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"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest"

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QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF THE BOOK WORK OF THE ATLANTIC UNION CONFERENCE

Four Years Ending Oct. 31, 1919

God's resources are infinite; his plans immeasurable. Our small conceptions cannot comprehend his power. While he has been preparing his people for the "time of the end," he has also been preparing the world for the same time. A recognition of the fact that God has used and is using a multitude of agencies to hasten the last message, can only enlarge our ideas of the special work to be done and increase our earnestness lest we fail to fill our place in the stupendous plan.

Among many of the wonderful facilities which have been developed for the finishing of this work, we have the printing press. It has greatly multiplied the power of the church to disseminate light and truth. The many improvements in the art of printing have, to a remarkable degree, reduced the price of books. Bible societies have been organized and Bibles scattered by millions.

Let our attention now be directed to our own great missionary organization, established under the special direction and supervision of God. In our great propaganda, that of giving the third angel's message to the world, the printed page has become a factor of paramount importance. The colporteur goes

forth as a lamp that burneth. Like a great light in a lighthouse on a dangerous coast, these loyal workers send forth beams of light into the darkness of the world, to warn men of danger that threatens them with destruction.

If we might determine from the large volume of literature placed in the territory of the Atlantic Union Conference during the last four years, we could but say that the leaders of the book work have rendered faithful service. Having been connected with the Atlantic Union Conference practically only half of this quadrennial period (1918 and 1919), I can speak definitely regarding the details of the department during that time.

During the year 1918, with all the new experiences that came to us as a result of the draft, work or fight order, and the influenza epidemic, our leaders and colporteurs were called upon to meet obstacles heretofore unknown. The morale of our forces slightly wavered under all this pressure, and we entered into a reconstruction period. The Lord was ready to lead and inspired new courage and confidence in the hearts of the men who remained loyal at their post of duty, and despite seeming obstacles the work progressed.

It will be observed that for the last four years our book sales amount to \$461,937.24. We, no doubt, will reach the half million mark before the year is over.

It has been the policy of the department the last two years to en-

deavor to strengthen three main features of our work; namely, the maintenance of a higher standard, a larger corps of permanent colporteurs in the field, and the development of our city work. We believe that the prosecution of this work along right lines will unfold before us wonderful possibilities when we consider our large city population. Figuring our population as five million families, we have during the past four years placed on the average one four dollar book in every fifty homes. In view of this ninety-eight per cent of the work lies before us unfinished.

Summary of Book Sales

	1916-17	1918-19	1916-19
		(10 mo.)	
Maine	\$23444 33	\$45032 44	\$68476 77
N. N. E.	19662 72	24324 87	43987 59
Mass.	23785 21	44954 02	68739 23
S. N. E.	30958 04	32359 31	63317 35
E. N. Y.	35545 25	32196 73	67741 98
G. N. Y.	25340 02	51177 16	76517 18
W. N. Y.	20052 25	53104 89	73157 14
Totals	\$178787 82	\$283149 42	\$461937 24

We are thankful to our Heavenly Father for the degree of prosperity given to this department. We are grateful to all who have so willingly cooperated with us in the development of this important work, and trust that as we launch out in another period of service, we may see even greater things accomplished for the Master.

E. E. FRANKLIN.

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"WALK in the spirit, and you will have no time for the deeds of the flesh."

**FIRST QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF
THE ATLANTIC UNION CON-
FERENCE HOME MISSIONARY
DEPARTMENT**

WHEN we speak of the Home Missionary Department many are inclined to think of it as a new phase of our work. This branch of the work was organized last, but the missionary idea is as old as the gospel itself. The responsibility of carrying the gospel to the world was never given to any one class of individuals, nor to some particular department. The very moment one is born into the church of Christ there comes to him the earnest desire to give the precious news to some one else. Christ has so interwoven this missionary idea with the plan of salvation, that immediately on coming in contact with Jesus, the happy individual desires to go at once to his neighbors and friends.

This has been true from the beginning of Christ's ministry. We have an example of this in John 1: 40-45. "One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first findeth his own brother Simon. . . . And he brought him to Jesus. . . . The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me. . . Philip findeth Nathaniel, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth."

This principle was constantly emphasized by the Saviour during the entire time of his ministry. We find it in the first sermon he preached. We find it in the parables, and when a great miracle was performed the instruction was given, "Go, tell what great things have been done unto thee." The last recorded words of Jesus to his followers were these: "Go ye

therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

This is the commission Jesus gave to the members of his church. Upon this principle has our work been founded. From the very beginning of the present great movement, the aim has been to follow the instruction of the Saviour. I believe that the message has progressed in just the degree that our leaders have rallied and placed the responsibility of giving the truth upon the shoulders of each individual member.

The first organized effort to carry on home missionary work was started in this Union. This grand old message of a soon coming Saviour was born within our borders. It is very fitting that the first organized effort to enlist the service of every member should also be conceived and started in this field. The first home missionary society was organized in South Lancaster, Mass., in 1868. In 1870 the first conference missionary society was inaugurated. The plan spread, and grew until today we find in every land organized missionary societies, whose one aim is to enlist every member for service in the finishing of the work of God.

In February, 1917, I became secretary of the Home Missionary Department of the Atlantic Union. Since that time it has been the aim of the department to foster and build up the home missionary work throughout the entire Union. We have no great comparisons to offer, but reports show a strong growth year by year.

The Home Missionary Department has the responsibility of lead-

ing out in all missionary lines, but there are four distinct lines of endeavor that show largely the activities of the church:

1. The enlisting of every member for active service.
2. The leading out in the Harvest Ingathering campaign.
3. The sale of our small books and magazines.
4. The use of tracts, pamphlets, and papers for free distribution.

It is hard to give an accurate account of the number of people in the Union who do missionary work. We have had over five thousand three hundred members enlisted for service, but to get their reports is another matter. The actual number reporting is two thousand four hundred eighty-two, and the report of work is largely based on the reports of these, excepting in the Harvest Ingathering campaign and in the sale of small books.

The second item on the list is that of the Harvest Ingathering campaign. To show the growth in this line we shall give the results by years:

1915	\$12,268 65
1916	15,721 41
Total 1915, 1916	\$27,990 06
1917	17,742 02
1918	25,594 47
Total 1917, 1918	\$43,336 49
Total 1915, 1916	27,990 06
Gain 1917, 1918 over 1915, 1916	\$15,346 43

The year 1918 was the first that the Atlantic Union ever reached its goal. For three years previous the goal had been \$20,000, but it never had been reached. In 1918 we increased the goal to \$25,000, and went \$594.43 over it. Our goal this year is \$30,000, and present reports indicate we shall go over the top again. The total amount raised during the two years that I have been here, not including the present year, is \$43,336.49.

Another most encouraging item is the sale of our small books.

During the first year of organized effort, 1917, we sold 168,000 copies of our small books; in 1918, 96,000 copies; and for the first ten months of 1919, 210,000; total 474,000. We have set as our goal 250,000 copies, and we are confident that the goal will be reached. More tracts and papers have been used than in any previous period in the history of our Union.

As to the sale of magazines, we are reluctant to make comparisons, but the Atlantic Union for the past three years has sold more magazines than any other union in the denomination.

The ultimate aim of all this missionary endeavor is to win souls to Christ. This item is the most important of all. Our hearts are made to rejoice that six hundred eighty-one persons have been won to the truth during this period. What might the results have been if every member in our various conferences and churches had been faithful in winning souls!

I feel that it is impossible for me to close this report without mentioning a field at our doors that as yet we have barely touched. I speak of the millions of foreigners who are within our borders. The Home Missionary Department must take the responsibility of warning these people. They are eager and willing to receive the truth. Plans should be laid at this conference to carry on an aggressive campaign for these needy people.

My stay in the Union has been pleasant, and God has greatly blessed the efforts of the department. My secretaryship of this department ends at this conference, as I have accepted the call to work for the needy millions just mentioned. My interest in this field, however, will still be great, and my prayers shall be

that the work may go constantly forward, and I believe that the next four years will be the most encouraging in our history.

V. O. PUNCHES.

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RELIGIOUS LIBERTY DEPARTMENT

DURING the last quadrennial period of the Atlantic Union Conference the new world conditions have, to a large extent, eclipsed the question of Sunday legislation which prevailed during previous years. We all know that the war has claimed the attention of all classes of people and all organizations, including the church, so that little time has been given to questions that were previously absorbing the time and attention of the advocates of Sunday legislation.

There was a line of work carried forward by our people during the war that could properly be considered as belonging to the realm of the Religious Liberty Department, which was the work that was done in behalf of our young men who were called to the service of their country.

Many illustrations might be cited to show the sterling principle of our young men in the time of crisis. It was demonstrated by many that during this period, rather than to compromise their religious convictions, they would suffer the most humiliating and abusive treatment, and sacrifice even life itself. What could constitute a greater service in behalf of religious liberty than to assist those who were standing by the principles that they had learned from Jesus Christ, the great author of religious freedom? In this connection it will be proper to state that our young men who refused to do unnecessary service on the Sabbath and also declined to bear arms and engage in actual aggres-

sive warfare were willing to do anything they could to relieve the suffering and dying, even at the risk of their lives. This proved conclusively that they were not slackers or cowards.

Let none be deceived with the idea that because there has been a little respite during this war period on the part of those who are committed to religious legislation, there is no further danger along this line.

It will be remembered that an effort was made to form a league of religions, and those who were promoting it were willing to have the Roman Catholic Church join. But this, the Roman Catholics declined to do, because they desired to have the Protestant churches return to the bosom of the mother church. The time will come when such a union will be formed, because there is no difference in the belief of the Roman Catholic and the Protestant churches on the questions of Sunday legislation and the union of church and state.

One of the things that should be a signal to us that there will be a revival of Sunday legislation in this Union is the fact that in the Albany legislature last winter, a bill was passed granting the privilege of Sunday base ball and other amusements, but leaving it to the option of the local authorities. This very liberal law, passed by the New York Legislature recently, has stirred the promoters of Sunday legislation to make a determined effort in behalf of more drastic laws for the observance of Sunday. So we can look for such a campaign to be carried on by them this coming winter.

The report has already come from Maine that special efforts are being made to put forth more rigid laws enforcing Sunday observance in that State.

I think, without exception, that every conference in our Union has been supplying legislators with the *Liberty Magazine* and has also supplied the national legislators from this Union with copies of "American State Papers," and the *Liberty Magazine* has been supplied to newspaper editors, lawyers, judges, and other leading men throughout our Union. During the last four years we have heard much said concerning the priceless value of democracy and the terrible curse of autocracy. The facts are that a true democracy is the fruitage of religious liberty. We must show the people that there is something worse than an autocracy and that is a false theocracy, for the history of the past plainly demonstrates that when a false theocracy has prevailed the greatest religious persecution that has ever stained the pages of history has been the result. To show that such a theocracy is the program of all those who are seeking to effect a union of church and state in the country, we have but to read what was contained in the *Missionary Review of the World*, June 1919, which says on this point:

"What is to be done to preserve peace? The League of Nations is man's answer. . . . This document is good so far as it goes, but it utterly disregards the unchanged character of human nature. World policies and ideals must be revolutionized, and selfishness, national and individual, must be uprooted before idealism can be established. Stability and harmony are based on mutual confidence in each other's integrity and unselfishness. Character is the basis of such confidence, and the only bed rock of character is Jesus Christ. Not democracy but theocracy is the world's hope. The reign of Jesus Christ is the only reign that will bring peace. It seems appropriate that with the establishment of a League of Nations there should also come a league of denominations in the latter church world movement."

This conference should encourage our people in every way in doing everything possible to promote this department of the work

by increasing the circulation of *Liberty* and other religious liberty literature.

We are glad to state that at the recent council in Boulder, Colorado, the General Conference recommended that a religious liberty manual be prepared, which will be a very important pamphlet for all of our people. The book, "American State Papers" will also be revised and much of the important matter which it contains will be incorporated in the proposed manual. Our religious liberty tracts and pamphlets will also be revised, thus making all of our religious liberty literature up to date.

Let us never forget that "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

K. C. RUSSELL.

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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE ATLANTIC UNION CONFERENCE

IN view of the manifest preservation of our people during the serious times through which we have passed since the last session of our Union, and the blessing of God that has attended the efforts of the workers and the willing response on the part of the church members to cooperate with them in doing practical missionary work,

Be it resolved, That we express our sincere gratitude to our Heavenly Father by a rededication of ourselves to him, for the completion of the work committed to us.

Whereas, "The work of God in this 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 ministers and church officers," and,

Whereas, This cooperation of the people with their leaders is in large part dependent upon the inspirational attitude of ministers and church officers,

We recommend, (1) That we put forth earnest efforts to engage every Seventh-day Adventist in aggressive soul-saving work, to the end of speedily finishing the gospel commission.

(a) That we urge all our ministers and church officers to exert themselves, both in planning and in cooperating with plans set in operation for the missionary work of the church.

(b) That the fourth Sabbath in every month be devoted to the interests of home missionary work in all our churches.

(c) That the home missionary program, as outlined in the *Church Officers' Gazette*, be followed as far as possible.

Recognizing the need of strong leadership in building up the home missionary work in all our churches,

We recommend, (2) That each local conference elect a capable home missionary secretary who has given evidence of a strong missionary leadership.

(a) That as far as possible this secretary give his undivided attention to the work of the department in arousing and organizing the churches for service.

We recommend, (3) That the faculty of Lancaster Junior College, in counsel with the Home Missionary Department of the Union Conference, make provision in the year's program for the development of prospective leadership by—

(a) Holding home missionary institutes.

(b) Providing for suitable lectures to be delivered to the student body.

(c) Providing suitable literature on home missionary topics for those who are desirous of being better informed on the home missionary movement.

(d) By giving, as far as pos-

sible, training of a practical nature that will qualify for leadership in the Home Missionary Department.

Whereas, The success of the church in its home missionary work depends in a large degree upon the extent of its organization:

We recommend, (4) That an earnest effort be put forth to develop a simple plan of missionary organization in every church as soon as possible.

(a) That the territory surrounding each church be divided into districts of convenient size, the combined districts to be considered the home mission fields of the church.

(b) That prayer and missionary bands be formed in each district under an appointed leader as far as possible, proper consideration being given to the location of the members of the church.

(c) That all church members, regardless of their experience, be included in some band.

(d) That as the work of the church progresses, classes be formed for the purpose of training specialists along certain lines of missionary endeavor, these classes to be conducted, as far as possible, by efficient leaders.

Recognizing the necessity of securing united action in rallying our entire church membership to active service,

We recommend, (5) That following our Union Conference session there be conducted in each local conference an institute of church officers for the purpose of acquainting them with the best plans and methods for developing the home missionary work of the church.

(a) That home missionary conventions be held by the conference department secretary in all the churches, organizing and

training the members for service.

In harmony with the instruction given to us from the Testimonies, Vol. IX, pp. 81-83, regarding the giving of practical instruction at our camp meetings on various lines of personal missionary work,

We recommend, (6) That all our conferences in planning the programs for their camp meetings for the year 1920 make provision for a liberal presentation of home missionary principles.

(a) That a program be arranged for the holding of church officers' meetings in connection with these camp meetings.

Recognizing the spiritual value of a weekly missionary day, wherein we may find opportunity to mingle with the people and carry to them in word and deed the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,

We recommend, (7) That in all our churches there be plans laid and executed for the use, so far as possible, by all members, of at least one day each week, whereon they may carry to their neighbors the ministry of life, in godly conversation, Christian comfort, Bible teaching, judicious use of literature, and ministry to the sick and needy.

Appreciating the stimulus which comes to our people from having their attention frequently called to the individual responsibility resting upon them,

We recommend, (8) That an earnest effort be put forth by all our home missionary secretaries, to place a copy of the chart, "God's Program of the Church," with each church and company within their respective territories, and urge that it be given a conspicuous position in their places of worship.

Whereas, The Lord has greatly blessed our work in all parts of

the world and the Macedonian cry is coming from all lands for the light of the message; and,

Whereas, At the recent General Conference Council held at Boulder, Colorado, in order to make provision for the ever-increasing extension of our work in the regions beyond, it was recommended as follows:

"That we set the goal of weekly gifts for missions at fifty cents a member, excepting, however, the membership of the colored churches in the three southern unions, and also the Mexican membership for whom the goal shall be thirty cents a week a member; and that we continue on the same basis as heretofore the plan of allowing one fifth of the weekly rate to come back to union conferences to aid our colleges in training missionaries for the fields, and for relief of institutions, this come-back to apply also to any overflow above the weekly rate.

"That the Loma Linda College share as one with other colleges in the distribution of the portion of the fifty-cent-a-week fund which is set aside for the senior and junior colleges"; therefore,

Resolved, That we cheerfully and heartily concur in this recommendation and urge that all our conferences and churches in this Union lay plans by which this goal may be fully realized.

Recognizing the calls from the mission fields for greatly increased forces of trained workers to enter the open doors in the mission fields,

We recommend, That in harmony with the request of the recent General Conference Council, our conferences plan definitely to develop among their workers each year one or two more tried workers who shall be available as needed by the Mission Board for

appointment for service in the mission field.

Whereas, There is a rapidly growing demand for foreign language literature; and,

Whereas, The present plant and facilities of the International Branch of the Pacific Press Publishing Association are entirely inadequate to meet the needs,

Resolved, That we concur with the action taken at the recent General Conference Council held at Boulder, Colorado, to raise \$100,000 to erect adequate quarters to produce the foreign literature required, by raising our apportionment of one dollar a member.

Whereas, The recent Fall Council of the General Conference Committee in Boulder, Colorado, recommended concerning operating funds in union and local conferences as follows:

"We advise that the amount of working capital for union and local conferences should be, generally speaking, not in excess of 15 per cent of their annual income, provided, however, that the minimum should be not less than \$1500 in a conference; and we invite conferences to consider the needs of the mission fields in the disposition of the surplus tithes above needed working capital; and also in fixing the extent of their working force"; therefore,

Resolved, That all our conferences concur in this recommendation.

Whereas, The cities are the strategic centers in our Union, and the spirit of unrest and lawlessness which is so seriously affecting these centers of population indicates the time is not far distant when our evangelistic work will be greatly hindered in these places,

We recommend, That our conferences put forth renewed and larger evangelistic efforts through

hall, theater, or tent companies to speedily warn our cities.

In view of many interests which are attracting and leading the minds of men and women away from God and the Bible,

We would recommend, That every legitimate means of advertising be used by our evangelists, and that earnest and prayerful attention be given to the nature of these advertisements in general appearance, wording of subjects, and write-ups for the public press, so as to give the proper impression of the high and holy nature of the work.

We recommend, That each local conference form at least one strong evangelistic company concentrating the conference forces in such an effort and enlisting such varied talent as Bible workers, musicians, medical workers, and colporteurs.

We recommend, That our Union concur in the action of the evangelistic council held in Washington last spring, in requesting the General Conference to organize the ministerial department.

Whereas, The evangelistic council held last spring was of inestimable value to our evangelistic workers who attended, and,

Whereas, We believe such conferences should be called every year, we request that the General Conference call such a meeting of evangelistic workers next spring, at such time and place as they deem advisable.

Resolved, That we express our sincere and deepest thanks to God for his most abundant blessings upon the educational work in the Atlantic Union Conference for the past four years, and that we, the delegates to this conference, do pledge ourselves to put forth in every possible way special efforts to promote the work of giving a Christian education to every Sev-

enth-day Adventist boy and girl in our Union Conference.

Whereas, The needs of our educational work are so great in our local fields,

Resolved, That we earnestly request our local conferences to allow sufficient time to their educational superintendents to perform their duties, and that where this is impossible because of other duties for which they are responsible, that the conference committee in consultation with the Union educational department secure a competent person to do this work.

Whereas, The minister is the Lord's appointed shepherd over the whole flock,

(a) *We recommend*, That our ministers make a special effort to foster our young people's work; doing personal work for the children and young people, adapting their sermons to the needs of young minds, teaching Standard of Attainment classes where possible, and giving advice and counsel along all lines of Missionary Volunteer work.

Whereas, Our children and young people are in great need of spiritual help, and,

Whereas, There is an unprecedented demand for Christian workers for the world field,

(b) *We recommend*, That a great forward movement be inaugurated for the salvation of our youth and their training in Christian service.

(c) *We recommend*, That a series of Missionary Volunteer conventions be held in each local conference, which shall include revival efforts, instruction in Missionary Volunteer organization, plans, and methods, and practical experience in field work.

(d) *We recommend*, That each conference hold annually a Missionary Volunteer officers' institute and that some plan for

meeting the expenses of such institutes be developed by the conference.

In order that all may have a clear understanding of the plans and work of the Missionary Volunteer Department, and know how to carry forward and advise concerning the work,

(e) *We recommend*, That ministers, other conference workers, church elders, and parents, as well as all Missionary Volunteer officers, secure and study the new book, "Missionary Volunteers and Their Work."

Whereas, There are increasing evidences which indicate that in these times of reconstruction since the great world war, there are manifold evidences that the elements which threaten the stability of civil and religious liberty are being employed on every hand,

We recommend, (1) That we as a conference declare ourselves as strong supporters of a government of law and order founded upon the principles of civil and religious liberty.

(b) That we urge our people to engage in a more diligent effort to disseminate these principles of religious liberty by placing literature on this subject in the hands of the people, and by making a special effort to increase the circulation of the magazine *Liberty*.

In view of the serious epidemic of diseases which so recently swept over the world, causing the death of millions, and finding many of our workers and church members unprepared to render the service they should to the sick and afflicted, and knowing that similar visitations may be looked for, and that disease in general will increase with the increase of iniquity,

We recommend, (a) That, as far as possible, we encourage all

our workers and church members to obtain as thorough a knowledge as they can of disease, its cause, and the rational treatment to be employed.

(b) That training centers be conducted where capable and promising men and women can receive a special course of intensive training.

(c) That from each church, as far as possible, a mature and suitable person be selected in counsel with the president of the local conference, and encouraged to take this course of instruction, afterwards to return to the local church to impart the knowledge obtained to its members.

(d) That at present the following books be made use of in the training course: Bible, Testimonies, Abbott's book on hydrotherapy, Cook's "Physiology, Anatomy, and Hygiene," Red Cross text book on home hygiene and care of the sick.

(e) That these training centers be located in such places as may be thought best by the Union and local conferences, with a view to give those in training an opportunity to do missionary work, and through the sale of literature to be able to meet their expenses in whole or in part.

Whereas, There is a great need for an organized effort among our churches in behalf of the foreigners and the strangers at our doors,

We recommend, (a) That each local conference start an aggressive campaign in behalf of these needy people; and that this phase of the work be emphasized, wherever home missionary institutes and conventions are held.

(b) When organizing a church for service, one or more bands, according to the needs of that specific field, be formed to carry on aggressive work for the stranger

within our gates; and that practical training be given in methods of distributing our foreign literature, doing Christian help work, and holding Bible readings.

Whereas, The representatives of the Massachusetts and the Southern New England Conferences are agreed relative to the matter; therefore,

We recommend, That the Southern New England Conference transfer to the Massachusetts Conference that territory within the State of Massachusetts which at the present time is included within the Southern New England Conference.

Whereas, The Jewish people become interested in the message as they are made acquainted with our work, and,

Whereas, Our publications, when properly presented, are the most potent factor in reaching these people with our truth; therefore,

We recommend, That our people be encouraged to use the Yiddish literature wherever possible, and that in meeting the Jews they make the most peculiar features of our faith the most prominent; and, further,

We recommend, That as far as possible our brethren and sisters inform the Jewish Department of Jews interested in the truth by sending their names and addresses to the office at South Lancaster, Massachusetts.

C. L. KILGORE, *Sec.*

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**REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN
NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE**

THE Southern New England Conference embraces the States of Connecticut and Rhode Island. Rocky Hill, Connecticut, about eight miles from Hartford, where our headquarters are located, has

the honor of being the birthplace of what is now the *Review and Herald*. In 1849, Elder James White, at the home of Brother Albert Belden, who lived on a country road about three miles from the village of Rocky Hill, prepared the copy for the first issue of the paper *Present Truth*. After preparing the copy, he made several trips on foot to Middletown, a distance of eight miles, where the paper was printed.

We recently visited Rocky Hill and located what used to be the home of Brother Albert Belden. Portions of the house and other buildings are still standing. We also visited the hay-field where Elder White made hay at eighty-five cents an acre to secure money to help forward the work.

While the territory of this conference is not large, it is composed very largely of cities. We have twenty-six cities ranging in population from fifteen to two hundred and fifty thousand. The foreign population of some of these cities is as high as ninety per cent.

Within the last few months we have begun work among the colored people in New Haven and the Czecho-Slovaks and the Hungarians in Bridgeport. They have organized a church of Czecho-Slovaks numbering sixteen, with several new ones added recently. A place has been secured in which to hold public meetings, and the Lord is blessing the work. Public meetings in the Hungarian language have begun recently, with good results. A good work is also being done by our German Bible worker.

We have a colored minister and Bible worker working in New Haven, where a church of twenty-seven members was recently organized.

The membership of the confer-

ence during the last biennial period shows an increase of about two hundred. The tithes and offerings for the same period have very nearly doubled. We have been ahead on our twenty-five-cent-a-week fund every month this year. A good interest has been shown in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. We have nearly reached our portion of the Union Conference goal for this year.

Plans are being laid for a successful evangelistic campaign in the cities of Providence and Pawtucket during the coming winter. A good interest has been shown in our camp meetings, which have been held during the past two years on the Methodist camp ground at Forestville, Connecticut. At the last camp meeting we held a field day on which one hundred fifteen went out with the Harvest Ingathering *Watchman* and returned after about four hours' work with six hundred fifty-five dollars.

The book work has shown an excellent increase. During the biennial period ending 1915, the sales had reached \$16,090.03. During the quadrennial period up to date, the sales have reached \$63,847.59, a gain of three hundred per cent. A strong corps of permanent workers is now in the field, among whom are seven men, heads of families, devoting their entire time to the colporteur work. These results are due very largely to the labors of Brother and Sister Waldo, while they were acting as field missionary secretaries; and the work is being carried forward in an active way by Brother H. P. Gram, our present field agent, building wisely on the foundation laid by his predecessors.

A. T. ROBINSON.

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MAINE

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REPORT OF THE MAINE CONFERENCE

THE Maine Conference sends greetings to her sister conferences and others in attendance at the quadrennial meeting of the Atlantic Union.

Other conferences have become a great strength in carrying this gospel of the kingdom to all lands, for which we are very thankful to God; but the fact that Maine remains the birthplace of the message, and the early home of such pioneers as Elder and Mrs. White, Elder J. N. Andrews, and others, still lives in the memory and spirit of the Maine brethren and sisters. The faith and hope of the pioneers have been continually cherished by true hearts since the early days, and, although we are less favored in resources, we join in all departments and add our bit to the blessed finishing of the work given us to do by the Master. This cause is onward in the State of Maine, and we are keeping step in proportion to our resources, as a few brief statements will show.

In the past four years our tithe has sprung in round numbers from \$8,000 to \$18,000; mission funds, from \$7,000 to \$10,000; all other funds outside of local funds, from \$31 to \$2,000; our literature sales, from \$9,000 to \$35,000; our church schools, from one to ten; pupils, from twenty-two to one hundred sixty; value of real estate, from \$12,000 to \$30,000; membership of our conference, from four hundred fifty to seven hundred fifty. Our people are organized and working under the different departments recommended by the superior bodies, and there is a feeling of harmony.

and cooperation, not only among our own laborers, but among all with whom we are associated in the organized work. The fifty cents a week for missions will be a big step for us, but in two of our largest meetings, since my return from Boulder, it has been adopted. We are taught that it is a day for a man to afflict his soul. Some of our young people felt that this instruction spoke to them individually in reference to the habits of candy, chewing-gum, soft drinks, pictures, plays, and amusements which cost money. We propose to estimate the needless expenses of such indulgences and make other sacrifices of some things which we can do without, and add this to what we have already been giving to missions, and pray that God will bless us and help us to do our part in answering this additional call for help.

As intensity has increased in all phases of human operations, causing anxiety and unrest in the world, the believers in Maine see the necessity of renewing their watchfulness against the tendency to neglect reading and prayer and conforming to duties and privileges which the closing hours in this message impose upon them. We beg to be remembered by our sister conferences in prayer that our work may be well done.

We have made ourselves felt in the temperance and religious liberty work. Both of these important departments have been called upon to meet and defend truth principles in the agitations which seem continually arising in our State. Defenses have been made before committees, and memorials have been placed in the State legislature records which have told for the right, and have

obtained favor with members of the legislature.

We are of good courage and believe that the Maine Conference will keep pace in the closing message if we are faithful to our trust.

H. W. CARR.

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ITEMS

MISS BATES visited the Cliff Island and Portland schools on her return from Brooklyn. The schools are doing well, and all are of good courage.

We hope that all of our people will read carefully the week of prayer *Review*, that they may be able to engage in the week's worship with the fullest understanding and receive the greatest benefit.

Elder C. Meleen, of Stockholm, is attending a convention of the Swedish Department in Chicago. He is improved in health, and thinks he will be able to labor some this winter.

The Harvest Ingathering must not lose its force until every member has reached its goal. The mission field is depending upon each of us to support the work which must speedily close.

In answer to prayer Sister Carr is much improved. Her pain is gone, but she is still weak and will be unable to return home for awhile.

The delegates and workers who attended the Atlantic Union Conference session in Brooklyn report some good spiritual meetings, and are full of courage to again push the work in this part of the field.

Our faithful colporteurs are once more out on the firing line, and, as the reports in the *GLEANER* indicate, are all doing well. We are glad to see that the new recruits are having success, and we should pray that God will go before these workers from day to day.

Elder Carr and Brother Covey were at Brother Arthur Jean's home this week, at North Whitefield. Mr. Cleary, the man from whom we were expecting to secure a school farm, is dangerously ill. Brother Covey returned home from North Whitefield instead of making a delivery of books on the islands, as he intended, being threatened with pneumonia, but we learn that, with good treatment, he has improved.

It is now time to renew your subscription for the lesson quarterly for the coming year. Please do not wait until the last minute and then possibly forget it, but sit down now and send us twenty cents for your subscription, if isolated from our regular Sabbath schools. Many times we are unable to fill orders that come in late.

We are receiving many orders for the new book "Epidemics," and we can truthfully say that this book fills a great need among the people. To be able to treat colds and minor ailments without the aid of the physician is an asset to any home, and that is what this little book teaches. Get a package of ten, at least, and see how easy they are to sell.

WESTERN NEW YORK
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DECEMBER

Busy Month for God

THE month of December will be a busy one for God in our conference. It is the month in which the week of prayer is held. The occasion of the week of prayer is a time honored one by Seventh-day Adventists and one that is always looked forward to as a time of spiritual refreshing.

We are planning to make this week of prayer in every church of more than ordinary interest and importance. This can only be done

providing every member of the church unites in earnest prayer for the success of the meetings. This will be an opportunity for all to take an inventory of their spiritual stock, and thus know their true relation to God. Parents should make it a time to put forth every effort possible for the conversion of their children. The conference will do its best to provide excellent help for all our churches during this important period.

The next issue of the *GLEANER* will doubtless contain a list of the workers who will assist in conducting the week of prayer services and a list of the churches they are to visit during this week.

During the month of December we are also planning to conduct several general meetings. Our people in the conference have come to realize the value of these general meetings. The place and time of these meetings will be published in the *GLEANER* and will also be announced in the different churches, so that all will know when and where they are to be held. We are making every possible effort to secure the very best general help available for these meetings. None should fail in attending the general meeting that will be the most accessible.

The week of prayer, the general meetings, and all other means of grace are being provided for the express purpose of preparing the people of God to be ready to meet the Lord when he returns to gather his jewels home.

Another important feature of the Lord's work in the month of December is the selection of church officers in the various churches of the conference. The importance of these elections cannot be overestimated, for the prosperity of the church depends upon efficient and consecrated officers.

Let all seek the Lord that these

important meetings during the month of December may be a signal success in every way.

K. C. RUSSELL.

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UNION CONFERENCE ACTIONS

ELDER AND MRS. S. E. NORTON, of Buffalo, have been called to make New Bedford, Massachusetts, their future field of labor. We are sure that the prayers of their many friends in this conference, who have been won by their kind and genial ministry, will follow them as they go to their new field of labor.

Elder and Mrs. A. E. Sanderson, of Maine, have responded to a call to connect with the work in this conference, and will make Buffalo their field of labor. Brother Sanderson's years of experience as a city evangelist in Boston, Massachusetts; Portland, Maine; and other cities, admirably qualifies him for the work in a great city like Buffalo. Brother Sanderson does not come to this field as a stranger, for he became acquainted with many of our people when he was the Union Home Missionary secretary. We bespeak for him the hearty support and cooperation of the people of this conference as he enters upon his important work in this field.

K. C. RUSSELL.

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OUR SABBATH SCHOOL WORK

A YEAR of great blessing and prosperity is drawing near its close, and it is the duty of every child of God to bring a faithful tithe and more abundant offerings to the storehouse of the Lord. Never, in all the fifty years of my experiences in this message, have there come such loud and urgent cries from the mission fields for workers and money to carry on the gospel work in all lands.

The fields are white for the harvest. At the Boulder council it was decided to ask every Sabbath

school member to make an offering of twenty-five cents a week for missions. I am sure this can be done, if some who are better able will give more to make up for those who cannot give as much.

By selling two of our small books each week the money can be easily raised. Let every teacher lead out, and it will be an encouragement to the class to raise the offerings. Every member, when absent, should remember that the same duty and privilege remains, and the offering should be brought or sent.

I was very much encouraged to learn that the Western New York Sabbath schools are again on the honor roll. Now that the goal is higher let us make a new consecration to God and double our efforts to do better work.

Those who have the teachers' training course books will find the examination questions for the year's reading in the December *Worker*. I am extremely anxious that every one write out the answers and send them to me as early as possible that I may send in a good report to the General Conference secretary at the close of the year.

I hope every one who reads this will work hard for a very liberal offering for the thirteenth Sabbath offering on December 27. Let it be a dollar day for every member. We must help the poor to find a way to raise their share, and in the day of God we can look upon the record and rejoice that we did our part in what God expected of his people.

MRS. E. E. PRESCOTT,
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THE Elmira general meeting will be held December 4-7. Among the speakers in attendance

BOOK WORK, WEEK ENDING NOV. 15, 1919

Maine							Southern New England						
Name	Bk	Hrs	Value	Helps	Total	Del	Name	Bk	Hrs	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Fred Kinnear	DR	38	88 00	4 25	92 25		H. C. Wilcox	DA	43	85 00	25 05	110 05	31 10
Lloyd Cleaves	DR	33	57 00	8 50	65 50		Irving Thomas	GC	42	38 00	13 45	51 45	12 35
F. B. Oaks	BR	33	123 00	1 70	124 70		Rav C. Kinney	OD	42	47 50	17 10	64 60	5 20
H. T. McCormick	OD	33	63 00	9 35	72 35		R. B. Thomas	OD	39	84 00	21 10	105 10	20 25
Earl Lee	BR	32	91 00	85	91 85		S. Lombard	OD	37	40 50	85	41 35	
Grace Farley	OD	28	43 50	11 00	55 40		Wm. Preston	OD	27	30 50	3 20	33 70	1 50
George Nickerson	DR	32	50 00	4 25	54 25		Mrs. Wm. Preston	OD	24	28 50	3 90	32 40	50
Gertrude Messer	PG	27	13 00	2 00	15 00		Ellery Robinson	WCS	22	30 50		30 50	30 50
Jessie K. Bishop	GC	23	39 00	2 80	41 80		R. C. Andrews	WCS	10	10 75	1 82	12 57	12 57
Mrs. G. Nickerson	DR	22	37 00	13 55	50 55		Agents		286	395 25	86 47	481 72	113 97
F. E. Hayden	GC	11	8 00	1 25	9 25	1 25							
Nicholas Pozar			56 50		56 50								
12 Agents		312	669 00	60 40	729 40	1 25							
Western New York							Massachusetts						
Mary Hamilton	OD	31	27 50	10 25	37 75	21 25	R. Walter Garratt	BR	40	132 00		132 00	
M. Mecklenburg	OD	27	43 00	9 39	52 39		A. H. Kennev	BR	28	24 00	85	24 85	
Chas. Lynes	OD	15	26 00	4 00	30 00	4 00	E. M. Carpenter	DR	27	4 00	2 25	6 25	12 25
Mae J. Bentley	OD	5	14 50		14 50		S. B. McMaster	BR	22	49 00		49 00	
Grant Bentley	BR	4	4 00	24	4 24		Fred Houghton	BR	13	22 75		22 75	17 25
C. E. Eldridge		5				17 50	I. F. Knipschild	BR	10	42 00		42 00	3 50
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Greater New York							Northern New England						
N. B. Garland		22	52 00		52 00		Florence Revord	GC	19	22 00	8 80	30 80	19 95
J. J. Mitchell		26	66 00	9 00	75 00	4 00	Hazel Drake	OD	15	7 50	4 35	11 85	
A. J. Addicks		30				157 10	M. E. Beckman	BR					37 20
C. F. Durr		32	27 00	20 00	47 00	90 00	3 Agents		34	29 50	13 15	42 65	57 15
Mrs. E. Daly				43 00	43 00	43 00	Totals, Nov. 15, 1919						
5 Agents		110	145 00	72 00	217 00	294 10	41 Agents		947	1627 50	259 00	1886 50	542 12

will be Doctor D. H. Kress, of Washington, D. C., and Professor L. O. Machlan, of Boston, Massachusetts, besides Elder Russell and other conference laborers.

OBITUARY NOTICES

OBORG.—Edward William Oberg was born at Caribou, Maine, June 2, 1895, and died at his home in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, October 4, 1919, at the age of 24 years, 4 months, and 2 days. In 1909 he moved with his parents to South Lancaster, where he attended school until a year ago when he had to discontinue his studies on account of poor health, but was planning to continue school this year, which plans were broken by the illness that caused his death. He was born into the truth, but took a firmer stand for it after coming to South Lancaster. He was baptized by Elder Jones at the Lowell camp-meeting in 1913, after which he joined the South Lancaster church. He leaves to mourn, a mother, father, sister, and many other near relatives; but they are comforted by his last words to his mother, "Mama, do not worry about me."

H. S. PRENIER.

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A SPLENDID opportunity is open to our children in the church schools for doing good, and to assist in securing funds for the mission fields. A special influenza number of the *Life and Health* is now ready for circulation. It contains sixteen pages of good, practical, helpful matter, good illustrations, and will sell readily. The people will gladly buy it, for they are looking for help to meet this terrible scourge. Let each

church school secure a supply, and encourage the children to sell them around their homes.

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REMEMBER the Standard of Attainment test comes in December. Are you a member of attainment? If not, why not take the test in one or both subjects at that time? And did it ever occur to you who are members that taking the test again, even if you do not get another certificate, will strengthen the grip your memory has on those subjects? Think it over!

THE SANITARIUM

ITEMS

BROTHER CORNFORTH'S lectures and demonstrations meet with much interest among the patients. Our health school workers have found their work much appreciated in the cities they have visited, and are very enthusiastic in the cause for better living.

The Sanitarium church set a goal of one thousand dollars for Harvest Ingathering. This has been raised and three hundred fifty-nine dollars besides.

Realizing that definite aims produce results exceeding anything indefinite, our Sabbath school set its financial goal for five hundred fifty dollars a quarter during 1919. In order to reach this in a normal way, each class has its goal, and to date only one or two are delinquent, while the others are ahead. The thirteenth Sabbath will greatly increase the regular amounts.

We were greatly favored on Tuesday evening to have Professor Lehman, of Lancaster Junior College, with us. He gave several excellent cello selections. Professor and Mrs. Hamer, of Washing-

ton, D. C., were with us also and sang beautifully.

Our hearts burned within us as we listened to the soul inspiring words of Elder Andross on last Sabbath. It was a spiritual uplift to hear from the lips of one who so recently visited the Far East the conditions as they really exist in the cause of truth we love.

Much interest in the truth has been manifested among our guests of late. Several have accepted the Sabbath, and others have taken a liberal supply of reading-matter home with them. One day the chaplain sold to patients nine dollars' worth of our books, mostly of their own solicitation.

GREATER NEW YORK

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CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES

YULETIDE will soon be here. It represents to us only a pagan holiday, yet with it come opportunities for placing in the hands of our friends and relatives gifts which may lead them to understand the greatest gift ever offered to man—salvation and eternal life.

That every one of our church members may have the greatest opportunity for doing this, we are arranging to secure as large a stock of gift books as possible for the holiday season. Many of these books will be at a lower price than is usually paid. Some of them will be exceptional bargains. All will be in good condition and will make appropriate Christmas gifts.

Our special sale will begin Monday morning, December 1, at 9 A. M.; it will last until December 31—all the month. Our supply of some of the bargains, however, cannot last but a short time, therefore, those who arrive first will have the advantage. Be one of the first. N. C. VAN HORN.