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ROMANS

AND TO THE TESTIMONY

TO BE OBTAINED BY HIS GRACE

JOSEPH BATES

President (or "Chairman") of the first conference of Seventh-day Adventists, organized at Monterey, Mich., Oct. 5, 1861

NOT TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE

THE mails from all the mission fields bring word of the rejoicing there over the adoption of the fifty-cent-a-week plan.

When the word was cabled from Boulder to the larger mission fields, it was a glad surprise to the brethren over the sea. From Shanghai, China, Brother C. C. Crisler wrote of the reception of the first news in the Far East:

"We have been stirred to the depths of late as we have read the first reports from the Boulder meeting. Our very first word, of course, was the cable telling us of the granting of our budget with sundry modifications. We were a bit dubious as to whether this was intended for our mission or for some other mission, and so Brother H. W. Barrows and I agreed to keep quiet until we actually knew the facts of the case. It seemed too good to believe, and we were averse to rousing false hopes. We dare not disappoint our people any more than is necessary, as our brethren feel very keenly any disappointment when they are so few in number as at present. When the union conference reports [in union papers] began to come through, however (our first word by mail), we could not refrain any longer and so sent out the glad word by circular letter. Now your letter of confirmation to Brother I. H. Evans and myself tells us still more. We rejoice with joy unspeakable. I am passing your letter on to Brother Evans, who is in Manila."

So from one to another, and from mission station to mission station in the interior of all the lands, the good news has gone that the brethren and sisters and the children in the churches are aiming at fifty cents a week for missions for 1920.

In the Far East they held back the good news that their full budget of calls had been allowed, for fear they had misread the cable, knowing that to raise hopes and then to disappoint the workers would be cruel when every station needs the full amount called for, even if it scarcely seemed possible that the workers and the money called for could be granted.

The news was true; that representative council at Boulder declared for it; but what if, after all, we do not get that fifty cents a week per member? Then what a disappointment to our missionaries, whose hopes and courage have risen to believe it will come!

But word comes in from every direction — from people and churches and conferences — that shows that there is to be no failure about this plan for 1920. No matter from what place men come to the General Conference office, they bring the same word, — that everywhere through the conferences the believers have been cheered by the new aim set for us. It seems to them a call from God to go forward.

A little time ago Elder S. E. Wight, of the Southern Union, was at committee sessions in Washington. He said that when he returned to the South from the Boulder Council, a brother said to him: "Did you vote at the Council to make the mission gifts fifty cents a week?"

"Yes, I did," Elder Wight replied, hardly knowing what his friend would say, and added, "I believed in it."

"Well, I am glad you did," the brother replied; "I believe in it, too."

And one hears this word on every side. At a convention in Newark the other day, the New Jersey brethren were rejoicing over their reports just out, showing that in 1919 that conference had reached the average of 47½ cents a week. Fifty cents for 1920 is only a mark that they hope to overpass, with a liberal overflow for every needy field.

In a letter from Wyoming, about missionary recruits, Elder N. T. Sutton incidentally reports fifty-nine cents a week for the Wyoming Conference in 1919.

The large First Church of Baltimore — like most of our city churches largely composed of people in modest circumstances, who earn their bread by daily toil — brought in fifty-four cents a week per member for missions in 1919.

We make no effort to gather the cheering facts in any systematic way in this note on the new aim. It is merely setting down some of the reports that come in from here and there.

It is evident that this new aim of fifty cents a week for missions is of God, and by his help his people will reach the mark.

We hear of one or two churches that have set out to reach the mark for the full year in the first quarter, so that all they give thereafter in regular mission offerings shall be an overflow to bring up the general average of a great fund for missions in 1920.

W. A. S.

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THE CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

THE conference president, who has not met him? He is as nearly omnipresent in every part of his field as it is possible for mortal man to be. Like the old-time country schoolteacher, he is the man who boards around and sleeps in the spare bed. He is the omnibus burden-bearer, upon whom are thrown the burdens of the church and the woes of all the individual men and women making up the church. He is the father of the conference, and is expected to sustain this relationship toward every member. As a friend and counselor, in him the cross currents of differences and discussion of various enterprises must meet and find adjustment. He is a man of many labors, of many sorrows, and of many joys. Spending the larger portion of his time on the road, separated from the society of his family and the comforts of his home, he goes forth to minister comfort to others. In the big churches and the little ones, visiting isolated members at their fireside, he is expected to radiate cheer and courage and loyalty and faithfulness.

Many times the writer recalls, when he was a member of a little country church of fifteen members, how he and his fellows were cheered by the visits of the conference president. In this particular instance it was Elder B. L. Whitney, who later gave his life for the work in Europe. Then the position was filled by Elder M. H. Brown, who after years of earnest labor is seeking to build up his broken health and work the best he can among the Ozark Mountains of the South. Later Elder S. H. Lane filled the office. After years of earnest toil, he was laid to rest, and now awaits the coming of the Life-giver. Our touch with these men of God brought us into closer sympathy with the wider work which they represented, and our experience then is the experience

of thousands today who watch for the coming of their faithful conference president as they watch for the coming of a friend and father.

The labors of these men are not in vain in the Lord. He marks their toil. He knows the burden of anxiety which they carry. He knows the responsibility involved in their leadership, and he is giving them strength for all that falls to them. We feel that this Second Advent Movement owes much to the labors of these watchmen. They have heard the Macedonian call from a perishing world, and they stand ready today, not only to minister as best they can to the needs of their own conferences, but to respond to the calls for men and means from the regions beyond. They are giving of their best. Their consecrated, energetic young men and women, who give promise of future development in work for God, they freely place upon the altar of mission service. With indefatigable zeal they labor to raise their full quota of mission offerings. The Lord has blessed our conference presidents with a willing, loyal people, and the response which has been made in the raising of money for the work in other lands is indeed most gratifying.

We shall never forget the spirit of devotion and sacrifice shown by our conference presidents at the recent Boulder Council. Representing a constituency equally consecrated, they pledged their own lives and their conference resources of men and money, for the finishing of the work. The Spirit of God witnessed to these vows of consecration.

To the conference president there falls the responsibility of promoting many local enterprises, and particularly the conference institutions. Those who have sanitariums or schools within their conference boundaries, are afforded, in connection with the operation of these institutions, great opportunities for service. How many young men and women today have a place in the work of God, or are

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OUR CONFERENCE PRESIDENTS

WESTERN OREGON

OUR constituency at present numbers 2,600. Immediately after our last camp-meeting, seven tent companies were stationed in various localities, and closed their efforts in the fall with varied results. Other workers engaged in hall and house-to-house efforts. The labors of all together resulted in 174 baptisms. One church was organized, and three commendable church structures were erected.

The Missionary Volunteers number 457. These young people are earnest and energetic in the distribution of the printed page, and alert in embracing opportunities to assist the needy. A stronger missionary spirit is in evidence year by year, and as a result a good number of young people have been gathered into the fold. Their financial goal was \$1,080, and the reports already received indicate that the prospects of surpassing it are good.

The Sabbath school membership is 2,680, with a total mission offering of \$15,336.43. The home department is a real success, and is keeping the isolated

members in sympathetic touch with headquarters.

The educational work is most encouraging. Laurelwood Academy is filled, despite the fact that for lack of funds to make necessary improvements, we have labored under very unfavorable conditions ever since the founding of the school. But the crisis is now past, and improvements are under way which assure more comfortable days to both students and faculty.

We have eighteen schools, twenty-five schoolrooms, twenty-eight teachers, and 608 pupils, besides Laurelwood. Four of these schools carry intermediate work. About 70 per cent of our children are enrolled in our schools. Most excellent work is being done by our teachers, as is manifest by the small number of complaints coming to those in authority. Improvements in equipment are being made, and the children are active in missionary work. A group of twenty-two gathered \$104.80 in the Harvest Ingathering work in one day. At the time we had made 67 per cent of our established goal one year ago, in 1919 we had reached ninety per cent. In our Harvest Ingathering campaign this year we made a gain of \$3,000 over that of last year.

Our book sales have been phenomenal. The year 1918 was the record year to date, the sales being approximately \$13,000; but during 1919 there was an increase of 141 per cent, or a total of \$31,486.50. We also made a very encouraging increase in the circulation of periodicals.

In this conference the spiritual condition of our people generally is very encouraging; it is manifested particularly in their zeal to labor for the salvation of others. "I will show thee my faith by my works." James 2: 18.

Our tithe amounted to more than \$85,400, an increase over that of the previous year of more than \$11,000. The foreign mission offerings amounted to more than \$45,900, a weekly per capita offering of 34 cents. And besides, our constituency has given many thousand dollars more for local interests and home missions—the freewill offering of God's children. To God be the praise.

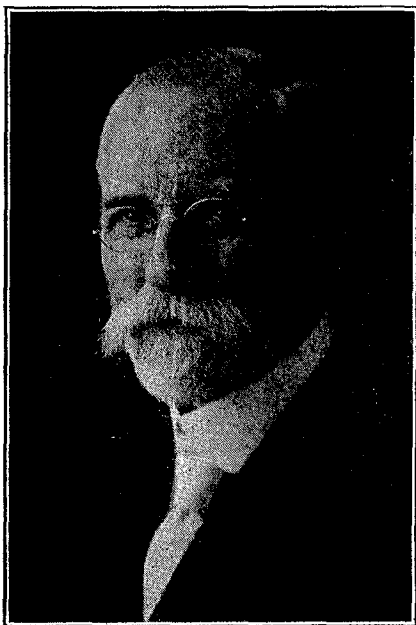
CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

THE Central California Conference sends New Year greetings to all her sister conferences throughout the field.

Our courage was never better. The people of the Central California Conference have struggled on, endeavoring to keep pace with this great message, and by the grace of God we are able to report advancement all along the line.

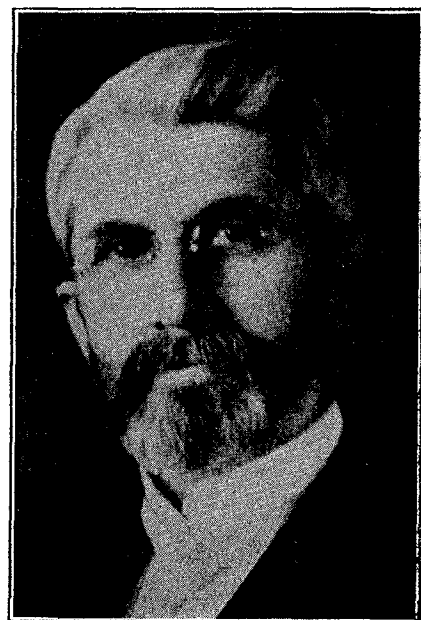
In 1918 there were 108 baptisms in this conference, and in 1919 the number was 175. The tithe per capita for 1918 was \$28.20, and for 1919 it was \$35.50. Our mission funds in 1918 reached 32 cents a week per member; in 1919, 35 cents. The retail value of our book and periodical sales for 1918 was \$13,855; for 1919, \$26,773. The secretaries of our departments have not yet compiled their complete reports, but each informs me that there was a gain in his department over the funds of the former year.

During the year 1919 we watched with great interest the good reports from our brethren concerning their respective conferences throughout the field, and our



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President Western Oregon Conference



H. S. SHAW

President Central California Conference

H. W. COTTRELL.

hearts were cheered as we saw how God is working through the efforts of his people everywhere.

When our constituency heard of the proposed raise to 50 cents a week for missions, they said, "We will do our best." We have seen exhibited among our brethren throughout this conference a spirit of co-operation that has greatly encouraged our hearts.

Recognizing that we are living in the very last scenes of this earth's history, when every child of God must be a minuteman, when our own personal comfort is to be regarded as a secondary thing, and when the cause of God must hold first place in every heart, our people in the Central California Conference are sensing the needs of the hour; and there is sweeping over them a wave of loyalty and enthusiasm which makes them determined by the Lord's help to press forward during the year 1920. Now is the time to take courage and be strong. Nothing is too hard for God. There is no obstacle great enough, no enemy fierce enough, to hinder God's people in their march forward to victory.

We pledge with you, beloved brethren, to be loyal to this great and good cause, so dear to our hearts, and by the Lord's grace, to stand by your side till the work is finished.

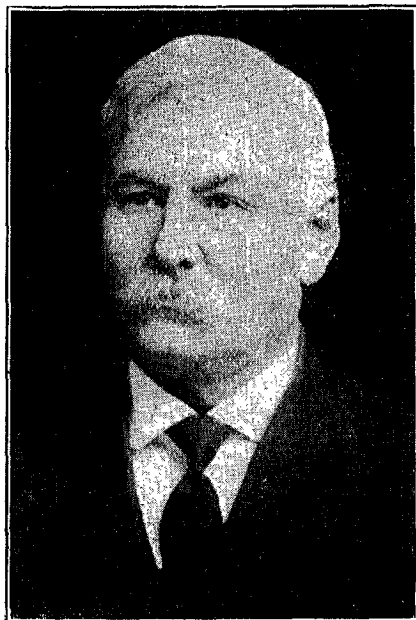
H. S. SHAW.

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SOUTH DAKOTA

THE South Dakota Conference comprises the State of South Dakota, with the exception of eight counties known as the Black Hills territory, which belongs to the Wyoming Conference. At present this conference has thirty-four laborers. Last year Elder J. S. Yates and his wife were called as missionaries to Java; G. B. Youngberg and his wife to Singapore; John Oss and his wife to Manchuria; M. H. Wentland to Oregon; V. D. Hawley to Minnesota; and Benjamin Hoffiz to Greater New York.

A marked degree of prosperity attended the work in this conference throughout the year, and the spiritual condition appears to be excellent. This is indicated by love and the unity of spirit that prevails, as at present no diffi-



E. T. RUSSELL

President South Dakota Conference

culty of any importance is manifested throughout the entire conference membership. Strong evidence of the sincerity and faithfulness of the members is shown by the way they have liberally supported the work.

Finances

During the year 1919 there were received in offerings as follows:

Sabbath school offerings	__\$11,633.20
Per capita	9.75
Weekly per capita	.18 3-4
Offerings for foreign miss.	36,969.49
Per capita	30.98
Weekly per capita	.59 3-5
Harvest Ingath. funds	11,013.37
Per capita	9.23
Offerings for local work	12,016.21
Tithe received during year	66,192.13
Per capita	55.48 3-10

Five thousand dollars of surplus tithe was donated to the General Conference for foreign mission work. Our total retail book sales amounted to more than \$23,000. The financial condition of the tract society was excellent, as the bills receivable aggregated only about \$1,000, and nearly half of that amount has been received since the books were closed. The net gain was \$2,423.06.

Educational

Plainview Academy, located at Redfield, S. Dak., has a strong corps of instructors, and is doing excellent work under the management of Prof. H. J. Sheldon. Its present enrolment is upward of one hundred students; it has a fairly good equipment, and connected with the plant is an excellent dairy herd, and a farm containing one hundred sixty acres. Thirteen church schools are in operation and doing good work. Much of last year's prosperity has been due to the excellent spirit which prevails throughout the conference, and to the fact that the Lord has put it into the hearts of his people to support his work so liberally.

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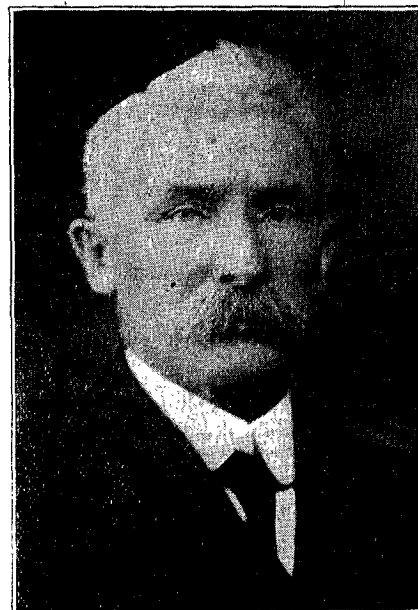
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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

THE blessing of the Lord rested upon the Northern California Conference last year. In every way the increase was apparent. Two churches were organized, and two companies await organization. Two church buildings were dedicated to the Lord, while another awaits the payment of a small incumbrance before holding dedicatory services.

The membership, which was 1,753 at the beginning of the year, has reached 1,900. At this writing the report of membership for the fourth quarter has not been received entire, but that of the third quarter was 1,898. The two companies to be organized will also make an appreciable increase. For these spiritual blessings we are thankful.

The financial increase has also been most encouraging. The tithe for 1918 was \$48,552; for 1919 it was \$64,123.50, an increase of \$15,571.50, or about 30 per cent. The twenty-five-cent-a-week offerings for 1918 were \$28,248.68; for 1919 they were \$35,914.25, an increase of \$7,665.57. A larger percentage of our membership are now paying tithes than at any time in the past, and when every member shall join in this recognition of the Lord's ownership and care, the Lord can safely bestow the blessing of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain. The tithe per capita was \$36.57, and the offerings



CLARENCE SANTEE

President Northern California Conference

for each member for the year amounted to \$20.37.

With this general prosperity comes the ever-present danger of forgetting in the cares of this world the source of our strength. This has weakened some, but we believe that a willing heart and hand have never been more apparent than during the year 1919. For this we thank God as the year's completed pages are taken from our hands and laid away among the records of heaven.

Lodi Academy, formerly controlled by the Pacific Union Conference, but now placed under the combined management of the Central California and Northern California Conferences, is filled to its capacity with a fine class of young men and young women. Its enrolment is the largest in its history. We realize, however, that numbers alone are not the gauge of success. We are looking to these young people who are being fitted for service through the instruction of the faculty, for workers in this closing message.

As we go from church to church, we hear a note of courage for better work and more faithful service during the year to come.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

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SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND

THIS conference embraces the States of Connecticut and Rhode Island. The population of these two small States, as given in the 1910 census, was 1,657,366. The population is very largely in cities, of which there are thirty-two, ranging in population from 10,000 to 250,000. The combined population of these thirty-two cities is 1,359,206, leaving less than 300,000 for the smaller towns and rural districts. The foreign-speaking peoples largely predominate in the cities and larger towns. In some cities more than 90 per cent are foreign.

We have twenty organized churches and three unorganized companies where regular Sabbath services are held. Our present membership is 727. The tithe receipts for 1919 were \$27,477.91, averaging \$37.79 a member. The mission offerings for the year just closed amounted



A. T. ROBINSON

President Southern New England Conference

to \$10,822.35, being an average of thirty-two cents a week per member for the year, and being \$2,424.35 above the quota of twenty-five cents a week per member.

A church of twenty-four members has recently been organized among the colored people in New Haven, with a minister in charge. We also have a church of nineteen members among the Czecho-Slovak people in the city of Bridgeport, with Brother Andrew Yakush in charge of the work. Brother A. K. Kover is working among the Hungarian people in Bridgeport and South Norwalk. There are 26,000 Hungarians, and nearly as many Czecho-Slovaks in the city of Bridgeport, largely in colonies by themselves. It is very much like being in foreign countries to go about in the sections of the city where these peoples live. Through the courtesy of the Bureau of Home Missions, arrangements have been made by which Elder J. F. Huenergardt, of New York City, conducts public lectures among the Hungarians of Bridgeport and South Norwalk one evening a week in each city. Elder Paul Matula, of New Jersey, is also to assist Brother Yakush in a public effort among the Czecho-Slovaks during the winter. We are confidently expecting a precious harvest of souls from among these nationalities. We have also recently employed an experienced German Bible worker, who is meeting with very encouraging results. We have but just begun to touch the great problem of reaching the masses of these foreign-speaking peoples. As we have endeavored, with our very limited resources, to bring the light of the message to the strangers within our gates, the Lord has set the seal of heaven's approval to the work, and we are encouraged to watch for his opening providence to point the way to greater things in this direction. I had the pleasure of attending one of Elder Huenergardt's meetings, when more than two hundred Hungarians were present. We are earnestly praying that the Lord will lay the burden upon some who have means to send us financial help to enable us to launch out in further efforts to reach the many hundreds of thousands of foreigners whom the Lord in his providence has sent to our doors. Such an investment will yield far richer

returns than will bank stock, and will be as enduring as the days of eternity.

A. T. ROBINSON.

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MONTANA

MONTANA is the third largest State in the United States, and has a population of about 450,000, scattered over her vast territory. The general direction of her railroads, three in number, is from east to west, which leaves a large part of the State and people far from any good market. These conditions make our field a hard one to work as it should be done. There are churches eighty miles from the railroad, and this entails great expense every time a worker meets with them. During the last four years the Montana conference has purchased three Ford cars, but even this is an expensive way of getting over the field, on account of the rough and uncared-for roads.

The scattered condition of the believers renders it almost impossible to do very much in church school work. This is a great drawback to our youth and children. Our academy at Mount Ellis has an enrolment of 112, the largest in the history of the school, and good work is being done by a God-fearing, praying faculty.

Our book work more than doubled last year; and the Sabbath school department, the young people's department, and the home missionary work are on the uphill grade, and are all climbing fast.

At the close of the conference year 1916, our membership was 550. Up to date [Jan. 1, 1920] our membership stands at 1,000. Our tithes in 1916 reached \$14,951.78. In 1919, notwithstanding the most terrible drouth Montana has ever known, our tithes passed the \$30,000 mark. And we are away past our goal in our offerings to missions. Just what 1920 will bring we cannot tell, but we have begun to climb for the top round of the ladder, and we ask the readers of the good old REVIEW to remember us out here in cold Montana.

G. F. WATSON.

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ALBERTA

It gives me much pleasure to submit to our people, through the columns of the good REVIEW, a brief report of the work in the Alberta Conference for the year 1919.

We have a large, sparsely settled territory, averaging about 350 miles in width and 750 miles in length. It is twice the size of Great Britain and as large as France. The population is about 500,000, and is composed of English, Germans, French, Scandinavians, Russians, Ruthenians, and about thirty-five other nationalities.

We have twenty-eight churches, and about 275 scattered members; the total membership Dec. 31, 1919, was 1,128.

Our corps of workers is altogether inadequate for such a large territory. Much of our field has been sadly neglected, especially our cities. We have four ordained ministers — two English, one German, and one Scandinavian; and seven licentiates — five English, one German, and one Ruthenian.

We are in great need of city evangelists and Bible workers, as we have only

one city worker and no Bible workers. Six churches were organized during the year, — three English, two German, and one Ruthenian. I believe the Ruthenian church to be the first of its kind in North America. There is an excellent interest among that people.

We are planning to do more work among the foreign nationalities, and as fast as literature is provided in the different tongues, we hope to use it. We need more good, consecrated men for this work.

Alberta has passed through a very trying time financially; especially is this true of the last two years. Severe drouths and early frosts ruined the crops in many large sections of the province. Many families have moved away, and many others are mortgaging their stock and farms to get through the winter.

Notwithstanding these conditions, on account of the increased faithfulness of a large portion of our people, we have an encouraging financial report to render.

Our tithe for 1919 was \$45,138.64, an increase over that of the previous year of \$8,192.40. The amount per capita was \$43.78. Our people have also shown a deep interest in home and foreign missions. The foreign mission offerings were \$18,538.08, an increase over those of 1918 of \$2,275.06, a weekly per capita offering of 34½ cents. The total funds raised, including tithes, home and foreign mission offerings, school and sanitarium funds, etc., amounted to \$76,740.61, a gain of \$11,773.67 over the amount given the previous year. The amount per capita was \$74.04.

Our school and sanitarium have both done good work. Both have been taken over by the Western Canadian Union Conference. The school has been raised to a junior college, and bears the name, Western Canadian Junior College. It has an enrolment at the present time of 202.

The sanitarium work has had a constant growth, and its influence is reaching out over the union. We are sure that a good strong sanitarium, with its nurses' training course, can be built up in this field.

The year 1919 was our banner year for the scattering of our gospel-filled lit-



G. F. WATSON

President Montana Conference

erature. During the greater part of 1918, and until March, 1919, we were without a field secretary. Consequently our book work suffered greatly. But from that time on we have had much to encourage us. Our sales for the year were about \$28,000, an increase over 1918 of \$18,300.

Our church members have shown an interest in warning their neighbors, and have been quite active in home missionary work. The province of Alberta is a great unworked field, but the prospects for the advancement of our work look bright; and believing that the Lord is looking for greater results in the future, our motto is, "More and more, and ever onward."
A. J. HAYSMER.

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FLORIDA

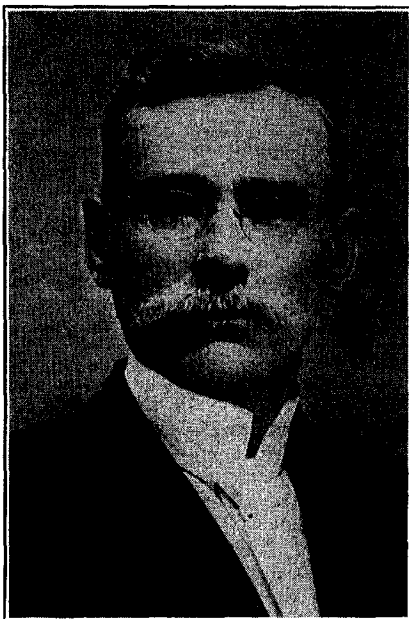
We are thankful to our heavenly Father for the blessings of the past year—for the growth of the work in our conference. Every worker has seen some fruit for his labors.

The evangelistic work resulted in adding more than 300 members to our constituency, making the total membership of the conference 1,698. Six tent efforts were conducted during the year, besides the regular work of the Bible workers. Four new churches were erected, and we are contemplating the erection of another.

The tithe amounted to \$42,338.49, an increase over that of the previous year of \$10,869.36. The mission offerings amounted to \$17,743.31, which was an increase of \$3,507.86 over those of 1918. This splendid increase enabled the conference to put forth strong representative efforts which brought in 331 new members. We find that the people, as a rule, are desirous of hearing the message, and that they respond quite readily.

The book department has also enjoyed a substantial growth. The records show that in 1919 the sales amounted to \$31,218, while in 1918 they were \$14,520, making an increase in 1919 of \$16,698, or a gain of 115 per cent. This is a very good record when we consider that much of the territory is not thickly settled.

We have seventeen church schools, em-



A. J. HAYSMER
President Alberta Conference

ploying eighteen teachers, and having an enrolment of 366 pupils. One intermediate school, with an enrolment of forty-six, employs four teachers. This makes a total of 412 students and twenty-two teachers.

The Florida Sanitarium, which is situated in a quiet spot among the yellow pine trees two miles from the city of Orlando, has been greatly improved in equipment and capacity, and is now prepared to give first-class service in every respect. The capacity of the institution has been increased to about 100 patients. The nurses' class is doing excellent work. The patronage is good, especially in the winter.

We enter upon the new year with courage. The outlook is bright for another prosperous season. We recognize that we have but a few more years in which to labor for the salvation of souls, and have resolved by the help of the Lord to put forth every effort to win men to God while time permits. The coming of Jesus Christ to this world again will not be long delayed. It is our privilege to hasten that glad day by putting forth earnest efforts to finish the work God has given us to do. Only one thing stands between us today and the kingdom of heaven, and that is the giving of the message of the third angel. When all our interests are centered in finishing the work, the end will quickly come. May it be even so.
C. B. STEPHENSON.

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MISSOURI

MISSOURI had a good year during 1919. The work went forward in every branch. The workers constantly reported that they were of good courage, and pressed the work on with all their ability.

Missouri covers an area of 69,420 square miles. According to the census of 1910, it has a population of 3,293,335. It is the seventh State in point of population in the United States. Compared with the Central Union Conference, of which it is a part, it lacks only a few thousand of having half the total population of the whole union. St. Louis, a city which lies in our territory, is the fourth city in size in the United States.

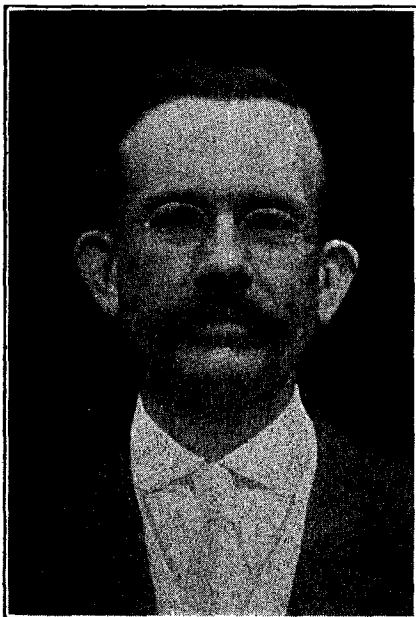
Only New York, Chicago, and Philadelphia are larger.

In the conference we have nine ordained ministers, four licentiates, six Bible workers, six secretaries, and two office helpers,—all regular employees. These preached 1,647 sermons, held 4,487 Bible studies, and visited 12,645 families the last year. As a result of this work, there have been added to the churches 125 by baptism and 130 on profession of faith and by letter. It is too early to give the net increase in membership. In 1916, the reported membership of this conference was 1,362. At the end of that year the membership was 1,442, a net gain of 80. At the end of 1917 the net gain was 112, and at the end of 1918, it was 141, or a total membership of 1,695.

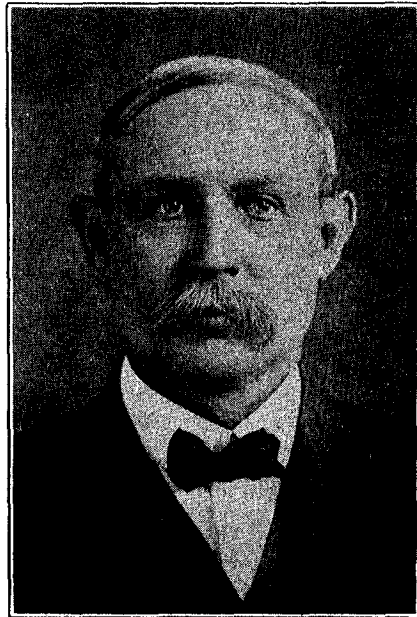
Our income in tithes for 1919 was \$53,465.69. Comparing this with our total tithe in 1916, of \$26,250.48, you see we have doubled our tithe in the three years.

Our income for missions is \$23,812.03. This is \$3,610.03 more than our goal on the Twenty-five-cent-a-week Fund to missions. Some who know something of the financial condition among our people have asked the question, "Where does all the money come from?" But being among the people here, I can say, It comes from those whose hearts are as true to this message as the needle to the pole. The same spirit that was so manifest for the finishing of the work at Boulder during the Council, has pervaded this conference to the uttermost hamlet. We have not heard a murmur about raising the goal from twenty-five cents to fifty cents a week, but instead every one, from the well-to-do man (we have no rich members) to the poorest widow, is planning how much he can spare to missions and is saying, "We must not come short on this new goal." Every man is saying to his neighbor, "Be of good courage."

Our total book sales for 1919 were \$40,689.35. Of this amount, \$36,343.75 was for subscription books only. This means that fully 7,000 homes have on their shelves the message in printed form that did not have it a year ago. It means, further, that more than 20,000 homes have been entered by our faithful



C. B. STEPHENSON
President Florida Conference



D. U. HALE
President Missouri Conference

colporteurs, and a ray of light has shone into the minds of those who listened to the presentation of the book. It also means that fully 35,000 people in this State have the truth within easy access when the earth is being lightened with the glory of the angel of Revelation 18.

Pray for us, brethren, that we may be able to finish the work God has given us to do in preparing the millions in this State for the soon-coming Saviour.

D. U. HALE.

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MAINE

THE Maine Conference holds a noticeable place among the conferences because of its history, it being the birth State of Elder and Mrs. James White, Elder J. N. Andrews, and other pioneers of the message whose memory still lingers in connection with many places where they labored in the beginning of this movement.

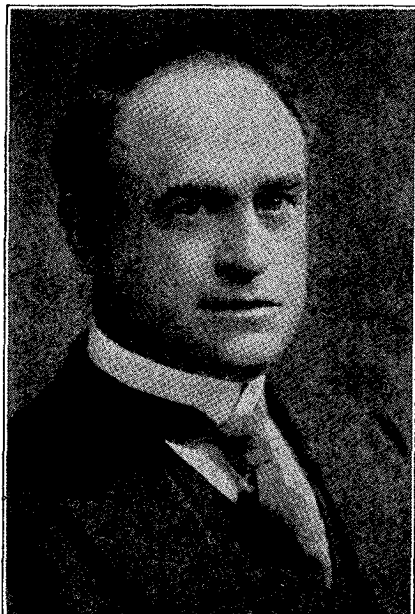
For many years the work in Maine seemed to remain at a standstill, owing to prejudices which arose because of the disappointment in 1844; yet in different parts of the State, there have been loyal, steadfast souls who have held to this truth without wavering. This conference has not omitted an annual camp-meeting for fifty years.

Five years ago my wife and I came to labor in Maine. During this time the work has been very enjoyable and encouraging. Five new church buildings have been erected, one large commodious church has been purchased, and two thousand dollars has been expended in improvements on the James White Memorial Church in Portland. Ten church schools have been started, which are training 170 children. The Sabbath schools have been greatly strengthened, and are reaching their missionary goals. The Sabbath school donations for 1919 were \$6,073.36, compared with \$4,554.81 in 1915. The tithe for 1919 was \$20,700, compared with \$8,000 in 1915. All other funds were in the same proportion.

The most encouraging feature of our work is the sale of our literature. It was thought for many years that books could not be sold in Maine in the winter months; but during the coldest wave



H. W. CARR
President Maine Conference



W. H. HECKMAN
President Ohio Conference

this winter, the thousand-dollar weeks followed each other right along. Our total of \$36,000 worth of book sales, which is a gain of 130 per cent over the sales of the previous year, in connection with the other literature distributed, is creating much interest throughout the State. We believe these efforts put forth will result in a harvest of souls.

Recently the State was districted and reorganized, and responsibilities are to be shared. We have adopted the fifty-cent-a-week recommendation, and our goal is "Every one a worker."

H. W. CARR.

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OHIO

It is with a degree of pleasure that I present a brief review of the work done in the Ohio Conference during the year just closed.

Our Evangelistic Work

Nearly all the work done last year was in places where we already had organized churches. Consequently, we added only a few churches as the direct result of the efforts held. But many new converts were made during the year, which has greatly strengthened the churches where the labor was bestowed.

The following figures will be of interest:

Number of churches in the conference -- 65
Membership of churches and companies 2,850
Number of churches added during year -- 4

Our force of laborers during the year was as follows:

Ordained ministers ----- 17
Licensed ministers ----- 8
Missionary licentiates ----- 20
Other workers ----- 6

Literature

Our field missionary secretary furnishes the following figures:

Number of workers ----- 27
Number of home workers ----- 20
Total sales for year ----- \$61,041.45
Gain over preceding year ----- 24,056.95

The increase of the volume of business done through the tract society office for this year is very encouraging indeed:

Total subscriptions, and all other books, periodicals, and Bibles -- \$86,275.36
Gain over previous year ----- 31,366.40

Financial

The Good Book says that where our treasure is, there our hearts will be also. The amount of tithes and offerings of a conference is a good indication of its real interest in the message. You will, therefore, rejoice with us over the fact that the finances of this conference during 1919 made great advancement over those of the preceding year, as will be seen by the following tabulation:

Tithe received during year -----	\$101,500.34
Gain over previous year -----	13,177.23
Offerings received for year ----	48,747.44
Amount over quota -----	14,791.44
Total tithes, mission funds, and other offerings received during year -----	156,233.19

We enter upon the year 1920 with courage and hope. Though our goal for missions has been raised to 50 cents a week per member,—\$1,425 a week; \$5,700 a month; or \$74,100 for the year,—we shall not groan with self-pity over the impossibility of reaching it. We are confident there are no "Faint Hearts" or "Little Faiths" among the Ohio constituency, but that all will put forth every effort possible for the speedy finishing of the work.

W. H. HECKMAN.

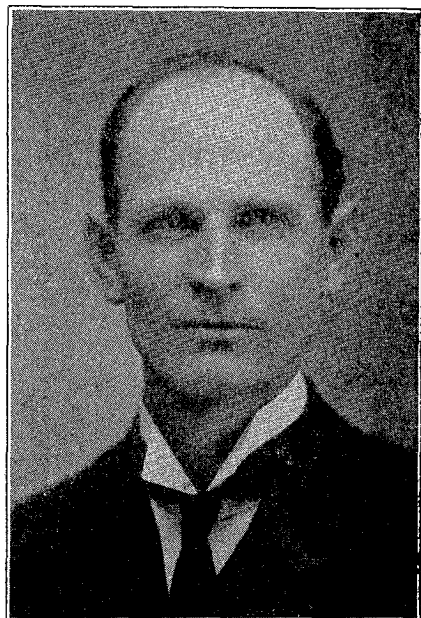
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UPPER COLUMBIA

THE territory of the Upper Columbia Conference comprises that part of the State of Washington east of the Cascade Mountains, the Panhandle of Idaho, and four of the northern counties in the State of Oregon. This immense field has a rich and harmonious combination of lofty mountain ranges, beautiful rivers and lakes, rolling wheat lands, and world-famed orchards.

Our forty-nine churches have a total membership of 2,704. The Sabbath schools report a total membership of 2,659. There are twelve Missionary Volunteer Societies, with a membership of 360. Our eighteen church schools and three intermediate schools report an enrolment of 600 pupils. The total enrolment of Walla Walla College is 339. Of this number, 220 are from the Upper Columbia Conference.

The literature sales for the year



J. J. NETHERY
President Upper Columbia Conference

amounted to \$25,000. Funds for missions reached the sum of \$40,782.96. Our tithe reached \$105,625.61, nearly a 200-per-cent increase above that of three years ago.

A number of new churches are being erected, some repaired, and others purchased, at a total cost of about \$60,000. The Walla-Walla Sanitarium is operated by this conference. It has had a long struggle for existence. Four years ago, because of its heavy indebtedness, its worth was only \$142. The present worth is \$24,300. A new addition, now being built, about doubles its rooming capacity. When this work is completed, the present worth will be raised to about \$40,000.

We employ eight ordained ministers, seven licentiate ministers, four Bible workers, four departmental workers, one conference treasurer, two stenographers, and one office assistant. All these workers are endeavoring faithfully to do the work assigned them. A few faithful colporteurs are doing their God-given work.

The work of the church schools is carried on by thirty-two devoted teachers. The believers in Upper Columbia are desirous of doing their full share in proclaiming the message, and rejoice at the omens indicating a speedy finishing of the work. JAY J. NETHERY.

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KANSAS

OUT of a population of one and three-quarter millions, we have at the present time a constituency of about 3,000 Seventh-day Adventists. Owing to shortage of cars and delay in transportation, the wheat crop of the State is still unmarketed, and therefore our tithe income has been delayed. However, there was an increase of about \$8,000, the tithe for 1918 amounting to \$74,000, and that for 1919 to \$82,000. The amount raised on the Twenty-five-cent-a-week Fund for 1918 was \$34,429, and that for 1919 was \$39,470, a gain of \$5,000. During the year, \$9,000 in cash was paid in by our people toward our new academy plant at Enterprise. The Harvest Ingathering campaign gave us within a few dollars of \$9,000.



F. W. STRAY
President Kansas Conference

The Kansas Sanitarium was in great need of repairs and improvements, both in furnishings and equipment, and also of proper living quarters for the faculty, as well as a nurses' dormitory. These improvements were all made during 1919. The cost of the nurses' dormitory was \$18,000. Without doubt several thousand dollars was saved in the erection through the great diligence and foresight of Brother Conrad Mohr, who supervised its construction. An X-ray machine, at a cost of \$3,000, was installed. The total cost of the improvements to the institution was about \$35,000. At the close of 1917 the total liabilities of the institution amounted to \$32,000. The money for these improvements came in from various sources, including the earnings of the institution; hence the plant is improved to this extent, and its earning capacity greatly increased, without any increase in its liabilities. Dr. F. C. Dean, a graduate of George Washington University, Washington, D. C., is the medical superintendent.

During the year an excellent three-room church school building, costing about \$1,600, was constructed at Shafter, and dedicated free from debt in December. During the year an excellent church building for the colored congregation in Kansas City was under construction, and is now nearing completion; it will represent a value of about \$5,000. About \$4,000 of this has already been provided for. A three-room intermediate school building had been erected in Wichita, upon which there was a debt of \$4,000; with some conference aid and assistance, this was nearly all paid off last year, and the small balance is provided for. A very fine church building, costing about \$3,000, was erected during the year at Chanute, and dedicated free from debt; an excellent church building, valuation about \$2,000, was also dedicated free from debt at Herington. In addition to these buildings, there are new church buildings awaiting dedication at three other places—Arkansas City, Eldorado, and Galena.

There are in the conference twenty church schools, with twenty-five teachers and nearly 500 pupils. The conference office, which was situated at Wichita in rented quarters, was moved temporarily to a building on the campus at Enterprise Academy. It is planned to hold a camp-meeting next year at Enterprise, as the location is very central in the State. Our people thus brought together can see the plant, and there determine upon a permanent location for the conference office. F. W. STRAY.

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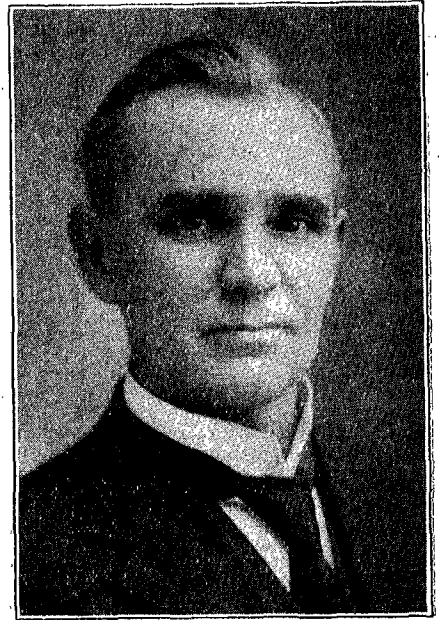
IOWA

In the Iowa Conference the year 1919 was one of unprecedented prosperity and blessing, especially in financial matters. The tithe for 1919 amounted to \$102,742.66, and the mission funds to \$62,740.50.

Our tithe increased from \$47,716.43 in 1915 to \$102,742.66 in 1919, making a total of \$363,827.03 for the five-year period.

The mission funds for the same period increased from \$27077.46 to \$62,740.50, making for the five-year period a total of \$206,951.28.

From 1915 to 1919 the tithe increased 115 per cent. During the same time the



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President Iowa Conference

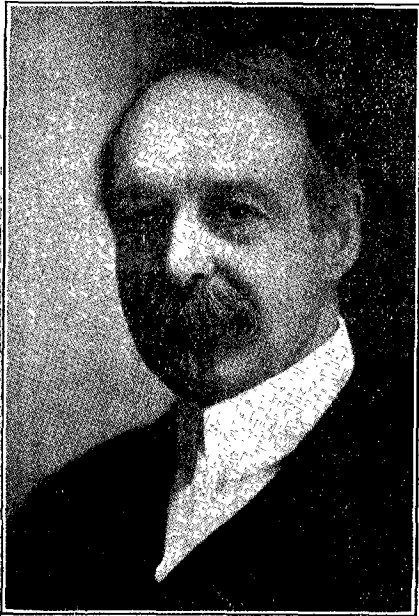
mission funds increased 131 per cent. The largest gain in any one line was in the Harvest Ingathering funds, which, during the five years, increased 376 per cent. From the foregoing figures it will be evident that there has been a regular and healthy growth in both the tithe and the mission funds.

In addition to this large increase in tithe and mission offerings during the last seven years, we have quite nearly cleared off \$80,000 of local conference indebtedness.

Our policy has been to carry as strong a force of conference workers as our tithe fund would permit, believing that by this means we should be not only strengthening our work in the home conference, but helping the foreign fields, both by developing young workers and by increasing finances. In proportion as the work is strengthened at home and the constituency built up, both numerically and spiritually, is the work advanced in the world-wide field. In 1915 the Iowa Conference membership was 2,398; in 1919 it had grown to 3,182, giving a net increase above deaths, apostasies, and removals, of 784. This increase of membership has meant many thousands of dollars additional funds for missions, as well as a largely augmented tithe for the conference to pass on to the general work.

For the year 1919 our surplus above the mission quota of 25 cents a week amounted to \$24,455.50, or a little more than 40 cents a week per member for the entire membership. During the five years the total mission funds amounted to \$206,951.28. Besides the mission funds, we have passed on to the General Conference during the five years \$67,030.79 in tithe, making a total of \$273,982.07 in regular mission funds and tithe given to the General Conference for its world-wide work.

The Sabbath school, home missionary, and colporteur departments have had strong superintendence during this period of time, there having been no change of leadership in any of them for the period mentioned, and in each a healthy and steady growth has been evident. In our young people's and educational departments frequent unavoidable changes in



H. M. J. RICHARDS
President Texico Conference

leadership have occurred, which has tended to retard progress, and we have not seen that regular growth and development in these branches which, we believe, would otherwise have resulted. In the Iowa Conference we have a loyal constituency, who are endeavoring to do their part in the finishing of the work.

A. R. OGDEN.

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TEXICO

THE Texico Conference includes the State of New Mexico and 100 counties in northwestern Texas. The population is now estimated at 1,250,000, or more, of whom 250,000 are Spanish-American, speaking the Spanish language, and often living in towns by themselves. There are also several Indian tribes, among whom are the Navajos, who are a pagan nation and use pagan rites in their worship of the sun and their other gods.

Except in the beautiful irrigated valleys, where the crops are certain every year, there are frequent drouths that cause at times the exodus of almost entire communities. But thousands of health seekers are coming into New Mexico from all parts of the United States, and many of these make for themselves homes and remain permanently after their recovery. The oil discoveries are also bringing many thousands of people into this field. Thus modern cities are being developed, and great improvements are seen on every hand. The population has increased rapidly of late, in spite of the drouths of the last three years, and the exodus. But 1919 was a good crop year, and the dry-farming districts prospered greatly. This helped our work in those sections of the conference.

We have twenty-two churches, with 400 members; thirty-five Sabbath schools with a membership of 427; and ten young people's societies, with 138 members. In 1918 we had four church schools; in 1919 we had ten. The enrollment is now 88. In 1918 we had twelve students at Keene. Now we have thirty there. We are in great need of more school-teachers.

In 1918 the funds raised for foreign missions amounted to \$4,625, or 17 cents

a week per member. In 1919 our mission funds reached the encouraging sum of \$6,403.52, or 24½ cents per member. Of the \$6,403.52 given to missions, the Sabbath schools gave \$3,265.86; and the young people gave more than \$250. The following figures also tell an encouraging story: Harvest Ingathering for 1918, \$170.09; for 1919, \$1,074.64. Sabbath school donations for 1918, \$2,847.73; for 1919, \$3,265.86. Tithe for 1918, \$10,702.40; for 1919, \$14,251.91. Tithe sent on to fields outside of our conference in 1918, \$1,926.39; in 1919, \$2,565.60.

There were six colporteurs in 1918; in 1919, there were nineteen. The sales of literature for 1918 amounted to \$3,342.50; for 1919, to \$10,352.60, a gain of \$7,010.10 in one year.

In addition to the foregoing sums we raised and sent to help build the new dormitories at Keene, \$500 in 1918 and \$500 in 1919, \$1,000 in all.

Eighteen months ago this small conference of less than 400 members, with its large mission field to work, was in debt \$700, and greatly needed more office room and equipment. Now it is entirely out of debt, and the much-needed improvements have been made at a cost of more than \$1,500, and all are paid for. We have now an office well equipped for both tract society and conference business. We acknowledge with gratitude the financial assistance given us by the General Conference and by other conferences within our union. Without this assistance we could not have supported the work and workers in this field.

Doors are open on every side for consecrated labor in behalf of the 1,000,000 Americans, the 250,000 Spanish-Americans, and the various Indian tribes.

Our great need is men and women who sincerely love the truth and feel a burden to save souls, who will come to this Southland and settle as self-supporting missionaries wherever most needed,—farmers, tradesmen, professional men, and especially doctors and nurses. Here is a great territory where godly nurses and physicians who understand that their first duty and privilege is to win souls, will find a fruitful and interesting field.

H. M. J. RICHARDS.

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ARIZONA

ARIZONA, the land of sunshine and great opportunities, with its 113,956 square miles of territory and its 350,000 people, is a place to be desired. The rich valleys of the Salt, Gila, and Colorado Rivers are very productive, and in these we have our most stable churches. In the mining section many people come into the truth, but it is hard for them to keep the Sabbath, so they move elsewhere. There are sixteen Seventh-day Adventist churches in this conference, with about 600 communicants.

Our people here are a faithful, consecrated body of believers. To a large degree this is a frontier field. To reach these mountain sections we must travel long distances by automobile, and in many cases must go on the truck wagon or on horseback; but we find the people ready to listen to the truth. This has been a mission field in the past, and is yet to a certain degree. The Pacific Union and the California Conferences are standing nobly by the work here.

I came into this field last May, and took up the work that had been carried so long by Elder J. E. Bond. I have found the people here ready to help in every department of the work. The tithe during 1919 amounted to \$16,896.90, which is a gain of \$1,158.68 over that of 1918. The mission offerings amounted to \$7,553.33, a gain of \$2,680.63. The Lord has wonderfully blessed us in the Harvest Ingathering work, giving us \$2,846.07, or about \$5 a member. This is a gain of \$1,558.38 over the receipts of last year.

The conference headquarters are at Phoenix, the largest city in the State, where we have a church of about 230 members. Our conference school is here. This school has outgrown its present quarters, and we are now laying plans to establish it in the country. Our enrollment this year is eighty. It does our hearts good to meet with the earnest body of students. Prof. V. E. Hendershot and his faithful helpers are doing excellent work. Next year we shall do good strong academic work.

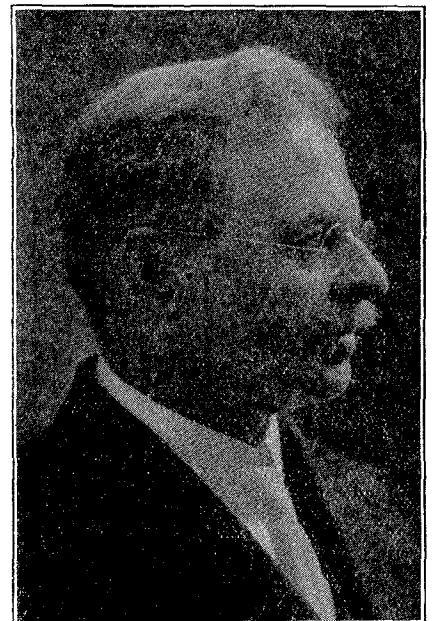
Our departmental work is well taken care of. Sister Jessie H. Dillon has charge of our Sabbath school and Young People's Missionary Volunteer departments. She is energetically striving to obtain results, and they are being seen. Brother I. T. Reynolds has charge of the home missionary work, and Brother J. L. Sauder of the field missionary work. Both of these branches are showing progress.

We have made a beginning in most of our larger cities. Something has been done for the Mexican population, which is large. Plans are now on foot whereby this work will be carried on more rapidly; namely, by establishing schools along the border and by a Spanish department in our academy.

Aside from the departmental secretaries, we have three ordained and four licensed ministers in the field. We need more workers.

The outlook in this field is good, and we enter the new year with increased courage and confidence in the work of God, and are glad Arizona can have a part in the finishing of this work.

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President Arizona Conference

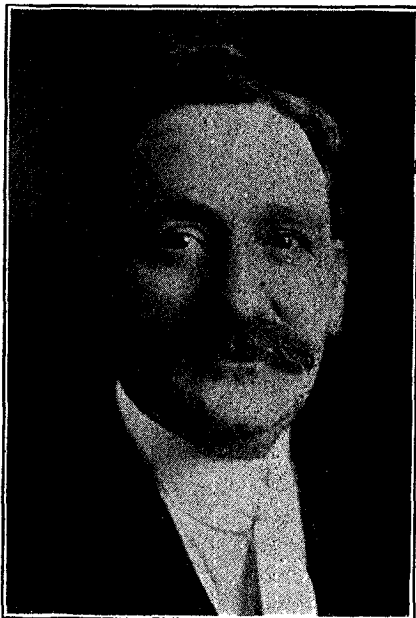
EAST MICHIGAN

THE year 1919 was fraught with many evidences of the favor of God for the East Michigan Conference. Looking back, we see a variety of experiences through which we were led, and we confess that sometimes we could not understand how things were coming out; but since the year has passed, we see that God was indeed leading, and at the present time the tokens of his guidance are plain to all.

Though the allurements of the world seem today to be multiplied as never before, we are glad to report that the Spirit of the Master is still finding lodgment in honest hearts, and his wooing has gathered into the fold during the last year more than 200 whose names are added to those who are getting ready to meet the soon-coming King. Every worker who has carried on new work has been blessed with converts, and our hearts go out in praise to God for his help in this fruitage for our labors. Added to this, the reports abound with calls for help for interested persons, that they may learn the truth which has been committed to us.

In a material way the tokens of God's leading have been plentiful. During the year the tithe receipts have shown more than a 60-per-cent increase over the receipts for 1918, totaling for the year about \$105,000. This means more than \$50 per capita. The offerings to missions also show a most gratifying increase. Last year we were pleased to climb almost \$3,500 above the goal set for us. This year we are able to report an increase of more than 36 per cent above last year's figures, or over \$12,000 above the 25 per cent a week per member for the fields afar, amounting to 37 cents, plus, per week. So the arrangement for 50 cents a week per member for 1920 causes us no fears.

Our book sales also indicate the guiding hand of our heavenly Father, and a net increase of 49 per cent in the sales, as shown by the report from the branch publishing house, witnesses that in this department of our work the message is pressing steadily forward. Every department shows a corresponding increase.



W. A. WESTWORTH
President East Michigan Conference

and from every side come reports of courage and cheer.

In the efforts to increase home facilities so that we can better work for the promulgation of this last message, we have been able to enlarge the accommodations at Adelphian Academy to almost twice the capacity of former years. The girls' dormitory has been more than doubled in size by the addition of another story to the main building, all of which has been paid for, leaving no additional burden of debt upon the conference. Besides this a very commodious conference office building has been erected, adding about \$10,000 to our assets in this particular. The attendance at Adelphian Academy is far in excess of anything before experienced in the history of the institution and had we not gone forward in faith, believing that God would meet our confidence in his promises, we should never have been able to house all the students who came to us for a preparation for a place in the finishing of the work.

The prospects for East Michigan for 1920 are bright. Though this is an old field, being the scene of the labors of many of the pioneers in the message; though territorially it is but small, and has apparently had considerable work done in the heralding of the third angel's message, yet the many cities, which have increased in population at an astounding rate during the last few years, present a wonderful opportunity, and we are pressing our city work as best our forces will allow. Campaigns are being conducted in Detroit, Jackson, Flint, Lansing, Saginaw, Bay City, and several smaller places. We look forward to the year 1920 with earnest hope that a large number will both hear and accept the glorious news of the Saviour's soon coming and will prepare to meet him.

May the prayers of all join with ours that the truth may go in this part of the Master's vineyard, and that East Michigan may stand at the very front in the final efforts to finish the work and hasten the coming of the King.

W. A. WESTWORTH.

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SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA

THE year 1919 was a good one for the Southeastern California Conference. Our territory embraces the counties of San Bernardino, Riverside, Orange, Imperial, and San Diego.

At the close of the year our thirty-three churches reported a membership of 1,960, a gain of 100 members for the year. This membership is proportionately distributed throughout our field. Five of our churches are situated in the Imperial Valley, which, fifteen years ago, was a barren desert, but is now a fertile region, from the viewpoint of both agriculture and soul-winning. In the Palo Verde Valley, which is similar to the Imperial Valley, there are two churches. We have seven churches in and around San Diego, and seven in the beautiful Orange County region. The remaining twelve churches are scattered throughout Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. Our largest church is at Loma Linda. Most of our churches are blessed with efficient, consecrated elders and other officers. We are deeply grateful for the earnest labors of these men and women who are carrying local responsibilities.



J. L. MCELHANY
President Southeastern California Conference

A strong educational work is being carried forward in the seventeen church schools of our conference. Twenty-eight teachers are employed. The enrolment is 504.

Our tithe income for the year was \$76,833.68. This is an increase of \$12,149.31 over the previous year.

The amount contributed to missions was \$32,077.16, which is \$3,611.16 in excess of the sum given last year. On a per capita basis, this is 34 cents per member. Our churches are not at all dismayed at the placing of our mission gifts for 1920 on a fifty-cent-a-week basis. On the contrary, they recognize in this step one of the sure indications that this glorious message is to be speedily finished.

The Week of Prayer was a time of real revival and deep heart-searching among our churches. More than ever before we see evidences that many are living by faith a Spirit-filled life. An earnest spirit of prayer and consecration is manifested in the lives of many. While we rejoice in the blessing of God as manifested in financial prosperity, we rejoice far more over the deepening and quickening of the spiritual lives of our dear brethren and sisters.

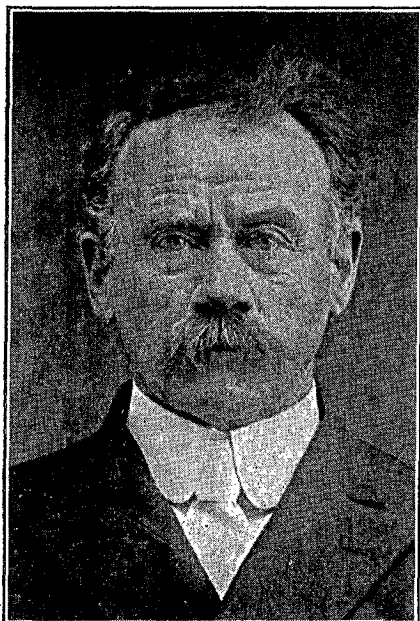
Our tract society reports a steadily increasing volume of business, which is created by faithful work on the part of our colporteurs and an ever-growing interest among our churches in home missionary work.

Our conference laborers constitute an earnest band of men and women who are devotedly laboring for the salvation of souls and the upbuilding of the cause of God in this part of the field. With a loyal constituency back of us, we join hand and heart with our sister conferences throughout the world in making the year 1920 one of the greatest in our history—in striving to advance the message both at home and abroad. We are of good courage, and by God's grace intend to triumph with this movement.

J. L. MCELHANY.

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"THERE is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."



JOHN G. WALKER
President Saskatchewan Conference

SASKATCHEWAN

THE Seventh-day Adventist Conference of Saskatchewan was organized at a camp-meeting held in the town of Bulyea, Saskatchewan, July 15-21, 1912. Previous to this time it had been a mission field, at first connected with the Manitoba Conference, and then a mission field of the Western Canadian Union, until its organization was completed at the foregoing date.

When first organized, Saskatchewan had seven churches, with a membership of 121. There were also 116 isolated Sabbath keepers, making a total of 237. It had ten Sabbath schools, with a membership of 189. It had two family church schools in operation, and eleven students enrolled at the Alberta Industrial Academy.

Its tithe in 1911, the year previous to its organization, was \$6,777.62; its donations to missions were \$1,643.18, the Sabbath schools alone giving \$739.63 of this amount. The book sales in 1911 amounted to \$10,056.19, with ten colporteurs in the field.

At the close of 1915, just four years later, there were eighteen churches, with a membership of 590, and about 114 isolated Sabbath keepers, a total of 704. The Sabbath school department reported twenty-five schools, with a membership of 812. There were three church schools and four home schools, with an enrollment of fifty-six students. The book and magazine sales in 1915 amounted to \$17,276.63, with twenty-five persons devoting the whole or a part of their time to the work. The tithe in 1915 amounted to \$14,971.31; offerings of all kinds, to \$10,408.92; a total in tithes and offerings of \$25,380.23.

At the close of 1919, after another four years, the membership was 1,185, in twenty-eight churches. There are now more than 1,280 Sabbath keepers of mature age in the province. The tithe in 1919 was \$31,945.90, and our offerings to foreign missions, \$7,341.10. The total in tithe and offerings, including those in the Sabbath school, was \$49,338.93. Our tithe in 1919 decreased \$12,787.97, and in 1918 it was \$1,524.43 less than in 1917. This was due to the failure in

crops over a large part of the province, some sections having had two successive failures, and others, three.

Our young people's societies now number seventeen, with a membership of 365. About one half the Sabbath keepers in the province may be classed with the young people.

There are now forty Sabbath schools, with a membership of 1,381. The donations in 1919 amounted to \$10,051.93. There has been a steady increase in these donations, and it is interesting to learn that since 1912 the Sabbath schools have contributed \$47,293.36. It is also interesting to note that the total amount paid in tithe and donated as offerings for home and foreign missions since we were organized, is \$30,088.86. Of this sum \$199,872.05 was tithe.

Our book sales in 1919 were \$26,782.16, and since the first of 1912 they have amounted to \$144,747.52.

Our academy, situated at Battleford, on the old Northwest Territory site, is doing well, and a promising class of students is in attendance. The enrolment thus far this year is 158, and almost all are in attendance at the present time.

JOHN G. WALKER.

NORTH WISCONSIN

WE notice that in all our conferences a decided gain in the matter of tithes, and offerings to missions, is being made each year; and, with her sister conferences, North Wisconsin has shared in this material prosperity. The tithe has steadily increased each year, and the year 1919 was no exception. Our mission goal for 1919 was passed by a few hundred dollars.

God has blessed our workers with health, and they have all been busily seeking those who are interested in the message. Last summer we conducted three tent meetings. The one held at Iron River, Wis., met with very determined prejudice, and it seemed for a time that the effort would be fruitless, but by earnest, prayerful work on the part of the laborers this condition was changed, and a fine little company was raised up. The company at Hudson did not meet with prejudice, but with that which is much worse, a very indifferent spirit. In spite of this indifference, a number of people were gathered out, and regular Sabbath services are held there each week. At Grantsburg, where a tent-meeting was held for the Swedish people, none of these conditions existed. There was a good attendance throughout the meeting. Several began to keep the Sabbath, and a minister and Bible worker are there now, developing the interest.

We have but one denominational institution in the conference, the Walderly Academy, which was started several years ago under very difficult circumstances. There was very little money to work with, and as many of the brethren did not realize the need of a school so far north, they were a little slow in giving their support. The large number of boys and girls attending the school has demonstrated the need of such an institution, and our people throughout the conference are now all doing what they can to make Walderly Academy a success. Several improvements have been made at the school in the last two or three years, the last one being an addition to the ladies'

dormitory, which was very much needed on account of the crowded conditions.

To my mind, one very encouraging feature of the work in this conference is the desire on the part of so many to have their children in one of our institutions, that they may obtain a training for the Lord's work. Our people are beginning to understand that our young people are of great value to us as a denomination, also that a trained worker is of more value than one who is not trained. Our young people themselves are getting the inspiration, and many of them are planning their work with the definite object in view of giving themselves to the mission work in the far-off fields. Our members generally are pleased with this attitude, and as they read of the action of the Council at Boulder relative to the training of workers for the mission fields, they felt like indorsing it, and working hard to meet the increased calls.

J. J. IRWIN.

CALIFORNIA

THERE has always been manifested in our conference a very deep interest in the growth of the work of God in all the world, and as we have given both men and means to advance the cause, there has been kindled a growing interest in our hearts that is not easily quenched, and in view of the perilous times and unmistakable evidence on every side that our Lord will soon come, our dear people seemed to renew their interest last year, and to put forth greater efforts than ever to assist in carrying forward the work.

One writer has said: "God's methods are men, not statistics," but reliable statistics do serve as a guideboard, pointing the direction in which we are traveling and indicating to some degree the rate of speed we are making.

The membership of our conference is perhaps the largest of any Seventh-day Adventist conference in the world. It now numbers 3,511. We have earnestly endeavored to encourage and build up in our churches a stronger spiritual life, and our laborers met with some degree of success in winning a considerable num-



J. J. IRWIN
President North Wisconsin Conference

ber of new believers to the cause last year.

The gold and silver, the Lord says, and the cattle upon a thousand hills, are his, and he has intrusted us with these treasures, and it is a privilege to return to the Lord the part that is due him both in tithes and offerings. The index finger that marks the number of dollars given by our people, last year pointed higher than ever before. Our tithe receipts for 1919 amounted to \$126,728.38. Our quota for missions was \$43,069; but under the blessing of God and the liberality of our faithful people, we were able to send on \$17,308.68 in excess of our quota. The total amount sent was \$60,377.68. In addition to this we gave \$13,000 surplus tithe to the General Conference, making a grand total for missions from our conference of \$73,377.68. We also had the privilege of contributing about \$5,000 for other needy fields and lines of service outside of our conference. Our books show that nearly a quarter of a million dollars was raised in our conference last year for home and foreign work.

The annual report of our Bible House in Oklahoma shows a very encouraging increase in the volume of business done. The retail value of sales amounted to nearly \$39,000. This was made possible by our faithful colporteurs, magazine workers, and members.

The Sabbath school department is a strong factor in building up our churches and raising funds for missions, and the faithful work done by this department is worthy of special mention. More than \$28,000 was sent to the mission fields through this channel.

Our educational work has been greatly strengthened. A number of new schools have been started, and the teachers are doing a strong work. The home missionary and Missionary Volunteer departments are well organized, and are carrying forward with courage and earnest zeal the very important work in their respective lines of Christian service.

We greatly appreciate the hearty support and co-operation of the workers and constituency the last year. We are now concerned over the future and what it has in store for us. To achieve greater

things for the Master, to reach the goals set before us this year, we must surrender our lives more fully and give our hearts over to the leadership and control of the Holy Spirit. This we do, by God's grace. GEORGE W. WELLS.

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CHICAGO

THE smallest in territory and one of the largest in population, the Chicago Conference presents a problem unlike almost any other field. Of the 3,500,000 inhabitants, 2,000,000 are of foreign extraction. It is because of these peculiarities that the Lake Union Conference saw fit, a little more than a year ago, to make a change in territorial lines, and form the nine counties in the north-eastern part of Illinois, and Lake County in Indiana, into a conference. This new child of the union was christened, The Chicago Conference.

This conference began its existence with 1,727 members, and during its first year gained 138, making a total membership of 1,865 on Jan. 1, 1920. There are at present twenty-five churches, fourteen of which are in Chicago and eleven in the counties outside the city. One of these is in Lake County, Indiana. In fifteen of these churches the services are conducted in English, and ten are in other languages,—two German, two Swedish, one Danish-Norwegian, and one each in Italian, Rumanian, Hungarian, Polish, and Czecho-Slovak.

An earnest band of workers, united, with but one purpose, no matter what their nationality, are endeavoring to seek the honest in heart in the rushing mass of humanity, and give them this last message of truth. Our laboring force numbers forty-six. Twelve of these are officials and office help, ten are ordained ministers in the field, ten are licentiates, and fourteen are Bible workers. Twenty-three of our field laborers are in the department of the Bureau of Home Missions, while only eleven are working among the English. The work is now conducted in fourteen different languages.

The conference finances made a very encouraging showing during the year, and compared with the three years of the Northern Illinois Conference, there was a very good increase. The tithe of the Chicago Conference for the year just closed was \$70,506.15, a per capita of \$46.62½. This tithe is about \$3,000 more than the tithe for the Northern Illinois Conference in 1918. This means a gain in the territory of the Chicago Conference of about \$20,000 in the first year of its history.

In our mission funds the Lord has likewise blessed. In 1918 the Northern Illinois Conference raised \$10,279.91 more than its goal. In 1919 Chicago raised \$30,447.29, which is \$10,791.29 more than the required 25 cents a week, or a per capita of 38.6 cents.

At times we as workers feel like Gideon of old when he faced the encamped host of Midian; but we take courage, realizing that the same God who chose the few to overcome the many in Gideon's day, is able to lead the handful of believers today into the camp of the enemy and gain as signal a victory. As Gideon's band won by breaking the pitchers and blowing the trumpets, so we must break the covering which hides our light,



A. J. CLARK
President Chicago Conference

and sound the trumpets of alarm and victory, and see the salvation of God.
A. J. CLARK.

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WYOMING

As we take a retrospective view of the work of this conference for the past year, we are caused to rejoice at seeing that some advancements have been made. We feel grateful to God for his blessing which has attended the work in our field.

During the year ninety-four persons have accepted the truth. Of this number seventy-one have been baptized. Two church buildings have been erected, and one is in process of construction.

Our departmental secretaries have done faithful work, and the Lord has blessed the efforts put forth. About fifty of our young people are attending Union College and the different academies. Our Sabbath schools have made good advancement. The offerings for 1919 amounted to \$5,732.72, which was a gain of \$1,200 over those of 1918.

With a population of only about 300,000, scattered over the State of Wyoming, eleven counties of western Nebraska, and the Black Hills of South Dakota, our faithful colporteurs have placed many of our good books in the homes of the people. The sales of our tract society for 1919 amounted to \$13,934, which gives us a gain over the sales of the previous year of \$6,915.

We are very grateful for the liberality manifested by our brethren, and believe that God has blessed both the gift and the giver. During the year 1919, we received in tithes \$33,734, which gives us a gain over 1918 of \$6,028. The offerings for missions during 1919 amounted to \$23,160, which is a gain over those of 1918 of \$10,313. Our offerings for missions this year averaged 59 cents a week per member.

As laborers and laity, we are of good courage. It is our purpose so to devote ourselves to the work that God may continue to bless it; and our prayer is that he will give us strength to do so, and that the coming year may see greater advancement in all departments.

N. T. SUTTON.



G. W. WELLS
President California Conference



DAVID VOTH
President North Texas Conference

NORTH TEXAS

WHILE our hearts have been made glad many times as we have read of the progress of the message in the regions beyond, we also rejoice to see the work grow at home, for we believe that the work here, at the base of supplies for the foreign fields, should grow stronger as the years go by. It is to the homeland that the Foreign Mission Board looks for supplies of both means and workers; and, realizing this, we are glad to see new additions to our churches, increase in tithes and offerings, new workers entering the ministry, the colporteur work making progress, etc.

In looking over the reports of our workers for last year, we find that nearly 200 persons were baptized and added to the church. We thank God for this, and only wish the number might have been much larger. We hope and pray for a larger harvest of souls this present year, and we believe the Lord will give them to us.

The Lord also blessed our faithful colporteurs in a wonderful manner. At our institute early in the year 1919, a goal of \$35,000 was set by the colporteurs for that year. This looked like a big undertaking, but at the close of the year we found that our sales amounted to \$42,675.24. Truly the Lord has been good to our bookmen. Our sales in 1918 amounted to about \$33,000, so there was a gain in 1919 of more than \$9,000. The best of all, however, is that the last message has been brought to thousands of homes, and we believe some will accept it and be saved.

As we look over our conference treasurer's report for last year, we notice that our twenty-eight churches, with a membership of 1,036, and the isolated members, paid in tithe \$32,067.35. This is the largest tithe for one year in the history of the North Texas Conference. Comparing this amount with the tithe for 1918, which was \$25,254.21, we note that there was a gain of \$6,813.14.

There was also an increase in our offerings for missions, for which we are very thankful. Our Sabbath schools gave about \$8,000. If we add to this amount \$6,032.24, which was raised in the Har-

vest Ingathering campaign, through the Investment Plan, etc., we have the sum of \$14,032.24, an average of a little more than twenty-five cents a week per member. Beginning with the first month of the year, our good people of North Texas raised their quota for missions month by month, and did not fall behind a single month. To the Lord and his people we give the credit for this good record.

The total amount in tithes and offerings for missions raised by our conference was \$46,099.59. From this we sent to the union and General Conferences \$10,582.22 tithe and \$14,032.24 in mission offerings, making a total of \$24,614.46. More than half the money raised in our conference was sent to fields outside. We are very glad of this, for it is by giving that we receive.

The educational, Missionary Volunteer, and home missionary departments also made excellent progress in their work. More tracts, papers, and magazines were sold and given away than in any other year. We have fifteen church schools, and good reports are coming from all of them.

Our courage in the Lord is good, our hope bright, and our determination strong to remain with this work until Jesus shall say, "It is finished."

DAVID VOTH.

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SOUTH WISCONSIN

IT is with pleasure we note some of the things which indicate that progress was made in the work in South Wisconsin during 1919. Space will not permit going into detail or touching upon all branches of the work.

Our membership is 2,124, in a population of more than two million, made up of many nationalities. Probably in no other conference in the union, outside of Chicago, are there so many tongues spoken. At present we are carrying on work in three foreign languages—the Italian, the Scandinavian, and the German. The work for the last two nationalities was established some years ago, and is therefore farther advanced than the work for the Italians.

The Scandinavian work in this country first started at Oakland, Wis., in 1850, when four persons, among whom were the parents of Elder O. A. Olsen, began the observance of the Sabbath. Elder John G. Matteson was closely connected with this early Scandinavian work, and raised \$1,000 among his people in this State and Minnesota to print the message, finally learning the trade and printing it himself. He raised up the Oakland church, which was many times visited by Elder and Mrs. James White, and we understand that in this church the Lord once appeared in vision to Sister White.

The work for the German people has been making advancement ever since it started, and has become fully established.

Work for the Italians was started about three years ago, in Milwaukee, and a church of nearly twenty members has been organized. They are active, and faithful in tithes and offerings; they raised more than \$200 in the Harvest Ingathering campaign last year.

Five companies were in the field in 1919, conducting efforts at Milwaukee, Racine, Ft. Atkinson, Lafarge, and She-

boygan. All met with a fair degree of success. A total of 175 persons were baptized. We have two new church buildings ready for dedication.

Conventions were held among the churches in the interests of the Sabbath school, the Missionary Volunteer, the educational, and the home missionary departments. Seventeen churches, in which home missionary conventions were held, were organized for practical work, and each is systematically covering a given territory with *Present Truth*. Attractive reading racks, to be filled with our literature, are being placed in many railroad depots for the benefit of the traveling public.

The Madison Sanitarium shows a decided gain in every way. Its bills payable account has been reduced by about \$10,000. The net gain for 1919 was nearly \$9,000. The institution also shows spiritual growth. Bethel Academy is enjoying its new chapel, dining-room, and boys' dormitory. The enrolment is greater than ever before. The academy has been raised from a ten-grade to a twelve-grade school. Both institutions show a fine spirit of co-operation.

Our tithe in 1919 was \$69,390.11, a gain of \$16,196.99. The Two-per-cent Fund amounted to \$2,426.04. The total offerings to missions amounted to \$33,225.44, an increase of about \$7,000. Of this amount more than \$7,000 was secured in the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

The tract society did a steady business last year; the sales amounted to \$29,305.53. Including students, we had forty colporteurs in the field, who sold 3,101 books, amounting to \$11,122.15, an average of \$1.25 an hour, with a delivery of about 95 per cent of the orders.

The thirty-two Missionary Volunteer Societies passed all their 1919 goals, and are planning more aggressive work for this year. Each of the nineteen elementary schools has a live Junior Society and prayer bands. They averaged more than a dollar a child in the Harvest Ingathering for 1919.

We have seventy Sabbath schools, which raised \$15,320.23 for foreign missions.

E. A. BRISTOL.



E. A. BRISTOL
President South Wisconsin Conference

EASTERN NEW YORK

THE Eastern New York Conference lies in the heart of that section where the early pioneers began their labors. In "Life Sketches of Ellen G. White" and the earlier volumes of the Testimonies, where the old landmarks are mentioned, may be found the names Oswego, Camden, Adams Center, Saratoga Springs, Bucksbridge, etc. At the last-named place was organized one of the first churches in the denomination.

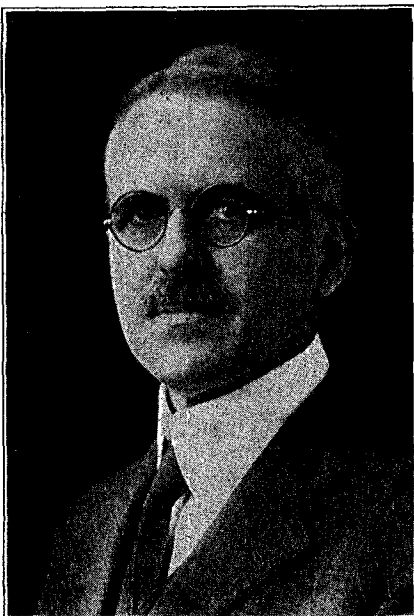
We have a population of about 2,000,000 in our territory. Among our larger cities are Albany, Schenectady, Utica, Syracuse, and Binghamton; and there are many smaller cities, with a population ranging from 10,000 to 35,000. We have eleven counties in our territory, containing a population of about 500,000, in which very little work has been done. In none of these is there a church, and but very few Sabbath keepers; yet in these counties we have thriving cities, and good-sized towns and villages which must hear the truth.

My connection with this conference covers a period of three and one-half years, and I can say that we have a faithful, loyal, devoted people. A comparative statement for the last four years will give material evidence of this.

In 1916 our membership was 872, and at the close of 1919 it was about 1,100, a net gain of 228. In round numbers, the tithe for 1916 was \$15,500; for 1919 it was \$28,350, or nearly twice the amount of four years ago. A similar increase is seen in mission offerings. In 1916 they were \$9,000; in 1919, \$13,700, a gain of more than 50 per cent. The Harvest Ingathering work shows a very encouraging increase. In 1916 we received \$1,853; in 1919, \$4,500.

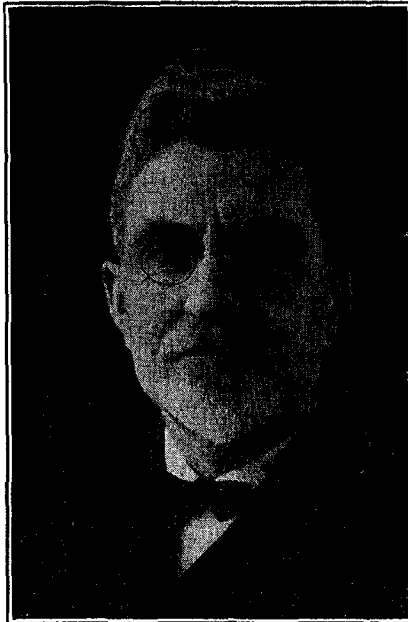
Though we have lost a number of our workers during the last two or three years, some of them having been called to the presidency of conferences and to fill other positions of responsibility, we were fortunate in making some valuable additions to our laboring force last year. This enabled us to divide our conference into districts, with an ordained or licensed minister as superintendent of each.

H. C. HARTWELL.



H. C. HARTWELL

President Eastern New York Conference



J. A. RIPPEY

President Southern Oregon Conference

SOUTHERN OREGON

THE Southern Oregon Conference consists of eight counties in the most south-westerly portion of the State of Oregon, having a population of about 100,000. Southern Oregon is very mountainous, and quite a difficult field to work. As there is but one railroad line with just a few branches, a great deal of the territory can be reached only by stage, which is very slow. Of course, during summer the auto-stage is about as good as traveling by rail, but in the winter time, teams have to be used for travel in many localities.

The membership of our conference in 1918 was 776, and in 1919 it was 784. The tithe received during 1918 amounted to \$18,227.71, and in 1919 it was \$23,224.90, while the offerings to missions for the same periods were \$8,146.52 and \$11,074.26, respectively. The latter amount enabled us to reach our twenty-five-cent-a-week goal for 1919, for which we feel to rejoice. Our report does not show a very great harvest of souls, but this is because we have dropped from our list many members who have not been heard from for a number of years, and others who have apostatized. There are in our field eight ministers, half of whom are ordained.

In 1918 we established an academy, known as the Southern Oregon Academy, situated near Cottage Grove, Oreg. Since then we have purchased a large brick building in Sutherlin, Oreg., where we are conducting our conference school at the present time, it being known as the Sutherlin Academy. Our conference office is in the same place, occupying part of the school building. The total enrolment at the academy is 105 students, about one half of whom are taking work in the academic department.

It is our earnest desire that in the year before us we may accomplish great things for God. Surely we are living in "the time of the end," when each one should bestir himself and push the battle to the gates. We are of good courage in the Lord, and our only hope is in the completion of this message.

J. A. RIPPEY.

ARKANSAS

THE Arkansas Conference has been organized for several years, but it has only a small constituency. We have no advanced schools, sanitariums, or other denominational institutions in our conference, therefore many of our people move to other fields. However, we are glad to be able to report some advancement.

During the year 1919 we erected three new church buildings, one of them for the colored people. The reports of the workers show that only thirty-seven persons were baptized during the year, but wherever work was done the churches have been helped and strengthened.

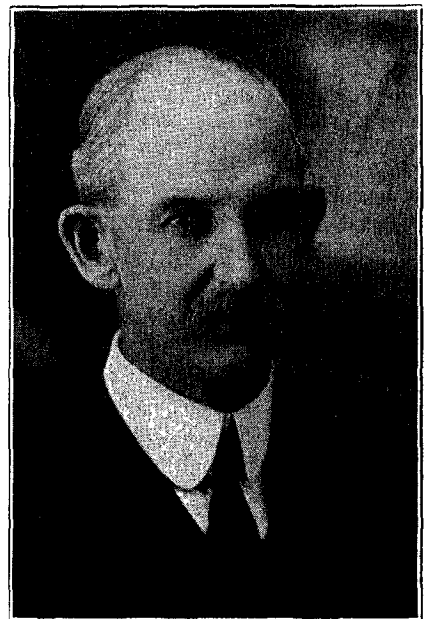
The tithe received was a little more than \$16,000. This was only \$500 more than was received the year before, but during the previous year there had been "windfalls" of tithe from individuals paying back tithe, or of tithe from those who had sold property; this amounted to several hundred dollars. There was a gain in the regular tithe over that of the previous year of about \$2,000.

We passed our goal in gifts to missions. Our goal for the years 1917 and 1918 was 20 cents a week per member; and we passed it. In 1919 the goal was 25 cents a week; and we passed it. This brings courage to us, and we are attempting the 50-cent-a-week goal in real earnest. Our Sabbath schools show a membership of 522, and their offerings have steadily increased. This membership includes the isolated members in the home department.

We have had a steady gain in book sales also. In 1917 our goal was \$30,000; and we reached it. In 1918 we delivered between \$30,000 and \$35,000 worth of books. In 1919 our goal was \$35,000, and we delivered about \$36,000 worth. Our tract society shows quite a good gain.

We have eleven church schools, some of which are in session only a few months of the year; others for a longer term. Our Missionary Volunteer secretary reports good progress toward all the goals of that department. In our religious liberty work we are sending *Liberty* to all the lawmakers and editors in our conference.

J. I. TAYLOR.



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President Arkansas Conference

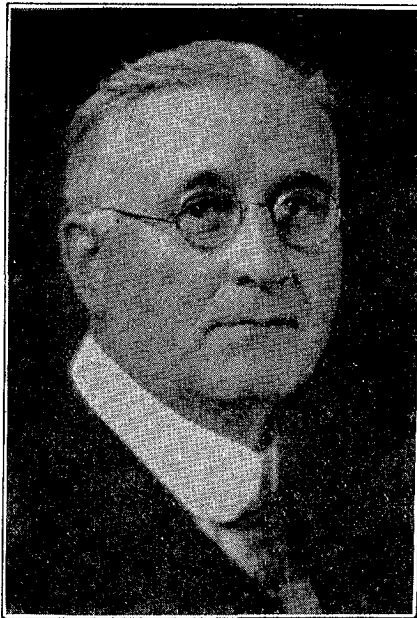
NEBRASKA

We are beginning to sow our literature like the leaves of autumn. Our book sales last year amounted to more than \$30,000. Our tithe receipts show \$69,710.50. This is about \$10,000 less than it was one year ago. This shortage is accounted for by the strike and the terrible road conditions that existed in our State during the month of December. It was impossible for our agriculturists to market any produce during that month. Consequently our tithe and offerings were much less than they otherwise would have been. Our offerings to missions, in round numbers, amounted to \$33,000. Our Harvest Ingathering last year was the largest ever secured in this conference. In 1918 our Harvest Ingathering amounted to \$2,800, while in 1919 it was \$7,300. One very beautiful church building was erected in the city of Kearney, at a cost of a little less than \$4,000.

Shortly after I came to Nebraska as president of the conference—in 1916—we bought a church building in a very good locality in the city of Omaha, not far from the business center of that place, for \$18,000. The elder of the Omaha church informs me that this property could now be sold for nearly \$75,000. The amount of the purchase price was raised during the last three and one-half years and the church is now practically free from debt.

For nine years the Nebraska Conference had voted at its annual sessions to build an academy. One year ago last June we started to erect the academy building so long contemplated and needed. On the 18th day of last September we found ourselves in possession of a fine academy building, situated on eighty acres of land. The building is now full and overflowing with young people, and the school is doing very satisfactory work.

At a special meeting of the Nebraska Conference recently held in College View for the purpose of considering the sale of the old sanitarium building at College View, it was voted to sell the sanitarium to Union College to be used as a girls' dormitory, and that the Nebraska Conference erect a new building large enough to take care of 100 patients, at a cost

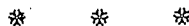


J. S. ROUSE
President Nebraska Conference

of from two hundred thousand to two hundred fifty thousand dollars. This seemed like an overwhelming undertaking for a single conference, but we all felt impressed that the Lord would open the way before us, and now we are praising the Ruler of the universe because we see his omnipotent hand leading.

While looking around for a sanitarium site near Lincoln, we found a large fire-proof building which would be well suited to our work after a few additional partitions had been put in, a few bathrooms constructed, and some decorating done. The building has a frontage of 285 feet, extending 116 feet back on the north end, and 40 feet back on the south end. It has two stories and basement. There are forty-nine rooms on the top floor, 10 x 14 feet, with hot and cold water in every room. This building could not be erected out of brick, iron, and cement, as it stands today, for less than \$350,000. We offered \$20,000 for the building, together with the furniture, equipment, and the ten acres of land on which it stands, and our offer was accepted by the corporation that owns it. By securing this building we shall be able to vacate the old sanitarium building before the beginning of another school year.

We give the Lord all the glory for the advancement his work is making in this part of the field. **J. S. ROUSE.**



EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

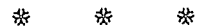
EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA is full of hope. "Hearty co-operation" is the motto of our workers. We believe that much of the Lord's blessing, and our success in labor, are due to this. We are deeply grateful to our heavenly Parent that more than 500 persons have been added to our membership during the last three years. Of this number 123 accepted the third angel's message in 1919. About thirty more were baptized during the first two weeks of the present year. Our missionary offerings have also been good. They reached a total in December of more than \$29,000, and we rejoice that we can have a part in spreading this great truth to the uttermost parts of the

earth. A substantial increase is also shown in the tithe, which was more than \$60,000 for the year. The literature sales amounted to more than \$42,000.

We have placed our tract society work on a solid business basis, adopting a cash policy for ministers, churches, colporteurs, and individual members. A list of all books on hand must accompany a colporteur's order, and a cash remittance for every book sold. This will prevent a repetition of the heavy losses of the past, and will prove a great blessing to all concerned.

Plans have been laid to conduct this winter the most aggressive evangelistic campaign this field has ever witnessed. Our laborers are unanimous in the feeling that during this "little time of peace" what can be done, must be accomplished quickly.

D. A. PARSONS.

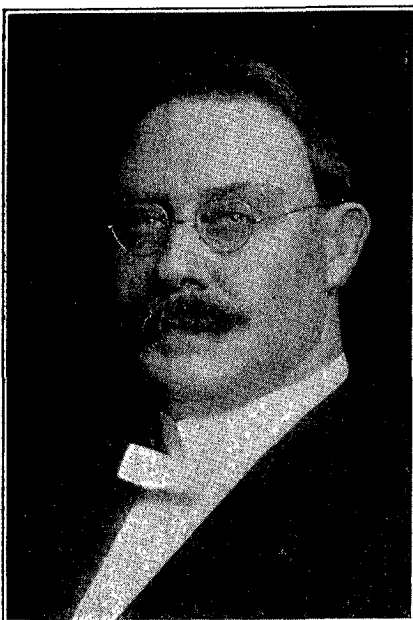


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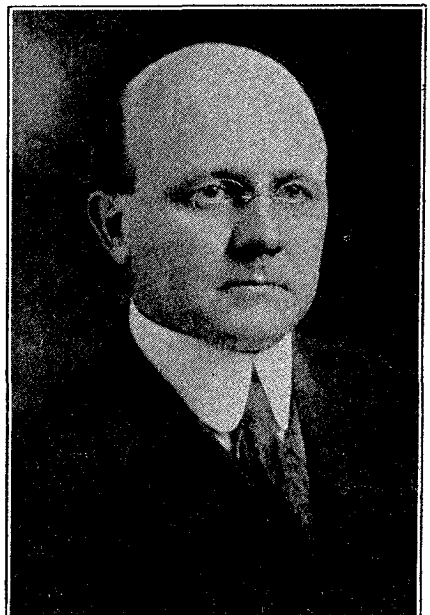
It is with pleasure that we report the work in South Texas for the year just closed. God greatly blessed his work. A large number accepted the truth through the faithful efforts of the workers; new churches were raised up, and the old ones were strengthened. A new place of worship was purchased by the church at Houston; the colored church in that city also purchased a neat place of worship, and other churches in other places are planning to erect buildings.

Our departmental work made advancement, keeping pace with the growth of the work in other respects. The Sabbath school department had the most successful year in its history. The Missionary Volunteer, and the home missionary work is growing; more missionary work is being done than ever before. Our church schools are doing well; three of them employ two teachers, and the one at El Campo is developing into a good intermediate school. A good building has just been erected at this place, and is being well equipped. It is planned to have it up to the standard soon in all respects.

As we review the finances, we find them interesting. It seemed for a time that



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E. L. NEFF
President South Texas Conference



J. K. JONES

President Massachusetts Conference

we should not be able to make our goals, and that the tithe would fall far short of that received last year. This was due to the excessive rains and to storms on the coast. The conditions were unprecedented; the oldest citizens never remembered a time when there were such conditions in the country. Thousands of acres of crops were ruined; in many instances no cotton, corn, or feed were gathered in. We are indeed thankful to our heavenly Father for the blessings that have attended the work. We have more than reached our goal in the offerings to missions, and the tithe is greater than it was last year; the tithe per capita amounts to about \$40. Surely God is making his people willing in the day of his power.

For a time it looked as if our book work would of necessity be a failure; our colporteurs had thousands of dollars' worth of orders, but the crops in most places were a total loss. However, the Lord blessed in this work, and more than \$20,000 worth of books were delivered during the year. The results of this work will certainly be seen in souls saved in the kingdom of heaven.

Our Mexican work made splendid gains, especially in tithes. There are a number of bright young men who are selling our literature to their own people, and they are having excellent success. We hope to see others join this company, to help carry this message to the large number of Mexicans within our borders.

Our work for the colored people has grown; but when we disclose the fact that we have only one worker among all the thousands of colored people in this conference, it will be seen that this is indeed a needy field. We hope that something can be done to furnish us with more workers for the colored race.

E. L. NEFF.

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MASSACHUSETTS

It is indeed a pleasure to send to the REVIEW AND HERALD an account of the blessings the Lord bestowed upon the Massachusetts Conference during 1919. As in every other field, the enemy of all souls has tried to retard the missionary

activities of our people here, but God has signally defeated him. Massachusetts is rapidly filling up with the foreign element, which is either Roman Catholic or nonreligious in character. Though at one time the cradle, so to speak, of pure Americanism, the real American stock is rapidly disappearing. The people are quite conservative, and are rather slow to change from one religion to another. Notwithstanding this handicap, our evangelists, especially in Boston and Springfield, have had large accessions to the truth during the past year. Evangelistic work has been conducted successfully in the cities of Boston, Worcester, Springfield, and New Bedford. We recently began work for the Lithuanian and Polish populations in the Boston field, and find them eager to listen to the gospel. While we have not seen the large gain in membership we would like to see, still our gain is of a healthy character, and the conference membership is one that is not at all inflated. The membership would appear much larger, were it not for the fact that we have endeavored to keep our church record books up to date. The conference membership now registers considerably more than 2,000.

Our people are a missionary people, and have been very active in the circulation of our small books, periodicals, and tracts. Under the faithful direction of D. P. Waldo and his wife, our book work, which has always had an up-and-down experience, seems to be making good gains. We feel greatly pleased with the success of the Harvest Ingathering campaign. Our official goal, as set for us, was a little more than \$6,600. We actually raised, by Dec. 31, 1919, \$9,886.83, this being a clear gain of nearly \$3,000 over the amount raised in 1918. Thus we averaged \$5 for every member in our conference, figuring on the basis of the membership at the close of 1918.

We are indeed pleased to report a good sum for the foreign mission fields. Our total mission offerings in 1919 amounted to nearly \$32,000, or \$8,125 more than the total conference quota of 25 cents a week per member for the year. In 1918 the tithe was \$60,500; last year, 1919, it reached \$71,347, making a gain of nearly \$11,000. This amount—\$71,347—figured on the basis of a membership of 1,858, which was our membership when the year began, would give us an average tithe per member in this conference of more than \$38. Our per capita in 1918 was \$32.55. J. K. JONES.

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NORTH DAKOTA

NORTH DAKOTA is not a large State; it has less than 70,000 sections of land and only about 1,000,000 inhabitants. More than half the population is found in the Red River Valley, or adjacent to it. In the rest of the State only about one quarter of the population live in the country. This conference presents a field of broad prairies and long distances, making it a very difficult field to work during the winter months. There are four natural divisions in the State: The Red River Valley, passing through the entire eastern part, having an elevation of from 800 to 1,000 feet above sea level; a higher plateau, passing through the central portion of the State, from 1,200 to 1,600 feet above sea level; a still higher range of country west of

the Missouri, from 1,800 to 2,800 feet above sea level; and the Turtle Mountain range, in the north. Each of these divisions has its own climate.

Organized work for this denomination began here about seventeen years ago. Since then the light has spread over nearly all parts of the State. There are forty-six organized churches in this conference, with a membership of about 1,800. Our constituency is divided into four nationalities; more than half are German, and the rest are Russian, Scandinavian, and English.

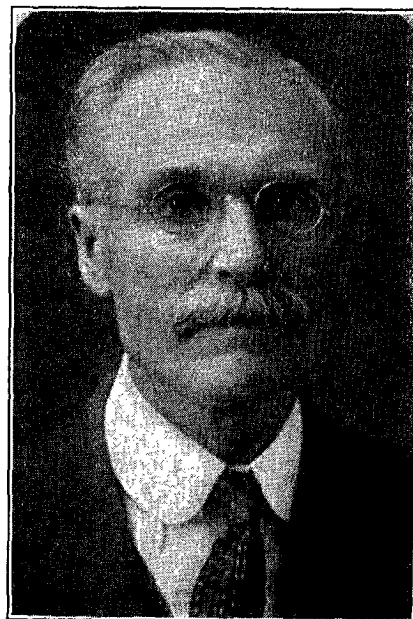
During the war our German brethren were permitted to conduct their services, both in our churches and for the public. We considered this a direct providence of God, for which we were thankful, and the work advanced even more rapidly than during pre-war times. About sixteen churches have been organized and nine new buildings have been erected since the second year of the war. Tithe to the amount of \$157,501.13 has been paid into the treasury, as follows:

1916	\$36,824.60
1917	33,138.72
1918	56,530.96
1919 (nine months)	31,026.85

These fluctuating figures tell an interesting story: (1) That our brethren pay their tithes; and (2) that the tithe is based upon crop returns. The year 1917 was the year in which we suffered from rust, which was general, hence the tithe was about \$20 per capita; while in 1918 we had fine crops, and a correspondingly larger tithe. The tithe for the nine months of 1919 is \$8,000 more than for the same period during 1918; but we do not look for a large tithe, as our crops were almost a total failure throughout the State. However, our tithe comes in largely during the last quarter. The real faithfulness of our people is seen in their offerings to missions, which are as follows:

1916	\$16,520.78
1917	18,350.18
1918	22,849.78
1919 (nine months)	21,774.05

These figures show an increase of missionary endeavor in the face of crop failure. E. L. STEWART.



E. L. STEWART

President North Dakota Conference

NORTH MICHIGAN

WITH the passing of the old year and the coming of the new, it seems most natural to take a retrospective view of the year's events. In a very special way, it would seem advisable to review our efforts in connection with the most important work ever committed to man,—the giving of the final message of warning to every nation, tongue, and people.

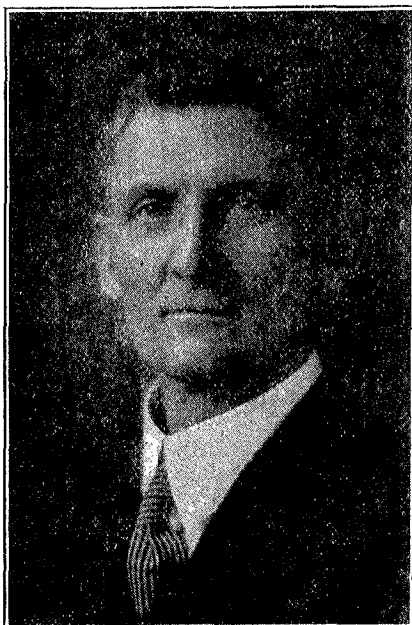
We are glad to be able to report that in North Michigan, as in every other part of the Lord's great vineyard, progress marked the work of the year.

During 1919 there was an increase in tithes of \$5,536.71 over the tithes of the previous year, a gain of about 24 per cent. There was also raised for foreign missions \$13,711.15, an amount \$3,524.60 in excess of the sum raised in 1918, which surely indicates that our people throughout the conference are willingly giving themselves and their means to the finishing of the Lord's work. During 1919 most encouraging progress was made in the sale of our literature, the sales for 1919 exceeding those of any previous year to the amount of \$4,722.12. They show an increase of about 35 per cent over the sales of 1918.

Throughout the conference there has been a special awakening on the part of our young people, and they manifest a desire to fit themselves for service in some department of the Lord's work. At the present time there are more of our young people in the academy and college than at any other time in the history of the conference.

There has been substantial advancement made in the Sabbath school work, as well as in other departments. The membership increased during the year from 903 to 930, and in the offerings for the year there was a gain of \$1,127.34 over those of the previous year.

Owing to the shortness of the tent season in this field, some of the late efforts were not finished, and it is not possible at this writing to give the definite results from the efforts of our workers for the year. However, forty baptisms have been reported, and there has been an increase of eighty-nine in church membership.



R. J. NETHERY

President North Michigan Conference

Last but not least in importance, we are glad to report the increase in subscriptions to the REVIEW AND HERALD. At present, among our people, seventy-four more families are regularly receiving this good paper than one year ago. We have now a 94-per-cent subscription list, and there is a willingness on the part of all to work for 100 per cent.

With gratitude to our heavenly Father for all the blessings of the year, we dedicate ourselves anew to his service.

R. J. NETHERY.

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ILLINOIS

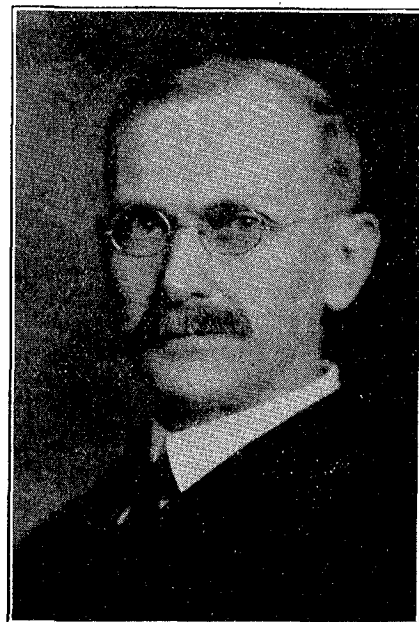
THE Lord wonderfully blessed the Illinois Conference last year, spiritually and financially, and in all departments. Jan. 1, 1919, twenty-five counties from the Northern Illinois Conference were added to the Southern Illinois Conference under the name and constitution of the Illinois Conference, which now comprises ninety-three counties, with a population of three and one-half million people, or all the State of Illinois outside of the Chicago Conference. This increased our membership from 858 to 1,444; and our institutions now number one sanitarium, one academy, and one ten-grade school.

The tithe for 1903, which was the first fiscal year for the Southern Illinois Conference, was \$4,861.20, or an amount per capita of \$8.84. The tithe slowly increased, until in 1915 it was \$12,571, or a per capita tithe of \$16.56. Only three years later, in the year 1918, it amounted to \$23,094.52, or a per capita tithe of \$26.92. The following year, 1919, under the present organization, the tithe leaped to \$54,364.20, a gain of 135 per cent in one year. The tithe of all the churches that united under the reorganization Jan. 1, 1919, was \$40,542.18 for the year 1918, which shows that the same churches gave in 1919 \$13,822.22 more than they gave in 1918.

Taking a similar retrospective view, we find that the total offerings to missions in Southern Illinois for the year 1903 amounted to only \$4,737.48, but they continued to increase, until they reached \$22,712.82 in the year 1919, an increase of \$11,651.96 over the tithe of 1918, and approximately \$4,000 more than our quota on the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund.

We are especially interested in the growth of our Harvest Ingathering work. The earliest record we are able to find is for 1910, when the sum raised by us in the Harvest Ingathering campaign amounted to \$186.28. During the year 1919 we raised \$5,306.67, an increase of \$3,185.66 over the year 1918.

The conference also shows a healthy gain in all departmental work and in all spiritual matters. Our departmental secretaries are earnestly striving to make their work a success. Four years ago only ninety-seven members were reporting home missionary work, while today 435 members are reporting. The young people of the conference have increased their offerings to missions during the past eight years from \$58.97 in the year 1912 to \$1,201.50 for the year 1919, and during the past four years they have increased their society membership from 195 to 483. At the beginning of the last quadrennial period we had only seven church schools, with an enrolment of 100; now we have sixteen church schools, with



W. H. HOLDEN

President Illinois Conference

an enrolment of 211. The total retail value of book and periodical sales for the year 1919 was \$40,887.65, compared with \$31,976.16 for the previous year. We are also grateful for the excellent work our Sabbath schools are doing, not only in increasing their offerings to missions, but in increasing the spiritual interest in this department. The Sabbath school offerings for 1919 were \$12,714.04, compared with \$6,398.46 for the year 1918.

The number of believers baptized during the last year was 117, and we understand that between twenty and thirty candidates are now awaiting baptism. We thank God most heartily that his prospering hand was over us during the year 1919, and we earnestly desire to cooperate with him in the finishing of the work in our part of his vineyard.

WILLIAM H. HOLDEN.

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MANITOBA

THE "gateway province" to the great West, Manitoba, and the portion of Ontario west of the 89th meridian, compose the territorial boundaries of what is now the Manitoba Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. It was organized at the eighth annual meeting of the Manitoba and Northwest Territories Mission Field, held in Winnipeg, July 1-13, 1903. The Manitoba Conference remained a member of the Northern Union Conference until the organization of the Western Canadian Union in 1907.

Six hundred thousand souls, living in a region 600 miles in width and as far north as man may venture, await the last message. Large communities of German, Russian, Ruthenian, Polish, Finnish, and Icelandic people give us a mission field within our borders. At present we are endeavoring to conduct work in the English, Icelandic, German, Ruthenian, and Finnish languages.

We have put forth special efforts in the lake port cities of Port Arthur and Fort William, Ontario, which have a population of 50,000; and also in Winnipeg, the metropolis of Western Canada, with a population of 260,000. Grow-

ing churches are energetically holding forth the light of truth in these important centers. The conference as a whole has made a gain of 30 per cent in membership the last two years over the same period preceding, baptism having been administered to 104.

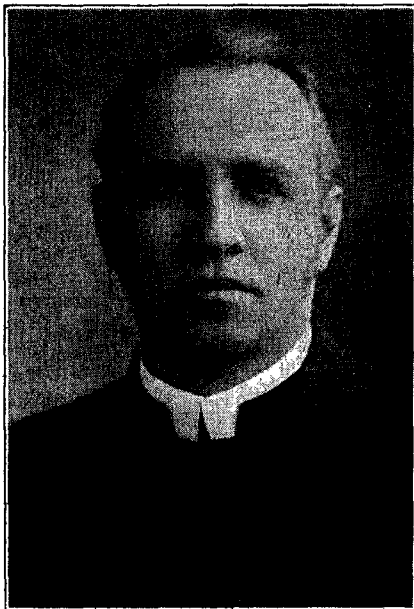
God's people in this conference have taken an interest in the building up of the work financially. The tithe for the last two years has made a gain of 100 per cent over the two years preceding. During the same time the Sabbath schools have gained 50 per cent. Thus all, both young and old, have contributed to the needy fields abroad.

The Harvest Ingathering campaigns have proved to be quite interesting experiences, the gain for the last two years being 212 per cent over the two preceding years. The Winnipeg church set its goal this year at \$1,000 and exceeded this amount. In fact, during the year 1918 the total mission funds averaged 35 cents a week for each member in the conference, and for 1919 the weekly average was over 45 cents. Thus the Manitoba Conference will easily reach the 50-cent goal set for next year. It gives us courage to see the great world movement meeting with success, thus indicating that the work will soon be finished.

Two church schools have been maintained the last two years, and many of our advanced students have attended other schools outside the conference.

We have found that the circulation of our literature is the best way to place the message in the homes of the settlers who are scattered over this vast territory. There has been a gain of 80 per cent the last two years over the same period preceding; \$21,533.88 representing the total value of sales for 1919 in money, but no one knows how great the value of these books may prove to be to those who read and study them.

Elder Stemple White expects to begin an evangelistic effort in the city of Winnipeg early this spring. We believe the Lord has many souls in this field who will adorn the kingdom. Elder C. W. Rubendall is conducting an aggressive work in Fort William, and we look for this effort to gather out a good church



G. H. SKINNER
President Manitoba Conference

in that city. Elder D. Gulbrandson is pioneering the work among the many Icelanders who live around our numerous lakes and rivers.

We are looking forward with confidence to the finishing of this great work, and may the believers in this portion of the vineyard soon meet the faithful of all the earth in our Father's glorious home, and join in the victory song of the ages.

G. H. SKINNER.

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NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND

THE year that has just closed was the most prosperous one in the history of Northern New England. Several weeks before the year began, we set goals in every line of endeavor. Many of these were placed so high that they tried our faith to the limit; indeed, some thought it impossible to reach them. But all the workers and the people, with one heart and one mind, set themselves to the task, and with faith in God went forward, and now they are singing the song of victory. Every goal was reached, and many were exceeded.

The workers of the conference were used as generals; the territory was divided into twelve districts, and a worker was put in charge of each district. The idea in mind was to set each Sabbath keeper in the conference at work for his neighbors and friends. It was the greatest work in home missionary endeavor ever attempted by the conference, and succeeded beyond our expectations. An average of thirty-three small books was sold by each man, woman, and child in our constituency. Thousands of families were visited, and nearly two million pages of literature were distributed.

As a result many have taken their stand for the truth in all parts of the conference. The tithe increased till it reached the largest sum in our history. In offerings to missions, almost two thousand dollars in excess of the twenty-five-cent-a-week goal was raised. In fact, the last three months of the year an average of nearly fifty cents a week per member was raised. This gives us great courage to endeavor to reach the fifty-cent-a-week goal for the present year.

In this connection it might be well to say that our people all over the conference seem to rejoice in the fact that we are going to try to raise more money for the mission fields.

In the canvassing work we made a gain of more than two thousand dollars over the sales of the previous year.

The Sabbath school work made a substantial and healthy growth. Almost all the regular Sabbath school goals were reached, and in offerings we raised more than ever before.

The church school work has been put on a substantial basis and is advancing with increasing interest. We have more church schools now than we ever had before.

Turning to our young people's work, we notice that some of the goals were doubled, and some were trebled. We believe the work for our young people resulted in our sending the largest number of students to Lancaster Junior College of any conference but one in the Atlantic Union.

For some weeks we felt quite anxious about our Harvest Ingathering work. It seemed as if we were not going to reach



R. J. BRYANT
President Northern New England Conference

the goal that all in the United States were trying to reach; but we are glad to be able to say that at the end of the year we exceeded the mark, and more than reached the entire conference goal.

Last, but not least, we are glad to be able to report that almost every Sabbath keeper in Northern New England is a reader of the good old REVIEW. We stand among the conferences in the United States that have the greatest number of subscriptions to the REVIEW to their credit, compared with their membership.

Many things might be told, but space forbids more. We look back with thanksgiving, and forward with joy and pleasure, having still higher goals fixed before us.

R. J. BRYANT.

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INDIANA

THE year just closed has been filled with many perplexities. Heavy responsibilities were resting upon the people of Indiana. However, the greater the duty, the greater the grace given to perform it.

Indiana has a constituency of 1,823, divided into sixty-three churches. Twenty-one of these have church schools, with an attendance of 202 pupils and twenty-five teachers.

We have in our territory the Wabash Valley Sanitarium, in which extensive improvements have been made in the last two years, amounting to \$60,000. It also shows a substantial financial gain for the year 1919.

The tract society reveals a total business of \$52,050.66 for the last year. Our colporteurs in the field sold \$35,100 worth of literature. The remainder of the tract society's business was the result of efforts put forth by the church members, for which credit is due largely to the home missionary department.

The tithes and offerings show a healthy gain. The tithe for 1919 amounted to \$70,120.30, as against \$53,699.85 for 1918. The mission offerings for 1919 amounted to \$25,019.29, as against \$21,588.28 for 1918. The surplus on missions for the year 1919 was \$2,230.20 more than our required quota on the twenty-five-cent-a-week plan.



C. S. WIEST

President Indiana Conference

Besides our mission fund, we have raised \$31,702.20 for our new academy and the educational work. We also bought three new church buildings, which cost \$15,000.

Two new churches have been organized, one at Crawfordsville and the other at Vincennes. During the year there were 105 persons added to our number by baptism and profession of faith. Efforts were conducted in the following cities: Indianapolis, LaFayette, Crawfordsville, Muncie, Ft. Wayne, Vincennes, Princeton, and Monticello.

We have had special campaigns or field days among the churches, with excellent results. During the month of December we put out 12,000 copies of the book "Epidemics" alone. Our Harvest Ingathering has been a great blessing, to both the conference and the churches. The total amount raised on this fund was \$7,060.91, which is a gain over 1918 of \$2,418.28.

Our greatest task now is to place our educational work on vantage ground. For a number of years we have been unsettled in reference to the Beechwood Academy. Many have long felt the importance of moving the school to a new location. The matter came before the conference at our session last June, and it was decided to move to a more accessible location. We believe the Lord directed us to a good farm of about one hundred acres, which is three fourths of a mile north of Cicero, and thirty miles north of Indianapolis.

The school has been opened at the new location, and although we have few advantages, we hope some day to have all needed conveniences. The school is doing excellent work under the leadership of Prof. Charles Marsh. Forty-five young people are enrolled, and we have every encouragement that this number will reach one hundred by next fall, if accommodations will permit. We have partly occupied the girls' dormitory, which is now being finished.

The sum of \$31,702.20 has been raised thus far on the educational fund. Of this amount Indiana paid to the Lake Union Conference the sum of \$10,910.33, as its share toward the improvements be-

ing made at Emmanuel Missionary College. We hope to raise \$35,000 to complete the program for our own school, which is known as the Indiana Academy.
C. S. WIEST.

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GEORGIA

THE year 1919 was a year of progress in all departments of the Georgia Conference. The five tent efforts held last season, together with several smaller efforts in several of our churches, resulted in about 100 baptized believers. These have increased our membership to 950, of which 687 are white people and 263 colored. Our tithe for the year showed an increase of \$4,883 over that of 1918, an increase of \$4,404 among the white people and \$478 among the colored people.

During the year our twenty faithful colporteurs worked 30,294 hours, took 18,802 orders, and delivered 9,004 books, valued at \$61,140.89. If we add to these our Bible and miscellaneous sales, our total sales for the year amount to \$76,453, or a gain over 1918 of 50 per cent. We have about twelve students in school this year who earned their way in the colporteur work during vacation.

Our educational department shows that the number of church schools has increased to fourteen, employing nineteen teachers. The present enrolment is 429, with one fourth of these non-Sabbath-keeping children. The non-Sabbath-keeping children are largely in our four rural schools for the mountain white people, and the four mission schools for the colored people. One very decided forward movement in our educational work for the year is a recent decision by our union and local committees that Georgia shall have an intermediate school, which will be ready to open in the fall of 1920. Very encouraging negotiations are under way at this time for such a school.

The home missionary department reports a very gratifying increase in the amount of work done—about twice as much in 1919 as in 1918. There is a general awakening to all kinds of missionary activity. In round numbers, there were 15,000 missionary visits made, 2,500 Bible readings given, 41,500 papers sold, 7,500 books sold, and 75,000 tracts and papers given away in free distribution. Christian help work in treatments, and in clothing and food given to the needy, far exceeds that of any previous year.

The efforts of our home missionary department in our Harvest Ingathering campaign has given a new inspiration to the entire field. Almost every church in the conference reached its goal, and several exceeded \$5 a member. The children of the Atlanta church school gathered \$600. One young lady, who made a tour of the State, gathered an average of \$25 a day, some days securing as much as \$40. As a result of this activity, Georgia was the first conference in the Southeastern Union, and the third in North America, to reach its goal.

Our Sabbath school department is pleased to report twenty-nine schools, with a membership of 959 and offerings amounting to \$5,684.37. This is an increase for the year of 141 members, and \$2,075.90 in offerings. There has been an increase in the average offerings per member from 9½ cents to 16¼ cents, or an average for the year of 13¼ cents.

We feel very grateful for this substantial increase in this important branch of our work.

Our young people have every reason to be greatly encouraged by the growth of their work. We have twelve societies, with a membership of 228; there were thirty-one conversions; four Standard of Attainment certificates were issued; sixty-four Reading Course certificates were issued; and a large amount of missionary work was done. In all Young People's Missionary Volunteer efforts for the year, the average shows an increase of 25 per cent. Many of our young people are bearing important responsibilities in the work. This is preparing them for the fields in distant lands.

We make the above report fully recognizing that what has been accomplished has been done through the leadership of the blessed Master. Many of our workers were new to the field, and its difficult problems many times drove us to our knees, where we agonized with God for help. We have seen striking evidences of defeat turned into victory, and to him we give all the praise.

B. W. SPIRE.

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QUEBEC

THE territory comprising the Quebec Conference is almost as large as that portion of the United States east of the Mississippi River. Some have thought that it is composed of forests and icebergs, but this is not true. The southern part of this province has a most delightful climate, and many people from the States have their summer homes in Quebec, to which they come to regain their health. The southern counties are quite thickly settled, having a population of more than two million, about 80 per cent being French Catholics.

It is impossible for those who have never lived in a Catholic country to understand the difficulties we have to encounter. But in spite of these difficulties the truth of God has been advancing, and last year two churches were organized, one with a membership of fourteen and the other with a membership of



B. W. SPIRE

President Georgia Conference

twenty-four. We shall also organize another church in a few weeks.

There are great possibilities before the work in this field. While the message has been preached here for many years, this is practically virgin soil, for we have never been able to do a strong work here, because of our small constituency and our lack of funds. We believe that Quebec will yet become one of our most productive fields. We have a religious class of people to deal with, and when they are brought to see the light, they will be loyal to the cause of God. Our people are always ready to take advance steps in the interests of this movement. Last year Quebec had reached its Harvest Ingathering quota by the 14th of August, which made it the first on the list of conferences to do so, and by the close of the year it had reached a per capita sum of \$7.56, which was an increase of 39 per cent over the amount raised by each the previous year. The amount per capita in Sabbath school offerings was sixteen cents a week, this being an increase of 50 per cent. We exceeded the twenty-five-cent-a-week requirement, reaching 32 cents, which was 41 per cent more than we gave the previous year. Our tithe also increased 10 per cent.

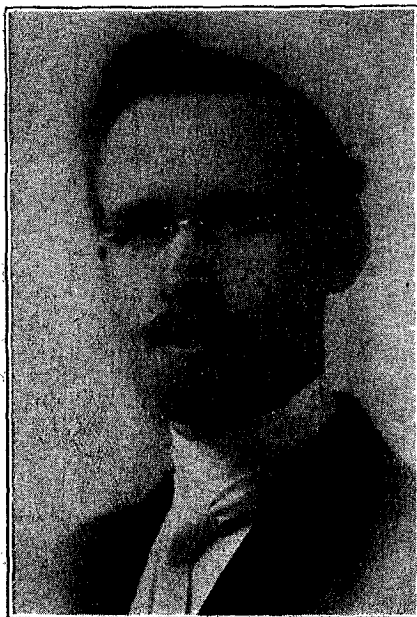
There is no field in North America, I am sure, where missionary opportunities are so great. While our territory is the largest, our force of laborers and our constituency are the smallest. We have no denominational institutions, and our young people must leave our field to receive an education. Every year several families move away, but still our people do not become discouraged, and we fully expect to see the work continue to prosper in this splendid field. Souls are continually taking their stand for the truth. The outlook was never brighter than at the present time. We feel that now is the time of great opportunity, but we are greatly in need of more men and means.

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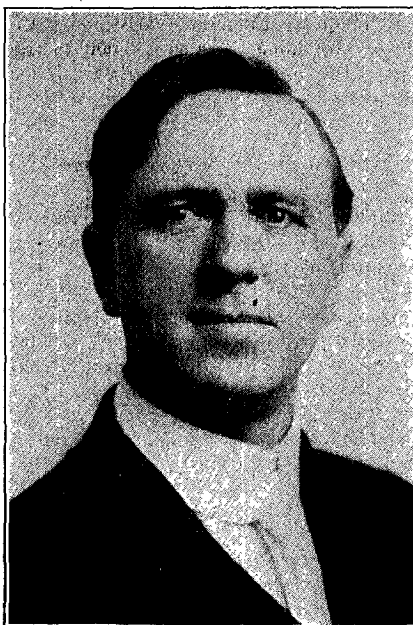
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WEST MICHIGAN

THIS is one of the oldest fields in our organized work. Here all the pioneers of the third angel's message—the message that makes us a distinct people—



F. C. WEBSTER
President Quebec Conference



J. F. PIPER
President West Michigan Conference

have lived and labored more or less; and there are a number of believers in the West Michigan Conference who have been connected with this movement almost from its beginning. We can boast of at least one of the charter members of the first organized church of Seventh-day Adventists, Sister Martha Amadon, who, with her daughter, lives in St. Joseph, Mich., and still takes a very active part in church work.

The work is prospering in this field, and souls are being won to the Lord.

With the limited number of field workers that we had last year, there were 220 members added to the churches; \$109,340.69 was paid in tithes; and \$38,651.62 was given for missions, which equals twenty-seven cents a week per member for the conference. This is the largest amount for missions that has ever been raised in West Michigan in any one year.

Every department in this field is now being fostered by a competent worker, and we have reason to believe that we shall see the work in our conference advance all along the line, and we shall work and pray to this end.

Some additions and a number of needed improvements have been made to the Cedar Lake Academy, at Cedar Lake, Mich. That these improvements are appreciated is very evident by the large number of cheerful, happy students attending the academy this year.

The academy at Battle Creek, although only a day school, has a very large enrolment, and is prospering. There are twenty-six church schools operating in the conference, with an enrolment of approximately 600 students.

We feel particularly grateful for what has been done with the Harvest Ingathering magazines in West Michigan this past fall and winter. The amount solicited was far more than was ever gathered in our conference before; it amounted to \$9,488.03, equaling \$3.46 per member. While this sum is not so large as some of our sister conferences have gathered, we are encouraged to know that the members of our churches are beginning to realize the possibilities in this good work.

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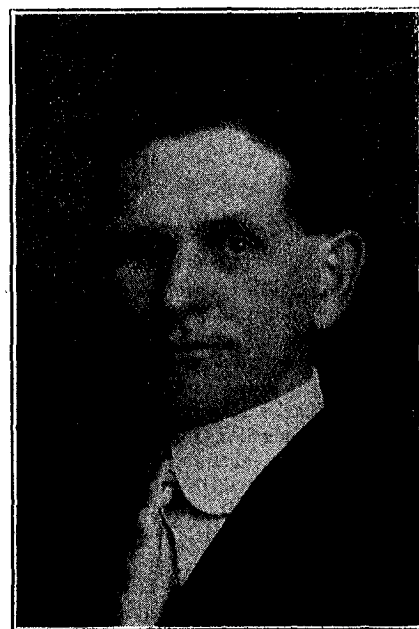
THE year just past has marked some progress in this field. A good degree of success has attended the work of our evangelists, 193 having been baptized. Two new churches have been organized, and four church buildings have been erected or purchased. Our loyal people have contributed to missions \$41,313. They have paid tithe amounting to \$86,816.71. This is a substantial increase in both items over 1918, despite drouth and adverse crop conditions in some parts of our field.

Our departmental secretaries have done faithful, conscientious work, and God has blessed their labors. All departments show commendable progress. Numbers of our churches have responded to the call for personal service in giving the message to those who do not know it, and there seems to be an awakening with many to a new life. The conviction deepens that we are near the end, and we hope that those who have large property interests will cut them down, and give freely to the cause. The time for this has come.

The work in Denver has made good progress. One splendid church building, with a seating capacity of 400, is nearing completion. An Italian church has been organized, and a very good building purchased. This makes a total of seven churches in Denver, four of which are English, one Scandinavian, one colored, and one Italian, the combined membership being 600.

The Boulder-Colorado Sanitarium has made splendid progress during the year, and never has it been so well equipped for its mission as now. Two academies are operating in our field, one at Campion and one at Jaroso. The main building at Campion was burned to the ground in October, and several attempts were made to burn one of the dormitories. A temporary building was immediately erected, and the work of the academy proceeded without much interruption. Good reports are coming from the school at Jaroso. For all these evidences of divine favor we thank God, and take courage for the future.

W. A. GOSMER.



W. A. GOSMER
President Colorado Conference

VIRGINIA

THE year 1919 was one of advancement in all the departments of the Virginia Conference. We may not be able to report as many conversions as in some other years; but there has been a general settling down to the work as never before.

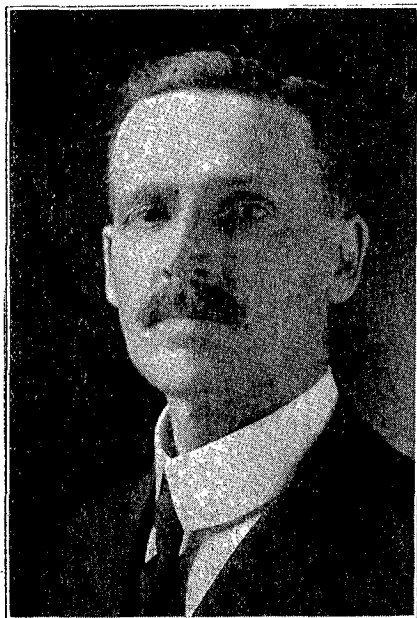
In response to our earnest prayers, God has sent forth his Spirit, and the hearts of the people have been made willing. Church members are asking to be allotted some place in the closing work of God. There has been a considerable growth in membership during the year, and the tithe shows an increase of several thousand dollars over that of last year.

Unprecedented success has attended the labors of the faithful colporteurs. Truth-filled literature to the value of more than \$58,000 has been placed in the homes of the people. Our members are awakening to the possibilities of the home missionary work. More has been done in this line during the last year than ever before. Only a start has been made, however, and we confidently expect to see much more accomplished during the present year.

The Sabbath schools have shown wonderful advancement. The attendance has been better; more interest is taken in the study of the lessons and in being on time; and the donations have been more in a single quarter than they were in a whole year a few years ago. In fact, the donations of one school have been more in a single quarter than those of the whole conference in a whole year, a short time ago. Our church schools also have grown in numbers and efficiency. There is now a greater percentage of our young people in our own schools than in any other conference in the union. The young people's work has not been neglected by any means, and we can say that during last year some of the goals of the Missionary Volunteer societies have been reached, which is a thing never before accomplished in this conference.

With greater determination to push the triumphs of the cross, we take up the work of this year, knowing that it is our privilege to attempt great things for God.

J. A. LELAND.



J. A. LELAND
President Virginia Conference



R. E. HARTER
President District of Columbia Conference

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

THE District of Columbia Conference, with headquarters at Washington, D. C., the very center of our national life, and also the headquarters of the General and Columbia Union Conferences, the home of our chief publishing plant, of the Washington Sanitarium, and of Washington Missionary College, where workers are trained and literature published and agencies are set in operation to carry this great message to the uttermost parts of the earth, has an important mission to fill.

This conference shared with others the blessings and prosperity that attended the work last year. During the months of January and February a very active campaign was conducted by Elder C. B. Haynes in one of Washington's theaters, thereby creating a wide interest. The writer continued the effort during the months of July and August, in a large tent pitched near the Capitol. Another large tent was set up in northwest Washington, with Elder G. P. Rodgers in charge.

As a result of these combined efforts, and with the assistance of the workers and churches in the conference, 145 believers were baptized and added to the membership.

The financial showing for the year leads one to believe that our people are ready and willing to do their part in finishing this great work. The total tithe receipts for the year were \$66,390.50, an increase over the preceding year of \$18,358.62. Our goal for missions was reached, with an approximate surplus of \$3,500.

The Sabbath school department increased their donations over the preceding year \$3,731.67. The book and periodical work surpassed anything in its history, passing the goal of \$25,000, which was set for the conference by \$10,404.34, an increase in sales over the preceding year of 109 per cent.

As the message advances, it places added responsibilities upon all, but we face the new year with courage and renewed consecration, believing in God and the final triumph of his work.

R. E. HARTER.

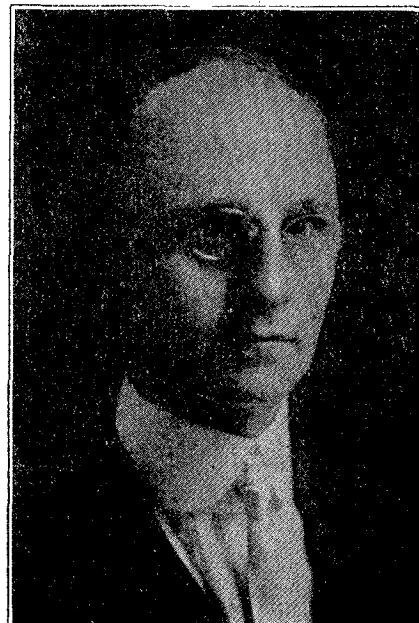
NEVADA

OUR work in the State of Nevada, so far as I am able to learn, was begun by Elders J. N. Loughborough and D. T. Bourdeau in the early days of our work on the Pacific Coast. Later Elder E. W. Farnsworth did some work in what is now known as the Fallon district. The seed sown in that locality then, and since, has always been a source of productivity, and today our largest church membership is there, and also a church school.

In September, 1913, the State of Nevada, with all that portion of California lying east of the summit of the Sierra Nevada Mountains was organized into a mission field, with a membership of about 175. The statistics of 1914 show tithe paid to the amount of \$2,948.88; offerings, \$1,219.52. At the time there were nine Sabbath schools, with a membership of a little more than 200; at the close, 291; tithe, \$11,089.76; offerings, \$6,034.41. We now have twenty-four Sabbath schools, including the home department schools, with a membership of 310.

The foregoing figures show a steady growth, but do not properly represent the growth of our work, nor the work done in our field, for the reason that many of our converts go over the Sierras onto the Pacific slope, where they can have the benefit of our institutions, and where the fertile lands enable them to produce a living much more easily than in the desert country of Nevada. Our total gifts in money during 1919 reached a per capita offering of \$64.77. Our Twenty-five-cent-a-week Fund for 1919 will probably reach 42 cents. This is surely an indication of a loyal, believing people who expect soon to see this message triumph.

Our force of laborers numbers eight. One of them, Brother Salvator Arrabito, an Italian, with his wife, is working for this people in Reno and vicinity, where there are several thousands of them. We are sure the Lord has some jewels here among this people. A very large proportion of the results achieved in this field are accomplished by the systematic distribution of *Present Truth* and by personal house-to-house labor, rather than by large evangelistic efforts.



M. A. HOLLISTER
Superintendent Nevada Mission

Here, as in other States, we have had to encounter the enemy in the struggle for religious freedom. In almost every session of the legislature some one has attempted to invade our right to worship God according to the dictates of our conscience, but in almost every instance, by the blessing of God, victory has been on our side.

Last year we conducted four church schools, but this year, on account of our not being able to obtain a sufficient number of teachers, we are conducting only two, one carrying nine grades of work, and the other ten, with a total enrolment of thirty-nine pupils.

Four of our churches own the buildings in which they worship, and one company also owns its building. The conference also has its own office building, which is at 452 Ralston St., Reno, Nev. We look forward to what 1920 has in store for us, confident that by the blessing of God we shall yet be able to accomplish greater things for him. We request an interest in your prayers to this end. M. A. HOLLISTER.

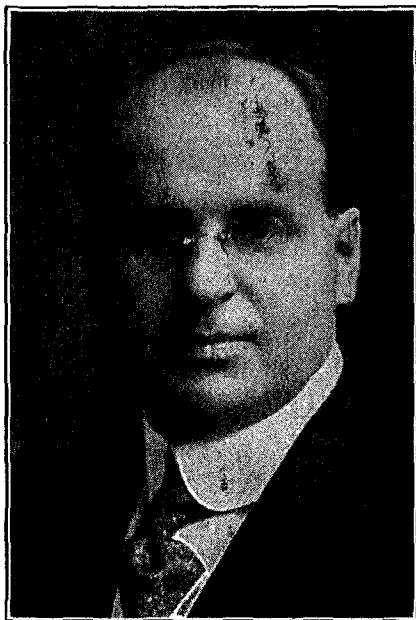
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TENNESSEE RIVER

Those who have watched with interest the growth of the work in the Southland, will be glad to know that during the year which has just closed, the Tennessee River Conference and Mission witnessed many evidences that the One who has begun a good work here is amply able to finish it.

As workers, we face the coming year with renewed courage, expecting that God will do great things for us as we consecrate all to his service.

In this conference and mission the tithe for 1919 showed an increase of more than one third in excess of that received during 1918, and in our book sales the increase was \$13,563.99, or a gain of 71 per cent. In foreign mission funds we reached our goals, notwithstanding the fact that for several months we did not have a home missionary, a Sabbath school, a young people's, or an educational secretary, and during part of this time the conference was without a president.



I. M. MARTIN

President Tennessee River Conference

Four church buildings were in course of construction during the year, two of which were completed. In Memphis a good brick building, located on the Speedway and worth about \$20,000, is finished. Elder D. P. Wood reports that in a few weeks it will be free from debt and ready for dedication. Brother Glenn C. Russell, who conducted a successful effort in Paducah, Ky., during the summer, is pushing to completion a stucco building which will be a credit to our work in that city. At Abiff, Tenn., where Brother Frank Artress has been conducting a successful rural school, the Bon Aqua church has just inclosed the auditorium of a fine bungalow church, which should be ready for dedication by the end of the quarter. The Jackson colored church secured a new church home.

The Nashville church secured a desirable lot, and is planning to erect a modern school building suitable for carrying nine or ten grades of work.

Aside from these material blessings, the Lord blessed in our evangelistic efforts, and a substantial gain in new members was made last year. Many more are keeping the Sabbath and receiving additional instruction before baptism. In Nashville a large wooden tabernacle has been erected, and Elders J. W. McComas and H. P. Gray, assisted by a corps of workers, are conducting a successful campaign. Elder A. N. Allen is holding meetings at Hillsboro, a town just south of Nashville, and expects to raise up a church in that place. In these efforts Dr. A. J. Harris, of Nashville, and Dr. E. A. Sutherland, of the Madison Sanitarium, have rendered valuable assistance in giving health lectures.

I. M. MARTIN.

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SOUTHERN IDAHO

WE have endeavored to the best of our ability to carry forward the work in evangelical and financial lines in as strong a way as we knew how, and in the accomplishment of these purposes we have had the hearty co-operation of our excellent force of workers in the conference, as well as the assistance of the union conference laborers. The kind co-operation of all these workers has been greatly appreciated, and we are sure that all have had the approbation of Heaven in their earnest endeavors to advance and build up the work in its various departments.

The home missionary and colporteur departments have received special attention, and as a result a number of our churches have been actively engaged in practical missionary work. We have also felt the need of distributing foreign literature, and have asked one minister to spend part of his time in the interests of this work. The results have been very encouraging. This missionary activity has resulted in securing new recruits for the colporteur field, which has increased our book sales \$13,331.20 over those of the previous year, making the total sales for 1919 \$25,331.20.

Although a shortage of water in the irrigated sections in many parts of the country greatly reduced production, and in the majority of the dry-farming sections the crops were an entire failure, yet our tithe increased \$11,323.40 over that of 1918, making the total tithe for



J. W. NORWOOD

President Southern Idaho Conference

the year \$43,010.74. The missions funds exceeded those of the previous year. In the offerings of the Sabbath school department there was a gain of \$2,713.58, the last Thirteenth Sabbath Offering being larger than all such offerings for 1917.

As a result of the literature scattered and the missionary work done by our people, some have taken their stand for the truth. Our laborers have worked hard, and the Lord has crowned their labors with success. There were 237 persons baptized last year.

About eight years ago the academy of the Southern Idaho Conference was burned, after which the academic students attended Walla Walla College. Early in the year we were advised, on account of the large attendance at the college, to make arrangements for an academy in this field. The recommendations suggested the building of an institution to accommodate twelve grades. The location was not secured nor work begun until August. At the close of 1919 the institution had cost a little more than \$40,000, including the site,—seventeen and one-half acres of ground,—buildings, and equipment. Our people responded liberally, and nearly \$38,000 of this obligation has been met. The balance is covered by pledges, notes, and real estate yet to be sold. Last year, in spite of the scarcity of material and labor, we were enabled to begin our school early in January, the total enrolment reaching eighty-five. This year the enrolment is 186. Some begin to think we will outgrow our capacity. The educational spirit is taking hold of our people in every part of our conference. This is evident from the attendance at the academy, and also from the fact that there are three new church schools.

In behalf of the workers and constituency of the Southern Idaho Conference, I feel free fully to pledge our best efforts for the upbuilding and advancement of the work as opportunity affords, in all its departments—in local, union, and General Conference. For the advancement of this movement in the regions beyond, and in the home field, we consecrate our strength and united interests.

J. W. NORWOOD.



T. B. WESTBROOK

President West Virginia Conference

WEST VIRGINIA

God is good, and his blessing has been over the work during the year that has just closed. West Virginia is the baby conference in the Columbia Union. This conference is thirty-two years old, but, like some children, its growth has been very slow. After an existence of so many years, our membership is still less than four hundred.

When we take into consideration what has been accomplished during the last year, we feel that we can truthfully use the language of Joel, "Let the weak say, I am strong."

In mentioning the growth of the work in our field during the twelve months of 1919, we feel that the increase of membership should be considered first. From the united efforts of all the workers, the Tabernacle effort at Charleston included, seventy-four persons have been added to the church. This is not a large increase, compared to the growth in many other places; but it is excellent for this field, with its peculiar conditions.

Our tithe seems to be next in importance. We were greatly astonished, on looking at the total receipts for the year, to find that our tithe actually amounted to \$19,050.28. Our membership for the year stood at 311. This makes a per capita tithe of \$61.25, and shows a gain of \$5,069.53 over last year.

Next come our offerings to missions. Our little Gideon's three hundred averaged 45 cents a week per member, which totals \$7,301.97 actually sent to the mission fields during the last year. Of this amount our Sabbath schools raised the handsome sum of \$4,424.91, a gain of \$1,297.03 over the receipts of last year.

Our canvassing work made tremendous strides during 1919. Under the efficient leadership of Brother John McHenry, our evangelist-colporteurs sold and delivered \$61,520.53 worth of our good literature. May God add his blessing to the reading of the books, that many may be saved as a result of the faithful efforts of our colporteurs.

In addition to these splendid records, we have built a neat little church in Rio, where Elder U. D. Pickard held a winter effort. As a result of the Tabernacle

effort in Charleston, conducted by Elders B. G. Wilkinson and J. S. Washburn, the old church became too small to accommodate the people, so we sold it, and now have a nice new church building in a fine location.

In Cumberland, Clarksburg, and Huntington our people have had to meet in halls on the third and fourth floors. We have been able to hold only Sabbath and Sunday night meetings in these halls. Feeling greatly the need of better locations and more suitable places of worship, we are now building a church in Cumberland. We have also purchased lots in Clarksburg and Huntington, and expect to erect churches in these two cities in the near future.

We have also erected a building for our conference office in Parkersburg. We have not moved into our new conference home yet, but expect to be there by February 1.

For all these blessings we feel profoundly thankful to God, and give him the praise for all our advantages. We rededicate our lives and all that we have to him anew for better service and better records during the year 1920. Kindly remember us at the throne of grace.

THEODORE B. WESTBROOK.

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ONTARIO

It is with great pleasure that I pass on to the readers of the REVIEW a report from the province of Ontario. Many of our friends in the States think that Ontario is in the frozen regions of the north. The fact is, however, the Ontario Conference is no farther north than the State of Michigan, and a part of it lies south of portions of the State of New York. Many homes and factories in the Ontario peninsula receive their electric power, heat, and light from Niagara Falls. In many ways the province has enviable advantages.

The outlook for the Lord's work here was never brighter. We are thankful to our Great Leader for the recent evidences of his guidance. The work throughout the province is taking on larger proportions.

Our force is as follows: Seven ordained ministers, two ministerial licentiates, and twelve missionary licentiates. Our membership is now 916, with a tithe of \$31,040.02. The tithe has doubled since 1916.

During the last year three modern church buildings have been completed. These buildings are located in Ottawa, Toronto, and Brantford, and are equipped with improved church school rooms.

Under the leadership of the different secretaries, each department of the conference has been well organized, and is accomplishing great things for the kingdom.

The Sabbath school department is a strong factor in supporting the mission field. There are twenty-seven active schools, eager to take advantage of every advance step in finishing the work in this generation. This department passed its goal, and is starting early to exceed its goal for 1920.

The home missionary department has organized the thirty-four churches for active service. This was shown in the late Harvest Ingathering campaign. Miss Hillyard, one of our solicitors, gathered \$1,000 between September and Christmas. The conference ran \$1,120 above its goal.

This, with our other offerings, raised our per capita for missions to 36 cents plus. The home missionary spirit is what is doing it. A systematic circulation of the *Present Truth*, magazines, and small books is being carried on throughout the field. We believe the work of God in the earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of our ministers and church officers.

On May 15 our new tract society was opened. This, with the conference office, occupies offices in the new Toronto church building. From its opening to November 30, this new department had retailed \$26,164.44 worth of our literature. There are brighter days ahead for our bookmen in Ontario. They sold \$13,877.18 worth of books more in 1919 than in 1918. Including magazine sales, the report for 1919 more than doubled that of 1918.

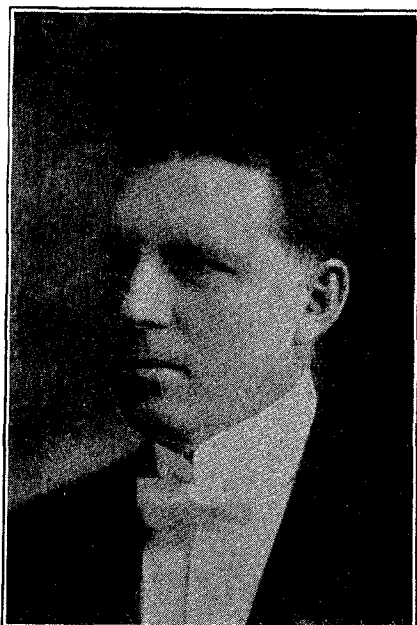
The Missionary Volunteer department is gathering our boys and girls, young men and women, into the fold of the church, and mobilizing them for active Christian service. This department is greatly augmented by the Eastern Canadian Missionary Seminary in Oshawa, thirty-four miles east of Toronto. It is the ambition of the department to enlist for God every one of the 148 students enrolled. There are fourteen Missionary Volunteer Societies in the conference, with a membership of 286.

Although there are new responsibilities before us for 1920, we are very hopeful. We are laying our plans to reach the 50 cents per capita, and have every reason to believe it will be done. We have doubled our Harvest Ingathering goal, and are getting ready for the strongest campaign ever conducted in our field. No sacrifice is too great to be made for the cause of Christ. What is done for him in the salvation of the lost must be done quickly; soon it be too late.

B. M. HEALD.

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"WHAT shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord."



B. M. HEALD

President Ontario Conference

LOUISIANA

PROSPERITY attended the work in this conference during last year. First of all, we would acknowledge the mercy of God to all the workers.

A successful effort was conducted in New Orleans by Elder T. G. Bunch and his corps of workers, the result of which was the addition by baptism of forty-two members. Others are keeping the Sabbath, but have not as yet identified themselves with us.

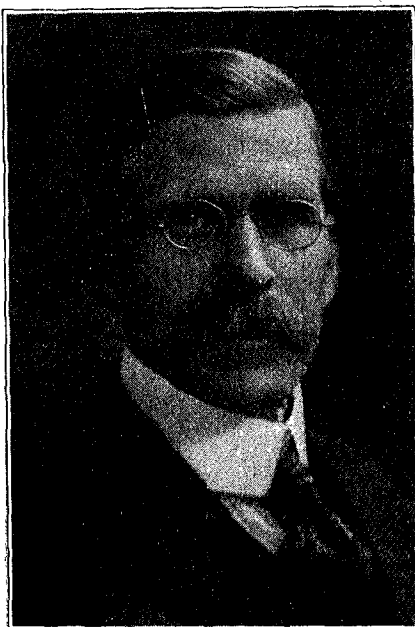
Hall efforts were conducted by Brethren G. B. Boswell and H. W. Denton at Minden and Rocky Comfort, where now a number are rejoicing in the message given. Seven were baptized and united with the Sugartown church, and others are expecting soon to go forward in this ordinance.

In the mission department Elder N. B. King, pastor of the New Orleans church, reports thirty-two added by baptism. There is an increasing interest, and the indications are that soon a larger place of worship will be needed. At Hammond, where Brother A. R. Bell has charge of the work, the church is erecting a house of worship. Several have been added to its members and others are awaiting baptism.

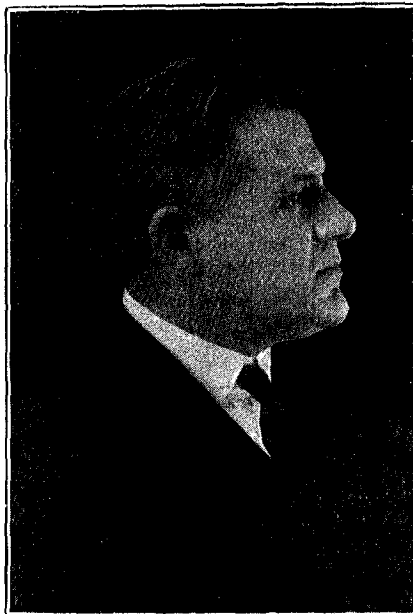
The report from B. E. Wagner, our field missionary secretary, is very encouraging. The retail value of book and periodical sales is \$47,151. This has been our banner year. We are certain that the results of the labors of our faithful colporteurs will be seen in the salvation of souls.

L. E. Christian, our home missionary secretary, has done good work. There seems to be an awakening on the part of our people for home missionary work. There was an earnestness shown by our people to engage in the Harvest Ingathering campaign, and as the result about \$2,800 was secured.

The Sabbath school department renders a very encouraging report as to increase in attendance and offerings. While the exact figures cannot be given, because the reports of the last quarter have not reached the office, we can safely say that there will be a large gain over the previous year.



C. N. SANDERS
President Louisiana Conference



A. S. BOOTH
President Chesapeake Conference

The Missionary Volunteers are rejoicing that they have exceeded most of their goals, the most encouraging one being the number of young people added to the church. The number of native workers in Borneo, for whose support their financial goal was set, may be increased, as the goal was more than doubled. This was made possible by the "live wires" in Harvest Ingathering work in the societies (white and colored) of New Orleans. A number of Juniors obtained more than ten dollars each. The youngest worker was four years old, who with his missionary box obtained 57 cents.

The educational work is by no means discouraging, though there has been no increase in the number of schools. One church failed to have a school, because no teacher could be secured.

C. N. SANDERS.

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CHESAPEAKE

OWING to the blessing of God, we are able to report reasonable advancement in the cause of truth in the Chesapeake Conference last year.

A comparative report for the last three years shows the following:

Membership for 1917, 700; for 1918, 782; and for 1919, 926.

Baptisms: 70 during the year 1917; 70 during 1918; and 196 during 1919.

The tithe of the conference for 1917 was \$22,660.35; for 1918, \$34,342.29; and for 1919, \$40,481.53.

The Sabbath school offerings for 1917 amounted to \$3,960.83; for 1918, to \$6,116.02; and for 1919, to \$8,515.48.

The Harvest Ingathering receipts for 1917 amounted to \$2,597.29; for 1918, to \$6,080.98; and for 1919, to \$9,650.42.

For missions we received in 1917, \$3,447.69; in 1918, \$9,562.87; and in 1919, \$12,631.92.

The total offerings on the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund in 1917 amounted to \$7,408.52, or 23 cents a week for each member. In 1918 our receipts on the Twenty-five-cent-a-week Fund amounted to \$15,678.89, or 38 cents per member; and last year, 1919, our offerings amounted to \$20,147.40, or 42 cents per member. The Cambridge church raised

61 cents per member; and the Baltimore church No. 1, 54 cents per member. A number of our churches raised more than 50 cents a week per member.

Sixty-six persons were baptized the third quarter of the year as a result of our seven tent efforts. According to the General Conference report this was the best of the conferences in the Columbia Union for the corresponding period, and only two conferences of the North American Division did more.

All our churches are divided into bands for the purpose of handling the literature used in soliciting for both home and foreign mission offerings. Besides the various offerings we have secured for foreign missions, as a result of using other literature for the home work in the same way as the Harvest Ingathering magazines are used, we have been able to secure \$8,069.07. This plan, which has been used for the last three years, has enabled our churches to pay their debts and have means to carry on their church schools.

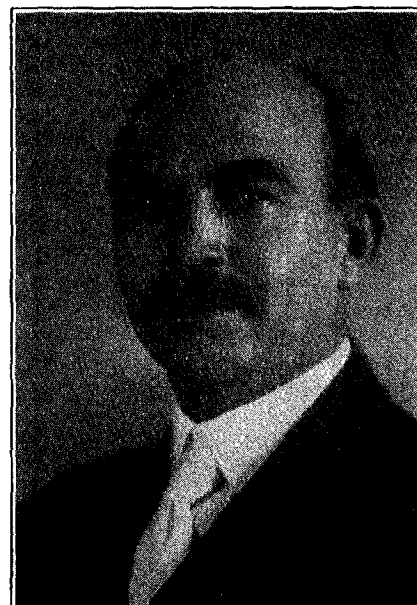
Our book sales have increased materially. In 1917 the sales amounted to \$7,956.84; in 1918, to \$23,724.58; and last year, to \$32,337.70. The goal set by our workers for 1920 is \$45,000.

A. S. BOOTH.

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OKLAHOMA

THE year 1919 was a time of activity on the part of both the workers and the church members of the Oklahoma Conference. Two large city campaigns, under the direction of Elder J. H. N. Tindall, were undertaken. One, at Tulsa, which was carried on from January to July 15, resulted in the baptism of 110 new members, nearly all of whom have proved loyal to the message and have been faithful in tithes and offerings. The second was opened in Oklahoma City October 19, and is, at the time of this writing, at its height. On Sunday evening, December 28, after two stirring discourses on the Sabbath question on previous nights, an audience of more than two thousand assembled to listen to a discourse on Spiritualism. About forty have begun the observance of the Sabbath. Four tent efforts were carried



M. B. VAN KIRK
President Oklahoma Conference

on during the summer, and in every case some souls were won to the message.

The departmental work received special attention, and good progress was made, the most noticeable being in the Sabbath school department. A growing interest was aroused by means of local Sabbath school conventions, correspondence, and personal effort, a good increase in interest being taken in the Thirtieth Sabbath Offering. Our book sales nearly doubled the previous year's record, and our tract society more than reached the goal set for it by the publishing house.

As I write, the treasurer is closing the conference books for the year ended Dec. 31, 1919. He informs me that our tithe is \$62,971.70, a gain of \$4,779.16 over 1918, and this in eleven and a half months, since our books for the previous year were not closed until Jan. 17, 1919. A great part of our remittances for December are still to come in. Were all the reports at hand, we believe that our tithe for 1919 would be more than \$70,000. Our mission funds for the same period have gone well over the twenty-five-cent-a-week mark, including both the white and colored membership.

Our laborers are working in full harmony with one another and the conference. Our isolated members, of whom we have several hundred, have been a great help, because of their faithfulness in the different lines of work and in payment of tithes and offerings.

Plans are being matured for a more active campaign the year to come than has ever been undertaken heretofore. We solicit the prayers of our brethren that God's cause in Oklahoma may continue to prosper.

M. B. VAN KIRK.

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KENTUCKY

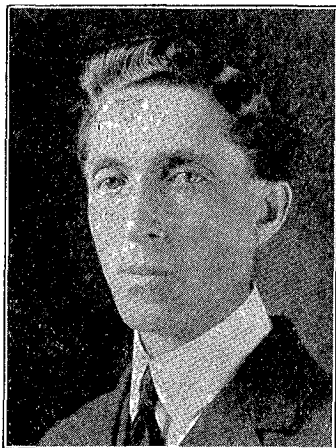
THE Lord has blessed the work in the Kentucky Conference. As no report concerning the progress of the work in this conference has appeared in the REVIEW for a few years, the following is a sketch of the work for the last four years.

The tithe of our white believers in 1916 amounted to \$4,795.14; of the colored brethren to \$680.47, or a total of \$7,475.61. The tithe has steadily in-



R. I. KEATE

President Kentucky Conference



W. C. MOFFETT

President New Jersey Conference

creased, until for the year just closed the white believers paid \$15,204.58, and the colored believers \$4,715.81, a total of \$19,920.39. This indicates an increase of more than 317 per cent in the tithe paid by the white believers; while the tithe of our colored believers has increased nearly 76 per cent. The offerings for foreign missions in 1916 amounted to \$2,466.72 from the white people, and to \$623.78 from the colored believers, a total of \$3,090.50. In 1919 these same offerings totaled \$5,719 from the white brethren, and \$2,212 from the colored believers, a grand total of \$7,931. This was an increase of 132 per cent for the white believers, and 343 per cent for the colored brethren. Our Harvest Ingathering work grew from \$760.62 four years ago to \$3,040.47 in 1919. The book work has shown a steady, rapid growth. The total tract society business for 1916 amounted to \$14,787; for 1917, to \$21,985; for 1918, to \$42,136; for 1919, to \$66,017.

Due to an exodus and other causes, there was a drop of four churches and a considerable number of members in 1917, so that our net increase has not been large. At the close of 1919 our membership was 544 white, 133 colored, a total of 727.

The outlook for 1920 is encouraging. We have already held two colporteur institutes, one for the colored and one for the white members, and a local church elders' institute has just closed. The individual goals set by our colporteurs totaled \$91,800.

R. I. KEATE.

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NEW JERSEY

"I SAW that when the message shall increase greatly in power, then the providence of God will open and prepare the way in the East for much more to be accomplished than can be at the present time."—*Testimonies for the Church, Vol. I, p. 149.* This inspired statement is witnessing its sure fulfilment.

What was known as the Atlantic Conference twenty-five years ago has been divided into four conferences,—the Greater New York, the District of Columbia, the Chesapeake, and the New Jersey, each much stronger than the old Atlantic Conference.

As indicating the progress in New Jersey, the tithe increased from \$43,444.70 in 1918 to \$58,552.61 in 1919. The mission offerings increased from

\$16,396.62 in 1918 to \$29,436.80 in 1919—a weekly offering last year of more than 47 cents a member. Of this amount the Sabbath schools contributed \$12,814.33, or more than twenty cents a week per member, and \$12,025.78 came in through the Harvest Ingathering campaign, our members gathering in an average of more than \$10 each. The Paterson English church, with eighty-nine members, gathered \$2,132.95.

The cosmopolitan nature of our field is indicated by the fact that we have eleven foreign workers. Of the seven new churches, one is Czecho-Slovakian, one Swedish, one Polish, one white English, and three colored. Surely the Lord is preparing to finish his work.

W. C. MOFFETT.

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ALABAMA

THE year 1919 was one filled with precious blessings for our conference and mission. As we stop a few moments for careful, prayerful reflection, we are reminded of the fact that God has been better to us than we deserved. He has not passed unnoticed our small portion of the vineyard, and we praise him for his tender care, love, and mercy manifested toward us, as well as for the success achieved under his divine guidance.

During the last year fourteen workers were added to our conference and mission, thus giving us a much better working force than in the past. Six efforts have been held. Two of these were conducted by Elder I. M. Martin for the white people in Birmingham, while Elder J. H. Lawrence held two for the colored people in the same city. Elder O. L. Denslow conducted an effort in Mobile, while at the same time, Elder O. F. Frank held one in the little city of Sheffield, Ala. As the result of these efforts and the follow-up work, 138 persons were added to the church membership. We humbly thank the Lord for all these dear souls.

The tithe for the year amounts to \$24,452.07, a gain over last year of \$9,120.88. The total receipts for missions is \$10,347.99. This includes all money received through Sabbath schools, Harvest In-



J. F. WRIGHT

President Alabama Conference

gathering and regular yearly offerings. Thus again the Lord has blessed us in reaching our mission quota, with a good margin of \$1,000 and more. Besides this, our people responded liberally at our last camp-meeting in giving toward the purchase of a new camp-meeting equipment, as well as a Students' Aid Fund. So the financial growth in our field has been good.

The last year was a marked one in the scattering of the printed page. God surely remembered our faithful colporteurs and gave them success. The first goal was set for the conference at \$65,000, but before camp-meeting this was passed, so the goal was then placed at \$100,000, and the year closed with \$104,000 worth of orders taken during the year. In spite of poor crops, our men delivered a large percentage of their books.

Added to the efforts of the colporteurs, our churches have disposed of many small books and magazines; hence our total business done through the tract society for the year amounts to \$75,000. Altogether we have had a gain in sales during 1919 over 1918 of \$46,000.

As a conference and mission we unitedly thank our kind heavenly Father for his presence with us. We humbly ask him to pardon past mistakes, as we enter upon the new year and seek him for divine guidance. We wish all our sister conferences as rich blessings as we ask for ourselves, and may 1920 be the brightest and best yet in the history of this great threefold message. J. F. WRIGHT.

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MISSISSIPPI

THE population of Mississippi is a little more than two million, of which more than 50 per cent is colored. Our total membership is now 414—white, 229, and colored, 185. Our membership is the smallest in the Southern Union. There are twenty-one churches in the conference, ten white and eleven colored. The membership of most of these is very small. Jackson leads, with a membership of fifty-nine, and the conference church is the next on the list, with a membership of fifty-eight; all the others



W. R. ELLIOTT
President Mississippi Conference

are much smaller. Only a few of the churches have houses of worship; most of them worship in halls or in private dwellings.

There are only two ordained ministers in the field besides myself, Elder W. P. McLennan and Elder R. Johnson. Elder McLennan is pastor of the Hattiesburg church (white), and Elder Johnson labors among the colored churches throughout the State. We have two white Bible workers, and one licensed minister, colored.

There are nine church schools in this conference, four white and five colored, with an attendance of 102. Miss Nannie May Smith is at the head of this department, and is also at the head of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department. Brother Chauncey Smith is home missionary secretary, and is kept quite busy visiting churches and isolated members. He is making good progress in his efforts to build up this department. He is also medical secretary, and is giving considerable attention to that part of his work as he visits the field.

Brother F. W. Sehmehl is at the head of the book work in this conference, and under his leadership it has greatly prospered. In 1919 seventy-seven colporteurs worked all or part of the time, and they delivered \$79,000 worth of books during the year. One of our colporteurs delivered nearly \$7,000 worth of books during the year. Tract society sales were \$85,000.

In the summer Elder McLennan conducted an effort in Hattiesburg, and a number accepted the truth. At the close of the effort he found a building suitable for meeting purposes, which was bought at a very reasonable price, and he raised the money—about \$1,400—to repair it. This has been done, and the church is now meeting in it. We are arranging to erect two church buildings for the colored people. One of these buildings will be in Jackson, and the other in Greenwood. The money is in hand for both these buildings. Plans are being laid for a strong effort in Meridian this summer, with Elder J. W. McComas in charge. We hope to build up a strong church there.

Thirty were added to our membership during 1919, and our tithe was \$13,830.88. We passed our quota for missions. We thank God for the blessings of last year, and trust him for greater things in the year just opening before us.

W. R. ELLIOTT.

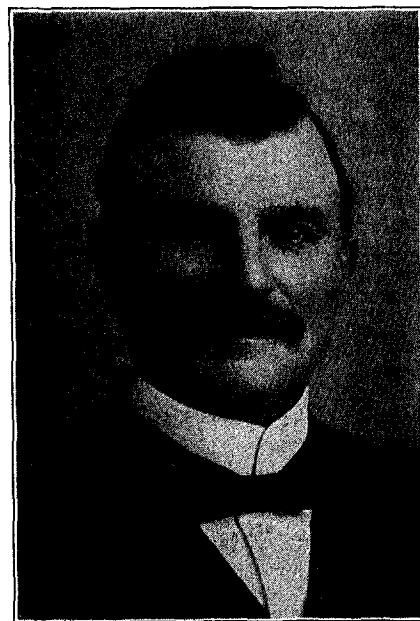
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MARITIME

"Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?" Ex. 15: 11. The year 1919 was a very prosperous year for the Maritime Conference. We found the Lord a very present help in every time of need.

While we may not have made so marked progress as some of the stronger conferences, we are thankful to the Lord for what he has accomplished for us in this field.

We gained about 17 per cent in our membership, having had fifty-eight conversions during the year, which now gives us nearly 400 believers. In tithe we gained 40 per cent and in mission offerings 41 per cent. In literature sales we made a gain of 108 per cent; and on



J. L. WILSON
President Maritime Conference

the whole, our gains are very encouraging. Our people, though poor and dependent on their day's toil for their livelihood, are loyal to the cause of God. They live to represent their Maker; they work to support his cause and to pray for the success of the workers. With these faithful members and the blessing of God we could not help having success.

The following will give the readers of the REVIEW some idea of the faithfulness of the Maritime believers. With but a little more than a Gideon army (membership 322) they placed in the conference treasury during the year 1919—tithe, \$10,966, or a sum equal to \$34 a member; offerings for missions, \$6,307, or 38 cents a week per member. Having accomplished this during 1919, we feel that it will be no great burden to raise the 50 cents a week per member for 1920.

In our literature work the sales amounted to \$20,600. This was largely the work of our faithful colporteurs, the most of whom are students in the academy. The prospect for 1920 is that we shall reach very much higher figures.

Our ministers labored on unselfishly to bring about these results. Elder M. Mackintosh has been laboring in New Glasgow, where he has raised up a fine church of twenty-six members. Elder E. M. Chapman is working in Halifax, where he has added a good many members to that church, and instructed them in the different phases of the message until they are now among the best supporters of the home work and the work in the mission fields. Elder W. C. Young, since coming to this field last May, has been stationed in St. John, New Brunswick, and is doing excellent work. During the last few months, a good place of worship, almost in the center of the city, has been secured at a cost of \$35,000. This little company has taken hold with him to raise that amount. They have now raised more than half of it. This is a remarkable undertaking for such a small company, but we believe the Lord will bring them out victorious.

We are thankful to God for his kind protection and for his blessings that have attended our efforts. J. L. WILSON.



H. E. LYSINGER

President Inter-Mountain Conference

INTER-MOUNTAIN

Up to Jan. 1, 1920, the territory of the Inter-Mountain Conference, which has been in existence only about four years, comprised the State of Utah, western Colorado, and San Juan County, New Mexico.

At the close of the third quarter of 1919 our membership was 830, which was an increase of thirty-seven over that of the previous year. The tithe for 1919 was \$20,380.13, compared with \$16,066.99 for 1918, which shows a gain of \$4,313.14. During 1918 the Inter-Mountain Conference reached its goal for missions for the first time, and somehow it seemed to put new courage into our hearts, and for the year just closed we raised 34 cents a week per member. We now begin the year 1920 fully confident that we shall raise 50 cents a week per member for missions. An early winter, with heavy snows in November, hindered our Harvest Ingathering work to some extent, but notwithstanding this, we gathered twice as much in the Harvest Ingathering campaign of 1919 as we had secured in any previous year, amounting to nearly \$4 a member.

Two churches were dedicated free from debt during the year, one at Ogden, Utah, and the other at Montrose, Colo. Two other churches have set their hearts on clearing themselves of debt during 1920.

The Inter-Mountain Academy is now in the second year of its existence, and is carrying work in eleven grades. The school is situated in a rural community, between Rifle and Grand Valley, Colo., on the main line of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad. Sixty acres of land, with a permanent water right which furnishes an abundance of water, belong to the school. Our building operations are only about half completed, which means that teachers and students are having to put up with many inconveniences. A good missionary spirit is manifest, however, and we have bright hopes for the future of the academy.

The large expanse of territory comprising this field made the work difficult in many respects; and in harmony with a recommendation of the General Conference at the Fall Council at Boulder,

that portion of Utah west of the Wasatch Range has been set off as a mission field, leaving only the row of counties on the eastern edge of Utah in the Inter-Mountain Conference. It was further recommended that, if agreeable to the constituency, we join the Central Union sisterhood of conferences. Our people have so voted, and the change took place Jan. 1, 1920. Our territory now constitutes quite a natural division, bounded on the east by the Continental Divide in Colorado, and on the west by the Wasatch Range in Utah.

H. E. LYSINGER.

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MINNESOTA

THE year just closed was filled with many marked evidences that God has set his hand to finish the work as he declared by his servant Paul in Romans 9:28. The Minnesota Conference has not been forgotten by the One who said, "I am with you always." By his blessing our feeble efforts were rewarded with a degree of success, leaving no doubt in our minds that his cause will triumph; and if true to our trust, we shall triumph with it.

We have been of good courage all the time, but as we receive the final reports of the year, our hearts are made to rejoice because of what God has done. Our expectations have been more than realized, and we enter upon the new year with courage to say, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

At present our list of workers is made up as follows: Nineteen ordained ministers, six licensed ministers, and twenty licensed missionaries. An army of colporteurs selling the printed page puts Minnesota at the head of the list in the Pacific Press territory. Five tent companies conducted meetings during the last summer — three in English, and two in Scandinavian. Aggressive campaigns were carried on in several cities, and through the united efforts of all the workers, more than two hundred were baptized. Three churches were organized in 1919.

Minnesota is well represented in several schools, having the largest number of students from any one conference in two of the seminaries, Hutchinson and Broadview, and a goodly number at Union College and Berrien Springs, with the local academy well filled. Besides, twenty-five church schools are conducted in the conference.

The tract society reports indicate thrift in the home missionary department. The Sabbath school department reported a membership in excess of the goal set by the General Department, and the new goal of 25 cents a week per member through the Sabbath school has not discouraged the schools. All have set their hearts upon reaching it. The young people are proving themselves to be real Missionary Volunteers.

With the books closed for the year, we find the finances of the conference in excellent condition. The year's tithe receipts exceeded \$94,000, and the amount of offerings to missions applying on the Twenty-five-cent-a-week Fund reached 40 cents a week per member.

The amount of tithe received enabled us to take care of the heavy pay roll, and, in harmony with the recommendation to have in training two or more young men

for the mission field, to train several who will be added to our force in the spring, that experienced workers may be released to answer the "Macedonian call." Two families were released to the Mission Board during 1919.

We rejoice in the privilege of having a part in the greatest work ever committed to human beings, and our hope is in the promise of a soon-coming Saviour.

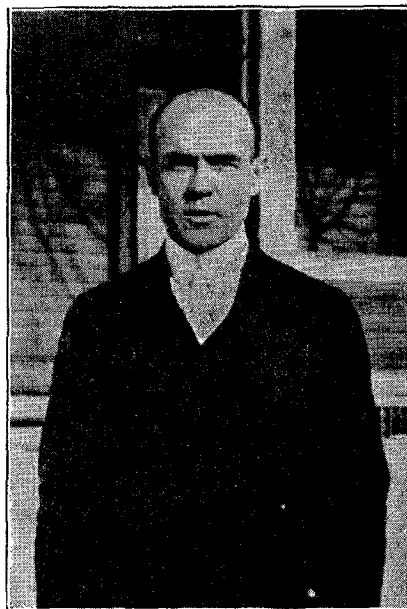
W. H. CLARK.

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CAROLINA

To the eternal God of love and justice we would ascribe praise for the way in which he has blessed the work in the Carolina Conference the last year. Not one backward step has been taken in any department, and a prosperity has attended us such as has not been seen at any previous time in the history of the work in this field. Our tithe for the year 1919 amounted to \$32,665.21 — a sum more than \$7,000 in excess of that received the previous year. In past years this conference found it almost impossible ever to reach its mission goal, even though generally rated at five cents less per member than the conferences in the North. This year, with our mission goal based on the same ratio as other conferences, we have not only been able to raise our allotted portion, but have gone more than \$4,000 beyond the conference goal.

Our colporteur work is a source of much encouragement to us. The Carolina Conference leads the world in book sales for 1919. We set a goal of "\$100,000 worth of books delivered during 1919," and not only reached this goal, but sent into the homes of the people more than \$130,000 worth of Spirit-filled literature. To turn the hearts of men and women from sin to the eternal principles of God's holy cause. In past years most of our work has been done in the country districts, but a new condition is coming in, and the last few months have demonstrated to us that books can be sold in our cities as well as in the rural districts. Three men (one of whom gave up a position as teller in a bank) have been working in the city of Charleston and are meeting with excellent success. A few



W. H. CLARK

President Minnesota Conference

months ago Brother G. R. Israel, of Battle Creek, Mich., joined our colporteur forces, and is spending his time in selling our large books to the business and professional men of the cities. His sales usually amount to from two to three hundred dollars a week. The books placed in the hands of these people are not only helping to spread the great message of God, but their influence is removing prejudice and preparing hearts to respond to the truth of God when the living preacher shall come in among them. As a result of this, the field is being prepared for greater evangelistic effort.

Last year we had seven tent companies in the field. Four of these were white and three were colored. Three new churches have been raised up as the result of these efforts, and some older churches have been much strengthened. Elder J. L. Shuler and his faithful co-workers have, as the result of the effort held in Charlotte, N. C., broken through the wall of prejudice that has surrounded this city for so many years, and have raised up a fine church of more than eighty members. Already nearly \$10,000 has been raised in cash and pledges toward the erection of a church building. Elder G. E. Peters and his company have also raised up in this city a church of eighty-nine members, to shine forth for God and turn the hearts of the colored people toward the great threefold message of Revelation 14. At the present time they have almost \$4,000 toward a church building, and expect to begin building operations within the next few weeks. A new church, with a membership of thirty-five, was raised up by Elder B. W. Abney, at Fayetteville. Already they are in their new church building, which is almost completely paid for. A church building was erected last summer in the city of Charleston, S. C., and another for the colored people is now nearing completion in the city of Columbia, S. C. A new ten-grade church school building has been completed at Cherokee, S. C.

Our young people's work is progressing. The home missionary work shows a celerity of growth such as has never been seen in our work before. Truly the people have a mind to work.

JOHN W. McNEIL.



JOHN W. MAC NEIL
President Carolina Conference

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

UNDER the blessing of God the work prospered in the West Pennsylvania Conference last year. The great primary object of every branch and department of the work is to win souls to Christ. In every goal that we set, and in every effort we put forth in any phase of the work whatsoever, our great objective was the salvation of the lost. During the year 1919 about 125 persons were won to the truth in our conference as the result of the combined labors of our faithful workers, and one new church was added to our conference.

We are happy to be able to report that our good church paper, the REVIEW, is read by practically every Seventh-day Adventist family in our conference. This, we believe, is an indication that the hearts of our people are in tune with this message. We are confident, too, that if they continue to read the REVIEW, they will continue to be in tune with the message; and this, in turn, will mean to triumph at last with the redeemed of all ages on the "sea of glass."

We are glad to report that the West Pennsylvania Conference has been showing marked advancement in every department. Our tithe for 1919 was the greatest in our history, showing a gain of more than \$7,000 over that of the year 1918. The Harvest Ingathering campaign was a great success; we went beyond our conference goal by several hundred dollars. In the Harvest Ingathering campaign of 1918 our conference raised \$3,355; this year we raised \$6,996; thus it will be seen that our conference raised this year twice the amount raised the previous year.

The Lord is truly blessing our faithful colporteurs, and our message-filled literature is beginning to fall like the leaves of autumn. Our book sales for 1919 amounted to \$45,858. This is the best record West Pennsylvania has ever had, and represents a gain of nearly \$16,000 over the sales of the previous year. Our colporteurs have set their goal at \$60,000 for the year 1920.

Our Sabbath school membership increased from 775 in 1918 to 1,024 in 1919. Our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering for the third quarter of 1918 was \$711.12, as compared with \$1,400 for the same period in 1919. Our gain in Sabbath school offerings for the year was more than \$4,000. We have now reached 21 cents a week per member in our Sabbath school offerings. Our gifts to missions totaled \$21,316, being a gain of \$3,602 over those of the year 1918.

Progress was also made in the Missionary Volunteer department of our work. While in 1918 we had only two societies, with a membership of 110, we now have thirteen societies, with a membership of 222. We are glad to report that thirty-five young persons were added to the church during the year 1919.

The prospects for the future work in our conference are indeed bright, and with renewed consecration to God of all that we have and are, we face the year 1920 fully expecting great things from the Lord.

R. S. LINDSAY.

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"It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes."



R. S. LINDSAY
President West Pennsylvania Conference

WESTERN WASHINGTON

THE year 1919 has been the most remarkable, in some respects, in connection with the work of God in this field, since the conference has been organized. It has been a year of prosperity for the people. The crops have been fairly good, and the mills have all been running. Some of the sawmills that had been shut down for several years have taken on new life since the demand for lumber is so great, and are working with frenzied zeal to meet the demands. While western Washington is a great lumber-producing region, it is also a dairy country. The price of milk and dairy products has been good.

In the midst of this prosperity our people have not been unmindful of the needs of the cause of young God. Having a large number of young people and children within our borders, and appreciating the value of their being properly trained in our own schools, the conference has built a new academy near Auburn, Wash., which has cost \$40,000 or thereabout, that our young people may have the benefits of a Christian training. Although the buildings were not completed, school opened October 1.

While we had planned to accommodate about 100 students and the faculty in the dormitories and the principal's cottage, we saw that to accommodate those who wanted to come, more room would have to be provided, so the conference workers spent most of the month of October and part of November in putting up another building, with about thirty rooms, to be used by the teachers and married couples wishing to attend the school. To date the enrolment stands at 173, which is far beyond our expectation.

The school is located on very fertile ground, with a good cement-paved road running across one corner of the farm. The land is high and well drained, having rivers on two sides of the farm and bordered on another side by government ground. The school is four miles from town.

The Mount Vernon intermediate school, known as "Forest Home," has a large enrolment, and is meeting with success; also the Meadow Glade Academy, near

CUMBERLAND

Battle Ground, Wash., is having a successful school with a fair attendance. There are about twenty church schools in the conference. The hearts of parents are turning to the training of their children as they have not done before.

Nine hall and tent efforts were conducted in the conference during the last year, with a degree of success. There is a spirit of union and harmony among both the workers and our people of the different churches, which brings a stability and confidence to the work necessary to the healthy growth of any field.

The finances of the conference show an encouraging growth. The tithe receipts for the last three years were:

1916	\$37,868.25
1917	50,787.11
1918	77,032.91

For 1919 they will exceed \$80,000. In the offerings to missions, too, there has been a hearty response, for during 1918 the conference contributed \$44,718.82, practically 36 cents a week per member. While it may not quite reach that figure for 1919, we expect to more than reach 25 cents a week per member, besides raising about \$34,000 in cash and pledges for our new school.

The continued growth in our Sabbath schools, both in membership and in offerings, has been a source of encouragement to all. We find by looking at the General Conference statistical report for 1918, that Western Washington led all the conferences of the world in Sabbath school offerings per capita for that year; and when we get the returns for 1919, we hope to learn that we have done still more.

While the writer has been changed from the Western Washington Conference to another field, he will always look upon it as one of the favored places of earth, and is sure that if the workers and people of that conference give themselves to the Lord, a good work will be done.

J. F. PIPER.

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THE CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

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making a preparation for that work, through the kindly interest shown in them by the conference president?

We believe that this class of workers is worthy of our esteem. We should regard them highly for their works' sake, for their labors in the Lord. We should hold them up in prayer. They, like us, are compassed about with human frailties. They sometimes make mistakes. But we confidently believe that they are endeavoring to do the very best they can, and that the spirit of loyalty and devotion prompts their service.

And with them we should remember the faithful men who are associated with them on our conference committees, the men who with them share the burden and the heat of the day that the work of God may be promoted in the earth.

It affords us great pleasure to present in this number of the REVIEW photographs of our conference presidents. Several are missing, from whom we have received no reports. This number of the REVIEW could well be preserved as a souvenir for future reference.

F. M. W.

The work is advancing in the Cumberland Conference. We surely have much to praise the Lord for when we realize how miraculously God has blessed us, not only in winning souls for the Master, but in an increase in tithes and offerings, and in the way our people have reconsecrated their lives for the finishing of the work.

Up to the present time (Jan. 1, 1920), this conference has received support from the General Conference. It starts the new year as a self-supporting conference. It has a membership of 1,300 (including 300 colored members), organized into twenty-eight churches. We have in our territory the Southern Junior College, which is the pride of the Southeastern and Southern Unions. We also have a



A. W. COON
President Cumberland Conference

conference academy, eight rural schools, eight church schools, and two mission schools (colored).

Our conference is composed of the eastern part of Tennessee, two counties in Georgia, and eighteen counties in North Carolina, in which is situated the beautiful city of Asheville, N. C., noted as one of the greatest summer resorts in the South. In the work we are carrying on in this city we are striving to reach the tourists who come here from all parts of the world—a very difficult class to reach. Two of our brethren are conducting a vegetarian cafeteria, and are planning to build a sanitarium in the spring. Other brethren are planning to do likewise in some of the other large cities.

Our tithe for 1918 amounted to about \$14,000. Our offerings through the Sabbath school amounted to \$3,407.43. The money received by means of the Harvest Ingathering campaign was about \$1,600. All the offerings for missions during 1918 totaled \$7,566.53. The book and periodical sales for 1918 were \$25,308.19.

As I make up this report for 1919, I do not have all the remittances from the churches, therefore I am making a conservative estimate for the latter part of December. Our tithe for 1919 is about \$20,000, an increase of about \$6,000 over that of 1918. Our Sabbath school offerings—about \$6,675—are almost double

the amount received in 1918. Our Harvest Ingathering funds—about \$3,250—are a little more than double those of 1918. The total offerings to missions for 1919 amount to about \$11,660—an increase of a little more than \$4,000. The book and periodical sales for 1919 amount to about \$29,384.44.

The Cumberland Conference is not satisfied with past achievements, and in harmony with the recent action at the Fall Council at Boulder, Colo.,—that offerings to missions be increased to 50 cents a week per member,—we are bending every energy toward that end, and are resolving by the help of the Lord to be faithful and do our part in raising this money.

While I have been laboring in this conference, I have found the people loyal to the message and willing to give of their means, and determined to prepare themselves for the coming of Christ, and to hasten his coming by being actively engaged in winning souls for his kingdom.

A. W. COON.

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CORRECTION

[In the REVIEW of January 29, we published an article from W. S. Boone. We made some changes in this article, believing that these were necessary to correctly represent the truth. Brother Boone feels that our changes made him say something which he did not intend, and that as a matter of justice we should publish the following correction. We do this as a matter of courtesy. We heartily dissent, however, from the conclusions which he draws regarding the judgment work. We do not believe there is any data either in the Bible or the writings of Sister White which would warrant us in teaching that the investigative judgment is now dealing with the cases of the living. We believe that speculation on this question is wholly idle. The Master has told us that when we see certain things taking place in the earth, then we shall know that his coming is near, "even at the door." With this statement we must content ourselves. We confidently believe that the coming of the Lord is near, that this generation will witness the close of earth's history, but we do not believe that divine revelation affords any data by which we may determine the present stage of the work of the heavenly tribunal.—F. M. W.]

In my article, on the close of "Human Probation" in the REVIEW of the 29th ult. Read *closing* instead of "beginning;" (in the parenthesis following the word "prophecy.")

Grammatically rendered or understood as expressed in the 18th verse of Rev. 11th chapter, the 3rd declaration: "The time of the dead, that they should be judged," (is come,) taken in connection with 1st declaration of the same verse: "The nations were angry," explained and strengthened by the testimony of Sr. White, that the three events enumerated in Rev. 11: 18, "were separate and distinct, one following the other," the astounding fact is thereby revealed:—That the righteous dead of all past generations, from Adam up to, and including the righteous dead of the present generation; are all judged; and the finishing stage in the investigative judgment is now reached.

W. S. BOONE.

New Straitsville O.

IN MISSION LANDS

On Leaving Honan

FREDERICK LEE

As the hour came for us to leave Honan, feelings of regret and of real loneliness filled our hearts. A few years with brethren, whether white, black, or yellow; years in which by day we work shoulder to shoulder, at night sleep side by side; years in which we together bear the burdens and together enjoy the fruits of honest labor; a few years with men we can trust, respect, and from whom we can learn lessons, — such experience-filled years bind and knit hearts into a fellowship that makes it hard to separate. Yet in this world separations must come; and when the word comes to us to move on, fellowships must be broken, separations must be borne.

It was with such feelings in my heart that I left the company of Chinese and foreign brethren standing on the railway platform at Yencheng, as the train slowly started north to Peking, our future field of labor. It is at such times that one wonders what all these sojournings are for, and how much good has been done by our pilgrimage in the place we are leaving. It is then that one has some small satisfaction if he can look back and see advancement. The little which has been done through one's feeble efforts has been so entirely wrought by God that it ill behoves any one to take any glory unto himself. And so little has been accomplished when compared with what might have been done if one had been more consecrated, more keen to seize every opportunity, more wise in dealing justly on all occasions, that one gets but little glory at any time. Thinking of what might have been done, we have regrets; but then, when thinking of what God has wrought, we can rejoice.

It is thus I reflect upon the few years of our stay in Honan as our train goes speeding on through the heart of this great country and we leave behind friends, fellow brethren, and sisters. Thank God there are such to leave behind, — those who will hold up the light of truth in dark Honan. How many are the lights now as compared with a few years ago! In all four sections of this great province we have companies meeting on the Sabbath in chapels, in churches, and in the homes of the people. We have these light bearers in the plain, by the riverside, by the railway, in the mountains. The truth has traveled there by boat, by cart, by wheelbarrow, on foot, on horseback, in every conceivable way, and in all kinds of weather. It has been carried under all circumstances, in revolution, among disbanded and unruly soldiers, among lawless and cruel bandits. Yet under all handicaps it has gone forward year by year. Hundreds have heard the truth and accepted it. Today we have a church membership in this province of more than 400, and a Sabbath school attendance of nearly 600. There are in all about thirty-five companies meeting for worship each Sabbath.

In the last few years a fine intermediate school has been established at our headquarters, and many children of Sabbath-keeping parents are daily under the instruction of consecrated teachers. Although we met serious disaster last summer through a flood

which swept away most of the mud dormitories and a section of our workers' quarters, yet the staff of teachers undertook to reopen the school under those conditions, and their efforts have been attended with success. The school at present has the largest attendance in its history. It was with deep feeling in our hearts that we bade these bright boys and girls good-by, young people in whom we have great hopes for the future of the church in China. One boy especially has made marvelous improvement. When he came to us, he acted as our house boy. After a time he became ambitious to go to school. He was very studious and sincere in his work. It was very hard to lose his help in our home, and we are now in great difficulty because we can get no one to take his place. But we could not hinder him in his ambition to become an efficient worker for God. He is now one of the leading boys in the school, always ready to do his part, whether it is to lead a meeting, to act as Sabbath school superintendent, to clean a room, or to buy the vegetables. He is learning to play the organ, and is making remarkable progress. And there are others, both boys and girls, to whom we are looking as the future leaders of the work in China.

Especially do we feel encouraged when we see the wonderful improvement in the girls who come to us. Their faces brighten, and some of them are developing into beautiful young ladies. They learn as quickly and as well as the boys. They keep up with the boys in every way. It does one good to see a young girl secretary walk confidently to the platform, and facing the Sabbath school, read clearly and well an excellent written report. Oh, this investment in the boys and girls of China will not be lost! We shall see the results in the future homes and the future churches. Let us wait patiently for them, and pray earnestly while we wait, for there are many temptations awaiting these educated young people in this awakened country.

There is also at the central station an excellent dispensary-hospital. I well remember the little hut of a place we had when I landed at Yencheng. We had no doctor, and Brother O. J. Gibson did the best he could to help the poor souls who came to the place with diseases of every kind. But later Dr. D. E. Davenport came, and with the gift of Brother Skee, started a small dispensary in a proper way. This work has grown until a special effort had to be made to secure larger quarters. Last year, with the assistance of several brethren, we went out and asked the public for help. It was wonderful how the Lord influenced these men, who knew nothing about us, to give large sums, until we were able to collect nearly \$8,000. The buildings were practically completed, and the Drs. Mr. and Mrs. H. C. James had arrived to assist Dr. Davenport in his work, when we left for this northern field. It did one good to look over that larger compound, and see the good homes for our missionaries, the good school and church building, and to know the money for dormitories and Chinese workers' quarters was in Shanghai, waiting to be used to replace the poor and inefficient building that had been washed down by the flood. It did us good to see the fine buildings of the hospital. As we

thought of how land had been added to land and institutions had been erected in these few years, we could but feel thankful to God and to the persons, both native and foreign, who had made it possible to establish such a representative center of Seventh-day Adventism in the very heart of China.

As I sit back in my car seat, I think of those men standing there on the platform bidding me good-by, and others who were not there,—men who are giving their whole time to the service of God, men who but a few years ago were steeped in heathenism and giving their whole energies to the service of the evil one. I thought of old Pastor Du, the leader of our native staff, a leader mostly because of his years, his honesty, his love of the truth, and not because of his higher education and his brilliancy. No, he looks anything but bright, and at most times one would think he was dozing. However, when it comes to defending the truth against falsehood, he becomes fully awake, and is the first to champion the side of right. Many a time have I seen this man at a committee meeting suddenly change a position he had taken when he found that he was on the wrong track.

On one occasion I well remember how the old pastor brought the climax. It was at a general meeting, when we were taking up a donation. A large goal had been set, but after we had gone all around, we were still a long way short. Many of the workers had given to their limit. Pastor Du had given well, but not as much as he was able, and many wondered why he did not give more. Some were urging him to give, but he shook his head and seemed unconcerned with our difficulty. He sat in his seat apparently half asleep. I could not understand his attitude, and felt rather disappointed that a leader in the work should have so little interest. Time dragged on; but few were giving, and then only in small sums. Perhaps a widow would arise and pledge fifty cents, saying that she would sell some eggs in order to get the amount; or a poor farmer might arise and say he would sell a little wood and give the proceeds. It was all good and encouraging to see these poor souls giving so liberally, but it did not help out our goal very much. We were about ready to give up, when the old pastor jumped from his seat, and rushing to the platform, said, "We must not stop here, let us go on and reach the goal. If others will give so much money I will cap the goal with so much," and he wrote on the blackboard a goodly sum. It was like a current of electricity passing through the audience. Those who had given well before, came forward with more, and we reached our goal. Just when we were thinking that the pastor was indifferent, he was laying his plans to finish the effort. God changed this man in a few short years from a soothsaying medium of the underworld of heathenism to a standard bearer in the ranks of Immanuel.

How my heart swells as I think of the faithfulness of some of these native Chinese who have known the truth such a short time! And as I leave them all behind, I say to myself, It is good to have been there, and to have had a part in shaping the characters of these men and women who are to shine as stars in the future, brilliant kingdom of Christ.

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ALL is of God that is, and is to be; and God is good. Let this suffice us still, resting in childish trust upon his will who moves to his great ends, unthwarted by the ill.—*Whittier.*

The Sabbath in the Portuguese Language

F. W. SPIES

IN denominating the days of the week, the Portuguese language is probably the only modern language that resembles the Hebrew, in that it numbers the days instead of naming them. It is true that the great apostasy has succeeded in leaving its mark on the week arrangement even in the Portuguese language, the same as elsewhere, in that the first day of the week is called *Domingo*, from the Latin, *Dominica dies* (Lord's day); but Monday is called *segunda feira*, second day; Tuesday, *terc feira*, third day; and so on. Friday is called *sexta feira*, sixth day, while the seventh day of the week is called *Sabbado* in everyday speech, the same as in the Bible.

It is therefore easy to show the Brazilian that the Sabbath is the seventh day, since Friday is the sixth, and the Sabbath immediately follows it, and hence is the seventh day. We also meet cases where persons, as they read the commandment to observe the seventh day (*Sabbado*), wonder how it is that this practice is no longer in force; for as soon as they once settle it in their minds that the Bible is the word of God and the only authority in matters of religion, it does not take much to convince them that this day should be kept. Custom has, however, a strong hold on the people of this Roman Catholic country. I have heard prominent men in a private interview make strong accusations against their church, denouncing it and its priests, whom half an hour later I saw walking along devoutly in the midst of a Roman Catholic procession, hat in hand. But the closing gospel message is calling out a people in Brazil as elsewhere, and they are leaving the customs and errors of Romanism, and are getting ready for the day of Jesus' coming. And in that day he will find his jewels in this country, as well as in other parts of the world.

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ALL FOR THEE

JOHN M. HOPKINS

ALL for thee, my blessed Saviour,
Not a mite would I withhold;
More to me is thy sweet favor—
More than fame or wealth of gold.

'Tis but little I can offer
As a tribute to my King,
But a grateful heart I bring thee,
And thy glory glad would sing.

All for thee in consecration;
Reign supreme within my soul.
To make known thy great salvation,
This shall all my life control.

All for thee; and when in glory
I shall see thee face to face,
All for thee, will be my story—
All to praise thy matchless grace.

Roseberg, Oreg.

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CHRISTIANITY is more than a belief, it is a life. It furnishes not only truth to be believed, but things to be done; and the doing of them is by no means a secondary consideration. The truth which we believe is to be exemplified in our life. The life that we live is to be "by the faith of the Son of God," who hath loved us and given himself for us.—*The Pulpit.*



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We have been glad to greet in Washington Elder C. E. Knight, superintendent of the East Caribbean missions, who passed through on his way to New York, en route to Porto Rico.

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AFTER a furlough in Idaho, Elder and Mrs. H. D. Casebeer are returning this week to Porto Rico, with their family. They spent several days in Washington on their way to New York.

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WRITING after a visit to Cuba, where he had been attending a bookmen's institute, Brother J. A. P. Green says: "This island is doing wonders these days. Cuba delivered almost \$30,000 worth of books last year."

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LAST week, from San Francisco, Brother Albert Priest, Mrs. Priest, and their two daughters sailed for South Africa by way of Australia. Brother Priest was released by the Oklahoma Conference to act as field missionary secretary of the Natal Conference.

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THE matter for the 1920 Year Book has been ready to print for a number of weeks. Owing to the many changes in progress, however, it has seemed desirable to delay printing until these could be worked out. Opportunity is therefore afforded for secretaries and others desiring to make additional changes, to send them in, and they will be used if sent immediately. Address H. E. Rogers, Takoma Park, D. C.

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DEATH OF JASPER WAYNE

BROTHER JASPER WAYNE, of Waukon, Iowa, has been known for several years to the readers of the REVIEW as the father of the present system of Harvest Ingathering for missions. He was the first to engage in this work, and it was through his efforts that the plan was finally adopted by the denomination. It is with deep regret that we learn of his death, which occurred Feb. 5, 1920. A. R. Ogden, president of the Iowa Conference, has sent us a sketch of his life, which will appear later in the REVIEW.

CONFERENCE PRESIDENTS NUMBER

We present in this number of the REVIEW reports from our conference presidents in North America, with their pictures. We thank them for their hearty co-operation in bringing out this special. We failed to obtain several reports, and one or two conference presidents who sent reports could not furnish us with their photographs from which to make cuts. We greatly regret that in several instances, due to the exigencies of our make-up, we have been obliged to cut the reports. We hope that in doing this we have omitted no vital features. We wish very greatly that we might have included in this special number reports from our conference presidents outside of North America. We hope that later we can issue another special, devoted to reports from these brethren.

As a natural consequence of a growing work, changes become necessary, and some of the conference presidents whose reports appear in this number, have accepted calls to other fields. It may be of interest to the reader to know about some of these.

Elder A. R. Ogden, who for eight years has been president of the Iowa Conference, has been transferred to Western Washington.

Elder W. H. Clark, of Minnesota, takes the presidency of Iowa, while Elder E. T. Russell, of South Dakota, takes the presidency of Minnesota.

Elder S. A. Ruskjer becomes president of South Dakota.

Elder A. V. Olson, having accepted the call to the presidency of the Latin Union, Elder F. W. Stray, of Kansas, has been given the Eastern Canadian Union.

Elder B. G. Wilkinson takes the presidency of the Kansas Conference.

Elder W. H. Branson having been called from the Southeastern Union to the vice-presidency for Africa, made it necessary for some one to fill his place in this country. Elder W. H. Heckman, of Ohio, takes this work.

It will be necessary, of course, to supply Ohio with a president, and other changes may be necessary, but of these we cannot speak at present, as decisions have not yet been fully made.

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EN ROUTE TO THE ORIENT

If there was no delay in the sailing, the following missionaries are this week beginning the voyage to the Orient on board the "Nanking," sailing from San Francisco:

G. H. and Mrs. Murrin, of Western Washington, for the Philippines.

Ben P. and Mrs. Le Duc, of Minnesota, for Japan.

A. C. and Mrs. Hanson, of Pacific Union College, for China.

I. L. and Mrs. Kent, and little daughter, of Iowa, for China.

Mrs. Thomas D. Rowe, of the Battleford Academy, Saskatchewan, Canada, for India, Professor Rowe having previously gone forward to the field.

Miss Edith Johnson, of the Kansas Sanitarium, Kansas, for China.

By the same boat, W. J. and Mrs. Harris, of the Chicago Conference, were booked to sail, but the illness and death of their little baby made it necessary to

delay departure. Our sympathy is with these bereaved parents.

All will rejoice with the mission fields in their receiving these new recruits.

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Previously reported	\$1,963.95
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W. W. Prescott	10.00
J. J. Butcher	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Richardson	15.00
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J. Hubert Stoneman	5.00
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Mrs. Mathilde Gallubste	10.00
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John Ramseier	10.00
J. T. Zanzeburg,	5.00
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J. H. Nathan	12.85
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Mrs. R. K. Gemberling	5.00
Mrs. C. Gerlaek	4.00
F. Palva	2.25
Henry Berg	10.00
R. Cravford	5.00
No Name	1.00
F. D. Starr	5.00
Guilford (Conn.) church	26.00
Mr. and Mrs. Fuchs	6.00
Mrs. R. Kehrli	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Miles	100.00
W. S. and Alice Swayze	57.60
Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Lowry	15.00
Henry Hein, Sr.	25.00
Conrad Walter, Sr.	4.00
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