grateful, and in the name of Arizona Conference, thank you sincerely for this kindness.

The conference membership is small, there being but 158 Sabbath-keepers in the field. I would not have you understand that this is all that have come into the truth since work was begun in this field. If all of those who have accepted the message, and those who have moved in there since the work was opened up, had remained, there would now have been about 350; but our people are somewhat like the birds, migratory. While this is somewhat discouraging so far as making a showing of numbers is concerned, yet it is encouraging in that, as these brethren and sisters go out to other places, they carry

the light of the blessed message with them, thus fulfilling the Saviour's instructions in Mark 16:15 and Matt. 24:14.

We have no colleges, food stores, cafes, etc., and I have been there but a short time; consequently my report will be confined largely to a comparison of the biennial period just passed with the previous one, that you may understand the gain or loss in that time.

We have four organized churches,—one less than two years ago,—with a membership of 122. There are two companies with a membership of thirty-five; these have been raised up within the last six months, making a total of 158 Sabbath-keepers, an increase of eight in two years. Of these, thirty-four are Mexicans, the balance are Americans. We have four church buildings. We have nine Sabbath-schools,—an increase of four in two years, with a membership of 172, which is a loss of eight members in two years.

The tithe receipts for the two years were \$3,363.52, an increase of \$1,044 over the previous two years. The tithe receipts for the last year were \$1,759.04, being an increase of \$154.56 over the year 1904. The average tithe per capita for 1903 was \$7.73; for 1904, \$9.26; and for the year 1905, it was \$11.13.

The Sabbath-school donations were \$467.96, being an increase of \$331.72 in two years. The Sabbath-school donations given to missions, \$335.60, is an increase of \$129.92; first-day and mission offerings, \$311.38, an increase of \$281.23. The annual offerings were \$387.07, an increase of \$257.24; miscellaneous offerings to missions, \$116.81, an increase of \$39.57; donations per capita, \$8.25; contributions for local church work, \$131.26; total amount received for all purposes, \$4,798. The number of ministers that have been in the field the greater part of the time for two years is four. We have had two Bible workers. There has been one church school in operation, only a portion of the time.

At the beginning of the biennial period, the conference had charge

of a sanitarium. About eight months ago it was thought best by the conference committee, after counseling with the Pacific Union Conference Committee, to turn the institution over to Drs. Bond and Hetherington. I am glad to say that the spiritual condition of those connected with the institution seems to be good. They are holding up the standard of truth, and the Lord is prospering them financially.

Altogether, we feel that we have great reason we praise the Lord for the blessings we have received, and the progress that has been made in two years that have just passed into eternity, and although, like Bethlehem, we may be little among the thousands of Judah, we hope and pray that out of Arizona may come a glorious company, a multitude "to meet Him whose goings forth have been from everlasting."

F. I. Richardson,
President.

Arizona Conference Notice

The fifth annual session of the Arizona Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene in the Seventh-day Adventist Church at Phoenix, Ariz., at 9:00 A. M., Tuesday, April 3, 1906, and will continue until the 16th, for the purpose of electing the officers and executive committee of the Arizona Conference for the ensuing conference year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Each church is entitled to one delegate in the sessions of the conference, without regard to numbers, and one additional delegate for every fifty church-members.

F. I. Richardson, President,
E. A. Brown, Secretary.

**Arizona Conference Corporation
Notice**

The third annual meeting of the Arizona Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene in the Seventh-day Adventist Church at Phoenix, Ariz., at 2:30 P. M., Tuesday, April 3, 1906, for the purpose of electing the officers and executive committee of the Arizona Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists for the ensuing conference year, and for transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

F. I. Richardson, President,
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The Arizona Conference will hold its annual meeting next month, beginning April 3. Elder Cottrell, the president of the Union Conference, expects to be present at their gathering.

In connection with the Southern California Conference spring meeting, which will be called about April 15, there will be a meeting of the executive committee of the Pacific Union Conference.

The annual meeting of the Pacific Press Publishing Company was held at Mountain View, California, February 27, 1906, in the office of the corporation. The report of this meeting we hope to present at an early date. The following persons were chosen as the board of directors and it was organized as indicated: H. W. Cottrell, president; H. H. Hall, vice-president; H. G. Childs, secretary; E. A. Chapman, treasurer and manager; M. C. Wilcox, A. O. Tait, E. G. Fulton.

Postponement of Aggressive Work on "Ministry of Healing" in the California Conference

In view of the effort being put forth throughout the California Conference to entirely lift the burden of debt now resting on Healdsburg College, the board of directors of the St. Helena Sanitarium has offered to temporarily postpone any large or aggressive campaign on "Ministry of Healing," in behalf of

the indebtedness of the St. Helena Sanitarium. The sanitarium management desires to express its approval and support of the present plan for the relief of the college, and in order to remove what may seem to some an obstacle to the complete fulfillment of such relief, cheerfully and unanimously passed the following resolutions:

"Whereas, the California Conference has come to the relief of the Healdsburg College by assuming its liabilities, and has set on foot a movement among our people to raise the amount needed to liquidate the deficit; therefore,

"Resolved, That we indorse this action upon the part of our conference in coming to the rescue of our sister institution, and that, in order to prevent interference, we recommend a postponement in the aggressive work of the 'Ministry of Healing' movement, and assure the conference of our cooperation and assistance to the best of our ability in the relief of the college".

We want our brethren and sisters to fully understand that this action does not stop the sale of "Ministry of Healing" or that the sanitarium will not put forth any effort to circulate the book. We expect in a quiet way to push the sale of as many copies as possible; but we want our people to know there is no disposition on our part to ask them to lift heavily while the present campaign for the college is being urged. There are many ways of pushing "Ministry of Healing" without interfering with the college matter, and we are making a special study of such plans and expect to have something to offer soon. We would request the church officers to read this notice to their congregations, explaining that any work done to increase the sale of "Ministry of Healing" will be gladly received by the sanitarium. Also the visit of the men who were expected to call on the churches will be postponed.

L. M. Bowen,
H. H. Haynes,

For the St. Helena Sanitarium
Board.

Sanitarium, Cal., Feb. 11, 1906.

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San Francisco Church School

In November the pupils of the church school were invited to assist in the program of the W. C. T. U. quarterly convention. They gladly accepted the invitation. Two girls sang "The Song of the Fountain;" a number of boys sang the tobacco song, beginning "Chewing in the parlor;" and one of the girls gave a reading on "Bible Temperance." All did well, and one lady remarked that the reading was the best thing she had ever heard on that subject. We have since had three calls for copies of the reading.

A few weeks ago we received from the leader of the Loyal Temperance Legion a framed picture of Frances Willard and a letter expressing appreciation of the work done by our school society.

Since the school opened last fall, hundreds of papers have been sold and given away, Bible readings have been given, a number of leaflets mailed, and fourteen dollars raised for the Southern work.

The present enrolment of the school is eighty. A number of these, however, have moved to other parts of the state, and two or three have had to go to work.

There is a prospect that several others will be added to the school in the near future. Most of the pupils are doing excellent work, and their earnestness and spirit of cooperation are much appreciated by the teachers.

Lenore E. Howe.

February 17.

Horse Wanted

The Forest Home Industrial Academy of Mount Vernon, Wash., is very much in need of a horse, and is not able to purchase one at present. Does not some brother or sister wish to help us in this matter?

L. I. Stiles.

Change of Address

The post-office address of Elder M. H. Brown will be Morganhill, Cal., till further notice.

"Every good deed has a crown for the doer."