

From reports brought to our late General Conference, and from other authentic sources, we are able to compile quite full statistics showing the standing of the Conference, as presented in the following table:---

GENERAL CONFERENCE SUMMARY, OCT. 11, 1880

Names of Conferences	Ministers	Licentiateds	Churches	Members	Amount paid during the year
1. Maine	3	0	20	336	\$ 1,218 74
2. Vermont	6	3	13	392	1,680 36
3. New England	3	2	24	475	3,002 99
4. New York	12	8	31	672	3,449 80
5. Pennsylvania	4	5	16	419	766 02
6. Ohio	8	6	30	781	4,302 98
7. Michigan	24	17	98	3,264	11,838 35
8. Indiana	5	5	24	522	1,924 50
9. Wisconsin	13	8	52	1,107	5,087 25
10. Illinois	10	8	40	760	3,116 76
11. Minnesota	16	12	55	1,272	4,833 95
12. Iowa	11	8	58	1,202	4,762 03
13. Nebraska	3	6	23	298	1,800 00
14. Dakota	1	3	9	195	511 86
15. Missouri	2	7	13	331	1,540 85
16. Kansas	5	8	37	815	3,018 82
17. California	5	4	33	1,020	5,163 83
18. North Pacific	2	4	5	102	45 21
19. Upper Columbia	2	0	4	119	138 45
20. Kentucky	1	1	4	80	156 63
21. Tennessee	1		5	54	133 00
22. Texas	1	1	4	250	500 00
23. Province of Quebec			3	132	186 40
24. Denmark	1		7	150	75 00
MISSIONS					
1. General Southern	1		3	68	172 00
2. Virginia	1		5	110	200 00
3. Wyoming				70	
4. Colorado			4	93	1,500 00
5. Nevada			2	45	208 00
6. Central European	2		16	223	442 70
7. Northern European	1		2	138	80 40
8. English				75	
Total	114	116	640	15,570	\$61,856 88
As given last year	114	151	599	14,141	51,714 38
Gain	0	† 35	41	1,429	10,142 50
† Loss					

From the foregoing table, as compared with last year's report it will be seen that three new Conferences have been added; namely, Upper Columbia, Province of Quebec, and Denmark.

The number of ministers stands the same, although nine have been ordained the past season. This arises from an error in last year's report. It appears that in some instances ministers who belonged to one Conference, and were laboring in another Conference or in some mission, were inadvertently reported from both. Thus the number of ministers given last year was too large by nine. A correct report as between the two years would show an increase of nine the present year.

The number of licentiates is 35 less. The reason of this is that the Conferences have granted licenses heretofore to persons who have made no use of them. This year they concluded to reduce the number to those who will actually spend a portion, if not all, of their time in the field. Thus the working force in this division will be no less than formerly, though the figures are smaller.

The churches show a gain of forty-one. This increase has been in the following-named Conferences: Maine, two; Pennsylvania, four; Ohio, seven; Michigan, four; Indiana, three, Illinois, six; Minnesota, two; Iowa, three; Kansas, seven; California, two; Kentucky, one; Denmark, three; Quebec, one; Colorado, two. Total, forty-seven. But New York reports two less, and Dakota and Missouri, one each less, while the two in Ontario are reckoned with Michigan, to which Ontario was united last year, making a net gain of 41.

In membership there is a gratifying increase of one thousand four hundred and twenty-nine. This is the largest increase of membership yet reported in any single year. The same may be said of

The Financial Report. This shows an increase of ten thousand one hundred and forty-two dollars and fifty cents. The figures in this department are taken chiefly from the reports of the treasurers of the various Conferences, and hence show only the amounts paid to the treasurers, not including that portion of the funds which the churches retain for their own use.

Thus, in some respects the past year shows a good degree of prosperity. We should be glad to see, each year, a large increase of laborers; for the crying want of the cause is for men to enter the openings Providence is everywhere placing before us, and to answer the Macedonian calls arising on every side, "Come over and help us." In these closing years of time,--time of such thrilling importance, of such infinite value,--it is to be exceedingly regretted that the time and talents of some of our young men of promise, who could be workers for the truth, should be diverted into mere business channels. We have reason to pray that all to whom God has given ability to labor in his cause may devote it to this all-important work, and that the Lord will send forth more reapers; "for the harvest time is near."

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