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The Statistical Report for 1918

A REPORT SHOWING FIFTY-SIX YEARS OF PROGRESS

THIS, the fifty-sixth statistical report of denominational organizations, presents some of the most encouraging features of any report ever issued. If full reports were in hand, the figures shown would be greatly exceeded, but in the absence of complete returns, conservative estimates have been used. This is true in the case of Europe as well as a few other countries. Until conditions are such that complete returns can be obtained, the figures presented are the best that can be shown.

Churches and Members

The number of churches now stands at 4,181, an increase during the year of 106. The membership sustained a net increase during the year of 8,810, being an increase from 153,857 for 1917, to 162,667 for 1918.

The number baptized during the year was 14,787. The net gain of 8,810 would indicate that 5,977 had been dismissed during the year because of death and for other causes.

Laborers

There has been a encouraging increase in the number of laborers in the various classes. The number of ordained ministers stood at 1,102, or a gain of 58 during the year; licensed ministers, 856, a gain of 155; licensed missionaries 1,526, a gain of 85; and book and periodical canvassers, 1,876, a gain of 14. The total laborers of all classes, including those just named, is 5,864, or a gain of 411 during the year 1918.

Funds

The year 1918 witnessed a large increase in the amount of funds contributed for the various lines of work. These funds may be summarized thus:

FUND	AMOUNT	PER CENT
Tithe	\$3,841,317.96	55.70
Foreign Miss. Offerings	2,072,917.21	30.06
Home Mission Offerings	981,484.65	14.24
Total	\$6,895,719.82	100.00

This is a per capita of \$42.39 for the entire membership of 162,667.

In addition the following funds have been raised by the denomination for the lines of work indicated:

Maintenances of educational institutions	\$1,885,738.46
Increase in valuation of church buildings, church school buildings and their equipment, and charity work in sanitariums	373,451.55
Total	\$2,259,190.01
Grand total including tithes and offerings shown above	\$9,154,909.83

This is a per capita of \$56.28 for the entire membership throughout the world.

It should be stated in this connection that the above total does not include funds for the upbuilding of institutions, a report of which for 1918 is not yet available.

Total Funds Contributed from Organization of Work

The various summaries appearing in connection with the report will show the amount of funds contributed for various lines of work since the General Conference was organized in 1863. The total amount contributed for all lines of work is \$51,049,087.97. This amount is distributed as follows:

FUND	AMOUNT	PER CENT
Tithe	\$32,586,752.91	63.84
Foreign Miss. Offerings	11,375,508.42	22.28
Home Mission Offerings	7,086,826.64	13.88
Total	\$51,049,087.97	100.00

Of this amount there was contributed during the seven years from 1912 to 1918, inclusive, \$28,032,604.43, or 54.92 per cent of the total contributions during the past fifty-six years.

The percentages shown above indicate that of every \$100 contributed, \$63.84 was tithe; \$22.28 foreign mission offerings, and \$13.88 home mission offerings.

Foreign Mission Offerings from North America

It will be observed that the total amount of contributions for foreign missions throughout the world was largely increased during the year, amounting to \$2,072,917.21, an increase of \$719,231.14, or a gain of 53.15 per cent over the amount for 1917. Of the total contributions for foreign missions, North America contributed \$1,669,007.35, or 80.51 per cent of the total amount contributed. There is presented below a statement of contributions from North America, with the per capita amounts, during recent years. In this summary are included the returns from the United States only up to and including 1912, after which date the figures shown indicate returns from Canada as well, such arrangement corresponding with previously published reports.

YEAR	AMOUNT	PER CAP.
1906	\$159,064.40	\$2.72
1907	211,458.61	3.61
1908	246,314.52	4.16
1909	303,289.99	5.07
1910	352,025.27	5.96
1911	357,587.73	5.89
1912	444,428.23	7.20
1913	499,713.65	7.43
1914	615,565.95	8.55
1915	706,293.50	9.08
1916	778,694.10	9.74
1917	1,013,329.42	11.61
1918	1,669,007.35	18.14

\$7,356,772.72

Twelve years ago the per capita of offerings to foreign missions from this territory was \$2.72. For 1918, the per capita, it will be observed, was very largely increased, amounting to \$18.14. This per capita is based on the entire membership at the close of 1918, namely, 91,972. For every dollar contributed by each of the 59,981 members in this territory twelve years ago, the increased membership of 91,972 gave during 1918 \$6.66.

Total Contributions for All Purposes, During 1918—Summary 1

1 UNION	2 Tithe	3 Foreign Offerings	4 Other Offerings	5 Total Funds, 1918	6 Total Funds, 1917	7 Increase	8 Decrease
General Conference	\$ 1,981.59	\$418,016.46	\$27,210.27	\$447,208.32	\$ 7,944.73	439,263.59	.....
Atlantic Union	246,390.47	113,480.98	120,102.14	479,973.59	359,198.63	120,774.91	.....
Central Union	299,869.44	130,789.33	85,832.86	516,482.63	413,450.57	103,032.06	.....
Columbia Union	335,743.82	150,092.73	65,696.67	551,533.22	437,364.92	114,168.30	.....
Eastern Canadian Union	40,449.41	18,696.19	4,667.82	63,813.42	56,833.56	6,979.86	.....
Lake Union	392,234.00	172,736.01	123,320.23	688,290.24	595,717.51	92,572.73	.....
Northern Union	255,405.73	125,271.66	98,575.68	479,253.07	387,763.40	91,489.67	.....
North Pacific Union	311,295.81	166,688.00	93,819.47	571,803.28	426,434.96	145,368.32	.....
Pacific Union	396,338.38	191,117.86	121,728.91	709,185.15	569,202.47	139,982.68	.....
Southeastern Union	94,504.27	41,347.97	33,206.31	169,058.55	132,947.27	36,111.28	.....
Southern Union	79,395.79	36,845.18	28,886.61	144,627.58	105,299.50	39,328.08	.....
Southwestern Union	127,825.38	53,293.37	32,837.44	218,956.19	214,268.52	4,687.67	.....
Western Canadian Union	109,873.72	46,140.61	29,864.69	185,879.02	197,202.87	.....	\$11,323.85
Totals for 1918	\$2,691,307.81	1,669,007.35	865,749.10	5,226,064.26	3,903,628.96	1,333,759.15	.....
Totals for 1917	2,167,082.47	1,013,329.42	723,217.07	3,903,628.96		11,823.85	.....
Gain for 1918	524,225.34	655,677.93	142,532.03	1,322,435.30		1,322,435.30	.....
Per Cent of Gain	24.19	64.71	19.71	33.87			.....
Europe	755,000.00	250,900.00	41,200.00	1,047,100.00			.....
Far East	49,786.97	17,677.41	17,852.29	86,316.67			.....
South America	65,994.47	15,221.66	13,368.36	94,538.49			.....
Miscellaneous	279,228.71	120,110.79	43,314.90	442,654.40			.....
Totals for 1918	1,150,010.15	403,909.86	115,735.55	1,669,655.56			.....
Totals for 1917	779,825.02	340,356.65	95,372.81	1,216,054.43			.....
Gain for 1918	370,185.13	63,553.21	19,862.74	453,601.08			.....
Per Cent of Gain	47.47	18.67	20.71	37.30			.....
Grand Totals for 1918	\$8,841,317.96	2,072,917.21	981,484.65	6,895,719.82			.....
Grand Totals for 1917	2,946,907.49	1,353,686.07	819,089.88	5,119,683.44			.....
Gain for 1918	894,410.47	719,231.14	162,394.77	1,776,036.38		
Per Cent of Gain	30.36	53.13	19.88	34.69		

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Financial Summary for 1918—Summary 2

TITHE	Amount	Per Cent of Fund Named	Total Amount	Per Cent of Grand Total
From North America	\$2,691,307.81	70.06		
From all other countries	<u>1,150,010.15</u>	29.94		
Total	<u>\$3,841,317.96</u>	55.70		

FOREIGN MISSION OFFERINGS

From North America:—				
Reported by Conferences	1,061,327.60			
Reported by Sabbath Schools	586,199.99			
Reported by Missionary Volunteer Societies	51,479.76			
	<u>1,669,007.35</u>	80.51		
From all other countries:—				
Reported by Conferences	225,396.15			
Reported by Sabbath Schools	169,695.09			
Reported by Missionary Volunteer Societies	8,818.62			
	<u>403,909.86</u>	19.49		
Total	<u>2,072,917.21</u>	30.06		

HOME MISSIONS

Contributed for Home Mission work (funds sent outside the church, but not to a foreign field):—				
From North America:—				
Reported by Conferences	269,227.93			
Reported by Missionary Volunteer Societies	12,587.38			
	<u>281,815.31</u>	85.13		
From all other countries:—				
Reported by Conferences	47,453.27			
Reported by Missionary Volunteer Societies	1,762.64			
	<u>49,215.91</u>	14.89		
Total	<u>331,031.22</u>	4.80		

SPECIAL FUNDS

Tithe appropriated by Conferences in North America for evangelistic work in home mission fields	604,142.56			
Tithe thus appropriated from all other countries	<u>27,318.25</u>			
	<u>631,460.81</u>			
Total offerings to foreign missions, as above	2,072,917.21			
Total offerings to home missions, as above	<u>331,031.22</u>			
Total tithes appropriated and offerings made for the benefit of home and foreign mission fields during 1918	3,035,409.24			
Amount of similar funds during 1917	<u>2,113,975.10</u>			
Net increase during 1918	921,434.14			
Per cent of increase	43.58%			

LOCAL CHURCH WORK

Contributed for all lines of local church missionary work:—				
From North America:—				
Reported by Conferences	318,457.36			
Maintenance of church schools	262,117.36			
Reported by Missionary Volunteer Societies	3,359.07			
	<u>583,933.79</u>	89.77		
From all other countries:—				
Reported by Conferences	49,681.84			
Maintenance of church schools	15,861.77			
Reported by Missionary Volunteer Societies	976.03			
	<u>66,519.64</u>	10.23		
Total	<u>650,453.43</u>	9.44		

GRAND TOTALS

Grand total of all funds raised during 1918 for evangelistic work:—				
From North America	\$5,226,064.26	75.78		
From all other countries	<u>1,669,655.56</u>	24.22		
Total for 1918	<u>\$6,895,719.82</u>	100.00		
Total for 1917	<u>5,119,683.44</u>			
Net increase for 1918	1,776,036.38			
Per cent of increase	34.69%			
Per capita for the 91,972 members in North America	\$56.82			
Per capita for the 70,695 members outside North America	\$23.62			
Per capita for the entire membership of 162,667	\$42.39			
Another statement as to funds indicates that there was—				
Raised by churches as tithe	\$3,841,317.96	55.70		
Raised for all other funds	<u>5,054,401.86</u>	44.30		
			\$6,895,719.82	

