Prior to the time that Seth Van Patten became the first Commissioner of the CIF-SS in 1928, the day-to-day work of the CIF-SS was handled by the Secretary-Treasurer who was generally a Principal and represented one of the Leagues. The individual sports were handled by the “Meet Managers” who were mostly volunteers (i.e., Seth Van Patten was the Track Meet Manager until he became the Secretary at first and then Commissioner on a half-time basis). L.L. Beeman, Principal of San Bernardino High School, was one of the first secretaries during the crucial first years of the organization. In September, 1919, George M. Green, Principal of Inglewood High School replaced Harry J. Moore as the Bay League Representative. Moore became the CIF-SS Representative to the State CIF. On October 9, 1920, George Green was “elected permanent Secretary.” The first crisis that was presented to Green as Secretary was the removal of Long Beach Poly
from the CIF-SS for failure to participate in the football play-offs. This was a very difficult time for the CIF-SS as Harry Moore, who was a Long Beach Poly Assistant Principal, was so influential in the CIF-SS. Green served as the Secretary until Seth Van Patten took over as the first paid “Secretary.” The last meeting that Green reported on was May 19, 1928. He was the Principal at Inglewood from 1913 to 1939. Green became the “Secretary Emeritus” of the CIF-SS. A book of minutes that he kept was entrusted to the golf coach at Inglewood High School when Green died in 1959.

The Library at Inglewood High School is named after him.

**Correspondence written by Green:**

Inglewood Union High School

G. M. Green, Principal

Inglewood, California, Dec. 6th, 1930

David Burcham, Principal of Long Beach High School, Long Beach, Cal.,

Dear Friend—At an informal meeting of six members of the C.I.F. at the Poly--San Diego Game this afternoon it was agreed that several facts must be telegraphed to Everett High School and to Englewood High School.

1. That your school is not State Champion of California.

2. That you are not to play these schools under the auspices of the California Interscholastic Federation.

3. That the C.I.F. will not vouch for the eligibility of your players.

We feel that these telegrams should be sent by your school.

If for any reason you do not see fit to send them the C.I.F. will feel compelled to do so.

Please let us know your decision as soon as possible. Would it be asking too much, if we were to ask for a copy of the telegrams?

I am,

Yours truly,

George M. Green, Secretary of the C.I.F. S.S.

Please tell Mr. Moore that there will be a meeting next Tuesday at 8:30 at the Y.M.C.A.
1935 WPA Mural of Green located in the library:
Green had strong opinions on private schools:

January 10, 1922

The Representatives of the C. I. F.

Dear Friends:

We should each call a meeting of our league to discuss the questions which were referred to the several leagues by the C. I. F. at our last meeting. The questions were: First, what is a basketball game? If a game is called for a cause, such as rain, how much must have been played in order to be called a game? For example, School A and School B were playing a game of basketball on an outside court, A leading, when it became too dark to play. Should the game be called or should they go indoors to finish the game? These schools went indoors for the last five minutes and B won. Second question: On page 16 you will find, "All championship basketball games (are to be played on outdoor courts) except---." The question is, shall we omit the words in parentheses? Is not each league game at the beginning of the schedule a championship game?

These questions should be discussed by the several leagues and then a meeting of the C. I. F. called to settle the question.

I have just received a letter from Harvard Military Academy, wishing to arrange a schedule in basketball as a "free lance". I would recommend that at our next meeting we discuss and definitely settle the status of the private school. Personally I believe that the C. I. F. should not recognize private schools in any shape, manner, or form unless they have been invited by some league to enter the regular schedule of that league. If Harvard has a right to be a "free lance", then the University of Southern California High School, The Army and Navy School, Page Military Academy, Los Angeles Academy, Le Vern Academy and the Thatcher School and many others have the right to be called a "free lance". It seems to me that we might discuss this question in our leagues and come to our next meeting prepared to vote on this question.

Yours truly,

George M. Green
Secretary
Booklet left by George Green of the time he spent as Secretary:

Inscribed on the inner cover:

Oct 9, 1920 elected 1st permanent Secretary Coh to May 21, 1927 last office

Entirely to: W. Worthington Golf Coach
Falkland High School on death of George Matthew Green in 1959

Sent to: Executive Committee and J. Kenneth Fagans Commissioner 
& J. F. Southern Section December 13, 1867
Green's last minutes:

Accolade paid to Green in the May 19, 1928 CIF-SS Council Minutes:

25 Moved by Oliver, seconded by Moore, that the members of the C. I. F., Southern Section, express their keen appreciation of the work performed by our retiring secretary, Mr. George M. Green, who for many years has unselfishly labored for the cause of organized athletics in the high schools of Southern California. It has been his untiring effort to develop sportsmanship, high ideals, fair competition and absolute justice in interscholastic athletics. While he has been fearless in the performance of his duties yet he has shown a courteous attitude in the discussion of all problems. He has brought to the office of the secretary a constructive mind that always was urging the rightness of a cause. His efficiency and carefulness will long be remembered by all who had the opportunity of working with him. Carried unanimously.