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

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ATLANTIC UNION CONFERENCE

OUR NEEDS IN MISSION FUNDS

THE reports are in at the General Conference office for 1923 from all parts of the field, indicating what was accomplished by each local and union conference in providing means for our foreign work. There is an increase above the amount raised in 1922, but this increase is not as great as we had anticipated.

Word has doubtless reached nearly all of our people in the Atlantic Union of our accomplishments in this field. We reached our full 60-cent-a-week goal. This will prove a great inspiration to our foreign workers to know that one union conference has succeeded in reaching this high mark. No other union conference has ever succeeded in this.

I feel to greatly appreciate the splendid cooperation we have had throughout the field in this effort. Our conference presidents have had the earnest support of their laborers and of the churches in this thing, and I believe it is our privilege to rejoice that God has permitted us to reach this high mark which many have thought could never be accomplished. It should give us an inspiration to go right ahead, and if possible do a little better for 1924. I shall want to join you in an endeavor to do this during this year.

The spirit manifested in a letter that I have received from the Greater New York conference, written by one of our faithful laymembers, reveals the secret of our success in our raising money for our mission work. The same liberal attitude has actuated our people throughout the field. This brother writes as follows:

"In the beginning of 1923, I advised you that I had dedicated to the Lord 25 per cent of my income for 1922, and closed the year by returning to Him 58 per cent. For 1923 I proposed 30 per cent, and closed the year with 38 per cent. For 1924 my promise is 35 per cent. My ultimate goal is 90 per cent returns to the Lord, 10 per cent for myself, reversing the old order. My personal needs are satisfied abundantly, but not extravagantly, my assets constantly increasing."

It is a wonderful thing to be having a part in this work in the closing work of the Gospel era. May the Lord greatly bless in our endeavors for 1924.

E. K. SLADE.

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TENTH SESSION (Quadrennial) of the

ATLANTIC UNION CONFERENCE Secretary's Report

THE first meeting of the tenth session of the Atlantic Union conference was called at 10:00 a. m., January 21, 1924, in the Municipal Auditorium, Springfield, Massachusetts, with Elder E. K. Slade in the chair.

After singing the opening hymn, Elder W. A. Spicer asked God's presence and blessing to attend the sessions of this conference.

Seating of delegates was the first order of business. Seventeen delegates at large and thirty-nine of the seventy-two elected responded to the roll call.

On motion Brethren J. W. Mace and E. L. Richmond were seated as delegates at large.

On motion by W. A. Spicer, the conference waived the reading of the minutes of its previous session.

Closing his report, which is printed in full in the GLEANER of January 23, the president stated that possibly time should be given to consider the appointment of the

regular committees, and that the treasurer's report be left to the afternoon meeting.

VOTED, That the chair appoint the usual committees for this union session.

As has been the plan in previous union sessions, the chair chose to submit the names composing the committees to the Union Conference Executive Committee before presenting them, and so called a meeting of the Union Conference Committee at 1:30 p. m.

Just before adjourning the first meeting of the conference, Mr. Nelson Marshman, secretary of the Bureau of Conventions of Springfield, Massachusetts, was given opportunity to extend a welcome to the delegation to the city of Springfield. By the hearty cheer given him, evidence was manifested that all were pleased with the privileges granted to the conference.

At 11:00 o'clock meeting adjourned to 2:30 p. m.

E. K. SLADE, *Chairman*,
C. L. KILGORE, *Secretary*.

Second Meeting

While the delegates were coming in, two hymns were sung to open the second meeting of the conference, which was held at 2:30 p. m., January 21, 1924.

E. K. Slade was in the chair.

Elder W. R. Andrews offered prayer.

Elder H. W. Carr, having arrived from Bermuda, was welcomed by the chair, and seated with the delegates.

By request of the chair, the secretary of the Executive Committee presented the names of delegates chosen for the regular committees:

For Committee on Nominations: J. K. Jones, A. E. Sanderson, O. L. Ice, W. C. Moffett, E. L. Cardey, P. F. Bicknell, B. F.

Miller, D. H. Hanson, J. M. Comer.

For Committee on Plans: C. B. Haynes, F. C. Gilbert, J. A. Stevens, D. U. Hale, H. W. Carr, N. H. Saunders, F. D. Wells, Dr. E. F. Otis, B. F. Machlan, D. A. Bailey, J. K. Humphrey, V. O. Punches, R. S. Fries, J. I. Foster, B. M. Heald, J. E. Osterblom, C. A. Shull.

For Committee on Credentials and Licenses: A. T. Robinson, W. A. Spicer, W. R. Andrews, W. W. Rice, M. R. Bailey.

For Committee on Distribution of Labor: E. K. Slade, C. B. Haynes, W. C. Moffett, J. K. Jones, E. L. Cardey, D. U. Hale.

For Committee on Constitution and By-Laws: C. L. Kilgore, J. I. Cassell, E. E. Miles.

VOTED, That the committees as reported should be the standing committees for the conference.

The treasurer's report was the next order of business. In his report the treasurer reported the income and expense for the years 1919, 1920, 1921, and 1922, and eleven months of 1923; also resources and liabilities for December 31, 1922, together with the auditor's report; also a number of charts giving comparative tables, all of which are found in the GLEANER issues of January 23 and 30, 1924.

Upon motion, report of the treasurer and auditor's certificate were adopted.

Elder V. O. Punches, Field Missionary Secretary, F. D. Wells, Home Missionary Secretary, and N. H. Saunders, Young People's Missionary Volunteer and Educational Secretary, submitted reports of their departmental work in the Atlantic Union for the quadrennial term. Each report revealed advancement and that faithful efforts had been put forth to make progress.

Elders L. F. Passebois, C. A. Holt, and F. D. Nichol, and Dr. W. E. Bliss having entered the meeting, were seated as delegates.

Meeting adjourned to 2:30 p. m., January 22, 1924.

E. K. SLADE, *Chairman*,
C. L. KILGORE, *Secretary*.

Third Meeting

"Come We That Love the Lord, and Let Our Joys Be Known," was sung to open the meeting at 2:30 p. m., January 22, 1924. Elder W. C. Moffett was in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Elder L. F. Passebois, followed by reading of the minutes of the two previous meetings, which were approved.

As many of the delegates were not present when the roll call was read at the first meeting, the secretary read such names as had not responded at that time, and thirty-one more of the elected delegates responded.

VOTED, That Brethren Nathan Brewer and Milton Conger, missionaries from China, should be seated with the delegates.

Elder C. B. Haynes, president of the Greater New York conference, gave a verbal report of his conference for the quadrennial term just passed, which was followed by a report from Elder D. U. Hale, president of the New England conference, for that field.

On motion, the petition which had been prepared by the Greater New York brethren and at this time presented by Elder C. B. Haynes, requesting consideration of their needs in that field, was referred to the Atlantic Union Conference Executive Committee.

Meeting adjourned to call of the chair.

W. C. MOFFETT, *Chairman*,
C. L. KILGORE, *Secretary*.

Fourth Meeting

The fourth meeting of the conference was opened in the usual manner, Elder H. W. Carr offering prayer. Special music was rendered by Professor C. A. Shull and Adolph Blomstedt, singing "His Love Can Never Fail."

Elder Slade spoke appreciatively of the efforts of the local conferences in helping the union to go over its goal on the 60-cent-a-week fund, especially commending Massachusetts and New York in going so far over their goals. He said he did not wish to commend the union too much for this. El-

der W. A. Spicer stated that if the chair did not wish to commend the union, the General Conference would be glad to do so, and use the victory of the Atlantic Union conference to encourage others to make faithful efforts to raise their goals for the coming year.

Reports were submitted by the Massachusetts conference president, Elder W. C. Moffett, followed by reports from the Southern New England conference president, Elder E. L. Cardey, New York conference president, Elder J. K. Jones, and Bermuda Mission superintendent, Elder H. W. Carr. These reports will be found in the columns of the last issue of the GLEANER.

Meeting adjourned to call of chair.

E. K. SLADE, *Chairman*,
C. L. KILGORE, *Secretary*.

Fifth Meeting

The fifth meeting of the union session was held at 9:30 a. m., January 24, 1924, with Elder E. K. Slade in the chair. Prayer was offered by H. J. Capman.

Prof. B. F. Machlan, president of the Atlantic Union College, submitted a report from the college found on page 3 of GLEANER issue of January 30. Capt. J. L. Johnson, New York Harbor missionary, also gave a very encouraging report of his work for the

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last four years. This will be found on page 6, ATLANTIC UNION GLEANER of January 30, 1924.

Brother F. D. Nichol, representative of the *Signs of the Times* from the Pacific Press Publishing Association, Mountain View, California, spoke of the benefit of the *Signs* in bringing people into the truth, and solicited the cooperation of the brethren and sisters in giving it a wide circulation in the Atlantic Union.

Just before closing the meeting Mr. E. E. Leonard, mayor of the city of Springfield, was introduced to the convention. He extended a hearty welcome to the delegation and the privileges of the city, and stated that any organization that was working on the principles of righteousness was desirable to any city, and he felt to welcome such organizations to the city of Springfield.

Meeting adjourned to 2:30 p. m., the same date.

E. K. SLADE, *Chairman*,
C. L. KILGORE, *Secretary*.
Sixth Meeting

At 2:30 p. m., the sixth meeting of the Atlantic Union conference opened in the usual manner in the Central High School Auditorium, Springfield, Mass., the meeting having been transferred to this place from the Municipal Auditorium for this afternoon and evening only, to give place to the celebration of some municipal event. Prof. C. A. Shull offered prayer.

Reports of committees being called for, the Committee on Nominations submitted the following:

For President—E. K. Slade.

For Field Missionary Secretary—V. O. Punches.

For Educational and M. V. Secretary—N. H. Saunders.

For Home Missionary Secretary—F. D. Wells.

For Executive Committee: E. K. Slade, secretary of the Union conference, C. B. Haynes, W. C. Moffett, D. U. Hale, J. K. Jones, E. L. Cardey, V. O. Punches, N. H. Saunders, F. D. Wells, D. A. Bailey, B. F. Machlan, W. C. Dunscombe, A. T. Robinson, S. E. McNeill, H. W. Carr.

The following nine names were

nominated from which seven persons are to be chosen by the constituency to fill the vacancies of constituency members whose terms have expired: B. F. Machlan, J. K. Jones, W. C. Moffett, D. U. Hale, E. L. Cardey, C. B. Haynes, J. E. Edwards, S. E. McNeill, D. A. Bailey.

All other offices not filled were recommended to be referred to the Atlantic Union Conference Executive Committee.

Report was adopted by considering each name separately.

A telegram received from the Treasury Department of the General Conference was read by the chair:

"Greetings to conference assembled. Atlantic Union splendidly leading in mission giving. Your encouraging example in 1923 truly points the way to still greater triumphs in mission lands. Depending on you to strongly promote mission rally Sabbath, February 16. Suggest immediate letters to elders and articles in papers calling attention to this important occasion. Rally readings have been sent.

(Signed) J. L. SHAW."

Committee on Plans and Recommendations, by its secretary, J. E. Osterblom, submitted the following partial report, adopted as here recorded:

Resolution of Thanksgiving

1. The Psalmist declares, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

He also says, "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord."

Since the goodness and mercy of the Lord has been so abundant toward his work and his children during the past four years in the Atlantic Union conference,

The officers and delegates assembled in this tenth session of the Atlantic Union conference unite in giving thanks and rendering praise to our Heavenly Father and to the Lord Jesus our Saviour for the manifold mercies bestowed upon all his children and workers during the past quadrennial period in

(a) Sparing the lives of so many of the workers engaged directly in his cause; in

(b) The abundant gifts of

grace bestowed upon the churches throughout this Union conference, by encouraging the believers to labor for the salvation of their fellowmen in the various endeavors of church activity, and in the devotion of the members by their gifts for the work at home and abroad;

(c) We pledge by the grace of God our loyalty and devotion to this most blessed cause by renewing our vows of love and loyalty for the finishing of this work in whatever manner the work of God demands.

Resolution of Condolence

2. Since it has been permitted by a kind and loving Father to allow a number of our fellow-laborers in the Atlantic Union conference during the past quadrennial period to lay down their burdens of toil and to rest from their labors,

We express our condolence and sympathy to the relatives and loved ones of these departed co-laborers, and we assure them that we shall do all in our power to carry forward this glorious work which they who sleep so dearly loved.

Tithe

3. WHEREAS, The General Conference requires for the maintenance of its world program, an amount equal to that which it is now receiving from the local conferences by what is called the division of tithe, and

WHEREAS, We believe that the present arrangement by which the division of tithe from the local conferences, based upon the tithe receipts alone, is not equitable and does not give proper consideration to local needs and burdens, and

WHEREAS, The same amount may be obtained under a different and improved basis, which will be equal and fair, therefore,

RESOLVED, That we request the General Conference, at the coming Spring Council, or in Minority Committee, to appoint a commission on the Division of Tithe, which shall be charged with the duty of changing the basis of the division of tithe from that of tithe income alone to one which

will take into consideration the membership and financial strength of each local conference, together with the load each conference bears in its own field, units of strength to be based on the number of members as well as the amount of tithe; and, further,

RESOLVED, That we request that this commission be prepared to report at the Fall Council of 1924, and the new basis go into operation beginning with January 1, 1925.

Religious Liberty

6. WHEREAS, The civil government was divinely ordained to manage and regulate human affairs in civil concerns only, and

WHEREAS, The federal Constitution has placed certain definite limitations upon Congress, prohibiting it from legislating upon the subject of religion or prescribing religious obligations by civil law, or interfering in the free exercise of the conscience in matters pertaining to religion, so long as the individual respects the equal rights of his fellowmen; therefore,

RESOLVED, That we look with disfavor on any attempts to legalize the Christian religion and its institutions, or the enactment of religious observances into civil law, or the legal sanction of the tenets of one faith to the disadvantage of any other, thus denying the equality of all citizens before the law; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we consider the present bills in Congress which aim to subordinate the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States to a level below the Acts of Congress, a most dangerous piece of legislation, destructive not only of the Constitution of the United States, but of the stability of our government.

RESOLVED, That we look with much apprehension and disfavor upon the Communistic Movement in certain localities to prohibit the operation of all private and religious schools as an interference with the free exercise of religion as guaranteed under the First Amendment of the Federal Constitution, provided these schools meet all the secular and intellectual standards of the state

schools. Local statutes which are hostile to the fundamental law of the land are dangerous and should be declared unconstitutional by our courts.

Prohibition

7. WHEREAS, There is a growing disregard for all law and constituted authority, especially a defiance of the Eighteenth Amendment, and

WHEREAS, Such conduct is a great menace to our free republican institutions, to the stability of our government, to the integrity of our matchless Constitution, to the protection of our property rights and the security of not only our own rights under the Constitution, but the security and protection of the rights and privileges under the Constitution of all those who flippantly and openly scoff at the Constitution and at those who seek to uphold and defend its majesty; therefore,

RESOLVED, That we pledge anew our allegiance and hearty support to our good and great President Calvin Coolidge, who in his recent declaration, stated that it is his intention to uphold and defend the Constitution against all its enemies, and to enforce the Eighteenth Amendment without partiality; and that we assure him that we will obey not only this law in theory and practice, but every other civil law which aims to regulate man's proper relationship with his fellowmen in things that pertain to his temporal welfare.

Educational

8. In view of the dearth of strong elementary teachers, and in order to secure and hold such teachers in this branch of the Lord's work,

WE RECOMMEND, That we endeavor to raise the standards of equipment, finance, and conference and school board supervision of our elementary schools.

9. In order to encourage all our young people to dedicate their lives to soul-winning service and to secure a larger number of recruits for the ministry and Bible work,

WE RECOMMEND, That all our ministers, teachers, and other workers who come in contact with

our young people in home, church, academy, and sanitarium, have definite conversations with them regarding their life purpose, and help them in making decisions with reference to the work to which God is calling them.

10. Realizing from our statistics that not one-third of our children and youth are attending our own schools,

RESOLVED, That we plan to double our present enrolment in our denominational schools in the union by systematic and patient effort in all of our churches.

Church Officers' Institutes

Recognizing that the success and marked progress of our work has been due in large measure to the fact that for years we have conducted institutes and conventions for ministers, departmental secretaries, and colporteurs, making it possible financially for these workers to attend these educational features of our work, and in view of the fact that church officers also are recognized as educators and leaders of this movement, and that the success of our work is largely dependent upon their cooperation and intelligent support; therefore,

WE RECOMMEND, (1) That each local conference conduct at least one church officers' convention a year.

(2) That the instructors of such institutes be the Union and local conference presidents, and such Union and local conference departmental secretaries as it may seem best to invite, for the upbuilding of all departments in the local church.

(3) That such representatives be invited from each church as may be deemed advisable in the judgment of the conference officials.

(4) That the conference and the local churches unite in providing railroad fares and entertainment, making it financially possible for those who are invited to attend.

Effort in Behalf of the American-Foreign

12. WHEREAS, There is great need of more energetic ef-

fort on the part of our English churches in behalf of the foreign population of America,

WE RECOMMEND, (1) That at each local church convention at least one hour be given to the consideration of this important work.

(2) That this meeting be followed by a field day for the sale of literature in foreign districts.

(3) That the churches be encouraged to continue these field days at least once each month throughout the year.

(4) That the interest thus awakened be carefully developed by missionary visits, Bible readings, and other lines of missionary endeavor.

Church Missionary Committee

13. Recognizing the urgent need of the utmost simplicity in the organized plan of the missionary movement in our churches, and in order to facilitate the successful development of their evangelic work,

WE RECOMMEND, That the church board or church officers, together with the church-school teacher and the Missionary Volunteer secretary, constitute the missionary committee.

Handling of Home Missionary Funds

14. WHEREAS, There is now a lack of uniformity throughout our churches in the matter of handling the funds raised for missionary activity, and recognizing the church treasurer as the chosen official of the church to receive and record all such general funds; therefore,

WE RECOMMEND, That the church treasurer receive and receipt for all first Sabbath and other home missionary offerings, and that at least once each month the said funds be placed in the hands of the missionary secretary, and a receipt taken for the same. This is not, however, intended to apply to individual subscriptions or orders, which should properly be handled by the missionary secretary.

Envelope Order Plan

15. WHEREAS, The success of our work depends in a large measure upon our members being fully grounded in the truths of the message, this being brought about

through Bible study and the reading of our books, periodicals, and other literature, usually ordered upon the Sabbath; and

WHEREAS, Success depends also upon the circulation of literature, provision for such circulation being usually arranged with the church missionary secretary upon the Sabbath; therefore,

WE RECOMMEND, That all our churches throughout the Union adopt the Envelope Order Plan, thus relieving the Sabbath of the business that too often in the past has been transacted in our churches.

Supreme Purpose of the Home Missionary Department

16. WHEREAS, The church of Christ has been organized on earth for missionary purposes, and it is of the highest importance that every individual member of the church should be a sincere laborer together with God, filled with the Spirit, having the mind of Christ, perfected in sympathy with Christ, and therefore bending every energy according to their entrusted ability to the saving of souls,

WE RECOMMEND, That every home missionary leader in the conference and churches of the Atlantic Union conference put forth earnest effort to achieve the supreme purpose of the Home Missionary Department—enlisting and training every church member in some line of soul-winning work.

Respecting Boundaries

17. WHEREAS, In the past there has been more or less difficulty respecting conference boundary lines in the prosecution of various lines of missionary endeavor, and especially in soliciting funds, which has brought discouragement to the laity,

WE RECOMMEND, That the conference benefiting by such funds reimburse the conference involved to the amount secured unless definite arrangements have been made with the respective conference president or Home Missionary secretary.

Publishing—Big Week

18. WHEREAS, The Big Week campaign has proven a mighty factor in the extension of our publishing work in the mis-

sion fields, in the building up of our literature work in the homeland, and increasing the missionary activity of the laity,

WE RECOMMEND, That we heartily approve and continue to develop the Missions Publishing Fund,

By setting apart at least one week each year to be known as Big Week, during which time a campaign be conducted to raise funds for the benefit of our Mission Publishing houses throughout the world.

WE RECOMMEND, That this money be raised during Big Week by the following methods:

a. By conference laborers, as far as possible, engaging in the sale of our literature.

b. That all colporteurs be requested to give the proceeds of their biggest day's sales of Big Week to this fund.

c. That our people be encouraged to devote as much time as possible to the sale of our literature, and that the profits be donated to this fund.

d. That members be encouraged to give the equivalent of a day's pay, where they are unable to engage in the sale of literature.

WE RECOMMEND, That this campaign be under the direction of the Publishing and Home Missionary Departments.

19. WHEREAS, The General Conference has set apart the week of April 19-26, 1924, as Big Week, therefore,

WE RECOMMEND, That we concur in this arrangement for the Atlantic Union, and set our goal at \$15,000.

20. WHEREAS, Foreign-speaking people, who have accepted the truth, can do very effective colporteur work among their own nationality, and

WHEREAS, Such work has proven very successful, not only in sales, but in winning souls for God; therefore,

We solicit the cooperation of all our conference laborers in furnishing the names of such persons to the Field Missionary Secretary that they may be encouraged to labor among their own countrymen.

Colporteur Work a Soul-winning Agency

21. WHEREAS, According to the *Testimonies*, "the great object of our publications is to exalt God, to call men's attention to the living truths of His Word," and

WHEREAS, Our colporteur work should be distinctly and primarily a soul-winning work; therefore,

WE RECOMMEND, That we follow the present plan:

a. By making our institutes deeply spiritual.

b. That the money goal be of secondary consideration in soliciting men and women to enter the colporteur work.

c. That the soul-winning features of our work be emphasized in securing students to enter the colporteur work rather than simply the earning of the scholarship.

Missionary Volunteer Recommendations

22. RESOLVED, That we indorse for our Union the following action of the General Conference:

"WE RECOMMEND, That wherever possible, the Conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary conduct soul-winning efforts in our churches, with the purpose of winning unbelievers as well as our own young people, enlisting the Missionary Volunteer Society in the work of distributing literature, in visiting neighbors and friends, and in other personal work."

23. RESOLVED, That we heartily indorse the plans of the General Conference for working for our Juniors, and that we endeavor to make the Junior plans operate as fully as possible in behalf of every Junior in our conferences.

24. WE RECOMMEND, That our ministers plan, if possible to bring a special message to the children as part of the regular Sabbath service.

25. RESOLVED, That we make 1924 a Standard of Attainment year, by putting forth a special effort to enroll thousands of our youth in Standard of Attainment classes, leading them to a knowledge of Bible Doctrines and Denominational History.

WE FURTHER RECOMMEND, That resident pastors, Bible workers, and church elders stand ready to assist in the teaching of these classes.

Ministerial Reading Course

26. WHEREAS, The General Conference Ministerial Commission carefully select books each year that will be helpful to ministers and workers; therefore,

WE RECOMMEND, This Ministerial Reading Course to the workers in the Atlantic Union Conference, for their instruction and for their inspiration.

At 3:00 o'clock Elder Haynes was called to the chair while Elder Slade joined the Atlantic Union Conference Association Constitutionality meeting called at this hour.

The first three recommendations had been considered when Elder Slade returned to the chair, and requested that time be given the Sanitarium representatives who had been promised time on Thursday to submit their reports.

Dr. W. C. Dunscombe submitted report in behalf of the New England Sanitarium. This is found on page 7 of the *GLEANER*, issue of January 30. Supplementary reports were submitted by Brethren S. E. McNeill, B. M. Heald, and A. T. Robinson.

Meeting adjourned to 9:30 a. m., January 25, 1924.

E. K. SLADE, *Chairman*,
S. E. McNEILL, *Secretary pro tem*

Seventh Meeting

The seventh meeting of the conference opened with singing at 2:30 a. m., January 25, 1924; Elder E. K. Slade in the chair.

Prayer by Elder L. K. Dickson. Minutes of the four previous meetings were read and approved.

The Committee on Credentials and Licenses respectfully submitted the following report:

For Ministerial Credentials: E. K. Slade, B. F. Machlan, V. O. PUNCHES, N. H. Saunders, H. W. Carr, R. A. Beckner, B. M. Heald.

The committee recommended Brother F. D. Wells be ordained and receive ministerial credentials.

For Honorary Credentials: P. F. Bicknell, A. T. Robinson, S. J. Hersum, J. W. Raymond, D. G. Turk, C. Meleen.

For Ministerial License: W. C. Dunscombe, G. H. Winslow, D. A. Bailey, J. L. Johnson, E. F. Otis, M. P. Robison, J. Norman Clapp, C. H. Schowe.

For Missionary License: C. L. Kilgore, W. M. Vehorn, Mrs. A. T. Robinson, Mrs. H. W. Carr, B. B. Ross, Rowena Purdon, S. E. McNeill.

For Honorary Missionary License: Mrs. J. C. Hennessey, Elery Robinson, Mrs. M. A. Scribner, W. A. Wilcox, Mrs. M. A. Wheeler, Jennie Thayer, Florence L. Boyle.

The committee recommended that all other names be referred to the Atlantic Union Conference Committee for consideration.

Report was adopted by considering each name separately.

VOTED, That Elder E. K. Slade be recognized as Religious Liberty Secretary of the Atlantic Union during his term of office.

Recommendations 4 to 15 were considered and passed as recorded.

Elder Longacre recommended that Resolutions 4 and 5 be passed to President Coolidge, Senators and Representatives in Congress of Massachusetts, Governors of New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine; and that our local men should have them published in local papers.

Meeting adjourned to call of chair.

E. K. SLADE, *Chairman*,
C. L. KILGORE, *Secretary*.

Eighth Meeting

The eighth meeting convened at 2:30 p. m., January 25, 1924, with Elder E. K. Slade in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Brother J. E. Hanson.

Recommendations 16 to 24 were considered one by one and passed as read.

Final report of Committee on Plans was submitted by Brother J. E. Osterblom, and on motion by Elder W. A. Spicer, each of Recommendations 26 to 30 as here recorded were discussed and passed as read:

Economy

27. WE RECOMMEND, That in our conference and institutional administration we give study to

and seek to carry out the recommendations of the General Conference Council of 1923 touching the matter of economy in all our work, seeking to save at every possible point in our expenditures, endeavoring to make the money that is placed in our hands reach to the utmost in the salvation of souls and the more rapid progress of the work.

Educational

28. In order to promote a stronger effort for our children, and especially for our youth of high school and college age,

WE RECOMMEND, That the superintendent of education in the local conferences in his work throughout the field not only seek to promote the work of the church schools and encourage all of our children to attend, but also seek out those more advanced in education, and encourage them to attend the conference academy or the Atlantic Union College, and

We urge that he be faithful in his work of cooperating with the Union educational secretary as outlined in the "School Manual."

29. WHEREAS, The health of our youth must be cared for while they are of very tender age, and whereas the health inspection and health instruction in our schools is a vital factor in building up the health of the children,

WE RECOMMEND, That we attempt to carry out the following minimum church-school health program in all our schools:

Minimum Health School Program

1. School Health.
 - a. Health habits.
 - b. Nutrition.
 - c. Milk drinking.
 - d. Warm lunches.
2. Annual inspection.
3. Monthly nurse check-up.
4. Weekly teacher's school survey.
5. Daily health topics in curriculum.

30. WHEREAS, The several daily newspapers of Springfield have liberally opened their columns to give a wide publicity to the proceedings of the Atlantic Union conference, showing a most commendable spirit of cooperation,

contributing in a large sense to the more complete success of the ten-day gathering; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the convention tender a vote of thanks to the *Springfield Union* (evening and morning), the *Springfield Republican* (evening and morning), and the *Springfield News*, and that this memorial be written into the minutes of the conference, and furnished for publication to the several papers.

City of Springfield and Chamber of Commerce

31. WHEREAS, The city of Springfield has, through its Chamber of Commerce and Convention Bureau, most cordially welcomed representatives of the several conferences composing the Atlantic Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists met in quadrennial session the week of January 20-28, and

WHEREAS, A most unusual spirit of hospitality and civic courtesy has been manifested in tendering the use of its magnificent auditorium and assembly rooms, as well as the freedom of the city at large; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Atlantic Union and its several constituent bodies give assurance to the people of Springfield and its representatives, the Chamber of Commerce and Convention Bureau, that its hospitable and progressive public spirit has endeared its name to them, and by a vote of thanks express its appreciation of the acts of kindness shown, and further

That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the conference, and copies provided for publication by the city press.

As no other committees were ready to report, Dr. E. F. Otis, medical secretary of the Atlantic Union, submitted his report.

Meeting adjourned to call of chair.

E. K. SLADE, *Chairman*,
C. L. KILGORE, *Secretary*.
Ninth Meeting

The closing meeting of the conference was called at 9:30 a. m., January 27, 1924. "Showers of Blessing" was sung to open the meeting, and prayer was offered by Elder C. S. Longacre.

The chair mentioned that there was but little business to attend to at this meeting. Brother Spicer stated that he was always glad to relieve one of embarrassment where it was possible and would present for consideration a resolution which he had intended to speak to the chairman about if he had had opportunity; he then read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Word comes from the General Conference Committee that consideration has been given to the matter of encouraging some of the graduates of the Loma Linda Medical College to look toward our populous eastern states in selecting fields for medical practice and service, be it

RESOLVED, That we send word to our brethren at Loma Linda that we of the Atlantic Union rejoice at the possibility that some of these consecrated graduates of our medical school may locate in our field. We assure any such who are looking for locations where their influence and work will count for God and his cause, that we will gladly welcome them to service in these populous and needy regions of the East. The officers of the Atlantic Union or officers of any local conference will gladly supply information as to centers of population where we have no medical worker located, and where the coming of such a worker would be welcomed by members of our churches.

After considerable discussion with reference to the urgent need of medical help in the East, and expressions of welcome to our young men who have qualified themselves for medical service, to enter private practice in all parts of the Atlantic Union, it was

VOTED to adopt the resolution.

In harmony with the vote of the Union conference to refer the petition of the Greater New York conference to the Union Executive Committee for study and report to the session before its close, the following recommendation was here presented:

Believing that there is need of special study being given to the needs of our workers in Greater New York because of the diffi-

culty they are experiencing in meeting the unusual cost of living in that city on the present wage scale.

WE RECOMMEND, That the General Conference be requested to give detailed and careful study to living conditions in Greater New York, and make such recommendations as will make it possible for the workers in that field to adopt a wage scale such as will provide the relief they need.

VOTED, To adopt this resolution with the request that when the General Conference Commission has finished its work, a report of their findings be furnished to each of the local conferences.

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws reported:

Your Committee on Constitution and By-Laws would recommend the following:

That in article three of the Constitution, the words "Maine and Northern" be stricken out, and the words "New York Conference" be substituted for the words, "Eastern New York" and "Western New York Conferences."

VOTED, That the minutes of the last portion of the session of this conference be approved by the Atlantic Union Conference Committee.

Meeting adjourned *sine die*.

E. K. SLADE, *Chairman*.

C. L. KILGORE, *Secretary*.

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FIRST MEETING

ATLANTIC UNION CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION CONSTITUENCY Held at Springfield, Massachusetts 11:00 A. M., January 21, 1924

MEETING was called at close of 11:00 o'clock study period. Elder E. K. Slade was in the chair.

By request of the chair the secretary read notice of the meeting published in the issues of the ATLANTIC UNION GLEANER of January 2, 9 and 15, which announced that the meeting would be called at 11:00 a. m., January 21, 1924, in the Municipal Auditorium, Springfield, Mass.

On reading the roll call, seven of the fourteen constituent members responded to their names: Walter R. Andrews, Asa T. Robinson, John K. Jones, Edwin K.

Slade, Homer W. Carr, Fred C. Gilbert, Charles L. Kilgore.

As the by-laws of the association provide that "at all meetings of the members duly called, a quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of such duly qualified members as are present and voting," the meeting was open for business.

No further business coming before the meeting at this time, meeting adjourned till 3:00 p. m., Thursday, January 24, 1924, to convene at the Central High School Auditorium.

EDWIN K. SLADE, *Chairman*.

CHARLES L. KILGORE, *Secretary*.

Second Meeting

3:00 P. M., Thursday, Jan. 24, 1924

Members present: Edwin K. Slade, chairman, Fred C. Gilbert, Walter R. Andrews, Asa T. Robinson, John K. Jones, Homer W. Carr, and Charles L. Kilgore.

Minutes of first meeting read and approved.

At 2:30 p. m., this date, the Atlantic Union conference had nominated nine persons, seven of whom the constituency of the association now proceeded to elect to fill the places of the seven whose terms expire at this session of the Association Constituency.

The following seven persons were elected by ballot: Benjamin F. Machlan, John K. Jones, Walter C. Moffett, Dudley H. Hale, Elmer L. Cardey, Carlyle B. Haynes, John E. Edwards, to serve as constituent members until the second session from this date of the Atlantic Union Conference Association Constituency.

The seven other members whose terms expire at the next session are: Edwin K. Slade, Asa T. Robinson, Homer W. Carr, Arthur E. Sanderson, Walter R. Andrews, Fred C. Gilbert, Charles L. Kilgore.

Officers and Board of Trustees were duly elected as follows:

For President, Edwin K. Slade.

For Secretary and Treasurer,

Charles L. Kilgore

For Auditor, Stanley E. McNeill

For Board of Trustees: Edwin K. Slade, Charles L. Kilgore, John K. Jones, Walter C. Moffett, Dud-

ley U. Hale, Elmer L. Cardey, Benjamin F. Machlan.

The treasurer then read his report together with the auditor's certificate, both of which appeared in the columns of the ATLANTIC UNION GLEANER, on page six of the issue of January 16, 1924.

Having no further business to bring before the constituency, meeting adjourned *sine die*.

EDWIN K. SLADE, *Chairman*,

CHARLES L. KILGORE, *Secretary*.

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LIST OF DELEGATES ATTENDING THE TENTH SESSION

of the

ATLANTIC UNION CONFERENCE Held at Springfield, Massachusetts

January 20-28, 1924

GENERAL Conference Committee representatives: W. A. Spicer, J. S. James, J. Adams Stevens, C. S. Longacre, L. F. Passebois, and W. H. Green.

Union Conference Committee: E. K. Slade, C. L. Kilgore, C. B. Haynes, W. C. Moffett, D. U. Hale, J. K. Jones, E. L. Cardey, V. O. Patches, N. H. Saunders, F. D. Wells, Elmer F. Otis, M. D., J. K. Humphrey, F. C. Gilbert, D. A. Bailey, B. F. Machlan, W. C. Dunscombe, M. D., H. W. Carr.

Other delegates at large elected by the Union Committee: J. A. Trout, A. T. Robinson, Mrs. A. T. Robinson, B. M. Heald, P. F. Bicknell, E. E. Miles, W. M. Ve-horn, Irene J. Cady, J. L. Johnson, S. E. McNeill.

Delegates at large seated by vote of Union delegation: J. W. Mace, E. L. Richmond, F. D. Nichol, W. E. Bliss, M. D., C. A. Holt, Nathan Brewer, Milton Conger.

Greater New York conference: J. I. Foster, L. K. Dickson, L. Halsvick, J. M. Comer, B. E. Miller, W. H. Schuster, C. Swenson, R. Calderone, G. W. Oberg, F. R. Wood, H. N. Gemon, W. R. Andrews, J. B. Frank, Miss R. Tyrrell, J. K. Macmillan, Miss L. Vaughan, J. E. Hanson, Percy Brownie.

Massachusetts conference: R. S. Fries, D. P. Wood, F. C. Carlson, J. Schnetzler, S. E. Norton, E. E. Osborne, J. H. Tiney, T. M. Butler, H. N. Williams, J. F.

Knipschild, J. W. Freiburger, J. E. Edwards, Walter Howard.

New England conference: V. H. Hanscom, Hans P. Gram, Kenneth A. Wright, M. R. Bailey, Prof. G. E. Owens, E. E. Covey, A. M. Barnhardt, D. H. Hanson, Josaphat Fortier.

New York conference: L. H. King, H. J. Capman, J. C. Oswald, William W. Rice, O. D. Cardey, A. P. Schwarz, Orva Lee Ice, C. E. Eldridge, A. R. P. Johnson, Harold E. Snide, C. R. Gibbs, F. Bohner, Mrs. E. B. Markham, J. E. Osterblom, J. E. Whelpley, Claude A. Shull.

Southern New England conference: A. E. Sanderson, E. F. Henry, J. I. Cassell, L. S. Wheeler, I. M. Martin, J. R. Osborne.

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REPORT OF THE WORK IN THE NEW YORK CONFERENCE

Since its Organization in 1922 to
Dec. 31, 1923

THE New York conference embraces the territory formerly known as the Eastern New York and Western New York conferences. It covers an area of about 40,000 square miles, being equal in size to the combined states of Maine, Rhode Island, and Connecticut, or to nearly Maine and Massachusetts together. The writer, who labored in the Massachusetts conference for years where we had in 1922, 32 churches scattered over a territory of 9,000 square miles, felt he was in a big country when he began to labor in New York conference, nearly five times as large in square miles as his former field. Our population is about 3,800,000 and our churches number 57. Our membership September 30, 1923, was 2,293.

The conference was organized in August, 1922, and at this time the writer was invited to connect with the new organization. It became evident at once that it would be impossible to properly conduct the work in the new conference unless we adopted the plan of dividing the field into districts, with a minister as superintendent over each. This involved considerable expense, for it necessitated the

moving of several of our brethren from their former location to the district headquarters. In every case our men gladly consented to make the adjustment, and God has blessed ever since.

We almost feared the outcome of our 1922 Harvest Ingathering campaign; for a number of new men were just coming into the field when the campaign started, while others were being moved at the same time, in the midst of it all, to new locations. Notwithstanding all of this, which anyone would consider a serious handicap, we more than reached our goal of \$20,000 standing third in America in amount raised at the close of 1922.

During the winter of 1922-23, all of our preachers took an active part in the revival work among the churches. It was a season of refreshing and victory to our people, and we have every reason to believe proved a blessing to the field, as well as to the workers.

The Lord has blessed us with a consecrated, hard-working staff of departmental secretaries, and they deserve much credit for the progress the field has made along this line.

Home Missionary Department

Brother F. H. Bohner, our good home missionary secretary, is ever alert to catch new visions and inspirations, and keeps his hand on the situation at all times. He deserves much credit for our successful Harvest Ingathering campaign, special literature promotion work, etc., in addition to his regular work.

Sabbath-School Department

Our Sabbath-school work, under the efficient leadership of Brother C. R. Gibbs, is going ahead in a very encouraging way. In 1921, the last full year when the conferences were separate, \$28,122.48 was raised by the two fields for missions through the Sabbath Schools. In 1923, the first full year of the new conference, the Sabbath Schools responded by sending \$34,614.44 a gain of \$6,491.96. We are hoping for a still better showing in 1924. Notwithstanding the heavy pressure that comes in the closing month of

the year, we reached our largest 13th Sabbath offering in December—about \$3,200.

Missionary Volunteer Department

We find the field is not as strong along Missionary Volunteer lines as we would like to have it, and we are hoping this department of the work can be made stronger. We should do far more for our young people. The societies we do have are doing nobly, and surely did great work in the Ingathering campaign.

Educational Department

We feel proud of our system of church schools, and of our good superintendent, Sister Markham. She surely has brought the work to a high degree of efficiency. Sister Markham is constantly on the lookout for anything that will strengthen the work in these schools. The recent school convention in Buffalo proved a decided success in every way. We have just passed through the medical inspection by Dr. Otis and his nurses, and we are hoping the good instruction will be followed in some practical way in the local field; for we do not wish to lose the value of this help rendered. While mentioning the school convention recently held, we esteem it a pleasure to express our appreciation of the excellent help and counsel given by Elder N. H. Saunders and Prof. Robison of South Lancaster, and Dr. Otis and assistants. We have 13 church schools and 19 church school teachers.

The Book Department

It has generally been considered that New York state is good territory for the selling of our books. While we have had our ups and downs, we believe brighter days are ahead. Brethren Panches and Whelpley recently held a successful colporteur's institute in Union Springs, attended by about 25 persons, a number of whom were new recruits. Brother Whelpley is consecrated to his work, and we are hopeful of the future for the book work in New York.

Union Springs Academy

This school is now in its third year of operation, with a present enrolment of nearly 150 students.

Prof. C. A. Shull, the principal and business manager and Brother H. A. May, the treasurer, are trying hard to make the school pay its way. By very careful planning, they have been able to meet the operating expense during the nine months of the school year. A school of this size employs a faculty nearly as large as one of our colleges, while we are denied the comeback these colleges enjoy. With the very meager comeback assistance the local conference is able to give, it is impossible for the management to meet the summer expense, for there is no income then. We trust some day a plan can be suggested, whereby these 12-grade academies can benefit directly by the same comeback. Our load is a heavy one, for the school is carrying liabilities of \$46,000, (which includes interest) nearly all of which was incurred in the launching of the enterprise. We are planning a campaign this winter, spring, and summer, to lift a portion of this debt. There is a fine farm of 225 acres, part of the school property, operated under the efficient leadership of Brother H. M. Fleming. We almost met expenses in operating this the past year, while many farms everywhere went far behind.

The students of this school are a fine lot of boys and girls, and take an active part in whatever pertains to the progress of the message. In the recent Harvest Ingathering campaign, compelled to travel often as far as 60 miles or more one way to reach the field, they raised between \$1,100 and \$1,200, not counting what the resident church members gathered.

Finance

We have left this item till nearly the last; for after all, money is not the main thing we are after in this work. Our dear people have rallied to our needs and this past year paid \$88,196.02 tithe into the treasury, this being a gain over 1922 of \$12,772.70. This is a gain over 1921 of \$14,653.63. Truly we thank the Lord for this increase, but we are anxious to see it increase still more; for we never in this world can do the

work that ought to be done in this conference on the less than \$60,000 remaining after we have sent along the 32 per cent to the General and Union conferences. We are confident there are some of our people who have been negligent along the line of tithe-paying, who will want to start right with the Lord in 1924, by returning to the Lord his own.

Missions

In 1921, the Eastern and Western New York conferences raised for foreign missions on the 60-cent-a-week fund, \$51,415.38, coming short of the goal \$15,857.00. In 1922, the field raised \$59,125.35, coming short \$6,613. In 1923, we raised \$73,875.49; but instead of coming short, we went over with banners flying and a people happy in the work, to the tune of \$5,422 to the good. We do appreciate the Lord's help during this first real year of the New York conference's existence. Of this amount raised, \$27,000 came from the Harvest Ingathering. If we had stopped at our goal of \$20,000 or even at \$23,000, we would have failed to make our objective and it would have held the Union conference back in its effort to reach it's 60-cents-a-week. We surely are glad the good people of New York kept faithfully on in the Harvest Ingathering. We never saw such loyalty or enthusiasm, and they are even talking of greater things in 1924. The church in Burt, N. Y., kept at the work till December 31, and raised an average of \$47 per member. We mention this church, because it shows the never-give-up-spirit of our people in this past campaign. Our people gave over \$5,000 during the sacrifice week. It meant a great deal for many to do this, but they did it cheerfully.

The Future Outlook

We need the Lord's special help as we face the New Year. We have problems. Our churches are not all in the cities, but many are out in the country, where it is difficult to hold meetings in the winter. It is harder for them to respond to the various lines of endeavor than it is for those more

favorably situated. Then too, our city churches are carrying heavy responsibilities along all lines, and they need our prayers and support. When the conference was organized, the conference operating fund was overdrawn and bills faced the tract society. However, the Lord has blessed us and one by one we have paid our obligations, until today our tract society is out of debt, and has a little money ahead; and the conference operating fund is no longer overdrawn. We have been able to restore the educational comeback, thus giving a small measure of assistance to our worthy church schools, as well as nearly \$1,500 from this fund to Union Springs Academy.

We have taken on three new workers: in 1923 Elder Capman came from Canada; Miss Tate, Bible worker, from Brooklyn; and Miss Bamber, graduate nurse from Melrose, to do Bible work.

We are unable to launch out into the deep in the way of holding large efforts, because of heavy interest money we have to pay on our school liabilities. We believe, however, the Lord will bless us if we will pray more, move cautiously and try to avoid debt.

During the past year a theatre effort has been conducted in Buffalo, and tent efforts in Rochester, Albany and Olean. A number of souls were won in each effort.

Our Workers

We have left the best till the last. We have written of results, but no conference president has any right to take the credit to himself for the work accomplished in his field. We are blessed with a corps of workers among whom brotherly love reigns. The writer has not seen a trace of desiring to be first since he has been here. There are no factions among us, but everyone is interested in the other one. We have never before seen men and women with the problems that faced them buckle down to the work as they have. Some have had conference presidents approach them soliciting them to leave the field; but our men have stood true. If any measure of success has come to this field the

writer takes no credit but attributes it to our dear loyal people in the churches and a loyal band of conference workers upholding his hand. We ask the prayers of this Union conference for the work and workers in the New York conference in 1924.

J. K. JONES.

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NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE REPORT

It is with pleasure that we present a short report of the work of the three states—Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont. In this field about 93 years ago, this greatest movement of the world started. For many years William Miller lived in Poultney, Vermont. He moved to Hampton, New York, in 1812. Some of his first meetings were held at Poultney, Pawlet, Dosit, and Brandon, Vermont, in 1831. He talked and preached the prophecies, showing that the 2300 days would end in 1843. This made considerable stir. From this time he began more active work in different places all over the New England field. His first publishing of the message was a series of articles in the *Vermont Telegraph* of Brandon, Vermont, beginning May 15, 1832.

The first Sabbath was kept by the believers at Washington, New Hampshire, it having been brought to their attention by Sister Preston, a returned Seventh-day Baptist missionary.

It was in New Hampshire where Elder Uriah Smith, who was so long the editor of the *Review and Herald*, was born and educated. It was at East Kingston, New Hampshire, where a large camp-meeting was held by the believers in 1842. The attendance, as stated by the *Boston Post* was from 7,000 to 10,000. This meeting was visited by John G. Whittier, the noted writer and poet. He describes it as follows: "I spent an hour or two at a campground of the Second Adventists in East Kingston. The spot was well chosen. A tall growth of pine and hemlock threw its melancholy shadow over the multitude, who were arranged upon rough seats of boards and logs. The preachers were placed in a

rude pulpit of rough boards, carpeted only by the dead forest leaves and flowers, and tasseled, not with silk and velvet, but with the green boughs of the somber hemlocks around it. One of them followed the music in an earnest exhortation on the duty of preparing for the great event. Occasionally he was quite eloquent, and his description of the last day had all the terrible distinctness of Anelli's painting of the 'End of the World.'

"Suspended from the front of the rude pulpit were two broad sheets of canvass, upon one of which was the figure of a man,—the head of gold, the breast and arms of silver, the belly of brass, the legs of iron, and the feet of clay,—the dream of Nebuchadnezzar. On the other were depicted the wonders of the Apocalyptic vision,—the beasts, the dragons, the scarlet woman seen by the Seer of Patmos,—Oriental types and figures and mystic symbols translated into staring Yankee realities, and exhibited like the beasts of a traveling menagerie. One horrible image, with its hideous heads and scaly caudal extremity, reminded me of the tremendous line of Milton, who, in speaking of the same evil dragon, describes him as 'Swinging the scaly horrors of his folded tail.' To an imaginative mind the scene was full of novel interest. The white circle of tents; the dim wood arches; the upturned, earnest faces; the loud voices of the speakers, burdened with the awful symbolic language of the Bible; the smoke from the fires rising like incense from forest altars, carrying one back to the days of primitive worship, when

'The groves were God's first temples,
ere man learned

To hew the shaft, and lay the architrave,

And stretch the roof about it.'"

The spirit of prophecy was given to Maine. After the failure of William Foy of Boston in 1842 and of Hazel Foss of Poland, Maine, in 1844, the gift was placed upon Miss Ellen G. Harmon of Portland, Maine, in 1845.

After all these weary years these states are still working

away loyal and true, having furnished many, many workers and missionaries who are scattered to the ends of the earth. They are still laboring to the limit to educate, prepare and support missionaries both home and foreign.

Beginning with Maine, we find in 1920, 46 were baptized during the year. Their membership was 718, with a total tithe of \$23,007.05, and offerings to missions \$16,193.42. In 1921, 18 were baptized; their membership was 715; the tithe was \$18,957.59; their offerings to missions were \$17,141.75. In 1922, 57 were baptized; their membership was 722; the tithe was \$18,516.87, and the offerings to missions was \$14,444.54.

In Northern New England for 1920 there were 21 baptized; the tithe was \$23,841.34; the offerings to missions \$12,444.32. For 1921 there were 16 baptisms reported, \$18,225.18 tithe, and \$13,179.83 offerings to missions. For 1922 there was \$14,129.42 tithe and \$12,271.50 offerings.

A large and well improved farm of 200 acres two miles from the end of the carline out of Auburn, Maine, was bought, and Prof. G. E. Owens was asked to take charge of an academy. The usual struggles of such institutions have been theirs. Last year it ran ahead \$700; this year it looks as though they will run behind; we are waiting to see. Pine Tree Academy has an enrolment this year of 45 students; and this is the largest enrolment since the school opened. (This school has been badly handicapped for water and for a place for the boys to room. This year rooms were fitted to accommodate more than 20 boys in a nearby building, with space for a large number of others. The heating plants were overhauled and are in fine working order. The water supply now comes from a spring brook where the water supply is abundant and good. It can easily be arranged to accommodate double the present enrolment.

Soul-saving is the prominent feature in the school. This is kept before the students both by

precept and example. The week of prayer this year was a blessed experience for the students. Our people will never regret the money they are putting into that school when they get into the kingdom of God and see the souls saved through its influence.

In 1921 there were 13 church schools, with an enrolment of 102; in 1922, we had 12 church schools with an enrolment of 107; and in 1923, 6 schools with an enrolment of 56.

The Missionary Volunteer Societies in 1920 numbered 17, with a membership of 219; in 1921 there were 19 societies, with a membership of 232; in 1922 there were 17 societies with 224 members, and in 1923 there were 9 societies with 117 members.

Early in the year 1923 a suggestion was made by someone that the three states be united into one conference. The Union Committee saw light in it, and voted to recommend it. The General Conference Committee concurred in this recommendation. Therefore it was carried to the delegates of the two conferences at Rochester, New Hampshire, and voted by a very large majority. The combination was formed September 1, 1923, and since has been running as one conference. The baptisms for the two conferences were 24, and the membership at the end of the year so far reported is 1113. The uniting of the conferences and agitation of the Harvest Ingathering stirred some churches to examining their membership records. Many who have not kept the Sabbath for years were dropped; others who can not be heard from were dropped; and many who have left these states have been urged to take their membership. For these causes the membership has materially dropped.

The tithe of the three states together was \$36,552.91, and the offerings to missions were \$26,221.19. According to the membership of the two conferences, this is \$19.76 per member, or 38c per week per member.

On account of some uncertainty among our field men, the colporteur work has not advanced. In 1921, \$27,686.19 worth of books were sold in the three states; in 1922, \$21,458.73 worth were sold; and in 1923, only \$17,320.43. Since the uniting of the conferences in September, we have our second field man. But Brother Barnhardt likes his work and is taking hold well. He is getting some good men started, and we are expecting some good results in the near future.

You will pardon me while we mention some of the results of the uniting of the three states into one conference. At the close of camp-meeting we called the workers together, and hurriedly divided the three states into districts, and appointed the workers their fields for the Harvest Ingathering work. In Maine the workers scattered until we only had Brother Bailey and Sister Bowers who did anything. They both did well, but Maine fell behind the 1922 amount for Harvest Ingathering. But in New Hampshire and Vermont the work went forward. For instance, Rutland, Vermont, which only gathered \$282.82 last year, gathered \$831.74 this year; Vergennes, which solicited only \$90.25 last year, gathered \$271.46 this year; Barre, which only gathered \$125.65 last year, gathered \$539.35 this year. Last year the whole of New Hampshire and Vermont gathered \$3,634.21; this year they raised it to \$5,001.39. The three states gathered \$7,664.80 last year, and this year it is \$8,754.79. And this is not the only result. Brother Clayton has some who have already begun keeping the Sabbath, and more interested. Brother Hanson has held one meeting with good interest and more calls where there are interested ones than he can fill. Brother Perkins is just closing a good meeting in Augusta, and Brother Bailey has just begun an interest in Richmond with 300 present the first night.

We believe a little closer organization with the band of good workers we have will bring us a harvest of souls the coming year.

D. U. HALE.

GREATER NEW YORK

120 West 42d Street

C. B. Haynes, President

WE believe the readers of the GLEANER will be interested in the progress of the work among the colored people in Harlem. Harlem is a section of New York City where there is said to be the largest aggregation of colored people on the face of the earth.

Elder J. K. Humphrey has been laboring among his people here for twenty-three years, and under the blessing of God has been able to organize a very large church. This church has grown until there are between six and seven hundred members.

Some years ago a large building was purchased for this organization, but the rapidly increasing membership has now made this church building too small. It has been felt the better part of wisdom to divide the large interest in Harlem and call in another colored minister to take charge of a new church.

This has been done and Elder M. C. Strachan of Baltimore has accepted a call to the Greater New York conference and has entered upon his work in the field. The last Sabbath in December, in the presence of Elder A. G. Daniells, Elder E. K. Slade and Elder C. B. Haynes, Elder Strachan organized the Second Harlem church. This is now meeting in Carlton Hall where the Harlem Academy is also located.

This church has started on its work with great enthusiasm, while the First Harlem church which remains under the pastorate of Elder J. K. Humphrey has been greatly relieved and room provided for the large interest which Elder Humphrey always has. The Second Harlem church has now a membership of about 150, while the First Harlem church retains a membership of 480.

It was also thought best at the time this organization was taking place to bring into existence another colored church on 61st St., where there is a smaller colony of colored people. This will also be

under the general supervision of Elder M. C. Strachan, assisted by a local elder in the person of Jesse Cluff. Brother Cluff has labored untiringly at the 61st Street Mission and is made very happy to see this culmination of his labors.

We believe that both churches will be quite strong in the work of God in this field. With the church in Brooklyn, the one in New Rochelle and the one in White Plains, we now have six colored churches in the conference.

The regular monthly workers' meeting of the conference was held at the Temple, January 31, with a full attendance. The visitors were Francis D. Nichol, editor of the *Signs of the Times*, and F. D. Wells of the Atlantic Union.

At the workers' meeting there was strongly urged the need of square-up rally days during 1924, and every pastor pledged himself to present this matter to his congregation. It was because this was stressed so much last year that we were able to meet our sixty-cent-a-week goal. The first mission rally square-up day will be held on February 16, and we earnestly urge all of our churches to celebrate this occasion.

The president of the conference also presented at the workers' meeting the next Big Week, April 19-26. It was decided to use Elder Haynes' forthcoming book, "On the Eve of Armageddon," together with the new book, "The Great Judgment Day." Elder Haynes urged that we take the two needy fields, as a goal, namely, Japan and the Philippines. This would mean more than \$9,000. He urged that we plan to use 20,000 books this year. Sixteen thousand books were sold last year.

These suggestions met with a very hearty response, and we feel sure that there will be a real enthusiasm in this conference for the next Big Week campaign.

All of the workers at the workers' meeting greatly enjoyed the exercises of the Greater New York Academy students and teachers. Professor Morse, the principal, had taken great pains to place a line of placards before us, showing the number of students

attending from each church in the conference during each year of the history of the Academy. The workers visited the various classrooms and saw the classes at study. Special interest was shown in the cooking class and in the equipment in this room. The girls who were in the cooking class favored the workers with samples of their products. A chapel service was also conducted, as well as calisthenic drills.

Because of the shortage of our budget for 1924, it has become necessary in order to meet this deficit to ask our field missionary secretary, Brother G. M. Oberg, to enter the colporteur field work for some months. This he has pleasantly agreed to do, and we shall follow his experiment of selling books in the city with great interest. We trust that funds will come in soon so that this department of our work can soon be restored.

Another revival is about to begin in the Greater New York conference. This will be held in the Danish-Norwegian church, 618 50th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. The Danish-Norwegian members will be joined in this by the members of the Swedish-Brooklyn church, Italian-Brooklyn church, Finnish church and such members of the English-Brooklyn church as live in the Bayridge section of Brooklyn. The meetings begin Monday night, February 11, and several of the workers of the conference will unite in them, while Elder C. B. Haynes will lead out in the studies. We believe that they will result in great blessing to God's people.

It is a pleasure to report the laying of the corner-stone of the new Swedish-New York church building. This will take place at a special service Sunday, February 10, at the site of the church, 173d Street and Morris Avenue, Bronx. The laying of the corner-stone will begin at two o'clock sharp, and the address will be delivered by Elder Haynes.

The next workers' meeting will be held Thursday afternoon, February 28th, at 1:30 o'clock, in the Danish-Norwegian church, 618 50th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Greater New York Tract Society

We have arranged for a large shipment of bargain stock, consisting of "seconds" and damaged books, and including nearly all of our denominational books. These will be placed on sale at bargain prices, beginning Sunday, February 10, at our office. A complete list of titles and prices will be sent on request.

NEW ENGLAND

55 South Main St., Rochester, N. H.
D. U. Hale, President

CHURCH OFFICERS' INSTITUTE

We are planning for three church officers' institutes to be held this winter in the New England conference. The first of these will convene at Lewiston, Maine, February 14-17. The second institute will be held the following week in Burlington, Vermont, February 22-24. The last one will doubtless be held at Keene, New Hampshire, at a later date, when further arrangements can be made.

All church elders, missionary leaders, and church missionary secretaries are invited to be present. These institutes are designed to be of spiritual and educational value to our church leaders, and we trust that all mentioned will put forth special effort to attend. The conference will refund all traveling expenses, and will pay for all rooms and meals where free entertainment has not been provided. This should make possible a full attendance of these officers from the churches.

The officers from all the Maine churches will meet at Lewiston. Those from Vermont will attend the Burlington Institute, with the exception of those coming from the following churches in southern Vermont: Brattleboro, Townshend, Bellows Falls, and Jamaica. Officers from these four churches will unite with the New Hampshire church officers in the Keene, N. H., institute.

Upon arriving in Lewiston take a Sabbath or a Figure Eight car, getting off at the corner of Sabbath and Sylvan Avenue. The

church is a few doors from the corner. Those coming to Burlington, Vermont, will upon arriving board a Winooski car. The church is located at 190 North Winooski Avenue. Delegates will come directly to the church in each place. Come prepared for a spiritual feast.

H. P. GRAM.

* * BOOK WORK

It will be of interest to the members of our GLEANER family who are following the weekly reports of our faithful colporteurs in the New England conference and elsewhere, to learn of the following experience sent in by Brother A. M. Yeaton, who is working in Manchester, New Hampshire. He writes:

"Dear Brother Barnhardt: I am sending my report direct to Springfield, Mass., where you are attending the convention. This report of \$250.50 is the best I have ever sent for one week's work. My heart is full of praise to God for his goodness to me every day. I am not in the least worthy of these great blessings that I am continually receiving.

"While visiting in the homes last week I called at a very wealthy home, which I learned later was that of a millionaire. After giving him a canvass for Bible Readings, and describing several others of our large books, I was able to secure the following orders all in full leather bindings:

Bible Readings	8.50
Desire of Ages	9.50
Patriarchs & Prophets ...	8.50
Prophets & Kings	8.50
Daniel & Revelation	8.50
Great Controversy	8.50
Home Physician	9.50
Easy Steps	8.50

\$70.00

These books were paid for by check in advance."

Brother H. R. Rolfe, who has been working at the New England Sanitarium, has lately connected with Brother Yeaton in his work at Manchester. They are enjoying their work together, and are looking forward to richer experiences as the work goes forward in that part of the vineyard.

Brother F. B. Oaks is having good success in his labors in Rochester, New Hampshire. He is finding many people who are interested in the truth, and are purchasing our books because they are published by the Seventh-day Adventists. Many of these people attended our camp-meeting last year in this place, and were favorably impressed with what they heard.

Brother Oscar Gibbon, our youngest colporteur, is having some splendid experiences in Winooski, Vermont. He is handling our new book, "Patriarchs and Prophets," and enjoys his work there. We have several other men who will take up the work in the near future.

The harvest is white, but the laborers are few. "God calls the canvassers back to their work. He calls for volunteers who will put all their energies and enlightenment into the work, helping wherever there is opportunity. The Master calls for everyone to do the part given him according to his ability."

—*Colporteur Evangelist*, page 26.
Are you interested in these things? Is God calling you? If so kindly correspond with A. M. Barnhardt, Field Miss. Sec'y.

NEW YORK

Union Springs, N. Y.

J. K. Jones, President

THE MEETING IN SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

THE meeting held in Springfield, Massachusetts, January 20-28, was the session of the Atlantic Union Conference which comes once in four years. At this session, officers were elected and resolutions adopted that affect the work in each local conference. Elder E. K. Slade was re-elected president, and we bespeak for him the hearty support of our good people in the New York conference.

The Atlantic Union conference holds the honor of being the first union conference among us to reach its full quota for 1923 of 60-cents-a-week per member for foreign missions. The New York conference, by going over between

five and six thousand dollars, was a strong factor in this worthy endeavor.

At this meeting there were present from the General Conference, Elder W. A. Spicer, president, Elders C. S. Longacre, J. S. James, J. A. Stevens, F. C. Gilbert, and L. Passebois; also Brethren Mace, Richmond, and Nichol, representing our book and magazine work. The talks by Elder Spicer, showing how our work is advancing in foreign lands, gave us great hope that God is soon to finish his work in the earth.

The actions taken by this meeting, together with a full report of what took place, will appear from time to time in the GLEANER. We sent our delegates as requested by the Union conference, and we believe our workers gained an experience that will more than pay for the expense involved.

J. K. JONES.

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THE SQUARING-UP DAY

February 16, 1924

THE General Conference is very anxious that on Sabbath, February 16, an effort be put forth in each church to reach its quota on the mission funds. They are anxious that we go ahead all we can during the early months of the year, thus making the burden lighter later on.

I merely call attention to this date, trusting that each church member, as far as possible, will do his best for missions, Sabbath, February 16.

Our work abroad is going by leaps and bounds, and soon the Master will come. Let us do what we can now, for soon "the night cometh, when no man can work."

J. K. JONES.

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LOST—A MARKED BIBLE!

DR. OTIS reports that his Bible has been misplaced. His name is embossed on outside cover. It was thoroughly marked throughout with cross-references to Testimonies in margin. Any information will be greatly appreciated.

Address

DR. E. F. OTIS,
South Lancaster, Mass.

BOOK WORK, WEEK ENDING JAN. 26, 1924

New York, J. E. Whelpley, Field Secretary							Southern New England, J. R. Osborne, Field Secretary							
Name	Bk	Hrs	Value	Helps	Total	Del	Name	Bk	Hrs	Value	Helps	Total	Del	
C. M. Brewer	PP	37	46 00	3 00	49 00		P. G. Bristol	BR	36	47 50	5 25	52 75		
D. P. Evans	PP	37	14 00	16 25	30 25		Mrs. F. Cahoon	BR	26	16 50	6 25	22 75	3 00	
A. R. Evans	PP	37	36 00	22 00	58 00	15 25	W. L. Hubbel	HP	31	13 50	1 50	14 50	50 00	
H. C. Scharnweber	PP	37	16 50	17 25	33 75	10 00	S. Lombard	OD	41	78 50	2 75	81 25	248 50	
T. O. Saxton	OD	36	48 00	14 75	62 75		Rose L'Heureux	PG	6	6 00		6 75		
W. A. Darby	PG	32	62 00	10 00	72 00		Albert Rasmussen	BR	20	50 00	6 50	56 50	8 25	
L. E. Atherton	PP	29	37 50	1 25	38 75	7 25	Ellery Robinson	WCS	21	17 35		17 35	17 35	
E. Hicks	DA	29	26 00	9 25	35 25	50 25	L. J. Shanley	BR	10	5 50	2 35	7 85	1 60	
J. H. Decley	PP	24	33 00	3 50	36 50	5 50	Edith Simkin	BR	27	38 00	7 95	45 95		
C. Matteson	OD	27	57 75	2 25	60 00		Katherine Strouse				2 65	2 65	2 65	
J. Lindsey	PP	23	18 00		18 00		Mrs. G. H. Strouse	OD		6 00	6 00	12 00		
W. Watson	BR	18	54 00		54 00	139 25	F. L. Willruth	PP	27	34 50	7 35	41 85	2 60	
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E. L. Kennedy				1 75	1 75	1 75	Margaret Huber	BR	42	59 25	7 45	66 70	42 45	
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*H. L. Harlan	OD	83	94 40	55 25	149 65		Roberta Lewis	HW	62		29 00	29 00	29 00	
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							Mrs. Anna Martin			1000			250 00	
							Miss Florence Keene			925			231 25	
							Mrs. J. L. Yarwood			450			112 50	
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							Mrs. Emma Adams			200			100 00	
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WANTED.—A middle-aged woman for general housework in a family of two elderly people. Address Post Office Box 262, Wakefield, Rhode Island.

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No substitute has ever been found for honey as made by the bees. Write for prices in larger quantities by freight or express.

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290 State Street, Lowville, N. Y.

ATLANTIC UNION COLLEGE

WE were pleased to have Elder F. C. Gilbert with us this week-end. He spoke in students' meeting and impressed upon our minds that God would make a man more precious than gold, and that he was waiting to do that thing for each one. At the church Sabbath morning he showed us the greatness of our work in all the world. As we listened we could not help remembering that statement of Sister White: "We have nothing to fear in the future unless we should forget the way the Lord has led us, and his teaching in our past history."

Professor Saunders visited the school this week and spoke in chapel. We were also glad to hear Professor Thurber's message.

Brother C. A. Holt, associate editor of the *Review and Herald*, was a guest of the college this week. His talks were appreciated by the students and teachers. We hope Brother Holt will come again.

The second number of our lecture course was given Saturday night in the college chapel by Dr. B. F. Allen. His subject was "Blocking the Traffic."

Mr. Dawson enjoyed a visit from his sister Marion this week-end.

THE STRANGERS

IN Lev. 19:34 we are given directions concerning our duties toward the strangers dwelling among us. We are told to love them as ourselves. This we have not done in the past as much as we should. We have been slow in reaching out and working for them. Notwithstanding this we have now over fourteen thousand Sabbath-keepers from among the different foreign nationalities in this country; and more are accepting this truth every day.

Letters received from Brethren Chartier and Fortier, our two French workers in this Union, speak of the interest they have among the people, and both re-

port new French Sabbath-keepers.

The writer was in Amesbury recently and had the pleasure of ordaining one of our French Sabbath-keepers as assistant elder and another as deacon of that church. The prospects are very bright for more new French believers in that church.

After the service Elder Freiberger took the writer in his car to the church in Haverhill where we found a good company. The spirit of the Lord was present at the service.

Let us not be weary in well-doing, and with the literature visit our neighbors and friends, not forgetting the strangers.

L. F. PASSEBOIS.

MISSIONS RALLY SABBATH February 16.

WE are depending on union and local conference officials to strongly promote the Missions Rally Sabbath, February 16. Rally Sabbath readings have been sent each church elder. We suggest the program for the day be so given as to bring a spiritual blessing to all. The pledging and square-up plans should be effectively presented. Every conference worker and church elder should be awake to the possibilities of this important occasion. At the Autumn Council, all monthly mission Sabbaths were surrendered and all decided that if the four Missions Rally Sabbaths were observed, city pastors and church elders should work to make these days count for missions.

We are sending no letter to church elders, leaving each union and local conference to carry out its own promotion. This occasion may effectually prevent idling in raising mission funds in the early part of the year, and we expect to learn that both union and local officials, as well as associated workers, are giving new impetus to Missions Rally Sabbaths in 1924. Time is brief to promote the Rally Sabbath, February 16. Quick action is necessary.

J. L. SHAW,
General Conference Treasurer.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY DAY, MARCH 1

IMPORTANT ISSUES PENDING

LET everybody keep in mind that Religious Liberty Day comes on March 1, and that very important issues are pending before the country. Sunday bills are pending before many of our state legislatures which are now in session, Sunday-law crusades are raging in many localities, Sunday observance ordinances are pending before a large number of city and town municipalities, and Sunday-law prosecution cases are awaiting decisions before the courts, including the cases of Seventh-day Adventists.

A bill is pending in each house of Congress, which if enacted into law would practically nullify the Constitution of the United States and place it below the level of acts of Congress. We are doing all we can to defeat this measure as it jeopardizes all our rights and liberties.

Our church schools are now threatened to be closed unless we can win our case before the Supreme Court of the United States.

Let every church member contribute a dollar, if possible, for the cause of religious liberty, on Religious Liberty Day,—Sabbath, March 1.

Do not forget to renew your church club of *Liberty Magazine* as well as your individual subscriptions to it. The special price at this season of the year, when so many subscriptions are taken up, is only 25 cents per year, and the church club of fifty or more, at the rate of 6 1-4 cents a copy.

C. S. LONGACRE,
General Secretary,
Religious Liberty Department.

SOUTH LANCASTER SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION

ON the Sabbath, February 9, a one-day Sabbath School convention will be held at the church in South Lancaster. The Sabbath School will open at 9:45 a. m., sharp.

J. N. CLAPP.