

### Statistical Report of the Seventh-day Adventist Denomination, for 1903

The accompanying report represents the combined efforts of the denomination at work in the lines indicated, and from its nature it is evident that its preparation requires the co-operation of many persons, the number whose services are thus required being equal to the ultimate sources of the information given. To secure all this information, it has been necessary to delay the publication of this report; for it has been impossible to secure anything like immediate returns from all parts of the world regarding every item named.

The leading features of our denominational work, so far as it can be reported in figures, are presented in Table No. 1, under four heads; namely, the work of the church, the Sabbath-school, the canvassing work, and the educational work. Under the work of the church are shown the number of churches, their membership, the number and kind of workers employed, and the amount of tithes and offerings paid; relating to Sabbath-school work, the membership and offerings, and the number of schools and their membership; under the canvassing work, the persons engaged, and the amount of book sales reported; under the educational work, the number and kind of schools, the number of teachers employed, and the total enrolment of each class of students.

#### Union Conference Comparisons

For the purpose of making a comparative study of the main features of Table No. 1, Table No. 2 may be helpful. In this table are shown, by union conferences, the population, the number of Sabbath-keepers, the net gain in Sabbath-keepers, the tithe receipts, the tithe per capita, and the per cent of gain in Sabbath-keepers, for 1903.

was 43.78 per cent. The largest amount of tithe paid by any union conference was reported by the Lake Union; namely, \$136,387.50, or a tithe per capita of \$8.31. The largest tithe per capita, however, was paid by the South African Union Conference, which was \$28.57. The second best showing in this respect is that for the British Union, which is \$12.71. The greatest net gain in tithe is reported by the German Union Conference, with \$10,238.73, or an increase of 40.30 per cent over the amount for 1902. The Atlantic Union stands next, with a net gain of \$8,589.44, or an increase of 11.45 per cent.

#### Local Conference Comparisons

A brief study of Table No. 1 will also reveal some interesting features regarding the items for local conferences and missions. From that report it will appear that the three fields showing the greatest per cent of gain in Sabbath-keepers during 1903, are, respectively, the Scotland Mission, with a gain of 275 per cent; Wales, with a per cent of 141; and Alabama, with a per cent of 103. The three conferences reporting the greatest net gain are Minnesota, with a gain of 400; Kansas, with a gain of 384; and Nebraska, with a gain of 225.

#### Total Standing for 1903

The total number of Sabbath-keepers in the North American union conferences is 60,431; in other union conferences and mission fields, 17,123, making the grand total of Sabbath-keepers for all the world at the end of 1903, 77,554. This is a gain of 5.48 per cent or a net gain of 4,032, over the number reported for 1902, which was 73,522.

#### Comparative Growth in North America and in Foreign Fields

By comparing the total number of Sabbath-keepers in the North American union conferences in 1903 with the number for 1902, it will be seen that the net

America a total of \$550,154.08 in tithe, and in the fields outside, \$133,876.46. Thus it will be seen that in the foreign fields there is expended in tithe less than one fourth the amount expended in the conferences in North America, and yet the per cent of gain is about four times greater than in North America.

The number of Sabbath-keepers in the two divisions named are related in about the same manner as the amount of tithes paid; that is, about three fourths in North America, and one fourth outside.

A comparison of the population will indicate a still greater disparity. In the North American conferences there are over eighty-one million persons; while in the countries outside, and in which we have conferences organized and missions established, there are about one billion four hundred million people, or about seventeen times more than the number in North America. The expenditure of tithe in North America, being four times greater than in fields outside, it is clear that for each person living in North America, there is an expenditure of about seventy times more than for each person living in fields outside. This takes no account whatever of over 200,000,000 persons living in countries where as yet we have not established any missions or done work of any kind.

#### Comparative Growth for Twenty Years

A brief glance at two of the leading features of our denominational statistics—the membership and the funds—covering a period of twenty years, may be of interest, as showing the comparative growth of each. These are exhibited in Table No. 3.

Table No. 3—Comparative Growth by Five-year Periods

Year	No. of Sabbath-keepers	Per cent of gain	Average yearly tithe paid	Per cent of gain
1883	17,436		\$ 96,418	62
1888	26,112	49.75	146,194	42
1893	37,400	43.24	292,243	15
1898	59,447	58.93	353,642	28
1903	77,554	30.46	581,772	32

#### Local Conference Tithes

In the matter of tithes, it will be seen by reference to Table No. 1, that the highest tithe per member paid by any local conference was paid by the Natal-Transvaal Conference, which was \$29.80; that the highest tithe per capita for a mission field is reported by Hawaii, with \$27.92 per member; that the lowest average tithe per member for a conference was reported by Jamaica, which was \$1.30 per member; for a mission field, Gwelo, with 24 cents per member.

#### Grand Total Tithes

The grand total tithe for 1903 was \$684,030.54. The average tithe per member for all the conferences and missions in the world for 1903, was \$8.82. The per capita for 1902 was \$8.75; the 1903 per capita is, therefore, an increase of seven cents per member over that of 1902.

The total amount of tithe paid for seventeen years, beginning with 1887 and closing with the year 1903, was \$6,392,599.06, the per capita tithe for that time averaging \$7.59. The per capita tithe for 1903 being \$8.82, is therefore \$1.23 per member greater than the average amount for the seventeen years.

The per capita tithe may be taken as the average for all conferences, and

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Conference	Table No. 2						
	Population	Sabbath-keepers	Gain in 1903	Tithe paid in 1903	Tithe per Capita	See (†) below	
District of Columbia	279,000	300	80	\$ 2,962 36	\$ 9 87	36.36	
Atlantic Union	25,223,358	8,401	185	83,492 97	9 94	2.24	
Canadian Union	4,954,181	1,139	*23	7,405 10	6 50	*1.98	
Southern Union	14,908,381	2,526	284	21,550 85	8 53	12.67	
Lake Union	15,985,641	16,412	106	136,387 50	8 31	65	
Northern Union	2,942,314	4,579	492	42,554 80	9 29	12.04	
Central Union	8,737,537	13,794	308	107,985 33	7 76	2.28	
Southwestern Union	5,150,665	3,124	228	25,240 52	8 07	7.87	
Pacific Union	3,736,393	10,156	279	119,904 82	11 80	2.82	
Australasian Union	7,566,622	3,097	638	34,439 44	11 12	25.95	
German Union	255,864,000	5,156	1,077	35,640 28	6 91	26.15	
Scandinavian Union	12,637,277	2,271	56	12,820 29	5 20	2.52	
British Union	41,649,112	1,180	322	15,000 80	12 71	37.52	
Latin Union	106,699,000	651	80	4,084 31	6 27	14.01	
Oriental Union	44,225,000	289	88	1,107 42	3 83	43.78	
South African Union	5,768,886	533	*182	15,229 80	28 57	*25.45	
South American Union	31,400,900	1,477	125	6,316 01	4 28	9.24	
Miscellaneous	810,299,530	2,469		9,168 11	3 71		
Total and Average	1,398,026,897	77,554	4,032	\$684,030 54	\$ 8 82	5.48	

\* Decrease  
† Per cent of gain in Sabbath-keepers for 1903

From Table No. 2 it will be seen that the greatest population in any union conference is in the German Union; that the largest number of Sabbath-keepers is in the Lake Union; that the greatest net gain in membership for 1903 was made in the German Union, the gain being 1,077, or a gain of 26.15 per cent. The greatest per cent of gain, however, was made in the Oriental Union Mission, whose gain over the standing for 1902

gain is 2,159, a gain of 3.71 per cent. A similar comparison of the fields outside of North America, indicates a net increase in total Sabbath-keepers of 1,873, a gain of 12.28 per cent. In other words, the per cent of gain in the foreign conferences and missions is about four times that of the conferences in North America.

To carry forward this work there is expended in the conferences in North





STATISTICAL REPORT OF CONFERENCES AND MISSIONS

Table with columns: NAME OF CONFERENCE OR MISSION, Organized, Area in Sq. Miles, Population, Number of Churches, Membership, Number of Companies, Membership, Number of Isolated Sabbath-keepers, Total Sabbath-keepers, Tithe per Capita, Number of Sabbath Schools, Membership, Number of Church Buildings, Total Ministers Given Ordinal, Licensed Ministers, Licensed Missionaries or Bible Workers, Catechists, Total Laborers, Total Laborers on Conference Pay Roll. Rows include Australasian Union Conf., German Union Conf., Scandinavian Union Conf., British Union Conf., Latin Union Mission, Oriental Union Mission, South African Union Conf., and South American Un. Mission.





FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1903.—TABLE NO. 1.—Continued.

Table with 16 columns: Total Tithe Receipts, Amount of Tithe Appropriated to Fields Outside of Conference, Annual Offerings to Foreign Missions, Weekly Offerings to Foreign Missions, Miscellaneous Offerings to Foreign Missions, Total Sabbath-school Offerings, Sabbath-school Offerings to Foreign Missions, Retail Value of Book Sales, Number of Church Schools, Number of Teachers, Total Enrollment, Number of Intermediate Schools, Number of Teachers, Total Enrollment, Number of Colleges and Academics, Number of Teachers, Total Enrollment, Grand Total.

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16. The decrease in the totals under "Miscellaneous" for 1903 are accounted for by the fact that some of the mission fields which have formerly been reported under the head of "Miscellaneous," have, during the year, been organized as conferences, while others have been incorporated into union conference territory, and hence both are reported elsewhere in Table No. 1.

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hence the per capita tithe of conferences either above or below that amount is to that extent above or below the general average.

Offerings to Missions

Table No. 1 gives definite amounts of offerings appropriated as follows: To fields outside of conferences, and annual, weekly, miscellaneous, and Sabbath-school offerings to foreign missions. The total amount for all these purposes is \$216,342.98. This is the total amount raised in all the world, and much of it is used locally in the fields where it is raised.

In addition to this, however, there is a large amount given for other purposes, such as to the Southern field, to orphanages, to homes for the aged, for endowed beds, home mission work, and various special enterprises, the funds for which

pass through regular conference channels, but for lack of space, are not incorporated in the report given above. And there is also a considerable amount sent directly by individuals to various missionary enterprises, which can not be accounted for in any conference report. The aggregate amount of the offerings for all the objects enumerated above, made by the denomination annually, may be safely estimated to be about \$225,000. If to this is added the grand total of tithe; namely, \$684,030.54, and of Sabbath-school contributions not included above, the total amount of funds raised in tithes and offerings during 1903, is brought to over \$930,000, or a per capita of approximately twelve dollars.

Sabbath-school Contributions

From Table No. 1 it will appear that the total Sabbath-school contributions for the year 1903 was \$55,823.85; of this amount \$34,779.85 was donated to missions. The remainder was expended, approximately, as follows: expense of maintaining local schools, \$14,374.46; donations to the Haskell Home, \$4,669.54; leaving a balance of \$2,000 as the amount of tithe and expenses of all the State Sabbath-school Departments.

Offerings to Foreign Missions

The offerings to foreign missions from all the conferences and missions through-

out the world, from the year 1888 to 1903, are presented in Table No. 4.

Book Sales

From the accompanying tables various features of interest may be noted, and comparisons made regarding the progress in different departments of work. For instance, a study of the book sales in the various union conferences will indicate a per capita sale, based on total Sabbath-keepers, as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: NAME OF CONFERENCE, AMOUNT PER MEMBER. Includes District of Columbia, Atlantic Union, Canadian Union, Southern Union, Lake Union, Northern Union, Central Union, Southwestern Union, Pacific Union, Australasian Union, German Union, Scandinavian Union, British Union, Latin Union, Oriental Union, South African Union, South American Union, Miscellaneous, Average.

**Educational Work**

Since the work of denominational colleges and academies is but briefly referred to in Table No. 1, the accompanying supplementary table (No. 5) covering this feature of work, may prove of interest.

This report is the first that bears so fully upon the educational features of our work; for it is only during the recent past that so much attention has been given to church and intermediate school work. From Table No. 1 it will be seen that 8,159 students are enrolled in church-schools; 889 in intermediate schools; and 2,097 in colleges and academies; making a grand total enrollment of 11,145 students in attendance upon denominational schools. Of the number attending colleges and academies, 153 or 7.30 per cent, completed their preparation at the close of the 1903-04 school year, ready to enter upon active duties in connection with some department of the work.

The large number of over 11,000 young people receiving a preparation and a training for service in behalf of the message in various parts of the world, is, if consecrated, but a prophecy of the more rapid proclamation of the gospel message to the world, the fulfilment of which will be realized in the sheaves garnered for the heavenly kingdom.

H. E. ROGERS,  
Statistical Secretary.

**Study Our Statistical Report**

We are printing in this week's REVIEW, the statistical report of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, for the year ending Dec. 31, 1903. A careful study of this report will show that it is the most comprehensive and thoroughly systematized report we have ever made.

The statistical secretary has worked a long time with great patience to make this report so complete and so thoroughly reliable that it will be a true representation of our cause, as far as figures can represent it; and also that it may be of value to ministers and to all occupying official positions.

Some find little that is of interest in statistical reports. But they have a purpose. The Lord saw wisdom in placing genealogical tables, statistics, and historical records of various kinds in the Bible.

As I have glanced over this report from time to time during its preparation, I have found facts worthy of careful study. In some respects, this report presents some truly serious facts. In other respects, it gives every lover of this cause abundant reason to rejoice.

It is not the purpose of this note to touch the details of this report. The reader is referred to the notes of explanation and comparisons submitted by the secretary. Read these, study the report, and make a wise, profitable use of the facts.

While we truly appreciate the assistance rendered by the army of secretaries who have helped to supply the data for this report, we venture to express the hope that the report for 1904 can be brought out earlier in the year.

A. G. DANIELS.

**Uganda Then and Now**

On a hill near the cathedral, a quarter of a century ago, "thousands of innocent victims of the wrath and cruelty of former kings of Uganda would be slaughtered at a time. To this day, their bleached bones are to be seen in quantities all over the hill. There are many other similar old execution places to be seen in Uganda. It used to be the boast of the king and of all great chiefs that they had absolute power of life and death over their subjects, and that they could use it with unbridled license. To the rulers of Uganda the glory of their country consisted in the quantity of blood they were able to shed."

The contrast seen to-day is certainly marvelous. The British Commissioner in Uganda has recently had a census taken of all the Church Missionary Society schools and churches within the protectorate; the enumeration covers 1,070 church buildings, having a seating capacity of 126,851, with an average Sunday attendance of 52,471. Let it be remembered that the first Christian baptism in this country took place only twenty years ago.—C. M. S. Gleaner.

**Table No. 4—Offerings to Foreign Missions**

From all the Conferences and Missions in the World.

	Weekly Offerings	Annual Offerings	S. S. Offerings	Special Offerings	Totals
1888	\$ 1,231 46	\$ 25,589 81	\$ 10,755 34	\$ 11,891 75	\$ 49,468 36
1889	12,900 03	30,115 55	11,767 95	1,214 55	55,998 08
1890	12,720 28	19,515 35	17,707 39	783 59	50,726 61
1891	12,494 79	26,301 87	16,750 94	5,063 60	60,611 20
1892	16,664 52	27,280 82	23,618 77	7,732 48	75,296 59
1893	17,510 10	39,631 70	24,162 50	27,267 81	108,572 11
1894	17,178 55	42,356 02	20,850 05	28,044 48	108,429 10
1895	12,034 82	29,851 80	19,800 76	11,635 16	73,322 54
1896	19,304 27	28,735 52	23,666 08	11,976 60	83,682 47
1897	19,003 76	44,399 49	33,409 32	43,543 40	140,355 97
1898	10,135 11	22,199 56	21,475 18	16,360 60	70,170 45
1899	11,212 24	17,525 62	21,842 09	25,082 47	75,662 42
1900	16,441 52	23,444 56	25,235 47	30,493 69	95,615 24
1901	14,665 51	30,497 38	21,947 90	63,871 80	130,982 59
1902	14,146 30	35,440 35	28,298 86	77,255 31	155,140 82
1903	22,418 88	41,191 06	34,779 85	117,953 19	216,342 98
Total	\$230,062 14	\$484,076 46	\$356,068 45	\$480,170 48	\$1,550,377 53

**Table No. 5—Statistical Table of Colleges and Academies**

Covering the School Year of 1903-04

	No. Teachers	Primary Grades	Inter. Grades	College Dept.	No. Enrolled	No. Graduated 1904
South Lancaster Academy	15	24	89	95	208	15
Southern Training School	9	50	25	50	125	17
Huntsville Industrial School	3	8	20	23	51	6
Mt. Vernon Academy	10			140	140	6
Emmanuel Missionary College	13			225	225	
Union College	20		25	290	315	20
Keene Industrial Academy	5		65	43	108	4
Fernando College	8	30	30	80	140	1
Healdsburg College	14			140	140	6
Walla Walla College	10	55		165	220	13
Avondale School	11	35		110	145	7
Duncombe Hall Missionary College	14			48	48	13
Claremont Union College	6			91	91	4
American Medical Missionary College	28			91	91	20
Friedensau Industrial School	3			50	50	21
Total	159	202	254	1,641	2,097	153

**From an Aged Sister**

DEAR REVIEW: I have known, and read you since July, 1856. Each week I hail you as a friend bringing good news from all parts of the world.

I knew the first pioneers,—Brother Bates, Elders White, Waggoner and Cornell. The two latter brought the truth to Hanover, Mich. Elder J. N. Loughborough organized the first church near Jackson city, at the home of Brother Dan R. Palmer.

I am glad to hear of the prosperity of the cause of present truth. Looking back over forty-eight years, I can say, Surely God is in the work of the third angel's message.

I was made glad to read the good articles written by Brother Butler, having known him at the time of his first public work, also Brother Haskell. May God bless Sister White. I am reading Volume VIII of the Testimonies. Surely God is dealing in mercy with us as a people.

Many of our aged soldiers are now resting in hope, awaiting the call of the Life-giver. My former husband was William R. Carpenter, of Hanover, Mich. ELIZA C. NORDYKE.

Wolcott, Ind.

In a recent report of work in New York, Elder A. O. Burrill says: "The first and the second Sabbath were days of special interest in Buffalo and Jeddo. Three were added to the Jeddo church; the church mortgage was cleared off; and the educational work was much encouraged. That church, which all thought would die out, is reviving, and now numbers twenty-eight. At Buffalo we left them out of debt in everything but the sanitarium, and on that they owe but \$75.73."