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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

A General Conference and two sets of local Conferences have been held since we last met together in Union session; and now we are here as laborers of the Union to tell of what great things God has done for us; for all evidences go to show that God is laying the foundations for some great work in these Columbia Conferences. Two years ago there was no church in the city of Baltimore. Well, we are going to tell you of some other things which were not in the Columbia Union two years ago. And by the grace of God we must make this meeting such a step in advance that two years hence the Columbia Union shall see greater things than these. Already a brighter vision is taking possession of the hearts of the workers.

The Columbia Union Conference was dedicated and entered upon its work, November 1907, of giving the third angel's message within its field, 1908 being the first full year of its operation. Its population already large, has grown until it now numbers over twenty million, or one-half the population of Great Britain. How great the task before us is, may be seen when the Pacific Union reports one Sabbath-keeper to every three hundred population, while in the Columbia Union it is one Sabbath-keeper to every three thousand of population. Yet there is the Pacific Union Conference with 159 workers — that is, ordained and licensed ministers and licensed missionaries — against 144 of the same class in the Columbia Union.

MEMBERS

However, we are gaining ground. In spite of the fact that the movement of the population is westward, which takes with it some of our hard-won fruits, nevertheless, we are gaining ground. In 1912 there were reported about 568 baptisms; in 1913, some 585, making a total of 1153. When we compare biennial period

with biennial period however, the total number of Sabbath-keepers rises from 6919 at the end of 1911 to 7251 at the end of 1913, or a net increase of 332. No doubt, part of this meager increase compared with gross amount of converts won, is due to some defect in our system of reporting. For when we look at the Sabbath-school reports we note that the membership has risen from 6070 to 7061, a gain of 991, or nearly a thousand members. And the net increase of members for the period mentioned is not in proportion to the splendid and inspiring results in our other endeavors.

TITHES

When our members get baptized, their pocket-books generally get baptized with them. This is shown in the fact that our tithes reveal the magnificent increase for the past biennial period of \$62,203.00, rising from \$108,343.00 at the end of 1911 to \$131,542.00 at the end of 1913. If we turn to the statistical reports of the General Conference we shall find that the tithe of the Union has risen the past five years as follows: 1908, \$87,638.75; 1909, \$90,231.82; 1910, \$97,847.00; 1911, \$106,554.00; 1912, \$120,375.00; 1913, \$141,542.00. Or in other words, the tithe of the Union has risen from \$87,638.75 in 1908 to \$131,542.00 in 1913. This increase is an encouraging one, when we consider that this Union is not wholly rock-ribbed New Englanders like the Atlantic Union, but is half north and half south, containing such southern territory as Virginia, West Virginia, the Chesapeake and District of Columbia Conferences. Moreover, the increase of tithe for the same period in the Pacific Union which claims 2600 more Sabbath-keepers than we do, was only \$5,000.00 more increase than our own. On the other hand, the per capita increase has been much greater, rising from \$15.40 per member at the end of 1911 to \$19.77 at the end of 1913, or a net capita increase of \$4.37. This makes every church member throughout the Columbia Union paying on an average only three cents less than twenty dollars per annum. The East is re-

sponding to the message and is now rapidly joining the ranks of the West in bringing forward her gifts to advance the truth.

FOREIGN MISSION OFFERINGS

She has her eye upon the needs in the backward portions of the earth, as well as upon those within her own border. It is splendid to note that the total increase in gifts to foreign missions is almost as great as the increase in tithe, while the per capita increase is greater. The total offerings to foreign missions rose from \$29,681.25 in 1910 to \$57,298.18 at the end of 1913, or making a biennial increase of \$51,662.87. That is to say, that at the end of 1911 each member in the Union was paying eight and two tenths cents a week to foreign missions, while at the end of 1913 he was paying sixteen and one half cents. Or expressing the same results in yearly amounts, the per capita payment of 1911 was \$4.26 against \$8.59 in 1913, an increase of over 100 per cent. When we think of 80,000,000 Mohammedans rapidly overrunning the continent of Africa, and over 400,000,000 Confucians in China, yet without the light, we pray God that this increase may rise steadily within our border.

"Thou shalt yet see greater things than these," is the promise of the Saviour. From all sources the brethren of the Union have contributed to all endeavors and enterprises the past two years some \$660,408.00. The volume of business done by the Union the preceding biennial term was \$141,388.25, while during this biennial period the volume of business done was \$255,306.14.

CHANGES IN LABORERS

Nor has the Union surrendered only of her means. Though we have here the largest Union in population in North America, overwhelmed with calls and demands from every side, far beyond our poor capacity to answer, nevertheless we willingly let go of those who can fill a pressing call elsewhere. In stating the names of the following brethren whom we have released to fill important positions

elsewhere, you will note that they were not those we could very easily spare; as, Elder J. L. McElhany to Greater New York; Elder W. H. Smith and Sister Bessie Smith to Florida; Elder Stewart Kime to North Carolina; Elder James E. Shultz and Brother Doolittle to China; Elder S. M. Butler to Iowa; Elders W. H. Heckman and C. B. Haynes to Florida; H. S. Prener to Keene Academy; C. S. Wiest to Alabama; S. E. Hartwell to Mississippi; John Shultz to the Islands; H. F. Graf to the Central Union; D. P. Boersma to Java; and several others.

We pause here a moment to note the passing from our midst of a worker beloved by all. He now sleeps side by side with his faithful companion who sustained him in his labors. Brother and Sister I. G. Bigelow are missed. Their work is over. They live, however, in the memory of their co-laborers who in turn now press forward to carry on the work which, in its consummation, will bring back from the grave those who now sleep. I feel to express here also my personal gratitude for the loyalty and assistance shown by the workers of the Union in the loss of another who now sleeps; it has been only through the love, the kindness, and faithful labors of my co-workers throughout the Union that it has been possible to accomplish anything.

CITY CAMPAIGNS

I think that none have been unmindful of the call to work the cities. But here we feel like speaking modestly. Efforts have been conducted in Jersey City and Newark, New Jersey; Philadelphia, Wilmington, Baltimore, Washington, Richmond, Charleston, Pittsburgh, Parkersburg, with pastorates in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Toledo, etc. God has given us some fruit, and we are further ahead than we were two years ago. But, oh, how meager have been the results. We must at this meeting make a deeper consecration and so more greatly attract the infilling of God's Holy Spirit. For 1913, the number added to the church is reported as follows; Ohio, 15 for the summer, 250 for the year; East Pennsylvania, 30 for the summer, 90 for the year; West Pennsylvania, 15 for the summer and 73 for the year; New Jersey, 40 for the summer, 99 for the year; District of Columbia Conference reports none for the summer and 67 for the year; Virginia, has none for the summer and 56 for the year; West Virginia, reports none for the summer

and 75 for 1913; while Chesapeake sends in none for the summer and 78 for the year. Total, 788 for the year.

Owing to the size of her population no Union has greater claim to consideration in working out the problem of reaching the cities than the Columbia Union. With over one third of all the cities of North America having over 35,000 inhabitants, we have many within our border to whom to give the warning. And these are responding to the message with their consecration and their means. It would seem the highest wisdom just now, not to send away, but rather to secure the very best talent for the work in this Union.

What we need is strong, able men of big conceptions to stand forth as pace-setters. And we must have them.

INSTITUTIONS

Where then shall we turn? First, to the Lord, praying that he will send laborers into his vineyard. Second, to the North American Division, beseeching them to lay deeply to heart the need of strong leaders in this great field; and last to the training institutions we have within our midst. Remember "not to despise the day of small things." The Testimonies say that "The school is the most important institution among us." We must rally around our two leading schools;—Washington Missionary College and Mount Vernon Academy. We thank God that things are so well with these institutions as they are. According to the report of the Mount Vernon College Treasurer, the debt on Mount Vernon College goes down this year to \$18,000.00 whereas four years ago the debt was, in round numbers, \$33,000.00. In addition to this, splendid improvements have, to the extent of thousands of dollars, been put on the building. This last year was the best in the history of the institution. The enrollment reached 182. The enrollment in the Seminary was 117, making a combined enrollment in the two institutions of 299. Besides this, we have the Intermediate School at Takoma Park, and the Virginia Conference Intermediate School.

We trust that larger plans will be taken at this meeting to relieve these institutions of their load of debt. Even if these schools had no liabilities hanging over them we would have nothing to boast of. We would then be just beginning. They should have the best of facilities for turning out able men. And the Union should have some Educational Fund or some source of means by which to assist worthy students through school.

We are glad for the splendid spirit and excellent prospects before the Washington Sanitarium. This institution will, I think, this year give a good account of itself. It is a bright and shining light, whose rays will assist each laborer in the local field. We should do all we can to foster and to build up this institution; and this is also good wisdom, for it will help us build up our own work.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Our Department of Religious Liberty is actively at work. (Our Secretary has not been with us very long.) Hearings have been held in Virginia, Maryland and in Congress. All the churches in the Union have been circularized regarding the Temperance Issue. In West Pennsylvania, one sister secured a big Methodist Conference to adopt our petition for signatures favoring a National Prohibition Amendment to the Constitution. The W. C. T. U. has sent in for our petition blanks: so it is evidently meeting their view.

CHURCH BUILDINGS

Considerable activity has been manifested the past two years, throughout the Union, in erecting church buildings. As our church families increase in numbers in the cities, these families need a home. In addition to increased giving in tithe and foreign mission offerings, these faithful members have been telling to the world their hope of a building eternal in the heavens, by erecting visible tabernacles in which they may congregate temporarily.

At Baltimore, a new brick structure, worth about \$12,000 was erected and dedicated; in the same city, a new church for colored work valued at \$5,000 was secured. At Newark, New Jersey, an English Memorial appeared, worth \$10,000 and then a Slava-Bohemian Church Home of \$5,000. In this same conference of New Jersey, a new church building, containing also offices for the conference, with a church school, was erected in the city of Trenton. The writer was present at the dedication of the new church at Hagerstown, Maryland, worth about \$5,000. In this same conference another at Ford's Store about \$1,200; Ponds-ville, Delaware, \$500; and Whiteisville, \$2,000. Wilmington, Delaware, has now a good building valued at \$3,500. In Takoma Park, D. C., the new building, worth about \$20,000, was dedicated free from debt. At Pittsburgh, Pa., there was a re-dedication of about \$3,800, while the old debt of \$1,500 was completely liquidated.

Portsmouth, Virginia, has seen a new building, valued about \$2,500 arise; while plans are laid to erase completely the debt of \$6,000 of the church at Richmond.

OTHER FUNDS

If now we look at the six leading offerings, which go to make up the twenty-cent-a-week plan, we see that Sabbath-school Offerings during the biennial session arose from \$22,190.00 to \$49,218.00 or a gain of \$27,820.00; Weekly Offerings, no gain; Mid Summer from \$3,327 to \$4,326 or \$1,000 gain; Annual Offerings from \$8,307 to \$12,835, or a gain of \$4,528; Harvest Ingathering, \$11,058 to \$18,711 or \$5,650 gain; General Offerings to Foreign Missions, \$6,069 to \$17,510 or \$11,440 gain. All these offerings can be increased; there are means enough among our people to increase them. What we now need is a greater inspiration. The brethren will respond to this.

LITERATURE WORK

There is another form of the ministry through which the Lord has been doing good things. The department of the pen brings to us results of encouragement as great as does the department of the voice. Some 94 colporteurs are now working throughout the Union over against 81 two years ago. The increase of quantity, however, is not the greatest encouraging feature; it is the increase of quality. Better leadership is entering the field, and greater devotion is seen among the individual agents. The total sales for the present biennial period amounted to \$196,634.82 over against \$119,885.13 for the past biennial period or a gain of \$76,749.69. The total gain of the subscription book work for 1913 over 1912, was \$33,000.00. We feel thankful to God for this. But plans are being laid to go steadily forward with this onward progress for the next biennial term.

FOREIGN WORK

God reserved this nation and this soil of America, hidden away for centuries in the bosom of the oceans, for a mighty work. Many of our church members will never go to foreign fields. But many foreigners are coming to our cities where our churches are. Both by literature and by personal attention, we must succeed in bringing the truth to these precious souls. Good work along this line is now being done in some of our conferences, New Jersey, in particular, being impressed to share as much of her means as she can for these peoples. But much more must be

FINANCIAL STATEMENT COLUMBIA UNION CONFERENCE

R. T. DOWSETT, *Treasurer*
YEAR ENDING JANUARY 15, 1914
CASH STATEMENT, 1912-1913

RECEIPTS

\$ 1173 78	Cash on hand, Jan. 4, 1912
845 22	Operating Account
13328 34	Local Trust Funds
13135 24	Tithe from Conferences 1912
19275 60	" " 1913
20942 42	Per cent of tithe 1912
6669 10	" " 1913
6567 40	Sustentation Fund 1912
22151 43	" " 1913
27066 76	Sabbath School Offering 1912
7517 13	" " 1913
5318 27	Annual Offering 1912
2756 10	" " 1913
2415 48	Weekly Offering 1912
8871 74	" " 1913
7839 84	Harvest Ingathering 1912
6214 67	" " 1913
11295 92	Foreign Missions 1912
2012 27	" " 1913
2351 01	Midsummer 1912
3387 01	" " 1913
196 50	\$300,000 Fund 1912
1053 48	" " 1913
2295 38	Miscellaneous Missions 1912
579 34	" " 1913
323 37	Colored Work 1912
147 61	" " 1913
166 59	Religious Liberty 1912
	" " 1913
1142 00	Total to Mission Board
1016 47	Teacher's Salary M. V. C. 1912
8322 18	" " 1913
77 00	Donations M. V. C. 1912-1913
17 03	Credit Check Account 1913
990 44	Maintenance Fund 1912
281 85	Ministry of Healing 1912
24 58	" " 1913
147 52	Tank Fund 1912
162 17	Religious Liberty (Un.) 1912
1448 33	" " 1913
128 05	Review & Herald
9 22	Penna. Sanitarium
	Office Furnishings
	Labor, 1911 Accts.
	" 1912
	" 1913
23709 90	Appropriations 1912
21683 42	" " 1913
249 01	Mileage
	Biennial Session
	Rent
	Summer School
	Visitor Expense
	General Expense
	Office Expense
	Bills Receivable
	Personal Accounts
	Traveling 1912
	" " 1913
	Tithe to General Conference 1912
	" " 1913
	Sustentation (Union) 1912
	" " 1913
	Cash on hand close of 1913
	Operating Account
	Local Trust Funds
\$255306 14	

DISBURSEMENTS

\$167414 39	
2138 26	
1091 47	
8686 52	
75 00	
46 13	
72 76	
1427 08	
1279 06	
130 03	
14 77	
4200 98	
4336 96	
27080 33	
24748 42	
192 91	
255 67	
380 00	
450 00	
886 59	
873 83	
541 10	
650 00	
212 85	
1157 44	
1556 69	
1332 82	
1313 52	
666 52	
657 25	
794 87	
641 92	
\$255306 14	

BALANCE OF BALANCES

CLOSE OF YEAR 1913

	DR.	CR.
Bills Receivable	\$ 1150 00	\$
Maintenance Fund		56 71
Ministry of Healing		5154 38
Office Furniture and Fixtures	271 33	
Penna. San. Liq. Acct.	5717 72	
" Disc't "		593 73

done. And we trust that at this session some plans will be laid to forward the message among the foreigners in our territory.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

Considerable attention has been given to the youth within our border. The number of societies within the Union has risen from 37 to 60 or an increase of almost 100 per cent; and the membership in still greater per cent. We feel, however, that much more must be done for these, the best asset of the denomination, within their home churches. The Union has worked earnestly for them along educational lines. But more than this must be done. We must plan to strengthen this department soon with an excellent secretary who shall give his full attention to the Educational and Young People's Work.

HOME MISSIONARY WORK

The great task now before us is to set every church member to work. We have looked forward to this present assembly, when this important phase of the work would be taken up in all its importance and earnestness. We trust that splendid plans shall be laid at this Conference to lay hold of, to instruct and to put to work the full membership of our churches.

To this end we pray that God will make this Institute all that the Philadelphia Institute was, and more too. I, therefore, place over into the hands of this assembled delegation the affairs of this Union, believing that God will direct in shaping and in reshaping them to bring forth the next two years, the most inspiring and the most fruitful biennial session which ever has yet been, for the hastening of his coming kingdom.

B. G. WILKINSON.

Watch the *Review and Herald* for a series of articles now appearing in its columns on the work of the College of Medical Evangelists. All who are contemplating the study of medicine should open correspondence at once with the College to ascertain if requirements are fully met and to plan for summer school work if it is necessary to make up studies before entering this fall. School opens September 13. The prospects for the next school year are most encouraging.

Address all correspondence to Dr. W. A. Ruble, *President*, Loma Linda, Calif.

Sabbath, May 2, is Missionary Volunteer Day.

	DR.	CR.
Review & Herald		21 25
Religious Liberty		508 21
Stock		2377 41
Union Credit Check Acct.		77 00
Personal Accounts	212 85	
Washington L. & T. Co.	551 66	
Cash	62 39	
Bank, (Riggs)	822 74	
	<u>\$8788 69</u>	<u>\$8788 69</u>

RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES

RESOURCES		
Inventory Office Fixtures	271 33	
Bills Receivable	1150 00	
Accounts Receivable	5930 57	
Cash on hand, close of 1913 ..	62 39	
Cash (Riggs Bank) "	822 74	
Cash Washington L. & T.	551 66	\$8788 69
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	5769 36	
Local Trust Funds	641 92	6411 28
Present Worth January 1, 1914 ..		\$2377 41
Present Worth January 1, 1913 ..	\$2483 75	
Net Loss, 1913	106 34	
	<u>\$2377 41</u>	

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

RECEIPTS:		
Tithe	\$26463 58	
Appropriations from G. C. & North A. D.	45393 32	\$71856 90
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Biennial Session	255 67	
Rent	380 00	
Summer School Appropriation ..	450 00	
General Expense	873 83	
Office Expense	541 10	
Office Furniture & Fix.-Depreciation ..	90 48	
Visitor-Editor's Salary & Expense ..	886 59	
M. V. C. Teacher	907 00	
Labor	8537 94	
Traveling Expense	2714 13	
Tithe to General Conference	2646 34	
Union Sustentation	1323 77	
Appropriations		
Chesapeake	7643 20	
Dist. of Col.	305 42	
East Pa.	1313 00	
New Jersey	12628 74	
Virginia	14227 12	
West Pa.	6464 82	
West Va.	9246 45	51828 75
		<u>\$71,435 60</u>
	NET GAIN	\$ 421 30
Present Worth January 1, 1912		2036 11
Present Worth January 1, 1914		<u>\$2457 41</u>

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT—GENERAL TRUST FUNDS

	1st Biennial Period, 1908-09	2nd Biennial Period, 1910-11	3rd Biennial Period, 1912-13
Sabbath School Offerings	\$ 13 928 43	\$ 22 190 29	\$ 49 218 19
Annual Offerings	4 161 63	8 307 70	12 835 40
Weekly "	5 877 04	5 192 20	5 171 58
Mid-summer	3 257 89	3 327 16	4 363 25
Harvest Ingathering	5 912 54	11 058 15	16 711 58
Foreign Missions	2 671 93	6 069 54	17 510 59
\$300,000 Fund		13 245 41	3 583 51
Miscellaneous Missions	2 580 26	1 871 77	2 348 86
Southern and Colored Work	1 730 37	1 262 47	902 71
Religious Liberty (General)	1 142 28	271 52	314 20
Per cent Tithe to Missions		12 300 02	40 218 02
Sustentation Fund from local conference ..		4 595 59	13 236 50
Total Trust Funds, % Tithe, and Sustentation from local to General work ..	41 262 37	89 691 82	167 414 39
Tithe and Sust. from Union to General work ..	1 560 48	1 541 53	3 970 11
Total	\$ 42 822 85	\$ 92 233 35	\$171 384 50
Appropriations from General to Union	\$ 113 43	\$ 15 799 62	\$ 45 393 32
Mount Vernon College Donation Funds	\$ 1 315 59	\$ 5 429 55	\$ 8,322 18

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF TITHE FUNDS

	Tithe Paid to Union			Per Cent. of Tithe to Missions		Sustentation Fund		Total	Amt. Paid to Gen. Conference	Appropriations from Union & Gen.
	1908-09	1910-11	1912-13	1910-11	1912-13	1910-11	1912-13	1908-1913	1908-1913	1908-1913
Ohio	5,280 33	6,337 44	7,950 71	3,453 82	19,482 28	1,354 44	3,975 37	47,834 39	28,265 91	
East Pennsylvania	2,767 99	3,572 83	4,291 64	1,353 62	4,950 61	901 27	2,145 61	19,983 57	9,351 11	4,426 43
District of Columbia	657 34	3,098 32	3,404 45	5,495 68	9,302 19	681 83	1,702 29	24,342 10	17,181 99	305 42
New Jersey	1,943 78	2,076 38	3,718 64	301 87	2,630 71	450 39	1,861 16	12,982 93	5,244 13	18,628 74
West Pennsylvania	1,975 54	2,058 81	2,866 75	968 76	1,736 52	481 39	1,436 36	11,524 13	4,623 03	7,424 82
Chesapeake	1,291 12	1,613 22	2,171 18	395 52	1,085 59	395 52	1,085 59	8,037 74	2,962 22	12,442 82
Virginia	917 76	921 57	1,281 80	188 83	640 94	188 83	640 94	4,780 67	1,659 54	20,427 12
West Virginia	478 91	547 62	778 41	141 92	389 18	141 92	389 18	2,867 14	1,062 20	15,679 78
Total	15,312 77	20,226 19	26,463 58	12,300 02	40,218 02	4,595 59	13,236 50	132,352 67	70,350 13	79,335 13

Report of Publishing Department of the Columbia Union Conference
1912 - 1913

Conference	1912	1913	Loss	Gain	Net Gain
Chesapeake	\$ 4,660 90	\$ 7,018 60	\$	\$ 2,357 70	
District of Columbia	831 15	6,454 60		5,623 45	
East Pennsylvania	8,623 65	8,196 75	436 90		
New Jersey	5,803 80	5,622 10	181 20		
Ohio	5,398 24	20,996 85		15,598 61	
Virginia	2,187 00	5,695 95		3,508 95	
West Pennsylvania	5,942 30	9,806 15		3,863 85	
West Virginia	6,009 00	8,586 55		2,577 55	
Columbia Union	\$ 39,465 54	\$ 72,377 55	\$ 618 10	\$ 33,530 11	\$ 32,912 01

The above is a statement recently sent us by the Review & Herald Publishing Association which quite clearly shows the exact amount of subscription books shipped into the conferences of this Union for the past two years. It gives us a gain of nearly \$33,000.00 for 1913 over 1912, the total sales for the two years being \$111,843.09. Comparing the past biennial period with the former one, our gain was \$5,472.11.

The contrast shown in the above table between the Ohio and other conferences may suggest that the other conferences were not as alert as Ohio in the book work. But it must be remembered that the constituency of Ohio, say with that of West Virginia, must be taken into consideration. Ohio contains the largest constituency in the Union, numbering about 2100, whereas, West Virginia has a membership of only about 200. Ohio has not only a state agent but an assistant state agent, and a large force of agents. We are satisfied, however, that each and all the conferences are putting forth their very best efforts and are showing forth comparatively good results.

The total sales of home workers' books, trade books, and tracts for 1912 amounted to \$7,647.97, while for 1913 we sold \$7,302.26, or a loss of \$345.71. More than this amount was lost on trade books and tracts. The home workers' books, for whose

sale the publishing department is responsible, made a gain. Now that the Home, Tract, and Missionary work is no longer a part of the field agent's work, our tract society secretaries should be furnished with sufficient stenographic help to enable them to engage in more field work. Some of our ministers are doing a good work by setting the churches at work. One city pastor in Ohio sent twelve colporteurs to the institute besides setting nearly all of the church at work with tracts, magazines, etc. The result is that a large number have accepted the truth in that city the past year.

The following is a summary of all the literature sold within the Columbia Union Conference for 1912 and 1913.

\$ 111,843.09	Subscription Books
14,950.23	Home Workers' Books, trade books, and tracts.
20,056.60	Periodicals of Review & Herald Pub. Ass'n.
31,958.60	Magazines of Review & Herald Pub. Ass'n.
12,605.50	Signs of the Times, by agents only, no subscriptions.
5,220.80	The Watchman.
\$ 196,634.82	Total Sales

The total sales for 1910 and 1911 amounted to \$119,885.13, making a gain of \$76,749.69.

When we stop to consider that the tract societies have received a 10% commission on this large volume of

business, it calls to our minds the fact that nearly \$20,000 have been turned over to our treasuries or nearly \$10,000 per year. As this large volume of business has been brought in with but little expense by way of training workers, we believe that steps should be taken at this Conference recommending to our conferences that much of the tract society earnings, for the coming biennial period, be utilized in strengthening and promoting this department of our work. We also feel that there is a crying need for a better trained class of men and women to meet the better educated classes in our cities. Therefore, we believe that this Conference would be taking a long step in advance by recommending that the Washington Missionary College consider favorably the advisability of giving a strong course of one year in evangelistic canvassing.

Another matter which we should consider is the great army of students who are finishing their work in our schools year by year whom we are unable to employ from the tithe. We believe that this Conference should lay some plans whereby this large army of young people could develop their talent for the ministry or Bible work, through the colporteur work and thus prove their calling, and save to the conference the thousands of dollars which heretofore have been spent in developing young workers who finally gave evidence that they were not called to the ministry.

For the marked degree of success which has attended this branch of the Lord's great work in this conference and for the good corps of workers we now have marching on to greater victories, I am sure we are all very grateful to the great Captain of our salvation.

I. D. RICHARDSON, Gen. Ag't., C. U. C.

"God can make a mole-hill out of a mountain as easily as some men make a mountain of a mole-hill."

STATEMENT OF MISSION FUNDS

	AVERAGE PER MEMBER	MEMBERSHIP	TOTAL	ANNUAL OFFERING	WEEKLY OFFERING	MID-SUM. OFFERING	FOREIGN MISSIONS	S. S. DONATIONS	HARVEST INGATHERING	COLORED WORK	\$300,000 FUND	RELIGIOUS LIBERTY	TOTAL RECEIVED	AMOUNT SHORT	AMOUNT OVER	NET DEFICIT	NET GAIN
1909 Ten-Cents-a-Week	.064	6570	\$34164 00	\$ 1191 65	\$ 2744 48	\$ 2242 51	\$ 4809 31	\$ 7374 73	\$ 3621 81				21984 49	12179 51		12179 51	
1910 Ten-Cents-a-Week	.09	6454	33560 80	4247 61	3048 75	1546 43	3675 15	10768 76	6394 55				29681 25	3879 55		3879 55	
1911 Ten-Cents-a-Week	.082	6515	33878 00	4055 84	2143 45	1780 73	3331 77	11421 53	4663 60	605 36			28002 28	5875 72		5875 72	
1912 Fifteen-Cents-a-Week CONFERENCE																	
Chesapeake	.15	552	4305 60	368 06	331 71	113 56	432 90	2330 35	645 16	5 57	68 50	11 25	4307 06		1 46		
Dist. of Col.	.157	777	6060 60	1592 63	26 29	324 87	681 18	2680 71	927 48	59 68	54 00	24 28	6371 10		310 50		
East Penna.	.188	1114	8689 20	1821 50	302 60	519 19	2075 25	3019 37	2874 32	83 49	218 62	22 10	10936 44		2247 24		
New Jersey	.16	650	5070 00	809 68	383 97	233 28	771 17	2152 65	988 38	66 78	7 25	17 19	5430 34		360 34		
Ohio	.154	2100	16380 00	1964 03	1267 79	574 72	1885 62	8519 22	2035 86	286 00	341 84	1 33	16876 41		496 41		
Virginia	.083	406	3166 80	309 46	98 87	61 16	161 64	669 60	386 84	16 97	1 75	45 34	1752 63	1414 17			
West Penna.	.12	757	5904 60	536 70	325 62	166 58	470 69	2142 92	850 79	45 48	124 60	21 47	4694 85	1209 75			
West Virginia	.154	159	1240 20	115 07	9 25	17 88	269 76	636 61	162 91	3 75	59 50	4 66	1279 39		39 19		
Totals	.154	6515	50817 00	7517 13	2756 10	2012 24	6748 21	22151 43	8871 74	567 70	876 06	147 61	51648 22	2623 92	3455 14		
1913 Fifteen and Twenty-Cents-a-Week CONFERENCE																	831 22
Chesapeake	.176	562	5114 20	226 52	115 94	137 08	290 82	2713 22	919 74	05		4 84	4409 11	705 09			
Dist. of Col.	.157	795	7234 50	1226 00	47 10	206 62	616 71	3274 54	846 88		1 50	17 89	6237 24	997 26			
East Penna.	.179	1132	10301 20	887 31	282 15	435 28	3535 01	3733 51	1550 19	1 25	82 00	25 80	10532 50		231 30		
New Jersey	.154	682	6206 20	530 34	336 63	329 75	417 55	2895 55	907 49	30 22		14 69	5462 22	743 98			
Ohio	.178	2100	19110 00	1812 08	1310 25	730 55	4297 68	9359 49	1749 54	6 11	60 25	53 01	19378 96		268 96		
Virginia	.121	470	4277 00	216 71	84 66	109 51	891 62	1126 97	560 75	1 53		13 41	3005 16	1271 84			
West Penna.	.17	735	6688 50	328 71	238 75	334 61	1417 02	3090 41	980 47	6 73	52 75	29 90	6479 35	209 15			
West Virginia	.20	172	1565 20	90 60		66 71	436 00	873 07	324 78			2 48	1793 64		228 44		
Totals	.165	6648	60496 80	5318 27	2415 48	2351 01	11902 41	27066 76	7839 84	45 89	196 50	162 02	57298 18	3927 32	728 70	8198 62	

Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending April 17, 1914

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
A. L. Bassler, Noble Co.		DR	5	53	14	42 00	8 40	50 40	2 80
R. De Garmo, Medina Co.		GC	4	25	11	35 00	10 00	45 00	
John Lemmer, Fairfield Co.		GC	2	15	11	37 00	5 85	42 85	75
Daisy Crist, Columbus		ES	5	31	13	41 00	50	41 50	6 75
J. H. Stafford, Lucas Co.		DR	5	42½	9	34 00	6 00	40 00	75
Lloyd Swallen, Stark Co.		ES	4	25	15	25 50	13 40	38 90	1 10
J. L. Sauder, Portage Co.		ES	5	50	6	21 00	14 75	35 75	4 50
Beulah Morgan, Wellsville		PPF	5	32	13	20 00	14 00	34 00	11 50
E. J. Stipeck, Cleveland		DR	5	46	6	19 00	8 70	27 70	2 70
W. Wallace Kay, Stark Co.		ES	5	26	4	13 00	14 25	27 25	
L. H. Waters, Ottawa Co.		PPF	5	45	15	26 00	1 00	27 00	152 25
Fred Hannah, Ashland Co.		GC	5	48	6	15 00	9 90	24 90	
C. G. Douglass, Summit Co.		ES	3	21	2	6 00	17 30	23 30	
W. E. Wagner, Wilmington		GC	5	43	6	20 00	1 35	21 35	10 35
J. B. Reichenbach, Montg'y Co.		BR	5	39	7	21 00	14 60	35 60	14 60
Tillie Gable, Cleveland		ES	5	30	6	19 00		19 00	4 00
W. E. Morgan, Columbia Co.		PPE	5	26	9	16 50	3 35	19 85	
W. H. Geisweller, Springfield		PP	4	19	4	12 00	1 50	13 50	9 75
C. E. Reichenbach, Mt. Vernon		ES	4	28	2	6 00	2 25	8 25	131 25
M. C. Woodworth, Findlay Co.		PPF	5	30	6	10 00		10 00	2 00
Miscellaneous		GC	15	93	15	37 50	10 90	47 90	64 20
Totals	28 Agents		106	768	190	\$476 00	\$158 00	\$634 00	\$419 25

Chesapeake, Week Ending April 17, 1914

G. W. Lawrence, Calvert Co.	DR	4	36	22	71 00	12 00	83 00	
Jno. J. Martin, Olivet	DR	4	30	15	46 00	3 05	49 05	
T. H. Barritt, Allegany Co.	DR	4	32	15	46 00	12 30	58 30	
G. R. Apsley, Allegheny Co.	DR	2	16	7	23 00	90	23 90	
*J. I. Laurent, Baltimore	GC	4	22	6	31 00	4 20	35 20	
*David W. Percy, Talbot Co.	DA	8	66	17	55 50	35 00	90 50	
O. C. Weller, Frederick Co.	OK	4	32	16	25 00	8 45	33 45	
J. E. Jones, Sussex Co.	PPF	1	6	3	7 00	75	7 75	
M. S. Pettibone, A. Arundel Co.	PPF	2	16½	4	7 25		7 25	5 50
Naomi Geisenderfer, Arlington		4	21½	12	23 50	4 50	28 00	
Magazines					23	2 30		
T. H. Barritt					6	80		
Naomi Geisenderfer, Youth's Instructor					42	4 20		
J. I. Laurent, Baltimore					9	90		
G. R. Apsley,								
Totals	10 Agents	37	278	117	\$343 45	\$81 15	\$424 60	\$5 50

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending April 17, 1914

W. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.	PPF	5	40	13	26 58	5 95	33 53	
F. A. Brownell, Scranton	GC	4	15	6	23 00	40	23 40	9 00
F. Willruth, Scranton	OK	5	29	15	55 00	17 10	72 10	4 00
J. L. Gerhart, Snyder Co.	PPF	3	26	16	21 00		21 00	
" Union Co.	OK	5	39	11	24 00	75	24 75	
W. B. Dunkinson, York Co.	PPF	5	30	9	19 00	2 45	21 45	
W. S. Harmon	GC	5	29	7	27 00		27 00	
Mrs. C. D. Wolff, Reading	BF	5	20	7	10 50	2 25	12 75	
E. Tolliver, Plymouth	BF	5	18	4	6 00		6 00	
Totals	9 Agents	42	246	219	\$212 08	\$28 90	\$240 98	13 00

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending April 17, 1914

A. Brownlee, McKeesport	PPF	5	47	21	41 00	15 68	56 68	33 18
J. Brownlee, Greene Co.	DR	4	38	17	31 25	75	32 00	
C. Dunham, Allegheny Co.	DR	5	32	12	36 00		36 00	15 50
Fern Lavelly, Johnstown	PPF	1	8	15	9 60	2 10	11 70	
J. S. Neely, Armstrong Co.	GC	2	12	2	6 00	60	6 60	14 50
L. M. Yohe, Armstrong Co.	ES	1	7					19 35
Totals	6 Agents	18	144	57	\$123 85	\$19 13	\$142 98	\$82 53

Delegates

The fourth biennial session of the Columbia Union Conference will have begun its meetings before this paper reaches its readers. This will be one of the most important meetings ever held by this Union. The first part of the meeting is to be devoted to ministerial work, in which it is expected that Elders A. G. Daniells, I. H. Evans, G. B. Thompson, W. A. Spicer, and others will take part as leaders. It goes without saying that efficiency in the ministerial and Bible work will be necessary if we are to fulfill the contract to finish this work in this generation.

Among the subjects to be considered will be: How to Study the Bible; How to Win Souls; How to Become a successful Bible Worker; Improvement in the Ministry; The Doctrines of the Message.

More particular reference to the Institute work will follow in the next issue of the VISITOR. Daily programs have been printed and will be ready for distribution at the meeting.

The following are a list of the delegates to the Conference:

Delegates at Large: Elders A. G. Daniells, I. H. Evans, G. B. Thompson, W. W. Eastman, C. S. Longacre, B. G. Wilkinson, R. T. Dowsett, S. B. Horton, I. D. Richardson, N. S. Ashton, Professors E. G. Salisbury, J. L. Shaw, M. E. Kern, C. L. Benson, Dr. H. W. Miller, D. W. Reavis, W. L. Burgan, Mrs. L. Flora Plummer, Miss E. M. Graham, Miss Matilda Erickson.

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District of Columbia Conference: Elders R. E. Harter, G. A. Stevens, J. M. Campbell, C. Sorenson, I. A. Ford, A. J. Bristol, C. V. Leach.

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New Jersey Conference: Elders A. R. Sandborn, J. G. Hanhardt, G. W. Spies, W. C. Moffett, B. J. Blinn, H. J. Adams, H. A. May, G. W. Holman.

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Virginia Conference: Elders W. J. Stone, S. W. Walker, L. O. Gordon, R. J. Brown, W. H. George.

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Great Issue Before Congress
Church Elders Attention!

One of the greatest issues now before Congress is the Constitutional amendment for national prohibition. On April 15 and 16, the Judiciary Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives granted hearings to those who were in favor of this proposed amendment.

The Religious Liberty Association had opportunity on both occasions to present the views of Seventh-day Adventists upon this question. The leading temperance workers of the country were present, and a very favorable impression was apparently made upon both Committees. On April 26 the opposition will present their arguments to the Senate Judiciary Committee against the amendment for national prohibition. Hundreds of thousands of petitions are being sent to Congress favoring and opposing this amendment. Next to the tolls question, it is the most lively issue engaging the attention of Congress.

I firmly believe that if the temperance forces bestir themselves at this time that they can win out. Our people everywhere ought to rally in this nation-wide issue. One of the most effective ways to accomplish results in a cause of this kind is to edu-

New Jersey, Week Ending April 17, 1914										
G. W. Blinn, Burlington	GC	10	80	31				93 00	93 00	
F. G. Warnick, Asbury Park	GA	3	23	41	30 45			30 45	2 55	
G. O. Taylor, Mercer Co.	PPF	9	62	20	32 50	2 20		34 70	85	
Edward Sterner, Millville	PPF	8	64	17	28 50	7 20		35 70	72	
A. S. Paul, Bordentown	GC	4	39	10	30 00	2 50		32 50		
Wm. Schmidt, Elizabeth	GC	6	40		19 00	16 20		35 20	32 55	
Magazines					70 33			70 00	70 00	
Totals			6 Agents	40	308	110	\$303 45	\$28 10	\$331 55	\$120 75

District of Columbia, Week Ending April 17, 1914										
R. E. Orange, Prince Wm. Co.	DR	5	39		12 00	9 25		31 25		
A. H. Taltamus, Warrenton	DR				48 00					
W. A. Williams, Stafford	CK	3	28						61 75	
Totals			3 Agents	8		\$60 00	\$9 25	\$69 25	\$61 75	
Grand Totals:			58 Agents			Value of Orders, \$1589 60		Deliveries, \$548 14		

cate the public, arouse public sentiment, and then enlist their services and influence in sending petitions to Congress.

Anticipating this great fight for national prohibition, we inserted in the current number of *Liberty* a "Petition to Congress" favoring this amendment. The current number of *Liberty* contains also a splendid article on prohibition from Ex-Governor Patterson, of Tennessee, as well as the decisions of three state supreme courts, which declare Sunday laws to be void and unconstitutional.

Our churches everywhere ought to order at least a club of fifty *Liberty* magazines containing this "Petition to Congress," secure signatures, and then send the petitions at once to either Hon. Morris Sheppard, care of United States Senate, Washington, D. C., or to Hon. Richard P. Hobson, care of house of Representatives, Washington D. C. Hasty action is needed. Now is the opportune time to strike an effective blow.

Order 50 copies for \$2, and sell them for 10¢ a copy. Tear out the "Petition to Congress" which appears on one of the inside pages of the magazine, and get busy securing signatures.

Remember the spirit of prophecy says: "The advocates of temperance fail to do their whole duty unless they exert their influence, by precept and example, by voice and pen and vote, in behalf of prohibition and total abstinence. . . This evil must be more boldly met in the future than it has in the past."

We are not doing our duty unless we "come to the help of the Lord against the mighty." Read Judges 5:23. Let our church leaders ponder over this verse. C. S. LONGACRE,
Sec. of the Religious Liberty Ass'n.

Grand Rally for Young People

The Lord has said, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth while the evil days come not." Eccl. 12:1 This admonition to young people places upon them responsibilities. Their youth does not excuse them from service for God. The Lord asks them to place their affections upon him and heaven before the cares of life press down upon them, and they lose their interest in spiritual things.

May second has been appointed as, "Missionary Volunteer Day." This will afford an excellent opportunity for our church elders and others to bring our young people together in a grand rally for the truth and soul-saving. These gatherings will be the means of converting many to Christ. If we can not point to souls saved, we should turn to Christ with meekness and a quiet spirit, and seek him earnestly for success in winning the unsaved.

Jesus said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." We do not know how many souls that we may save from ruin, if we are willing to let the Lord use us. I trust that May second, will be a time of refreshing to our people both young and old, and that God will give us a new baptism of his Spirit for service.

F. H. ROBBINS.

Happiness consists in activity; it is a running stream and not a stagnant pool.

—J. M. Good.

"A man must stand erect, not be kept erect by others."

—Aurelius.