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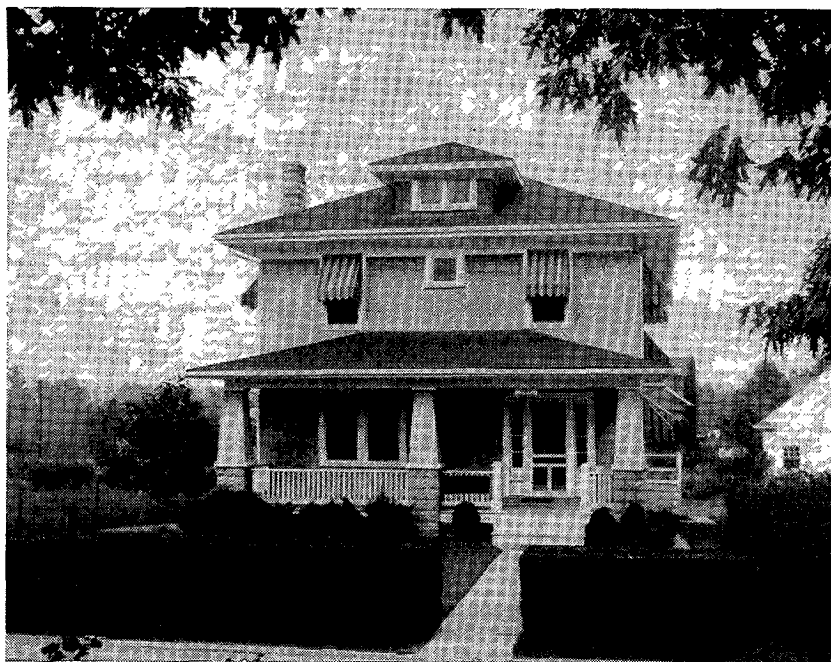
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# List of Delegates

List of delegates to the Sixth Quadrennial Session of the Columbia Union Conference Session, February 16-25, 1942, Fort Pitt Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. There were 163 delegates who responded to the roll call.

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or Evangelistic Council

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or Evangelistic Council  
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Departmental  
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or Evangelistic Council

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## Washington Missionary College

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## Mt. Vernon Academy

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## Shenandoah Valley Academy

W. C. Hannah.

## Takoma Academy

C. N. Rees.

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# President's Report, Sixth Quadrennial Session of the Columbia Union Conference

H. J. Detwiler, President



H. J. DETWILER

To the delegates assembled in the Sixth Quadrennial Session of the Columbia Union, greetings.

The last two sessions of the Columbia Union Conference covered five-year periods. This, therefore is a quinquennial report, and all figures given and comparisons made are for a period of five years, unless otherwise stated.

At the close of the former quinquennial period we were just emerging from the greatest economic upheaval of modern times. The whole world had passed through a period of immeasurable financial distress, which greatly decreased the tithes and mission offerings of our church membership. The threat of economic disaster and financial chaos confronted every conference and institutional administration during those trying years. The situation at present is almost the reverse of those former years. We are now experiencing an abnormal degree of financial prosperity. The world-encircling conflict in which our nation has now become a leading factor and the drafting of millions of men into the expanded armed services of our country have created a serious shortage in labor and provided

increased employment and wages for our people generally. The present period of prosperity should, under the blessing of God, mark the greatest forward movement in the proclamation of the Truth ever witnessed in this generation.

With the excellent increase of tithe in each Conference of the Union there should be a corresponding increase in the employment of evangelistic soul-winning workers. The Columbia Union, with its 1900 cities and 27,000,000 judgment-bound souls, peoples of almost every nationality, presents an evangelistic problem of the greatest magnitude. Within the vast stretch of territory comprising this Union there are found many of the populous cities of the east, so frequently mentioned in the writings of the Spirit of prophecy. Sister White carried a great burden for the evangelization of these cities. In "Testimonies for the Church," Volume IX, page 98, she wrote:

"Instruction has been given me that the message should go again with power in the cities of the eastern states."

Brethren and delegates, the hour is late, and the work is great. To meet the mind and purposes of God in this important Union Session, we must adopt broad plans to speedily evangelize our populous territory. We should immediately launch out upon the greatest Union-wide evangelistic program in the history of the Columbia Union Conference.

To accomplish this, every department of the work must be employed. The talent, energy, and devotion of every church member should be utilized. There will be a larger circulation of our truth-filled literature. Each and every administrator and conference worker should plan to the end that the larger part of the talent of time given be annually employed in actual soul-winning evangelistic endeavor.

"A great work must be done in

a very short time." Vol. IX, p. 125.

## TITHES AND MISSION OFFERINGS

The tithe income for the present period amounted to \$3,811,716.70. This is a net gain over the former five years of \$1,495,556.80. This gain almost equaled the total tithe receipts for the entire Union for the first three years of the former five-year period. This excellent income enabled the conferences to carry forward a strong evangelistic program in many parts of the field.



F. H. ROBBINS

Newly Elected President

The following inspired counsel has been given concerning the nature and proper use of the tithe:

"A very plain, definite message has been given to me for our people. I am bidden to tell them that they are making a mistake in applying the tithe to various objects, which, though good in themselves, are not the object to which the Lord has said that the tithe should be applied. Those who make this use of the tithe are departing from the Lord's arrangement. God will judge for these things.

"One reason that the tithe may be applied to school purposes. Still other reason that canvassers and colporteurs should be supported from the tithe. But a great mistake is made when the tithe is drawn from the object for which it is to be used,—the support of the ministers. There should be today in the field one hundred well qualified laborers where now there is but one." Vol. IX, pp. 248-249.

The total amount contributed to missions through the Forty-Cents-a-Week plan during the past five-year period amounted to \$1,841,974.41. This is a net gain in the five years of \$481,490.46,—almost one-half million dollars. I regard this as a marvelous achievement. Our weekly per capita gifts to missions in 1936 were .362 cents. In 1941 they were .453 cents,—a gain from 1937 to 1941 of .091 cents per capita.

The first three conferences listed in the General Conference Missions Statement for 1941 as having the largest weekly per capita for the year in the North American Division were from the Columbia Union.

The outstanding increase in both tithes and mission offerings during this period was made possible largely through the growth in church membership. The mission gifts were equivalent to 48.32 per cent of the tithe paid during the period.

The Harvest Ingathering receipts from 1937-41 were \$735,540.02. This is a net gain over the former five-year period of \$204,927.15.

In the past five years, we turned into the General Conference treasury in mission offerings, including the per cent of tithe to missions, \$2,967,978.72. This is a net gain of \$840,008.45 over the former five-year period.

The Columbia Union continues to be one of the key Unions of the North American Division in its support of our world-wide foreign missionary enterprise.

This report reflects a loyalty and devotion on the part of our constituency, church and Sabbath school officers, ministers, conference workers, and administrators that merits the greatest possible commendation. The highest type of spiritual service among us is the teaching and promotion of faithfulness in tithe paying and missions giving. It was not God's plan that this work should be

committed to a few specialists. It is the duty and privilege of every conference laborer and church officer to work to the end that every member in the church pay an honest and faithful tithe and contribute liberally to missions. The Lord has spoken concerning this matter as follows:

"The contributions required of the Hebrews for religious and charitable purposes amounted to fully one-fourth of their income. So heavy a tax upon the resources of the people might be expected to reduce them to poverty, but on the contrary, the faithful observance of these regulations was one of the conditions of their prosperity." "Patriarchs and Prophets," p. 527.

"God in His wise plans has made the advancement of His cause dependent upon the personal efforts of His people and upon their freewill offerings." "Testimonies," Vol. IV, p. 464.

"Let not our church members complain because they are so often called upon to give. What is it that makes the frequent calls a necessity? Is it not the rapid missionary enterprises? Shall we, by refusing to give, retard the growth of these enterprises? Shall we forget that we are laborers together with God? From every church, prayers should ascend to God for an increase of devotion and liberality." "Testimonies," Vol. IX, p. 55.

"To show a richer self-denying spirit for the success of foreign missions is a sure way to advance home missionary work, for the prosperity of the home work depends largely, under God, upon the reflex influence of the evangelistic work done in countries afar off." "Gospel Workers," p. 465.

#### INCREASE IN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

From 1932 to 1936, the former five-year period, our church membership throughout the Columbia Union grew from 13,303 to 17,388. From 1937 to 1941 our Union membership increased from 17,388 to 22,053. During this period 8,272 were added to the church by baptism and 764 by profession of faith. The total additions for the five-year period by baptism and profession of faith were 9,036.

During this period we accepted into our church membership more than the entire Columbia Union membership in 1917. Our net in-

crease for the period of 26.81 per cent leads all the Unions of the North American Division according to the statistical reports received from the General Conference. It is our firm belief, however, that the greatest harvest of souls for the third angel's message lies right before us.

The solemn truths committed to this people will be proclaimed with Pentecostal power in these last days in the populous cities of the eastern seaboard, and we have been assured that thousands will be converted in a day. Our growth in membership has not been spasmodic; it has been consistent and continuous, as the following listed growth in membership by years indicates:

1932 .....	13,888
1933 .....	14,766
1934 .....	15,647
1935 .....	16,592
1936 .....	17,388
1937 .....	18,108
1938 .....	19,005
1939 .....	20,187
1940 .....	21,262
1941 .....	22,053

To multiply believers in this blessed message in all parts of the world field, both at home and abroad, is the supreme and ultimate objective of every denominational enterprise. The addition in church membership represented by my report includes peoples of many languages and nationalities. In the Columbia Union, with its populous cities, we have literally a polyglot of nations. More than 40 languages are reported spoken in one of our leading cities.

From 1937 to 1941, approximately 312 efforts were conducted. Thirty-two new churches were organized; three of these were foreign, and three colored. Twenty-seven church buildings were purchased or erected at an approximate cost of \$140,000.

#### MINISTERIAL INTERNES

From 1937 to 1941, the conferences of the Columbia Union placed 31 young men in the ministry on the Internship Plan. Twenty-five of this number were graduates from the Senior Theological Course of Washington Missionary College, four were graduates of Oakwood Junior College, and one from Emmanuel Missionary College.

We now have an excellent group of young men in the ministry. The Columbia Union has taken on its full quota of ministerial internes from year to year. It also has paid the local conferences the amount provided by the internship plan whenever these conferences have taken on additional theological graduates in excess of the quotas allowed by the General Conference at the time of the Autumn Councils. From this group we have developed some of our ablest evangelists. A total of \$49,602.23 was appropriated to the conferences toward the salary of these internes for the five-year period.

### PUBLISHING WORK

There is no line of work connected with this blessed cause that contributes more in its finality toward the evangelism of the masses than the circulation of our truth-filled literature.

The actual deliveries in books and magazines for the former five-year period was \$368,717.53; for the present period, \$595,869.49, —a net gain of \$227,151.96, or 61 per cent.

During the former period, 153 colporteurs reported each year. For the period just closing there was an average of 184 colporteurs reporting each year, an increase of 20 per cent.

The magazine work has made marvelous progress during the past few years. In 1934, the first year that reports for magazine sales were filed, the total business for the year amounted to \$16,887.06. The business reported in magazines alone for 1941 amounted to \$64,672.20. For the past five years the magazine sales amounted to \$209,104.58. This represents, for the most part, ten-cent sales. These faithful magazine workers have actually contacted tens and hundreds of thousands of homes. The circulation of our magazines presents untold possibilities which we have scarcely touched with the tips of our fingers. The populous cities of our vast territory offer unexcelled opportunities for consecrated magazine workers.

### SALE OF OUR LARGE BOOKS

The messenger of the Lord has given the following counsel:

"'Great Controversy' should be very widely circulated . . . I am more anxious to see a wide circulation for this book than for any others I have written, for in

'Great Controversy' the last message of warning to the world is given more distinctly than in any of my other works." Ellen G. White Letter, 281, 1905.

"In 'Desire of Ages,' 'Patriarchs and Prophets,' 'Great Controversy,' and in 'Daniel and the Revelation' there is precious instruction. These books must be regarded as of special importance, and every effort should be made to get them before the people." Ellen G. White Letter, 229, 1903.

"The light given was that 'Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation,' 'The Great Controversy' and 'Patriarchs and Prophets,' would make their way. They contain the very message the people must have, the special light God had given His people. The angels of God would prepare the way for these books in the hearts of the people.

"Instruction has been given me that the important books containing the light that God has given regarding Satan's apostasy in heaven should be given a wide circulation just now; for through them the truth will reach many minds. 'Patriarchs and Prophets,' 'Daniel and the Revelation,' and 'The Great Controversy,' are needed now as never before. They should be widely circulated because the truths they emphasize will open many blind eyes." "Colporteur Evangelist," p. 21.

In keeping with this inspired counsel, we have placed special emphasis upon the need of circulating these large subscription books. In the former five-year period, 17,268 copies of our large subscription books were put into circulation by our colporteurs; during the last five-year period, 35,809 copies were sold. This is an increase over the former period of 18,541 copies, or 107 per cent.

The total "big book" sales for 1941 showed an increase over the average yearly sales from 1932-1936 of 406 per cent.

The Columbia Union still leads all the unions of the world field in its annual delivery of truth-filled subscription books. For the first eleven months of 1941, there were only three of the eleven world divisions, outside of North America, that delivered more books for that period of time than we delivered in the Columbia Union. In other words, the Columbia Union delivered more books in the first eleven months

of 1941 than any one of the seven world divisions.

The sympathetic interest and wholehearted support of our local presidents in this important phase of our denominational work has contributed much toward this outstanding record.

### EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

The educational work of the Union has made excellent progress during the past five-year period, as will be seen by the reports of our Union Educational Secretary, the President of Washington Missionary College, and the principals of our leading secondary schools.

Washington Missionary College has been greatly blessed of the Lord during the past five-year period. Its enrollment has shown a marked increase and is at the present time 746.

One hundred thirty-seven students are at present enrolled in its Theological Department. The graduates from this department have been thoroughly trained for their work. They are well-grounded in all subjects pertaining to the ministry and have also had excellent field experience during their training, holding evangelistic services in the conferences near-by. They come to the field so well prepared that they have given unusual satisfaction in all the conferences where they have been employed, and there is a growing demand for these graduates to fill the urgent need for added workers in the cause.

During the past five years, the College has paid to the students for labor on its campus and in its industries \$534,138.61. These industries, in addition to training students in the trades and crafts, also furnish sufficient labor for them to earn a large portion of their tuition and expenses while attending college.

The splendid service and influence of those who have been given the responsibility of directing these industries bears high testimony to their fidelity to the cause. The marvelous growth and achievement in these industries is evidence of the signal blessing of the Lord.

During the past four years the college has decreased its liabilities to the extent of \$89,667.65, and at the same time increased its assets to the extent of \$181,473.99.

We have recently added to the college facilities a new Press building furnished with modern, up-to-date equipment, a Normal building that is on a par with the best architecture and workmanship, and a modern central heating plant to take care of all the buildings upon the college campus. We are now completing the construction of a library that meets all the demands and requirements of a standard college. When the library is moved from College Hall, as it will be within the next few months, then College Hall will be transformed into a modern science building.

Splendid improvements also have been made in our secondary schools. Mount Vernon has just completed a boy's dormitory with a rooming capacity of more than 100. Shenandoah Valley Academy has provided a splendid administration building and a dairy barn and a general barn for the farm. Plainfield Academy has purchased a beautiful modern brick building of 30 rooms that is well suited for the purposes of the academy. Larger facilities have also been provided for Takoma Academy. All these institutions are doing a splendid work in training our youth for service.

We have been greatly cheered by the development and growth of our colored constituency. Secondary schools have now been provided for our colored youth in a number of the larger cities. At the present time work in academic grades is carried on in Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Newark, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, and Cleveland. As a result of extending this work beyond the eighth grade, a goodly number of our colored youth have enrolled in Oakwood Junior College for the year 1941-42, our enrollment in the academic and college classes equaled that of the Southern Union with its large colored population, and in which the school is located.

It is the responsibility of every pastor, evangelist, and local elder to see that provision is made for the training of all the children of the church in our denominational schools. It has been the policy of the Columbia Union not to approve of the purchase or erection of any church building unless arrangements were provided for the church school.

During the past five-year period, \$113,036.20 was raised by our

faithful people on the Educational Building Fund, which has greatly encouraged and assisted the conferences and institutions of the Union in providing much needed buildings and equipment. All these buildings and facilities were provided without incurring additional indebtedness.

#### MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT

We rejoice in the growth shown in our Missionary Volunteer Department. The number of societies has increased from 169 in 1937 to 233 in 1941. The average membership in 1937 was 3,484; in 1941, 6,188.

Of our total additions to the church of 9,036 through baptism and profession of faith, 3,342 have been junior and senior youth, which represent almost 37 per cent of the total.

In these momentous times, the talent, strength, and zeal of our youth are needed as never before to proclaim this message. We must now more effectively organize their forces for the accomplishment of the supreme task confronting us.

"With such an army of workers as our youth rightly trained might furnish how soon the message of a crucified, risen and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world. How soon might the end come, and the end of suffering and sorrow and sin." "Education," p. 271.

The youth have been the main-spring in every denominational enterprise. Their courage, zeal, and loyalty have electrified the membership in many of our churches. The marvelous Harvest Ingathering achievement set forth in this report has been made possible in a large degree through the activities of our Missionary Volunteers. The sum of \$230,951.10, or 31 per cent of the total amount raised during this period, was brought in by our Missionary Volunteers. They are the workers of tomorrow, the future leaders and administrators for this, the greatest religious movement of all time.

#### MEDICAL CADET CORPS

Another feature of our work that deserves special mention is the development of the Medical Cadet Corps. In the fall of 1938, Washington Missionary College initiated the first course of training in the Columbia Union. Following

the Autumn Council at Lincoln, Nebraska, in 1939, the Union Medical Cadet Corps Council was appointed. Since then 44 corps have been organized and operated with 2,145 of our young men in training from 150 of our churches. In 1940 a training camp with officers and cadets from 13 corps was conducted. In 1941 two camps were operated simultaneously,—one for cadets and another for officers, including representatives from the Atlantic and Southern Union Conferences.

The work of our Medical Cadet Corps has been given most favorable publicity by the press. At the graduation exercises of our Washington area, a personal representative of the Surgeon General, Major General McGee, took part. Lieutenant Colonel Spruitt, who assisted us in getting recognition for our course of training with the Classification Division of the War Department, was also present. Our relationship with these men has been most cordial and friendly.

In working with the District Chapter of the American Red Cross, our cadets have been requested on various occasions such as Inauguration Day, the Dedication of the National Gallery of Arts Society, etc., to furnish a large detail of First Aid workers. This has led to a request from the Red Cross to help organize units under the Red Cross for rescue work in times of emergency or disaster, local or national.

#### HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

The greatest potential force for the evangelization of our populous territory is found in the laymen. We have been told through the Spirit of prophecy:

"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.

It has also been stated that, "The minister is to be simply Colonel of the regiment. The real fighting is to be done by the men in the ranks who carry the guns. No idea could be more non-Christian or more irrational than that the religious colonel is engaged to do the fighting for his men while they sit at ease; and yet perhaps there is one idea current which is more absurd still. That is, that there is to be no fighting at all, but that



the colonel is paid to spend his time solacing his regiment or giving it gentle educative instruction not destined ever to result in any downright manly effort on the part of the whole regiment to do anything against the enemy."—Dr. Robert Speer.

At the present time 93 laymen among us are engaged in the work of lay preaching. These brethren are doing a splendid work, and in some instances churches have been raised up, and in several places new companies of believers have been organized as a result of their faithful efforts.

During the closing weeks of 1941, the Home Missionary Department was requested by action of the Union Committee to launch a campaign for a large circulation of "Great Controversy" among the laymen, to be used chiefly for missionary purposes. During the campaign we set out to circulate at least 5,000 copies. Seven thousand five hundred and thirteen copies were circulated.

The marvelous results that have attended our Harvest Ingathering work reflect the strong leadership and successful promotion of this important department of our work which summons our entire church membership for action.

### MEDICAL WORK

The health reform phase of present truth is clearly revealed to be an integral and essential part of the third angel's message and is therefore a part of the appointed work of every minister and gospel worker. The health message should therefore always be kept before our churches. From the servant of the Lord comes the following counsel:

"When the third angel's message is received in its fullness, health reform will be given its place in the councils of the Conference, in the work of the church, in the home, at the table, and in all the household arrangements. Then the right arm will serve and protect the body." Vol. VI, p. 327.

"Make regular, organized efforts to lift the church-members out of the dead level in which they have been for years. Send out into the churches workers who will live the principles of health reform. Let those be sent who can see the necessity of self-denial in appetite, or they will be a snare to the church. See if the breath of life will not then come into our churches. A new element needs

to be brought into the work." Vol. VI, p. 267.

"There is a message regarding health reform to be borne in every church. There is a work to be done in every school. . . . The selfish, health-destroying indulgences of men and women have counteracted the influence of the message that is to prepare a people for the great day of God. If the churches expect strength, they must live the truth which God has given them. If the members of our churches disregard the light on this subject, they will reap the sure result in both spiritual and physical degeneracy." Vol. 6, pp. 370-371.

A good work has been carried on in our local conferences in the physical examinations which are annually given in all of our church schools. This work has been placed upon a better basis and excellent results have followed.

The splendid influence of the Washington Sanitarium has radiated into practically every part of the Columbia Union Conference.

The Mount Vernon Sanitarium and the Harding Rest Home, in Ohio, have both exerted a most wholesome influence for health principles and are beacon lights for the Truth in that conference.

The operation of a clinic at Hyattsville, in the Potomac Conference, has grown to large proportions. Five thousand three hundred and seventy-six patients were treated in this clinic during 1941. Thirteen doctors of medicine, twelve of whom are Seventh-day Adventists; and six dentists, some of whom are Seventh-day Adventists, are on the medical staff of the clinic.

The health center of Hyattsville is a wonderful example of the power of our medical work to prepare the way for greater evangelical work in a city.

More than 50 Seventh-day Adventist physicians are now practicing medicine within the territory of the Columbia Union. Many of them are graduates from the College of Medical Evangelists of Loma Linda. This number does not include the medical staff of the Washington Sanitarium. The operation of treatment rooms in our large cities has accomplished outstanding results for good. We wish that this phase of our medical work might be successfully promoted in all parts of our field. Consecrated men and women with a clear vision of the possibilities

of our medical work could accomplish a great work in our leading cities along this line.

### RADIO

The use of the radio has become one of the most effective and fruitful means of advertising our evangelistic efforts. Not only is it of value as an advertising agency, but in many cases our evangelists are using the radio most effectively in the proclamation of the truths of the message. Thirty-three of our ministers are now using it most successfully. We believe that the time will soon come when many more of our brethren will make the use of the radio a part of their regular program. Thousands are contacted in this way who would not attend a public meeting.

We are asking our ministers and people everywhere to heartily support the national broadcast sponsored by the General Conference, and believe that it will accomplish far-reaching results. It was not the purpose of the brethren, however, that the launching of the national broadcast should supplant the local broadcasts which are operating so successfully and reaching thousands of people. On the contrary, there should be a much greater use made of the local broadcast for the evangelization of our populous territory.

### WORKERS DECEASED

With saddened hearts we review the decease of beloved workers since our last Union Conference Session. Elders W. F. Schwartz, L. O. Gordon, B. E. Connerly, C. W. Weber, Brother A. E. King, Mrs. B. E. Connerly, Mrs. F. E. Thumwood, Mrs. C. H. Keslake, Mrs. Martha White, and Mrs. Gertrude Burgess, whose much appreciated labors of love spread over a long series of years, fell asleep in the hope of the soon-coming Life-giver. Of the General Conference, Brother W. A. Burgan, Elder Steen Rasmussen, Sister J. L. McElhany, and Sister C. B. Haynes. While not directly engaged in work in the Columbia Union, their devotion to the cause, their friendly and unselfish interest, were to us always an inspiring example to emulate.

### THE PRESENT OUTLOOK

The present world outlook is most portentous. The nations are feverishly preparing for earth's final struggle concerning which

we have been preaching for more than three-quarters of a century. Brethren, we are not only in the time of the end, but in the end of time. We are not assuming the role of a prophet when like faithful watchmen upon the walls of Zion we proclaim with confidence, firm belief, and certainty the prophetic truths of the third angel's message that deal with our time and generation. If there ever was a time to preach this message in all of its fullness, with earnestness and great fervency, that time is now.

From the messenger of the Lord come the following solemn words: "Are we to wait until the fulfillment of the prophecies of the end before we say anything concerning them? Of what value will our words be then? Shall we wait until God's judgments fall upon the transgressor before we tell him how to avoid them? Where is our faith in the Word of God? Must we see things foretold come to pass before we will believe what He has said?" Vol. 9, p. 20.

"The world is stirred with the spirit of war. The prophecy of the eleventh chapter of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfillment. Soon the scenes of trouble, spoken of in the prophecies, will take place." Vol. 9, p. 14.

Not only should the important truths of Matthew 24 and Daniel 2, be now proclaimed, but Daniel 11, as well as all the great prophecies of the Books of Daniel and the Revelation. These prophetic books have been clearly and forcefully expounded in "Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation," by that veteran author among us, Elder Uriah Smith. If there was ever a time in the world's history when that book was needed, it is at this time. We are pleased to know that it may soon be produced by our publishing houses in subscription form. It will enjoy the widest possible circulation by our people and colporteurs throughout our vast territory.

Startling in their significance are the events that are now occurring before us. The present world situation urges us on to a deeper devotion and wholehearted service. The cause of God today needs men and women of conviction, of character and sterling worth, who believe the message as committed to this people by the pioneers of this movement, approved by the Spirit of proph-

ecy, without the moving of a peg or a pin. To this kind of dedication, I invite you one and all at the very beginning of this Union Conference Session. We want the Lord to have His way in all matters that come before us. We must face our problems with great courage, unafraid. "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

The time has come for your present Union officers to lay down their responsibilities. As we review the work accomplished during the past ten years, the conviction deepens that the Spirit of God directed this Union delegation ten years ago in petitioning the General Conference to continue as a separate unit in the great sisterhood of Unions of the North American Division. Your present officers have spent a large

portion of their time in company with local presidents and conference workers in promoting the great interests of this triumphant cause in its vast territory of more than 169,000 square miles. We have found it difficult to encompass the whole field with its rapidly growing work and interests.

Among the officers and workers of the Union, and throughout the entire field, there has been a spirit of helpful cooperation, cordial fellowship, friendly understanding, and an earnest endeavor to faithfully discharge the sacred responsibilities entrusted to them.

For all that has been accomplished, we gratefully acknowledge the blessings of God so evident upon the work in all parts of the Union throughout this period.

## Committees Appointed

### GENERAL COMMITTEE

W. H. Branson, *Chairman*  
Chesapeake: C. V. Leach, W. R. Riston, J. H. Wagner.  
East Pa.: C. W. Guenther, W. C. Moffett, J. G. Mitchell.  
New Jersey: M. G. Conger, R. S. Fries, S. G. Silvers.

Ohio: C. C. Morris, F. C. Phipps, Geo. Harding.  
Potomac: J. W. MacNeil, G. S. Rapp, W. C. Hannah.  
West Pa.: L. H. King, Monroe Burgess, E. H. Swanson.  
West Va.: T. M. French, N. S. Ashton, J. H. McHenry.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

W. H. Branson, *Chairman*  
M. G. Conger  
L. H. King  
W. M. Robbins  
C. V. Leach  
C. C. Morris  
T. M. French  
W. C. Hannah  
W. C. Moffett  
J. W. MacNeil  
B. G. Wilkinson  
R. L. Boothby  
F. C. Phipps  
F. H. Robbins  
J. D. Snider  
Clinton Coon

### COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND LICENSES:

L. H. Christian, *Chairman*  
C. V. Leach  
F. H. Robbins  
W. M. Robbins  
J. W. MacNeil

M. G. Conger  
L. H. King  
T. M. French  
J. H. Wagner

### COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS:

B. G. Wilkinson, *Chairman*  
W. B. Mohr  
J. P. Neff  
J. W. MacNeil  
F. M. Wilcox

### COMMITTEE ON SEATING OF DELEGATES:

W. M. Robbins, *Chairman*  
C. V. Leach  
W. H. Jones

### COMMITTEE ON PLANS:

C. B. Haynes, *Chairman*  
W. B. Mohr  
R. H. Fickling

J. C. Holland  
S. L. Clark  
W. F. Miller  
Archa O. Dart  
Wayne B. Hill  
G. D. Harding  
J. E. Johnson  
J. G. Mitchell  
J. P. Neff  
R. F. Farley  
C. C. Pulver  
C. P. Sorensen  
W. A. Higgins  
L. W. Graham  
J. J. Strahle  
G. E. Peters  
E. H. Swanson  
N. S. Ashton  
Mrs. L. Holbert  
H. H. Votaw  
R. S. Fries  
W. C. Hannah

## Reports of Committees

### Report of Nominating Committee:

President, Elder F. H. Robbins; Secy.-Treas., Auditor, C. H. Kelly; Educational Secretary, J. P. Neff; Missionary Volunteer Secretary, C. P. Sorensen; Home Missionary Secretary, J. C. Holland; Field Missionary Secretary, S. L. Clark; Assistant Field Missionary Secretary to carry magazine work, Mrs. Lloyd Holbert; Medical Secretary, Dr. R. A. Hare; Negro Secretary, J. H. Wagner.

For Members of the Columbia Union Conference Executive Committee:

F. H. Robbins, C. H. Kelly, J. P. Neff, C. P. Sorensen, S. L. Clark, J. C. Holland, J. H. Wagner, R. A. Hare, W. M. Robbins, L. H. King,

T. M. French, M. G. Conger, C. V. Leach, H. J. Detwiler, B. G. Wilkinson, J. D. Snider, R. L. Boothby, and the president of the East Pennsylvania Conference.

### Report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws

That Section 2 (a) of Article 4 of the Constitution and By-Laws be changed to read as follows:

(a) In addition to its president, each local conference shall be entitled to one delegate at large and one for every 150 members or *major fraction thereof* elected by vote of the conference or appointed by the conference committee. (The italic is the insertion.)

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## Treasurer's Report

W. B. Mohr, Sec'y-Treas.



W. B. MOHR

DURING the past five years ending December 31, 1941, the Columbia Union has shown very remarkable growth in tithes, offerings, and membership. Unity and cooperation on the part of members, workers, and leaders throughout our field, with the blessing of the Lord, have made possible this unprecedented record.

As we glance over the financial reports for the quinquennial period ending December 31, 1941, we find for the past year the largest membership and the largest amount of tithe and mission offerings ever received in the history of this Union since its organization in 1907. These figures may be found in the accompanying report, "HISTORY IN FIGURES."

The Balance Sheet and Operating Statements likewise are very encouraging. During the past five years Liabilities have been very favorably reduced from \$25,880.65 in 1937 to \$9,854.27 in 1941, or a reduction of \$16,026.38, with a Net Worth at the present time of \$30,391.78. Each year, from and including 1937, shows a net operating gain of from \$4,000 to \$8,000 totaling in the five years \$34,550.48.

During the period covered by the reports every effort has been made to keep to a minimum the administrative and operating expense, and to place these funds in the field for evangelism. Results from this effort show that we have increased our membership 4,665 since the beginning of 1937—a gain of 26.8 per cent. Our membership now stands at 22,053.

We give God the praise for all that has been accomplished, and to our faithful conference and institutional leaders, workers, and members we express our appreciation for the cooperation and earnestness manifested in making this splendid report possible.



C. H. KELLY

Newly Elected Treasurer

# Columbia Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

## Comparative Balance Sheet

### Years 1937 - 1940

ASSETS					
	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941
Current:					
Cash	\$38,280.63	\$46,121.64	\$32,471.83	\$42,302.10	\$10,326.14
Accounts Receivable	536.98	1,581.03	1,626.57	1,772.21	16,575.91
Notes Receivable	4,000.00	4,000.00		350.00	350.00
Investments					5,000.00
Prepaid Expense	161.40	223.02	124.19	464.25	165.79
Prepaid Supplies	552.93	644.50	869.53	2,955.09	9,645.93
Total Current	<u>43,531.94</u>	<u>52,570.19</u>	<u>35,092.12</u>	<u>47,843.65</u>	<u>42,063.77</u>
Fixed:					
Equipment	<u>4,534.64</u>	<u>3,787.41</u>	<u>3,743.67</u>	<u>4,409.85</u>	<u>5,182.28</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>48,066.58</u>	<u>56,357.60</u>	<u>38,835.79</u>	<u>52,253.50</u>	<u>47,246.05</u>
LIABILITIES					
Accounts Payable	6,425.82		722.25	51.09	
Trust Funds	<u>19,454.83</u>	<u>31,493.32</u>	<u>13,707.85</u>	<u>19,193.86</u>	<u>9,854.27</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>25,880.65</u>	<u>31,493.32</u>	<u>14,430.10</u>	<u>19,244.95</u>	<u>9,854.27</u>
Reserves		2,950.00	1,950.00	6,600.00	7,000.00
Net Worth	<u>22,185.93</u>	<u>21,914.28</u>	<u>22,455.69</u>	<u>26,408.55</u>	<u>30,391.78</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Worth	48,066.58	56,357.60	38,835.79	52,253.50	47,246.05

# Columbia Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

## Comparative Condensed Operating Statement

### Years 1937 - 1941

INCOME					
	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941
Tithe from Conference	\$65,703.89	\$66,769.59	\$71,541.01	\$80,425.78	\$96,731.40
Review and Herald Subsidy	2,433.68	2,298.19	1,825.00	1,830.00	1,880.57
Magazine Salary Subsidy	480.00	480.00	480.00	480.00	480.00
Interest	247.82	299.24	261.14	129.44	286.96
Sustentation Re. G. C.				1,373.43	
Miscellaneous				351.45	243.94
	<u>68,865.39</u>	<u>69,847.02</u>	<u>74,117.15</u>	<u>84,590.10</u>	<u>99,622.87</u>
EXPENSES					
Workers' Sal. and Expenses	21,940.53	22,233.80	23,110.49	23,166.90	25,164.43
General	5,522.23	3,241.77	3,480.37	3,743.94	3,848.07
Appropriations	19,757.34	21,176.27	23,166.19	28,154.16	36,661.85
Administrative	3,580.45	3,812.52	4,315.71	4,293.38	5,381.17
Tithes	12,640.75	12,686.19	13,592.78	15,602.59	18,669.50
Depreciations	676.82	563.51	717.45	676.27	914.62
	<u>64,118.12</u>	<u>63,714.06</u>	<u>68,382.99</u>	<u>75,637.24</u>	<u>90,639.64</u>
Gains	4,747.27	6,132.96	5,734.16	8,952.86	8,983.23

Total Gains for 5 Years \$34,550.48

# History in Figures

## Columbia Union Conference

Year	Member- ship	Tithe	Tithe per Capita	Missions	Weekly Missions per Capita	Sabbath School	Harvest Ingathering
1907	5717	\$71,621.01	\$11.81	\$14,262.67	\$.048	\$6,633.05	
1908	6376	87,638.75	12.52	24,720.04	.074	8,207.12	
1909	6359	90,221.82	13.29	21,984.49	.066	9,755.40	
1910	6456	97,842.78	14.47	29,681.25	.09	10,411.11	
1911	6576	106,554.81	15.40	28,002.28	.082	12,028.49	
1912	6649	120,375.08	17.10	51,648.22	.154	20,063.36	
1913	6949	131,542.96	18.18	57,298.18	.165	26,625.64	\$7,839.84
1914	7405	142,744.18	19.28	70,085.25	.20	31,469.86	6,413.77
1915	8174	153,541.67	18.78	73,573.03	.20	36,104.61	8,416.10
1916	8613	190,315.86	22.09	83,672.82	.22	41,257.34	18,722.57
1917	9605	244,489.09	25.45	99,733.74	.24	48,599.99	26,685.30
1918	10203	355,743.82	39.02	150,092.73	.335	66,068.42	41,548.09
1919	10852	416,711.70	43.38	191,801.42	.385	90,358.83	64,717.42
1920	11182	532,773.20	52.21	283,050.12	.53	128,966.56	104,765.62
1921	11456	456,596.80	42.08	257,520.16	.46	133,084.93	94,478.24
1922	11627	461,459.40	41.27	267,894.71	.465	122,339.26	90,678.70
1923	11828	538,246.00	46.98	294,082.24	.494	142,976.84	90,192.37
1924	11887	546,056.80	46.96	290,322.24	.481	153,133.87	85,842.34
1925	11879	552,454.80	46.71	296,710.69	.482	150,383.06	93,713.97
1926	12123	550,975.60	46.35	337,045.35	.55	164,682.98	108,150.61
1927	12337	563,729.10	47.45	322,355.82	.521	160,034.68	109,850.74
1928	12585	555,174.60	44.11	339,409.49	.538	163,095.03	119,824.02
1929	12746	585,997.20	47.51	354,859.10	.553	175,905.48	126,732.08
1930	12863	534,834.60	42.49	339,255.86	.518	169,217.15	120,439.45
1931	13303	483,783.00	37.95	317,869.56	.48	155,701.48	114,654.85
1932	13888	399,350.70	31.04	276,107.14	.412	140,570.50	100,379.50
1933	14766	373,737.60	28.09	245,155.48	.354	119,571.79	93,308.64
1934	15647	455,780.00	32.81	267,868.69	.371	128,677.28	106,483.51
1935	16592	499,663.50	33.83	276,266.76	.360	132,355.40	112,385.06
1936	17388	587,628.10	37.55	295,085.88	.362	146,454.40	118,056.16
1937	18108	657,038.90	40.58	313,324.81	.372	158,981.87	119,141.13
1938	19005	667,695.90	38.97	322,205.62	.355	161,792.37	130,894.67
1939	20187	715,410.10	40.10	344,837.08	.371	169,362.02	141,019.81
1940	21262	804,257.80	42.72	395,177.36	.403	191,082.17	151,029.19
1941	22053	967,314.00	48.82	466,429.54	.453	215,333.20	193,455.22
		14,679,301.23		7,799,389.72		3,791,285.54	2,699,818.97

Total Tithe	\$14,679,301.23
Total Missions	7,799,389.72
Tithe exceeds Missions by	6,879,911.51

# CONFERENCE PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

## Potomac Conference

J. W. MacNeil, President

To THE Members Assembled in the Sixth Quadrennial Session of the Columbia Union Conference of S.D.A.:

From the Potomac Conference, from its churches and fellow members, and from its working personnel, we bring you best wishes and Christian greetings.

"Perilous indeed are the times in which we live. Mighty forces have been unleashed and, like untamed beasts, are stampeding through the earth defying the control of men. Gigantic world-embracing movements are on foot, some for good, many for evil. Events of the first magnitude follow one another with dazzling rapidity. Everything happens on a huge unprecedented scale."

"The Lord of hosts declares: from race to race calamity extends, a mighty storm is stirring from earth's far ends." Joel 3:9, 10, Moffat.

"Toward the supreme crisis we are traveling with startling rapidity. Events on the earth, above the earth, under the earth, the distress of nations and the travail of the globe itself, proclaim that we have arrived at the most solemn moment of history. A world in agony demands that we recognize the tremendous import of this mighty hour. And the angels echo the warning with the startling cry: 'Fear God, and give glory to Him.'"

With the news of the hour stirring the hearts of the American people, with prophecy making history, with the clock of time nearer than ever before to that closing hour, we continue to carry on our work. With more determination and a greater burden we plan for progress and results.

It is a privilege to come together with our fellow workers to give a report of our activities and progress, and to participate in a gathering that will result in mutual encouragement and blessings to all. We are inspired by your achievements, and your plans, encouraged by your successes, and

enjoy a mutual blessing from our study and fellowship together.

Since our customary quadrennial period has been extended a year, the following report covers a quinquennial period.

### EVANGELISM

What is evangelism, that mystic word that stirs the pulse and quickens the heart of every be-



J. W. MacNEIL

liever in this message? It is not the swaying of great crowds on the waves of a vibrant personality, it is not the stirring of literary minds by fluent and gifted men with degrees, it is not the excitement or stimulation produced by a high-pressure speaker.

True evangelism is that very real, though mysterious gift, inspired by the Word of God with power to change the hearts of men. It is the ability of a man, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to win souls to Christ. The size of the audience, the elaborateness of the equipment is immaterial, for true evangelism is dependent upon that vital spark in

the soul of a leader that inspires others to follow Christ.

For the past quinquennial period 47 evangelistic efforts have been conducted in the Potomac Conference. These efforts have been held in churches, theaters, tabernacles, halls, and tents. They have varied in size from one-man efforts to those with a large working personnel.

The entire Conference as an evangelistic and missionary unit has won 1,534 souls to the cause of God by baptism in the past five years. In the same period of time our constituency has increased from 4,098 five years ago to 5,539 for the close of 1941.

### FINANCE

In reality we measure the success of our work by the number of souls won to this last message of salvation. Yet, back of the organized movement which carries this truth to the world must necessarily be an efficient system of finance dealing with books, budgets, and banks.

When columns of figures are read they are rarely remembered, but we are vitally interested in what money can do. The people of God have been generously blessed with work, and better yet, they are quite faithful with that which they have. Into the treasury of the Potomac Conference through every source of income for the past five years, there has flowed over one and three-quarter million dollars,—or, to be exact, \$1,838,234.68. The tithe and mission offerings alone make over one and a half million dollars.

Tithe	\$1,160,407.82
Mission offerings	534,516.43

Surely the Lord has been good to us, and I believe I am expressing the hope, the prayer, and the determination of our workers to make the year 1942 a banner year in the cause of God. The Lord is placing everything necessary at our command to advance this cause. Are we contributing that burden for souls, and the necessary sacrifice and effort that gives life to our purpose for being here—the saving of the children of men? If we fail to use these contributing factors so generously provided, if we fail in our cov-

enant with Him, and let souls pass into eternity unsaved, the fault is ours—but we must not fail.

### CHURCHES

Since our report to you five years ago, eight new church buildings have been added to the field. Thus the number has grown from 45 to 53. The new ones are as follows:

The Review and Herald Memorial, a stone structure in Hyattsville seating 325.

Richmond, a brick colonial church, seating 400, with school rooms and Sabbath school rooms.

Staunton, a stone-faced building which will care for 200 in the auditorium.

Hillandale, a brick colonial, seating nearly 200.

Fredericksburg and Petersburg Colored have frame buildings of the bungalow-type church.

Amicus has a small white frame building in the foothills of the Virginia mountains.

Ilda is a new organization about 20 miles southwest of Washington. They have a small building started and at the present time are meeting in the basement which is constructed of concrete blocks.

Of these eight churches two were erected under unusual conditions. The largest church of the group is the Review and Herald Memorial, located in Hyattsville. Under the enthusiastic leadership of their pastor the members worked untiringly on a church building fund.

The years passed, one by one, and still no church, but these loyal believers worked on—and, what is more, they kept patient about it. Steadily the fund was growing, and after ten long years of labor and meeting in undesirable halls, their dreams were realized. Today they have a beautiful stone structure seating 325 people. This substantial edifice of massive gray stone, heavily beamed ceiling, and stained glass windows represents practically a cash proposition and is valued at \$25,000. This church was dedicated in 1939.

Another brick church of colonial design, with a seating capacity of 180, is the pride of our Hillandale members, and indeed they have every just reason to glory in this building, for it is almost entirely the work of their own hands.

To conserve funds, these zealous members worked at night and on Sundays. Their own enthusiasm was so contagious that friends, both Catholic and Protestant, volunteered labor and they worked on Sundays. In their sphere the

women of the church did their part and they also provided the dinners for the sun-to-sun workmen.

For nearly two years they have been meeting in the auditorium, and at the same time have continued the finishing of other rooms in the building. Last summer they decided on a church school, and for the opening date the school room was ready, equipped with new desks, fluorescent lighting, and the required educational necessities.

Without incurring debt, the building is now practically ready for dedication, and represents a \$10,000 investment against a bare \$63 as the total paid out for labor. These earnest members wanted a church,—and they got it.

The new churches that have been named have tried to hold very closely to the no-debt plan, and though the combined expenditure of the eight churches amounts to about \$68,200, the indebtedness at the present time is only \$3,300, and this on only two buildings.

Five more of our church organizations have lots and growing building funds. Some of these are progressing to the place where they will have definite plans and perhaps a building under way before the close of the year.

The Hyattsville Clinic, under the supervision of the Review and Herald Memorial Church, will within less than a month occupy the new building which is now receiving its finishing touches. This structure is located about 100 feet from the church, and the general architecture and building material harmonize with the original church building. The first floor will be given over to this well-organized clinic which treated 5,376 patients during 1941.

The second floor will be an auditorium to take care of those meetings and gatherings which the members do not wish to take into the church auditorium. The very small amount now short on the clinic is in sight, and it is expected that by the time the building is entirely completed, the incoming funds will make it entirely free of debt. This represents about a \$25,000 investment, and places a total value on the Hyattsville unit, the church, and the clinic at \$50,000.

### THE NEED IN TAKOMA PARK

The most perplexing problem which the Potomac Conference has ever faced is the staggering

knowledge that in Takoma Park, the very headquarters of our world-wide movement, the immediate neighborhood of our College, our Sanitarium, and our Union and local offices, are about 1,500 people who have had to remain away from church service every Sabbath, because there are no seats for them in either of the two large churches located less than a mile apart.

For the fourth quarter of 1941 Sligo and Takoma Park had a combined membership of 2,169. A survey reveals over 300 children in each church who are not yet members, and as many students who do not transfer their membership. This means another thousand, or a grand total of 3,044, with a seating capacity of 1500 in the two churches and the Sanitarium gymnasium.

A church has just been organized at the Sanitarium which reduces the membership figure of the Sligo Church, but in reality gives no relief for they have been meeting in their gymnasium for the past five or six years anyway.

Many of the students chivalrously give up their seats in favor of adult members, and thus these young folk, with hundreds of others would go week after week and month after month without hearing a sermon or without participating in the Sabbath school class discussions.

This situation has been partially cared for by a temporary arrangement,—the holding of two services each Sabbath. One at 9:00 and the other at 11:30, with a Sabbath school between the services. Lacking space, the Sabbath schools of both churches have to "branch out" to other buildings. The dual services, and broken Sabbath schools of these large churches work a hardship on the pastors and overtaxed officers who do double duty each week. Thus the rest day becomes a working day.

This over-crowded condition means that two fine church organizations, made up of some of our best talent, cannot grow legitimately. They cannot enjoy the thrill of evangelistic services, they cannot promote expansion, or gather in their friends and neighbors,—all because of a lack of room. An effort conducted in these churches would bring hundreds back to the fold.

To be spiritually alive a church must be active. Members need this activity as food for their souls.



Shall we deny our members this missionary endeavor in their own community?

Though the attendance in these churches is definitely limited, yet those present loyally carry the extra financial load and reach a per capita of 25 cents and more per member each Sabbath. Twenty-five cents for each of the missing members, could they be brought together, would mean *nearly* \$20,000 annually to the cause of God. To be very conservative we could estimate that the absent members would reach half or even a third of this sum; still the loss is tremendous.

People do not come to Washington merely to attend a church. Families do not sell their homes and incur the heavy expense of moving from one state to another without good reasons on their part. They come because they get work there, they come to put their children in school; but since they are living in our neighborhood we must take them in, make room for them.

Who has the courage to deny them a seat in the temple of God? Who has a right to choose and say, "You come, but you remain away and do the best you can"? We cannot discriminate.

We regret that the people should so congregate, but we have no control over their personal movements. The Saviour sought solitude in the desert but the people followed until a surging crowd of 5,000 pressed closely about Him.

The disciples, knowing that He was weary and worn, urged that He send the people away but this He did not do for He had compassion on them. The day was well spent, but still the crowd grew. Since they were hungry, He fed them, not a few, not half, but *all*. Though at times He regretted existing conditions, we have no record of His ever denying the need of the hour, even if it took a miracle to meet that need.

We seek your sincere prayers for the problems that baffle us, for the souls imperiled by our seeming lack of interest, for the mission offerings that are going astray. This imperative decision and stupendous task of caring for this crowd calls for wisdom and counsel born of a burden for the drifting hundreds, and a careful study of all phases of such a vast proposition.

#### SABBATH SCHOOL

"What bone is to the body, what rock is to the mountain, what

principle is to life" the Sabbath school is to our mission program. It forms a very vital part of our organization. They are strong in number, united in purpose, and mission conscious.

Fifty-two weeks in the year they strive for the present-and-on-time record with a daily lesson study, and also for the 52 times a year they shower their weekly savings into the Sabbath school collection—adults, youth, and children. This free-will gift, planned for, faithfully met, and sent on its mission with a prayer, means an average of more than 25 cents a week per member, year in and year out.

For thirteen consecutive years the Potomac Conference has cherished the award given for this achievement. This regularity means well-planned and continuous effort on the part of the Sabbath school Department of our Conference, and our Sabbath school officers. Covering a five-year period, this systematic giving has increased the Lord's treasury by \$297,652.41—funds seeking souls in the fields afar.

#### EDUCATIONAL

The carefully supervised educational department of our Conference maintains 21 church schools, 39 teachers, and an enrollment of 692 bright and active boys and girls. These school rooms range in capacity from 8 and 10 desks to 35 and 40 desks to a room.

The windows of these schools open to the neighborhoods of small towns, and the vast expanse of farmlands in the country. A few have the beat of feet on the cement sidewalk and the din of city traffic in their ears. But no matter where they are, their Christian standards, their sympathetic instructors, and their modern teaching methods are the same and the best.

They are the boys and girls we are training for manhood and womanhood, the little folk of our households to be kept within the fold. Nothing is too good for them. The public school will not do for them what we are instructed to do. Let us hold fast to these little folk that they may become the youth of our denomination for tomorrow, in training for a place in the cause of God.

Besides the Academy connected with the college, we have the Shenandoah Valley Academy at New Market, Virginia. Within the past five years several new buildings have been added. Naturally

this work of expansion has been accompanied with much planning, hard work, and over-drawn budgets, but the results are gratifying. The principals of these academies will give a complete report at this meeting.

We are further proud of our college for advanced training, and our Sanitarium for nursing education. We consider ourselves fortunate that these educational institutions should be so near our door.

#### INGATHERING

The message we represent today is being preached in 820 different languages, and 404 countries. There is not an hour in the day that the work of God is not being promoted somewhere in a field of need. Darkness comes on, our duties for the day are done, and we rest to be better prepared for another day. While we sleep the brethren and sisters who have previously said good-bye to us and crossed the high seas, are just beginning the duties of their day. Whether medical work, teaching, or preaching, every hour in the day somewhere around the world, the work is progressing.

Though we have felt handicapped by the world's great turmoil, reports have reached the General Conference from war-torn and disorganized countries revealing in some sections even greater progress than ever has been made. The Lord is watching over His own. The third angel's message has knocked at the doors of closed and isolated countries, and gained admittance. Today in a time of trouble and distress our field is sending to missions the highest amount it has ever raised.

The 5,539 members of the Potomac Conference respond to this appeal regularly, and for the past five-year period \$172,289.23 was contributed through the Ingathering alone. The Ingathering figures have increased from \$24,500 in 1937 to \$43,300 in 1941.

Minute-Men emblems were issued to members over 80 years old, and to little children under school age. If each dollar could tell its story we would know the hours of labor, and the many prayers necessary to search for these additions to our mission treasury.

The 1,604 youth in our field, strong young men and courageous young women, in addition to their Missionary Volunteer activities have shouldered a real re-



sponsibility in raising approximately one-third of this Ingathering total, or \$46,944.56 for the past five-year period.

**PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT**

Today a great issue is before the nations. The public is stirred and tense for news. People reach for the daily paper as though for their daily bread, but how unsatisfying it can be. International uncertainties, the prevailing fear of a threatened chaos, is still unexplained to a news-conscious public. There is fear in their hearts of everything political and secular as being too human to be substantial. The Bible and those works based upon its unfailing truths sound secure, authentic, certain. Again the Lord is preparing the way for our literature. In the quiet of the evening, in a comfortable chair and under a good light, men will read the message for these last days when they would not go to a meeting to get the same truth. The increased business in the commercial world is lavishly providing the money.

Selfish conquests and raging battles, with the threatened danger to friends and loved ones, is raising questions in the minds of thinking men and women. The Lord has entrusted us with a last warning message, and has opened the avenue for our literature. Where are more men, women, and youth to be these messengers for God?

Colporteurs have told us they sell books more readily to those who have formerly purchased other publications from our stock. This is what we want and expect. For the five-year period of 1937-41 the volume of business done through our Book and Bible House totals \$132,175.24. This figure represents counter sales and the wholesale price of subscription books as delivered by our colporteurs. The retail value would naturally be far beyond this amount.

Today people are waiting for this message. We cannot tell it to all, we cannot by word of mouth reach the vast number who are willing to study; but we can encourage other dependable, energetic Christian men and women to carry the printed message to an inquiring world.

**CONCLUSION**

To our Union Conference, its officers, and its committee we wish to express our deepest appreciation for your interest, your coun-

sel, and your cooperation for every advance move in the Potomac Conference.

The fellowship of our neighboring conferences has been inspiring and cooperative, and we appreciate our contacts with them.

In our local field we are grateful to the loyal corps of workers, who have made this report possible. Through their share of problems and perplexities, they have kept their interest and their burden single to the advancement of the cause of God.

Long hours, sleepless nights, and concentration on the need at hand have brought results. They are modest in naming their ac-

complishments, yet deeply interested in and thankful for a part in the cause of God. From their loyal devotion to duty, I am sure I can express for them their anticipation of greater objectives for the coming period and their faithfulness to duty, and its trust.

In an hour of international distress and human perplexity we are grateful for prophetic revelations and Divine counsel. Our prayer is that the Master may ever keep us conscious of the duty at hand, close to the Throne of God, and burdened for our fellow men. As a conference, as a working corps we dedicate ourselves for greater service.

**East Pennsylvania Conference**

**F. H. Robbins, President**

GREETINGS to the delegates and all assembled in this Union Conference session. We have great reasons to thank God for His loving kindness and tender mercies in permitting us to meet in this quiet place at a time when the world is in great perplexity.

Throughout the centuries God has had a care over His people. While visiting London, England, I went to Westminster Abbey, and as I walked through that large building my eye caught a slab in the floor with the following inscription:

"Brought by faithful hands over land and sea. Here rests David Livingstone—Missionary Traveler—Philanthropist. Born March 19, 1813, at Blantyre, Lanarkshire. Died May 1, 1873, at Chitambo's Village, Ulala. For 30 years his life was spent in an unwearied effort to evangelize the native races, to explore the undiscovered secrets, to abolish the desolating slave trade of central Africa, where with his last words he wrote: 'All I can add in my solitude is, May heaven's rich blessing come down on every one, American, English, or Turk, who will help to heal this open sore of the world.' 'Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice.'"

Many times I have thought of that man of God, and his reply to his friends when they tried to persuade him not to go to Africa. He said, "I have seen the smoke of a thousand villages which have never heard the name of Christ, and I must go to them."

The need of those who were bound down in the fetters of heathenism and darkness in Africa had a greater appeal to his heart than to remain at home and enjoy its comforts.

God has implanted in the hearts of His people, today, the same desire to carry the gospel of salvation to the world as had David Livingstone. Many have responded to the call for service in the far-away lands, and many have laid down their lives as he did. Others have labored faithfully in the home land for their fellow men, in the great cities, that are so thickly populated.

The great need of the cities and towns in eastern Pennsylvania has appealed to the hearts of our workers, and we rejoice together for the good that has been accomplished. We give God the glory; however a sincere word of appreciation is due our ministers, our district leaders, Bible workers, Conference secretaries, church elders and church members for their cooperation which has brought success to our work. Our conference secretaries cooperated in furnishing statistics for this report.

We have within this territory the following cities, with their populations:

Philadelphia .....	1,931,334
Scranton .....	140,404
Reading .....	110,568
Allentown .....	96,904
Wilkes Barre .....	86,236
Harrisburg .....	83,893
Lancaster .....	61,345
Chester .....	59,285

Bethlehem .....	58,490
York .....	56,712
Williamsport .....	44,355
Norristown .....	38,181
Hazleton .....	38,009
Easton .....	33,589
Lebanon .....	27,206

Then, too, there are many other towns in East Pennsylvania, with a large population, that I have not mentioned.

Our workers are organized, and are systematically distributing literature and holding evangelistic efforts. The following statistics show the progress of the Conference since the last Union Session:

Number of churches .....	60
(Gain of seven—one newly organized January 24, making a total of 61.)	
Membership at present .....	3,213
(Net gain of 445.)	
New churches taken into conference .....	8
Baptism through five years .....	1,236

Large efforts have been held in Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Mansfield, and Scranton. We have 14 ordained ministers, five licentiates, five Bible workers. Recently we added one Bible worker, bringing the total to 6 at present.

#### RADIO

At present we are broadcasting over the air in Philadelphia, Scranton, and Harrisburg.

#### EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

During the past five years the Conference has maintained an average of 17 schools with an average of 25 teachers. The average enrollment for the period was 300.

In 1939 the Philadelphia intermediate school was raised to the status of a senior academy. The enrollment in the academic grades has increased from 15 the first year to 42 this year.

The conference has attempted to do a strong work in the health program in the schools and for the past two years has received the Health Service Banner from the General Conference. We are one of three in North America to receive this banner.

#### HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

Harvest Ingathering for the last five years was \$142,086.07, which is a gain over the previous period of \$34,934.34.

Home Missionary endeavors have increased greatly. Total figures for the period are as follows:

Offerings for local work .....	\$14,367.22
Articles of clothing given to needy people .....	69,652.00
Number of people given help .....	59,089
Number of pieces of literature distributed .....	1,443,935
People added to the church through the influence of laymen's efforts, and literature, directly and indirectly during this period .....	522
As compared with .....	358
in previous period.	

East Pennsylvania organized the first Dorcas Federation, in the Columbia Union Conference. This Federation includes over 15 churches in the Philadelphia area.

#### MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT

Number of Societies .....	44
Membership .....	947
Young people baptized ..	518
Bible readings and gospel meetings held .....	5,654
Society Offerings for the translation of the book, "Messages" .....	\$1,229.37
Harvest Ingathering ...	\$45,602.35
(Gain of \$14,526.35 over the 5-year period preceding.)	

Special effort has been put forth during the period which this report covers in the progressive class work. The number invested are as follows:

106	Sunbeams
66	Builders
339	Friends
133	Companions
41	Comrades
22	Master Comrades
795	Vocational Honors issued in the various Crafts and Arts.

Eight Medical Cadet Corps have been organized and are in operation, furnishing our young men with the training for their part as non-combatants in our nation's crisis. The Women's Medical Corps organization is well under way,

and very shortly there will be corps organized in all districts of our conference, thus preparing our young women to do their part also. Our youth movement is experiencing a steady growth in all lines of activity. Our purpose is, and we are bending every effort to, the saving of our youth, and guiding them in service for the Master.

#### SABBATH SCHOOLS

Period covering 1937-1941, inc.

Number of schools .....	67
(Gain of 17)	
6 Branch Schools Included	
Membership .....	3304
(Gain of 623)	
4 Schools were organized into churches during the last five-year period.	
Offerings:	
13th Sabbath offerings .....	\$31,304.54
(Gain of \$4,839.94)	
Birthday offerings .....	\$2,745.94
(Gain of \$366.47)	
Investment .....	\$11,180.64
(Gain of \$5,563.20)	
Total offerings .....	\$132,107.78
(Gain of \$19,107.67)	

#### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

The following comment and article in the Bethlehem (Pa.) *Globe-Times*, of January 13, 1942, shows that public officials are reading the *Liberty Magazine*:

"An article in a current magazine today raised the doubts of Mayor Robert Pfeifle as to whether the city has a legal right to appropriate money to be used for medical inspection of pupils in the parochial schools, as proposed to City Council several weeks ago by a committee of physicians.

"The article, 'Use of Tax Monies for Parochial Schools,' appears in 'Liberty, a Magazine of Religious Freedom,' and quotes a decision of the Missouri Supreme Court, a significant statement being this: 'The constitutional policy of our state

#### FINANCES

Tithe for last five years .....	\$596,182.50
Tithe for previous five years .....	407,599.52
Increase in tithe .....	\$188,582.96
Mission offerings for last five years .....	298,812.07
Mission offerings for previous five years .....	246,068.23
Increase in mission offerings .....	\$ 52,743.84
Present Worth of Conference Dec. 31, 1941 .....	\$25,366.55
Present Worth of Conference Dec. 31, 1937 .....	14,557.30
Increase in Conference Present Worth .....	\$10,809.25
Present Worth of Association Dec. 31, 1941 .....	22,816.33
Present Worth of Association Dec. 31, 1937 .....	4,404.47
Increase in association is present worth .....	18,411.86
Total increase in present worth .....	\$29,221.11

has decreed the absolute separation of church and state, not only in governmental matters, but in educational ones as well. Public money coming from taxpayers of every denomination may not be used for the help of any religious sect in education, or otherwise.' . . ."

It is our plan to give the *Liberty Magazine* a wide circulation. This magazine has done much to stop inroads on our liberties by those who oppose the God-given principles for which we stand.

#### LITERATURE DEPARTMENT

Truly, 1941 was a wonderful year in the distribution of our literature. We have had a continual growth since 1938. During that year our colporteurs delivered \$18,976.50 worth of literature. In 1941 they delivered \$28,660.16 worth, which was a gain over 1940 of \$7,456.50. This has been accomplished through the faithfulness of all our colporteurs and the mighty working of the power of God upon the hearts of those who are seeking for truth.

During these years, our colporteurs have contacted many people who have been given Bible studies by our Bible workers and members of our churches. With the strong group of colporteurs we now have in the East Pennsylvania Conference, this year, 1942, affords us wonderful possibilities for greater advancement.

1937-1941

Total Literature Sales .....	\$122,255.20
Colporteurs Delivered .....	\$113,577.76

Sold by Book and Bible House .....	\$8,677.44
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On our Conference-owned camp grounds at Allentown, we recently erected a new pavilion at a cost of about \$12,000 furnished, to replace the former structure which we had outgrown and that had become a dangerous structure in which to worship. This building will seat about 2,000 people, and is well adapted to the needs of our conference.

Because of a severe water shortage on week-ends, we found it necessary to drill a new well on the grounds and install a turbine pump that will give us ample water for all our needs. Additional land adjoining our grounds also was purchased in recent years, giving us much needed room for expansion. Altogether, about \$17,000 has been invested in our camp grounds without increasing our indebtedness.

We thank God for His many blessings, both spiritual and temporal during the past 5-year period. In the face of a troubled world, the glorious future looks bright when we think of the soon-

coming of Jesus and the rich reward of the righteous. With a loyal people in East Pennsylvania, our one great aim is to do our part in giving the last gospel message to the world.

## West Virginia Conference

T. M. French, President



T. M. FRENCH

AS WE review the achievements of the past five years in the West Virginia Conference, there is a remarkable picture of growth along all lines. For many years this field had what was known as the Gideons' band. However, back in those days the conference led in per capita in most of the goals of the Union. Through the years there have been many changes in administration and in the corps of workers. The growth has been slow, but the past five years has witnessed a steady increase in membership, in tithes, and in funds raised for the mission field.

At the last Union Session the membership stood at 782. It is now a little over one thousand. That means a net gain of 318 members. In 1936 the tithe amounted to \$20,313. In 1941 it totaled \$29,728. In 1936, the mission offerings raised amounted to \$9,607; in 1941, \$16,211. It is interesting to observe that the per capita in mission giving increased nearly 10 cents per member. West Virginia is assigned only \$.033 of the goal set by the General Conference. We are greatly encouraged as we see

the per capita giving rising to where it should be. The soul-winning work of the Conference gives, of course, the greatest cause for rejoicing.

While our corps of workers in the field is small, yet through special efforts put forth in cooperation with the Union, the membership of the Conference has risen steadily year by year. There have been fifteen public efforts held since the last Union session, among them a few outstanding efforts that have brought great strength to the Conference. In 1939 Elder Boothby's tabernacle effort in Charleston increased the membership there to over 200. In that same year Elder Holst raised up a new church of 58 members at Frostburg. This church has grown steadily into a strong, organized body.

In September of 1941, Elder Boothby opened another tabernacle effort, this time at Bluefield. His public effort has proved very fruitful, already adding approximately 100 members. By the middle of 1942, a substantial increase will have been added to the Bluefield Church. Our West Virginia people greatly appreciate the substantial help given by the Union in thus increasing the membership in this field.

There has been a remarkable growth in the sale of literature in the West Virginia Conference. At the beginning of 1940, the sales had dropped to a very low figure. By the close of the year, through the earnest efforts of Elder Arva Nickless, the sales had climbed to over \$8,000 in subscription books alone. Nineteen forty-one saw this amount almost doubled. It looks as if West Virginia will stage a "comeback" in its large sales, which formerly led the Union.

The increase in mission giving has been aided by an increasing tempo of the Harvest Ingathering campaign. The last two years have seen remarkable progress in the amount raised and the time

taken for completing the annual campaign. Brother Voorhees has given good leadership in this and other lines.

During the past five years there have been two new chapels built and acquired, one at Walker and the other at Bluefield. The beautiful stone edifice at Princeton has been completed, and the neat little chapel at Clarksburg has recently been finished. At the close of the Charleston effort in 1939, the church in our State capital was enlarged, extensively repaired, and beautifully decorated.

Elder Ashton, who has supervised this work, also erected a very attractive parsonage on the rear of the church lot. This has been a great aid to the supervision of the church there where it is so difficult to find quarters for our pastors. The chapel at Parkersburg has been remodeled and decorated. Its grounds have been landscaped, and it is a creditable memorial to our faith at our headquarters.

Since the last session, the conference office building has been remodeled and decorated, and the storage room, which is for conference supplies, has been rebuilt.

As we look toward a new year in 1942, the prospects are bright for West Virginia. The churches are in excellent spiritual condition, and a spirit of harmony prevails. Our members are loyally paying their tithe and contributing to the advancement of the work in all parts of the world. The tabernacle effort, by Elder Boothby, is continuing in Bluefield with excellent prospects in soul winning. Plans are laid for an effort to be opened in the eastern part of our conference as soon as this session closes, where we hope to see a new light kindled in territory that has long been unworked. Brother and Sister Paully will begin work in the Elkins area. Elder Philpott will open a public effort in Keyser, where we have had no church for many years. We hope to see the dark counties of West Virginia blazing with the light of this message in the near future so that our people there will be ready for the appearing of our Lord when He returns to gather his people.

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"For the word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth. He loveth righteousness and judgment; the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord." Psalms 33:4,5.

# Ohio Conference

W. M. Robbins, President

WE behold a world today in distress, a world at war and with fearful forebodings, but a church active, peaceful, and hopeful, trusting God for the final outcome of the future; a world ignorant of the things that are still to come upon the earth, but a church knowing the times and seasons and the meaning of present-day conditions; a world adrift, buffeted by storm and wave, with broken compass, torn sail, and disabled helm; a church anchored securely to the eternal rock of God's Word and resting in the assurance of His blessed promises. This brief contrast presents conditions as they exist today and the spirit that the believers possess who have the truth of the third angel's message.

The five-year period, covered by this report which I shall read, reveals progress, which is due to the blessing of God resting upon the good services rendered by our Conference workers, and local church officers, and the fine spirit of cooperation given by our loyal church members of the Ohio Conference.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Our financial report reflects the love, loyalty, and spirit of sacrifice that has been manifested by our Conference workers and members of the churches.

### Tithe and Mission Offerings

The tithe receipts for the five-year period total \$894,325.53, showing an increase over the previous five years of \$370,104.64 or a 70 per cent gain.

One gratifying feature of this report is that a substantial gain has been made in the mission offerings along with a large gain in tithe. For the five years \$366,415.51 was reported for foreign missions, revealing a gain of \$110,940.16, or 43 per cent, which represents earnest work and sacrifice on the part of our Conference workers and churches.

### Association

Brother Willett has given me some encouraging figures, showing the decrease of our liabilities in the Ohio Conference Association. Our notes payable in 1931 totaled \$67,959.82 and in 1936, \$62,331.49, a decrease of \$5,628.33,

or an 8 per cent reduction on our liabilities in the Association.

The 1937 notes payable were \$62,331.49 and in 1941, \$26,787.37, a decrease of \$35,544.12, or 57 per cent. Our decrease in liabilities from 1931 to 1941 was \$41,172.45 or a 39 per cent reduction. Our notes payable are now the lowest they have been since 1923, and if the Ohio Conference is prospered in 1942 as it was in 1941, we hope to wipe out all liabilities in the Conference Association. Brother E. F. Willett has rendered very efficient and faithful service as our Conference Secretary-Treasurer.

### Book and Bible House

The Lord has wonderfully blessed our Book and Bible House in its operation. The sales Brother Burchfield reports for the last five-year period total \$195,554.52, and show a gain over the preceding five years of \$84,709.07. The net sales for 1941 were \$57,015.19, which is more than three times the amount of the sales ten years ago in 1932.

We do thank God for the wonderful progress that has been made in our Book and Bible House. This good report represents real missionary activity in our churches and thousands of dollars of our truth-filled literature circulated throughout the field.

Our liabilities stepped up to the highest point in 1932, when they were \$8,776.95, and remained about the same until 1936, when they were reduced to \$7,076.95. The liabilities for the Book and Bible House have kept coming down until at the present time they are \$4,053.35, and we hope to see a much larger decrease in liabilities for this year.

Brother Burchfield and Miss Hazel Griggs, with the other help we have had in the office, have done splendid work. To a great extent our large increase in sales is due to Brother Burchfield's and Brother Higgins' visits to the churches and promotion of our good books and other valuable literature.

## EVANGELISM

A strong program of evangelism has brought courage and strength to our churches and has stimulated every department of the Conference program.

For a number of years our Cincinnati churches had requested the Conference to conduct a major effort in that large city. The Conference Committee gave favorable consideration to the earnest appeal and voted to conduct a large effort in the city of Cincinnati in 1940.

Elder Robert L. Boothby was invited to conduct the campaign. Elder O. L. Denslow and Elder Henry Berg were associated with Elder Boothby. The evangelistic company consisted of twelve workers.

The church members of the Cincinnati and Hamilton churches gave the effort loyal support. Eight broadcasts were put on each week, and the leading newspapers gave the fullest cooperation in advertising the meetings.

The Emery Auditorium, having a seating capacity of 2500, which was the best auditorium available in the city at that time, was rented for the meetings. The auditorium was filled almost every Sunday night and there was a good attendance through the week. The Lord blessed Elder Boothby and his co-workers with 460 souls, who were baptized by the close of the year, when Elder Boothby was called to conduct an effort in Wilmington, Delaware.

For a number of weeks Elder Denslow and Elder Berg have been holding Sunday night meetings in the Emery Auditorium with a very good attendance, and we believe these special Sunday night meetings will result in many more taking their stand for the Truth.

Elder Miles R. Coon conducted a program of evangelism in the Toledo Tabernacle in 1938 and 1939, resulting in 215 baptisms, and in his Cleveland effort in 1937 he baptized 87, making his total number of baptisms for the three years 302. He was followed in Toledo by his brother, Elder Lester O. Coon, who baptized 150.

Elder Leon Robbins conducted an evangelistic effort in the city of Dayton, which resulted in 128 baptisms, after which he moved into the Akron district and baptized 47 in his Akron effort. In 1941 he and Earl Robbins conducted an effort in Canton and baptized 65, which made the total 240 baptisms for the five-year period.

Elder Wayne B. Hill held two efforts, one in Newark in 1940 and one in Lancaster in 1941, and

reported a total of 68 baptisms.

Elder O. L. Denslow, pastor of the Cincinnati churches, has not held so many efforts, but reports 83 baptisms for the five-year period. As I have already stated, Elder Denslow spent one year with Elder Boothby in the large Cincinnati effort.

Elder Henry Berg, Pastor of the Cincinnati German Church, baptized 42. Most of his converts were brought in through Bible work. Elder Berg also spent the entire year of 1940 in the Boothby effort.

Elder Carl Bruck, our other German minister who is located in Cleveland, has held two German efforts in the city of Cleveland and baptized 13.

Elder G. R. Carter, district minister of the Cleveland district, held one effort in Lakewood in



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1941 and reported a total of 78 baptisms. Part of his converts were brought in by his personal work.

Brother Merle Mills held two efforts, one in Bryan and one in Napoleon, and baptized a total of 74.

Brother Calvin Osborn, Pastor of the Dayton district, has held two Sunday night efforts in the Springfield Church and also has done some personal work in Dayton, and reports 86 baptisms.

Brother F. C. Webster held an effort in Defiance, resulting in 15 baptisms.

Elder J. W. Kasa, our Cleveland Slovakian worker, baptized 7.

Elder Joseph Spicer, our Jugoslavian minister, has won his converts principally by personal work and reports a total of 31 baptisms.

Elder F. C. Phipps, who has charge of the Colored work in Cincinnati, has held three tent efforts, and baptized 145.

Brother W. R. Robinson, a young colored minister, who has served as pastor of the Number Two Columbus Church, held a tent effort last year and baptized 21.

Elder U. S. Willis, Pastor of the Number Two Cleveland Church, reports 26 baptisms. Brother Willis has won these new converts largely by personal work.

Brother Lester Stauffer reports 18 baptisms.

Brother Ralph Hill, Pastor of the Youngstown district, has held two efforts, one in East Liverpool in 1940 and one in Youngstown in 1941, and reports 50 baptisms.

Brother J. M. Hoffman and Earl Robbins are just "binding off" an effort they have held in Mansfield, which has resulted in 31 baptisms, and there is a baptismal class of 20 more awaiting baptism.

I have not reported the work of ministers who have held efforts in Ohio and have since been called to other fields. During the five-year period 90 efforts have been held in the Ohio Conference and there has been a total of 2,393 baptisms.

We are planning a strong program of evangelism for the present year.

Elder Leon Robbins and Earl Robbins have secured the Central Auditorium in Youngstown and plan to conduct an evangelistic campaign, beginning the first Sunday night in March.

Brother Calvin Osborn and Brother Elmore J. McMurphy have rented the Masonic Temple in Dayton and expect to begin evangelistic meetings early in March. Brother Osborn is now broadcasting five days a week over Station WING in Dayton and will continue his broadcast in connection with the effort.

We are planning several tent efforts. Elder F. C. Phipps will conduct one somewhere in his district. Elder Denslow is planning for a tent effort in Hamilton. Brother Robinson will perhaps conduct another tent effort in Columbus, and all our other young ministers will either hold efforts of their own or will be associated

with other ministers in efforts. We are planning for a large effort in the city of Cleveland, which will probably be started next fall.

### CONFERENCE WORKERS

We have 50 workers in the Ohio Conference. Of these 13 are ordained ministers and 18, licensed ministers.

Two of our faithful veteran ministers, Elder W. F. Schwartz and Elder L. O. Gordon, who were loved and respected by the workers and believers in the Ohio Conference and also the Columbia Union, rest from their labors, but the influence of their faithful ministry still lives in the hearts of the people.

Another one of our faithful workers, Elder J. W. Shultz, because of ill health, asked to be allowed to cease active labor and became a sustentation beneficiary.

### MEMBERSHIP

The membership for the Ohio Conference at the close of 1941 totaled 5,653, a gain for the five years of 1,086, or a 23 per cent gain.

### NEW CHURCH BUILDINGS

The following churches secured new church buildings during the past five years: Bryan, Mansfield, Hamilton, Hamlet, and Washington Court House.

### SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Elder Anol Grundset, our Conference Sabbath School Secretary, has given very splendid leadership to the Sabbath School Department. Sabbath after Sabbath throughout each year we are gathered together in our respective Sabbath schools with our hearts and our minds bound together not only with one another here, but with our fellow believers in Sabbath schools the world around, giving of our means to send the same blessed message to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. Our Sabbath schools have in a very special way been blessed of the Lord and have in turn been a blessing to us and our children as well as to the mission fields.

There are in the Ohio Conference a total of 100 Sabbath schools at the present time, with a membership of 5,846. The Sabbath School Department has made good progress during the last five-year period and shows the following gains for the period of 1937 to

1941 over the previous five-year period: 22 more organized Sabbath schools with 1174 more members; 53 additional Sabbath school classes and 19 more schools that reached the General Conference goal of an average of 25 cents per week per church member; and 10 additional schools that reached an average of \$1 per church member on the Thirteenth Sabbath.

There was a gain of \$14,796.84 in Thirteenth Sabbath offerings for the period. The total Sabbath school offering for the five-year period was \$174,010.18 or a gain over the previous period of \$50,492.77. We have had a very substantial gain in our Sabbath school offerings the last two years of \$14,500.

During the last three years three Conference Sabbath school conventions have been held in the Mt. Vernon Academy chapel, which have proved a real blessing to the Sabbath School Department. All the district ministers and Sabbath school superintendents were called to the convention. Elder J. A. Stevens, Sabbath School Secretary of the General Conference, attended all three conventions. The good instruction that our superintendents and district ministers received at these special councils stimulated promotion in every line of Sabbath school work.

### HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

The prospering hand of God has been manifest in the many activities of our missionary endeavor. A steady advance is noted in all lines of missionary work. Our lay members in the Ohio Conference have loyally assisted in lay evangelism and the extension of the message through the various lines of missionary endeavors, as indicated by the report for the five-year period ending December 31, 1941.

Our faithful lay members held 66,619 Bible readings and other meetings, and made 338,893 missionary visits; and 121,648 persons were given needed help, and 2,898,014 pieces of literature in the form of books, periodicals, and tracts, were handed out. A total of \$30,284.86 was given in missionary offerings with which to carry on the work. A total of 4,682 members shared in this report, which resulted in a total of 1,386 souls baptized into the faith,

because of missionary work done by our faithful lay members.

In practically all our churches there are loyal members who can and want to do missionary work in a large way, if they are encouraged and properly instructed.

Of the 85 churches in the Conference, 60 held the first Sabbath missionary service, 68 conducted the weekly church missionary service (which should be done in every church), 67 had literature bands, 50 have Dorcas societies, and two have Dorcas federations.

On December 2, 1941, all the Conference workers were called to Mt. Vernon for a workers' meeting for the purpose of promoting a larger circulation of the *Review and Herald* and the sale of the special edition of "Great Controversy." Up to that time we had not been satisfied with the *Review* subscription list in the Conference and desired to place more copies of the "Great Controversy" in the homes of our people. Our workers all returned home from the workers' meeting with a determination to increase the circulation of the *Review* and promote strongly the sale of "Great Controversy."

The *Review* campaign has proven a real success. We are happy to report that, as a result of the splendid promotion given by Elder Grundset and our district ministers, we have exceeded our goal for *Review* subscriptions by 155.

I am happy to report that Ohio has exceeded its Union goal of 1,240 in the sale of "Great Controversy," the total sales being 2,206. We believe "Great Controversy" was published for just such a time as this, and these hundreds of copies plus the many hundreds more sold before the campaign was begun not only will fortify our believers to stand through the tests that are soon to come upon God's people, but no doubt will result in many honest souls' coming into the Truth.

### Harvest Ingathering

Another interesting phase of this report is the Harvest Ingathering. The total of Ingathering receipts for the five-year period was \$177,127.49, a gain over the previous five-year period of \$74,192.11. The total amount raised in 1932 was \$16,315.54. The total amount raised in 1941 was \$45,146.16, a gain of \$28,830.62. One encouraging feature of our In-



gathering is that last year we had the largest per cent of our members working of any previous year. Sixty-seven churches reached the full goal. Seventeen districts reported "over the top." There were 2,204 Minute-Men. We are very happy to have Ohio do its part in the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

#### Missions Extension

The total amount of the Missions Extension Offering for the five-year period is \$8,804.26, a gain over the previous five years of \$4,531.59. The total for the Missions Extension Offerings for 1932 was \$359.96. The total for 1941 was \$4,059.01. A total of \$3,700 more was raised in 1941 than in the year 1932. About one-half of the total amount that was raised in the Missions Extension offering for the last five years was raised in 1941.

We had a net gain of \$26,290.30 in our mission offerings last year over 1940 and reached our 40 cents a week per member for 1941.

#### COLPORTEUR DEPARTMENT

Brother W. A. Higgins and his assistants, Brother Loren Ward and Brother Virgil Gibbons, are giving excellent leadership to the colporteur work, and God has wonderfully blessed their efficient and faithful service.

As the Saviour sat upon the Mount of Olives, he foretold what would take place in the world just before His second coming, and he said, "The gospel must first be published among all nations." Mark 13:10.

We believe our faithful colporteurs have a prominent place in warning the large, populous conference of Ohio, with about 7,000,000 people, by the sale of our message-filled books and magazines. We have good territory in Ohio, and an army of consecrated colporteurs; men and women who feel that God has definitely called them to the colporteur ministry.

The average number of colporteurs for the last five-year period was more than 40. For 1937 to 1941 the total orders amounted to \$273,998.88 and the total deliveries, \$168,655.80, or a gain in orders over the previous five-year period of \$154,408.81 and a gain in deliveries of \$101,264.46. I understand that Ohio has led all of North America for the last five years.

This report represents thousands of our books and magazines placed in scores of homes in the

Ohio Conference which, we believe, will result in many souls' coming into the Truth. We already know of some who have come in through this means. One of our colporteur evangelists reports 52 souls brought in as a direct result of his colporteur ministry during the last five years. Another good, God-fearing colporteur reports 41 souls baptized. One of our faithful colporteur sisters reports 9 who have been baptized as a direct result of her colporteur work. I could mention others that have been rewarded with souls as well as with large sales and deliveries.

In speaking of this department of our work, the servant of the Lord has said: "Every canvasser has positive and constant need of the angelic ministration; for he has an important work to do, a work that he cannot do in his own strength. Those who are born again, who are willing to be guided by the Holy Spirit, doing in Christ's way that which they can do, those who will work as if they could see the heavenly universe watching them, will be accompanied and instructed by holy angels, who will go before them to the dwellings of the people, preparing the way for them. Such help is far above all the advantages which expensive embellishments are supposed to give." "Colporteur Evangelist," p. 13.

Such records as have been made in our Colporteur Department do not just happen, but represent consecration, prayer, and hard work, and the high standards Brother Higgins and his co-leaders hold before the colporteurs; and God will always bless and reward that kind of leadership.

#### MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT

The Missionary Volunteer and Educational Departments are under the splendid leadership of Brother O. S. Hershberger. The Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department is a strong factor in the Conference program, devoting its activities to the interest of our young people. From the ranks of our youth, new officers for the church and Sabbath school are often recruited, and many of our young people are definitely called to the various phases of Conference and institutional work.

In "Gospel Workers," page 66, we read: "With such an army of

workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world."

We have a large army of youth in Ohio. For the last five-year period the average number of Missionary Volunteer societies was 53, a gain of five societies over the previous five years. The membership was 1,607, a gain of 565. The baptisms were 948, a gain over the previous period of 280. In the devotional and educational features the young people received 817 Bible Year certificates, a gain of 142; and 2,362 reading course certificates, a very fine gain of 1,617.

Progress has been made in the Progressive Class work as the following figures will show. The total vocational honors were 1,249, a gain of 1,153. This is real progress. The total investitures for the first five-year period were 167 and for the last five years, 767, a gain of 600.

Our young people are very outstanding in their missionary activities. From 1937 to 1941 they gave 15,683 Bible readings, a gain over the previous five years of 5,359. They distributed 821,047 pieces of literature, a gain of 418,083 copies.

For the five-year period our young people reached a total in the Ingathering of \$52,199.15, a gain over the previous period of \$28,519.72, more than one-half the amount the entire Conference raised for the first five-year period. For the year 1941 our young people raised almost as much as the whole Conference raised in the year 1932.

We very much appreciate the fine, progressive leadership Brother Hershberger is giving our young people.

#### EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Our church schools are another gratifying department of our work in Ohio. We have a staff of Christian church school teachers who have a high sense of their calling, not only as teachers, but they also assume their responsibilities in leading the church school children in missionary and other lines of activity.

Very definite counsel is given in "Counsels to Teachers," page 43: "As a church, as individuals, if we would stand clear in the judgment, we must make more liberal efforts for the training of our young

people that they may be better fitted for the various branches of the great work committed to our hands. We should lay wise plans in order that the ingenuous minds of those who have talent may be strengthened and disciplined and polished after the highest order that the work of Christ may not be hindered for lack of skillful laborers who will do their work with earnestness and fidelity."

We are grateful for the fine co-operative spirit shown by our church school boards, church members, and parents of the children, which makes it possible to operate the strong church school program we are operating in the Ohio Conference.

Quoting from "Counsels to Teachers," page 149: "Our schools are the Lord's special instrumentality to fit the children and youth for missionary work. Parents should understand their responsibility, and help their children to appreciate the great privileges and blessings that God has provided for them in educational advantages."

For the last five years we have had an average of 21 church schools and an average enrollment of 509, a gain over the previous five years of 141. One hundred ninety-three church school children have been baptized during the last five years, a total of 311 for the ten-year period.

Our church school teachers have led their schools strongly in the Ingathering campaigns for the last five years. Our church school children raised the large Ingathering goal of \$7,754.32, a gain over the previous five years of \$3,091.16. The amount raised for 1941 by our church schools totals almost half the amount the whole Conference raised a few years ago.

The church school program is making real advancement under the efficient leadership of Brother Hershberger.

#### MEDICAL CADET CORPS

Brother Hershberger also has charge of our Medical Cadet corps work. Two years ago we began organizing Medical Cadet corps in the State of Ohio, and to date we have organized 19 corps with a membership of 613. Seven organizations have held their graduation exercises, and several more are almost ready now for graduation.

The men have greatly enjoyed this work, and it has not only prepared them for usefulness in the army, but has prepared them to

fill a place in the civilian defense program. Many of our cadets are now enrolled in the Medical Department of the Civilian Defense Organization. Forty-eight of our boys are now serving the government as either soldiers, sailors, or marines, and all the boys who have had their Medical Cadet corps certificates have had no trouble in any way with the army officials. They have all been placed in the Medical Department of the United States Army. We have received many letters from them telling how much the Cadet corps has meant to them and how it has prepared them for their present work for their country.

We have already organized three Women's Medical Cadet corps and will organize many more in the near future, as there is a great deal

of interest among the women.

The Cadet corps work has meant a great deal of extra work and traveling for Brother Hershberger. He has worked hard, and our Cadet corps work in Ohio has meant and will mean much to our young men.

We highly appreciate the many visits Elder C. P. Sorensen has made to the Ohio Conference in the interest of the Medical Cadet corps work. Elder Sorensen is always ready to respond to any call in order to give assistance in the Missionary Volunteer and Medical Cadet work.

In these days of trial and stress, may each one of us trust confidently in the Lord, holding firmly to His promises and to His truth that we may as individuals triumph with His victorious people.

## New Jersey Conference

M. G. Conger, President

WITH gratitude to God and in response to the call of this quinquennial session, we present the following report of precious blessings in the work of the New Jersey Conference during the past five years, the first part of which period was presided over by Elder W. M. Robbins. Of Elders William Robbins, W. A. Nelson, and H. J. Detwiler who preceded me in office it may be said to us: "Other men labored and ye have entered into their labors." These brethren and their associates have prepared the way and now more rapid progress and a greater work is to be expected.

Paraphrasing Isaiah's prophetic words, we say that enlarging the circle of influence of the third angel's message, stretching forth our denominational program, lengthening the mission cords, and strengthening the home stakes has been the blessed experience of the work of God in the New Jersey Conference during this past quinquennial period.

#### LABORERS

Approximately eighty laborers have been engaged in the various lines of soul-winning work in the New Jersey Conference,—thirty-two colporteurs, fourteen ordained ministers, seven licensed ministers, four Bible workers, twenty-one academy and church school teachers, besides the regular Conference and office secretaries and other workers.

During this period, the Conference has called and supported the following new workers: Elder R. S. Fries, for opening new work in the Atlantic City area; Elder O. D. Cardey, for city evangelism in the Newark district; Professor C. T. Everson, for evangelism in Jersey City; Elder R. K. Krick, for evangelistic-pastoral work in the Trenton district; Brother J. E. Smith, and later his successor, Brother J. R. Britt, Assistant Field Missionary Secretary; Miss Mary Walsh, Miss Irene Landor, Mrs. Elizabeth Hetzell, Mrs. Hazel Schellinger, Bible workers; and part-time Bible workers in the persons of Mrs. M. Callahan, Mrs. Maella Monell, Mrs. Olive Crate, Miss Bertha Stewart, and Brother W. A. Thompson; and during this period has called the following internes: Cline Jeffreys, E. H. Lehnhoff, Joseph Dobias, Walter Gibson, Arden Reynolds, Charles Wilson; and in anticipation of those called for duty at the end of the present school year, we mention Vernon Rees and Hollis Wolcott.

We are pleased to add that this endeavor to step into opening providences and to keep the churches and field in good working order has been accomplished by still operating within the Conference income.

#### SOUL-WINNING EVANGELISM

New Jersey, said to be "always good," is marching on to make its good, "better" and its better,



"best." With its millions of population; its able, devoted constituency; its tens of thousands of foreign-speaking nationals; its populous colored sections in our great cities; with two unentered counties; scores of unentered cities; and its excellent resources in both the northern industrial sections and the southern garden part of the state, this conference still has great possibilities for development and offers a challenge to the wise, consecrated labors of the best of workers.

One of the most welcome sounds falling on the ears of Conference workers is the call to greater evangelism. All are pleased when, in addition to faithfully discharging every other responsibility, we can block off a few months of each year as the period when the major work for the cause is direct soul winning.

Results in baptized souls from non-Adventist sources are the test of evangelism, and these results largely determine the estimate responsible committees place upon ministers. Soul-winning evangelism by our New Jersey ministers, by our strong laymen, and by soul-winning colporteurs, has been magnified as our chief work.

In New Jersey we often have recalled the counsel of the messenger of the Lord who in Volume 9 of the "Testimonies" points out and appeals for the barren, unworked cities and who states that our conferences are organized for the purpose of evangelizing our home fields as well as supporting the work abroad. Especially does she point out—"New York, and the populous cities close by" ("Testimonies," Vol. 9, p. 99) which clearly refers to the cities of New Jersey. Again, apparently referring to such seashore resorts as Atlantic City, Sister White states in Volume 9, p. 122, "*In the world renowned health resorts and centers of tourist traffic, crowded with many thousands of seekers after health and pleasure, there should be stationed ministers and canvassers capable of arresting the attention of the multitudes. . . . Thus the gospel of Present Truth will be placed in the way of those who know it not, and it will be accepted by not a few, and carried by them to their own homes in all parts of the world.*"

With great courage, New Jersey evangelists have pressed into Jersey City which is the most populous section lying just across the

river from New York City; and in the persons of two of our leading evangelists and their associated workers we have laid siege to hard Atlantic City.

Not only in these extremities of the Conference, but soul-winning endeavors have also been conducted in practically all sections of our Conference field. A total of 57 evangelistic efforts have been held in this quinquennial period. This soul-winning work has been conducted in nine or more languages, namely: English, Polish, Swedish, Danish, Slovakian, Hungarian, Yugo-Slavian, German, and Italian.

#### BAPTISMS

Together we magnify the Lord for the degree of efficiency that He has granted our evangelistic force



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of workers. Despite all difficulties, our soul-winning workers have been indeed blessed as is evidenced by 932 baptisms for this past five-year period, with a net increase of 208 souls. Sufficient more have accepted on profession of faith, and others have been added by letter to bring the grand total of additions up to the splendid number of 1,583 precious souls.

It is very cheering to note that while ten years ago New Jersey's membership stood near the 1700 mark, the membership at the close of the period covered by this report stands around the 2,700 mark!

#### NEW CHURCHES

Pushing forward with courage, and planting the banner of the

commandments of God and the faith of Jesus in hitherto unclaimed strongholds, three new churches were established, two others are in process of development, and one church building whose doors were closed for lack of members has been opened up to regular Sabbath services and a new church group is being built up.

Encouraged but unsatisfied with what we have accomplished in soul winning and in establishing new churches, we look forward to a far greater work and the establishment of many other new churches in unclaimed strongholds of our Conference field.

#### RADIO

The radio has been utilized in broadcasting our message and assisting in our soul-winning work. Brethren in Trenton, Atlantic City, Bridgeton, Camden, Jersey City, Paterson, have all been favored by kind Providence in securing time on numerous radio broadcasting stations. At the time of our last camp meeting our diversified denomination-wide program, as well as the principles of our faith, were broadcast daily over the Trenton radio station at Conference headquarters on a program entitled "Camp Ground Echoes."

The Conference and its workers greatly appreciate our financially able lay members who have supported our evangelists by making possible the purchase of the time consumed on the radio stations.

#### FINANCIAL PROGRESS

Emerging, as a state, from the years of depression to the forefront of our national line, favorable conditions prevailing in New Jersey have provided our membership with gainful employment which in turn has brought added prosperity for the strengthening and advancing of the work of God.

Financial statements prepared by our genial, cooperative, and able Secretary-Treasurer, Brother W. F. Miller, reveal that during this quinquennial period some outstanding financial records have been achieved.

The largest amount of tithe; the largest amount of mission offerings; and the largest amount of Ingathering ever received in any one year in the history of the Conference were tabulated last year, 1941. Expensive evangelistic efforts have been conducted. New workers have been added. New equipment has been purchased.

Conference buildings have been renovated. All current obligations are retired. New Jersey does not talk of reducing liabilities for we have already reduced to the irreducible minimum and are distinguished as having NO liabilities. The recent audit reveals the largest net worth that the Conference has ever enjoyed.

During the previous quinquennial period, 1932-1936, the total income of the New Jersey Conference amounted to the large sum of \$350,543.54; while during the more recent 1936-1941 quinquennial period the total income amounted to more than a half-million dollars,—to be exact, \$535,041.29,—representing the splendid gain of \$184,497.75.

It is interesting to note from our financial statements that while 50 per cent is said to be not exorbitant, still the administrative expenses during the past quinquennial period were cut to the extremely low average of 18.9 per cent of the Conference income; while 16 per cent represents the portion of Conference income consumed in overhead administrative expense during the past year of 1941.

During this quinquennial period, long-standing debts hanging like a cloud over seven of our church buildings in our leading cities were entirely lifted.

Heaven's prospering blessings were evident in the rich gift of a ton and a half of new battleship linoleum for the covering of the large floor space of our new Plainfield Academy, a gift estimated to be \$500 in value, which came from a large manufacturing concern in New Jersey; and, which article cannot now be secured from manufacturing concerns at any price because of its scarcity.

Another most cheering, substantial gift of \$5,000 came to us at a time when it was greatly appreciated and incited the entire Conference to higher levels of support for God's expanding work. We brought the third and largest single amount to the Conference treasurer in the form of a \$15,000 check, half of which, or over \$7,500, was a straight gift for evangelism from a non-Adventist contributor!

Funds received have been safeguarded, and through the blessing of the Lord they are used so as to go as far as possible and accomplish the greatest good. Consistently working within its in-

come and continuing to follow approved methods of Conference finance, New Jersey is operating on sound financial principles and enjoys widespread confidence and courage which makes possible other goodly achievements.

### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

During the past quinquennial period of 1937 to 1941, \$727,668.40 was received in tithes and offerings. Of this sum \$421,211.26 or 58 per cent was sent out of our local field; \$374,929.88 or 51 per cent of this amount was sent to the General Conference; \$46,281.38 or 7 per cent was sent to the Columbia Union Conference.

In 1939 New Jersey reached and passed for the first time since the depression the fifty-thousand-dollar mark for missions. Our grand total of offerings to missions was \$13,417.52 MORE than the large amount required of us by the Forty-Cents-a-Week fund. Thus New Jersey loyally, unselfishly yielded its full share to the support of our world-wide program.

### DEPARTMENTS

#### Home Missionary

The Home Missionary Department, led by our able Secretary, Elder R. H. Fickling, has efficiently promoted all lines of Christian endeavor, including laymen's evangelism, "the *Present Truth*, *Watchman*, and the *Signs of the Times* periodicals; also the various campaigns, as Missions Extension, Harvest Ingathering, etc.

Worthy of special mention is the achievement of the "Great Controversy" distribution campaign during which we placed a total of 837 copies in English and several foreign languages.

The strong promotion of the *Signs of the Times* year by year and the hearty response of our faithful constituency resulted in bringing an average of over 1,300 copies weekly to our field; last year being the peak year when more than 1,500 copies came weekly.

The *Review and Herald* Campaigns, given special impetus during the last three years, have brought in their train untold blessings to our people. Accustomed to a subscription list hovering around a low 54 per cent of the suggested *Review* goal, New Jersey, through earnest toil, has raised this list to 100 per cent and

upwards during the last three years, maintaining high levels; the present *Review and Herald* list standing around 103 per cent.

Most outstanding along home missionary lines is the Conference-wide support of our foreign mission work, clearly demonstrated by the Harvest Ingathering receipts during the past five-year period. A grand total of \$126,037.59 was gathered during this time, representing a gain of \$31,912.73 over the previous five-year period. This is a gain of 34 per cent.

Consistently throughout this quinquennial period, New Jersey has maintained its undisputed leadership in Harvest Ingathering per capita attainments among the major conferences of the North American Division, and demonstrated that with leadership and perseverance every church excepting none can reach full, super-high goals.

All who have seen it heartily agree that beautiful indeed is the picture that New Jersey's financial sheet of the final Ingathering bulletins presents with its overflowing figures, its dramatic "short" column showing only blanks opposite the name of each church!

New Jersey's cheerful participation in the Columbia Union Educational Building Fund Campaigns has been eminently successful. A total of \$14,215.50 was raised and remitted by this Conference during the period under review. These funds have been used for the erection and improvement of buildings at Washington Missionary College, Mt. Vernon Academy, and Shenandoah Valley Academy to which has now been added the Plainfield Academy.

#### Religious Liberty

Also meriting our special mention are the achievements of our doubling in 1939 our Conference-wide gifts of the *Liberty* Magazine subscriptions to national and state leaders; and in addition, the contributing of substantial sums for the supplying of this one outstanding religious and civil liberty magazine to the leaders and cabinet members of the governments of South American nations, as well as the sending of scores of the book "Roger Williams" to New Jersey public libraries and prominent leaders.

And this is only part of our story, for during the Religious Liberty Campaign just concluded

recently, New Jersey has for the second time again doubled its gifts to this most important and timely endeavor of Religious Liberty!

Furthermore, beyond the already reported and well-known annual campaigns for Harvest In-gathering, Missions Extension, Religious Liberty, *Signs of the Times*, Union Educational Building Fund, *Review and Herald*, and "Great Controversy," we in New Jersey have also cheerfully carried two extra additional loads; *first*,—raising of hundreds of dollars for Sick Relief for our own worthy sick people; and, *second*—for good measure and in addition to all other responsibilities, New Jersey raised \$16,000 for the purchase and renovation of the splendid new Plainfield Academy building. The General Conference suggested to us a period of 3 years to raise some \$18,000 for the institution, but under the blessing of God we raised in *one* year \$16,000 or nearly 90 per cent.

#### Missionary Volunteer

During this quinquennial period, new young people's societies have been added to the number already organized. Again and again we are impressed with the cheering statement in the Spirit of prophecy that, if properly directed and encouraged, our young people can accomplish much.

Just now our Missionary Volunteer Department of our Union and local conferences with their sub-committees are sponsoring the instruction and training of our youthful membership in ways and means of serving our government and humanity in time of war.

An excellent achievement along the lines of training hundreds of our young people through our four Medical Cadet Corps is now in progress, which training we believe will grow in importance and will be increasingly appreciated by our understanding constituency. In addition to the above training, our M. V. Department has distributed scores of pamphlets to those who have found it inconvenient to take the Medical Cadet Training. These pamphlets give information and instruction to Seventh-day Adventist noncombatant Selective Service registrants and are made available to us through the Commission on National Service and Medical Cadet Training.

Inasmuch as within the confines of our conference territory are

found some of the nation's largest army camps, such as Camp Dix, which numbers its soldiers from 40,000 to 55,000; and also Fort Monmouth and Fort Hancock, which latter fort from its vantage point guards the entrance to New York harbor, and inasmuch as each of these camps has its share of Seventh-day Adventist boys whom our Missionary Volunteer Secretary, Elder R. H. Fickling, has helpfully visited from time to time, we feel that this part of our work is a definite factor in aiding our youth in loyally serving their country without compromising their high religious principles.

#### Sabbath School

Our Sabbath School Department, carried by our experienced Sabbath School Secretary, Miss Eloise F. Williams, also is a growing, expanding concern. Our Sabbath schools—59 in number—contributed \$111,210.82 to foreign missions in this quinquennial period, which is a gain of \$16,794.09 over the previous like period.

The latest per capita figures issued by the Union Conference indicate that New Jersey Sabbath schools have made an appreciable per capita increase in missions giving which is indeed commendable, but which the needs of the foreign mission fields call us to greatly augment.

#### Educational

Miss Eloise Williams reports that 376 young people from the Conference are enrolled in our church schools, academies, sanitariums, training schools and colleges, and of this number approximately 24 are attending the Washington Missionary College, 16 are at Shenandoah Valley Academy, and 44 at our own Plainfield Academy. Three new church schools and three church school teachers have been added during this quinquennial period, and we have a total of over 202 enrolled in our church schools.

#### LITERATURE MINISTRY

God has added His signal blessing as we set our hearts, heads, and hands in united efforts to revive the colporteur work. Colporteur institutes have been conducted each year of this quinquennial period. Our literature work also has been promoted in week-end rallies from time to time throughout the field, in Confer-

ence workers' meetings, in weekly news letters, and in articles in our periodicals.

Brother Carl Dornburg, New Jersey's Field Missionary Secretary, has pressed the battle to the gate and won many a victory for God in this noble literature ministry.

Recognizing the need of doing a greater work among the negro population of our state, the Conference committee has during this past year launched out further by calling the first New Jersey permanent assistant field missionary secretary for this group in the person of Brother J. E. Smith, who has more recently been succeeded by Brother J. R. Britt, a very able leader who came to us from the Greater New York Conference.

Brother Marion Paden, son of an experienced Secretary-Treasurer, is doing strong, acceptable work as New Jersey Book and Bible House Secretary. Increases are noted in all Book and Bible House items. The last two years are the first annual periods in a long time in which net losses were changed to net operating gains.

The total gross literature business of the Book and Bible House for the first five-year period, 1932-'36 amounted to \$61,064.14, while the gross business for the period under review amounts to \$89,053.49, giving the splendid gain of \$27,989.35. During this period most encouraging increases in magazine sales have been experienced. One clue to this successful work is found in a gain of tens of thousands of colporteur working hours. Bearing the torch of truth, our literature workers as heralds of the cross have lighted up the big cities, spreading over the country-side, shore, and lake territory of New Jersey.

With the choicest array of Christian literature ever offered to the public, these Christian workers have been scattering like the leaves of autumn our books and magazines throughout the Garden State.

#### CONCLUSION

The accomplishment of any conference can be measured by the degree of efficient development of its local field and by its varied contributions to the advancement of our world-wide work.

A major conference can be said to fulfill its mission only when it merits the confidence of its con-

stituency; when it safeguards its funds for the most worthy uses; when its churches are maintained in good working order and free from outstanding apostasy; when its literature ministry is flourishing; when it is active in a continuous, aggressive program of soul-winning evangelism; when its mission goals are reached; when its children and youth are welded to the cause of righteousness; and when there is a good spirit of unity and a forward moving purpose to more perfectly fulfill the will of God.

These have been the desires and purposes of the New Jersey Conference and to whatever extent we may have accomplished these things, they must be attributed

to the constant, untiring, and sacrificial efforts put forth by our members, church officers, and Conference laborers.

In it all we here recognize the special blessings of God upon His work on earth,—blessings without which nothing can be accomplished, and with which all things are possible.

In gratitude to our Heavenly Father we have submitted this quinquennial report, recognizing that any success achieved is wholly due to the kind dealings of divine providence with Union Conference officers and departmental secretaries and also the members, churches, workers, and committee comprising the New Jersey Conference.

## West Pennsylvania Conference

L. H. King, President

THE Columbia Union is a great and important division of the Lord's vineyard in the North American Continent. The West Pennsylvania Conference partakes of its greatness and shares in its responsibilities and blessings as one of the seven stars in its constellation. This report covers a span of years from January, 1937, to December, 1941, five historic years in the life of the great second advent movement, and its constituent organizations, as well as of earth itself.

During the period covered by this report, the nations, and the Christian Church, have faced a new world situation. Existing conditions not only are different from those which previously prevailed; they are perplexing and altogether more difficult.

Governments, commercial and religious organizations, people everywhere, find themselves seriously involved by these changed conditions. Great anxiety has been occasioned by financial problems in connection with Conference administration, which, of course are but a reflection of similar problems in the whole world field.

Increasing income during the quinquennial period has not greatly reduced financial pressure, as far-sighted leadership has felt the necessity of meeting the challenge of the moment through enlarged working forces and increased expenditures for evangelism. Thus imperative demands have been sat-

isfied in West Pennsylvania Conference, the message has had a more thorough and a wider presentation, in a noble, self-sacrificing effort to supply the bread of life to starving multitudes within the confines of the field. Therefore, the record of a well balanced, fruitful work in this report makes it worthy of consideration and, we profoundly trust, brings strength to the cause we love, and great glory to the name of Christ our Lord.

### GOD'S TENDER CARE OF HIS CHURCH

The hand of Divine Providence has been over God's heritage. West Pennsylvania has been wonderfully favored of the Lord. We believe there is afforded abundant cause for thanksgiving and gratitude to our Heavenly Father on the part of every church and family in the Conference. While godless forces have swept away civil and religious liberties of large segments of humanity, grinding out the lives of millions, challenging the very existence of Christianity itself, God has had a tender watch care over His work and people in the Columbia Union and its conferences.

We are thankful that in only one instance has serious accident come to any of our workers, and that without fatality. The health of the workers has been precious in the sight of God, and death has invaded the ranks of the workers in only one family. We regret the passing of Elder C. W. Weber, for

many years a valiant leader in the German work in Pittsburgh. Full of years and honor, like a tired old warrior, he lies buried with the fathers of Israel awaiting the call of the Great Life-giver. Sincere sympathy is extended Mrs. Weber who, at advanced age, survives.

We also wish to express our sincere sympathy to our believers throughout the Conference who have lost loved ones, and bid one and all look forward in faith to the resurrection morning when Christ shall come in power and glory to restore all that has been lost by death's grim reaping.

### CONFERENCE PERSONNEL

Sweeping changes have been made in the personnel of the working corps in the last few years. President M. G. Conger and Secretary-Treasurer C. M. Paden ably guided the cause in West Pennsylvania from the beginning of 1937 to June of 1938, one and a half of the five years under consideration, when the present administration began. Of the 19 workers then enrolled, only Elder E. H. Swanson and Pastor F. S. Fowler, ministers, Mrs. Nancie Harris, Assistant Field Secretary, and Miss Myrtle Bateman, Bible Worker, remain.

At the termination of the period, 29 were employed including one part time worker, which number, joined to 36 colporteur evangelists, makes a total of 65 proclaiming the message in West Pennsylvania.

It will therefore be noted that ten additional workers have been given places to serve. Among those called to augment the corps of laborers are five graduates of the ministerial course of Washington Missionary College, a magazine leader, and three men who are talented in music and Bible work as members of evangelistic companies.

### EVANGELISM

A strong program of evangelism has featured gospel work in every district. Practically every worker has had some part in this program, and there has been a splendid response on the part of able men in the churches, conducting laymen's efforts and other soul-winning efforts. Approximately 45 efforts, in church, hall, tent, and tabernacle have been held in the five years.

Two major tabernacle efforts, one in the cultural center of Pittsburgh, and one in McKeesport,

were conducted in 1937 and 1938, respectively. The outstanding work of Elder R. L. Boothby and Leslie R. Mansell in these revival series contributed generously to the nearly 1100 converts to the faith in the quinquennial period.

Three major tent efforts for the colored race in the Pittsburgh area, conducted by Elder W. W. Fordham, also deserve special mention, having contributed 74 the first year, 68 the second, and 56 finally, for a total of 198 for the three years.



L. H. KING

This item would be incomplete without the names of Elder D. F. Roth, Elder E. H. Swanson, Elder R. K. Krick, Elder A. C. Fearing, Elder Andrew Yakush, Elder O. G. Carnes, and Elder Grant W. Hosford, each of whom have performed praiseworthy work and have greatly augmented the intake of souls.

Other men have been no less zealous, and should be given honorable mention on the roll call of evangelistic laborers. The net membership now stands at the highest point in the history of the Conference, 1971, as against 1409 at the beginning of 1937. This is a net gain in membership of 562. The remarkable growth of membership is seen in bolder relief, when comparison is made with the preceding five-year term. The membership in 1932 stood at 1126. Thus there has been an advance of 845 members.

## NEW CHURCHES ORGANIZED

Seven new churches were admitted to the sisterhood, and two companies were formed. The new churches were Pittsburgh North Side, McKeesport, Albion, Somerset, Slovakian, Lock Haven, and Carter Camp; and the companies; Dormont and Lewistown. Plans are in prospect to organize a fine colored church at Edenborne.

For the first time in Conference history a Slovakian Church was duly organized. Much credit should be given Elder Andrew Yakush for gathering in a splendid body of 30 Slovakian members. Assistance was given this project by Elder A. D. Haynal.

## CHURCH PROPERTIES

The Bradford Church has been altered and re-equipped at an expense of nearly \$4,000. It is now a most commodious and convenient house of worship. Following rededication, plans were laid for a large theatre effort in the oil center of Pennsylvania. We are now witnessing a thorough "binding off" of the interest. Thirty new members already have been baptized and an extensive interest remains to be liquidated by Elder Hosford and his associates.

Under the capable leadership of Pastor M. V. Sickler of the Bradford district, new life has been given the work in Eldred, where a representative church building has been erected to house the congregation, and a church school, at a cost of approximately \$8,000. It will soon be dedicated free of debt.

A number of leaders had part in the preliminary plans at Warren, but it remained for Elder Andrew C. Fearing to consummate the purchase of a substantial brick church, adequate for the present and future needs of a flourishing constituency in that city. The transaction gave title to the property without encumbrance.

Notable renovations and redecorations are seen in Johnstown, New Castle, Pittsburgh Number One, Pittsburgh Number Two, Pittsburgh Berea, and other churches in the Conference.

## CHURCH INDEBTEDNESS

A number of our churches with long-standing encumbrances have made rapid strides during the period toward freedom from debt. The Pittsburgh Berea Church (German) with a \$14,000 mortgage dating back to the building of the church, was the first to cross

the line in 1941. A dedication service was attended by hundreds of believers and friends on Sabbath, January 24, 1942, at which time the people united in praising God for complete deliverance.

Since 1925 the Pittsburgh Number One Church had struggled with an original mortgage of \$25,000. The people "had a mind" to lift this heavy burden. Many participated in the task through the years. Concluding phases of the splendid effort came in 1939 and 1940, when, under the leadership of Pastor R. K. Krick, and a finance committee headed by W. J. Bryan, the last \$6,000 was paid the Pittsburgh Peoples' Trust Company, holders of the mortgage. On January 24, Columbia Union President H. J. Detwiler preached a dedicatory sermon, which united the hearts of a very large congregation in a high degree of praise and thanksgiving.

Perhaps as noteworthy as any effort in the history of West Pennsylvania churches has been that of the Pittsburgh Number Two congregation. A mortgage indebtedness of \$19,000 on the church property, by most faithful and persistent labors, has now been reduced to less than \$7,000. Elder Wagner, now of Baltimore, and Elder W. W. Fordham have finally led in this mighty effort and Elder Monroe Burgess, incoming pastor, will doubtless have the honor of leading this faithful people to final victory.

The Erie Church has reduced its indebtedness \$1,000 during the interim leaving less than \$2,500 against the church. Elder A. C. Fearing will continue the trend toward deliverance. Only in the case of Altoona, where a small indebtedness exists, is there debt to record in this department.

Our congregations are getting ready for the Lord to come and balance the books of eternity. Praise His name.

## CONFERENCE FINANCES

This subject means much to gospel work. In this instance, at least, it is worthy of the eloquence of an angel, and the pen of a ready writer. It is doubtful if ever before West Pennsylvania has been able to present such an encouraging financial picture. We are told, "If we move forward in faith, believing in the all-sufficient power of God, abundant resources will open before us. If the work be of God, He Himself will provide the means for its ac-

complishment." "Desire of Ages," p. 370.

Reliance upon these sterling promises has not been in vain. The confidence of the leaders in God's plans and purposes is reflected in the living deeds of the membership. Faithfulness of the people in tithes and offerings permits the recording of very substantial gains. This has opened the way for the Conference to take on additional workers, and increase expenditures for the winning of lost souls.

The total tithe for the five-year period was \$287,404.59. In the previous five years, 1932-36, tithes received amounted to \$165,966.20. Thus is recorded an increase for the present quinquennial of \$121,438.39. The trend reached its climax in 1941. In 1932, it will be observed, a tithe of \$28,983.50 was registered, while in 1941, there was paid into the Conference treasury the sum of \$74,478.99, an unprecedented increase of \$45,495.49 over the first year of the preceding period.

It is not improper to point out an increase in 1941 over 1940, of \$13,152.40. This has permitted a most unusual operating gain of \$8,598.18, and a reduction of liabilities for the year exceeding \$6,000.

The aggregate cancellation of liabilities for the five years is approximately \$23,000 in the three organizations of the Conference, and gives strength very advantageous to the work. This statement brings great satisfaction to God's people and those responsible for the administration of the funds.

It has been a genuine source of praise to God to witness the love and sacrifice of our people toward the cause of world missions. That love for Christ reveals a corresponding love for those for whom Christ died to save is superbly illustrated in the mission record of West Pennsylvania.

During the five years under survey \$165,949.33 was sent to the General Conference treasury, an amount equal to the tithe of the preceding five years. Comparing the two periods, it will be observed there is a gain of \$47,699.52 over the \$118,249.81 of the former span.

In this particular it will be seen West Pennsylvania has been bracketed with a very distinguished group of conferences. The 40-cents-a-week plan was inaugurated in 1933, of the preceding

period, when the Conference marked up the excellent mark of 42 cents per capita the one year of the five above the mark. It has remained, however, for the three years, 1939-1941, to attest the consistency of mission support. In 1939 the record was within two mills of 42 cents, in 1940, 47 cents, and in 1941, 51.6 cents. In 1939 only five conferences of North America reached the 40-cent level, three of which were of the Columbia Union.

In 1940 West Pennsylvania led the Columbia Union and nearly all of North America, and in 1941 the Conference was second in the Union to the great Potomac Conference, which exceeds but by four mills per capita.

There is every reason to believe this conference will maintain its traditional loyalty to the world mission work. Surely the Lord has a people in West Pennsylvania who will never lay down the burden for the fields beyond until every land has heard the third angel's message.

#### **MISSIONS EXTENSION, HARVEST INGATHERING, AND OTHER SPECIAL APPEALS**

Harvest Ingathering has been a strong support to missions. The last five years produced in this item \$73,233.70, a gain of \$16,767.91 over the previous similar period. The highest point in the first quinquennial was \$13,058.82 in 1936. The lowest point of 1937-1941 in every year exceeds the highest point of the previous period, culminating in a real triumph when \$17,360.54 was marked up.

Conference workers and church members have responded willingly to the Sacrifice appeal. An intake of \$5,939.89 for the five years represents an increase of \$4,006 over the preceding period. The Sacrifice has grown from a mustard seed of \$339 in 1932 and \$691.79 in 1937 to \$1,945.68 in 1941, a large spreading "tree of life." Never in the earlier years reviewed did this offering exceed \$650.

Of more than ordinary interest is the remarkable response of the churches to the Missions Extension (Big Week) opportunity. In the term of years under consideration, a total of \$8,215.69 exceeds the sum of the previous five years by \$4,202.64, an increase of more than 100 per cent. It remained, however, for the 1940 and 1941 campaigns to measure the strength

of Israel on this item. The fine intake of \$2,845.76 in 1941 represents a gain of \$1,430 over 1939, and a further gain of \$482 over 1940. The gain over 1937 at the beginning of the five years exceeds \$2,050.

The remarkable character of this performance is more clearly revealed by the per capita findings. In 1939 the membership reached a per capita of 94 cents, in 1940, \$1.59, and in 1941, \$1.84. The white membership reached \$2.17 per capita in this memorable endeavor. As far as is known West Pennsylvania lead the entire world of organizations in per capita for the last three years.

In the Mid-summer Offering, Annual Offering, and other special calls the same spirit of standing by the cause in its time of greatest need is seen. God has endowed His people with understanding and loyal hearts.

It would be proper for me at this time to express real, heartfelt appreciation for the faithful service and cooperation of the workers and church leaders throughout the field, as well as Secretaries H. E. Garrarde, J. R. Johnson, Home Missionary Secretary W. S. Johnson, and the office workers who have contributed so materially to the accomplishments of the Conference.

#### **BOOK AND BIBLE HOUSE**

The Book and Bible House has made exceptional progress under the direction of Secretary J. R. Johnson, just now succeeded by Wallace Wellman. The trading statement indicates an increase in net sales of \$31,858.90 over the previous five-year period, with a total of \$75,400.27. Two years of the five reveal a gain, \$594 in 1939, and \$315.98 in 1941. The balance sheet shows a net worth today of \$2,603, a gain of \$2,321 over the \$172.72 at the end of the previous five years.

#### **PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT**

During the interim we have been favored with the services of two competent Field Leaders in the persons of Garland Hoag, now in India, and Ben Savage, lately of Ohio. The literature under made substantial advances under this line-up. Miss Thelma Pangborn was engaged as a full-time magazine leader, and an exceptionally strong student colporteur work was going forward.

Some things of praiseworthy character stand out in the records



of this department. In 1937 and 1938 the deliveries reached \$10,-405.69, while sales were \$25,-311.35. The acid test, of course, is deliveries. We are thankful to report sales of \$29,243.91, and deliveries of \$22,063.40 in 1941. Thus it will be noted sales increased but \$3,932, while deliveries enjoyed the phenomenal increase of \$11,657.71, considerably more than a 100-per-cent advance.

For the first time since 1920 West Pennsylvania not only reached its delivery goal of \$18,-000, but exceeded it by \$4,063, a very gratifying accomplishment. The superlative nature of this record is manifest when it is known that at the beginning of the five-year period, the deliveries were but \$4,404.85, making possible an amazing gain in five years of \$17,-659. In 1939 this department led all the conferences of the North American Division in percentage of sales gains.

One other phase of our literature distribution will excite the eager interest of our constituency. The amazing development of magazine distribution under the able direction of Miss Thelma Pangborn for the white believers, and Mrs. Nancie Harris for the colored members, makes possible reports of almost incredible dimensions. At the beginning of our five-year period magazine sales in West Pennsylvania were but \$2,101 for the year 1937. In 1941, the closing year of our quinquennial period, sales had advanced to the unprecedented figure of \$12,855, an increase of \$10,754, or approximately a 500-per-cent increase.

In 1939 the Conference led the field. In 1940 it was in third position in this item. In 1941 it was second, with only the large Ohio Conference exceeding. The year 1941 is exceptional. The West Pennsylvania Conference recorded 215 per cent of its *Message Magazine* goal, and 168 per cent of its *Watchman Magazine* goal. This means West Pennsylvania exceeded all other conferences in this particular, with the one exception of Southern California, with the *Message Magazine*.

#### SABBATH SCHOOL AND EDUCATIONAL

Growth in the Sabbath schools of the field has aroused the wonderment of many believers. From a membership of 1394 in 1937, the schools have enlarged until five years later in 1941, the membership reached 1955, an increase of

567 members. For the last three years West Pennsylvania has ranked second in giving in the Columbia Union.

The last year of record discloses a per capita giving of 22.3, the largest in more than ten years. A total of \$71,947.58 was given for missions in this item, for the five years, which exceeded the preceding period by \$22,683.78, a most commendable achievement.

It remains, however, for the Investment Fund to really be a feature of this report on Sabbath school activities. A spectacular ascension from \$314.43 in 1937, the first year under survey, to \$2,-615.96 in 1941 is recorded. The final year indicates an 800 per cent increase in Investment operations.

The ambition that comprehends the welfare of others first certainly is seen in this noble work of the Sabbath schools. The most recent revelation is that West Pennsylvania succeeded in the dollar-day goal for the Thirteenth Sabbath the last quarter in 1941. To Miss Ernestine Hochschorner and her faithful Sabbath school officers we tender our appreciation for meritorious service.

The problem of providing opportunities for the Christian education of our children is a monumental undertaking. Under Miss Hochschorner's care the work is assuming a most stable character. Two Junior Academies serving the area with large enrollments are conducted in Pittsburgh, and three grade schools in other churches. A fine corps of teachers staffs these schools, and the educational work enjoys the full support of our congregations. We wish to express our gratefulness to our superintendent, her faithful teachers, the excellent Home School Associations, and to Professor J. P. Neff, Educational Superintendent of the Columbia Union, for the counsel and support given this vital phase of our work in West Pennsylvania. The future is bright with prospects of schools in other churches.

#### HOME MISSIONARY AND M. V. DEPARTMENTS

Secretary W. S. Johnson has carried these two departments most acceptably. His labors have been prodigious, and the results most fruitful. Harvest Ingathering, Missions Extension, and other important items under the jurisdiction of the Home Missionary Department have been treated previously in this resume. The

department has been strengthened in recent years, most churches observing the 10-minute missionary service.

In the final *Review and Herald* report from the publishers, West Pennsylvania occupies a most pre-eminent position. Following its precedent of preceding campaigns the Conference marks up a record of 101 subscriptions beyond its goal. Numbered with the exclusive ten conferences in North America attaining the goals set, West Pennsylvania finds only one conference surpassing its splendid achievement.

In the *Signs of the Times* campaign now in process, subscriptions already received double the record for last year. Pittsburgh Number One leads with 800 subscriptions to the *Signs*.

Results from the *Liberty* campaign evidence how precious religious and civil liberties are to the advent people. Already funds have come into the treasury in sufficient measure to assure a "100-per-cent conference" in this item. West Pennsylvania has had this distinction through past years when but few conferences have attained it.

The Columbia Union records a most notable effort in the interest of souls in the recent circulation of nearly 8,000 copies of "Great Controversy." A final report from the Union office places West Pennsylvania at the head of the list with an attainment of 197 per cent of its goal. This campaign proves the deep interest of the advent people in the circulation of such books of the message as "Great Controversy," "Daniel and the Revelation," and "Patriarchs and Prophets."

The expansion of Progressive Classes in the Missionary Volunteer field is disclosed by many Investment programs conducted in our churches by Secretaries W. S. Johnson, of West Pennsylvania, and C. P. Sorensen, of the Union. Dorcas and Ladies' Aid societies have shown strength. Our young people have been led into a deeper spiritual life. Many have participated in Junior and Senior Camp activities. The Medical Cadet Corps has assumed the place of importance it merits and has prepared and is preparing many young men to patriotically perform their Christian service to home and country.

This fellowship and service in the West Pennsylvania Confer-

ence and the Columbia Union has been of a very happy nature. As the cause is moved forward in the midst of world conflagrations such as never have been known before, the hearts of workers and people have been drawn closer together and the fellowship has been very precious.

I take this opportunity of expressing my deepest appreciation for the unfailing cooperation and support of President H. J. Detwiler and the staff of the Columbia Union, the Executive Committees of the Union, and local fields, as well as the workers in the West Pennsylvania office and Conference. I am also most grateful for the united support and devotion

of the faithful people of the churches in West Pennsylvania. God has surely been surpassingly good. I praise His Holy name for the wonderful things He has wrought and given His servants in the Columbia Union and West Pennsylvania.

It is very proper for me, in bringing this report to its conclusion, to acknowledge the divine leadership and ownership of the work here. We lack expression to properly convey the thankfulness of our hearts for wonderful successes and victories that have been ours in this part of the vineyard. To Jesus Christ our Saviour and the Holy Father in heaven, be glory, honor, and praise. Amen.

## Chesapeake Conference

C. V. Leach, President

THE Chesapeake Conference comprises the territory of the States of Delaware and Maryland, with the exception of Montgomery County and a five-mile strip of territory of Prince George's County, bordering on the District of Columbia. Within its borders are also the three counties of West Virginia, Morgan, Berkeley, and Jefferson. This territory has a population of 1,820,845. This area is bounded by the State of Pennsylvania on the north, coming within twenty miles of the city of Philadelphia, and from the Atlantic seaboard on the east to the beautiful hills and mountains of West Virginia on the west, and reaches to the National Capital and the State of Virginia on the south. This territory comprises at once, not only one of the most attractive conferences of the Columbia Union, but a conference that has within its bounds one of the most strategic defense areas of the United States.

### MEMBERSHIP

At the beginning of the period we had 1,612 members; at the end of the period, 2,232 members; a net gain of 620 members, a gain of approximately 40 per cent. The average net gain for the year during the period was 125. During the five-year period, we lost 125 members by death and 289 by apostasy. The heavy loss by apostasy constitutes a serious challenge to us as ministers and leaders in the Chesapeake Conference. We are especially pleased with the net gain made the past year, which is

240 souls. Our gross gain for 1941 was 385 souls, of which 249 were by baptism, 17 by profession of faith, and 119 by letter. Our losses for the same period were 28 by death, 37 by apostasy and 80 by letter, or a total loss of 145. Elder Boothby and Company, who conducted an effort during the first eight months of the year in Wilmington and Blythedale, is responsible for 121 of the gross gain brought in by baptism and profession of faith during the year. Elder Wagner baptized 46 persons during the year; Elder Riston, 26; Elder Hanson, 23; Elder Patzkowski, 19; Elder Cheatham, 12. The total number baptized by the workers of the Chesapeake Conference during the year, aside from the baptisms by Elder Boothby, is 150. It is worthy of special note that 68 of those baptized in the Chesapeake Conference were brought in by lay evangelists and lay Bible workers.

### DEPARTMENTS

A conference without healthy, well developed departments might be likened to a tree with all the limbs stripped off of it, leaving only the bare trunk remaining. Strong, aggressive, efficient departmental organization is essential to the welfare and balanced development of a conference.

#### Publishing

The past five years this department has been under the leadership of W. A. Beall, I. V. Stonebrook, and F. E. Thumwood, who is giving the work able leadership at this time. The total book sales

for the period was \$66,740, and the delivery of books for the period was \$40,978. Magazine sales were approximately \$20,000. Thus the total delivery of literature was \$60,978. The average annual delivery of literature was \$12,000. The delivery for the last year of the period, 1941, was \$17,626, which was more than \$5,000 above the average of books and magazines actually delivered during the period. Brother Thumwood has his work well in hand and 1942 promises to be a banner year in the publishing work. He also has the assistance of Mrs. Juanita Jones who comes to us from the good state of Ohio to aid in developing the work among the colored believers this year, which will greatly increase the sales and distribution of the splendid literature that has been provided for us by our publishing houses.

#### Educational

After the introduction of the publishing work came the educational program in the line of departments as they were introduced to the advent people. During the five-year period, the work of this department has been led by Mrs. Edward Hanson and Professor F. W. Baldwin. Professor Baldwin has directed the work the past two years.

At the beginning of the period there were eight schools and eleven teachers, with an enrollment of 216 pupils. At the end of the period we find ourselves with 11 schools, 17 teachers, and an enrollment of 260.

An encouraging feature of the educational report is the increased number of church school children who have become members of the church. The average annual enrollment of the period has been 244, beginning as we have already noted with 216 and ending with 260. The number of church school children becoming members of the church has increased during the five-year period as follows:

Twenty-one out of an enrollment of 216 in 1938, or 10 per cent; 47 out of an enrollment of 271 in 1939, or 17 per cent; 88 out of an enrollment of 238 in 1940, or 37 per cent; 80 out of an enrollment of 260 in 1941, or 30 per cent. It will be noted that the record for this year is as of January 1, 1942. The spring baptisms in the schools for the year 1941-42 will, no doubt, bring the total number of church school children who are members of the church up to or



beyond the percentage of the school year 1940-41, which was 37 per cent. Every church school teacher an evangelist in her sphere of operation is the goal of the Educational Department of the Chesapeake Conference.

### Missionary Volunteer Department

At the beginning of the period we had 13 societies, and at the end, 32; the average for the five-year period being 22. The total membership at the beginning of the period was 76 while at the close the membership was 815. The average for the period was 434 members. The average attendance for the period was 448. During the five-year period, 238 were baptized, an average of 47 baptisms per year. A total of 149 of those baptized for the period, or 63 per cent were baptized the last two years of the period.

Our Missionary Volunteers are active in every line of missionary endeavor. The fruitage in soul-winning for the Missionary Volunteer Department was 117 for the period, and they brought in \$15,660 in Harvest Ingathering. The average per year was \$3,132. Professor Floyd Baldwin is giving this department strong leadership.

### Religious Liberty

An outstanding accomplishment in 1941 was attained by the Religious Liberty forces of the Chesapeake Conference, assisted in a strong way by the Religious Liberty Department of the General Conference in the persons of Elders Longacre and Votaw. Elder Schmidt, the local pastor, was a key man over a period of months in writing, interviewing members of the State legislature and assisting in directing the forces that wrought success. Time and space will permit us to tell you only the results. The Delaware Blue Law on the statute book for 220 years was repealed. Reverberations of this repeal were heard from all parts of the United States.

Our people, stirred by the influence of *Liberty* Magazine in laying the foundation for this repeal, promptly set to work in a special Religious Liberty drive, and provided 3,800 subscriptions for the public officials, ministers, and lawyers of Delaware and Maryland. The Religious Liberty Department of the General Conference informs the Chesapeake Conference that for the year 1941 theirs is the largest per capita sub-

scription list for *Liberty* of any conference in the world field.

We believe, too, that the State of Delaware is the only state in the United States where every leading public official, minister, and lawyer is provided with a subscription to *Liberty*.

### Home Missionary

Elder Edward Hanson has given the Home Missionary work strong, faithful leadership the past five years. A goodly number of our people have participated in the various lines of missionary endeavor being sponsored by the Home Missionary Department.



C. V. LEACH

During the period, 17,000 meetings have been conducted, 35,000 missionary visits have been reported, 24,000 needy persons have been assisted, 60,000 hours of Christian help work have been rendered, and 30,000 articles of clothing have been given. One-half million copies of various pieces of missionary literature have been distributed.

All of this and much more not reported may finally be summed up in precious souls garnered in, which for the period total 187.

The souls reported won to the Truth annually through the five-year period are as follows:

1937 .....	27
1938 .....	19
1939 .....	34
1940 .....	16
1941 .....	91

Kindly note that for the year 1941 there were reported as many souls won through home mission-

ary efforts, save five, as were reported for the previous four years. The reason for this upsurge in soul winning in 1941 is the Lay-Ministerial Institute, conducted in December of 1940. At this meeting about 200 church officers and members came together to study lay evangelism and work out plans for aggressive work the ensuing year. The good record of 91 souls in 1941 is the answer to the question, "Does it pay to train the laymen for definite soul-winning work?"

At the beginning of the five-year period, 681 members were reporting out of a membership of 1,730, or approximately 39 per cent. At the end of the period, 1,433 were reporting out of a membership of 2,232, or approximately 64 per cent. The Lay Council accelerated the activities of our membership and, of course, greatly increased the reporting membership.

The Harvest Ingathering work for the period, promoted by the Home Missionary Department, is reported under "Finance."

### Sabbath School

The Sabbath school work of the Chesapeake Conference has been promoted through the period by Elder Edward Hanson. Steady progress has been made, and substantial support has been given to missions. The Sabbath school membership has grown from 1,669 in 1937, to 2,047 in 1941. The total mission offering presented to the mission board by our schools has been \$81,825. The banner year in giving is 1941, with a total gift of \$20,171. Birthday offerings totaled \$1,851, and Investment offerings nearly \$5,000 for the period.

At the close of 1941, our 26 Sabbath schools were rated as follows:

9 .....	"A"
5 .....	"B"
12 .....	"C"

The number of Sabbath school members reported baptized for the period is 485. We have five branch Sabbath schools.

Our Millsboro Sabbath school of 16 members is, we feel, deserving of special mention because of their outstanding accomplishment in raising Investment funds. In 1941 they raised \$361.31, an average of \$22.28 per member.

### FINANCE

The total tithe received for the period is \$286,170, a gain of \$112,588 over the previous five-

year period, or forty per cent. The tithe for the years 1940 and 1941 totals \$141,016, which is a gain of nearly \$37,000 over the best two remaining years of the last five-year period.

### MISSIONS

The total missions offering for the period was \$146,983, a gain of \$49,858 over the previous five-year period. This is equivalent to 50 per cent of the total tithe of the period. Of this amount, the total Sabbath school offering was \$81,865.97—\$20,171.37 of which came in the last year of the period. The total Harvest Ingathering was \$57,371.66, which is \$8,000 more than was raised in the previous five-year period. The growth of missions offerings is indicated by the per capita gifts to missions for the period which are as follows:

1937 .....	.24
1938 .....	.29
1939 .....	.31
1940 .....	.337
1941 .....	.378

1942—Expect to greatly exceed 40 cents a week.

### DEBT

Like a millstone about its neck have hung the debts of the Chesapeake Conference for many years. The debts totaled in 1937 slightly less than \$80,000, the exact amount being \$79,541.10. Elder Moffett, the former president of the Conference, took a strong lead in reducing this debt and with his co-workers is responsible for these first heavy reductions. Nineteen thirty-eight saw the debt reduced to \$74,084; 1939, to \$64,649; 1940, to \$56,171; and 1941, to \$43,203. Thus it will be seen that there has been a steady reduction of debt throughout the period, the amount of reduction each year being as follows:

1938 .....	\$ 5,457.00
1939 .....	9,453.00
1940 .....	8,435.00

1941 ..... 12,968.00

Total ..... \$36,313.00

The year 1941 is the banner year of the period in debt reduction, the amount being a little less than \$13,000—36 per cent of the total reduction. A few more turns of the wheel, under the blessing of Heaven, and the total debt will have been wiped out. The Union Conference has given steady, consistent support to the Chesapeake debt reduction program, which is greatly appreciated.

### CONFERENCE IMPROVEMENT

Two years ago, the Chesapeake Conference set out to acquire much needed equipment for evangelistic and camp meeting purposes, and to improve the camp ground at Catonsville. We have a seven-acre tract of land, located just outside the city of Baltimore where our conference headquarters is located and where our camp meeting equipment is stored.

In 1941 we purchased 20 new living tents and an evangelistic tent, 50 x 70 feet, together with equipment which cost about \$3,000. This year our stakes are set to erect a sanitary building, 24 x 48 feet, that will accommodate in a proper way our growing camp meeting attendance. This building, equipped, will cost approximately \$4,000. The money is in hand to do the work and plans are completed to begin the work the middle of March. We have also purchased 20 new living tents for 1941, and have them in storage awaiting camp meeting time.

Our latest acquirement which, we believe, will bring a blessing to the Chesapeake Conference is the purchase of the Shuler tabernacle in Silver Spring, which will seat from 1200 to 1500 people. We are placing this tabernacle on our grounds as a permanent pavilion. Our plan is to have this ready for our camp meeting this summer. Our camp meeting tent is getting old, and then we have

completely outgrown it, so this new pavilion fits into our immediate need.

### OUTLOOK

The outlook for the Chesapeake Conference, we feel, is very bright indeed. The important city of Baltimore awaits advance moves in several directions. Our Number One Church, under the able direction of Elder C. B. Newmyer, is prospering. The problem there is to seat the people. Soon they will be obliged to swarm, or make other moves to relieve the situation.

We have recently welcomed to our laboring forces, Elder L. O. Coon, and family, who has taken charge of the work in the important Wilmington-Blythedale area. Elder Coon will aid us, too, in carrying forward an aggressive evangelistic program throughout the Conference.

Another recent addition to our force of workers is that of Brother Curtis Quackenbush and wife who come to us as trainees of Washington Missionary College, and with a splendid background of experience in the business world that will enable them with confidence to grip quickly and carry forward to success the work in their district.

The entire area of the Chesapeake Conference is strategic, not only from the national defense point of view, but also from the standpoint of the third angel's message. Baltimore is mentioned in the Spirit of prophecy as a city "where the Lord desires us to proclaim the third angel's message with power." Volume 9, p. 99.

The work has not yet broken in that great center as the Lord has indicated it should, but we believe we are on the eve of great things in the work of God in this city and the surrounding area. We believe the membership of this conference will rapidly increase under the prospering hand of God, until it will be one of the strong conferences on the eastern seaboard.

# DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

## Home Missionary Department

J. C. Holland, Secretary

THE most encouraging and perhaps the most important part of this report cannot be given in figures. A growing spirit of unity and willingness on the part of our people to do the work of the Lord is the greatest sign of progress that we can report. They have been ready to do every task that has been assigned to them and they have done it cheerfully and willingly.

In the various campaigns they not only have reached the goals set but in the majority of instances they had overflows. They always returned with joy to tell their experiences. The figures in this report very inadequately express the real spirit of service that is manifested in nearly all the churches.

### ORGANIZATION

The churches were never better organized for efficient service than they are at the present time. The home missionary program demands a stronger organization to take care of the growing work each year, and this requires trained leadership. Many of the church officers have completed, or are now taking, courses in spiritual leadership and other courses to qualify them for better and more efficient service. We have had an average of 314 working bands in comparison with 285 for the preceding five-year period, or a gain of 29, or 10 per cent.

### LITERATURE EVANGELISM

There are many lines of soul-winning service which call for various gifts but the literature ministry provides an opportunity for all, regardless of their talents, to do soul-winning work. "Let every believer scatter broadcast tracts, leaflets, and books containing the message for this time," is the admonition given us in the Spirit of prophecy. ("Christian Service," p. 145) There were distributed by the members of the churches 9,607,278 pieces of literature in comparison to 8,023,977 over the preceding period, representing a gain of 1,583,301 or 15.28 per cent. A large majority of the

believers had a part in this important missionary service.

### BIBLE TRAINING CLASSES

The opportunity to give Bible studies always follows literature distribution and personal work. In order to have trained Bible workers on whom we can call to give these studies, Bible training classes are conducted in many



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churches every year. During the past five-year period, there was an average of 77 Bible training classes every year in comparison to 46 during the last five-year period, or a gain of 62 per cent. We now have a large corps of trained lay Bible teachers.

### HOME FOREIGN BANDS

There is a large foreign population in the Columbia Union. Apparently very little is being done to give the message to these strangers within our gates. However, we are doing something. There was an average of 27 home foreign bands each year during the past five years in comparison to 16 during the preceding period, or a gain of 11 bands, or 68 per cent.

This work among the foreigners may be made one of the most fruit-

ful fields in the Union. During the last Missions Extension campaign it was my privilege to visit some of these foreign neighborhoods in this city, and as the result of a personal visit, followed up with literature in the language of this family, the lady in that home is now observing the Sabbath.

### LAY PREACHERS

We have not kept complete records of efforts held by the lay preachers during the five-year period but according to the available reports we have at the present time 93 lay preachers and associate lay preachers.

A number of successful efforts have been conducted during the last three years. As the result of the work done by a group of lay preachers in the Hyattsville, Maryland Church in the Potomac Conference during 1940, 19 souls were baptized. At the close of 1941 this same group had 19 in the baptismal class preparing for church membership.

This is typical of the work that is being done in every conference. A new church was raised up in Pottstown, Pennsylvania in 1940 as the result of the work of a lay preacher and his associates. A new church was recently organized in the Chesapeake Conference largely as the result of the house-to-house literature campaign carried on by a lay preacher and his co-workers. This is only a beginning of what the Lord is going to do through laymen whom He is calling into His work.

### SOCIETY OF MISSIONARY MEN

This is a new organization. Never in the history of our church has there been an organization within the church especially for our men, but there has been a growing need for such an organization. The purpose of this organization is to give our men an opportunity to become better acquainted with each other, to study and pray together, and to train for various lines of missionary activities.

One field of special endeavor is for the husbands of believing wives, and backsliders.

In these societies an effort is made to utilize every gift of the men of the church. They promote literature work in C.C.C. camps,

hospitals, Y.M.C.A.'s and other places usually neglected by others, and send literature to such persons as lighthouse keepers and newspaper editors. They also promote temperance and religious liberty and help the poor. We have 16 societies in the Columbia Union and there should be one in every large church.

### DORCAS SOCIETIES

Inasmuch as there were no records kept of our Dorcas societies and their activities in the previous five-year period, and the records are not complete for this period, we shall not attempt any comparison; but we have at the present time 175 Dorcas societies in the Union. These societies specialize in work among the poor and they are evangelistic in purpose and nature.

They are reaching a class which are not helped by other methods. Their work also gives us favor with the officials and leading citizens of the various cities when we go to them for Harvest Ingathering.

Just two weeks ago it was my happy privilege to meet a sister on the day she was baptized. This sister's conversion was the result of a home nursing division of the Dorcas society in the East Pennsylvania Conference. Two other churches in this same conference have reported baptisms as a result of their work.

### MISSIONARY VISITS

Visit your neighbor in a friendly way and become acquainted with him, is the admonition of the Lord as given to His people; and it is most encouraging to see our people carrying out this instruction. There was a total of 745,084 visits during the past five-year period, compared to 548,195 for the preceding five-year period.

### MISSIONS EXTENSION

During the depression years there was a great drop in our Missions Extension offerings, but we are glad to report a steady increase every year since then. During the last five-year period the offerings have amounted to \$52,378.86, or a gain of \$15,609.06 over the preceding period.

### HARVEST INGATHERING

The Ingathering is the most important promotion campaign we have during the year. In addition to the large sums of money which

this plan brings to the cause, it is a great spiritual blessing to our own people and at the same time gives thousands of people the opportunity to get the message every year. Hundreds of individuals are turned toward the kingdom of God every year through this means.

During the last five-year period two whole churches in the Chesapeake Conference were raised up as the result of Harvest Ingathering contacts. A total of \$735,540.02 was raised for Missions during the past five years. This was a gain of \$204,927.15 over the preceding five-year period.

### "GREAT CONTROVERSY" CAMPAIGN

One of the most important missionary projects during the five-year period was the "Great Controversy" campaign. Never have we promoted this type of literature work when our people responded so enthusiastically or with such a

certainty that they were doing the Lord's will as in the recent "Great Controversy" campaign.

God has said that this book, "Great Controversy," contains His direct appeal to the people. And surely the Lord spoke to the hearts of His own people and is now speaking to thousands of others through the books they are reading. There was a total of 7,513 copies sold, which was 2,513 copies above the goal set for ourselves.

### SOULS WON

A total of 3,369 souls were baptized and taken into the church as the result of the various lines of work by the laymen during the last five-year period. This was a gain of 425 or 14.41 per cent over the preceding period. This surely is a cause for rejoicing both in heaven and in earth. But to God be all the praise, glory, and honor for all the accomplishments set forth in this report.

## Educational Department

J. P. Neff, Secretary

THE chief purpose of Christian education, the all-absorbing purpose of our system of schools, is to lead the children and youth to Christ, to build Christian characters in their lives, to train them for the service of God, and to establish them in that way of life that will lead them at last to the heavenly kingdom.

Those who work on material things do not find it difficult to express their achievements in terms of figures and material units easily comparable and comprehensible such as feet and miles, pounds and tons, cents and dollars; but those who deal with intellects and character may not express the results in tangible units of measure. Even time may be measured on the dial plate, but the value of the human soul's worth is estimated only at the bar of the Universal Judge.

We see the child in its unfolding intellect, heart, and spirit, groping or climbing toward a destiny which we may partially direct but can never control. My report, therefore, must be very limited, circumscribed, and inadequate so far as expressing definite results is concerned.

The influence of the schools upon

the lives of children and youth determines the tomorrow of the world. This is especially true in these modern times when mothers too generally are otherwise occupied than in rocking the cradles and directing the footsteps of their children, and when the churches have lost their spiritual appeal to youth and substituted therefor social and recreational engagements. Consequently, the schools often find themselves in a difficult, if not a desperate situation.

In general terms, therefore, I must express these irreducible elements. The spirit of our schools is much more satisfactory and wholesome than it was 20 years ago, or five years ago, and is growing better with the years. There is a much more friendly and co-operative feeling between teachers and boards, a better understanding between the teacher and the pupils, the parents, and the church. There is a higher appreciation of the need and value of Christian education. It is a rare experience now to find an elder or a pastor who does not cooperate and foster the school.

Far more attention is paid to the child's spiritual welfare. In fact, its knowledge of the eternal

verities and its acceptance of the way of life have moved into the very center of the school perspective and become the chief purpose and aim of the teacher. The superiority of the influence and value of Christian education in comparison with secular has become definite and pronounced. Only occasionally now do we find a parent whose vision is so dim and whose experience so limited that he still wonders if the secular school may not have higher standards and give better education than our schools.

Anyone who has had experience with the products of secular education and Christian education clearly recognizes the unmistakable superiority of the conduct, the personality, the intellectual achievement, and the moral and spiritual worth of the men and women who were trained where God is recognized, where His great book is studied, where high ideals and noble objectives predominate.

The teachers are better trained to do their work, they come with a higher sense of their duty and a fuller appreciation of their responsibilities and opportunities. They come with not only a better knowledge of how to teach and guide and train, but with a more sympathetic understanding of the child and due regard for its experience and environment, as well as sympathy for its handicaps and impediments. Its physical and social elements more and more are taken into consideration.

Twenty years ago the children participated almost not at all in the organized activities of the church. During the past five years our school children raised over \$50,000 for missions. They have become an inspiration and incentive to the older members. As they grow into years they become the church leaders of this great Ingathering enterprise.

During the past ten years, the schools have promoted the Junior activities outlined by the Missionary Volunteer Department, and solidly established this feature of the work.

The schools are distinctly evangelizing centers. They aim so to instruct and train the children that, as they become individual, responsible, moral agents, they will dedicate their hearts and lives to Jesus and become members of the church.

More and more attention is being given in the schools to the physical welfare of the children. Physical

examinations are made regularly. The findings from these examinations are being used by the teachers to good advantage. Remedial work is done to correct the physical defects. The physical examination alone would not be of any particular advantage unless the students' defects were corrected. Very satisfactory advancement has been made along this line. We are, therefore, encouraged by the endeavors that have been made and the success which has attended the development of the child—physically, mentally, morally, and spiritually.

The Union has done much to



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encourage young people to enter the very important and sacred profession of teaching. It has constructed a Normal Building for the College which affords every physical advantage for young people to learn the art of teaching by study, observation, and actual teaching. It has conducted summer schools at the College. The conferences have endeavored to send one-third to one-fourth of their teachers to the summer school each year. They have subsidized the *Journal of True Education* and some of our educational books in order that the teachers might be in possession of them and receive the consequent benefit from their content.

Teachers' Institutes have been held each year. During the present session a Union Teachers' Institute was held in the city of Pittsburgh. This Institute was greatly appreciated by all who are connected with the educational work.

In order to encourage young

people who give promise of being good teachers to enter this profession, all the conferences are giving scholarships to young people who will subscribe to become teachers when they finish their course.

The salaries of the teachers have been raised so that during the present session no teacher is paid less than \$13.50 a week, and beginning with September 1942, a minimum salary of \$15 will be paid.

In spite of all the encouragement that has been given, we have found it difficult to supply our schools with teachers, and the outlook is that there will be even a greater difficulty in filling the schools the coming year. There are so many avenues open to young people, and so many demands for their services that we find not enough teachers to supply our schools, and we must earnestly solicit the cooperation of district leaders, elders, and all of our workers and parents in finding young women and young men who should enter this sacred calling and prepare themselves to make the very best teachers.

Our academies are today on the soundest basis that they have ever been. Mount Vernon Academy, Shenandoah Valley Academy, and Takoma Academy are all recognized by our own denominational requirements, as well as by other accrediting bodies. Mount Vernon Academy has the industries of the farm and press. It has just completed a large, commodious dormitory for boys. The Shenandoah Valley Academy has a large farm in connection with the academy, and has a complete, modern physical plant. The Takoma Academy is separate from the College, and is headed up by a principal so that the academy enjoys a distinct life from the College. The Philadelphia Academy has a strong faculty and is offering excellent work to day students in grades nine to twelve. Lake Ariel has operated through the years. This academy has been conducted by Elder and Sister Pickard, who have devoted their time and finances to this school.

The Plainfield Academy is perhaps different from any other in the denomination. All of its students make their own way by working and living in the homes of the people of the community, earning their board, room, tuition, and other necessary expenses. The academy building is simply the

center for the classes—where the faculty live, and where all the class work is done. This academy is under the fostering and care of the New Jersey Conference, and bids to become a very valuable institution to serve the boys and girls who have no finances whatever for securing their education.

We shall turn now to give you some statistics. The number of schools in the Union 20 years ago was 58; five years ago, 88; today, 90. The number of teachers 20 years ago was 78; five years ago, 123; today, 138. The students enrolled 20 years ago were 1,656; five years ago, 1,954; today, 2,164. Five years ago there were 181 in the church schools doing secondary work; today there are 290. Twenty years ago 16 of the teachers held three-year certificates; five years ago there were 19; today there are 26. Twenty years ago there were 10 teachers holding five-year certificates or college degrees; five years ago there were 58; today there are 78. The salaries have varied in accordance with the time. Twenty years ago the average salary was \$15.69 per week. The peak was reached ten years ago when the average was \$16.50. Five years ago the average salary was \$14.24; today, \$15.29. The salaries dropped, however, as low as an average of \$11 during the years of depression. The schools are much better housed than they were 20 years ago, and considerable improvement has been made during the past five years. When new schools are started today, much more attention is given to securing the proper kind of schoolroom, and then to equip it as rapidly as possible.

You will notice from the above figures that the teachers have increased more rapidly than the schools, which fact means that we have more schools with two or three teachers than we had previously.

The number of students doing secondary work in our church schools has greatly increased—from 181 to 290 during the past five years—an increase of 62 per cent. This means that 290 of our boys and girls can remain at home and have the advantages of the instruction in the secondary subjects instead of going away from home to one of our academies or else entering the public high school. In the former case very often the parents would not be

able to send them to school through their whole academic course and they would either return home to be discouraged or to go to a high school. In those cases where the parents could not send them to the academy at all, they would enter the high school. In such cases the majority would never attend one of our academies or the college.

So the training of our young people in our home schools is a very important development in our educational system, and it is most encouraging to see that the attendance in these schools by students above the eighth grade is 109 more today than five years ago.

There are nearly eight times as many teachers holding five-year Normal certificates or who are college graduates than there were 20 years ago, and the increase during the past five years has been 33 1/3 per cent.

The salaries of our teachers still remain low. They were rising steadily around the year 1930-31, but when the sudden slump came, they dropped to the low level as stated above, of about \$11 per week. While today the average salary is \$15.29 per week, it is going to be very difficult to hold them when there are so many demands for their services. Church school teaching is a real missionary work. It must be so regarded by those who are in our college preparing our young people to teach, and it must be recognized by the teachers themselves. This is the strong plea that we must make to our young people to enter the teaching profession. We cannot hold out to them lucrative salaries, but we can point them to the highest type of service in the Master's cause. There is no nobler work, no finer work that anyone can do, who is prepared, than to instruct and train the minds and hearts of children and youth.

We have seven colored schools doing a good type of work above the eighth grade. The Columbia Union Conference has been aiding these schools by special appropriations. We have recognized the difficulty of our colored people in bridging the gap between the eighth grade and Oakwood Junior College. For this reason we have encouraged our stronger colored churches to offer secondary work in their church schools,

and, at the same time, we have assisted them financially.

As a result of this encouragement and assistance, there are large numbers of our youth who find it possible to attend Oakwood Junior College. Some of these are returning as ministers, others as Bible workers, and still others as teachers.

As you have noticed in the statistics given above, our teachers are better prepared from year to year, and are one of the most devoted class of workers that we have in the denomination.

They are making a great personal sacrifice financially to engage in teaching. They recognize their work as a missionary service; they seldom complain; they do their work quietly in the schoolroom; the results are manifested afterwards in the conduct and lives of their students.

It is seldom that a teacher ever receives that recognition in this world for his or her meritorious work. Only occasionally does some student in after years return to express gratitude or to make such achievement as to reflect honor and credit upon the teacher. The teacher's work is a work of love and devotion; the reward is a treasure laid up in heaven, which the righteous Judge will deliver at that day.

Our ministers and conference presidents are in full sympathy with our educational program. They can be depended upon, under all circumstances, to stand for the best interests of our children and youth in relation to their Christian education. The Columbia Union has a group of educational superintendents who are well trained, who have enjoyed a ripe experience in teaching and administrative work.

While all of them are carrying heavy responsibilities in other lines of work, they are able to perform their responsibilities in connection with the schools in a manner that is characterized by sound judgment and loyalty to the best interests of our educational system from the church schools through the academies to the college, and to solve almost every problem that arises.

One chief purpose of our schools is to instruct our youth and children in the truths of the third angel's message. In these serious and anxious days, when the world is torn by war, we need to do more



for our children and youth than ever before. The problems that confront us are super-human.

We look to our people, to our church elders, to our district leaders, to our conference organizations, and to the Union for that help and support and that guidance and sympathy which we so

much need in these desperate times. And, above all, we look to God to help us to carry forward our work successfully that these children and youth may be prepared for whatever place God has for them to fill, and to stand firm in the Truth and be victorious in the final struggle.

## Publishing Department

S. L. Clark, Secretary

THE compiling of the report for the Publishing Department of the Columbia Union Conference for the period 1937 to 1941 brings a sense of great appreciation for the abundant blessing of the Lord that has rested upon the work.

One of the guiding principles continually recognized by bookmen is that "God will do the work if we will furnish Him the instruments." Volume 9, p. 107. With this counsel in mind, the personnel of the Publishing Department throughout the local conferences of the Columbia Union have led their colporteur forces to great heights of achievement.

One of the first things we are reminded of in this report is the Scriptural admonition that "The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth labourers into his harvest." (Luke 10:2) Surely the children of God have prayed that prayer, and the Lord has answered it; for the past five years that this report covers show an average force of 184 colporteurs as compared with 153 for the preceding quinquennial period. This number represents an increase of 20 per cent, which fact is very gratifying.

With a larger army of colporteurs and the advantage of years of increasing prosperity, it is to be expected that the volume of literature placed by our field forces would far exceed the former period. Such an increase has been realized, even beyond expectations; this increase we credit to the Lord and to the greater vision and outstanding efficiency on the part of our loyal corps of field secretaries and their associates who have intelligently directed the work in the local fields.

The figures presented herewith are in terms of actual deliveries, and represent a grand total for the Union during the last five years

of \$595,869.49, for both books and magazines. The delivery for the former period was \$368,717.53, giving us for the quinquennial period just past a gain of \$227,151.96, or an increase of 61 per cent. To help in appreciating a bit more the figures just mentioned, you will be interested in



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knowing that for the past five years the Columbia Union has delivered, year-by-year, more literature than any other union in the world field. According to the reports presented by the General Conference Publishing Department for the year 1941, there were only three divisions out of the world field of eleven that exceeded the Columbia Union's delivery report. Small wonder that this Union is sometimes referred to as a bookman's paradise.

In analyzing the report still further, two very encouraging items stand out that we can not omit mentioning. We have always put strong emphasis on the sale of our large subscription

books, and it is indeed an inspiration to know that during the last five years a total of 35,809 copies were placed in the territory as compared with 17,268 copies during the previous five-year period. This is a gain of 18,541 copies, or an increase of 107 per cent.

The other item referred to is the outstanding increase in the earnings of our colporteurs who are a self-supporting class of workers. The year 1941 showed an increase in the commissions to our colporteurs of 73 per cent over their average earnings for the years 1932 to 1936. One outstanding example during the past year was that of a worker who had a gross income of about \$2,500, or an average of about \$50 per week. I am sure the income tax collector will want an appointment with him!

In a sense it is unfortunate that we have to measure the success of our literature program in terms of dollars and cents, but do not fail to keep in mind that for every dollar's worth of literature distributed there is wrapped up great possibilities for the winning of souls.

We are sorry that it is impossible to bring to you a report of the number of souls won to the truth through the efforts of our colporteurs; we shall have to remind you, instead, of the statement from the Spirit of prophecy which says: "God will soon do great things for us, if we be humble and believing at his feet. More than one thousand will soon be converted in one day, most of whom will trace their first convictions to the reading of our publications." *Review and Herald*, November 10, 1885, p. 700. "If our bookmen do their part faithfully, I know, from the light given me, that the knowledge of present truth will be doubled and trebled." "Life Sketches," p. 446. Such statements help us to appreciate better the further assertion from the pen of inspiration, "If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures." "Colporteur Evangelist," p. 80.

We have called to your attention a report that spells outstanding achievement, now we would like to say a word about the factors contributing to that which has, under the blessing of God, been accomplished.

## MAGAZINE WORK

About eight years ago our executives in the Columbia Union, with faith and great foresight, launched out on a program for the building of a greater magazine work. Mrs. Lloyd Holbert has since that time been an employee of the Union in charge of magazine promotion.

The growth of magazine circulation has been, during the last few years, nothing short of phenomenal. For the years 1932 to 1936, during the last three of which the magazine program was launched, the record shows a total magazine business of \$69,-554.19.

The past five years have seen, under the leadership of Mrs. Holbert and the cooperation of our loyal secretaries, a total magazine circulation of \$209,104.58. This, compared with the previous period of \$69,554.19, is a gain of 200 per cent. More striking still is the sale of magazines for 1941 of \$64,672.20, compared with \$16,-887.06 for 1934 when the magazine program was started, which is an increase by comparison, of 283 per cent. Living in a magazine-reading age, as we are, this increase is as it should be, and we anticipate results in the immediate future far beyond anything of which we have yet dreamed.

## COLORED COLPORTEUR WORK

In the year 1930 was begun a special feature of our work that has contributed in an outstanding way to the success of the literature program of the Union. The factor referred to is the first definite step toward providing colored leadership for our colored colporteur forces. The first appointment was Brother Gibbons, and from the start it was recognized as the definite leading of the Lord. At the present time we have colored secretaries in six of our conferences. They have nobly and efficiently carried their share of the burden, and contributed magnificently to the record of the past five years.

## STUDENT COLPORTEURS

Our student colporteur program has for many years been a prominent factor in the spreading of the printed page. During the past period increasing numbers of consecrated young men and women have traversed the city streets, trudged over the hills and down the valleys of the Columbia Union

as messengers of peace and hope. Thousands of dollar's worth of books and magazines have been placed through their efforts in the homes of the people of this territory, and, at the same time, scores of scholarships have been earned that have made it possible for many of our youth to be in our academies and colleges.

## PART-TIME WORKERS

Occasionally some studying the reports of our colporteur work as they appear in the Union paper have made reference to the small hours being worked by certain canvassers. This has been pointed at, in some instances, as a reflection on the industry of the worker. I would like to point out in this connection that we have a class known as part-time workers, recruited largely from housewives who have a burden to do something for the advancement of the message and who dedicate 10, 20, and sometimes 30 hours per week to the colporteur ministry, apart from pressing home responsibilities. These part-time colporteurs are doing a noble, self-sacrificing work, and in the Department we welcome their contribution, give them great credit for a part in that which has been achieved, and pray for many more such workers to join the ranks.

As we come to the close of this report, it is to be remembered that past blessings will not suffice for the present nor the future. Looking ahead we in the Department can see, immediately confronting us, advantages which, if wisely taken hold of, will tell for a circulation of our literature that will truly be commensurate with the utterance by the servant of the Lord that our publications should be circulated like "the leaves of autumn." As bookmen, we want to do our part faithfully, but as we work we are constantly aware of the fact that our achievements are largely made possible through the response of our consecrated believers to the call of the Lord, the constant cooperation of all our ministers, Bible workers, and others in responsible positions of the cause; but above all else, we recognize that what has been accomplished, under God, has been largely brought about through the vision of conference presidents and their committees who have left no stone unturned to promote the interests of the literature work.

With the profound conviction

that what has been accomplished is wholly the result of the rich blessing of God resting upon humble human effort, we close this report.

## Magazine Report

Mrs. Lloyd Holbert, Magazine Sec'y

BROTHER Chairman, and fellow delegates:

I wish to submit the magazine report for the past quinquennial period for the Columbia Union Conference. It has been a sacred responsibility but a wonderful privilege to be connected with the publishing program of the Columbia Union for this period of time.

The figures which have been compiled reveal not only loyal support and cooperation on the part of those I have worked with, but showers of rich blessings from Heaven, and I reverently thank God for what has been accomplished.

There has been placed in your hands a report showing the sales by conferences for each of the past five years. Since magazine reports were not kept prior to 1934, it is impossible to compare this five-year period with the preceding five-year period. Let us notice at this time the figures for 1937 and 1941.

Frequently, when giving figures pertaining to the magazine work, the question is asked, "What per cent of the sales are *Life* and *Health* sales, *Message* sales, or *Watchman* sales?" Since those are the three magazines generally sold here in the Columbia Union, the sales according to the publishing house reports covering the five-year period for each of the three magazines, have been compiled. The Union sales for *Life* and *Health* during the five-year period total \$171,000. The total *Life* and *Health* publishing house sales were \$546,000, which means that over 31 per cent of the *Life* and *Health* sales were made in the Columbia Union.

The *Message* Magazine is prepared especially for the colored constituency for sale among the negro population. In the Columbia Union we are privileged to have the services of five very capable colored field secretaries, and along with their other sales, they have promoted a very strong *Message* Magazine program. You will notice that during the past



quinquennial period, the Columbia Union has sold \$51,670 worth or over 48 per cent, of the total *Message* publishing house sales.

Our *Watchman* sales were \$30,000, or over 10 per cent of the publishing house sales.

These figures are interesting indeed, but they do not tell the whole story. As these magazines are left in the hands of the people, they are destined to do a soul-saving work, and it is impossible to scatter pages of this message by the thousands of dollars worth without something definite happening for the Lord.

A few months ago, a magazine worker went into a town where we have no believers, and sold a great number of magazines. Just before Christmas, she returned to work that territory again, and was made very happy to find ten individuals who were definitely interested in knowing more about this message, and Bible studies were promised them.

Sister White, in the *Review and Herald* of November 12, 1901, wrote, "The Circulation of the health journals will be a powerful agency in preparing the people to accept those special truths that are to fit them for the soon-coming of the Son of Man."

In the same article, she speaks about it being impossible for men, while under the influence of sinful, health-destroying habits, to appreciate sacred truths. But as our health message reaches them, and they begin to live differently, they can see the beauty of the third angel's message.

Our magazine workers are reaching all classes of people. In the West Pennsylvania Conference, a number of public schools have been contacted. During the school term 1940-1941, one school in Altoona purchased 18,000 copies of *Health* to be used for regular class-room work. That order was changed to *Life and Health* for the school year 1941-1942, and they are now receiving it regularly for class-room study.

Several other schools have placed monthly orders ranging from 10 to 250 copies, which means that a total of about 31,000 copies of *Life and Health* are being used in public schools in the West Pennsylvania Conference.

Many times during the past quinquennial period we have studied the statement by Sister White exalting the value of the

magazine work. The figures submitted in this report, for the most part, are single-copy sales. Magazine workers, as well as leaders in the denomination, have called my attention to the statement Sister White has made in regard to the subscription work found on page 47 of "Colporteur Evangelist."

So, definite study during the past year was given to this branch of the work. Realizing that the worldly publishing houses do a tremendous magazine subscription business, selling on the payment plan (that is, receiving a deposit



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at the time the subscription is taken, and collecting the remainder of the subscription price in monthly payments), it was felt we might do well to investigate the possibilities of such a plan with our health journal, *Life and Health*.

A subscription blank was prepared especially for this form of selling, and last April two magazine leaders went out into the field to experiment. As a result, in 119 hours' work, subscriptions amounting to \$380.55 were secured, which meant an average sale of \$3.23 per hour. These subscriptions were taken with a 50-cent deposit, the remainder to be paid in nine regular monthly payments.

The sales seemed unusually good, but what would be the experience when we tried to collect the remainder of the money? That was the question.

Well, let me tell you. At the end of the third month, more than

half who had subscribed had paid up in full. Of the total business done, one subscription was canceled. Those who made the collections reported that the people received them as a special friend, and they were frequently urged to stay and visit awhile or have tea, etc.

Three ministers were among the group of subscribers. One minister inquired about other literature, and has now purchased a subscription to *Signs of the Times*, "Bible Readings," and he is at present reading "Great Controversy."

By June, it was felt that this was a safe and profitable way to sell *Life and Health* subscriptions, so one colporteur was asked to devote his full time to this method of selling. To date he has worked 1,234 hours, with sales amounting to \$1,757.85, or an average of \$1.42 per hour.

By August, we were fully convinced that collections could be made in a much shorter period of time, so a new subscription blank was prepared, arranging for payments to be made at the rate of \$1 per month for four consecutive months. During September, two others were recruited for this work. To date, one has worked 592 hours, with sales amounting to \$719.65, or an average sale of \$1.22 per hour. The other has worked 586 hours, with sales amounting to \$1,069.40, or an average of \$1.82 per hour.

In November, the fourth worker was started. He has 340 hours, with sales amounting to \$808.43, or an average of \$2.67 per hour. Later, the fifth worker was started. He has worked 159 hours, with sales amounting to \$453.95, or an hourly sale of \$2.84.

The total hours for these five workers amounted to 76½ weeks, with sales amounting to \$5,278.38, or a weekly sale of \$69.30. This means a profit to the magazine worker of \$36.50 per week.

Since our January Institute, three others have been started in the subscription work. They have had two weeks' work in the field since then. One week they were given help; the second week they worked alone. You will be interested in what they accomplished the full week they worked alone:

27 hours	\$101.50
38 "	135.00
35 "	100.00

Last week, six of the eight sub-

scription magazine workers had sales amounting to \$100 or more.

As the subscriber pays, other literature is recommended to him for purchase, such as a subscription to the *Watchman Magazine*, one of our large subscription books, or "Bedtime Stories"; and even cans of the health foods have been sold to subscribers. These monthly contacts make it possible for a very close friendship to develop. Many of them are now listening to the Voice of Prophecy program.

As I have counseled with Elder Detwiler regarding the magazine work, he has frequently said he wanted the work to grow to the place where he would not be able to get off of a train anywhere in the Union without someone there to sell him a magazine.

I am thankful I am laboring in a Union where all the Union folk, the local presidents, departmental secretaries, and ministers have a vision of the magazine work. I want to assure you that the splendid gains which have been made result from your loyal cooperation and strong support.

Many a young person has been encouraged to engage in this work by the Missionary Volunteer Secretary, Educational Secretary, and teachers. Several who have been successful in Harvest Ingathering and home missionary work, have been brought to the attention of the Field Secretaries by the Home Missionary Secretaries, the Bible workers, and ministers.

The Book and Bible House Secretaries and Secretary-Treasurers have put us in contact with still others. Again I want to assure you,

one and all, we appreciate your loyal cooperation.

With the 27,000,000 people in the Columbia Union to reach, we feel as though we must do much more during 1942 to enlist the services of our people to help carry on this very important work. I've discovered that our people live closer to the Lord and enjoy a better Christian experience themselves when they are out laboring for others.

So, we solicit your continued support and cooperation. Some day soon the work will be finished, and what a joy it will be throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity to see individuals who have been saved as a result of the efforts of the magazine workers. They will be constant reminders of our loyal, loving service to Him who died for us.

## MAGAZINE SALES AS REPORTED BY MAGAZINE WORKERS

	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	Total
Chesapeake	\$ 3,720.92	\$ 3,531.69	\$ 3,787.68	\$ 2,449.45	\$ 5,862.89	\$ 19,352.59
East Pa.	7,591.99	5,849.35	6,589.89	5,689.66	9,511.02	35,231.91
New Jersey	4,191.67	5,955.75	7,085.39	10,326.25	11,732.26	39,291.32
Ohio	6,466.94	7,937.38	8,167.34	9,030.79	14,394.46	45,996.91
Potomac	3,618.35	4,085.56	5,206.60	6,444.24	9,994.07	29,348.84
West Pa.	2,136.80	3,452.75	8,174.48	8,689.29	12,855.19	35,308.51
West Virginia	965.94	1,532.92	1,045.25	708.10	322.29	4,574.50
UNION	\$28,692.61	32,345.36	40,056.63	43,337.78	64,672.20	209,104.58

## PUBLISHING HOUSE REPORTS

### FIVE-YEAR PERIOD, 1937-1941

	Life & Health	Message	Watchman	Total
Chesapeake	\$ 13,082.10	\$ 6,983.40	\$ 2,251.35	\$ 22,316.85
East Pennsylvania	29,645.90	8,418.10	4,983.80	43,047.80
New Jersey	28,182.80	6,555.45	8,087.98	42,826.23
Ohio	47,671.10	12,848.45	7,838.29	68,357.84
Potomac	20,874.50	10,638.10	2,602.00	34,114.60
West Pennsylvania	25,946.80	6,586.95	3,720.40	36,254.15
West Virginia	5,802.50	540.15	1,105.05	7,447.70
UNION	171,205.70	51,670.60	30,587.87	253,464.17
Total Publishing				
House Sales	546,122.80	105,455.48	283,570.74	935,149.02
Per Cent Sold in				
Columbia Union	31.3%	48.9%	10.7%	27%

# Missionary Volunteer Department

C. P. Sorensen, Secretary

THE past five-year period has passed most rapidly. This Union Conference session comes on the thirty-fifth anniversary of the founding among this remnant people of the Missionary Volunteer Department to give organization to the endeavors and efforts of our young people in helping to finish the work of God in all the earth in this generation.

## ORGANIZATION

During the past five years we have witnessed the growth of our department in this Union from an average of 169 societies during 1937 to an average of 233 societies in 1941. The membership has steadily climbed year by year from 3,484 in 1937 to 6,188 in 1941, or an increase of 77 per cent. Our Missionary Volunteer membership approaches 30 per cent of our church membership.

We greatly appreciate the faithfulness of our young people to the church program in general and to our department program in particular. The average reporting membership stands well over 50 per cent of the membership.

## BAPTISMS

The prime objective of our endeavors is to "Save from Sin" and "Save to the Kingdom of God." We notice that the total number of individuals baptized and added to our churches in the Columbia Union during the past five years is 9,036, which fact is most encouraging. We in the Missionary Volunteer Department can account for 3,342 senior and junior baptisms as compared with 2,374 for the previous period.

Hence, of all our additions by baptism and profession of faith, 37 per cent were within the age group of our department. We mention this not for credit as a department, but merely to inform you what has been accomplished through united efforts. One very encouraging item to add is the baptism of 1,413 "whom young people helped win."

## DEVOTIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL

One activity here shows a noticeable increase while another shows a slight loss. We notice almost a 50 per cent increase in the number of Reading Course certificates issued, but we view with

alarm the fact that fewer have read their Bibles through. If we could not find time to read God's Word during the depression years, what about these busy days of national emergency? If we fail to build our reserves during peaceful times, how shall we fare in the crisis?

## PROGRESSIVE CLASS WORK

Much of the increased results that we notice in the various M. V. activities, such as Morning Watch, Bible Year, Reading Courses, and



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other fundamental endeavors, we believe we can trace to the Progressive Class Work. During this past five-year period we have invested 3,293. More and more of our senior youth are becoming Master Comrades, for their own sakes and for the sake of those who are younger.

## JUNIOR CAMPS

During this period now closing the East Pennsylvania Conference has conducted four junior camps, first under Professor Butherus' direction and later under Mrs. King's leadership. The Potomac Conference conducted junior camps two summers in succession and last year Elder Edwards conducted a Leaders' Vacation School.

We must give attention to leadership and its development, especially for our juniors and younger young people. Not enough church

activity is provided for the high-school-age group.

## MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES

A glance at the missionary endeavors impresses one with activity, loyalty, and the possibilities wrapped up in youthful vigor. Among this vast accumulation of figures we take three or four:

Bible Readings or Gospel	
Meetings held .....	38,879
Missionary Visits .....	161,705
Hours of Christian Help	
Work .....	393,847
Missionary Literature	
Distributed .....	2,608,775

On first thought 2,608,775 pieces of missionary literature distributed seems a really large number, but when we stop to think of the teeming millions of people living within the confines of this union territory, our young people have given approximately *one* piece of Adventist literature to every other home; and that, in spite of the fact that our Missionary Volunteers have averaged two pieces of literature every week per member for the past five-year period.

## FINANCIAL

Times definitely have improved financially. During these past five years our societies have raised over \$19,000 for local society work, \$4,894.77 in society offerings for foreign missions, and \$230,951.10 in Harvest Ingathering, besides helping to support every other program of the church.

We might call your attention to the fact that of every dollar raised in the Harvest Ingathering, our juniors and seniors raised better than 31 cents, and usually in small offerings. In addition to the above offerings, our young people contributed this past year \$655.33 for the Army Literature Fund to provide the book "Steps to Christ" to the boys in the service.

## FACING A NEW DAY

We have reached a critical hour for the individual, the church, and the world. Our young people are facing new problems, different from those faced a year or two ago. We shall mention a few of these briefly, so that your thoughts might be directed toward their solution:

1. Army service
2. Employment in defense industries
3. Civilian defense
4. Life's work versus a job

5. Six-day public school week
6. War social problems

Surely the church and society have a grave responsibility in helping our young people solve their problems. Let us on this, the thirty-fifth, anniversary of the Department determine that we shall do everything in our power to help our young people prepare for the future. If we fail them now they may fail us in the hour of crisis. If we stand by their side now, they will stand firmly with us when the crisis comes.

### CONCLUSION

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to visit almost half of the churches in this union during the past five years, and many of the churches have been visited repeatedly. We have participated with our fellow secretaries in 70 week-end conventions and rallies.

Youth's congresses have been conducted by the Chesapeake and New Jersey Conferences and by the Union Conference for our colored youth. Our local conference secretaries have conducted, in addition, a great many other conventions and rallies, and have participated in church officers' meetings and district meetings. We have no finer, no more responsive young people anywhere than here in the Columbia Union. They love this message.

We appreciate greatly the loyal cooperation given us by the conference presidents, conference committees, and our churches in providing the best possible leadership to our youth's movement in this union. We pay a special tribute to those local society officers who work untiringly and voluntarily for the boys and girls and young people of their church. Surely God will reward them for faithful efforts.

Lastly, we wish to pay tribute to the faithful and loyal group of conference secretaries with whom we have been associated the past five years. We have seven local conferences in this union and during the past five years we have been privileged to work with fifteen secretaries, all of whom have given their fullest and best cooperation, and thus it has been a pleasure to work together.

We give God the glory and our fellow workers the credit for whatever results we have been privileged to tabulate here for your encouragement.

## Report on National Service and Medical Cadet Training

### HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

As a result of our experience as a denomination in the first World War and with a growing conviction that sooner or later our Adventist men would again be faced with the same problems, Medical Cadet training was inaugurated as far back as 1933 at Union College and in the Pacific Union about the same time.

It was not until the Autumn Council of 1939, held at Lincoln, Nebraska, that the General Conference went on record as recognizing this program. The General Conference set up a large committee known as the Medical Cadet Corps Council. It was recommended that each union and local conference in turn appoint a Medical Cadet Corps council.

### COLUMBIA UNION CONFERENCE

Prior to the above action of the General Conference the Columbia Union Conference had inaugurated in the fall of 1938 Medical Cadet training at Washington Missionary College under the able leadership of the late Commander Hyatt and Dr. W. P. McNeill. Immediately after the 1939 Autumn Council our Union Conference Committee appointed Professor J. P. Neff, Dr. R. A. Hare, and your Secretary as the Medical Cadet Corps Council of this union. Shortly afterward, every one of the local conferences in this union appointed a similar council.

### ORGANIZED CORPS

Our original intention was to organize Medical Cadet corps only as there was a demand. Our first effort was in the Washington area, which became our Number One Corps and, as it were, a laboratory for the rest of the Union. This particular corps at its height enrolled over 300 men. Since that day late in January, 1940, we have organized a total of 44 corps in our union, which have had a total membership of 2,145 representing men from 150 churches. Some of these corps have had a second group organized and again some have been divided; hence there has actually been a total of 51 separate corps. About one-fourth of these organized corps have been in our colored churches.

### SUMMER TRAINING CAMPS

In the summer of 1940 we conducted a training camp for officers and cadets with an attendance of 71 officers and men from 13 of our corps, and a goodly number of young men from isolated churches where since we have been able to organize corps. In the summer of 1941 we operated two camps simultaneously, one for cadets and another for officers only. Men from the Southern and Atlantic Unions were invited to the officers' training camp and a large number came to benefit from that training.

### SUPPLIES AND MATERIAL.

When we began our Medical Cadet program we had very little with which to work. Hence it meant that we must start by adopting and providing uniforms, blanks, text material, and all accessories. We adopted the forest green Missionary Volunteer uniform and we believe that we have the most economical uniform "set-up."

At first we did not stock the uniform, mainly the accessories; but in the last nine months we have stocked everything so that our corps can order all supplies from our one supply bureau. We have furnished supplies to other union conferences, mainly the Atlantic and Southern Unions, which in a measure have come under our supervision.

During the two years that we have operated this supply bureau, we have done a total business with our corps and other unions amounting to \$15,362.41, of which amount \$4,568.49 has been transacted during the past ten weeks since the attack on Pearl Harbor. We had stocked rather heavily three months ago with supplies, fearful that when the break did come we would need supplies badly and speedily, and we are thankful that we have been able to keep up with the demands.

### TEXTBOOK

As we began this cadet training two years ago we had no textbook to place in the hands of our officers or cadets. The field manuals of the Army were being revised and consequently that complicated matters. As a result of the first year's experience in Medical Cadet corps work, we requested Mr. D. M. Brown and Dr. W. P. McNeill to prepare the manuscript for a manual of instruction.

Today we have a two-volume mimeographed text of almost 800 pages. We mimeographed 2,000 copies of each volume, or a total of 4,000 copies, and since last August we already have sold a total of 1,545 copies.

We are justly proud of this textbook, for it carries the following foreword by Major-General James C. McGee, the Surgeon General, United States Army:

"The Manual of Instruction for Seventh-day Adventist Medical Cadets as here presented should fill a nation-wide need for unified instruction in their Cadet Corps.

"The present Manual may be accepted as the latest and most reliable text material for the purpose of covering the course of study outlined by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in council with the Surgeon General's Office."

#### RECOGNITION

Two years ago the General Conference had not worked out a unified course of training. Hence, as we started out we formulated a tentative course of training from the suggestions that we were able to get from those whose experiences has preceded ours. During August, 1940 the Service and Training Committee of the General Conference Medical Cadet Corps Council, in consultation with the Plans and Training Section of the Surgeon General's Office, worked out a unified course of training which all have followed since then.

Through the earlier contacts of Dr. W. P. McNeill, and later our own, the Surgeon General's Office became well aware of the endeavors of Seventh-day Adventists along Medical Cadet corps lines; so much so that through the kindness of Lieutenant Colonel Spruitt there was written into the Classification Regulations of the Army this statement on page 6, AR 615-25: "Some religious bodies having scruples against combatant military service as a part of their creed, have set up schools of training for medical service. If the enlisted man has evidence of such training, notation to that effect should be made under (27) Remarks."

Late in September, 1940 the Training and Service Committee of the General Conference inter-

viewed Lieutenant Colonel H. C. Holdridge of the Adjutant General's Office and the form of our transcript card was recommended to us.

The following week Army classification officers in school session were made acquainted with our Medical Cadet corps training and the evidence of having had said training which our men would present when inducted into the Army. Testimonials to the value of this training are continually coming from our men in the Army service.

#### CORPS GRADUATED

To date 20 of our organized corps have completed their work and have had graduation exercises, making it possible for us to give out 346 complete certificates and transcripts and in addition 235 partial transcripts. Many of the graduated corps have continued either as reserve corps or with the idea of helping those who have not received a complete certificate and transcript to complete the course of training.

#### CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Mainly as a result of Medical Cadet corps promotion, many of our men and women have been encouraged to become qualified as Red Cross First Aid instructors, and scattered over the territory of the Columbia Union there are hundreds who are rendering a really patriotic service at this time, not only to our own church groups, but to the community at large.

We are continually getting reports from individuals who are teaching from one to five classes every week in Red Cross First Aid. We know of at least two Adventists who are in charge of all first aid instructors in their particular county. We might mention Mount Vernon, Ohio, where every first aid instructor in the county except one is a Seventh-day Adventist.

#### WOMEN'S MEDICAL CORPS

Under the national emergency and with the vote of the Columbia Union Conference Committee we have just introduced a Women's Medical Corps, with a course of training just half that of the Medical Cadet Corps and with an organization "set-up" patterned after the Medical Cadet Corps. Already some groups are starting Red Cross First Aid and home nursing.

#### NATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION

When it became apparent that we were going to have Adventist men in the armed forces of this government under a Selective Service system, the General Conference revived what was known in World War days as the National Service Commission, with Elder C. B. Haynes as Secretary.

Each union conference was in turn asked to appoint one of its secretaries to serve in the same capacity within its territory and this added responsibility fell to your Missionary Volunteer Secretary. Just about a year ago the Medical Cadet Corps Council and the National Service Commission in the General Conference were united into the General Conference Commission for National Service and Medical Cadet Training.

#### CAMP PASTORS

About a year ago your Union Conference Committee appointed 10 or 12 of our ministers located near Army camps, forts, and posts, where we might expect Adventist men to be stationed, so that we could quickly contact anyone who might need our help. These camp pastors have served very well the needs of our men.

Last October we held a one-day council at the Union Conference office for these camp pastors to talk over their problems and their work. As far as we are able to ascertain there were at the first of this year about 200 Adventist men in the service from the churches of the Columbia Union. This number we know has been greatly augmented since the Pearl Harbor attack. It is refreshing to go into our churches near these Army camps and see a large group of loyal uniformed Adventist young men on the Sabbath.

Several of our young men who were not members of the church when inducted into the service have since been baptized. Only three weeks ago we sat in a church service when a young man was taken into the church who had been baptized by a camp pastor in a distant conference since his induction into the army.

Only a week ago when in one of our churches where a church building program was in progress we listened to the announcement that one of our boys, baptized since his induction, had just handed in \$25 toward the church

building program. We have multiplied evidence that the Army is helping to make strong Adventists out of many of our boys.

#### ARMY LITERATURE FUND

Our Missionary Volunteer societies in the Columbia Union last year donated to the "Steps to Christ" or Army Literature Fund a total of \$655.33. With this we provided 5,000 "Steps to Christ" (Army and Navy Edition) to our camp pastors for distribution to and through our boys in the service. The first of January we supplied a thousand Morning Watch Calendars to our camp pastors for our young men.

#### CONCLUSION

While the new endeavor has of necessity added to our work, nevertheless we in the Missionary Volunteer Department cannot help but feel that it has afforded us an opportunity to render a service to our young men.

After seeing the results of our

Medical Cadet training, we cannot help but feel that we have been led into this new field of endeavor by a kind Providence.

As we view the future, with a possible expansion of our armed forces to eight and even ten millions, we reflect that the day may come when from our Adventist homes may go as high as 10 per cent of our men and sons of Adventist parentage into the armed forces. Hence, we must give attention to this problem. Let the church stand by our young men now and our young men will stand by the church in this hour of crisis.

We thank you for your wholehearted cooperation in making possible these attainments and sincerely hope that our Medical Cadet training may continue to be the blessing it has already been to our churches and men. We believe that in this dark hour of earth's history may come some of the most glorious victories to the church and its youth for God and His kingdom.

prayerfully to study its sacred pages without having the intellect disciplined, ennobled, purified, and refined." "Fundamentals," p. 171.

For many years the Sabbath school has encouraged its members to form the habit of daily Bible study; however, the reporting to the conference of the number studying every day did not begin until the year 1940. We are pleased to see that, for the last quarter of 1941, 7,489, or 38 per cent, had a record of perfect lesson study. It should also be borne in mind that this figure does not include the hundreds and thousands of others who studied their Sabbath school lesson from one to six times each week.

#### MEMBERSHIP

From the statistical report you will observe that we have gained 83 new Sabbath schools and added 4,583 new members since our last Conference Session. That total would make a large conference in itself. During the past 261 Sabbaths an average of 18 new members were brought in each week by various means. Our faithful evangelists on the front firing line do not consider their work finished until the new converts are established in the Sabbath school.

Many of our lay members are beginning to realize the great possibilities in the branch Sabbath school work. At the beginning of the quinquennial period there were only 8 throughout the entire Union, but today there are 55, or an increase of nearly 700 per cent. Many souls are being won to this truth through this method.

Some of our larger churches have discovered through the use of the index card system just who the missing members are, and have put forth a special effort to reclaim these. Today there are 968 fewer missing members than at the beginning of the period. But we are in no position to shout "victory" yet. A total of 4,951 church members are still missing from the Sabbath schools.

Missing! What does that word imply? Are they dead spiritually? We certainly hope not, but unless they partake of spiritual food daily they may starve. Again we see a large conference of people within the Columbia Union missing from the Sabbath schools every Sabbath. Should we not sound the alarm through the length and breadth of this fair union and bring back these miss-

## Sabbath School Department

Presented by Archa O. Dart

Sabbath School Secretary, Potomac Conference

It is a joy to be a member of one of the Columbia Union Sabbath schools. With the enthusiastic leaders, consecrated teachers, and the loyal members, it is little wonder that we have such an excellent report to give for this quinquennial period.

We believe that those who have been most active in the Sabbath school work have received the greatest blessing. We conference Sabbath school secretaries are cheered from time to time by the letters that come to our desks telling of the blessings received through some mission project, the Investment plan, the branch Sabbath school work, or some personal work done.

Many throughout this union can testify to the aptness of this statement from the messenger of the Lord, "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." "Testimonies on Sabbath School Work," p. 108.

#### DAILY STUDY

The Sabbath school is a school in every sense of the word—a school where the fundamental

principles of life are studied. During the past five years our senior lessons have included Bible doctrines, studies in the Books of Ruth and Esther, the plan of salvation,



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the ministry of healing, responsibilities and privileges of church fellowship, God in nature, the captivity and restoration of Israel, studies on the home, God's infinite love, the sure word of prophecy, Acts of the Apostles, the guiding principles of life, and Christian experience and growth. Our textbook is the Bible. "As an educating power the Bible is without a rival. . . for it is not possible

ing members? They need the Sabbath school and the Sabbath school needs them.

If these 4,951 church members had become regular members of the Sabbath school and had given offerings in proportion to the others, there would be today an additional \$200,000 in the Lord's treasury. This extra amount would have placed our Sabbath school offerings well over the million-dollar mark.

TEACHERS

We read on page 86 of the book "Soul-Winning Sabbath School": "The teacher makes the Sabbath school; here centers success or failure; his ideals measure the height to which a Sabbath school attains; here pulsates the very heart throb of Sabbath school endeavor." How important, then, that the teachers be given all the help and training possible.

Two years ago the Sabbath School Teachers' Training Course became a reality among us. A few of our churches have conducted some of these classes in teacher training, and they have greatly strengthened the Sabbath school work. The course is offered in three sections of thirteen lessons each. Already 88 have finished Section I, 21 have finished Section 2, and 8 have completed the entire course. In addition to this, 300 regular Reading Course Certificates have been issued during the five-year period.

The Potomac Conference, realizing that it is difficult for some of our people to devote one night a week to this class, and that some of the smaller churches do not have the leadership necessary to conduct the course, ventured into a new plan of offering a summer school to Sabbath school teachers, whereby one section of the course could be taken in a few days of intensive study.

In conjunction with the M. V. Department, a Leaders' Vacation School was conducted on the grounds of Shenandoah Valley Academy. Over 100 men and women attended this first summer school for leaders and unanimously voiced their desire to see the Leaders' Vacation School conducted again next summer. Inasmuch as each individual had studied the textbook assignments before coming to the summer school, the time there was devoted to class work, demonstrations, and round-table discussions. The ex-

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SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICAL REPORT  
1937 - 1941

	1936	1941	Gain
Number of Sabbath Schools	316	399	83
Branch Sabbath Schools	8	55	47
Sabbath School Membership	17,566	22,149	4,583
Attendance	16,096	18,605	2,509
Church Membership	17,383	22,053	4,670
Missing Members	5,919	4,951	968 Less
Honor Cards (Totals)	52,222	56,705	4,483
Birthday Offerings	\$ 12,588.96	\$ 20,558.44	\$ 7,969.48
Investment	\$ 34,822.71	\$ 57,878.68	\$ 23,055.97
Thirteenth Sabbath	\$165,049.07	\$243,298.97	\$ 78,249.90
All Sabbath School Offerings	\$667,629.37	\$891,866.29	\$224,236.92

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Sabbaths in past quinquennial period	261	Conferences using the grading plan	4
New members added each Sabbath	18	They have 38—Class A	
Members old enough to study daily	19,825	42—Class B	
No. studied daily last quarter 1941	7,489	45—Class C	
Per cent perfect lesson study	38%	Av. offering each Sabbath	\$3,417.11
Sabbath school members baptized	5,243	Av. increase in weekly giving	\$860.00
Ribbons issued	5,589	Av. Investment per member per year	\$.59
		Sabbath school average age according to Birthday Offerings	19

FACTS TO CONSIDER

Number of teachers	2,453	Number conducting Teachers' Meetings	68
Number of Sabbath School Workers taken	2,118	Number conducting Council Meetings	90
Number of young people and juniors	4,347	Number of Sabbath schools	399
Number of Youth's Instructors taken	2,995	Number using Picture Rolls	173
Number in Primary and Kindergarten	4,305	Number of Sabbath schools	399
Number of Little Friends taken	4,164	Number reaching membership goal	101
Number of Sabbath schools	399	Number reaching 25c per week	142
		Number reaching Dollar Day	94



cellent demonstrations of chalk talks, sand-table illustrations, junior stories, and songs, were especially helpful to all the teachers in the children's divisions.

On the second page of the statistical report you will notice that there are only 68 Sabbath schools out of the 399 that are conducting teachers' meetings. Can it be possible that there are 331 Sabbath schools that are "crippling along" without teachers' meetings? In "Testimonies on Sabbath School Work," page 24, we read: "Teachers will become disqualified for their position if they are not learners. They need freshness of ideas, fresh, wise plans, life, tact, and spirit in their work."

From this we see that a teachers' meeting not only is advisable, but absolutely necessary. The teachers and officers of the school ought to come together once a week to study how they can work to the best advantage for the spiritual uplift of every member of the school. This is just as much a part of the teachers' meeting as the lesson study. No school can do its best without a regular teachers' meeting.

#### GRADING SYSTEM

About two years ago the General Conference recommended the triple goal plan—membership, daily study, and offerings. The Sabbath schools reaching all three goals would be in Class A; those reaching two, in Class B; and the schools reaching any one of these three would be in Class C. So far four conferences in the Columbia Union have adopted this plan. The fourth quarter's report for 1941 revealed that they have 38 schools in Class A, 42 in Class B, and 45 in Class C.

#### OFFERINGS

"The spirit of liberality is the spirit of Heaven." (Volume 9, p. 254) It is indeed gratifying to see how liberal our people have been in their Sabbath school offerings. During this quinquennial period a total of \$891,866.29 has been given to missions through the Sabbath schools. This is \$224,236.92 more than for the previous five-year period or an average of \$860 more each Sabbath. This is certainly cause for rejoicing.

The statistical report shows that each conference in the Columbia Union has had its share in making this excellent report possible. This report also shows how much was

#### BIRTHDAY OFFERINGS

	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	TOTAL
Chesapeake	\$243.41	\$258.80	\$374.87	\$445.24	\$457.20	\$1,779.52
New Jersey	460.81	520.68	620.95	698.61	686.54	2,987.59
Ohio	839.76	869.78	900.57	1,296.34	1,299.12	5,205.57
East Pa.	511.52	484.31	540.54	550.47	673.79	2,760.63
West Pa.	225.43	281.23	324.70	387.49	413.60	1,632.45
Potomac	860.07	1,119.59	1,032.79	1,312.40	1,244.51	5,569.36
West Va.	71.00	100.60	128.82	126.24	196.66	623.32
COL. UNION	3,212.00	3,634.99	3,923.24	4,816.79	4,971.42	20,558.44

#### INVESTMENT FUND

	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	TOTAL
Chesapeake	339.38	561.63	962.06	1,402.26	1,388.73	4,654.06
New Jersey	1,032.14	1,089.65	1,266.03	1,584.67	1,346.09	6,318.58
Ohio	484.21	601.01	545.20	886.14	1,603.13	4,119.69
East Pa.	2,849.04	1,411.48	1,682.59	2,344.70	2,892.83	11,180.64
West Pa.	241.93	341.46	1,042.36	1,432.53	2,615.96	5,674.24
Potomac	3,606.70	3,518.28	4,225.00	7,127.23	6,262.52	24,739.73
W. Va.	174.89	53.54	175.99	296.90	490.42	1,191.74
COL. UNION	8,728.29	7,577.05	9,899.23	15,074.43	16,599.68	57,878.68

#### THIRTEENTH SABBATH

	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	TOTAL
Chesa.	\$4,356.98	\$3,521.80	\$3,472.05	\$4,320.86	\$5,306.94	\$20,978.63
N. Jer.	5,599.54	4,719.93	5,364.35	5,724.47	6,422.94	27,831.23
Ohio	6,923.03	6,716.41	7,569.31	9,101.41	11,888.47	42,198.63
East Pa.	6,856.48	5,146.35	5,356.65	6,556.87	10,409.71	34,326.06
W. Pa.	3,785.09	3,470.40	3,783.15	4,329.61	5,483.96	20,852.21
Pot.	16,038.67	15,825.42	17,864.19	18,843.78	20,111.29	88,683.35
W. Va.	1,535.19	1,637.25	1,313.02	1,789.65	2,153.75	8,428.86
C. U.	45,094.98	41,037.56	44,722.72	50,666.65	61,777.06	243,298.97

#### TOTALS

	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	TOTAL
Chesa.	\$14,160.77	14,778.52	15,330.65	17,574.01	19,522.22	81,366.17
Per capita	.18	.18	.18	.19	.20	
N. Jer.	20,896.60	20,479.96	21,669.60	23,142.50	25,022.16	111,210.82
Per capita	.18	.17	.18	.23	.18	
Ohio	29,931.84	29,160.63	31,211.19	37,608.92	46,097.60	174,010.18
Per capita	.14	.13	.13	.15	.18	
E. Pa.	26,325.55	23,411.51	24,553.88	27,159.59	30,616.10	132,066.63
Per capita	.19	.16	.17	.17	.19	
W. Pa.	12,469.22	12,601.94	13,588.10	15,316.24	17,971.08	71,946.58
Per capita	.16	.16	.18	.20	.22	
Pot.	51,553.80	52,756.24	57,955.47	63,289.95	67,096.95	292,652.41
Per capita	.28	.26	.26	.26	.26	
W. Va.	4,888.95	5,266.16	5,269.82	6,189.80	6,998.77	28,613.50
Per capita	.12	.14	?	.16	.16	
C. U.	160,226.73	158,454.96	169,578.71	190,281.01	213,324.88	891,866.29

raised through the birthday and thank offerings, the Investment plan, and through the special Thirteenth Sabbath Offering.

In passing, it might be of interest to note that the average age of our Sabbath school members, according to the birthday offering, was 18 at our last Union Session. Today, five years later, our age is only 19.

Many chapters could be written about the marvelous experiences that have come to our people through the Investment plan. One brother and his wife in West Virginia were without employment at the beginning of the year when the Investment program was introduced. They promised to give 25 cents for each day one or the other had work. At the close of the year their Investment Fund amounted to \$100.

A new church in West Pennsylvania raised a per capita of \$15.72. The highest per capita for Investment of any church in the Union was made in one of the churches in the Chesapeake Conference. Their per capita was \$22.58.

One church in the Potomac Conference turned in \$2,129.28 last year. Time will not permit mentioning more experiences in this report.

The plan of giving a pennant to schools reaching the weekly goal of 25 cents per member was started in 1925. There are some local Sabbath schools in this Union who received their pennants at that time and have never taken them down—not for one single quarter. Through the years of depression they have faithfully reached their goal for missions.

Several of the conferences have a number of times received the General Conference pennant, which means that they had a per capita of 25 cents per week for the entire conference. Two conferences reached that goal the last quarter of 1941. They are West Pennsylvania and Potomac. One conference in this Union has had this pennant now for 53 consecutive quarters, or one quarter more than 13 full years.

#### LOOKING AHEAD

For the years 1937 to 1941 our work is done. The record books are closed. For the success we praise our Heavenly Father; for the mistakes and failures we ask His forgiveness.

As we look into the future these encouraging words from the mes-

senger of the Lord give us greater determination to press the battle forth to victory: "Our Sabbath schools are nothing less than Bible societies, and in the sacred work of teaching the truths of God's Word they can accomplish far more than they have hitherto accomplished. The Sabbath school,

when rightly managed, possesses marvelous power." With these inspired words let us take fresh courage and go forth from this Union Conference Session to make every Sabbath school in the Columbia Union a more efficient soul-winning agency for the Master.

## Negro Department

J. H. Wagner, Secretary

"Oh! Give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good, for His mercy endureth forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy; And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and

out this great Union field.

In these days of danger and perplexity, God has blessed us with a splendid gain in membership through the mediums of evangelism, lay preaching, literature ministry, personal work, and various other avenues of church activity.

In 1936 the number of colored believers in the Columbia Union was 2,742. In 1941 the number was 3,414. This figure represents a gain of 672 in five years, or a figure larger than we have at present in any one of our conferences except Ohio, which has 779. The gains are: Potomac, 85; West Virginia, 6; New Jersey, 100; Chesapeake, 126; East Pennsylvania, 11; West Pennsylvania, 105; and Ohio, 249.

West Pennsylvania has the highest percentage of gain, followed by Ohio, New Jersey, Chesapeake, and Potomac. In those conferences where evangelism among the colored people has been promoted vigorously, we find the most favorable



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from the west, from the north, and from the south. . . . And He led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation. Oh! that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!" Psalms 107:1-8.

As we take a retrospective view of the work accomplished in the Negro Department of the Columbia Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists for the past five years, we are led to a deeper appreciation of the spirit of this most appealing passage of Scripture. We give God the glory for the fine record that has been made in every branch of our work through-

results.

New churches have been organized through the work of Elder W. L. Cheatham, Elder Herman Murphy, Elder F. B. Slater, Elder Monroe Burgess, and Elder M. S. Banfield. Other workers contributing to this good report through the field of evangelism, by bringing in large numbers, are Elder F. C. Phipps, Elder W. W. Fordham, Elder H. W. Kibble, Elder J. H. Wagner, Brother William Robinson, Elder L. J. Pryor, and Elder J. E. Johnson.

The tithes and offerings of the colored believers have demonstrated a remarkable spirit of faithfulness. During the five years

the total tithe was \$290,623. The mission offerings were \$207,456.25. The Sabbath school offering was \$128,638.61. When the Sabbath school offering is compared with the tithe, you will note the ready response to sacrifice for the world-wide program that is in the hearts of our Negro constituency.

While raising these amounts to send abroad, our churches have not neglected the burden of liquidating debts on their properties, and the renovating of some buildings which were badly in need of repair. Thousands of dollars have been raised to ease the pressure of debt in places like Pittsburgh, Newark, New Jersey, Philadelphia, Columbus, and Baltimore; and churches have been transformed and made to look more attractive in Washington, Cincinnati, and Baltimore. Outstanding in this work is the First Church in Washington, D. C., and the Ephesus Church, also in Washington.

The literature work of the colored colporteurs in the Columbia Union has been something of which to be proud. Many large books and magazines have been distributed by our faithful colporteurs. Of the total number of copies of the *Message Magazine* distributed in the United States in 1941, which was 309,719, the Columbia Union was responsible

for 155,660, or a little more than 50 per cent.

There is a colored assistant field secretary in every conference of the Union, with the exception of West Virginia, and these earnest workers are helping to keep the Columbia Union in a favored position in the field of colporteur evangelism.

The importance of the educational program is one of the cherished convictions of the members of our colored churches. There are 12 church schools, six of which carry academic work, employing 26 full- or part-time teachers, and having enrolled a large number of our boys and girls in their classes.

There is a very urgent need for the establishment of a school in this section where colored boys and girls can go to receive a creditable academic training, for our church schools can hardly do the work properly with the meager facilities that are available. We anticipate that some day we shall make progress in this direction.

Had we compared statistics and facts of this five-year period with the one that preceded it, you would be amazed by the great advance made in this department of our Union field.

However, be assured that the work is ever onward. It has to be so, because it is God's work.

Truly, brethren, it is wonderful; and yet we are not satisfied. As we stand upon the threshold of another quadrennium, and look, as it were, into the future of world events, there appear upon the horizon dark ominous clouds, and some may be led to wonder, "Will our Captain lead us through?" Ah, yes, He who has never lost a battle will lead His people through to a glorious triumph; and even amidst the confusion of distorted minds, lost hopes, consternation, fear, and utter madness, a mighty work will be accomplished by God through His people which will be so great, so glorious, so sublime, that it will swell into a loud "midnight cry" and herald the approach of the Sovereign of the universe, who will appear in all His majesty to put an end to this world of misery and woe, and reward the righteous with a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

"Watchman, blow the gospel trumpet,

Every soul a warning give,  
Whosoever hears the message  
May repent and turn and live.

"Blow the trumpet, trusty watchman,

Blow it loud o'er land and sea;  
God commissions, sound the message!

Every captive may be free."

## INSTITUTIONAL REPORTS

### Washington Missionary College

B. G. Wilkinson, President

Dear Brethren:

All the reports to this Quinquennial Session naturally will be colored by the conditions of the changed world in which we live. However, I think that, looking at the situation from an institutional standpoint, no organizations have been struck so heavily by events since Pearl Harbor as the educational field. To the educational institutions it has meant almost a fundamental and dynamic revolution. However, my report should cover the four years which have passed rather than go into any lengthy analysis of what the future may mean.

These have been four splendid years. As we review the blessings of God which have attended the life and activities of Washington Missionary College during that time, we can only offer unbounded praise to our Heavenly Father. As we look at all lines of endeavor in the institution we truly can say that the fortunes of our College were never in a better condition than they are today.

There not only has been a steady upward trend in the enrollment of the institution as well as in our finances and in the prospects for the graduates of the College, but we feel greatly thankful for the

deep spiritual status of all connected with the plant. Following the last Quadrennial Session of the Union in Columbus, Ohio in 1937, we wondered what the future would hold for our beloved educational enterprises. We can only say, however, that we can present figures which show marked growth in all lines.

Only this year we have separated in real form the Academy attendance in the chapel and only lately we have separated the Academy enrollment from the College. I will make the comparison between the two quadrennia this way: the combined enrollment the last year of the preceding quadrennium was 678. Our present enrollment is 743. Since then, others have come in enough to make the increase 65. Looking at

the total enrollments, we will say that during the quadrennium preceding this we had a total enrollment for the four years of 1,981; whereas during the four years of the present quadrennium we have had 2,167 or an increase of 186. When we consider how rough and stormy have been the events of these past years, we can only praise our Heavenly Father that He led so many students to come to this institution.

In this connection we desire to mention our summer school enrollment. While, owing to the General Conference Session this past summer, there was a slight falling off in the summer school enrollment as against that of the preceding summer, nevertheless on the whole we have had a steady growth in the number of those who attend our summer schools.

It has always been my firm belief, whether I was a field worker or connected with the college, that no Union could afford to do any different than press great emphasis on its summer school. Now with the nation demanding an accelerated program whereby more students can employ the summer session to shorten their college courses, and planning to put a four-year course into three years, we shall be under necessity of placing a greater emphasis on the work of the institution in the summer.

### SPIRITUAL CONDITION

The spiritual life of the institution has kept pace with the growth and enrollment. Disciplinary problems were many more when I assumed the presidency of the College almost seven years ago than they are now. A more serious tone has taken possession of the life of the students and this has been shown under peculiarly trying circumstances. Speaking specifically, this spiritual life is manifested in the weekly prayer band meetings, the regular weekly religious services, in the growth and fruitage of the theological department, in the larger and more efficient way that the Harvest Ingathering campaigns are conducted each year, and in the student payment of tithe.

Every Wednesday the chapel hour of the College is given over to the meeting of the students in 20 prayer bands. These from year to year have been growing in attendance and interest. Although attendance is voluntary, this last year it seemed to me that they

embraced very nearly the total enrollment of the student body.

The amount raised in the Harvest Ingathering campaign this year deserves special mention. The College gathered in \$2,505.48, a gain of \$253.56 over the previous year, and in about one-third the time. The student payment of tithe amounts to between six and seven thousand dollars a year.

The enrollment of the Bible



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classes at the present time is approximately 400. On the part of those so enrolled there is an earnest desire to find out God's way and plan. There also is a keen interest shown for that work which is to mark us as different from any other schools on the face of the earth.

The work of the Ministerial Seminar for the year 1941-42 has been greatly blessed with 50 per cent more attendance than heretofore. This seminar grants the students the privilege of demonstrating their ability in the art of speaking as well as gaining instruction from our men of experience. It has been a source of great help to many of our students in developing along the lines of leadership in practical ministerial endeavor. The attendance in

this seminar at the present is around 150.

Every fortnight a group of from sixty to a hundred young men and women assemble in our Foreign Mission Band to discuss and listen to the needs and problems of our overseas work, but, best of all, to pray for God's people in all of those far-away fields. This college is still the "Gateway to Service" abroad as well as in the home land even though world situations seem to be closing the gate to foreign service. However, when the time and need arises our students are ready to respond.

We also have a Seminar organized which meets every other week for the students especially interested in the medical line. In the Medical Seminar students discuss the religious phase of the medical profession and health reform given to our people especially through the writings of Sister White. The enrollment in this group varies between 50 and 100.

### INTELLECTUAL PROGRESS

During these same four years much has been done to improve the professional training of our teachers.

Four years ago we had, I think, only two members of our faculty who had doctors' degrees. This year we have nine. We also have seen many of our teaching staff advance so that at the present time we have thirteen members of our faculty who carry the master's degree. Of course this growth in standing and training has not come about in a haphazard way. It has required very definite planning not only for the teacher who is to raise the level of his standing, but also for taking care of the work which results from lightening his load in order that he might continue his studies.

The College already has had a preliminary inspection from a college inspector of high rank in the United States. He commended us very highly on the quality of our

faculty, rating it in the upper one-fourth of standard accredited colleges in North America.

We are pleased to state that there has been an improvement in the quality of scholarship of the students. Many work their way through college in whole or in part.

To make an education available to all our young people we have seven financial plans. The first plan contemplates those who will meet all their expenses by cash. Plan number seven is for those who must meet all their expenses by work. The five other plans in between are graded to meet conditions according to the amount of cash a student can pay.

We may say that the quality of the student body in regard to finances may be seen in the fact that there has been an upward trend, more and more students coming on the cash plan or more nearly so. This of course is a financial help to the institution as well as an indication of an earnest desire on the part of the student to carry more and more college work. During the current year, by actual figures, 82 per cent of the student body are working one-half or more of their entire expenses. This places a great responsibility upon the College Management to provide profitable employment.

It was very worthwhile indeed to note the greater efficiency in the circulation and handling of the *Sligonian*, our college paper. Never in the past was a *Sligonian* campaign conducted with greater ability and larger results than the one of the current year. There has been, from year to year, a constant growth of paid subscriptions.

## INDUSTRIES

### The Mill

The amount of business or income which has been done by the MILL during the last two quadrennial periods is as follows:

Previous .....	\$415,148.00
Last .....	798,930.00
Or a gain of ....	383,782.00

We have been speaking about the volume of business. Now with respect to the gains—for the previous quadrennium the gain was \$10,638; this past quadrennium, \$68,431; an increase or gain in the last quadrennium over the previous one of \$57,793.

In this current year, which has not yet finished, we had an income of \$225,403, with a gain of \$32,-492.

During the school year preceding this one, we installed new machinery which is consuming our sawdust, shavings, and kindlings from the mill, to be used for the heating of our whole institution. This has never been done before. We have a machine called the "hog" which batters the leavings of our mill into condition to be drawn through the cyclone and made ready for consumption in our furnaces. Major equipment of importance bought for the mill is a new molder, at a cost of \$1800.

The following are the figures for the quadrennial period, which show the amount of money paid out to students: Paid to students for the last four years, \$99,535; for the current year, \$34,812; or a total of \$134,347.

### The Press

The following is the amount of business or income which is done by the PRESS: The amount of business for the previous quadrennium was \$494,842; for the last, \$1,002,736; or a gain of \$507,924. With respect to the net gain, the previous quadrennium it was \$83,-166; for the last, it was \$155,729, or a gain of \$72,583.

The amount of money paid out for student labor for the last four years was \$105,219; for the current year, \$27,790, or a total of \$133,010.

There were a number of special and important equipment purchases in the press for the quadrennial period, which amounted to \$52,152, which expenditure was represented in presses, folders, linotype, addressograph, etc.

## NEW BUILDINGS

During the past four years, we are pleased to report that with the kind help of the field and the board, the College has erected a new normal building and a new heating plant, and is well on the way to finishing a new library building. Approximately \$135,-000, considering both buildings and equipment, has been spent on these efforts. We wish at this time to thank all the officers of the Columbia Union Conference and the local conferences, as well as all our workers throughout the field, for the unswerving loyalty and help they have given the College.

### New Heating Plant

We wish you all might visit and see the new heating plant. It was erected at a cost of approximately \$30,000. The result has been a

tremendous decrease in the consumption of coal. The first six months of the present fiscal year the cost of heating the institution was a consumption of 228 tons of coal, whereas for the same period of the previous year it was 392 tons of coal—a saving of 164 tons at \$6.60 a ton, or \$1,082. In addition to that we really have heat. In the past years all kinds of notes were sent to my office concerning teachers' and students' complaints of cold rooms and the necessity of transferring classes because of poor heating. If there is any complaint now, it is that there is too much heat.

### Dormitories and Other Buildings

In the midst of our heavy programs, progressive work has been done in improving and repairing the dormitories and the dining hall building. Many rooms have been re-sanded and repapered. Foundations which were termite-eaten have been torn out and replaced by substantial underpinnings. The buildings have been also systematically painted. New roads and new walks have been laid so that we can point with pride to the splendid appearance of our campus. Brother C. C. Pulver, our business manager, has led very economically and progressively in bringing this about and has done it all with excellent taste.

## EQUIPMENT

We have not been slack in taking care of the needs of our library and laboratories as well as those of the industries. Approximately \$9,000 the past four years has been put into adding new books to the library. Similar amounts in proper proportions have been given to the chemical, physics, and biological laboratories.

## FINANCES

We can only thank our Heavenly Father for the way that He has helped us financially the past four years. Whereas in the quadrennium ending in 1936 the total gains for the institution were \$37,892.95, the total gains for our College in the quadrennium ending in 1940 were \$140,317.40. This shows an increase of \$102,424.45. Because our industries and enrollment have given us these splendid gains, the institution has been largely able to carry its own burdens. Not only that, but out of the operating gains we have reduced our debt greatly and been able to put several thousands of dollars into the new buildings.

### Reduction of Debt

Having agreed on the policy of reduction of debt, we are glad to state to you the following figures. Four and a half years ago the College debt stood at the figure of 228,513. Four years later it had been reduced to \$138,835. Thus it has now been reduced about \$89,667. At the same time we increased our assets \$181,000. We feel very grateful for this situation.

### Total Student Labor

As so many of our students are working their way through college in whole or in part, it would be of great interest to notice the total amount of student labor paid out during the quadrennial period of 1937-1940, which amounted to \$423,618.04. The amount for 1941 was \$110,520.57; which, added to the quadrennial amount, makes a grand total of \$534,138.61 for the last five years.

### PLACEMENT OF GRADUATES

It will be impossible for us to take the time to tell you where

our graduates have been placed year by year. During this last quadrennial period, however, there have been very few that have not been called into the ministry, or teaching, medical work, dental work, nursing work, business, or into the music field. You need only to look around you here at this convention to see how many of you here now in the ministry came out from Washington Missionary College.

At this point the writer called all those who had come out of Washington Missionary College and were workers in the Columbia Union Conference as ministers, Bible workers, etc., to come up on the platform. When they were called to come forward, a great number surged forward and took their stand before the pulpit clear across the auditorium, and they looked as if they were bees. Later when the picture of these former students was taken it was found that they numbered 88.

## Mt. Vernon Academy

C. C. Morris, Principal

NEXT year Mount Vernon Academy will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary. This institution, which was definitely established by counsel from the servant of the Lord, has served the cause through the years and has trained many who have filled and are filling places of responsibility in various parts of the world.

While the Lord's hand has been over the institution in a marked way, yet it has not been spared from trouble and calamity.

Back in 1912, I think it was, we celebrated and sang a victory song when the indebtedness was completely paid. Because of two serious fires which came a few years after, resulting in two buildings being burned to the ground, a building program became necessary which again put the institution in debt, and it has been struggling with that situation ever since.

Splendid progress, however, is being made in reducing our notes payable, the figures for which will be given later in this report.

Mount Vernon is at present one of our best equipped academies. We have a large administration building, two large well equipped dormitories (Hadley Hall, for the



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boys, just completed and fully paid for), a central heating plant, and printing plant, music studio, and other buildings.

What was formerly known as the Annex has been torn down and the site of this old building converted into lawn. The removal of this building, long since condemned, has made a great improvement in the appearance of

the campus. There is only one landmark of the original institution left, the small white chapel which continues to support the bell that has announced the time for school and church services through these many years.

We found it necessary to make some extensive repairs last year and also this year. Three of our buildings had to be reserviced for electricity in order to meet the state requirements. This work has been completed at a cost of \$2,872.46. We are now installing a second boiler in the central heating plant. The old boiler, which went through the fire years ago, has been taken down and sold for junk and another one is in the process of installation. It is believed this second boiler will effect a saving of about 40 per cent in coal consumption.

We have just completed an extensive check up and servicing of our gas mains; at least fifteen leaks were found, some of which were serious. Gas bills will be less, and what is more important, the liability of an explosion has been eliminated.

The approach road to the institution has been changed. Some of you will remember the old spring house near the Secor property and the low swamp between it and the road. What was a swamp has been filled in and our approach road now passes over it on a level with the highway, affording a safe approach to the grounds. The old road is being dug up and made into lawn. Roadways to the new dormitory have been laid out and are under construction.

Several years ago a greenhouse project was started, but never completed. We have salvaged as much of the equipment and materials as possible for other uses, and have sold the glass and some other material. The steam boiler now being installed in the central heating plant was one item of this greenhouse equipment. The greenhouse boiler room, which was well under ground, has been converted into a fruit and vegetable cellar. A new sidewalk has been laid, linking the boys' dormitory, music studio, and the administration buildings.

Other items such as providing a used International dump truck, miscellaneous tools and light equipment, external painting, new eave troughs on the administration building, landscaping, etc.,



have been handled as routine matters.

The cost of these various repairs and improvements amounts to \$5,755.28, and has been met from current operating funds,—a thing not easy for us to do, but for 1940-41 we came out “on the right side” with a small margin of gain in operating and we hope to do as well if not better this year. (Since preparing this report the Columbia Union Committee made an appropriation of \$1,-000 to aid in the electrical repairs. We acknowledge with sincere appreciation this help.)

Our industries are much the same as they have been for a period of years past, namely the farm, dairy, poultry, and printing plant. While they have not made financial showing such as we would like to see, yet they are vital to our institution and to the training of our youth. What is a loss to the institution on the farm, for instance, is a gain in other ways, and we believe our work as a whole gains even though as a local institution we sometimes show a loss.

Because of interstate commerce regulations, it became necessary for us to discontinue the publication of the COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR. This paper had been the backbone of our printing industry for the past 30 years, and we had serious misgivings as to what would happen in the print shop when the publication of the VISITOR was relinquished by the College Press. I am glad to report that we have had all the work we can possibly take care of and our showing in the print shop has held up much better than we expected. We have given work to students thus far this school year to the amount of \$6,944.69.

We are in need of more work for students and study is being given to a line of work that would enable 15 to 25 more students to work a considerable portion of their way through school. Plans have not materialized sufficiently to enable us to report on this at present.

Mount Vernon Academy has enjoyed about the same, though somewhat fluctuating, enrollment year by year for many years. It seems to me that we had about as many 30 years ago as we have now, but our membership has increased greatly in the last 30 years and Mount Vernon should by all means have a larger attendance.

The attendance in February, 1940 was 139; in February, 1941, 155; and now is 132. The institution is equipped to take care of a much larger enrollment and we hope our constituency can be led to appreciate the advantages of our educational system more fully, to the end that the youth of high school age in our ranks may avail themselves of these advantages, even though some personal sacrifices may be necessary.

It should be the program of every Seventh-day Adventist to educate his children in our schools. Let us as leaders in the Columbia Union ever keep before our churches the important subject of Christian education.

The standard of scholarship attained by our students compares favorably with reports from other academies. The number of graduates in 1940 was 32, in 1941, 51; and prospective graduates for this year number 36.

The religious life of the school is, we believe, normal and healthy. Our various services are well attended and the young people take an active part in the Friday evening services, Sabbath school, and young people's meetings. The Seminar is not as well attended as we would like, one reason being the difficulty of appointing an hour in our busy school program which does not conflict with other important activities. There are only six of our student group, as far as I am able to ascertain, who are not either baptized or members of the baptismal class preparing for baptism before the close of school.

Mount Vernon Academy is accredited with the State of Ohio Department of Education and the Seventh-day Adventist Board of Regents. Its faculty members are

well qualified in their respective fields of service. Our curriculum consists of college preparatory, academic, and music courses.

Last year and this we have been giving a strong course in Medical Cadet training for boys and girls. Sixty have been trained in standard Red Cross emergency first aid, 40 of whom have gone on and completed the advanced course in Emergency First Aid, (not all of these are students, however), and six have completed the instructors' course. Three of these instructors are members of the faculty. There is only one qualified instructor in Knox County not a Seventh-day Adventist. Our men are being called upon for teaching service in various centers of the county.

The financial statement for February 1, 1942 is available but time will not permit us to read or refer to all that is contained in it. As we glance through the statement and compare it with the one of two years ago, we note items both of encouragement and otherwise.

In the balance sheet we notice the following: Cash on hand and in bank, February 1, 1940, \$1,-397.16; February 1, 1942, \$4,-612.68, an increase of \$3,215.52. Accounts receivable February 1, 1940, \$20,467.31; in February 1, 1942, \$9,494.80 (this decrease is due in part to the collecting of some outstanding accounts and also in “writing off” quite a large amount to doubtful accounts). Accounts payable, February 1, 1940, \$7,155.64; February 1, 1942, \$1,-944.39, a decrease of \$5,211.25. (This figure representing accounts payable is an amount due the Ohio Conference. It is for the most part an account of long standing. We have consistently paid all current bills regularly,

#### BALANCE SHEET

As of February 1,	1940	1941	1942
Instructional .....	484.14 L	315.35 G	595.23 L
Music .....	137.57 L	230.06 L	272.75 L
Rooming .....	21.63 G	143.96 G	571.65 L
Dining Room .....	638.83 L	495.66 G	311.99 L
Laundry .....	22.27 L	133.79 G	260.39 L
Farm .....	1,813.86 L	1,589.22 L	2,016.72 L
Press .....	15.25 L	1,625.06 L	744.77 G
Truck .....	136.12 G	225.41 G	80.46 G
Total Losses .....	3,111.92	3,444.34	4,028.73
Total Gains .....	157.75	1,314.17	825.23
Net Loss .....	2,954.17	2,130.17	3,203.50
Per cent of collections..		92.1%	91.4%



taking our 2 per cent discount for cash, and also have taken care of our faculty pay roll promptly month by month.) Notes payable February 1, 1940, \$73,625.49; February 1, 1942, \$23,670.33, a decrease of \$49,955.16. The net operating gain or loss to present worth for the period is as follows: February 1, 1940, net operating loss, \$1,341.87; February 1, 1941, gain \$706.33; February 1, 1942, loss \$133.47. The accompanying balance sheet shows the items of loss and gain.

It will be noticed from the above figures that during 1941 when we had a larger attendance our departments made a much better showing. This year, with a smaller attendance, the loss in the various departments is a little more, but it should also be mentioned in connection with the current year's operating that we have made a 10 per cent increase in teachers' salaries and are paying much higher prices for all supplies, yet we have made no increase in tuition and other school fees. We also are holding to our former rates for board, though we are paying double or more what it cost us last year for a good many items of supplies used in the kitchen. We believe that consideration should be given to a uniform revised schedule of tuition and other rates throughout the Columbia Union for the coming year.

In closing, I wish to express my appreciation for the conscientious efforts being put forth by all those connected with Mount Vernon Academy and for the spirit of harmony and cooperation which exists in our faculty and school; for the splendid cooperation and help extended the Academy by the Ohio Conference Committee and the Columbia Union Committee and for the helpfulness of the brethren of West Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

The Ohio Conference, in whose territory the school is located, has been especially helpful. This help has been manifested in the completion of the boys' dormitory and in the fact that it has appropriated from its own funds liberally to keep the building free from debt. The Conference also has helped us in a substantial way through appropriating a part of the Mid-summer offering of 1941 toward the purchasing of furniture for the dormitory rooms. We acknowledge with sincere appreciation this help from the Ohio Conference. It is a real pleasure to associate and work with you who have manifested such an interest in the institution, and may Mount Vernon Academy under the guiding and prospering hand of God continue to accomplish the purpose for which it was established and ever "give character to the work."

Believing that a definite activity program is a boon to student growth and contentment, we have endeavored to make adequate provision for that phase of student life.

The Students' Association has proved its worth as a medium of group action and as an outlet for and training in student leadership. This association has functioned very smoothly under the guidance of a complete group of student officers. By this means the students have jointly sponsored several worthwhile projects during the course of this school year.

The *Takoma Globe*, the official school paper of Takoma Academy, has a subscription list of well over 1,100. This publication not only has developed journalistic talent among the students, but it has been a very good means of publicizing our school to our patrons and friends.



C. N. REES

## Takoma Academy

C. N. Rees, Principal

As the freedoms of this world one by one break down before overwhelming forces of evil, one is inclined to thoughtful anxiety as to just how long we shall continue to enjoy the privileges of our denominational schools. In such an atmosphere and with these thoughts in mind, it is with a double portion of thankfulness that the members of the Takoma Academy faculty review the working of the Spirit of God in our school.

During the early months of this year, Elder A. C. Fearing led out in a very profitable Week of Prayer. Twelve students have been baptized since school opened and eleven more are attending a baptismal class, looking forward to baptism in the near future.

Our 14 prayer bands, which meet every Wednesday, are each led by a student and sponsored by

a member of the faculty. We want our students to learn that "It is a part of God's plan to grant us, in answer to the prayer of faith, that which he would not bestow did we not thus ask."

Our Academy Sabbath School has proved to be a real blessing in furnishing the spiritual food and training for leadership. A worthwhile project during the first semester culminated in the raising of \$156.56 for Investment.

The enrollment of Takoma Academy has steadily grown since its separation from the college in 1933, the enrollment that year being 72. This year 202 students have registered.

A teaching staff of 14 members is making an excellent contribution to Christian service in that they are not only instructors but counselors and soul winners as well.

School clubs have developed into profitable activity groups. They are decidedly an asset to Takoma Academy. Space will not permit a report of the various work done in them. Suffice it to say that a great deal of well directed energy is spent in them. We have a ministerial club, English, typing, interior decorating, art, photography, ping pong, radio, and knitting club. Twenty-four girls are showing their patriotism by knitting for the Red Cross. Approximately 14 of our more mature young men will have finished the Medical Cadet Corps by the end of this school year.)

We look with pride and satisfaction on our music department

which was reorganized last year. Our glee clubs and orchestra are filling their places in our program with a decided advantage to both students and school. Last spring the girls' chorus made public appearances in several churches in the Washington territory. We are planning the same type of program for this spring.

During the past year we have been greatly cheered by the many improvements made in the physical plant of Takoma Academy. New offices, a library, and re-

modeled classrooms, as well as many additional lockers, have greatly added to the atmosphere and efficiency of the school. These accomplishments, although costing a good sum of money, have made it possible to easily accommodate our large enrollment which was out of the question with the previous quarters.

We solicit your prayers that Takoma Academy may continue to fulfill its high purpose of training youth for the matchless calling of citizenship in the world to come.

## Shenandoah Valley Academy

W. C. Hannah, Principal

I AM very happy today to have the privilege again of bringing a report of the work at Shenandoah Valley Academy. During the past five-year period the school has enjoyed a large measure of God's richest blessings.

It is almost 70 years now since our first denominational school was established in Battle Creek, Michigan. Great developments have taken place since then and now we have more than 250 colleges and academies in operation in various parts of the world field aside from almost 2,500 primary and mission schools.

Away back in 1854, only 10 years after the hour of the judgment was come and 20 years before we had a school of our own, the servant of the Lord wrote in the *Review and Herald*: "One of the signs of the last days is the disobedience of children to their parents."

"Parents stand in the place of God to their children, and they will have to render an account."

"Parents, some of you are rearing children to be cut down by the destroying angel unless you speedily change your course."

"Parents, if you wish to save your children, separate them from the world." *Review and Herald*, September 19, 1854.

These words of 70 years ago fall upon our ears today with all the weight of their original utterance. In the days of Samuel it was through unfaithfulness in the home that the Hebrew youth "learned the way of the heathen." It is distinctly said that the first school in the history of human society, called the school of the prophets, was established by Samuel at the Lord's direction to make up for the failure of parents, and to fur-



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nish the cause of God with workers. In the instruction given us for today we are exhorted to model our schools on the same plan.

The purpose in conducting S. D. A. schools, therefore, differs in no essential from that of the schools of the prophets. The reason for this is clearly stated in the book "Education," p. 50:

"While there are different degrees of development, and different manifestations of his power to meet the wants of men in the different ages, God's work in all time is the same. The teacher is the same. God's character and His plan are the same. With Him 'is no variableness neither shadow of turning.'"

"The experiences of Israel were recorded for our instruction. 'All those things happened unto them for ensamples, and they are written for our admonition, upon

whom the ends of the world are come.' With us, as with Israel of old, success in education depends on fidelity in carrying out the Creator's plan. Adherence to the principles of God's word will bring as great blessings to us as it would have brought to the Hebrew people."

Since the last Union Session, 136 young people have been graduated from Shenandoah Valley Academy and 82 of these have enrolled in Washington Missionary College and 22 in other institutions both inside and outside of the denomination. I am sorry to report that all of these have not continued in training, but we still find a very substantial number of them either having completed or continuing training in our own schools.

At the time of our last report, class rooms in our administration building were not completed, but since then this work has been done. We have also added a new, modern dairy barn and dairy; and during the past year have built a much needed music studio with five new pianos. At the present time we have in process of construction a new barn for our horses and young stock.

We have greatly appreciated the cooperation not only of our own conference president and workers but also the cooperation of the leaders and workers of the other conferences from which we draw students. These have made it possible for us to secure each year a fine group of young people to make up our student body. Our attendance has stood close to the 100 mark each year since our last meeting; sometimes a few more, sometimes a few less.

The various missionary activities of the school have been enthusiastically supported by students and teachers alike as have also the various campaigns. I believe that in not a single instance has the school failed to make its goal during the five-year period. We have an excellent faculty of 10 members, most of whom have had many years of experience.

I am glad to report that during the five-year period the school has shown a financial gain each year, with one exception. However, since adding so much in the way of new buildings and equipment, thus greatly increasing our overhead, we find the going a little more difficult.

We have a fine modern plant now and feel that we are very

well equipped to take care of all we can accommodate, but perhaps our greatest asset is our location in the beautiful valley of Virginia within easy reach of the large centers of Washington and Baltimore. Our situation is unique. All our students are in our dormitories, making it much easier to control the discipline situation.

We are cultivating about 125 acres of land, supplying vegetables for the table and feed for our Guernsey herd which supplies us with an abundance of milk for the school family. Our poultry flock supplies us with all the eggs needed. The farm also furnishes employment for a number of our boys. Some stay and work on the farm during the summer months.

## Plainfield Academy

Mrs. C. C. Ellis, Principal

It is truly a privilege to represent an institution of learning, teaching, and directing, the objective of which is the salvation of Adventist youth and the preparation of future workers for His cause.

I feel, too, that it is an added privilege to tell you of the Plainfield Academy's operating in its own new home at 622 West 8th Street, which is one of the finest residential sections of Plainfield, the "Queen City" of New Jersey.

On June 1, just at the close of the school year of 1941, the transfer was made to these new, permanent quarters. The structure is of brick and is on a lot 260 by 280 feet. The large building is surrounded by spacious lawns and beautiful circular drives. Shrubs and trees help to make this truly an ideal school home.

The twenty-five-room building provides for five adequate classrooms, a combined chapel and study hall that seats 100, a lobby and parlor, an office, and living quarters.

The school board, with Elder Conger as President, has spent much time and money to equip and get the building ready to fit the many needs of such a school plan. The faculty and student body, and yes, visitors, often have remarked that for the type of placement work done, this building, if planned and built to order, could hardly have been more to our needs.

I especially invite the educational superintendents of the different fields to visit Plainfield and

On the whole we feel quite encouraged. Owing perhaps, somewhat, to world conditions, we find a more restless spirit among our students than heretofore. The Week of Prayer this year, however, was very satisfactory. Elder Yost, of the Theological Seminary, was in charge and at that time practically the entire student body with the faculty dedicated or re-dedicated their lives to the service of the Master.

We trust that you will not forget us in your prayers that God will give us wisdom and patience so that we through Him may direct the lives of these active youth so that they will be saved to the cause and have a place in His kingdom.



MRS. C. C. ELLIS

to encourage their young people to further their Christian education in the fields that their interest and experience affords. They will be interested in the records for 1941-42, which show an enrollment of 120 and an attendance of 105, as follows:

New Jersey .....	46
East Pennsylvania .....	22
Chesapeake .....	16
Potomac .....	10
West Virginia .....	8
Ohio .....	5
West Pennsylvania .....	4
Greater New York .....	4
S. New England .....	2
N. New England .....	1
Oregon .....	1
Texas .....	1

The teaching staff consists of six. The school hours are from 9:00 to 1:00, thus allowing the students to reach their places of work by 1:30.

The Plainfield Academy is unique in that it offers unusual opportunities to earnest, capable students to earn their entire way. All our students are well able to earn board, room, tuition, and incidentals by working in near-by homes or places of business.

This is a city of homes of culture, refinement, and wealth, and the fathers and mothers in these homes train and teach the art of home-making to our students almost as if they were their own boys and girls.

Each one is carefully placed, according to age, ability, and experience. The average amount earned is about \$5 a week, plus board and room. It is possible for a girl to earn as much as \$10 or \$12 a week, after training, and some of our boys and young men are making \$25 a week plus board even while attending school full time.

We have two young men and their wives, who are doing excellent work in school and at work. The husbands plan to enter the ministry, with their wives as helpers in Bible work and in other lines, as they are able. We feel that these older, settled young people are a great asset to the school. They are exerting a good influence through their consistent Christian lives and high standards exemplified in the school and in their work.

It is a continual encouragement to us as a faculty to see the readiness of our students to display their talents of singing, speaking, playing, and assisting in general at all religious meetings. They have been quite active in the Harvest Ingathering campaign, aiding five churches, including the Plainfield Church. Their part in the building fund for this year was willingly raised by solicitations from friends, by street work, and by sales.

During the year 1941 the student body turned into the Conference channels about \$2,000, through tithe, church expense, funds raised for the building campaign, expense for upkeep of the building, and local expenditures. This does not include Sabbath school offerings and Harvest Ingathering.

Since Miss Wilcox has been with the Academy from its founding, I have asked her to give a summary of the past years, as follows:

Great oaks from little acorns grow. More like a tiny mustard seed was the school which began in Plainfield in the fall of 1926. Many the long weighty discussions with the church board and members, many the tears and prayers before all were convinced that there should be a school.

Finally the faithful, sacrificing mothers and fathers in Israel had pledged \$90 per month for the upkeep, and about \$150 had been given for equipment. A little office room in the Babcock building was rented for the year, a room so small the seats had to be arranged diagonally with the teacher's table in one corner.

There was no playground, and the children came up on the elevator to the school. But it was a bright, sunny room, and since our first teacher, Miss Doris Greiner, was artistic, the room became very attractive under her care, and she graciously taught the children Christian courtesy and love along with arithmetic and science.

The room held only 12 pupils, two of whom were not Adventists; and these were a blessing as they paid \$10 per month tuition. Alice Cruickshanks finished the eighth grade that first year, and each year thereafter she aided the teacher with the tiny tots to pay her tuition in the high school grades.

The fall of 1928 brought new problems. There was no room for our doubled enrollment, and there were five who wanted to take 9th grade work. These matters were all duly settled and we found larger rooms and an advanced teacher.

The call to service found Mabel Baker teaching public school with a good salary of \$150 per month and her husband with a good position, home, vegetables, and fruits, plus a good salary. But a clear call to service found them ready to leave all and follow Him. Mr. and Mrs. Baker sold and gave away all except what could be carried in their little Ford coupe and moved to Plainfield. With faith equal to that of Abraham, they decided that if they found a place to sleep that night, they would remain. They came, they saw our needs, they conquered, and they are with us yet.

In 1927-1928 the church school, including the 9th grade, enrolled 24 pupils. Mrs. Baker taught all the grades with the aid of Alice, who helped with the first two or three grades while taking the 9th grade.

In 1928-1929, we had an enrollment of 36 pupils, including the first 8 grades, plus the 10th grade. Anna Hudak and Alice were trained in assisting with the little ones, thus allowing Mrs. Baker more time for the 10th grade.

The year 1929-1930 saw an enrollment of 45 students, the church school grades, plus the 11th grade. Mrs. Gaskell put her daughter in the school, and taught the lower grades that year. We also enlarged our quarters to two large rooms in a private home.

The next year, 1930-1931, we still increased our enrollment and had 54 pupils, with the 12th grade. Mrs. Baker had carried her 9th grade through 10th, 11th, and 12th to a successful finish. There were seven seniors. Should we grant them diplomas? This was a royal question and a royal battle. But Professor Russell, the educational secretary of the General Conference came to our rescue and gave the graduation address, and presented beautiful, large diplomas.

Out of this class of seven, five are still in the Truth. Alice Cruickshanks took her college course at Madison, then went to White Memorial Hospital in California for laboratory technician work. She then married Dr. Munger, and together with her husband is doing a good work along medical lines, and it is interesting to note that they are strong supporters of the

church school in their home city.

Each year has brought new strength and growth, together with new teachers and enlarged enrollment, and the need for better and larger quarters and more adequate equipment. But the Lord has been leading and He has met all our needs. He has greatly blessed us in a remarkable manner all through the years, until we have an enrollment of 120 this year in a beautiful, large school home,—owned, not rented.

We have graduated 105 students, and 59 of these have gone to higher schools — Washington Missionary College, Madison, Atlantic Union College, and to Melrose and Washington Sanitarium, and in one or two cases, to outside institutions.

Only ten of our graduates have left the Truth, that we know of, and have lost their vision of unselfish service. We grieve that this is so, but are deeply grateful that God has so richly blessed those who have faithfully followed on to know and work for Him.

In conclusion, I personally feel that each year brings a more restless group to the doors of the school; yet I never worked with a more loyal class of students than those of this year. Nearly all seem responsive to spiritual leadership, with a marked disposition to turn to our own schools for guidance and training in these last days.

## Reports of Committees

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### Report of Committee on Credentials and Licenses:

The Committee on Credentials and Licenses submitted the following report which was adopted:

#### MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS:

F. H. Robbins  
H. J. Detwiler  
B. G. Wilkinson  
C. V. Leach  
C. P. Sorensen  
L. A. Semmens  
F. D. Nichol  
E. H. Emmerson  
A. J. Robbins  
R. A. Hare  
J. C. Holland  
O. Schuberth  
F. Lee  
R. L. Boothby  
Dr. Coyne  
D. E. Rebok

#### MINISTERIAL LICENSES:

A. W. Werline  
J. P. Neff  
R. B. Thurber  
E. L. Richmond  
L. W. Graham  
L. F. Thiel  
A. R. Rittenhouse  
J. D. Snider  
S. L. Clark  
C. H. Kelly  
C. E. Palmer  
D. A. Bailey  
C. C. Pulver  
C. N. Rees

#### MISSIONARY CREDENTIALS:

Lora Clement  
Dr. R. L. Runk  
Mrs. C. C. Lewis  
Mary Walsh  
Mrs. L. Holbert  
J. H. Nies

All other names that should receive consideration are referred to the Union Committee.

## Plans and Resolutions

### GRATITUDE

HAVING had brought to our attention afresh through the reports rendered at this sixth quadrennial session, the manifold and multiplied blessings of God to His people, we the delegates and members here assembled, reverently and solemnly express to our Heavenly Father our profound, heartfelt, and sincere gratitude.

For the progress made in heralding the glad tidings of a soon-coming Saviour, for the acceptance of this gospel message by thousands who hitherto were unacquainted with God's last message of mercy; for the temporal progress made in greatly reducing our indebtedness on numerous church buildings and denominational institutions; for the tangible prosperity in tithes and offerings bestowed through a loyal constituency; for the comparative tranquility that has prevailed in our land through these years when other lands were torn by war and its attending scourges; for the liberty that has been and still is ours; for the protection from enemies seen and unseen; for the merciful manner the Lord has dealt with us in our apathy; for the honor bestowed upon us in permitting us to be His agents in persuading men and women to be reconciled to God; for withholding the retributive judgments long overdue, for delaying the closing of mercy's door that we might still have access to the mercy seat through the merits and intercession of Him who is mighty to save; for the glorious hope we have in the surety of the ultimate triumph of the cause of righteousness; for these, together with innumerable blessings copiously showered upon us through these years, we humbly express our gratefulness, and resolve to dedicate our lives anew to the finishing of God's work in the earth.

### EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY

We bow in sorrow with those who have lost loved ones in our ranks during the past quinquennial period. Of those who have fallen asleep we mention the following:

Elders W. F. Schwartz, L. O. Gordon, B. E. Connerly, Steen Rasmussen, and C. W. Weber; Brethren A. E. King and W. A. Burgan; Mrs. J. L. McElhany, Mrs.

C. B. Haynes, Mrs. Martha White, Mrs. C. H. Keslake, Mrs. F. E. Thumwood, Mrs. B. E. Connerly, and Mrs. Gertrude Burgess.

While we sorrow not as others who have no hope, we recall our pleasant associations with them. We miss their presence on this occasion, and we sympathize with their families and relatives who must go on and continue their life tasks. Their departure renews and intensifies the conviction that we who survive should reconsecrate our hearts and rededicate our lives to the unfinished work of God in the earth.

### COLPORTEUR WORK

Whereas, in recent weeks the whole world has been brought into a state of war, and realizing that time is short to accomplish the task of giving the message so much needed by the people in these troublous times, and recognizing the large place that the distribution of literature occupies in reference to the broader, more extensive plans for greater evangelism,

*We recommend*, 1. That our union and local conference committees give special and earnest study to plans that will greatly build up and strengthen the colporteur work in their respective fields in conjunction with their plans for more intensive evangelism.

2. That they request all our ministers, district leaders, workers, and church elders to keep before the membership of our churches the importance of colporteur evangelism in their personal and public ministry.

3. We recommend further that in these ominous days into which we have fallen, and realizing as never before the worth and mighty power of our literature with its special prophetic background, we encourage our people everywhere to use more of our truth-filled books in all their contacts with judgment-bound souls.

In view of the fact that the Spirit of prophecy states that "More than one thousand will soon be converted in one day, most of whom will trace their first convictions to the reading of our publications." (*Review and Herald*, November 10, 1885, p. 700) and recognizing the need of a definite follow-up plan to bring about a fulfillment of this encouraging promise;

Therefore, we recommend, that the Union Conference Committee give favorable consideration to a correspondence-course method for following up the work of the colporteur evangelist similar to some methods employed in the field, thus bringing to a decision the honest in heart among those who purchase our literature.

### MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER

As we celebrate the 35th anniversary of the founding of the Missionary Volunteer Department, and, realizing that our youth are facing new problems and situations due to a world emergency:

*We recommend*, 1. That all efforts be put forth to bring all young people from Adventist homes into the church by

a. Spiritualizing the weekly society program.

b. Observing spring week of prayer.

c. Repeated opportunities for young people to declare themselves "all out" for Christ and His church.

2. That we bend every effort to keep our youth faithful to the church and its standards by

a. Leading them into a richer Christian experience.

b. Directing and leading our youth into a more active evangelistic endeavor for other youth.

### EDUCATION

Whereas the cost of food, and practically all other expenses have materially increased the past year,

*We recommend*, that the college and academies study their budgets carefully and make such increase in the charges for tuition and board as may be found necessary.

And further, that said increase be uniform as nearly as possible throughout the whole Union.

*Recommended:*

(a) That we appeal to pastors, district leaders, and church elders for full cooperation in building up church school, academy, and college enrollment, and in selecting suitable individuals to take the teacher training course.

(b) That we ask every minister to preach at least two sermons on Christian education each year in each church in his district.

### MEDICAL CADET TRAINING

*Whereas*, the organizing and development of our Medical Cadet

training has made it possible for 2,145 of our men to receive part or all of the course of training so as to better serve their country in medical service if and when drafted into the service; and

*Whereas*, the giving of this training has given us favor with Army and Government officials, thus obtaining favorable courtesies and consideration to Sabbath and classification requests; and

*Whereas*, we believe the training gives our men a mental, physical, and spiritual preparation that should qualify them to stand loyal to God and patriotic to our country, whether in the army or civilian defense,

*We recommend*, 1. That we go on record in appreciation for the way God has led us in this new field of endeavor and furthermore,

2. That as churches and workers we maintain high standards of training in all parts of the course and continue to promote it energetically, that it may be made available to as many as possible, knowing that more of our men will come under Selective Service.

#### **"GREAT CONTROVERSY"**

*Whereas*, The response of our people to the recent "Great Controversy" campaign clearly indicates that the time has come to carry out the Lord's counsel to give this book a "wide circulation";

*And whereas*, "Great Controversy" contains God's direct appeal to His people,

*We recommend*, that we strongly promote the use of this volume of the Spirit of prophecy in our laymen's soul-winning endeavor; that we encourage our members to read its message, then tell their neighbors about it, and, when opportunities arise, to lend or sell copies of this book to those who are interested.

#### **"VOICE OF PROPHECY" TRACTS**

*Whereas*, the National Radio Hook-up known as the Voice of Prophecy is calling our message to the attention of millions of people each Sunday night;

*And whereas*, in collaboration with the radio staff, twelve tracts entitled the Voice of Prophecy Series are being provided for general distribution;

*And whereas*, a wide circulation of these tracts at this time will strengthen the radio program and insure a larger harvest of souls;

*We recommend*, that each conference take steps immediately to place tens of thousands of these tracts in the homes of the people, together with a personal invitation to listen to the Voice of Prophecy radio program, the log for which is printed on the last page of each tract.

#### **PARENT EDUCATION**

*Whereas*, the messenger of the Lord has clearly stated: "Never will education accomplish all that it might and should accomplish until the importance of the parents' work is fully recognized, and they receive a training for its sacred responsibilities" ("Education," p. 276), and,

*Whereas*, the Home Study Institute under the direction and guidance of the General Conference Educational Department is now offering a most valuable course in Parent Education,

*We recommend*, that our pastors and district leaders encourage and foster the organizing of classes in Parent Education in every church where there are five or more parents of children under 18 years of age.

#### **SABBATH SCHOOL RESOLUTION NO. A**

*Whereas*, The teachers in our Sabbath schools, who are dealing with the most important lessons of life, should be trained in the art of teaching, therefore

*We recommend*, that every teacher be encouraged to take the Sabbath School Teachers' Training Course as soon as possible.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. B**

*Whereas*, it is the duty of every teacher and officer in the Sabbath school to look after the spiritual welfare of every man, woman, and child in the school, and

*Whereas*, "In counsel there is strength," and

*Whereas*, much is gained by studying the Sabbath school lesson together as teachers, therefore

*We recommend*, that every pastor and district leader urge every Sabbath school in the Columbia Union to conduct teachers' meetings regularly.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. C**

*Whereas*, the book, "Testimonies on Sabbath School Work," page 54, says: "Many gems are yet scattered that are to be gathered together to become the property of the remnant people of God," and

*Whereas*, the Branch Sabbath school and Sunday school plan has proved to be a great soul-winning agency,

*We recommend*, that a branch Sabbath school leader be appointed in each Sabbath school, whose duty it should be to foster this line of work.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. D**

*Whereas*, "None but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict" ("Great Controversy," p. 593) and

*Whereas*, the Sabbath school greatly aids one in fortifying the mind with the truths of the Bible, and

*Whereas*, a continual absenting of oneself from the Sabbath school often leads to apostasy, therefore

*We recommend*, that our pastors, district leaders, and Sabbath school officers, put forth every effort to have every church member a member of the Sabbath school.

*We further recommend*, that the five thousand church members who are not now attending Sabbath school be encouraged to join on or before May 16, 1942—the date set as Sabbath School Rally Day.

#### **APPRECIATION**

As the Sixth Quadrennial Session of the Columbia Union Conference comes to a close, we, the delegates to this Conference Session, are not unmindful of the provisions made for our physical comfort while attending this meeting.

We especially desire to thank the management and employees of the Fort Pitt Hotel, where we have made our headquarters and have held our meetings, for their generous and successful efforts to make our stay both pleasant and comfortable.

We extend grateful thanks to Mr. George Seibel, manager of the Carnegie Library Auditorium, for making the auditorium available to us for our meetings over the week-end.

We wish to make mention of the efforts of the administration of the West Pennsylvania Conference for taking care of the many details in connection with the preparations for this meeting to make our sojourn pleasant and profitable.

To any others not mentioned, but who have contributed to our comfort and who have helped in the work of the Conference we express our thanks.