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Four Years of Progress

W. A. NELSON, *President*



The president at his desk.

Address presented at the Sixth Quadrennial Session of the Canadian Union Conference at Edmonton, Alberta, May 5, 1959

Meeting the needs of a growing, expanding programme has been the primary objective of our conferences and institutions during the past Quadrennial period. A net increase of 3,045 in membership since the turn of the decade brought an added responsibility to our conferences and churches to provide adequate church facilities and school accommodations for this augmented church family. In meeting this need a permanent work has been done that will continue to serve the cause for many years to come.

The blessing of God has been manifest in all the activities of the church. The years of the Quadrennium have been largely years of recession, yet through these years the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada has prospered.

Tithes and Offerings

The tithe for the years 1955-1958 totalled \$4,657,334.03. This is an increase over the preceding period of \$1,099,507.00. During each of the last two years Ingathering funds exceeded a quarter of a million dollars, with a total for the period of \$960,697.57. The Sabbath school showed an increase of \$173,677.00, with Sabbath school offerings for the period totalling \$826,285.07. The mission offerings for the four years reached almost two million dollars, the exact total being, \$1,914,908.98. This represents an increase of \$400,000.00.

During these years the conferences made an additional appropriation to the world work in the percentage-of-tithe-to-missions that totalled \$939,940.03. Conferences and institutions reported in sustentation \$491,842.93.

In recognition of the value of the College of Medical Evangelists to the work in Canada \$19,069.95 was given to the support of this important institution. We have now a large number of CME graduates well established in their work. These doctors, dentists, nurses and other medical personnel are a real blessing to the work of the church in this field.

The conferences are to be commended for the financial support that they are making available to help establish such valued workers.

During the Quadrennial period, the giving of \$69,296.62 shows the appreciation of our churches and members for the work and influence of the *Voice of Prophecy* and *Faith For Today*. For *Famine Relief* and other specific offerings an additional \$46,404.59 was sent to the General Conference.

These funds total \$3,484,788.18, and measure the faithfulness of our members and their devotion to the cause of missions. In addition to the foregoing the Union and local conferences appropriated to Canadian Union College and Oshawa Missionary College for operating subsidy and capital improvements \$273,104.39. The appropriations from the Union to local conferences and missions within the field totalled \$233,596.00. Additional funds came from the General Conference to certain of our institutions and conferences. During 1958 these funds from the General Conference totalled \$470,896.74.

The total of all funds received for the four years, including the operation of the local churches, for the work at home and abroad was \$8,214,029.00.

We have in this brief financial report a fulfillment of a prediction that Sister White made at a camp meeting held at Magog, Province of Quebec, August 16, 1880, during the early history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada. She said at that camp meeting that if the members of the church would be "faithful in contributing of their means for the support of the cause of God . . . and if all engaged in the missionary work" that the church in Canada would be greatly prospered.

However, the wealth of this cause is in the faith and love of the truth that is within the hearts of workers and members alike, and in the vision and dedicated service that they bring to it.

Evangelism and New Members

We are thankful for the new converts added to the church during the Quadrennium, and for the net increase of membership. We wish that the numbers were multiplied many-fold.

Because of pressing financial needs in meeting the growth of the work most of the conferences have had very little money for evangelism. In carrying the various denominational objectives and in raising funds for local needs and building churches, the limited force of ministers in each field has been more than busy. Few have had opportunity to hold evangelistic efforts; yet notwithstanding this a total of 3,023 new members were added to our churches by baptism during the four years, giving a net increase of 1,389. This increase is larger than the combined membership of the Maritime and Newfoundland Conferences.

To carry the denominational programme and at the same time insure the minister the major portion of his time for direct evangelism and pastoral obligations is the paramount problem and responsibility of the leadership of the church.

Our faithful colporteurs have been in the forefront in the soul-winning activities of the church. The colporteur evangelists have placed in the homes of the people everywhere truth-filled literature valued at \$1,791,520.09. Many of our new members were first interested in the truth by the ministry of the printed page. A number of our colporteurs have exceeded deliveries of \$10,000.00 a year. Two of our conferences in Canada have set a record for North America in scholarships earned by student colporteurs during the summer months.

Institutions

The Kingsway Publishing House and the Maracle Press have enjoyed a prosperity unknown in previous years. For 1958 the combined profit of these two organizations totalled \$47,057.29. These institutions with our other institutions employ a large number of Seventh-day Adventists. Altogether the entire labouring force in Canada is 655.

In this report we should tell of the expansion in both Kingsway and Maracle Press. Kingsway expanded its floor space during the Quadrennium by 17,576 square feet. This expansion was needed in order to take care of the increased business of both houses.



Yorkton, Saskatchewan Church, dedicated May 3, 1958.

The total sales of all our Book and Bible Houses through Kingsway during the past four years was \$2,015,323.00. Maracle Press is operating at full capacity with production for the Quadrennial period totalling \$2,598,934.00. This makes a total for both sections of \$4,600,000.00. In Maracle Press during the past four years new equipment in the amount of \$176,957.45 was installed. For the first time in some years the assets exceed the liabilities which include an indebtedness of \$348,000.00 to Kingsway for which Kingsway receives interest.

Kingsway is without debt, and its present net-worth stands at \$650,000.00, with a working capital of \$166,000.00. During 1958 Maracle Press bound for Kingsway 55,800 cloth-bound volumes of denominational literature.

Rest Haven Hospital during the past four years has been completely renovated and equipped with the most modern medical facilities. While the institution is small, having a bed capacity of only sixty, yet the service that it offers in its rooms is the most modern. The facilities of the operating room and the institution's equipment are comparable to that offered in larger hospitals. The communities of Sidney and Victoria are proud of this institution with its marvellous and beautiful marine view.

The Branson Hospital is the newest of our institutions. This hospital is operated by the Ontario-Quebec Conference. The Branson Hospital was opened in July of 1957 and almost from the start has been filled to capacity. The hospital was opened with sixty beds and then enlarged to its present 101 beds. Plans have been approved and funds raised for still another addition that will bring the bed capacity to 151. During 1958 a nurses' residence with all facilities to accommodate sixty nurses was completed. The cost of new construction during the single year of 1958 was \$385,000.00. This was accomplished with no additional indebtedness. The total cost to date is \$1,800,000.00. The Branson Hospital is a work of faith. Truly the blessing of the Lord has been upon this important institution, and with this blessing the influence of Branson Hospital is extending in an ever-widening circle.

Approval has been given for establishing a school of nursing. The administration is now seeking to build a faculty. It is expected that this training school will begin next February. Our young people will have an exceptional opportunity for nurses' training in that no tuition fees will be charged. However, funds are needed to erect a nurses' dormitory. The hospital solicits the wholehearted co-operation of ALL the church here in Canada to construct this building.

The Oshawa Missionary College continues to fulfill the purpose of its establishment. With very limited funds the school has still made advancement. The administration building has been very much improved with its modern entrance. We have been glad, too, for the paving of the roads and the improvement of the campus. The college is now seeking funds to develop the industries. A new ladies' dormitory and administration building are major needs. The administration with the Board has plans for the institution that seek to make the years just ahead the best for Oshawa Missionary College.

With the help of substantial appropriations from the General Conference marked development has been made at Canadian Union College. A strong faculty has been assembled. New industries have been established. The woodwork and upholstery factory working together had gross sales for 1958 of a quarter of a million dollars. Several new homes have been provided for the faculty. Six additional residences have been authorized to be constructed during the current year. All of this represents definite progress. There is being launched this year an ambitious programme of faith to raise one million dollars to expand both the facilities and the scholastic offerings of the college. It is felt that the time has

come to build up CUC to full college stature. The administration under the expansion programme will seek to build the scholastic qualifications of the college so that full collegiate work can also be offered in history, literature, science, mathematics, commerce and music in addition to the present courses in religion and theology. These high and worthy objectives will not be reached in a year or two, but we believe that the expansion programme that has already been adopted and that includes the above scholastic attainments can and will be reached within a ten-year period.

New Churches and Schools

We have already referred to the responsibility that the conferences and churches have in meeting the demands of a growing membership. To be more specific: During the four years fourteen new churches and ten companies were organized. Thirty new church buildings were either built or purchased. Eighteen new schools were constructed. This addition of churches and schools is the picture in every conference across Canada.

Let me refer to our most remote conference, Newfoundland, off our eastern shores in the Atlantic. During the four years one very fine church was purchased in St. John's and three other churches were built, one at Bay Roberts, one at Botwood and one at Corner Brook, and at each of the last three, new schools were also built. The St. John's elementary school and academy with an enrollment of 175 has served the church and community now for many years.

Among the thirty new churches we should list the larger ones such as Willowdale on the Branson Hospital campus, Edmonton, Rest Haven, Mission City and Langley Prairie. We have appreciated the generous appropriations from the General Conference that helped to make possible the erection of these churches and others not named.

Because of a marked increase in membership making present facilities altogether inadequate other of our large churches have already taken steps to erect new houses of worship. Included in this number are Toronto First, Oshawa Missionary College, Vancouver, New Westminster, Calgary and Oshawa City.

Conference Offices

The Union and three local conferences are now housed in modern headquarters office buildings. Camp meeting grounds and junior camps in some fields have been wonderfully developed.

A Challenge

Our greatest challenge is in the Province of Quebec. Since the death of Elder Bureau, a year ago we have had but one worker in the French Mission. We are seeking now for workers of experience in the French language. Our members in the French Mission are one with our members everywhere in holding up the banner of truth and in carrying the denominational programme.

Intrinsic Value

In this report we have referred to some of the work sponsored by the various departments except one, that of the department of Public Affairs. It would be difficult to tabulate the results of this department, for its benefits are intangible but nonetheless important and of great intrinsic value to the cause of God across this great country.

Appreciation

I want to express my personal appreciation to the entire Union force for the important responsibilities each one has carried and to the members of the Union Executive Committee and to the members of the various Boards for their counsel, vision and co-operation in the heavy and diversified programme of the church.

In making this report we have nothing whereof to boast.

The constitution under which we operate calls for a report of the work throughout the Union to be made to the delegates assembled in Quadrennial Session. This we have endeavoured to do. We recognize that we have but compiled the figures and the statistics that were sent to us by the conferences. The actual work has been done in the conferences and in the institutions under the direction of their respective officials. We are grateful for the strong leadership that these brethren and the workers associated with them have given to the work.

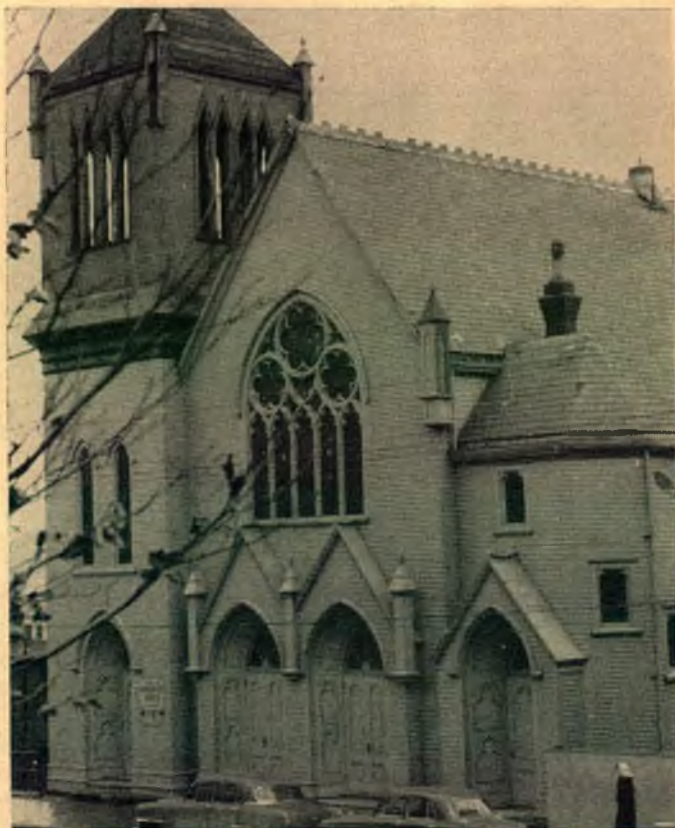
We recognize that only the Lord can prosper and give the increase. We thank the Lord for what He has done through His faithful servants in the field. We are thankful in the Union office for the little part that we have had, and for the privilege of serving. The Lord who has blessed and prospered His work through the years, some of them years of war and some of adversity and recession, will continue to prosper His work in this great field.

We are mindful of the great loss that the cause of God has suffered in the death of Elder Bureau, of Brother and Sister Hoag and little David, and the more recent sudden death of Elder R. J. Ritchie. These faithful servants died in the harness and we know that the influence of their lives and works will continue.

We are mindful, too, of brethren who have been with us in the past and who are now serving in important responsibilities in other fields including sixteen workers and their families who went directly from Canada to overseas Divisions in the last four years.

We welcome the workers and their families who have united with the headquarters staff and who have joined the forces in our conferences and institutions.

We face the future with faith and courage. We know that the best years for the cause of God are just before us. We believe that the groundwork is being laid now for the work of the other angel of Revelation 18.



Beautiful church purchased by Seventh-day Adventists in St. John's, Newfoundland. Final payment was made February 14, 1958.



No Recession In Adventist Income

E. L. GREEN, *Secretary-Treasurer*

Tithe Income

The records of your Canadian Union Conference show a steady growth of nearly one million dollars tithe for each of the past four quadrennia. It is amazing to realize that only twenty years ago, the tithe receipts for the preceding four-year period amounted to only \$588,916. Today, our report to you shows \$4,657,333 for the past four years.

The TITHE is God's own system for the support of His work and ministers. But, we would remind you, that the tithe receipts of \$4,657,333 now being reported, are not expended entirely for the support of the work in the Dominion of Canada.

Each of our local conferences pay a tithe of their tithe to administer the work of your National Church Headquarters and their staff of workers. Canada is a large field in territory, which requires much travel in order to keep in touch with a rapidly expanding work. But, even this "tithe of the tithe" is not sufficient to care for this expense. We wish to thank our General Conference administrators for their liberality to Canada in making available funds from other sections of our world-wide work to enable us to carry forward our work in a strong manner.

The blessings of our Lord have been manifested in many ways during the past four years. It will be remembered that business men in general have been discussing a mild recession from which we are just beginning to emerge.

The report we bring you today, shows no evidence of a recession in the income of our church members.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church considers that the tithe income from their church members is a true index of their income. This record shows a very greatly increased income for every church member, and is an evidence of the blessing of the Lord upon those who return to Him for His work their faithful tithe.

Average Incomes

The average income of every man, woman, and child, who is a member of the church for the year 1958, was \$945.97. This compares with four years ago for 1954, when it was \$750.58. This is an increase of nearly \$200 per member.

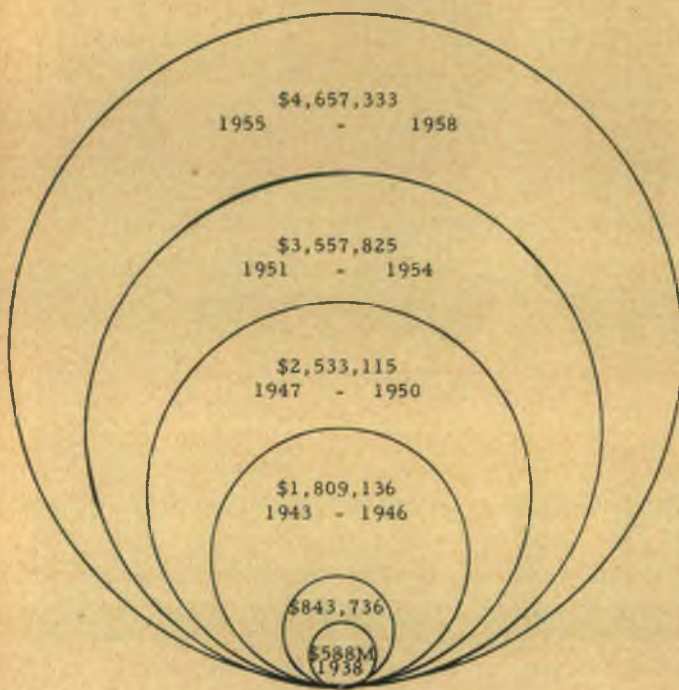
It is also interesting to note that out of this average income of \$945.97, the average church member gives \$159.87 back to his church. This is 17%.

Mission Giving

The Mission giving of our people shows an increase of over \$500,000 during this four-year period under review. Twenty years ago, the mission giving of our people showed only \$364,000 for a four-year period. Compare this with the report today of \$1,914,907.

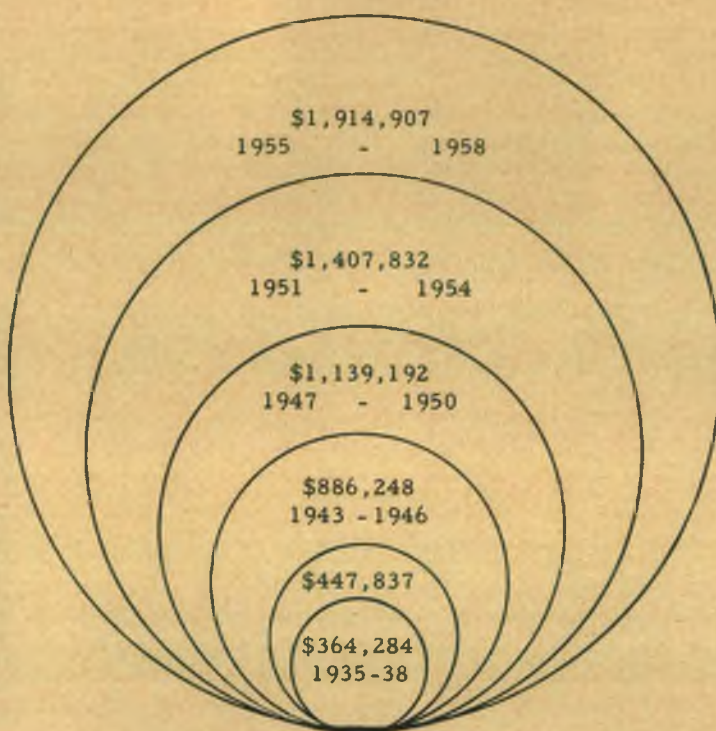
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Financial Statements

On the following pages you will find a summary of the statements showing the financial operation of your Canadian Union Conference. These statements show safe operating procedures within the incomes allowed your conference.

The accounting records and statements have been scrutinized by your General Conference auditors, and their statement of audit is recorded for your information.

Reserves

Your conference officers have endeavoured to build up the operating reserves of the Canadian Union Conference. At the close of the year 1958, there were sufficient liquid assets on hand to cover all of our accounts payable, trust funds, and reserve funds, leaving an operating fund of nearly \$84,000. Most of this fund has been loaned out to institutions for the expansion of their work.

Appropriations

Your conference officers were happy to report that it has been possible to return to our conference and institutions \$233,596 out of our operating funds during the past four years. These appropriations have had the approval of the Executive Committee.

We wish to express our grateful thanks to our great Lord and Master in making possible this fine report. Without His help and guidance it would not have been possible.

We wish also to give credit to a fine group of workers in

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

To the Constituency of the
Canadian Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

The auditing staff of the General Conference have audited the balance sheets of the Canadian Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and its related Corporation as of the close of the years 1955, 1956, 1957, and 1958, and the related operating statements for each of these years.

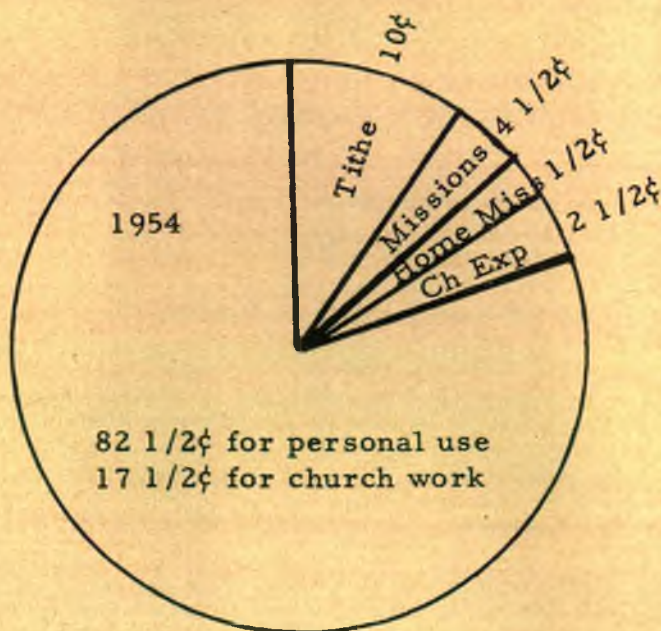
The accompanying balance sheets and operating statements of these organizations are true summaries of the complete audited reports, and in our opinion present fairly the financial condition of the Canadian Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and its related Corporation at the close of each year, and the results of their operation for the calendar years 1955 - 1958.

E. L. Becker
E. L. Becker, Auditor
General Conference of
Seventh-day Adventists

Oshawa, Ontario
April 1, 1959

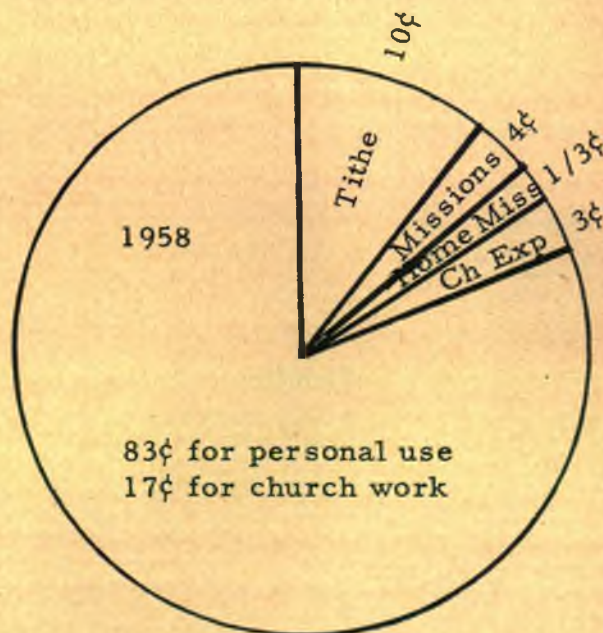
each of our local conference offices. The presidents and treasurers have been most helpful and prompt with their reports. Without them, we would not be able to render this fine report.

How the Adventist Dollar Is Used By Church Members In Canada



1954

AVERAGE INCOME	\$750.58
AVERAGE USE BY MEMBERS:	
Tithe	75.05
Mission Giving	33.39
Home Missions	4.02
Local Church Expense	20.00
Total Personal church donations	132.46
Balance—personal use	618.12
TOTAL AVERAGE INCOME	750.58



1958

AVERAGE INCOME	\$945.97
AVERAGE USE BY MEMBERS:	
Tithe	94.60
Mission Giving	35.95
Home Missions	2.83
Local Church Expense	26.49
Total Personal Church donations	159.87
Balance—personal use	786.10
TOTAL AVERAGE INCOME	945.97

**Canadian Union Conference S.D.A.
Operating Statement
1955 - 1958**

Income				
	1955	1956	1957	1958
Tithe	102,151	110,468	123,578	133,630
Interest	778	422	2,011	1,872
Other Income	4,862	167	1,643	1,205
Total Income	107,791	111,057	127,232	136,707
Expense				
Labourers' Salary and Expense	63,074	66,301	69,453	70,834
Office	13,238	11,600	14,857	16,455
Specific	6,501	2,615	3,143	14,707
Appropriations, Special	31,736	31,615	35,904	43,572
Percentage of Tithe	18,363	19,858	21,755	23,913
Total Expense	132,912	131,989	145,112	169,481
Operating Loss without Subsidies	25,121	20,932	17,880	32,774
Subsidies received	39,723	27,200	32,700	40,700
Net Increase for Year	14,602	6,268	14,820	7,926

**Canadian Union Conference S.D.A.
Balance Sheet — 1955 - 1958**

Assets				
	1955	1956	1957	1958
Current:				
Cash and Bank and Securities	82,322	101,414	52,594	105,953
Accounts Receivable	3,828	2,786	4,374	3,733
Notes or Loans Receivable	38,665		69,879	68,500
Total Current Assets	124,815	104,200	126,847	178,186
Fixed:				
Furniture and Fixtures				
Less Depreciation	6,925	6,017	6,820	6,801
Total Assets	131,740	110,217	133,667	184,987
Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	38,762	12,911	11,418	18,223
Trust Funds	16,019	29,080	39,203	59,792
Total Liabilities	54,781	41,991	50,621	78,015
Regular Net Worth	61,959	68,226	83,046	90,972
Reserve Funds	15,000			16,000
Total Liabilities and Net Worth	131,740	110,217	133,667	184,987

**Canadian Union Conference Corporation
of S.D.A. Balance Sheet
1955 - 1958**

Assets				
	1955	1956	1957	1958
Current:				
Cash, Bank, and Bonds	17,224	22,224	25,568	33,036
Accounts Receivable		685	1,367	
Prepaid Expense	144	142	217	2,165
Mortgage	1,412			97
Total Current Assets	18,780	23,051	27,152	35,298
Fixed:				
Real Estate,				
Less Reserve	100,824	99,408	96,711	90,704
Total Assets	119,604	122,459	123,863	126,002
Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	300	300	300	300
Net worth	119,304	122,159	123,563	125,702
Total Liabilities and Net Worth	119,604	122,459	123,863	126,002

Taxes	1,736	1,887	1,953	3,231
Miscellaneous		92	1	25
Total Expense	5,698	7,522	9,323	10,466
Net Increase for Year	5,170	2,856	1,404	2,138

**Canadian Union Conference Corporation
of S.D.A. Operating Statement
1955 - 1958**

Income				
	1955	1956	1957	1958
Rents Received	10,162	9,919	9,942	9,604
Interest	390	459	600	1,067
Other Income	316		185	1,933
Total Income	10,868	10,378	10,727	12,604
Disbursements				
Depreciation	3,249	3,298	3,298	3,358
Insurance	125	125	123	101
Building Upkeep	588	2,120	3,948	3,751

**Canadian Union Conference Corporation
of Seventh-day Adventists**

Four years ago, our quadrennial meeting was held in Ottawa. At that time we were in the process of combining the Eastern and Western Canadian Union Conference Corporations. These have been the legal corporations for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada for many years.

On May 19, 1955, the Twenty-Second Parliament granted our petition to incorporate the Canadian Union Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists thus replacing the Eastern and the Western corporations. This involved no change in the financial structure of our legal corporations. Deeds to properties held by the Eastern and Western corporations, automatically passed to our new corporation.

Much credit for this important act should be given to our Public Affairs department in charge of Elder D. L. Michael. Through his good graces, we were able to secure the services of Senator David A. Croll, who sponsored our bill, and carried it through for us. We are happy that the Honourable David A. Croll consented to be with us at this meeting and address us.

There is appended to this report, a complete financial statement of your corporation during the past quadrennium. There is very little activity in your corporation, since the main function is that of a holding corporation for denominational church properties. Most of our church properties are held in the corporations organized in the various provinces of Canada. Titles to properties used by your Dominion corporation only, are vested in this corporation.

Your General Conference auditors have audited our records, and their statement appears in this report.

E. L. GREEN, *treasurer*

Membership Report

It is a pleasure to be able to report that the membership of our Seventh-day Adventist churches in the Dominion of Canada passed the fourteen thousand mark during 1958.

Membership now stands at 14,028, which is a gain of 1489 members during the past four years. That is one new member each twenty-four hours.

The Canadian Union Conference has shown a healthy and steady growth for many years, as shown by the accompanying chart. Membership growth by quadrennia was as follows:

1938	8,330	members
1942	9,325	"
1946	10,144	"
1950	11,386	"
1954	12,639	"
1958	14,028	"

The Canadian Union Conference is no longer the smallest in North America, having passed the Northern Union in the year 1955.

Baptisms

Baptisms have not increased as rapidly as during former quadrennia. They are shown in an accompanying chart, as follows:

1946	2389	baptisms
1950	2878	"
1954	3005	"
1958	3023	"

Membership Transfers

The movements of members within our Union are shown as follows:

106 members moved into British Columbia from other provinces

139 members moved into Ontario-Quebec

120 members moved out of Alberta

118 members moved out of Manitoba and Saskatchewan

50 members moved out of the Maritimes

23 members moved out of Newfoundland

9 members moved from the French Mission

Thus the trend continues to the East and the Western provinces.

Membership Losses

Membership losses accounted for 54% of our baptisms. There were 1001 Apostasies dropped from the church records.

558 deaths

75 moved outside of Canada

1634 membership losses during the four-year period.

Labourers

During the past four years we have added the following labourers:

17 ministers

31 licensed missionaries

8 elementary teachers

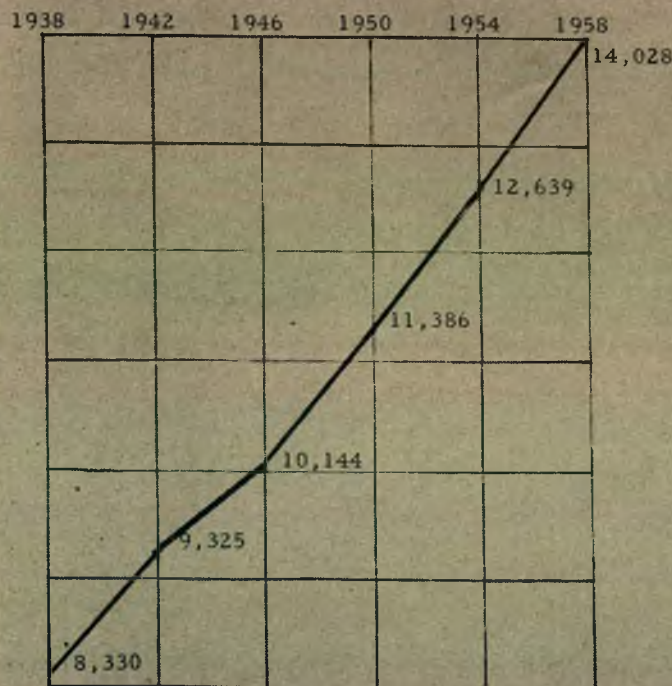
At our last Session, it was reported that each licensed or ordained minister cared for 119 church members on the average.

Today, the responsibility has decreased to 112.

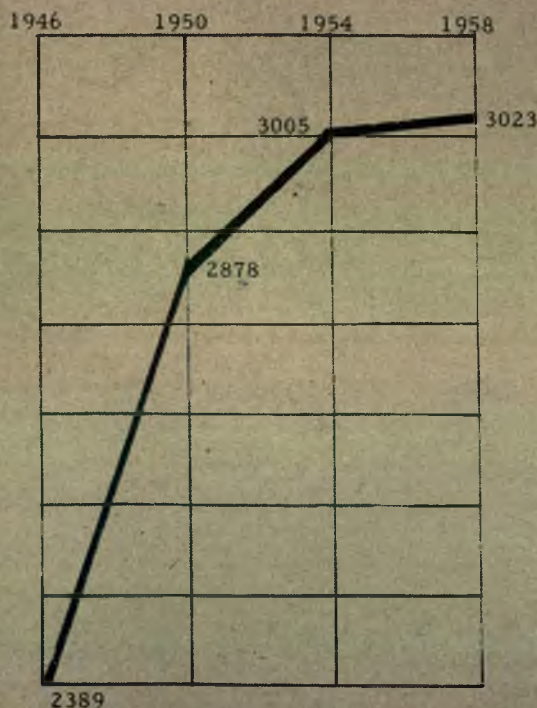
If our ministry could be freed from pastoral responsibility such as the raising of funds, the building of churches, and the organization of the church in its many and varied activities, and thus could give their entire time to the proclamation of the Gospel, there could be a decided change in the picture we have presented. We must keep on trying to find out how this can be accomplished.

E. L. GREEN, *Secretary,*
Canadian Union Conference S.D.A.

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH BY QUADRENNIA



BAPTISMS





The Church's Witness in The Community

DARREN L. MICHAEL, *Secretary, Department of Public Affairs*

The last four years represent a period of growth and increasing service rendered to the Church by its Department of Public Affairs.

Public Affairs

Streamlining of the denomination's corporate status was advanced greatly when in 1955, the Parliament of Canada passed and His Excellency, the Governor-General, signed into law the Bill merging the Western Canadian Union Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists and the Eastern Canadian Union Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists into the Canadian Union Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists. This was a step that was long overdue. The new corporation is now functioning smoothly with the necessary actions of the church being conducted in a manner beyond any legal doubt or question and safeguarded by broad powers and comprehensive provisions that envisage the broadest range of denominational activity.

Religious Liberty

In the field of religious liberty and the preservation of human rights this arm of the church has been active and we believe that many of its undertakings have been effective.

Discrete efforts to achieve Canadian opposition to calendar reform proposals as fostered at the United Nations have been successful. Contacts made in that connection could well prove to be most significant in the light of certain very confidential information which has recently come to hand from various sources in Europe that due to certain ecclesiastical developments of the highest type this matter might be subjected to the strongest and most significant endorsement and promotion. This Department will maintain an alert posture toward such developments and will not hesitate to recommend such action as it might seem wise to undertake to prevent the adoption of a calendar that would destroy the historic weekly cycle.

Certain efforts to secure a more sympathetic and understanding attitude on the part of organized labour toward Seventh-day Adventists have been pursued with vigour during the last four years. These efforts were climaxed by the submission of two briefs which we believe have played a significant role in reversing the traditional coolness of labour toward the official Adventist position. The brief presented to the Select Committee on Labour Relations of the Ontario Legislature won high praise from legislators and labour leaders alike and resulted in a noticeable change of attitude on the part of labour organizations toward Seventh-day Adventists who requested exemption from membership in labour unions where the closed shop or union shop exists. A brief submitted to the federal Minister of Labour, at his request, has placed these views before the proper authorities on the federal level with the assurance that they will receive proper and full consideration in the event there are any comprehensive reforms contemplated in federal labour legislation.

High-level contacts and associations at the United Nations,

Parliament, and various provincial legislatures have been developed and maintained with a view to widening the base of understanding and friendship toward the work of the church amongst key leaders of public opinion and government. Certain electoral changes have not resulted in the work of previous years being negated, indeed, on the contrary, contacts made when certain personalities were further removed from high positions of public trust, than their current responsibilities now involve, have proved to be most rewarding and beneficial. Consistent efforts have been made to maintain a basic minimum of acquaintance with key government leaders on the provincial level. It must be understood that the primary responsibility in this area rests with the local conferences. And, with a few isolated, inconsistent instances this still remains the weakest link in the denomination's religious liberty programme in Canada.

Here tribute must be paid to the Ontario-Quebec Conference for having taken the imaginative and progressive step of naming a secretary of public affairs to care for religious liberty concerns in their field. This is a development which could commend itself to other conferences with a view to having far-reaching consequences of the most salutary nature.

Grateful appreciation must be expressed for the unstinting interest and co-operation given by the General Conference to almost all the undertakings of a religious liberty nature of this Department. Especially, it should be mentioned that requests for the incomparable services of Dr. Jean Nussbaum and his stellar talents have never been refused. His wide experience and unique linguistic abilities have supplemented the service and achievements of this Department in a manner



D. L. Michael, Public Affairs Secretary with other denominational representatives meet with the President of the United Nations, His Excellency Dr. Charles Malik of Lebanon.

that could never have been duplicated in any other way by any other person.

One of the most outstanding developments in this area of activity was planned during the quadrennium, but actually implemented in the early days of the current year. A brief outlining the church's views on the "Bill of Rights" advocated by the present Prime Minister received a most favourable reception on all levels of its submission to a degree that not even its most avid supporters, authors and architects had anticipated!

Public Relations

Positive gains in the area of public information through the wise utilization of mass media of communications have been registered during the past quadrennium. Consistent coverage in local newspapers and over radio and TV outlets has increased markedly. Effective promotion and leadership by conference public relations directors have accounted in large measure for these heartening gains. Faithful work by a growing army of local, lay press secretaries working closely with their pastors has made this impressive record possible.

This Department has co-operated fully in efforts that have been crowned with success in terms of stories portraying various aspects of denominational faith and works in mass media. The Canadian *Liberty* magazine, *Life*, *Look*, *Reader's Digest*, *Coronet*, *National Geographic* and the *Toronto Star Weekly* are a partial list of large-circulation magazines which have carried one or more stories about Seventh-day Adventists during the last quadrennium. In addition, local newspapers in large metropolitan centres have also carried many feature stories about Seventh-day Adventists that have been most impressive. Coverage of the recent General Conference Session in Cleveland saw a record-breaking level of news coverage in Canada that no previous General Conference Session has ever achieved in Canada.

Public Relations workshops featuring Union Conference and General Conference participation have been held at least twice in all the conferences of this field during the last four years. Again, appreciation must be expressed to the General Conference for the generous assistance given in almost every instance by that organization and its public relations department and personnel. Here we pause to express our sorrow at the passing of Donn Thomas who headed this department at the General Conference level at the time of our last Session and who indeed, was with us in Ottawa, despite his poor health and great physical suffering.

A most successful exhibit at the 1955 Canadian National Exhibition was operated. Plans are still envisioned for further exhibits when the C.N.E. has an appropriate building suitable for the maintenance and operation of a religious exhibit. In fact, trust funds for such a purpose are now being developed further showing the progressive administration support consistently rendered to this Department by the leadership of the church throughout the Canadian Union.

Radio-Television

Every effort has been made to promote increasing support for the *Voice of Prophecy* and *Faith For Today* in the annual offerings with a record that shows steady increases in Canadian giving for these two important sponsored religious radio and TV series. In addition, efforts have been made to secure public service time for *Faith For Today* on private Canadian stations with gratifying results for varying periods of time in London, Ontario, Barrie, Ontario, Wingham, Ontario, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Swift Current, Saskatchewan, and Prince George, British Columbia, as well as Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, and Sydney, Nova Scotia.



Members of the cast appearing regularly on the church's weekly religious telecast *FAITH FOR TODAY* carried by over 150 stations in Canada, the United States and Australia.

Negotiations with various officials of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and its satellite creation, the National Religious Advisory Council, have been pursued and are still being undertaken to secure some token representation at least on the religious programme periods of the C.B.C. It is reasonable to believe that with patience and perseverance success will be achieved in this respect.

Immigration

The Hungarian revolt and other political and economic factors have caused a resurgence of activity in this section of the Department over the last four years. It is worth noting that in many of our churches across Canada there are faithful New Canadians who have been assisted in coming to Canada through the efforts of this Department. Countless letters, many visits and interventions with high-level officials in Ottawa have all been undertaken to assist those who, regardless of race or creed, have turned to Seventh-day Adventists to solicit their aid in assisting them to achieve their dreams of coming to Canada.

Conclusion

There have been various miscellaneous services which defy orderly classification that have been performed by the Department. Some of them have, despite their *incognito* category, resulted in substantial savings to the denomination and its various organizations here in Canada and abroad. The Department has been only too glad for the opportunity of rendering these "bonus" features to the cause that evokes our mutual dedication and devotion.

It would be patently wrong to conclude this report of human effort without ascribing to God the credit and gratitude which must represent our recognition that all these accomplishments have been possible because of an all-wise and kindly Providence watching over His Church. Serious thought must be given to meeting the grave needs of a most urgent nature on the local conference level of religious liberty work. Here time and "preventive medicine" in terms of heading off trouble must be undertaken by each conference and must be recognized as a task to which prompt action must be addressed. To ignore it or try to suggest that it does not exist will be judged in the light of history as an example of flagrant neglect and discreditable stewardship for which we will all have to answer before the Tribunal of the Universe.

With an intelligent awareness of past achievements coupled with the indisputable evidence of a Divine Providence, we have nothing to fear for the future!



Youth On The March

F. BROCK WELLS, *Secretary, Missionary Volunteer, Educational and Temperance Departments*

Missionary Volunteer Department

Missionary Volunteering in Canada is a progressive, vibrant expression of the youthful energy and vigour in this Union. During these last four years, much has been done by our young people to further this Message. Perhaps individual societies may not feel their efforts are doing much, but these little rivulets have swelled into a mighty river of influence that will sweep souls onto the "sea of glass." True, we believe not all has been reported and that much more could be done, so let's take courage and resolve to lead our young people into even greater areas of Christian activity, for in so doing, to paraphrase a popular traffic axiom, the "soul they save may be their own."

Our summer training camps continue to serve our conferences in an even greater sphere of influence among our junior and senior youth. They often provide the only period of Christian fellowship that some of our more isolated young people have. Camp is a time to look forward to and to remember as a highlight of the year. This anticipation and recollection of happy Christian comradeship helps to keep many young people steady in their purpose of being faithful to the Truth which they've been taught. Over 600 are now taking advantage of camp time. Our reports show seven conference-owned campsites in comparison to the five previously reported. Camping is another phase of "in-church" evangelism.

Pathfinder clubs are continuing to serve our young people well and we are happy to note that whereas in 1955 there were 20 clubs by 1957 there were 24. However, we are a bit disturbed to note that this number had fallen to 21 in 1958. In spite of that, the total membership of 470 is above any other year reported.

CALGARY "VOICE OF YOUTH"



The young people in many churches across Canada have conducted "Voice of Youth" programmes such as this one in Calgary, Alberta. The rousing hymns, orchestral music and forceful youth speakers all blend to make clear God's message as "Youth Speak".

The highlight of this quadrennium was the two youth congresses held in 1957 at Calgary and Oshawa. Because of the careful planning by Elder E. M. Peterson, these two congresses were a real inspiration to Canadian youth. The topics presented and workshops held were challenging and many persons received a new vision of God's plan for their lives.

Another highlight was the ministry of Elder E. L. Minchin to our youth in the Vancouver area. We only wish a larger circle could have been served but we were most grateful to have him there. The work that he accomplished is bearing definite fruit and its influence is still being felt.

I would like to give special credit to our local conference Missionary Volunteer secretaries across Canada for their dedicated and consecrated labours. Without their hard work and devotion to the Cause, this report would hardly be a reality. Let us continue to support them in every way as they continue their service of love for the youth of their respective areas!

There has been good participation by the field in the MV Week of Prayer, the Leadercraft Course, MV Rallies and particularly a fine upsurge in the Voice of Youth programme. However, these are all activities which need more attention in order to reap the most benefit. We are happy for the gains made but there still remains a tremendous challenge as we think of what could be done. Too many of our young people are slipping out the back door of the church while we concern ourselves with new converts at the front door.

Won't you accept this as a personal challenge to do more and to participate more in youth activities as you lead and feed the flock during these momentous days of earth's history?

SUMMER CAMP ACTIVITIES



This bird's eye view of camp activities at Camp Rundle, Alberta indicates the close fellowship of camp life in Canadian MV camps. Many phases of camp life bring boys and girls into close fellowship with their Master, too.

Department of Education

As Seventh-day Adventist young people today are surrounded by more and more worldly influences, our system of Christian education assumes greater proportions of importance than ever before. This report does not include the fine work of Oshawa Missionary College or Canadian Union College, as their contributions to our work in Canada will be given separately, but includes all Canadian elementary schools, intermediate schools and the Newfoundland and Okanagan Academies.

It is interesting to note that in 1950 there were 1253 pupils enrolled in our schools. At the time of the last quadrennial session the enrollment had increased to 1329, an increase of 76 pupils. During the quadrennial period covered by this report our enrollment has increased to 1475, giving us a gain of 146 pupils, which is most encouraging! Although our total number of schools has not increased we are employing sufficient additional teachers so that students are receiving as much attention, if not more, than before the increased enrollment. When we employed 64 teachers in 1950, the average teacher-load was 19.55 pupils, and in 1958, it was 18.67 pupils for the 79 teachers we employed.

These 79 devoted, Christian teachers form the backbone of a solid educational work in the Canadian Union. Eternity alone will reveal their influence on the lives and characters of the young people in their classrooms.

The teacher training course now being given in our two colleges has been increased from the one-year to the two-year

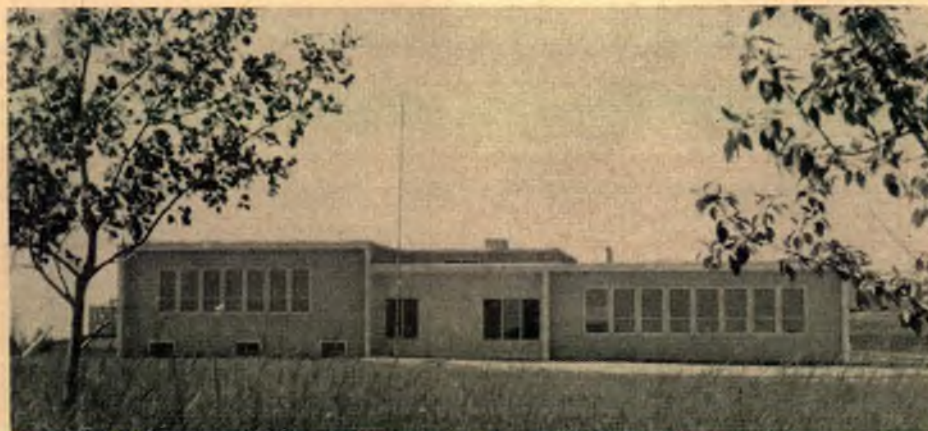
course, thus resulting in a better prepared and more mature teacher to go into the classroom. In the summer of 1958 a textbook committee composed of teachers from all of the conferences to revise our textbook list was appointed to meet in Oshawa. The result of the work of this committee has helped to meet the needs of the classroom more effectively.

We are happy for the way our conference administrations have supported the educational department in bringing the teachers' wage scale up to the proper denominational level. Summer work is being provided for many teachers and we could wish that the time would soon come when this would be true for all teachers, both single and married. However, there is a much more settled status among married teachers now that most of them are assured of a steady, year-round income.

Evangelistically speaking, our schools are a fertile field of endeavour. Of the 1475 enrolled during this present year, at least 329 come from non-Adventist homes and at least 1059 are not church members. True, many are still too young but they are receiving the lessons and influence day by day that will help to determine their decision in the near future.

We appreciate our loyal school boards, our able superintendents in the conferences, and our conference administrators. It is only as each of these groups works wholeheartedly and unitedly to solve the many problems that confront our schools that we can hope to continue to make the gains that are necessary for the onward progress of our educational work.

Beautiful new four-room elementary school at Canadian Union College constructed during the summer of 1958.



From Victoria to Halifax one thousand four hundred and seventy-five elementary pupils attend our church schools.

Temperance Department

The constituency of this Union back the temperance cause by their faithfulness in supporting the two big temperance drives that come in the fall and spring: namely, the annual Temperance Day offering and the annual membership and Commitment Day drive. With the funds derived from these two campaigns the local conferences mainly promote the cause of temperance in the purchase of the films, "One in 20,000," and "Cancer by the Carton," which are shown to service clubs and schools.

Again the conferences are sending "Listen" and "Alert" to the prominent people of their areas. Some interesting letters of thanks have been received from clergymen and members of the provincial legislatures.

A number of our people in the Union are sufficiently interested in the Canadian Temperance Society to become life members by the payment of \$100.00 which entitles them to "Listen" magazine while strengthening the cause of temperance throughout the Canadian field.

For some years now Canadian Union College has had almost one hundred per cent membership in the Canadian

Temperance Society. In the past several years some of their students have entered the national oratorical contests. Last year Canadian Union College was brought into the limelight when Cyril Myers, a senior student, won the college national oratorical contest. Ed Skoretz had the honour of winning the second award in the academy oratorical contest. Naturally Canada was proud of these two young men.

Oshawa Missionary College is also sponsoring a temperance chapter. Their school year was highlighted by an excellent Temperance Week during which time prominent provincial temperance leaders and others challenged the youth to more active work.

We wish to thank our local conference temperance secretaries for what has been accomplished in their conferences.

Since I have just come into the departments in the Union, this report has necessarily reflected the good work that Elder E. M. Peterson did while in our Union. We are thankful for his strong leadership and pray God that this phase of the Lord's work will be onward and upward in the quadrennium to come!



Modern Acts of Literature Apostles

O. A. BOTIMER, *Secretary, Publishing Department*

To the Delegates assembled in Quadrennial Session, Greetings:

The time has come when it is well for us to pause briefly and take a quick look at the accomplishments of the past four years in literature evangelism. We take courage and thank God for what has been done. We wish to express appreciation to the Union and conference presidents and to their staffs for the generous help and wise counsel during this period.

The publishing leaders in the various conferences of the Canadian Union are giving strong leadership and we have enjoyed healthy gains in the delivery of Gospel literature during the past quadrennial period. The leaders in the various fields are as follows:

British Columbia Conference—M. D. Suiter, Publishing Secretary; C. Fell, Assistant Publishing Secretary; E. D. Tetz, Book & Bible House Manager.

Alberta Conference—W. E. Bergey, Publishing Secretary; A. N. How, Book & Bible House Manager.

Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference—L. M. Mohns, Publishing Secretary; C. Klam, Book & Bible House Manager.

Ontario-Quebec Conference—F. W. Connors, Publishing Secretary; A. Lennox, Assistant Publishing Secretary; O. Orpana, Assistant Publishing Secretary; J. H. Whalley, Assistant Publishing Secretary; W. Ismond, Book & Bible House Manager.

Maritime Conference—V. Shipowick, Publishing Secretary; H. E. Coupland, Book & Bible House Manager.

In 1957 Elder J. M. Bucy was called to the Northern European Division and G. B. Hoag was invited to fill the vacancy. On September 19th, 1958 Elder and Mrs. Hoag and their youngest son, David, were instantly killed in an automobile accident near Lethbridge, Alberta. In the short time they were here they had endeared themselves to the people across Canada. We not only feel the loss of their friendship, but also their excellent leadership. They rest from their labours and their works do follow them. The

vacancy was filled by O. A. Botimer.

Some of our conferences during the past quadrennium have reached and exceeded the \$100,000.00 delivery mark per year. Ontario-Quebec leads with over that amount every year for the past four years and in 1958 reached \$160,475.55. Manitoba-Saskatchewan reached \$113,004.63 in 1958 and Alberta reached \$114,000.00 for 1958. The Maritime Conference reached a new high in 1958 with a delivery per capita of \$54.75. They also hold the distinction of having the only \$10,000.00 plus man in the Union for 1958, namely George Heeney. The British Columbia Conference are coming up fast and are shooting for \$100,000.00 in 1959. Newfoundland has been struggling on without a publishing secretary.

Some outstanding individual yearly records for the last quadrennial period are:

Mrs. I. Paavilainen	Ontario-Quebec	\$12,056.20
G. Arnott	Ontario-Quebec	11,543.74
Miss L. Batten	Newfoundland	11,223.06
D. Sudds	Ontario-Quebec	10,980.20
G. Heeney	Maritime	10,075.64
G. N. Miller	Manitoba-Saskatchewan	9,243.10
G. Young	Manitoba-Saskatchewan	8,908.01
* J. H. Whalley	Ontario-Quebec	8,016.48
* R. M. Neish	Alberta	7,775.33
J. Rusk	Manitoba-Saskatchewan	7,634.25
** G. Osborne	Ontario-Quebec	6,836.50

* Assisting during the summer months

** Canvassed from July to December only

For your consideration we submit the following yearly delivery totals by conferences, with grand totals for the years 1955 through 1958 as compared with the previous four years 1951-1954. These fine gains have been accomplished as a result of the combined co-operation of everyone concerned, including the consecrated staff at Kingsway and God's continued, generous blessings.

Yearly Delivery Totals

	Alberta	B. C.	Man.-Sask.	Maritime	Nfld.	Ont.-Que.	St. Laur.	Union
1951	66,215.01	37,916.22	99,545.45	19,995.86	5,694.72	61,282.96	16,235.80	306,886.02
1952	35,933.14	57,217.72	114,790.74	30,301.17	650.00	83,400.96	26,156.10	348,449.83
1953	44,388.19	79,127.03	110,267.24	33,601.15		73,507.20	32,428.35	373,319.16
1954	61,492.16	54,609.30	108,764.42	36,080.24	750.21	70,944.83	22,484.70	355,125.86
1951-1954	208,028.50	228,870.27	433,367.85	119,978.42	7,094.93	289,135.95	97,304.95	1,383,780.87
1955	90,002.14	56,007.69	116,050.87	29,757.21	9,877.78	132,160.04	12,435.75	446,291.48
1956	82,098.26	61,964.95	89,189.72	46,021.99	15,770.45	135,134.93	2,938.90	433,119.20
1957	76,238.25	52,298.19	91,120.09	34,328.82	10,529.55	148,592.82		413,107.72
1958	114,226.73	53,631.62	113,004.63	51,792.45	5,870.71	160,475.55		499,001.69
1955-1958	362,565.38	223,902.45	409,365.31	161,900.47	42,048.49	576,363.34	15,374.65	1,791,520.09
1951-1954								1,383,780.87
							Gain	407,739.22



These colporteurs are attending a Literature Evangelist Training School, for Eastern Canada, held September 7-10, 1958. A similar Training School was held in Western Canada September 21-24, 1958.



Colporteur Gordon Arnott with family he won to the Message through his colporteur ministry. This family is typical of many souls won through Literature Evangelism.

The Book and Bible House managers and their personnel have done excellent work in supplying the books and magazines to our front line literature evangelists. They have worked hard and long which has contributed greatly to our success. The Publishing Department leaders are giving strong leadership in every way and there is a wonderful Christian spirit throughout the ranks.

The young people in our schools and colleges have had no small part in the large deliveries across the Union. In 1958 the Canadian Union student deliveries amounted to nearly \$190,000.00 which is far beyond what any other Union did in North America. They have added a lot of enthusiasm and colour to our programme.

We believe the statement in *Colporteur Evangelist*, page 35 which says that the canvassing work is to be carried forward with increasing success, and that a blessing will attend those who engage in it.

We are setting our sights high and praying earnestly that the name of Jesus will continue to be uplifted and glorified as a result of His great missionary programme of literature evangelism.



Colporteur Ron Neish (left) displays part of the books that represent more than \$3,000 delivery made by him during one month.

One Hundred Colporteurs

STANLEY COMBRIDGE

"From the light given me I know that where there is one canvasser in the field, there should be one hundred."—"Testimonies," Vol. 6, p. 315.

One hundred Colporteurs, but Oh, how few
To tell to these great isles of life to be;
More yet must come, and more the work to do,
Ere from the grasp of Satan man set free
Will rise for truth, for right, for liberty.

One hundred Colporteurs, and is that all
Out of the thousands who are saved to serve?
Are there no more to answer to the call?
No more with courage, energy and nerve
Who will at last the urgent need observe?

One hundred Colporteurs, what a task
To enter every home with God's good news;
Is it too much for you that He should ask
Your talents and your time for you to use,
That you, His light to all may now diffuse.

One hundred Colporteurs? No! many more
Will come from office, kitchen, shop, and plough,
From every trade, as never known before;
And 'neath the yoke of Christ to serve will bow.
Yes friend! Are you not one to come just now?

One hundred Colporteurs where now stands one,
To enter yet the long-neglected field,
To labour earnestly till all is done;
That every corner may some harvest yield
Of the true wheat that lieth now concealed.



Laymen's Activities

J. M. HNATYSHYN, *Secretary Sabbath School
and Home Missionary Departments*

Sabbath School Department

To the Delegates of the Canadian Union Conference:

Greetings:

As we briefly survey this report I wish to bring to your attention the supreme objective of our Sabbath schools, and show how we have attained this ideal during the past four years. I am sure it will inspire us to do better in the future. We read from the pen of inspiration:

"The object of Sabbath school work should be the ingathering of souls. The order of working may be faultless, the facilities all that could be desired; but if the children and youth are not brought to Christ, the school is a failure." *Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, p. 61.

Let us continually keep in mind this objective in all our planning, preparation, study and teaching. In all of our Sabbath school work we are to win, and hold, and train for God, men and women, boys and girls.

It is a great responsibility. How elusive is the word "responsibility." How great is the temptation to shelve it. Are you ever tempted to shirk it? There are occasions when we evade it. Yet responsibility, when associated with the objectives of our Sabbath school by teachers, officers and students, ought to be beautiful to behold and lovely to exercise. Remember, "You can dodge responsibilities, but you cannot dodge the results of your dodging."—Selected

Our days are exceedingly wicked and very trying for all of us. Evil influences are constantly assailing our minds. How necessary it is for every Sabbath school member from the

child to the adult to give paramount attention to the study of the Holy Scriptures. It is only the knowledge of God's Word that will effectively brace our hearts to meet the onslaught of the enticements that come to each of us.

This "ingathering of souls" through the organized avenues of the Sabbath school has great potentialities. Souls may be won through the Sabbath school classes in all divisions, the branch Sabbath schools, the vacation Bible schools, rally programmes and visitors' days. This will enlarge the church membership.

"To all, from the small children to the gray-haired veterans, the Sabbath school presents the privilege and the responsibility of liberal giving for the finishing of God's work in the earth."—*Sabbath School Manual*, page 6.

The comparative figures in this report show how we have attained the ideal set before us. I am glad to say that it is very encouraging. I wish to congratulate you all and thank you for your co-operation. God has been good to us and by His divine help we have been making gains.

"No one can labor in the Sabbath school . . . work without reaping a bountiful harvest, not only in the end of the world but in the present life. In the very effort to enlighten and bless others, his own views will become clearer and broader. The more we endeavor to explain the truth to others, with a love for souls, the plainer will it become to ourselves. It ever opens with new beauty and force to the understanding of the expounder."—*Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, pp. 13, 14.

Year	No. Organized Sabbath Schools	No. Branch Sabbath Schools	Sabbath School Membership	Sabbath School Offerings (12 Sabbaths)	Thirteenth Sabbath School Offering	Birthday Offerings	Investment	Total Sabbath School Offerings
1955	195	20	12,704	\$129,074.51	\$ 32,943.15	\$ 2,352.80	\$19,457.31	\$184,091.25
1956	198	17	13,852	138,869.63	35,357.98	2,679.72	21,661.14	198,568.47
1957	200	14	14,863	150,018.00	39,636.61	2,994.29	22,452.74	215,101.64
1958	197	15	15,264	129,629.01	42,191.23	3,681.38	33,022.09	228,132.32
1955-58	198	17	14,171	547,591.15	150,128.97	11,708.19	96,593.28	825,893.68
1951-54	194	12	11,236	451,217.35	108,766.30	8,383.43	84,240.63	652,608.51

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS — 1955 - 1958

	1955	1956	1957	1958
No. Vacation Bible Schools	1	2	5	23
Enrollment	25	140	323	1,281
No. who joined regular Sabbath schools				111
No. who joined branch Sabbath schools				13
No. who joined Pathfinder Clubs				11
No. who attended junior camps				42
No. who joined Bible classes				165
No. interested parents				24
No. who enrolled in church schools				10

Home Missionary Department

As we review the work of the Home Missionary Department for the past four years, we can truly say that God has been our *Guide*, our *Helper* and our *Strength*. He has led the members of the churches under the leadership of our conference workers to a fruitful endeavour. This brings joy to all of our hearts. These results have come only because we believe in the great gospel commission. In this simple yet plain elucidation of practical Christianity we find the motivating power that has led us to meet here in this session, prayerfully to seek, diligently to study, intelligently to learn, and wisely to plan, in order that we may more efficiently serve Him who has called us. Clearer vision, deeper consecration, purer motives, and greater power than we hitherto have had will make us what we need to be: *men* and *women mighty* in His *service*; men and women who will know how to lead, and who will be followed by the rank and file of our membership because we as leaders are led by the Master Himself.

The work is to be finished and it shall be when we re-echo this prophetic statement:

"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."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 352.

We bow in gratitude and humility before our Master with thankful hearts for the many blessings He has showered upon us, and our hearts are lifted high in anticipation of a fruitful future.

The comparative figures here given show gains in all of the activities of the Home Missionary Department but one. There is a loss shown in Bible correspondence school enrollments. This is due to the fact that several of our schools have gone over to the *Voice of Prophecy*.

Our reporting needs to be strengthened for only about one third of our members report. If all had reported how much more healthy these comparative figures would look. It is time that we correct this weak item by emphasizing the need for improvement in our churches and calling for reports.

"There is danger in delay . . . Why delay one day? Why not go to work at once."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, p. 443.

As we go forward into another quadrennium, let us remember that "We have nothing to fear for the future except as we forget the way He has led us."—*Life Sketches*, p. 196. Our only fear should be that we might forget the way He has led us. Lest we forget, we should often review our progress in the Home Missionary activities and joyfully recognize the Lord's blessings and leadership in our successful home missionary endeavours.

	1951-1954	1955-1958	Gain				
Membership	12,056	13,712	1,656				
<i>Evangelistic Activities</i>							
Bible readings	32,896	39,097	6,201				
Missionary Contacts	173,421	234,099	60,678				
Pieces of missionary literature distributed	2,247,879	2,537,899	290,020				
<i>Welfare Activities</i>							
Articles of clothing given away	172,762	341,831	169,069				
Food baskets given away	30,571	40,796	10,225				
Persons helped	67,360	115,905	48,545				
Estimated cash value of work done	\$425,660.09	\$1,136,809.02	\$711,148.93				
<i>Dorcas Welfare Societies</i>							
No. of Dorcas Societies	87	99	12				
No. of Welfare Centres	8	21	13				
No. of Welfare Units	17	37	20				
<i>Lay Evangelism</i>							
No. converted through lay evangelism	548	985	437				
<i>Bible Correspondence Schools</i>							
No. of enrollments	7,724	5,384	(2,340)				
No. completing course	3,624	1,528	(2,096)				
No. of baptisms	306	317	11				
Offerings from students	\$ 7,121.00	\$ 7,452.60	\$ 331.60				
<i>Ingathering</i>	1951	\$142,095.34	\$213,892.03	1955			
	1952	169,322.06	237,748.60	1956			
	1953	199,472.64	252,500.85	1957			
	1954	211,062.52	256,556.09	1958			
	Totals	721,952.56	960,697.57	\$238,745.01			
<i>Carolling</i>	B. C.	Alta.	Man.-Sask.	Ont.-Que.	Maritime	Nfld.	Totals
1955	(3) \$ 4,300.	(1) \$12,174.	(2) \$10,500.	\$ 3,919.	\$ 2,300.	\$ 83.	\$ 33,276.
1956	(3) 10,094.	(1) 21,120.	(2) 18,000.	5,000.	9,000.	550.	63,763.
1957	20,724.	(2) 26,559.	(1) 30,200.	(3) 21,422.	9,500.	200.	108,606.
1958	28,650.	(3) 29,395.	(1) 43,200.	(2) 37,645.	4,125.		142,015.



The Right Arm

ERWIN A. CRAWFORD, M.D., *Medical Secretary*

It was just four years ago that Elder W. H. Branson, at the ground-breaking ceremony of the Branson Hospital, on that cold March day, said: "I don't know if I turned any sod—but I did cut a little ice."—and since that time considerable "ice has been cut" in the Medical Department across this great Dominion of Canada. Under the sponsorship of the Medical Department, more than a hundred cooking schools and home nursing classes have been successfully completed. Enrollment for these classes has varied from 2 or 3 students to well over 200 students. Much of the credit for these classes goes to the profitable visits of Dr. and Mrs. Vollmer, supplied to our Union by the General Conference. On one occasion the count was 312 attending one of Mrs. Vollmer's cooking demonstrations. Students graduating from these classes have in turn conducted other cooking schools and thus perhaps thousands of Canadians who could be contacted in no other way have been touched by the principles of the health message. Certainly many are living more healthful lives because of learning about and practising the culinary art.

I am sure that thousands of ears were well-tuned to the timely and helpful health messages that were brought to the Camp Meetings across Canada by Dr. Mervyn Hardinge from the College of Medical Evangelists. Then from time to time we have profited by the helpful visits of: Dr. G. T. Anderson, President, of the College of Medical Evangelists, Dr. Jacob Janzen, President of the Alumni Association of CME, Mrs. Joyce Hopp, Miss Lois Burnett, Dr. Wayne MacFarland, and Dr. T. Flaiz of the Medical Department of the General Conference, Elder Harley Rice and Elder Carl Sundin of the Medical Extension department of the General Conference. We also think of the visits of Mrs. Catherine Graf, Director of the School of Nursing, at Loma Linda, and of Dr. and Mrs. Floyd Gardner, and of the helpful talks of Dr. Gus Hoehn as he has visited in Canada on occasions.

And now for a bird's eye view of the work being done by the resident personnel in this Dominion, according to geographic areas. In the most Easterly province—Newfoundland, the Medical work has been pioneered during this quadrennium by Drs. Moore and Hildebrand and from current reports their influence has been widely felt, both by the general public and the church groups as well. The most recent report was that of Dr. Hildebrand arriving at the Hospital on Snowshoes—all other transportation having been cut off by a record snowstorm. It is reported that he was one of the two doctors in all of St. John's who arrived at the hospital that day to take care of the imminent needs of the in-patients at the hospital. One of our doctors there, I don't know which one, received a letter of thanks and a \$25.00 token check, presented by a prominent city official for outstanding treatment rendered at a specific emergency. The writer has specific plans in the next few months to visit, and evaluate this Medical work first-hand in Newfoundland.

And now we go across the continent to the British Columbia Conference. Some years ago the writer visited Rest Haven Hospital in its beautiful setting on its own island near Sidney, B.C. Then in August of 1958 to see the transformation of the modern plant as it now stands is nothing short of "colossal" in the effort it must have taken to achieve this result. Brother A. G. Rodgers and his staff have done an excellent job.

To British Columbia too, goes the laurels of attracting the most Physicians and Dentists to the conference. Without any shadow of doubt, this was accomplished by the energetic and concerted effort of the Medical Secretary, Dr. Kenneth McGill and the conference leaders in interesting prospective Medical personnel, and making the field attractive to them. Too, Dr. McGill has rendered all of Canada a distinct service by promoting and editing *The Canadian Medical Evangelist*, a quarterly co-ordinated Medical bulletin of news at home



Typical of many such classes across Canada is this health cooking class in Vancouver, B.C.



Patient receiving excellent care at the Branson Hospital.

and abroad. While at camp meeting in Hope, B.C. I was able to meet many of these physicians and dentists, a splendid corps of workers to push forward the Medical work in the West.

Coming farther east to Calgary, I was pleased to inspect the new Medical Dental offices of our doctors in the luxury shopping plaza. Here I received a very attractive book, edited by Dr. H. Gimbel, on the attractions and advantages of setting up Medical practice in Alberta. I am sure that Medical personnel will be attracted to Alberta because of this effort. At Canadian Union College the health programme is carried forward in a strong way both in the college and in the community by Drs. Tetz and McKibbin.

Not being able to visit on this tour, the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference, I am pleased however to report that our Medical representatives here are faithfully pushing back the medical frontiers in a pioneer effort, and are getting results.

Now with the exception of Ontario, the only provinces left out—but largely lacking in Medical work are the Maritime Provinces and Quebec. May other pioneer-spirited medical and lay workers accept the challenge and push forward in these needy areas.

In Ontario, and for all of Canada, the outstanding achievement in the last four years is the completion and the opening of the Branson Hospital in Toronto, "the business heart" of Canada. Only in heaven will we know the friends won and the prejudices broken down by the service rendered in this hospital. However, even now its fame for kindly care of the

sick extends from sea to sea. As one who has had some part in its inception, I get a distinct thrill at being an Adventist when I hear such phrases as: "No other group could have achieved it" "The nurses are like angels" "Even the laboratory and housekeeping personnel are so kind and helpful".

I know of at least 12 letters received by Mrs. Scott, Director of Nurses, stating that this hospital is the best they have ever seen.

Yes, fellow Canadians, this 100-bed institution is a modern miracle testifying to God's power working through Godly men and women. At the most recent Board meeting approval was given for a 62-bed expansion of this hospital as yet, less than two years old. At the day of awarding the contract, 126 patients were in the hospital where only 100 can be comfortably accommodated. This expansion brings the hospital into the large hospital class and makes it eligible for future horizons: *A School of Nursing, Intern Training, Technical Training in Laboratory and X ray.* Already, we have chosen the Director, and some of the staff of the School of Nursing. Already also plans are partially completed for the erection this year of a 60-bed student Nurses' Residence with a wing for classrooms and laboratories.

With this as a mother institution we foresee smaller institutions scattered throughout this Dominion spreading the "right arm of the Message"—"Opening doors". We have the vision. God has the means. All that is needed is willing hands and hearts. Truly, these are great days, Medically for Canada, but the *best* days are just ahead.

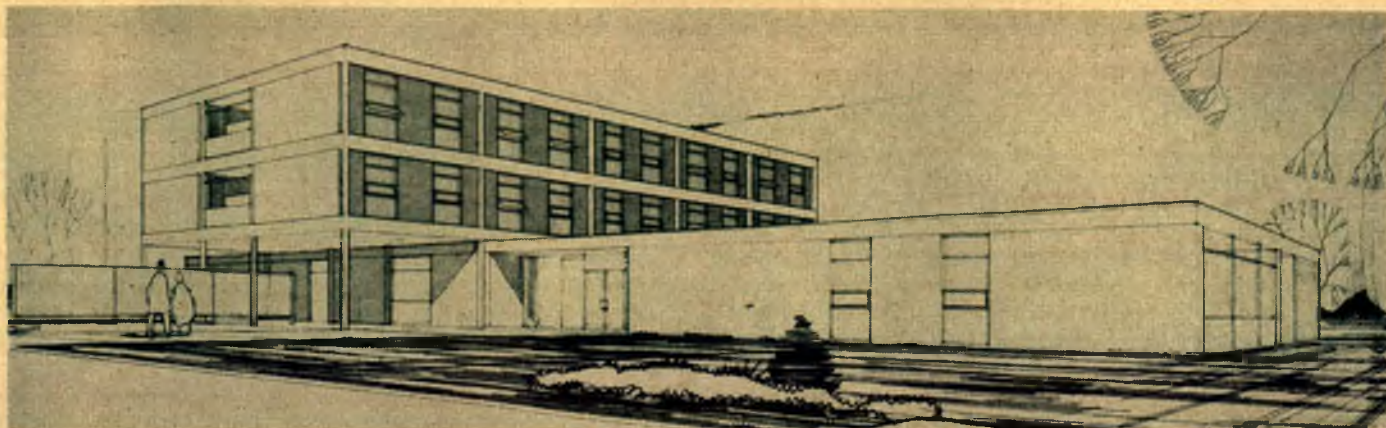


Civil Defence Training
at Oshawa, Ontario



Home Nursing Class
at Leduc, Alberta.

Medical Plans for the Future



Proposed Branson Hospital Nurses' Training School for Canada.



R. A. Smithwick
President



J. C. Neithercut
Treasurer

Development in British Columbia

R. ALLEN SMITHWICK, *President*

"British Columbia is a barren, cold mountain country that is not worth keeping. It would never have been inhabited at all (unless by trappers of the Hudson's Bay Company) had the gold fever not taken a party of mining adventurers there! Ever since the fever died down the place has been going from bad to worse."

This comment appeared in an 1881 issue of the *London Truth* about Canada's most attractive and little known province.

In this vast wilderness less than two per cent of British Columbia's 366,255 square miles actually produce crops. Only 4% is considered arable and still, by contrast, the Fraser River Valley is so fertile that \$50,000,000 worth of produce comes annually from its rich soil—half of British Columbia's farm wealth. Larger by far than Texas, more people flood across this wonderland every year than the less than two million dwellers whose destiny is linked with its glorious future.

The conference was organized in 1902 with a membership so small that even after six years of growth, or in 1908 our total membership had but ten churches with a total of 160 members. The struggles and adversities were many in those years, and it took thirty-one years to reach the first one thousand members.

A good foundation was laid by the pioneers of this province and from the beginning schools were felt to be as important

as churches. Such prominence was given this feature of our work that today we rank near the top of all conferences of similar membership in North America. At present we have thirty-four teachers and twenty schools. Our conference spent the impressive sum of \$267,519.60 on church schools in the past four years and added to this, appropriations to the colleges and school building construction amounted to \$51,723.54, making a grand total of \$319,243.14 spent on education in the past four years.

The tithe has almost doubled in the past eight years. In 1949 we had \$197,000.00 and it has steadily climbed year by year to an all-time high of \$367,686.68 in 1958. Our Sabbath school offerings were \$185,831.01 for the quadrennial period of 1950-54, and \$242,152.43 from 1955-58. Ingathering shows a gain of \$32,914.78 in the past four years over the previous four-year period. While we have not raised as much per capita as our fellow church members in most other conferences of our Union, we have raised far more in proportion to the population of territory.

Sixteen churches have been dedicated in the past eight years, and four new congregations plan to build as quickly as details can be worked out. The Conference has grown faster than any other conference in Canada in the past ten-year period from a membership of 2525 in 1947 to a membership of 3831 in 1959. We are soon to pass our 4000 membership mark. We lack only 169 now of reaching this goal.

Our laity have made a real contribution in the winning of souls. Our welfare societies have given outstanding service and have created a fine influence, especially so in the localities where we have welfare centres.

A mission launch will be christened for coastal service just after the Union Session in May. Its skipper, Elder Ronald Reimche, will direct the operations in sheltered waters of Vancouver Island. Many thousands of people almost strangers to the Advent message, will now learn of our teaching through this messenger of good will, as do the dwellers along the Amazon know our work through the fleet of mission boats in operation there.

We must now brace ourselves for the whitening harvest and the open doors of opportunity which are before us. To fret over that which might have been accomplished and that which has been neglected is of no value now. We must press toward the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus and be true to our trust, and the Lord will honour our faith and give us a rich harvest of souls for the kingdom.

Alberta Achievements

J. W. BOTHE, *President*

The trend in the Alberta Conference is forward. Our hearts respond as we feel the new spirit of dedication, surrender, and consecration to the finishing of God's work in this great conference. As we look back over the past four years, we recognize that the Lord has led us in a very remarkable way, and like the prophet Samuel, we can truthfully say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." We humbly express our sincere thanks and gratitude to the almighty God for His protection, guidance and keeping power. Surely God has had a tender watchcare over His people, work, and workers. The Holy Spirit has given His presence by powerfully moving upon the hearts of souls to the end that they have been constrained under the ministry of the Word to accept the Lord and follow in His commandments and unite with the remnant church.

But while we find much cause for rejoicing, yet, when we



J. W. Bothe
President



L. H. Davies
Treasurer

sense the imminent return of our Saviour and the great work yet to be accomplished, this record can only serve as a stimulus toward a deeper consecration and a greater passion for souls. We must ever remember that we are face to face with the very last moves in the great drama of the ages.

Most of the figures of this report will deal with the last quadrennial period, yet some backward glances may not be inappropriate. Ten years ago our membership stood at 2441 and even though 1632 individuals were received into church fellowship by baptism and profession of faith yet we have made a net gain of only 546, making our conference membership at the close of 1958 a total of 2987. During the last four years 583 new members were received into the church. We are indeed grateful to God for His manifold blessings in the past but certainly we must add greater numbers to our membership in order to make substantial net gains.

We have a limited working force for our vast territory covering nearly 250,000 populated square miles. The twenty ordained and licensed ministers along with our office workers are a happy, consecrated, and hard-working group of earnest men and women.

Love and loyalty are expressed in the liberal way that our members have given to support the world-wide mission programme as well as the local work throughout the conference.

Tithe

1955	\$189,519.62	1957	\$232,127.15
1956	204,264.05	1958	271,309.50

It is gratifying to note the substantial increase, especially during the last two years.

We are also encouraged with a corresponding increase in our mission offerings as the following indicates:

Total Missions

1955	\$83,737.04	1957	\$103,800.98
1956	96,915.06	1958	107,480.56

Growth in Manitoba-Saskatchewan

G. O. ADAMS, *President*

Through the past four years the Lord has richly blessed His Church across the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference. We praise His name for the victories won. The progress registered is an encouragement to the whole membership, and a challenge to go forward in determined earnestness to see the Gospel carried to every area of our territory.

The total baptisms numbered 534. We thank God for these dear souls. How many prayers were offered for them! And now they take their places with us in the ranks of soul winners. In 1955 our membership was 2238, and we closed the period with 2506. The accumulated tithe amounted to \$696,127.24, while mission offerings came to the grand sum of \$344,074.29. The spirit of liberality actuating the people of God is cause for much rejoicing. We have claimed and received the promised blessings.

In addition, the four-year Ingathering totalled \$201,147.13. This represents a tremendous effort on behalf of all who participated. And what a far-reaching missionary endeavour! It is well for us to recognize these facts at this time. The invaluable blessing of satisfaction accruing to each one who took part is beyond expression, not to mention the immeasurable benefits to our world work. Without doubt the record in heaven shines with many examples of self-sacrifice. Every department of the work has been blessed with progress. The Home Missionary and Publishing Departments have set records during 1958. We thank the Lord for such a loyal and devoted staff of workers in all departments, and a dedicated membership throughout the field.

A wide stability was brought to our work during this period

Betterment in total mission offerings has largely been due to the success enjoyed in our Ingathering campaign and increased Sabbath school giving.

We are happy to report an increase in all missionary activities. In these last days God has given many means whereby to proclaim the gospel story. We are thankful for the loyal group of laymen in our conference. Many audio-visual units are in use. Souls are being baptized as a result of the new Bible Evangelism programme. At the present time five radio stations are carrying the *Voice of Prophecy* and the *Voice of Hope* programmes. "Your Story Hour" is heard weekly over the Lethbridge stations.

The youth of this conference are not neglected. Summer Training Camps are conducted annually at Canmore and Peace River. Our eleven church school teachers are doing their part to mould the lives of our young people.

New buildings include our beautiful Edmonton Church and school; minister's residence and youth auditorium at Rosebud; an addition to our Lacombe church school; facilities for our Lethbridge church school and a new auditorium for our Beauvallon camp meeting.

Our regular and student literature evangelists have delivered \$360,535.53 during the last four years. Only eternity will reveal the good hereby accomplished.

This report would not be complete without mentioning our medical work. We are privileged to have four medical doctors, four optometrists, and one dentist. These men in their profession are exerting a tremendous influence for good.

May we all re-dedicate our lives and hearts unreservedly to God. May a zeal unlike anything yet known arouse all of us; and may we, as individuals, triumph with His victorious people—is my prayer.



G. O. Adams
President



R. J. Radcliffe
Treasurer

through the organization of new churches, together with the erection and dedication of new church buildings. Organization represents growth. Representative houses of worship attract attention and are a source of justifiable pride in the hearts of members. Two new churches were organized. Ten church buildings were erected, and five of these have been dedicated. With grateful hearts we thank our Heavenly Father for the blessing of vision bestowed upon His people, and for the attendant prosperity which has led our loyal members into and so far through this building programme.

We realize that past attainments are not sufficient. We look back only to recognize the blessing of God's leading, and to take courage and strength from what has been accomplished. We turn our faces toward the future. As we do we see a vast area of our northland awaiting the preaching of this last-day Message. When will we enter? We must get literature evangelists and other workers into the North. And as we expand our thinking to encompass those portions so far unentered, God will bless us with consolidation in the regions already reached.



H. D. Henriksen
President



B. H. Strickle
Treasurer

Considering the Lord's remarkable leading of His work in this conference during the past four years, and counting His bountiful blessings bestowed upon us, we are compelled to exclaim with the Psalmist: "The Lord is good to all: and His tender mercies are over all His works." Psalm 145:9. Gratefully we acknowledge our Heavenly Father's watchful guidance and protecting care over His work and His people.

May I pay tribute to my predecessor, Elder G. E. Jones, who until very recently has served as President of this conference for more than nine years, and under whose direction and able leadership the work has made such good progress. To him, and to his loyal group of earnest workers and lay members in the Ontario-Quebec Conference, due credit is given for the attainments made under the guidance of God.

Conference Territory and Population

Our Conference territory comprises the thickly populated area of Southwestern and all of Eastern Ontario, as well as approximately 95% of the Province of Quebec. In this tremendous territory live approximately ten million people, or nearly two-thirds of the population of the entire Dominion of Canada. Many languages other than English are used by millions, and these can only be reached with the message in their own language. What a tremendous challenge this large population represents.

Membership

There is a definite upward trend in membership growth. During the past four years there were added to our Conference membership by:

Baptism and Profession of Faith 836
Letter from other conferences 1060 Total 1896

There were lost from our membership by:

Death and apostasy 432
Letter to other conferences 970 Total 1402

This is a *Net Gain* in membership for the quadrennial period of 494

Our members, now numbering 3,295, are loyal, faithful and devoted to God and the message.

Departments

The departments under the direction of able and consecrated secretaries have made excellent progress. A strong lay and youth evangelistic programme has been fostered. Our

Progress in Ontario-Quebec

H. D. HENRIKSEN, *President*

Conference Bible Correspondence Schools and radio programmes are fruitful in soul-winning. These and other evangelistic endeavours have resulted in many new members added to our ranks. The Publishing work is another bright spot in our activities, this being the leading conference in Canada in the sale of our literature, and in deliveries. The very encouraging figures appearing in the table under "Finance and Improvements" is a further indication of the success of our departments. An active educational programme is promoted. Oshawa Missionary College continues to be a blessing to the cause of God. The work and influence of the College staff is reflected in the largest student enrollment of the College in many years. Our church school work is making progress and new schools are planned for the future.

Medical Work

The Branson Hospital is an ever increasing source of strength and stability to the work of the conference, and indeed its influence is being felt throughout Canada. An expansion programme is now in progress which will give the hospital a total bed capacity of 160. The Nurses' Training Course is scheduled to begin the early part of next year. This, we believe, will prove to be a great blessing to the work, not only in Canada, but also in many other parts of the British Commonwealth. Much credit is due to the conference and hospital administration, the medical staff and all connected with the institution, and our many friends, for the outstanding success that has been attained. When the present expansion programme is completed the hospital will represent an investment of nearly \$3,000,000.00.

Finance and Improvements

God has blessed financially. Our church members have prospered materially and spiritually, and a general upward trend in tithe and offerings is indicated.

New churches have been built, one at Niagara Falls and one at Willowdale. Others have been remodelled and repaired, and still others are now in the planning stage, such as the Oshawa College Church, the Toronto First Church and the Oshawa City Church. New church schools have been built and others are planned.

Churches Organized

The following churches have been organized and welcomed into the sisterhood of churches of the Ontario-Quebec Conference:

Toronto Yugoslavian, Toronto Estonian, Peterborough, Barry, Belleville.

Encouraged by past accomplishments, and rising to the challenge before us, we in the Ontario-Quebec Conference press toward the mark of still greater achievements for God and the finishing of the work. To that end we have dedicated our lives and our interests.

YEAR	TITHE	INGATHERING	SABBATH SCHOOL	TOT. MISS. OFFERINGS	PUBLISHING DELIVERIES
1955	\$ 290,723.04	\$ 60,415.94	\$ 47,751.54	\$114,368.04	\$134,160.04
1956	312,819.22	65,703.43	49,267.40	121,600.79	135,134.93
1957	348,829.96	72,133.85	52,456.88	131,044.64	148,592.82
1958	382,152.55	77,000.00	55,540.10	139,282.35	160,475.55
TOTAL	\$1,334,524.77	\$275,253.22	\$205,015.92	\$506,295.82	\$576,363.34

Success in the Maritimes

PHILIP MOORES, *President*

More than a quarter million dollars (\$251,531.53) in tithe was turned in to the storehouse of the Lord by Maritime church members during the past four years. Surely the Lord has greatly blessed us.

The Sabbath school offerings contributed \$29,161.05 to the church mission programme.

Church schools were operated at Moncton, Halifax and Barnesville.

The climax of years of selling was reached in 1958 when our colporteurs sold \$51,792.45 worth of books. This was the year of our highest sales. During the four years \$145,691.41 in books were delivered. The pay-by-mail plan was introduced in 1958 and has proven very helpful and effective.

At Fox Point the people have rejoiced over the building of a new church. Similarly the members of Fredericton rejoiced and so did those in Oak Park. These three new churches are fine memorials to God's Message.

In St. John, New Brunswick a beautiful property was purchased for a church school and welfare centre.

Several beautiful lots of land were purchased at Bridgewater for a church building site. Already a wonderful donation of lumber with which to build the church has arrived and is piled on the property awaiting Spring weather suitable to the building of the new church.

A property behind the Moncton Church was purchased in order to make a suitable playground for the church school.

A new modern entrance and tower has been built on the Halifax Church.

The Charlottetown congregation put in a new oil furnace and remodelled the basement.

The Conference Committee voted to enlarge the camp grounds at Pugwash by the purchase of Paul's farm and the



Philip Moores
President



H. C. T. Johnson
Treasurer

piece of land between the farm and the camp.

Five Vacation Bible Schools were started in the Maritimes in 1958 with happy results.

Two new ministers were added to the worker force,—Pastor R. Taylor, Charlottetown, P.E.I., and Pastor F. Crump, New Glasgow, N.S.

In addition to the *Voice of Prophecy* Broadcast, three of our ministers, Pastors Matthews, Friesen and Crump have given the message over four radio stations.

Perhaps the greatest evangelistic programme ever launched in the Maritimes began in 1958 when the television programme, "It Is Written", by Elder George Vandeman began on the Sydney TV outlet on Cape Breton Island. The response has been excellent. Plans have been made to follow up this telecast with an evangelistic campaign. Elder Vandeman plans to begin the campaign with ten nights of evangelistic meetings immediately following this Union Session.

We have a conscientious, hard-working group of ministers whose one purpose and joy is to give God's Message to the people of the Maritimes.

A great work must yet be done, and we are expecting the Lord to do great things for us in the near future. We desire to let Him lead.



D. E. Tinkler
President



G. O. Adams
Former President

On the unique and beautiful island of Newfoundland, with its 1200 villages scattered on a rugged terrain bounded by some 6,000 miles of coastline, we have enjoyed the rich blessing of heaven through the past four years. The work of God has advanced. We have been blessed with an increase in tithe and other funds for the upbuilding of the church. Our membership is growing, and now stands at 362.

Across the Island the membership has sensed the need of erecting representative churches to the glory of God. This awareness has brought much blessing to us all. The church in Botwood was completed and dedicated. In Bay Roberts we sold the old church and built a lovely new unit right on the highway, one mile from the city centre. This church seats 200 and will be dedicated later this year. The members in

Attainments in Newfoundland

G. O. ADAMS, *former President*

Corner Brook are now finishing an attractive church valued at \$40,000.00. This building will accommodate 200 persons and will be ready for dedication in September. In St. John's we purchased a former Presbyterian church, seating 550, and have effected renovations which make this church most attractive and adequate. When this renovation programme is completed the church will have cost approximately \$75,000.00. In addition, we were able to restore our church at Catalina. This is now very neat and inviting.

Our educational programme has enjoyed much advance too. Our school enrollment has increased to 300 across the Island. Extensive renovations and additions were effected in our facilities at radio station V.O.A.R. A new broadcast schedule was inaugurated providing an every-day broadcast of the Message. Encouraging reports come to us from this ministry.

Under the blessing of heaven every branch of the work has made progress. The literature ministry, church-member participation in home missionary endeavour, the Missionary Volunteer and Sabbath school departments—all have advanced. We thank the Lord for these evidences of His presence. We thank Him, too, for the loyalty and devotion of the workers, and the dedication of the membership.



Oshawa Missionary College

P. W. MANUEL, *President*

Luke's record of the growth of Jesus as a child says, "Jesus increased in wisdom (intellectually) and stature (physically) and in favour with God (spiritually) and man (socially)." Luke 2:52. Through the years, Oshawa Missionary College has endeavoured to give the same well-rounded, harmonious and completely balanced education to the Adventist youth of Eastern Canada. Since our last Union Session our enrollment has increased and this year it is near 200, the highest in our history. Our elementary school has had a phenomenal growth. With an enrollment of 120 we have not been able to accept all applicants.

During the past four years our students have "increased in wisdom" and 160 have graduated from the various courses offered: Junior Theological, Secretarial, Pre-nursing, Teacher Training and Academy. Someone has said that:

"Pictures are windows through which we look,
But the door of the world is just a book."

To open that door to wisdom wider for our students we have enlarged our library and added new equipment and more new books than for several years. The addition of equipment for a speech and foreign language laboratory has strengthened the work in these departments. The Home Economics students are happy with their new equipment and the twenty-eight new typewriters recently purchased for the commercial students add considerably to the effectiveness of the teaching in that department. To enrich our curriculum German and Physics courses have been added on the College level.

As "Jesus increased in . . . stature (physically)" so our students are passing through an important stage of their physical growth. Our industrial programme is intended to help in physical development. The woodwork factory has been our greatest asset and has furnished about \$75,000 worth of student labour. To help care for the physical needs of our students we have made improvements and additions to the campus. These include new furniture and a new oil fired boiler for the girls' dormitory, new bathroom facilities for both dormitories and a new central heating boiler for the administration building and factory. An attractive and spacious two-room addition with new equipment was added to the elementary building. The campus road has recently been paved and a new home built for the president.

In order that our students might "grow in favour with God" our consecrated faculty has placed great emphasis on the religious activities and the response on the part of the students has been encouraging. We are endeavouring to prepare our students not only for useful citizenship and service but to meet the admission standards of the school of heaven.

As "Jesus increased in . . . favour with . . . man," so we have endeavoured to develop our students socially. The cultural programme of the college has been strengthened by the addition of a full-time music director, Mr. Ralph Coupland, and the organization of a school band under the leadership of Mr. Victor Moores. The choir has sung for various city groups and has created a great deal of goodwill for the college. "The foundation of every state," said Diogenes, "is the education of its youth." This is true also of the church. We solicit your co-operation that Oshawa Missionary College might lay an education foundation that will stand for eternity.

O. M. C. in Winter



Canadian Union College

H. T. JOHNSON, *President*



The mightiest force that can be used to preserve the identity of any movement or cause is its educational programme. This holds true in a particular way in the great Advent movement. The Seventh-day Adventist denomination is cognizant of this fact, demonstrating a firm belief in education by maintaining thousands of schools and supporting hundreds of thousands of young people in those schools.

At Canadian Union College, great advances were made in the years following the war in building a stronger school scholastically to meet the needs of the Canadian youth. Offerings were expanded on the college level and a senior degree was introduced in the department of theology.

This has been a wonderful help to the work in Canada but the task was not completed with this progress. Educational enlightenment, the source of which was our great heritage, the Spirit of Prophecy, made it necessary for this institution to expand in the industrial field as well. "Moral, intellectual, and physical culture should be combined in order to have well-developed, well-balanced men and women."—*Counsels to Teachers*, p. 290.

A small beginning was made in 1951 and 1952 in the industrial field. Farm activities were expanded and the herd of cattle increased. Printing and laundry work were enlarged and a bindery started. In the 1955-56 school year a beginning was made in furniture manufacturing.

These industries have expanded until today we are furnishing approximately \$66,000 a year more labour to students than eight years ago.

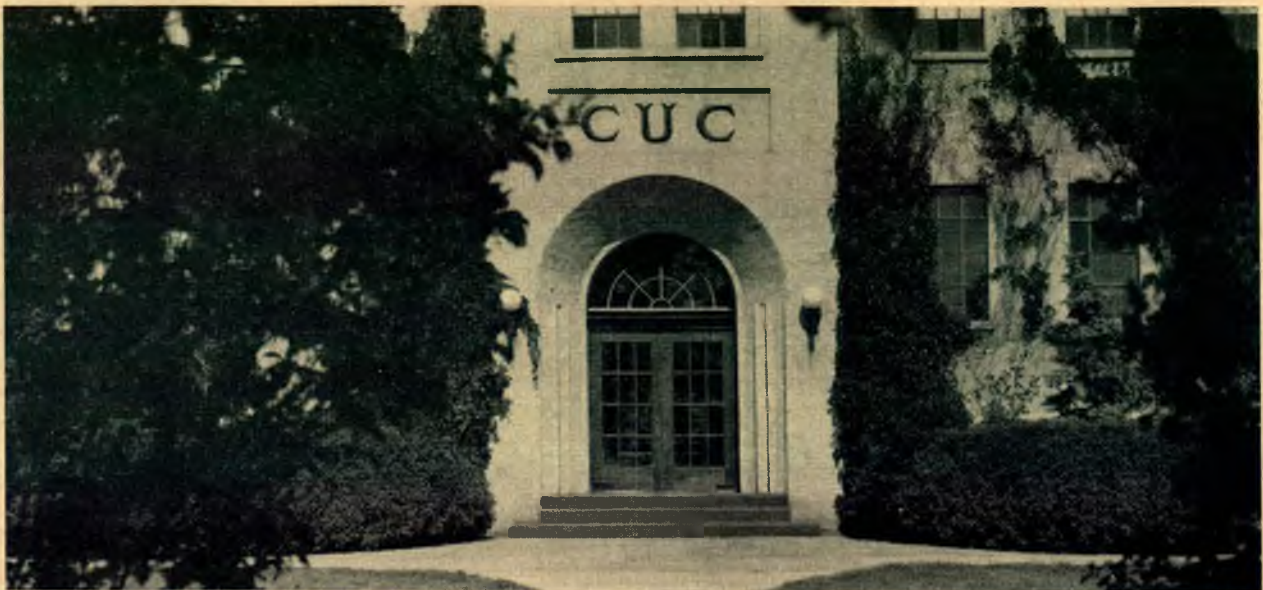
A year ago the college in all its varied interests was assessed by a survey committee from the General Conference. In their report they advised us to continue an ever-widening

programme to meet the needs of the youth of Canada so that it will not be necessary for them to look to other schools for the completion of their courses of study for a B.A. degree.

All those who have received the Bachelor of Theology degree from Canadian Union College have found employment in denominational work. Because they have been and are proving themselves to be consecrated, devoted, and capable men and women equal to the demands of the hour both in foreign and home fields, the General Conference is giving us material support as we attempt to strengthen our facilities. The requests for foreign mission recruits from the Canadian field to serve in mission fields within the British Commonwealth have been accentuated by the spirit of nationalism which has worked against looking to the States where many of these workers have formerly been found.

The ten-year, million-dollar expansion programme launched and wonderfully supported by the Canadian Union Conference is planned to match our institution with the needs of this generation. Our facilities are still inadequate, our faculty members must advance in their educational attainments, and our curriculum must be enriched. This will bring courage to the constituency and I am sure a good response will come as we go to the believers this year for the support we need in order to accomplish the task that has been set before us, which is so vital to the Canadian field.

C. U. C. in Summer





North York Branson Hospital

A. W. KAYTOR, Administrator

On March 7, 1955 in the presence of a large gathering of church members and Government officials, the ground breaking ceremony of the Branson Hospital was officially conducted. This event marked the beginning of a series of inspired providences which can never be erased from the memory of those who had a part in the establishment of this institution. Even though the ground breaking ceremony took place in March of 1955, the actual construction of the hospital did not begin until April of 1956 and it was not until Sunday, July 7, 1957 that the hospital officially opened its doors for service. From March 1955 to April, 1956 the main activities had to do with the final drawings of the hospital plans and obtaining their approval by the Department of Health.

Doubtless construction of the hospital was the main item during the next year and a half, however, apart from the construction there were many other important events transpiring during these two and one-half years. For example, it was during this period that the hospital was officially and legally incorporated, the by-laws were drawn up, the personnel manual prepared, equipment and furnishings purchased, departmental forms and procedures prepared and at least fifty Seventh-day Adventist personnel were recruited to start work when the hospital officially opened. In addition to all this almost \$600,000 was solicited from the public and our churches.

With respect to the events during the operation of the hospital, these too were truly fantastic and almost phenomenal. We finished off 1957 with a total current and fixed assets of \$1,493,818.71, our total current liabilities stood at \$522,223.16. N. H. A. mortgages were \$46,800. For the end of 1958 we have this picture to present. Total current and fixed assets \$1,806,278.04, this represents a total in-

crease in assets of \$312,459.33. During this same year our liabilities were decreased by \$142,236.44. In the year 1958, the hospital purchased three more new staff homes, giving us a total of twelve beautiful homes. A lovely fifty-one bed nurses' residence was also built this same year. The roads, driveways and parking lots have been asphalted, street lights and additional parking lots have been installed. The spacious grounds round the hospital and the nurses' residence have been ploughed, harrowed, levelled and sown with grass seed and a beginning has been made on the planting of shrubberies and trees. In addition to all these we have purchased \$45,993.31 worth of equipment. All this has happened in just one year—1958. The above projects in 1958 cost this hospital approximately \$280,170.27. Apart from the N. H. A. mortgages on the three homes we owe not a penny. The entire amount of \$280,170.27 was paid for in cash, and more than that, with the exception of N. H. A. mortgages, we used no denominational funds whatsoever. You ask how can this be inasmuch as this hospital is only in its second year of operation?—our answer is *faith and works*—a combination which always calls forth the blessing of God.

In order to serve this community adequately and to operate an accredited medical internship and an accredited school of nursing, it is necessary for us to expand our hospital to 150 beds. The Canadian Union Conference, under the leadership of Elder Nelson, has kindly undertaken to sponsor the school of nursing. We are truly grateful to the Local and Union Conference for their wholehearted support of this project which is destined to serve all of Canada. We are truly grateful for such leadership. Elder Henriksen, our new chairman, has already manifested a vital and sincere interest in our hospital project. He has made personal visits to the hospital. He has met with a number of our committees. He has given us his counsel and guidance and we know for a certainty that God sent our capable leader to us. We are pleased and happy to join our brethren in this move to go forward and we pledge our wholehearted co-operation. May God give us the faith, wisdom and courage to move forward in unity that the glory of God may be revealed throughout the Dominion of Canada.



Crawford Hall, dedicated November 9, 1958, is a modern nurses' residence capable of accommodating over fifty nurses. Each apartment has its own electric stove, refrigerator, kitchen and bathroom facilities. There are also a comfortable reception lounge and a large basement recreation room.

Rest Haven Sanitarium and Hospital

A. G. RODGERS, *Administrator*



Professional ethics, governing a medical institution, prescribe our resorting, in print, or elsewhere, to any observation which might conceivably be construed as self-aggrandizement for the individual, the administration or the hospital.

Devotion to duty, hard work and dedicated service constitute the irreducible minimum rather than meritorious achievement clamouring for recognition. In an operation such as ours, these requisites of service have become the expected and anticipated norm which one daily seeks to observe and in which one constantly and conscientiously strives to excel.

In a specialized sphere of operation, where ethical considerations and restrictions abound, and where "case histories", so vibrant and pregnant with all that is sacred and personal, must remain conditionally and confidentially inviolate, we are precluded from the exhibiting of "trophies" preferring rather that any success achieved be the blessed experience of the patient and the ample reward of those privileged to serve.

Suffice it to say that, the work of the past four years has been a rich and rewarding experience. Patients have been neither reticent nor inarticulate concerning the medical ministry and loving care lavished upon them by professionally proficient and spiritually motivated personnel. Our Staff are recruited from varying environmental origins, with diverse tongues and with pronounced national characteristics. And yet despite all these seeming difficulties of communication the Advent Message binds our hearts in Christian love and we press forward unitedly in our privileged service to God and humanity. Our Staff composition, in alphabetical sequence, takes in many geographical areas of the Adventist world: American, Australasian, Austrian, British (English, Irish, Scotch), Canadian, Czecho-Slovakian, Danish, Dutch, Finnish, German, Norwegian, Swedish, etc.

Surely this is, indeed, a blessed commentary on a highly successful working together of nations, kindreds, tongues and peoples here on earth which will finally find its blessed ultimate and perfection in the earth made new.

Victories of the cross have been a compensating and joyous

accompaniment of our institutional operation and the quadrennium has yielded its own rich rewards in friendships formed and in the ennobling influence which has been shed abroad in our hearts by the courage and fortitude of those who have endured and triumphed over suffering and pain. Souls have been blessed, hearts have been cheered and bodies have been made whole, and as men and women have alternated between life and death, between sadness and suffering, they have been pointed to the More Excellent Way. It is our ardent hope and our earnest prayer that, because they have seen us they will know we have been with Jesus and learned of Him.

The friends of Rest Haven, particularly those who, during the past thirty-six years, have had a part in the building up of the institution, will be interested to learn of the complete transformation of the physical plant since the last Union Session. We are blessed with a Board of Trustees, each an administrator in his own right, that has consistently, and with great depth of vision, concerned itself with providing a "model" as well as a modern hospital.

We shall desist from wearying you with statistics; we shall recede from descanting upon peak-performance; and we shall trespass no farther upon this valuable space. Instead, "Come and see." It is our constant prayer that recent typographical errors find abundant fulfilment here in the course of our daily operation. One of our banks addressed us as: Rest "Heaven" Hospital whilst the other: Rest Haven "Gospital"! A recent communication indicated: "Best" Haven! May The Good Lord give us enabling, day by day, to make this the "Best" Haven—, "heaven" on earth, because in this hospital we have the "Gospital"! Please pray for us.



This modern hospital ambulance stands ready to serve the public twenty-four hours a day.



Kingsway Publishing Association

P. G. BLY, Assistant Manager

As we come together in this Union Conference Session I am sure that our hearts are filled with praise and gratitude to our heavenly Father for the many evidences of His love and watchcare over us since last we met on such an occasion. It is a pleasure to bring to you a report from the Kingsway Publishing Association, our publishing house in Canada. As we review the records of the past four years, we are again reminded of God's guiding hand over the publishing work. Truly the Lord has been good to us as we have endeavoured to carry out the responsibilities He has entrusted to us. For His abundant blessings we wish to give Him all the praise and sincerely pledge our loyalty to Him in the task which still lies before us. During the quadrennium under review, the Lord has been very gracious unto all our workers and their families. With very few exceptions, our workers have been spared from serious injury and the hand of death.

At this time permit me to say that I have had the privilege of serving the institution as Assistant Manager for only a part of the past quadrennium. I wish to pay tribute to Elder C. G. Maracle who so faithfully served this publishing house for many years, but because of serious illness was forced to relinquish his work as General Manager in June of 1957. We are thankful that his life has been spared and he is still able to be with us and frequently give us his valuable counsel.

During the past four years God has wonderfully blessed the sale of our literature in this great Canadian field as is indicated by the figures which we are able to present at this time. Our gains are revealed not only in dollars and cents but also in the number of souls baptized into the church as the result of the work of our literature evangelists. These figures will be revealed in the reports from our conference presidents.

The financial statistics for the past four-year period also reveal a steady, and in some instances, remarkable growth. Total assets increased from \$604,035.02 as of December 31, 1954, to \$674,712.60 on December 31, 1958, representing an increase of \$70,677.58 or 11.7% for the period. Net worth has also increased from \$483,753.52 as of December 31, 1954, to \$650,345.02 as of December 31, 1958, an increase of \$166,591.50 or 34%. Most of this increase in net worth is due to operating profits derived in the production and sale of our literature in the Canadian field. We are ex-

ploring every avenue possible whereby we can provide more denominational work for our factory and at the same time effect an additional saving in the production of our literature. Last year alone the factory bound and delivered to us 55,800 cloth-bound volumes. Our total retail sales for 1958 were the largest ever recorded for this house. Included in the approximately 44,000 hard-bound subscription books sold were 2,000 *Great Controversy* under the new title *Triumph of God's Love*. The following figures afford an interesting comparison of the retail billing to our Book and Bible Houses by years for the last two quadrennial periods. The years 1955 to 1958 inclusive show a gain over the previous four years of \$175,751.03.

1955	\$498,877.06	
1956	478,876.31	
1957	495,741.21	
1958	541,828.76	
		\$2,015,323.34
1951	\$415,034.53	
1952	492,072.89	
1953	504,667.76	
1954	427,797.13	
		\$1,839,572.31

Gain in sales over previous quadrennium 175,751.03 or 9.5%.

The Publishing House management is happy to be able to assist our student colporteurs who desire to work on the scholarship plan to obtain a Christian education. During the past eight years the following amounts have been paid out in scholarship premiums:

1951	\$ 2,257.35	1955	\$ 5,269.61
1952	3,340.09	1956	5,063.22
1953	2,872.54	1957	3,779.87
1954	2,770.32	1958	6,228.78
Total	\$11,240.30	Total	\$20,341.48

In concluding this report, I wish to express my appreciation to Elder W. A. Nelson for his fine leadership and the prayerful and timely counsel he has given us from time to time. Our Union and local Publishing Department Secretaries too have given excellent leadership in the distribution of the printed page. On the good foundation established by those who have gone before us we pledge ourselves to endeavour to reach still greater heights in harmony with prophetic prediction. To our heavenly Father we are sincerely thankful for the blessings of the past, and with renewed courage we face the future with our eyes fixed on Him who never fails His children.

THE GRATIFICATION OF READING GOOD BOOKS

It is a saying less than the truth to affirm that an excellent book (and the remark holds almost equally good of a Raphael as of a Milton) is like a well-chosen and well-tended fruit tree. Its fruits are not of one season

only. With the due and natural intervals, we may recur to it year after year, and it will supply the same nourishment and the same gratification, if only we ourselves return to it with the same healthful appetite.—Coleridge

Give me a book that does my soul embrace
And makes simplicity a grace—
Language freely flowing, thoughts as free—
Such pleasing books more taketh me
Than all the modern works of art
That please mine eyes and not my heart.

Maracle Press Limited

F. L. BELL, *Manager*



The *Catholic Messenger* once printed these words:
"The tallest pulpit in the world is the printing press."

We, as a people from our very beginning realized that this was true so began to build Publishing Houses all over the world. Today they are scattered to the four winds preparing literature to warn the world of a soon-coming Saviour.

We, in Canada, are happy that our people had the foresight some forty years ago to build a Publishing House that has printed many thousands of our truth-filled books which have been circulated all over Canada. While it is true that our efforts for some years have not been confined to denominational endeavour alone, plans are continually being made to enable us to produce much more of our own literature in our own factory.

During the past quadrennium the Lord has richly blessed our efforts. During this time our sales have been in excess of \$2,600,000.00. Denominational work done in our factory during this time has amounted to approximately \$152,000.00. While this does not appear to be a great amount, it is encouraging to note the increase during the past four-year period. In 1955—\$26,000.00; in 1956—\$22,500.00; in 1957—\$31,500.00 and in 1958—\$72,000.00 worth of denominational work was done in our factory.

Much of this has been attained through the purchase of new equipment to the value of \$177,000.00. A large portion of this equipment has made possible the more efficient bind-

ing of signatures purchased from our sister Publishing Houses in the United States.

For many years the Ingathering Magazine used in Canada has been printed in our plant and this year permission has been granted to print carolling leaflets for the Canadian field.

We appreciate the interest manifested by our brethren in the General and Union Conferences. We know they are all eager that our Canadian House produce as much of our truth-filled literature as possible.

During the years 1954-1958 almost one million dollars was paid our employees in salaries and wages. This has resulted in one hundred thousand dollars in tithe as well as many thousands of dollars in offerings given to the church. Our thanks and appreciation at this time go to nearly one hundred faithful co-workers in the plant and to hundreds of our literature evangelists in the field without whom the successes made in the past four years would not have been possible.

Fellow-workers, there is still much to be done. We solicit your prayers for your Publishing House in Canada.

Kingsway House and Maracle Press



Behind these doors are housed two units—Kingsway Publishing Association and Maracle Press Limited. Both of these units comprise our Publishing House organization. Kingsway is the supply base for all the Book and Bible Houses in the Canadian Union while Maracle Press cares for the manufacturing of our denominational literature. Here also is printed your Canadian Union Messenger.



The Church

One holy Church of God appears
Through every age and race,
Unwashed by the lapse of years,
Unchanged by changing place.

From oldest time, on farthest shores,
Beneath the pine or palm,
One Unseen Presence she adores,
With silence or with psalm.

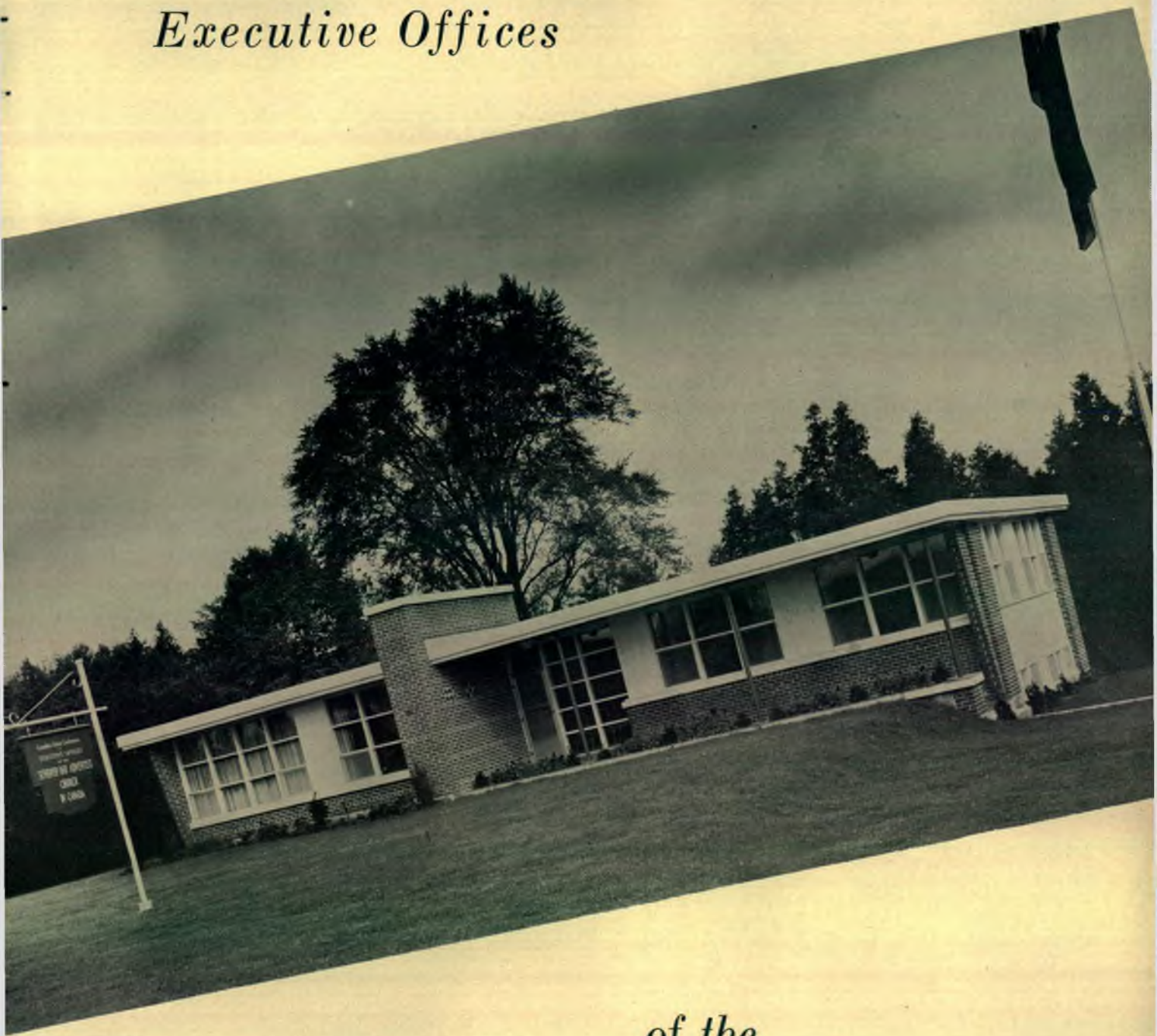
Her priests are all God's faithful sons,
To serve the world raised up;
The pure in heart her baptized ones;
Love, her communion-cup.

The truth is her prophetic gift,
The soul her sacred page;
And feet on mercy's errands swift
Do make her pilgrimage.

O living Church! thine errand speed;
Fulfil thy task sublime;
With bread of life earth's hunger feed;
Redeem the evil time!

Samuel Longfellow

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