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FEBRUARY 28—MARCH 6, 1947**

List of Delegates

List of delegates to the Seventh Quadrennial Session of the Columbia Union Conference, February 28-March 6, 1947, Gibson Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Daily Program MORNING

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9:45-10:45—Meeting
10:45-11:00—Recess
11:00-12:15—Meeting

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12:15- 2:00—Noon Recess
2:00- 3:00—Meeting
3:15- 4:15—Meeting
4:30- 5:30—Meeting

EVENING

7:15- 7:45—Song Service
7:45- 9:15—Meeting

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Washington Missionary College W. H. Shephard

Takoma Academy C. N. Rees

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Shenandoah Valley Academy W. C. Hannah

Plainfield Academy G. W. McCready

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

GREETINGS to the delegates and those assembled in this quinquennial session of the Columbia Union Conference.

We thank God for the way in which His hand has directed the work in this union during the last five years. I want this delegation to know that the wonderful achievements brought about in this union conference during the last five-year period are due to the blessing of God and to the faithful service of the loyal conference presidents, workers, and lay members.



F. H. Robbins

Our hearts go out with deepest sympathy to the relatives and friends of those who rest from their labors. They are as follows: Elder and Mrs. R. D. Hottel, Elder R. S. Fries, Elder Fred Harter, Elder Paul Matula, Elder Chauncey Wood, Elder J. J. Marietta, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stottlemeyer, W. H. Zeidler, E. C. Alexander, Mark S. Pettibone, Ernest Reedy, Mrs. O. J. Nerlund, Mrs. F. H. Robbins, Maude E. Belmont, Mrs. Mabel Wales-Hoffman, Mrs. J. H. Smith, Mrs. Alfred Holst, Mrs. R. H. Fickling.

Allegheny Conference

Recognizing the need of our colored constituency to form a separate conference, and in harmony with the action of the General Conference, the Allegheny Conference was organized December 17, 1944, and began operating January 1, 1945. It is a good, strong conference, and its membership now stands at 4,199. The territory of this conference comprises the whole Columbia Union, inasmuch as its members are located in every conference in the Union. This is a very progressive conference in every line, and already it has established a school known as the Pine Forge Institute,

F. H. ROBBINS, President

located at Pine Forge, Pennsylvania. The first headquarters of this conference was in Washington, D. C., but recently the office of the organization has been transferred to Pine Forge.

Evangelism

A very definite burden has taken possession of our workers and people to win more souls for Christ. Our ministers are holding more evangelistic efforts each year than they did in previous years. Our hope is to make ready a people to meet Christ at His second coming and to carry forward a field-wide evangelistic program uniting conference workers and lay members in a grand rally under the guidance of the Holy Spirit for the finishing of the work. The following figures show the baptisms for the two quinquennial periods covered by this report:

Baptisms and Membership

	Baptisms
1937 - 1941	8,272
1942 - 1946	9,181

This is a gain over the previous five-year period of 919.

At the close of the five-year period, December 31, 1941, the membership was 22,053. At the close of the past five-year period, the membership stood at 27,123, an increase of 5,070 over the preceding five-year period, which gain would equal a large conference. During the last five-year period 18 dark counties were entered, and 33 new churches were organized, and also 12 new companies. Forty-five new churches have been built or purchased at a cost of \$1,103,250, and several churches are in the process of erection. Many of the churches have included church schools in the building of their churches.

Tithe

		Increase, 5 yrs.
1937-1941	\$3,811,716.70	
1942-1946	\$8,709,610.50	\$4,897,893.80

The increase in the tithe alone for the last five years equals the total tithe for the previous seven years, or from 1935 to 1941 inclusive.

Mission Offerings

		Increase, 5 yrs.
1937-1941	\$1,841,974.41	
1942-1946	\$3,692,400.52	\$1,850,426.11

During the last quinquennial period our people have doubled their mission offerings of the previous period.

Working Force

1937-1941—an average of 199 workers for the period.

1942-1946—an average of 352, or a gain of 153 over the preceding five-year period.

From 1937 to 1941 there were 33 interns taken on in the Columbia Union,

and for the last five-year period there were 68, or a gain of 35 over the first five-year period, or more than double the number of interns taken on during the former five-year period.

The amount of Columbia Union Conference appropriations for interns from 1937-1941 was \$13,910.03, and from 1942 to 1946, or over the last period, interns received \$38,933.91 from Union funds, or \$25,023.88 more than for the preceding five-year period. The total amount appropriated by the Union Conference for evangelism for the first five-year period was \$13,702.28, and for the last five-year period, \$28,013.29, or \$14,311.01 more than for the preceding five-year period.

Literature Ministry

One of the greatest instrumentalities God has given His people for the



D. A. Ochs
Newly Elected President

finishing of His work is the literature ministry. The following figures show, under the blessing of God, what our colporteurs have been able to sell and deliver:

Columbia Union Conference Deliveries			
	1937-1941	1942-1946	Gain
Books	\$386,764.91	\$2,009,034.02	\$1,622,269.11
Mag.	209,104.58	718,722.66	509,618.08
Tot.	\$595,869.49	\$2,727,756.68	\$2,131,887.19

During the last five-year period the deliveries were nearly 4 times as much as in the preceding 5-year period.

Ingathering, Missions Extension, and Sabbath School

The Ingathering each year brings a great blessing to our people and to the mission work. The following figures are almost unbelievable:

Item	1937-1941	1942-1946	Gain
Ingath.	\$735,540.02	\$1,431,587.93	\$696,047.91
Miss. Ext.	52,378.86	145,939.25	93,610.39
Sab. S.	891,866.29	1,776,783.72	884,917.43
Tot.	\$1,679,785.17	\$3,354,360.90	\$1,674,575.73
(Double those for the preceding 5-year period)			

Average Per Capita		
Ingathering		\$12.15
Missions Extension		1.23
		(Per Week)
Sabbath school		.2894

Missionary Volunteer Department

We read in "Gospel Workers," page 67:

"In order that the work may go forward in all its branches, God calls for youthful vigor, zeal, and courage. He has chosen the youth to aid in the advancement of His cause. . . . Young men and women are invited to give God the strength of their youth."

The following figures show the work of our young people during the last ten years:

	1937-41	1942-46	Gain	Loss
Societies	233	262	39	
Membership	6,188	5,909		279
No. of young people bap.	3,342	3,143		200
Ingathering				
	1937-1941	1942-1946	Gain	
	\$230,981.10	\$297,232.33	\$66,251.23	

Health Education

The Columbia Union Conference has always endeavored to be loyal to the principles of health reform. We have upheld the principles of healthful living. The students in our colleges, academies, and church schools have been instructed in regard to the laws of health, and yet we feel that the magnitude of this work is so great that as a union conference we should continue to advance in this department.

As a result of the faithful work of our health centers in our educational institutions, the health of our youth and children has been guarded and a careful check has been made of each student's state of health.

The Washington Sanitarium and other medical institutions in the Union are doing a good work. We trust that more may be done in the future than we have done in the past to help people to understand better how to care for their bodies.

Educational

During the past five years the Washington Missionary College made splendid progress in the expansion both of its personnel and of its buildings and equipment. It completed the erection and equipment of the library. It remodeled the science building, providing laboratories and equipment to meet the requirements and standards of a senior college.

Plans have been adopted for an addition to the science building that will double its capacity and will include a telescope to aid in teaching astronomy. This addition will provide for the enlarged enrollment and consequent demands. A dormitory to accommodate about 250 students is under construction and is nearing the roof line.

The enrollment in the College is the largest in its history, about 700, but including the academy and training

school, the enrollment is over 1,000. The College and boarding academies have all the students they can house and have large waiting lists.

The intermediate and elementary grades show reasonable gains in the number of schools, teachers, and students. The enrollment would have been far greater if teachers could have been procured to open new schools. Solid growth has been made, but we must do far more for the education of our children and youth in the days that follow if it can be said of us that we are working as if we were working for our lives to save the children from being drowned in the polluting, corrupting influence of the world.

Religious Liberty Department

The Columbia Union Conference, by virtue of its geographical location which includes the nation's capital, has been the scene of numerous controversies involving issues centering around religious liberty during the last quinquennial period. These have ranged from attempts to enact a Sunday law to the most recent issue over the use of public tax money for parochial school transportation.

In view of the increasing attacks on religious liberty, it cannot be said that we in the Columbia Union cannot see the trees for the forest. The churches in the Columbia Union have blazed a trail of religious liberty through the forest and have been quick to respond to calls for assistance in "grubbing out the underbrush" whenever it was found menacing our liberties.

Our denomination's magazine *Liberty* has been a great help to us in blazing the trail. I am pleased to report to you that the Columbia Union has consistently exceeded its subscription quota for *Liberty* magazine during each of the last four years, and in so doing we have surpassed all other union conferences in the North American Division. As a matter of fact, during the last three years the Columbia Union has been the only union in the North American Division to go above 100 per cent of its circulation

quota. In 1946 we went 5 per cent above our quota; in 1945, 19 per cent; in 1944, 20 per cent; and in 1943, 24 per cent.

Last year six of the eight conferences in the Columbia Union exceeded their quotas for *Liberty*, the New Jersey Conference topping the list with 207 per cent of its goal. The religious Liberty Department of our union has actively cooperated with the General Conference Religious Liberty Department at all times, and on numerous occasions our Union Conference religious liberty representatives have appeared before Congressional committees to testify, including hearings on the Sunday barber bill, and the proposal to ban certain religious literature from the mail. Our department was given credit on one occasion for bringing about the defeat of a Sunday bill before Congress after the measure had practically passed both the House and the Senate.

In addition, we have materially assisted in numerous instances where our individual members felt their religious liberties were being infringed upon. This was particularly true during the war years.

In line with the action of the Autumn Council, many of our churches now have local religious liberty secretaries for the first time. This is a great opportunity for our laymen. They can wield a tremendous influence in this field of endeavor.

Medical Cadet Corps and War Service Commission

In addition to all these activities we feel that we at least should mention the Medical Cadet Corps work and War Service Commission work that were carried on in a strong way in the Columbia Union during most of the quinquennial period.

In closing this report I would say that although we are living in a troubled world, the outlook for our work in the future appears good. We have confidence that He who upholds millions of worlds by His mighty power will guide and be with His people until the work is finished.

Committees Appointed

General Committee

N. C. Wilson, *chairman*; Allegheny: J. H. Wagner, F. L. Bland, J. L. Moran; Chesapeake: C. V. Leach, A. B. Butler, C. B. Newmyer; East Pennsylvania: D. A. Ochs, J. G. Mitchell, H. V. Reed; New Jersey: W. B. Hill, J. L. Neil, H. J. Adams; Ohio: W. M. Robbins, C. C. Morris, Merle Mills; Potomac: H. J. Detwiler, N. S. Ashton, W. E. Malin; West Pennsylvania: W. C. Moffett, E. A. Beavon, C. B. Green; West Virginia: C. J. Coon, J. R. Johnson, J. H. McHenry.

Nominating Committee

N. C. Wilson, *chairman*; H. J. Detwiler, C. V. Leach, C. J. Coon, D. A. Ochs, F. D. Nichol, W. C. Moffett, R. L. Boothby, J. L. Moran, W. M. Robbins, W. B. Hill, J. H. Wagner, C. C. Morris, J. L. Neil, W. H. Shephard, J. F. Ermshar, J. H. McHenry, J. G. Mitchell.

Committee on Credentials and Licenses

H. T. Elliott, *chairman*; W. C. Moffett, J. H. Wagner, D. A. Ochs.

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Treasurer's Report

C. H. KELLY, Secretary-Treasurer

FIVE years have elapsed since the last Columbia Union Conference session. These have been, for the most part, war years and the economic balance of the whole world has been upset. Unprecedented prosperity and



C. H. KELLY
Re-elected

economic ruin have vied with each other for supremacy around the circle of the globe. In such a time as this it has been our privilege to unite our efforts with those of our faithful people for the advancement of God's work in the earth. The results as shown in the accompanying statements (see page 6) are due largely to the faithfulness and zeal of our more than 27,000 believers.

We would not forget the splendid leadership of the 700 ministers and workers in the eight conferences making up the Columbia Union.

The Columbia Union was organized in 1907 with a membership of 5,717 and during the first twelve years of its operation as a union the increase in membership amounted to 5,135. Dur-

See pages 6 and 7 for Comparative Balance Sheet, Comparative Condensed Operating Statement, and History in Figures.

ing the last five years we have made a net increase of 50 per cent, or about the same increase in membership in five years that it took twelve years to accomplish in the early days.

Our tithe receipts have more than doubled in the last five-year period from just under the million-dollar mark in 1941 to well over the two-million dollar mark in 1946. Our peo-

ple have shown their continued interest in our world-wide mission program by increasing their per capita giving from 45 cents a week in 1941 to almost 68 cents a week in 1946.

The comparative condensed operating statement visualizes the results of our operation over the period covered by operating gains totaling \$322,486.93. We have shared this operating gain with our eight conferences by passing back to them as capital appropriations about \$100,000.

The comparative balance sheet reflects the general trend in increased assets and net worth over the five-year period.

Surely the Lord has greatly blessed along every line during these years and it is our earnest prayer that during the coming quadrennial period we may continue the strong evangelistic program in every field, and that when we come to another session our increases may be even greater.

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Committee on Constitution and By-Laws

C. H. Kelly, J. P. Neff, W. F. Miller.

Committee on Seating of Delegates

C. H. Kelly, W. H. Jones, W. A. Butler.

Committee on Plans

F. D. Nichol, J. R. Ferren, J. P. Neff, J. G. Mitchell, F. L. Bland, N. S. Ashton.

Report of Nominating Committee

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For members of the Columbia Union Conference Executive Committee:

D. A. Ochs, C. H. Kelly, J. C. Holland, G. M. Matthews, J. F. Kent, O. S. Hershberger, W. H. Shephard, R. A. Hare, H. A. Morrison, J. H. Wagner, C. V. Leach, T. E. Unruh, W. B. Hill, W. M. Robbins, H. J. Detwiler, W. C. Moffett, C. J. Coon.

Report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws

That Article 6, Section 3-B, be changed to read as follows: "the nominating committee shall consist of at least 11 members, one of whom shall be selected from among the General Conference representatives who may be present."

Report of the Committee on Credentials and Licenses

The Committee on Credentials and Licenses submitted the following report which was adopted:

Ministerial Credentials

D. A. Ochs, F. H. Robbins, J. C. Holland, A. J. Robbins, B. G. Wilkinson, M. G. Conger, W. H. Shephard, O. S. Hershberger, Frederick Lee, R. A. Hare, J. F. Kent, J. M. Jackson.

Ministerial License

J. P. Neff, C. H. Kelly, H. H. Morse, O. S. Beltz, M. R. Thurber, Warren F. Adams, S. W. Tymeson, C. N. Rees, F. O. Rittenhouse, Paul V. Starr, L. W. Graham, Mary E. Walsh, Martin Kemmerer, D. A. Bailey, J. D. Snider, C. E. Palmer, E. U. Ayars.

Missionary Credentials

Elizabeth Fickes, Mabel Meinhardt, Edna Matz, Maybelle Vandermark, Emma Hughes, Pearl M. Jenkins, Helen M. Shull, Mrs. A. Bernice Loasby, Mrs. Lloyd Holbert, E. M. Andross, Mabel Cassell, R. L. Neilsen, R. L. Runk, Myrta M. Cornor, Leah M. Griffie, Grace M. Parker, Perlle DeF. Henderson, Minnie Abray, G. Fletcher Tarr, J. F. Brownsberger, J. N. Kimble, Minnie E. Dauphinee, Metta I. Hudson, J. H. Nies, Esther L. Pierce.

Missionary License

Ena Manuel, Muriel Outhouse, W. H. Hackett, Lee S. Davis, Harold Doering, Nis Hanson, George H. Herdman, T. R. Larimore, Mrs. Edda Larimore, W. J. McClelland, Ellamae Stone-

burner, Ruth McElhany, Mrs. Elga B. Coberley, Mrs. M. Alice Kimble, Minna Marshall, Olive M. Bennett, J. H. Strawser, Leslie B. Taylor, Leta H. Wight, Karl Koch, O. C. Barrett, W. J. McComb, Linnie L. Keith, C. B. Smith, Louise B. Stuart, Theo G. Weis, Deena Ingels, Edna B. Hill, Russell A. Dunn, DeVoe K. Meade, Lionel A. Roth, Rachel Dzieciolska, Dorothy M. Sampson, Ina N. Rice, Waive M. Green, E. Q. Garner, John Schmidt, Elwin W. Bestpitch, Mrs. Martha Krause, Edwin Hallifax, J. J. Matson, J. W. Grounds, Maude Brook, Rose Freeman, Emily Williams, Idamae Melendy, Mrs. Mary F. Taylor, Ruth E. Melendy, W. C. Seymour, W. D. Walton, Helen A. Anderson, Edna Stoneburner, I. A. Friesan, Kemp G. Moore, William A. Bryan, W. A. Doering, H. E. Twing, G. W. Schaeffer, W. T. Bowen, Ethel M. Manwell, Andrew T. Griffie, Yvonne Bariaux.

Bible Workers

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Plans and Resolutions

Whereas, in the goodness of God we have enjoyed the privilege of living in the land of the free, have been spared the ravages of war, and have seen the mighty progress of the three-fold message in the territory of the Columbia Union, therefore,

Resolved, That we pledge to the Lord our renewed consecration of life and service to the finishing of His work, that we may be ready to meet Him triumphant at His appearing.

Resolved. That we express our ap-

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CONFERENCE PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

Allegheny Conference

J. H. WAGNER, President

It is a fact that the Allegheny Conference came into existence two years ago amidst a flood of apprehension and misgiving. There were logical reasons for these attitudes, but those who believed in the plan moved forward under the counsel from the servant of God and after two years of prayer, perseverance, and hard work, we are able to report that this conference is making rapid progress under the blessings of heaven.

When we organized in Philadelphia December 17, 1944 our membership was 3,567. Now the mem-



J. H. WAGNER
bership stands at 4,021. We have 18 ordained ministers, 12 licentiates, 6 Bible instructors, 37 church school and academy teachers, 9 workers in the office, and 136 colporteurs. The colporteurs have sold \$265,599.20 worth of literature in the past two years. The sales of

the Allegheny Book and Bible House have been \$138,481.98 for the same period.

The enrollment for our church schools and academies is 645 to date. In the first year of its operation Pine Forge Academy has an enrollment of 97 students from every section of the country. This school answers a need that has been prevalent in our field for the past 20 years. To purchase, equip, staff, house, and open this school has been a signal achievement of the Allegheny Conference. Over \$105,000 has been raised and spent for this project in the past year. The plant is now easily worth at least a quarter of a million dollars and is an asset reflecting credit to our work.

The Home Missionary Department of the Conference is a very efficient organization. The army of laymen in the Allegheny Conference during 1946 conducted 10,000 Bible readings, made 22,000 missionary visits, carried 6,000 persons to Sabbath school and other services, gave 15,000 persons needed help, and gave 4,000 treatments.

As a result of these labors by the laity, 300 persons have been added to the church. In the two Ingathering drives that we have launched since our organization, \$56,243.87 was raised for missions. Total mission offerings, including Sabbath school, Ingathering, Missions Extension, and Midsummer offerings, amounted to \$167,356.36 for the two-year period.

Our Sabbath school work is moving forward. Four new Sabbath schools were organized during 1946. Records from our Sabbath school show that 286 persons from the Sabbath school classes were baptized into full church membership. The financial picture is a bright one. Our believers have demonstrated their loyalty to God's program by their liberal

COLUMBIA UNION CONFERENCE COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET—1942-1946

Assets	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
CURRENT:					
Cash in Bank	\$ 32,938.19	\$ 57,733.49	\$108,218.89	\$220,568.81	\$129,239.77
Accounts Receivable	19,273.87	11,023.55	13,102.28	7,255.81	86,120.87
Notes Receivable	850.00				
Securities	5,500.78	7,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Prepaid Expense	414.13	480.77	263.52	751.57	296.83
Prepaid Supplies	23,451.21	30,693.46	38,545.82	37,609.01	5,661.32
Investments					51,711.99
Total Current Assets ..	81,928.18	106,931.27	170,130.51	276,185.20	283,030.78
FIXED:					
Equipment	6,298.38	5,210.94	5,129.82	4,584.09	3,771.14
TOTAL ASSETS	88,226.56	112,142.21	175,260.33	280,769.29	286,801.92
Liabilities					
Accounts Payable	55.70	129.80	764.01	8,163.03	5,927.55
Trust Funds	30,162.91	24,617.79	42,815.55	42,423.70	32,471.46
Deferred Income	12.75				230.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	30,231.36	24,747.59	43,579.56	50,586.73	38,629.01
Regular Net Worth	48,095.20	60,994.62	79,280.77	84,822.56	91,208.37
Surplus Reserves	9,900.00	26,400.00	52,400.00	145,360.00	156,964.54
Total Net Worth	57,995.20	87,394.62	131,680.77	230,182.56	248,172.91
Total Liabilities and Net Worth	88,226.56	112,142.21	175,260.33	280,769.29	286,801.92

COMPARATIVE CONDENSED OPERATING STATEMENT—1942-1946

Income	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
Tithe from Conferences	\$126,329.86	\$156,895.76	\$182,848.61	\$193,660.61	\$211,226.19
Interest	269.62	252.62	234.97	338.23	151.12
Investment Income					1,846.17
Miscellaneous	602.57	169.57	719.51	79.11	140.13
TOTAL INCOME	127,202.05	157,317.95	183,803.09	194,077.95	213,363.61
Expenses					
Workers' Salary and Expense ..	34,651.77	40,444.89	41,730.41	40,554.31	46,774.09
General	4,607.89	5,238.08	6,343.24	5,622.40	8,386.04
Appropriations	24,612.01	26,574.25	32,111.57	27,836.74	24,316.77
Administrative	5,573.12	6,483.80	6,835.62	6,790.45	8,460.63
Tithes	24,381.66	28,241.23	32,912.73	34,922.62	38,089.53
Depreciations	1,163.94	1,158.37	1,065.11	991.54	1,055.02
Operating Expense	94,990.39	108,140.62	120,998.68	116,718.06	127,082.08
Operating Gain without Subsidy	32,211.66	49,177.33	62,804.41	77,359.89	86,281.53
Appropriation and Subsidies	2,635.84	2,898.94	2,963.59	2,956.80	3,196.99
Total Operating Gain	34,847.50	52,076.27	65,768.00	80,316.69	89,478.52
Appropriations Refunded	3,855.92		1,000.00		
Capital Appro. and Transfers ..	21,000.00	39,176.85	48,481.85	74,774.90	83,092.71
Increase to Net Worth	17,703.42	12,899.42	18,286.15	5,541.79	6,385.81

gifts to missions. The Sabbath school offerings averaged \$153.91 for each day, or a total of \$556,024.67 for the year 1946. This is a gain of \$4,159.89 over 1945.

We have five Dorcas federations, embracing every church within our conference territory. Thousands of articles of clothing have been crated and sent to the Eastern Warehouse for overseas shipment. Blankets, pillow slips, curtains, towels, bandages, etc. have been donated to Riverside Sanitarium. New electric sewing machines, tables, scissors, and notions have been given to the Home Economics Department of Pine Forge Institute. Curtains, table linen, accessories for the dining room, as well as money to furnish a guest room have been given to the school by Dorcas groups. In the Allegheny Conference "Dorcas Does Things!"

For the year 1944, the tithe was \$197,397. For the year 1946 it was \$231,789.99. Thus, for the two years of our operation, the tithe and mission offerings have amounted to \$616,543.74. The Allegheny Conference has passed on to the Union and General Conferences \$348,992.06 for the past two years.

While doing this for the world field, we have not neglected our work at home. All outstanding church debts against church buildings in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Columbus, Ohio, Dayton, Ohio, Cleveland, Ohio, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Youngstown, Ohio, and Cincinnati, Ohio to the amount of \$50,000 have been obliterated. School properties have been purchased, church buildings renovated and repaired, and all along the line there has been a general improvement.

In spite of the fact that we are handicapped by not having sufficient equipment for efforts to carry on a strong evangelistic program, the workers of the Allegheny Conference baptized 370 persons in 1945 and 376 persons in 1946, or a total of 746 souls since the organization of the Conference.

Truly, God is blessing the work of this new institution and with His continued support and the loyal and faithful cooperation of our workers and constituency the future looks bright and we are of great courage in the Lord as we go forward with a firm determination to do our honest share in carrying this gospel of the kingdom to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people so as to help usher in the eternal kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.

Chesapeake Conference

C. V. LEACH, President

THE Chesapeake Conference comprises the territories of the states of Delaware and Maryland, with the exception of Montgomery County, Maryland and a five-mile strip bordering the District of Columbia, in Prince



C. V. LEACH

George's County, Maryland. There are also within the borders of this conference three counties in West Virginia and two counties in Virginia. The population is approximately 2,000,000.

Membership

The membership at the close of the third quarter of 1946 stands at 1,961 members. With the baptisms already having taken place since the close of the third quarter of 1946, our membership now stands at approximately 2,000 white members.

The membership at the close of the quinquennium ending in 1941 was 2,329 which included our colored believers. There were then approximately 1,629 white and 700 colored members. The net gain for white

membership for the last quinquennium is approximately 315 or 20 per cent. Should the gain in colored membership the first three years of the quinquennium be included, the net gain in membership would be much larger.

The present white membership stands about where the combined white and colored membership stood in 1939, which was 2,013.

These members are found in 31 churches which are quite well-distributed throughout the Conference.

Baptisms

Baptisms for the last quinquennium period were 840, while they were 238 for the previous 5-year period. The gain is 253 per cent. These baptisms included our colored work the first three years of the last quinquennium. Many of these newly baptized white members were with us only a short time, returning to their homes in neighboring states from the Baltimore area, when the defense work came to an end.

Finance

Tithe. The tithe received during the quinquennium ending in 1946 totaled \$712,171. The tithe for the previous 5-year period was \$294,343,

HISTORY IN FIGURES—COLUMBIA UNION CONFERENCE

Year	Member-ship	Tithe	Tithe Per Capita	Missions	Weekly Missions Per Capita	Sabbath School	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	26,622.64	\$ 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	150,092.72	.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	295,055.88	.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
1942	23122	1,263,298.60	60.08	555,437.94	.508	261,586.36	220,858.87
1943	24300	1,568,957.60	72.00	667,720.60	.539	325,243.81	244,844.15
1944	25463	1,828,486.10	77.40	760,968.38	.608	374,496.07	284,235.36
1945	26253	1,936,606.30	78.32	804,134.04	.625	390,519.54	321,150.36
1946	27123	2,112,261.90	82.16	904,139.56	.676	424,937.94	360,083.06
		\$23,388,911.73		\$11,491,790.24		\$5,568,069.26	\$4,130,990.77

TOTAL TITHE, \$23,388,911.73; TOTAL MISSIONS, \$11,491,790.24. Tithe exceeds missions by \$11,897,121.49.

a gain of \$417,828 or 142 per cent. The tithe paid per capita has run well up into the higher brackets of per capita tithe paid in the Union, the amount being \$74.88 per capita in 1946.

Missions. Mission giving in the last quinquennium totals \$310,354. The gain for the last quinquennium is \$152,°10 or 98 per cent. The primary sources of these mission funds are the Sabbath school and Ingathering.

Ingathering. Ingathering totaled \$219,674 for the past five years. For the previous 5-year period the Ingathering total was \$57,317. The gain was \$162,357 or 283 per cent. The Chesapeake Conference has been one of the few Minuteman conferences in North America for the past two years. Our per capita in 1945 was \$15.06 and in 1946, \$15.20.

Sabbath school offerings. The Sabbath school total for the past five years is \$141,841, while for the former quinquennium it was \$81,865, the increase being \$59,976 or 73 per cent.

Miscellaneous offerings. These leading sources of mission funds, the Ingathering, and Sabbath school, together with Missions Extension and second Sabbath offerings, etc., make up the grand total of \$310,354 presented to the mission treasury in the past five years.

Rehabilitation and Famine Relief. Our people responded with \$11,547 for the rehabilitation offering and \$9,993 for famine relief.

Four-E. During the past quinquennium we have promoted a 4-E fund, viz., Evangelism, Equipment, Education, and Emancipation—Emancipation from debt, which totaled \$23,000. This fund has been of great assistance in promoting the enterprises suggested in these various fields of endeavor.

Debt

For many years debt retarded and held in abeyance every advance move suggested in the Chesapeake Conference. At the end of 1937 the debt stood at about \$80,000. In the two years 1937-1939, under the good leadership of Elder Moffett, the debt was reduced by about \$15,000. The years 1940 and 1941 saw the debt reduced another \$21,000. At the beginning of the past quinquennium our debt on churches and the association totaled about \$43,000. This has been reduced in the past five years by the sum of \$34,000, leaving us a balance of approximately \$9,000. We are planning to liquidate this remaining indebtedness in 1947. We thank the Union and General Conferences for their sympathetic attitude and generous help rendered in removing this millstone from the necks of the people in the Chesapeake Conference.

New Church Organizations—New Buildings

Six new churches have been added to the Chesapeake Conference in the

past five years. They are: Chestertown, Essex, Federalsburg, Reisters-town, Elkton, and Charles Town-Ranson. These churches have an average membership of 41.

We returned from our last Union meeting at Pittsburgh, five years ago, to erect our camp meeting tabernacle and sanitary building, at a cost of approximately \$15,000. These buildings have been a great blessing to the Conference. They have encouraged a larger and more stable attendance at camp meeting.

New Churches and other buildings.

Fifteen new churches and other buildings have been erected or obtained in the past five years.

The total cost of new buildings, churches, etc., in the Chesapeake Conference during the past five years is \$178,000. These buildings and churches are all paid for with the exception of about \$10,000 being raised to complete four church buildings, to which finishing touches are being given.

Home Missionary

The laymen's program of the Chesapeake Conference is being led by Elder H. E. Voorhees. There is "a sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees" among our laymen of the Chesapeake Conference.

Their activities for the last quinquennium may be partially summarized as follows: 16,000 Bible readings; 61,000 pieces of clothing; 1,000,000 pieces of literature; \$24,000 in offerings for home missionary work; 239 persons won to the truth.

We should also bear in mind that it is under the leadership of this department that the Ingathering work is carried forward from year to year. The faithful leadership of this department, associated with ministers and people, has produced the splendid results reported under finance.

February 15-16 of this year a laymen's council convened in Baltimore, with 128 delegates present, every church in the conference represented save one. The slogan is: "Every church lighted every Sunday night" by leaders and laymen in the next 15 weeks. Plans have been completed for efforts in 28 of our 31 churches. We anticipate a large ingathering of souls as a result.

Five years ago we had 13 Dorcas societies, including one colored society. Now we have 22 societies in our 31 churches. We have three Dorcas federations—Eastern Shore, Baltimore Area, and Western Maryland. These societies have done commendable work in gathering, packing, and shipping clothing to our needy brethren and sisters overseas. Several thousand pounds were shipped from the middle of 1945 until the end of 1946.

Sabbath School

Under Finance we reported the splendid financial contribution the

Chesapeake Conference Sabbath schools made to missions. At this point we shall speak of membership, which stood at 2,021 at the close of the quinquennium. This is a gain of 103 per cent over the previous 5-year period.

In September, 1946 we enjoyed a very profitable child evangelism institute. Elder Eric B. Hare, Elder L. L. Moffitt, and Miss Meyer of the General Conference and Elder J. C. Holland of the Union gave splendid help. Eighty-eight delegates were present from our Sabbath schools. This institute enlarged the vision of able Sabbath school lay leaders in the churches. Already the fruits of this meeting are becoming manifest.

Publishing Department

In the past quinquennium our publishing work has been led by Brother Carroll Circle and James E. Curry, Brother Curry carrying the work for the last three years. Sister Juanita Jones assisted, leading our colored group during the first three years of this period. Sister Rhoda Matthews promoted the magazine work until about three years ago. She then changed her name to Mrs. J. E. Curry and since that time has continued to boost the work as the right-hand assistant of our valued Publishing Department Secretary, Brother J. E. Curry. A few months ago we welcomed Brother Harry Freese and his family to our Publishing Department force and he has been doing splendid work, assisting Brother Curry.

The sales in the past five years total \$443,309.40 and deliveries, \$319,047.17. The sales for the former quinquennium were \$66,740 and deliveries amounted to \$60,978. The gain in sales for the 5-year period is \$376,359 and the gain in deliveries is \$258,069. The average amount of sales per year for the last five years is \$75,000, which is \$15,000 per year more than for the total sales for the whole of the 5-year period 1937-1941.

Book and Bible House

Our Book and Bible House is under the direction of Brother Harold Bricker, who has had charge for the past five years. Five years ago our Book and Bible House was "itinerating" in our office building. Early in the quinquennium "growing pains" were manifest. We moved the office from a good-sized room to the largest room in the building. This was soon inadequate. It was necessary to erect a building and it was located between the office building and the camp meeting tabernacle which makes it easy of access at camp meeting time and contributes to increased sales.

The Book and Bible House stock and equipment at the beginning of the quinquennium were valued at approximately \$2,000. At the end of this period we have a stock and equipment of approximately \$15,000 which, together with the new building and

equipment, makes a combined value of about \$18,000. We shall not here speak of Book and Bible House sales since the report of the Publishing Department also covers Book and Bible House sales approximately.

In addition to the sales represented in the Publishing Department figures, approximately \$60,000 worth of literature has been sold to our church members during the past five years. Thus, our grand total sales by colporteurs and church members for the 5-year period is \$379,047.17.

Education

The educational and Missionary Volunteer work is under the direction of Professor T. H. Stockton. At the end of 1941 we had 10 schools and 16 teachers with an enrollment of 265, which included four colored schools with an enrollment of approximately 73. This leaves six white schools and eleven teachers with an enrollment of 192 at the beginning of the quinquennium.

We now have 12 schools and 20 teachers with an enrollment of 234. Our field is alive to the value of primary Christian education and we expect to see more schools and a growing enrollment every year.

Missionary Volunteer

Our Missionary Volunteers are also

under the general direction of Professor Stockton. The past five years have been years of growth and progress for our youth. At the beginning of the quinquennium we had 28 senior and junior societies and at the close, 40. These societies have been very fruitful in their work. We give a brief summary of their activities: missionary visits, 10,000; people helped, 7,000; literature distributed, 303,000; offerings—local work, \$2,800; Ingathering, \$21,000; local, Union Conference projects, \$650.

Two hundred and sixty of our young people were baptized during the 5-year period.

"Liberty"

The Chesapeake *Liberty* goal is a subscription in the hands of every leading public official, judge, lawyer, minister, and as many prominent citizens as possible. Our people have responded nobly, providing funds for religious liberty interests in the sum of \$7,722.07 during the past five years. In the previous 5-year period they presented 1,630.87, the gain being 362 per cent. Our subscription list now totals nearly 5,000 subscriptions.

Pray for the continued prosperity of workers and people in the Chesapeake Conference.

East Pennsylvania Conference

D. A. OCHS, President

To the delegates and to the visiting brethren here assembled in the Seventh Session of the Columbia Union Conference, we bring you from the East Pennsylvania Conference, its churches, its fellow believers, and

from its working personnel best wishes and Christian greetings:

The East Pennsylvania Conference comprises the 34 easternmost counties in the Keystone State, with a population of more than 6,000,000. Within this territory are scores of large cities.

Philadelphia has more than 2,000,000 population and is the largest city in the Conference and the third largest in North America.

The Conference in its present state was organized in 1903, that is, 43 years ago. During the last 30 years of this time eleven presidents served the field, an average of 2½ years each. During the past 10 years five presidents served the field which is approximately 2 years each, and during the last five-year period, three presidents

served the field for about 1⅓ years each. Obviously, in East Pennsylvania we need not be concerned about any tenure policy.

Districts, Churches, and Membership

At the present time the Conference is divided into 21 districts, comprising from two to four churches each. Each district is under the direction of a strong district superintendent. In all, there are 56 organized churches. During the last five-year period, seven new churches were organized, these being Bloomsburg, Doylestown, Pottstown, Troy, Gettysburg, Waynesboro, and New Tripoli.

The membership growth has been steady and marked. At the close of the previous five-year period, December 31, 1941, the Conference membership was 2,834, and at the close of this last five-year period ending December 31, 1946, the membership was 3,486, a net gain of 652 or an average net gain of 130 a year.

During this last five-year period, the average annual membership gain for every 1,000 members was 40. That is 13 more than the average annual gain per 1,000 members in North America.

Soul-Winning Evangelism

A large number of evangelistic ef-

forts were held in churches, tents, halls, and theaters. In all, four dark counties were entered—Columbia, Bucks, Adams, and Franklin Counties. During this same time 1,264 souls were won to the cause of truth by baptism and on profession of faith, an increase of 70 over the previous five years. The total cost of these efforts amounted to \$107,034.42, that is, for every \$84.65 spent, one soul was won.

The radio also played an important part in our evangelistic endeavors. At the present time the message is being broadcast over three different stations—Bethlehem, Philadelphia, and Chambersburg.

In connection with public efforts and radio broadcasts, ten district and church Bible schools are being conducted.

In our soul-winning endeavors we are not only putting forth every effort to win souls and to conserve the fruitage, but we are also endeavoring to reclaim those who have gone out from us. To accomplish something along this line, we obtained the names of all those disfellowshipped over the years. Appealing letters were written to all, inviting each one to come and fellowship again with God's remnant people. Already we have experienced some tangible results.

Finances

Back of all soul-winning endeavors, we must recognize the value and necessity of our efficient system of finances, dealing with books, banks, financial statements, and supposed-to-be-balanced budgets. Into the treasury of the East Pennsylvania Conference through every phase of income for the past five years there have flowed hundreds of thousands of dollars, as the following figures reveal:

Year	Tithe		Tot. Miss.
1937-41	559,251.30		277,844.52
1942-46	1,148,690.70		498,838.42
Gain	589,439.40		220,993.90

Year	Sab. School	Ingathering	Literature
1937-41	119,496.13	134,196.27	122,287.18
1942-46	237,577.43	211,712.20	319,435.14
Gain	118,081.30	77,515.93	197,147.96

1942-46 Average Gain Per Year
Tithe, \$117,887.88; total missions, \$44,198.78; Sabbath school, \$23,416.26; Ingathering, \$15,505.56; literature, \$39,429.39.

Peak Year, 1946
Tithe, \$287,360.50; total missions, \$124,266.01; Sabbath school, \$59,423.35; Ingathering \$51,496.37; literature, \$67,498.22.

Not only are we doing all possible to support the world-wide mission program, but we are also endeavoring to provide our own church buildings, to keep them in good repair, and to dedicate them free of debt. During this last five-year period eleven new church buildings were purchased or erected at a total cost of \$198,750. Then, too, a number of new church building projects are now in the making. The Waynesboro believers purchased a large plot of ground, and will soon be worshipping in their new completed church basement until such time when they can get permission



T. E. UNRUH
Newly elected President

to complete the entire house of worship.

The Williamsport believers recently purchased a large brick dwelling. As soon as conditions permit, this will be taken down and the material used in the erection of a permanent, commodious church dwelling.

The old North Philadelphia Church was sold recently and a larger stone structure purchased in Chestnut Hill. Ere long this congregation will be worshipping in their new place.

The Carlisle believers have their lot and the blue-prints drawn up, and as soon as permits are obtained, they will begin to erect their long-needed church building. Other church organizations have lots and a growing building fund.

It is a pleasure for me to work with Mr. W. F. Miller, the Conference Secretary-Treasurer, and a strong committee in an all-out endeavor to rid the Conference of its indebtedness in the shortest time possible. During the last two years, the long standing indebtedness on six church houses has been paid, and five of them dedicated free of debt. These churches are Williamsport, Harrisburg, Lancaster, Montrose, and Media. The sixth, Honesdale, is now ready for dedication.

When it comes to our financial policy, we endeavor to carry forward a well-balanced program with a well-balanced budget.

Departments

The place of well-organized departments in the Conference cannot be over-estimated. Much that is accomplished throughout the field and churches is due to their splendid promotion.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, under the direction of Mrs. Sybil King, has prospered in every way during this quinquennial period. During every 52 Sabbaths in the year, our people gathered for Bible study, prayer, and for the purpose of supporting the world-wide mission program. The total amount given to missions through 56 well-organized Sabbath schools is revealed in the following figures:

1937-41	\$119,496.13
1942-46	237,577.43

Gain	\$118,081.30
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This is an average gain of \$23,618.26 a year. The year 1946 was the best year in our history, with a total of \$59,423.95.

THE HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT, which has the responsibility of organizing and developing in Christian service the laity of the churches, is perhaps the greatest potential force for the evangelization of our populous territory. This department, under the direction of Elder A. F. Ruf, has now scheduled a large number of Home Missionary Conven-

tions throughout the field for the purpose of organizing all church forces into missionary work — zoning the towns and cities into working districts for systematic house-to-house work with literature, visits, and Bible studies.

The following figures reveal what was done along Home Missionary lines during the last five years:

Pieces of Literature	2,304,827
Bible Studies	28,519
Missionary Visits	90,874

The many and varied papers and magazines such as the *Review and Herald*, *Liberty*, *Present Truth*, *Signs of the Times*, etc., have had a wide circulation in the Conference. When it comes to Ingathering, here, too, much has been accomplished as the following figures reveal:

1937-41	\$134,196.27
1942-46	211,712.70

Gain	77,516.43
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An all-time high record was achieved last year, 1946, with a total of \$51,496.39.

THE MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT, of which Mrs. King is secretary, accomplished great things in behalf of our young people. During the last five years the average number of Missionary Volunteer societies for the Conference was 44; total Investments, 765; and total vocational honors awarded, 1,303; and best of all, 758 young people were baptized, or an average of 151 a year.

THE EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT, now under the supervision of Elder A. F. Ruf, maintains 14 church and intermediate schools, and one day academy, with a total enrollment of 614 students, trained and guided by 23 teachers. The schoolrooms range in capacity from 8 to 40 desks each.

The Philadelphia Academy was purchased in the fall of 1945. This commodious stone structure with an ample playground and gymnasium and swimming pool, is located near the city line on Drexel Road in Philadelphia. This Academy has enrolled 63 students. The teachers are doing all possible to make the school all it should be. Then, too, we have no less than 140 young people in training in Washington Missionary College, Shenandoah Valley Academy, Mt. Vernon Academy, and other neighboring schools and sanitariums. We cannot do too much for our children and youth, in getting them into our own schools—the “havens of refuge for our tempted and tried youth.”

THE PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT under the direction of J. A. Jarry has the responsibility of enlisting, mobilizing, and sending forth a large army of colporteur evangelists, for the one supreme purpose of placing the message in printed form into every home in the entire Conference.

For the five-year period of 1937-41 the volume of business done by our Book and Bible House totals \$122,287-

18, whereas in the last five-year period, 1942-46, the total volume of business was \$319,435.14, a gain of \$197,147.96, or an average gain of \$39,429.59 a year. Here, too, 1946 stands out with a total of \$67,498.22. These figures represent counter sales, church supplies, and the wholesale price of subscription books as delivered by our colporteurs.

THE RELIGIOUS LIBERTY DEPARTMENT has the responsibility of keeping before our people, churches, and the public the dangers threatening our principles of true religious liberty and freedom. We are leaving nothing undone to educate the public. Our people are fully aware of the value and place of our *Liberty* magazine in this program of education. Each year they stand ready to do their full share in placing this magazine into the hands of men in key positions.

Working Personnel

The East Pennsylvania Conference is blessed with a strong and experienced corps of workers—41 in all, exclusive of colporteurs and church school teachers. Of these, 17 are ordained ministers; 6, licensed workers; and 8, Bible instructors. The others are office and departmental workers. Personally, I greatly appreciate the cooperation of all workers in every Conference endeavor, their loyalty and devotion to the cause of God, and their Christian fellowship and good will in all our united endeavors to finish the Lord's work in this, our day. We are not unmindful of the wives of our workers who stand close by their companions in praying, weeping, and rejoicing. The Lord will greatly reward their faithfulness at His glorious appearing. We as workers wish to express our thanks for the help given by the Columbia Union and General Conference leaders and workers.

Spiritual Fitness for Greater Results

We fully sense that the call of the Lord is not merely for more money, more workers, more buildings and equipment, more plans and devices, etc., as necessary as all these are, but for a fuller measure of God's Holy Spirit for the speedy finishing of the work. We pray daily that God may help us to render real spiritual leadership in our ministry.

With the passing of the old year and with the advent of the new, 1947, all our workers of the Conference gathered for two days, during which time much study and prayer were directed to the supreme question—that of our own personal fitness of heart and mind for the reception of the Holy Spirit for more power and greater results in our ministry. During this important workers' meeting, such quotations as the following were taken seriously by every worker: “Why do we not hunger and thirst for the gift of the Spirit, since this is the means by which we are to receive power. Why do we not talk of

it, pray for it, preach concerning it" ("Testimonies," Vol. VIII, p. 22)? With such a longing and attitude of mind and heart, God will honor His faithful servants in East Pennsylvania with a fuller measure of His

Holy Spirit for greater accomplishments.

The workers in the East Pennsylvania Conference join me in requesting your sincere and earnest prayers in our behalf.

New Jersey Conference

W. B. HILL, President

THE New Jersey Conference, its workers, and 2,345 church members bring Christian greetings to the Seventh Quadrennial Session of the Columbia Union Conference.

Once again the customary four-year period has been extended a year. The following report, therefore, covers the five year span from January, 1942 to the end of December, 1946. With the exception of the last six months of 1946, this reviews the accomplishments of Elder M. G. Conger's aggressive administration.



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The former president gave strong direction to all evangelistic and missionary endeavors. The noteworthy accomplishments are therefore credited to his untiring leadership and the cooperation of consecrated ministers and laity.

Evangelism

Congested metropolitan centers, numbering millions of inhabitants, in New Jersey constitute a challenge for evangelism. The many races and foreign language groups present a unique soul-winning opportunity for our churches conducting work in eight languages. These people are numbered among our most faithful members in missionary service and the support of all denominational programs.

The Spirit of God alone is able to penetrate the natural apathy of the entertainment-loving city dweller or the indifference of the pleasure seeker in the larger summer resorts. If there be "giants in the land," there are also modern, courageous ministers partaking of the spirit of Caleb and Joshua. In the north, central, and southern sections of the state strong evangelistic efforts have been conducted. We mention Newark, Plainfield, Trenton, New Brunswick, Paterson, Passaic, Bridgeton, and Vineland among others as typical of the aggressive crusade for souls. Elder Andrew Fearing and associates have devoted their entire time to evangelism. Those baptized have strengthened and brought new courage to the churches. During the latter part of

1946 a new church company was organized at Collier's Mill.

For the recent quinquennial period there have been 815 baptisms. The church membership in 1941 was 2,093. At the close of 1946 it stood at 2,373, which represents a net gain of 280 for the last five years.

Publishing

The Publishing Department Secretary and the Conference ministry have covenanted to seek out a good number of colporteur evangelists. They intend to give the proper recognition to this important work that our publications deserve in these stirring times. The influence of this department will be enlarged in the coming months. Deliveries for the past five years amounted to \$215,029.01, or an increase of nearly \$145,000.

Educational, Missionary Volunteer

There are 144 children enrolled in our nine church schools. Twelve consecrated teachers are now employed.

The number of students and teachers must be greatly increased if we intend to save our children for this cause. To secure teachers fully equipped and prepared to instruct the children of our churches continues to be an acute problem.

Missionary Volunteers in the 12 societies have eagerly responded to the call of God. In all denominational objectives they have shown loyalty and enthusiasm. Provision for a junior camp and a constant training of Master Comrades is being planned. The youth have been foremost in vigorously fostering the work of temperance.

Home Missionary and Sabbath School

In home missionary accomplishments New Jersey excels. There are 3,871 *Signs of the Times* entering our Conference each week. The IN-GATHERING total during the past five years was \$190,034, revealing a gain of \$63,996 over the previous similar time period.

As of December, 1946 the *Liberty* magazine subscription total was 4,490. Of approximately 1,200 families in New Jersey, nearly 1,000 of these are now subscribing to the *Review and Herald*. Ten out of every 12 families receive the official Seventh-day Adventist Church publication. This is the highest percentage of *Review*

coverage in the history of this conference.

Twenty-seven Dorcas societies and three federations have unstintingly answered the emergency calls at home and abroad. Liberal assistance has been rendered the New York warehouse.

Rehabilitation, famine relief, and Missions Extension contributions received reveal a greater response by the faithful membership than heretofore experienced.

The 2,149 members of the 39 Sabbath schools cheerfully gave \$164,460 during the past five years, which represents a gain of more than \$56,000.

Child evangelism has captured the imagination of Conference workers and Sabbath school leaders. A concerted campaign to save our children for God's cause constitutes a prime objective in this present year.

The Plainfield Academy

The Plainfield Academy continues to offer educational privileges to a good class of students who are not enrolled in a boarding school. A large number of graduates have expressed appreciation for opportunities Plainfield has made possible for them. This Conference-owned academy has accommodations for more students than are now enrolled. A consecrated faculty is employed to give a preparatory education for college entrance.

Bible Correspondence School

With wholehearted cooperation the New Jersey workers have supported the Conference-sponsored Bible Correspondence School. More than 12,000 applicants have enrolled, and over 900 diplomas have been issued. A total of 135 baptisms have been recorded thus far.

Church Buildings

A new church building will soon be dedicated in New Brunswick. Trenton's commodious church plant is about 75 per cent completed. When finished this structure will be among the finest in the whole Columbia Union Conference. With clear, providential leading, Elder J. Lee Neil has demonstrated that God's miraculous power is still the same today as in ancient times. A beautiful new memorial to God has been erected in Cape May Court House. The Perth Amboy Hungarian congregation has purchased a representative church building. At least three other congregations are definitely committed to a church building program. There is no indebtedness on any building.

Financial

During the past five years the tithe has amounted to \$861,616.54, a gain of \$426,980.44. For the same period \$423,549.86 was contributed to missions, a gain of \$168,506.06.

The Book and Bible House Manager informs me of total net sales amounting to \$224,397.17 which, when compared with the preceding period, means a net increase of \$135,186.73.

With gratitude to God we conclude this quinquennial report from this important eastern state with its more than 4,000,000 inhabitants. We have refrained from mentioning the names

of faithful committeemen, loyal Conference office personnel, aggressive ministers, Bible instructors, colporteurs, and church school teachers. All these have received the cooperation of our laity and have done exploits for God. Their deep devotion and unprecedented achievements are chronicled in heaven's records and the hearts of God's people.

Ohio Conference

W. M. ROBBINS, President

As we review the achievements of the past five years in the Ohio Conference, we find a substantial growth in all departments. God has greatly blessed our work in Ohio. The five-year period covered by the report



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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.

Membership

The church membership in the Ohio Conference January 1, 1942 was 5,873. In 1945 there were transferred to the Allegheny Conference from Ohio 993 members, which number deducted from the above leaves 4,880. The membership December 31, 1946 was 6,132, representing a gain of 1,252 for the five-year period.

Evangelistic Efforts

The total number of evangelistic efforts for the period was 45 and the total baptisms, 2,471. Of course, the colored baptisms were included in this total, but when the colored churches were transferred to the Allegheny Conference the newly baptized colored members were transferred, which accounts for the net gain's being cut down to 1,252. A strong program is already planned for a number of major and smaller efforts for 1947.

Financial Report

The eight years of valuable service rendered by Brother E. F. Willett have been much appreciated. Following our camp meeting in 1946 he accepted a call to the Michigan Conference to serve as Secretary-Treasurer. We feel we were very fortunate in securing Elder C. C. Morris as Brother Willett's successor. He took up his duties in this conference August 1, 1946. Elder Morris' years of experience enable him to carry the Secretary-Treasurer's work in Ohio in a strong way.

Tithe

The total tithe income for the last 5-year period was \$2,076,107.64 and for the previous 5-year period it was \$894,325.53, an increase of \$1,181,782.11, or a 132-per-cent increase.

Mission Offerings

The mission offerings for 1942-1946 were \$829,395.88. The total for the previous period was \$366,415.51, an increase of \$462,980.37, or 126 per cent.

Association

Our financial standing for the Conference Association reveals real progress. The notes payable for 1941 were \$26,787.37, and for 1946, \$6,949.95, a decrease in notes payable of \$19,837.42 for the 5-year period.

The Association properties fully paid for as of December 31, 1946 are valued at \$57,002.41. The 30 church properties held in the Ohio Conference Association as of December 31, 1946 are valued at \$411,350, none of which have any indebtedness except some still under construction, and they are on a pay-as-they-build program. Six of these church properties have been built or purchased during the last period, costing \$215,500. In addition to this, \$95,000 has been appropriated by the Conference to our school work.

Ohio Book and Bible House

The Lord has wonderfully blessed our Book and Bible House in its operation. Brother Charles H. Boyts was invited by our Conference committee to take over the management of the Ohio Book and Bible House January 1, 1946, and is making remarkable records. We consider Brother Boyts one of our strongest Book and Bible House Managers.

Brother Boyts has handed me some very interesting figures which reveal real progress. The total amount of sales for the previous period was \$195,554.52, and for the last 5-year period, \$574,180.66, a fine gain of \$378,626.14. The net sales for the one year, 1946, amounted to \$122,586.60, and the net gain for 1946, \$10,495.85.

We have made some major improvements in our Book and Bible House by building a new addition. We have one of the finest display rooms of any of the Book and Bible Houses

in the denomination. The increased counter sales have required us to employ two full-time workers in the display room. Our counter sales for December, 1946 totaled \$2,115.99 and for January, 1947, \$926.72.

By adding the sales for December, which was the largest month in sales, to the amount for January, which was the smallest month in sales, we get the total of \$3,042.71. Taking these two months as an average and multiplying by six, it would give \$18,256.26 for the year. We believe it is possible to reach this figure in our counter sales for 1947. The interesting part of our counter sales is that the purchases made are about 100 per cent by non-Adventists. Our Book and Bible House carries an inventory of approximately \$24,700, which enables us to give better service to our churches and colporteurs.

Home Missionary Department

The prospering hand of God has been manifest in the many activities of our home missionary and Sabbath school endeavors under the able leadership of Elders Anol Grundset and F. C. Webster. Elder Grundset carried these departments up to November 30, 1945 at which time Elder F. C. Webster was called to take over the departments.

Steady advance is noted in all lines of missionary work. Our lay members in the Ohio Conference have loyally assisted in the missionary activities as indicated by the report for the 5-year period ending December 31, 1946, which is as follows:

Bible readings and gospel meetings conducted by laymen, 48,794.
Missionary visits, 158,783.
Persons taken to Sabbath school and other services, 90,179.
Persons given needed help, 87,234.
Hours of Christian help work, 414,130.
Articles of clothing given to needy, 206,719.
Food baskets and bouquets, 144,355.
Pieces of literature distributed, 2,873,302.
Missionary letters written, 88,538.
Expenditures for home missionary work, \$84,782.58.

Ingathering

Another interesting phase of this report is the Ingathering, totaling \$312,226.30 for the past five years, showing a gain over the previous period of \$135,098.81.

Missions Extension

Our Missions Extension offerings for the years 1942 to 1946 totaled \$36,096.14, and for the preceding period, \$8,804.26, showing a gain of \$28,101.88.

Periodicals

We are exceeding our goal in subscriptions to the following periodicals: *Review and Herald*, *Signs of the Times*, *Sabbath School Worker*, *Liberty*, and *Church Officers' Gazette*. Ohio is maintaining its leadership in the Union in the distribution of *Present Truth*. During 1946, 240,293 copies of this periodical were distributed in Ohio.

Sabbath School Department

The average membership of our

Sabbath schools as of December 31, 1946 was 5,240. At the close of the previous period 10 Sabbath schools in Ohio were listed as reaching the 30 cents a week a member, and at the close of the last period there were 50 of our Sabbath schools reaching this prescribed goal.

The total Sabbath school mission offerings for the period ending December 31, 1946 was \$401,229.90, and for the period ending December 31, 1941 the total was \$174,010.18, giving an increase of \$227,219.72, or 130 per cent.

Two state-wide Sabbath school conventions were held in the Conference during the last five years.

Educational Department

The Educational and Missionary Volunteer Departments are under the good leadership of Elder H. R. Nelson. Our church schools are another growing department of our work in Ohio. We have a staff of church school teachers who have a high sense of their calling.

The average number of church schools in Ohio during the last five years totaled 21 and for the previous period, 21. The average number of teachers for the last period was 32 and for the preceding period, 31. The average enrollment for the last period was 589 and for the previous period, 509. During the last 5-year period the three large colored schools were added to the Allegheny Conference, but in spite of this our average number of schools showed no loss and the enrollment increased.

The total amount of Ingathering money raised by our church schools during the last five years was \$13,786.13 and for the preceding period, \$7,754.32. The total number of church school children baptized during the last period was 167, as against 193 for the previous period. The 167 does not include the baptisms in the colored schools for the last two years.

We are grateful for the fine co-operative spirit shown by our church school boards, church members, and parents of the children, which makes possible the strong church school program we are conducting in the Ohio Conference. We also have appreciated the strong promotion Elder Nelson has given our church school work.

Missionary Volunteer Department

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 our Conference and institutional work.

We have a large army of youth in

Ohio, and for the last 5-year period the report shows an average of 55 societies and for the previous period, 53. The average membership was 1,114 for the last period, as against 1,607. The loss is due to the fact that a large number of colored young people were transferred to the Allegheny Conference and some were taken into the armed service.

A total of 1,551 young people were invested during the last 5-year period, a gain of 784. The number of reading course certificates issued for the last period was 2,568, a gain of 206. During the last five years there were 684 young people baptized. The Ingathering money raised by the young people amounted to \$51,602.56.

During the last three years the Ohio Conference Missionary Volunteer Department has conducted junior camps at Tar Hollow each summer. A total of 561 juniors attended these junior camps and 204 went home to join baptismal classes in their home churches. During the past three years the M. V. Department has conducted a Conference-wide M. V. officers' convention and one state-wide youth's congress, as well as many sectional and district youth rallies.

Publishing Department

Elder F. E. Thumwood and his assistants, Brother George W. Sisson, Brother R. O. Schroeder, Brother C. F. Circle, and Mrs. Bessie Vincent, have given excellent leadership to the colporteur work, and God has wonderfully blessed their efficient and faithful service.

Potomac Conference

H. J. DETWILER, President

To the delegates assembled in the Seventh Quadrennial Session of the Columbia Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists—

Greetings:

This report from the Potomac Conference covers a 5-year period beginning January 1, 1942, and closing December 31, 1946. During these eventful years the most terrible war of all time was waged. The faithfulness of our church membership during this time is reflected in their earnest labors for the salvation of others and unprecedented increase in tithes and missions giving.



H. J. DETWILER

Evangelism

To evangelize every part of the Potomac Conference which includes

During the 5-year period 1937-1941 the total orders taken by our Ohio colporteurs amounted to \$274,000 and the deliveries were \$168,000, with many souls won. In comparison with the above we are able to give the following figures for the last five years. The total orders were \$875,000, representing a gain of \$601,000, and we realized a fine total in deliveries of \$702,000, a gain of \$533,000.

Our magazine work has held up very well and we have kept in the lead with *Life and Health* each year over 58 other conferences. Ohio has held to the first or second place in the world field in total deliveries.

Scores of souls have been won to the third angel's message through the efforts of our colporteur evangelists. One of our faithful workers reports 20 souls baptized during her ministry with the printed page. Others report as many as seven for one year's work, and the encouraging number of 27 taking Bible studies.

The year 1947 is very promising for the literature ministry in Ohio. Our goal is "every worker a soul winner." The Columbia Union Conference has set our goal at \$200,000 in deliveries. This report represents consecration, prayer, and hard work on the part of the leadership and our faithful colporteurs, and surely God will reward and bless that kind of service.

What has been accomplished in all departments of our work in the Ohio Conference is wholly the result of the blessing of God attending our work.

Washington, our nation's capital city, by the proclamation of the message in greater power has been our constant goal and supreme objective. Eighty-three evangelistic efforts were conducted during this period in large and small city auditoriums, in halls, in tents, in churches and high schools, and in other public meeting places throughout the Conference.

Elder E. F. Koch, our Conference evangelist, raised up new churches of strength in several "dark" counties of Virginia. His latest effort was conducted in a splendid high school auditorium in Richmond. This meeting was discontinued just before the holidays because of a fuel shortage resulting from the coal strike.

Elder G. S. Rapp conducted successful evangelistic meetings annually in the Capital Memorial Church. Brethren Flory, Griffin, and Hanson conducted efforts in large auditoriums. A number of our younger men held most successful efforts in tents and halls.

An outstanding revival was conducted by Elder W. H. Branson Vice-President of the General Conference, in the Sligo Church during the month of March, 1945.

Later a six weeks' revival was conducted in the Sligo Church by Elder H. M. S. Richards of the Voice of Prophecy, assisted by the Kings Herald's quartet.

At the beginning of this period, the Potomac Conference secured the services of Elder R. L. Boothby, our Union Conference evangelist, and his associated workers. On Sunday night, September 27, 1942 Brother Boothby opened a series of evangelistic meetings in Constitution Hall. The use of Continental Hall was secured for the week-night meetings.

Elder Boothby and his evangelistic company also held a series of meetings in the city auditorium of Lynchburg, Virginia, and in the Mosque of Richmond, which is one of the finest auditoriums in the South.

Time will not permit me to report many excellent efforts conducted by our fine group of young men and their co-workers. Eternity alone will reveal the final results of the seed sowing.

During the first part of this period we also secured the services of Miss Mary E. Walsh, Columbia Union Bible instructor. Miss Walsh conducted Bible training classes in a number of our largest cities. Thirty-six certificates were issued at the close of a class held in Richmond; 27 in Roanoke; and 33 in Norfolk and Portsmouth.

Baptisms and Membership Growth

During this period, 1,982 precious souls were won to the truth in the Potomac Conference and added to the membership of the churches of the Conference. A total of 1,806 were added by baptism and 176 by profession of faith. This is an 18-per cent gain in baptisms over the former five-year period, 1937-1941. The membership of the Conference at the time of our last Union session was 5,539. Since then, we transferred 888 members from the Potomac to the Allegheny Conference. This reduced our membership as of that date to 4,651. Under the blessing of God it has now grown to 6,330. This was our membership December 31, 1946 and represents a net gain for the five years of 1,679, or 36 per cent.

During this period eight new churches and three new companies were organized: the Damascus Church in Maryland; the Pennsylvania Avenue, S.E., Washington Church; the Tazewell, Strasburg, Pulaski, Waynesboro, Appomattox, and Yellow Branch Churches in Virginia; and new companies in Richlands, Radford, and Altavista, Virginia.

Eight new church or school buildings were erected and two purchased

at a total cost of \$407,000. Four additional church buildings are in process of construction and will be completed early in the spring.

The building of the Sligo Church in Takoma Park, with a seating capacity in the main auditorium and balcony of 2,313, satisfied a long-standing need.

Seventeen more church organizations in the Potomac Conference have created building funds for the erection of greatly needed church and school buildings—two in the District of Columbia, five in Maryland, and ten in Virginia.

Tithe and Mission Offerings

The total tithe income from the Potomac Conference for this quinquennial period 1942-1946 of \$2,400,927.86 is an increase over the former 5-year period of \$1,316,812.60, a gain of 121 per cent. The tithe from the churches of Virginia from 1937-1941 was \$156,862.40. From 1942-1946 it increased to \$479,940.71. This is a net gain of 206 per cent. A new day has come for this great message in the Old Dominion state.

During this period, 1942-1946, the per cent of tithe paid by the Potomac Conference to our Union Conference amounted to \$240,092.81. This sum exceeded by more than \$8,000 the total tithe percentage paid to the Union by the seven conferences combined during the 5-year period, 1932-1936, following the Union session in Jersey City.

The Potomac Conference during this 5-year period, 1942-1946, sent out of the Conference from its tithe \$1,061,538.80. Of this amount \$494,386.65 represents 20 per cent of our regular tithe that is given to missions.

The mission gifts for this period, 1942-1946, amounted to \$961,236.22. This is a net gain over the former 5-year period of \$490,461.50, or 104 per cent.

The mission gifts from the churches of Virginia from 1937-1941 were \$110,537.55. From 1942-1946 they were \$248,511.88, almost a quarter of a million. This is a gain of \$137,974.33, or 125 per cent. Our Conference weekly per capita amount to missions in 1941, the close of the former 5-year period, was 51.9. For 1946 it was 80 cents a week per capita.

With our increase in tithe we added for the period 1942-1946, 66 per cent to the number of workers in the field. The largest number were young men entering the ministry.

Publishing Department

The total sales of the Potomac Book and Bible House for the former 5-year period, 1937-1941, were \$132,175.24. For the present period, 1942-1946, the sales were \$464,671.94. These figures represent the wholesale price of subscription books sold and not the retail price. The increase in actual business done by our Book

and Bible House for this 5-year period was \$332,496.70 or 251 per cent.

This excellent record was made by faithful and continuous toil on the part of our colporteurs. Their work is of the highest importance.

Educational

The highly supervised Educational Department of the Potomac Conference has maintained for this period, 1942-1946, an average of 25 schools, 42 teachers, and an enrollment of 800 boys and girls in the elementary grades. During this period we opened 11 new schools and provided 7 new school rooms. A total of 359 boys and girls were awarded certificates for completing the elementary course in the church school, and 255 were baptized.

In addition to Takoma Academy, which is connected with Washington Missionary College, Shenandoah Valley Academy has had during this period the largest enrollment in its history. The academy farm now consists of 238 acres with one of the finest Guernsey herds in Shenandoah County. The location of this school is ideal. It is accomplishing a good work in the training of our youth.

Richmond Academy has been doing a work similar to that of Plainfield Academy in New Jersey. Its active and devoted group of students have been a great inspiration to the growing membership of the Richmond Church. This day school is located in the very best section of the capital city of Virginia.

Sabbath School Department

The Sabbath school comprises the entire membership of the church. Its spiritual value and influence cannot be over-emphasized.

The average yearly membership of the Sabbath schools of the Potomac Conference for this period was 5,378. The total offerings were \$495,630.69. The Alexandria, Virginia Sabbath School is reported to have had the highest investment per capita in North America for 1946.

Two four-day child evangelism institutes have been conducted with gratifying results, one at the Sligo Church in Takoma Park, and the other at Shenandoah Valley Academy in New Market, Virginia.

Home Missionary Department

The greatest latent or potential force in the church is in its lay membership. During this quinquennial period our churches raised \$327,967 in the Ingathering. This is a net gain of \$155,677.77 over the former 5-year period, or 90 per cent.

The work of the Dorcas societies in supplying clothing for the devastated countries overseas has been outstanding. In a brief period of time, these faithful sisters marked, sorted, and packed for overseas ship-

ment 94,463 garments totaling 40 tons, which represented one-twelfth of our denominational overseas shipments from our two American warehouses in 1945; and the good work is going steadily forward.

During this 5-year period three Conference-wide lay preacher conventions were held; 55 public efforts were conducted by laymen; and 532 cottage meetings. A total of 2,722,757 pieces of truth-filled literature were distributed. In a few months' time more than 2,000 copies of "*Daniel and the Revelation*" were placed in the homes of our believers.

Missionary Volunteer Department

Youth is always the mainspring of action in missionary endeavor. The youth of the church are the workers of tomorrow.

From 1942-1946, \$110,664 of In-gathering money was solicited by our Missionary Volunteers. This represents 34 per cent of the total amount raised. Bible readings given by our youth totaled 11,780. They reported the distribution of 625,485 pieces of message-filled literature. A total of 2,540 were invested and 5,759 vocational honors were conferred.

Medical

The Prince Georges Medical Center is doing an excellent work. The highest praise for its services is expressed by county and city officials. Housed in a vacant storeroom 13 years ago with inadequate facilities, and staffed by one physician from our Washington Sanitarium, and a few volunteer helpers, it was open but one afternoon a week and received an average of less than 10 patient visits per clinic for the first three years.

In 1942 a milestone was reached in the development of the clinic when it was moved into its well-equipped quarters next to our representative and attractive Hyattsville Church building. From 1942 to 1946 the number of patient visits was 22,367. During this same period \$44,585.63 passed through the clinic treasury and was spent in bringing medical aid to thousands of needy persons over a wide area, irrespective of race, color or religion.

The Wytheville Hospital opened 15 months ago. It has already become well and favorably known, and has the reputation of being the cleanest hospital in the southern part of Virginia. The hospital staff numbers 37, and it is operated by Drs. Malin and Trott.

A clinic has also been opened in the Malin Building on Main Street where the poor of the county may receive medical care.

This medical missionary project has proven to be an opening wedge, the right arm of the message in southwest Virginia. The Wytheville Church membership is experiencing a very rapid growth. Ninety people in

Wytheville alone are receiving personal Bible studies or taking the Bible correspondence course offered by Brethren Peeke and Coffman in connection with their Pulaski radio broadcast.

We are happy to report that an increasing number of our doctors are manifesting a definite interest in the Old Dominion state. The widespread influence for good of the Washington Sanitarium, the Leland Memorial Hospital, and Dr. Hadley's institution in southwest Washington, all located within the confines of the Potomac Conference, has brought our principles and great message in a favorable light before many of the finest people in the Greater Washington area.

Miss Dean, our Medical Secretary, has conducted classes in health instruction in a number of churches throughout the Conference. These classes have been attended by non-Adventists also. The fine work done in our schools in physical inspection is illustrated by the rapidly increasing number of Gold Star pupils. This work is yielding large dividends. The number of Gold Star students increased 300 per cent in a period of two years.

Radio

The use of the radio has become one of the most effective means of reaching all classes with the truth. We are now broadcasting over 11 stations; eight in Virginia; two in Washington; and one in Maryland. These broadcasts cover a large portion of the Conference. The Bible correspondence courses conducted in connection with the broadcasts are proving an excellent means of creating an interest and of building up our church mem-

bership. Through this means many have been led into the truth.

The correspondence school conducted by the Conference, under the direction of Elder Dallas Youngs, enrolled 18,000 in its Bible courses in two and a half years. One-half of these enrollees are believed to be from the rural and small-town areas of Virginia. In this way the truth has been brought to many of Virginia's "dark" counties. Forty-three have already been baptized as a direct result of this Bible correspondence school. The offerings received have averaged \$400 a month. This has made the school practically self-supporting.

Workers Deceased

It is with a vivid sense of the loss sustained by us that we report the decease of Elder and Mrs. R. D. Hot-tel, Mrs. Mabel Wales-Hoffman, Mrs. J. H. Smith, Elder R. S. Fries, Brother and Sister Thomas Stottlemeyer, and Ernest Reedy. Of them it can be said, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

Conclusion

We sincerely appreciate the loyal workers in the Potomac Conference, and the continued faithfulness of our constituency who have made possible this report. For all that has been accomplished, we gratefully acknowledge the blessings of the Lord so evident upon the work throughout the field. And we pledge anew by God's sustaining grace to press continually forward to greater heights of accomplishment, and to finish the task that has been committed to us.

West Pennsylvania Conference

W. C. MOFFETT, President

DURING the first two years covered by this brief report the work of the West Pennsylvania Conference was under the direction of Elder L. H. King. During the last three years Elder M. E. Loewen led in this work until called to the presidency of the Philippine Union.



W. C. MOFFETT

In this streamlined session, typical of our speeding age, we shall not burden this delegation with a maze of figures. Suffice it to say that under the blessing of our God the loyal members of the West Pennsylvania Conference, cheered on by faithful workers, have made an outstanding record in the attainment of every important goal.

One encouraging achievement of the quinquennial period was the complete liquidation of the heavy indebtedness which for years had hampered the progress of the work. Not only the Conference, but every church, is free from debt. We intend to keep it so, the Lord helping. In attaining this worthy objective the cooperation of the Union and General Conferences was greatly appreciated. The strength of our work lies in its unity.

Every department of the work is being carried forward strongly by capable secretaries. The growing appreciation of the importance of gathering our children out of the world into our own schools is being demonstrated by the steady springing up of new schools.

Our greatest handicap in establishing church schools is the fact that only 16 of the 40 churches own their own church buildings. Every church

should have its own house of worship with provision for a church school for the lambs of the flock. Steps are being taken to provide church homes as rapidly as possible.

Worthy of special mention is the Pittsburgh 12-grade junior academy with three teachers and 60 students. The well-equipped three-story building represents an investment of \$22,000.

In the 5-year period the colporteur leadership has changed four times. Owing to the great vitality of this work, it still survives. The Lord is now moving upon the hearts of substantial men and women to give up lucrative positions and to dedicate their lives to soul-winning colporteur evangelism. As these consecrated workers brave winter's cold and summer's heat to place our message-filled literature in the homes of the people, everywhere interests are springing up in their wake and *more and more* people are accepting the truth. Actual colporteur deliveries for the quinquennium totaled \$218,701.63. Judging from the first two wintry months, we face the best year in our history.

During the period under review, tithes turned into the treasury totaled \$571,568.36 and mission offerings were \$291,860.99, besides the liberal response to the appeals for rehabilitation, famine relief, and other calls too numerous to mention, making a grand total of \$900,000. Regular mission offerings equaled 50 per cent of the tithe. During this period a full half-million dollars was cheerfully sent to Washington to assist in finishing the work in the great world field. There is no parallel in history to the loyal giving of this people of the advent movement—and greater things are just ahead.

Five years ago West Pennsylvania had a membership of 1,464 after deducting those who later transferred to the Allegheny Conference. At the close of 1946 there were 1,702 members. There were 745 baptisms. The net gain was 238.

To get the picture of our field clearly before the delegation, may I make a friendly comparison. West Pennsylvania's population is 4,000,000. That happens to be the identical population of the North Pacific Union Conference. They have a membership of 27,025, or nearly 16 times our membership. Our tithe last year was \$118,131.90. The North Pacific Union tithe was \$843,180, or seven times greater. We have the same number of people to warn. West Pennsylvania has 78 unwarned cities with a combined population of 800,000. With your permission, let us compare West Pennsylvania with a section of darkest Africa. The South African Division has a baptized church member for every 1,213 inhabitants. Including the resident members of the

Allegheny Conference West Pennsylvania has one member for every 2,000 population, and 75 per cent of some of our cities are of foreign extraction.

Take Greater Pittsburgh, the steel capital of America, with its metropolitan area of 1,994,060 people, who, like the Ninevites of old, spiritually do not know their right hand from their left. In the midst of world-shaking events we are scarcely touching this great city with our finger tips. Surely this situation constitutes a mighty challenge.

As we have visited the 40 churches and covered every part of the terri-

tory during the past few weeks our soul has been mightily stirred not only by the magnitude of the unfinished task but also by the evidences that the Lord is moving upon the hearts of sincere seekers for truth in all parts of the field.

The times call for a heart-searching revival and reformation that will bring the outpouring of the latter rain, and set workers and laity on fire for God in an all-out soul-winning movement which will cut the work short in a blaze of celestial glory. Into this experience we are seeking to lead our people.

West Virginia Conference

C. J. COON, President

THE West Virginia Conference is composed of 16 organized churches and 957 baptized members. We have five ordained ministers and five licensed ministers; one part-time Bible worker, and our office staff. We have



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three church schools and three teachers. Our tithe has shown a gradual gain each year during the past five-year period. In 1942 the tithe totaled \$37,947.53. In 1946 it amounted to \$67,940.16. In 1942 the mission offerings totaled \$19,378.70, and in 1946 they amounted to \$32,904.46, or 61.8 cents a week for each member. This puts West Virginia at, or near, the top of all North American conferences in the highest percentage of mission offerings, based upon the tithe income. For the past two years we have been a Minute-man conference in the Ingathering campaign.

West Virginia received, in tithes and offerings, last year, the sum of \$100,844.62. From this amount \$54,165.86 was sent out of the conference, leaving us only \$46,678.76 to be retained for local Conference operations, besides our Small Conferences Subsidy of \$7,500.

The literature sales for the past year amounted to \$30,346.66, as compared with \$16,800.31 for 1942.

Our strongest church organization is the Charleston Church, with a membership of just over 200. It was not many years ago when only a handful of faithful souls struggled on year after year in that city. Then, through the generosity of the Columbia Union Conference and our sister Conferences, Elder Robert L. Boothby and his associates conducted a strong evangelistic effort there, resulting in

the addition of 142 souls to that church. Under the faithful and sympathetic shepherding of the flock by the succeeding pastors, nearly all of them remained faithful, and some of them are now among the strongest leaders in the church.

The present pastor, Elder J. R. Johnson, has conducted an almost continuous program of Sunday night evangelistic meetings in the church for the past two years and has added 45 souls to the Charleston Church, and continues to have a good interest and a good attendance at his services every Sunday night. Others are preparing for baptism.

Such experiences could be duplicated in other of our cities, if we only had the men and the means. As an example, last September Elder Boothby and his helpers began a series of evangelistic services in the city of Huntington in the Civic Auditorium. Already 33 souls have been baptized, and an equal number of definitely interested ones are now being worked with. This is bringing great courage and strength to the Huntington Church. Other of our struggling churches need such a meeting, and they need it now.

Wheeling

Late last summer Brother D. B. Myers, pastor of the Wheeling Church, providentially found a large brick residence, well-located, that had been the home of a wealthy druggist, and was to be sold to settle the estate. This residence was so constructed that it could be made to serve the need for a church building, a church school, and parsonage. After counsel with the Conference and the Union, this property was purchased for only \$14,000. The church had \$3,000 as down payment, and the balance was furnished by one of their members, to be paid back as funds come in. Through the earnest promotion by the pastor and the members to liquidate this indebtedness, the church is now more

than half paid for, with good prospects that it will be fully paid for by the close of this year. This answers a long-felt need for Wheeling.

Camp Ground

Several years ago our conference purchased five acres of land in the city of Parkersburg which had been a prominent city park. This ground has since been used as our permanent camp ground site. Last year, under the able leadership of my predecessor, Elder W. B. Hill, this park was greatly beautified, and two commodious buildings were erected, both of concrete block construction. One is a well-planned cafeteria, dining hall, and kitchen, with a fine Book and Bible House attached. The other is a modern sanitary building with lavatories, showers, and hot and cold water. These buildings stand as a memorial to Elder Hill's keen foresight, and wise management.

We are looking forward to the time when we can build a camp meeting auditorium, and begin to replace a number of our older family tents with neat cabins.

Educational

When people accept this message, one of their first interests is the Christian education of their children. Because this conference does not meet this need as it should, many of these faithful souls have moved away from our churches to other conferences

where school privileges are provided. We are glad that our members' needs are met elsewhere, but *we* should provide this need and build up our own constituency. If all who have accepted the truth in this conference had remained here, the increased tithe income would have enabled us to do more in evangelism. We hope soon to provide better for the educational needs of our membership.

Medical

Another interest that must be fostered is the medical work. Very little along this line of work has ever been done here. However, recently we have secured three good Christian doctors to locate in Parkersburg, our Conference headquarters. They are: Doctors Delmar and Marion Brown of Takoma Park, husband and wife. They were enjoying a good practice in Takoma Park, but they felt the call of God to locate where the medical light has not shone. God honored their Christian zeal and, providentially, they were able to secure the finest suite of doctors' offices in Parkersburg, and are now locating here. They also secured one of our Adventist dentists, who is to join them soon, Dr. C. W. Herrmann, who has spent 24 months as dental surgeon at Fort Meade. With these two families of consecrated workers, Parkersburg will have a new day. We are now working to locate other doctors in other cities.

Evangelism

Our great need in West Virginia is to build up our church membership to the point where our tithe income will enable us properly to conduct and promote the work here; and the way to increase our church membership is through evangelism.

With our limited funds we cannot conduct the strong efforts which produce marked results.

It requires a set-up more elaborate now than formerly to appeal to the public, and this costs money. If some arrangement can be devised whereby West Virginia can be supplied with a good evangelist for two or three years, to conduct strong efforts in our larger cities, I believe our membership will then be increased enough to support a strong work without further financial aid. Without this evangelistic help it appears that we can only hope to struggle on, making no more progress in the future than we have made in the past. To put West Virginia upon a self-supporting basis, in this way, is the best financial investment that can be made. I earnestly appeal for special consideration of this obvious need.

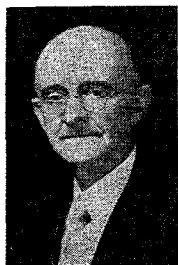
With this help provided, "The West Virginia" will streamline the shining rails of evangelism, and tunnel the hills of opportunity to carry a full load of heaven-bought souls into the kingdom of our God. To do this, we consecrate our all.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Educational Department

J. P. NEFF, Secretary

ALL schools, public and private, were hard hit by the war. The colleges and secondary schools lost many from their enrollment. These and the elementary schools also lost many of their teachers. The men were drafted



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into the Army and the women found other employment. Those who would normally have become teachers found immediate employment without additional preparation. Consequently we lost both teachers

and prospective teachers.

Not only has it been impossible to secure well-qualified teachers for the schools that were established, but new schools could not be opened and

operated because teachers could not be secured. Our superintendents could not expand their work for this reason. It has been most difficult for them to provide teachers for the schools already in operation.

Unless and until the denomination emphasizes the high and the holy value of Christian education on the same plane of support and recognition as evangelism and foreign missions, we cannot expect our schools to be supplied with competent, consecrated teachers. Our young people will continue more and more to seek work in other denominational activities. We need not and we cannot expect our young people to appreciate the value of Christian education and put it on the same plane as that of the ministry and missionary work when we do not give it the same recognition as we give these.

Our educational system will not

prosper, even if it can survive, unless we give our people and especially our young people the overwhelming conviction that the teacher's work is as important as any other and that at this time it is essential to the progress of the third angel's message in all the world.



G. M. MATTHEWS
Newly elected Secretary

My report will show some progress but it has not been commensurate with the increase of the membership. This is a true but sad picture. We are asleep and do not realize the tremendous issues that will result:

1. The loss of the eternal salvation of our children.
2. Not a sufficient number of the youth prepared—qualified workers, ready to carry the everlasting gospel to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people.
3. An insufficient number of quali-

fied workers to man our own institutions, conference organizations, and churches in the homeland; that is, there are not enough workers to carry out the program of promotion for raising funds for foreign missions, and other promotional endeavors prescribed by the denomination, and to give the message by evangelism to the people of America.

I have the following statistics to present to you:

The elementary enrollment, grades 1-8, four years ago, 2,056; the present year, 2,314. Grades 9 and 10, four years ago, 234; this year, 264.

Number of elementary and intermediate schools eight years ago, 88; four years ago, 89; this year, 99.

Number of teachers eight years ago, 135; four years ago, 135; this year, 163.

Number of secondary students eight years ago, 410; four years ago, 652; this year, 800.

Washington Missionary College enrollment eight years ago, 444; four years ago, 465; this year, 637.

Total enrollment in all schools eight years ago, 3,298; four years ago, 3,407; this year, 4,015.

The average teacher's salary in the elementary grades has increased from \$15 a week to \$29.23.

There has been a healthy increase between 1942 and 1946, and there has been particularly a large increase in the number of students in the secondary field and in the college. Of course, in reviewing the past four years it is necessary to take into consideration the influence of the war.

During the past four years there has been considerable progress among our day academies. The Richmond Academy has become well-established. The enrollment in the present year is 30 students, and the school, including the elementary school, employs four teachers.

The Philadelphia Academy purchased a commodious building from Princeton University, located in a beautiful suburban section of Philadelphia. The enrollment in this academy has grown from 19 to 65, and the school employs six teachers, including the two in the elementary school.

The Baltimore Academy has moved forward into a twelve-grade school.

Our boarding academies are full to overflowing.

In the Allegheny Conference there are two 12-grade day academies and four 10-grade academies. It has also purchased and established the Pine Forge Institute located about 50 miles west of Philadelphia. It opened in September, 1946 and the enrollment is 97. The people of this conference have raised about \$60,000 in cash among their churches for the purchase and equipment of the plant which consists of a farm of 575 acres and eight large stone buildings which accommodate the needs of the Institute today. They

are, however, planning for a new stone administration building.

Shenandoah Valley Academy now has four farms two of which were purchased during the past four years.

Mount Vernon Academy has four farms, three of which were purchased during the past four years.

We are encouraged with what has been done and we look forward to greater expansion and service in the College and in the secondary and elementary schools in the years just ahead.

This report is necessarily incomplete. Christian education is a spiritual process resulting in spiritual attainments. It is impossible to gather statistics to express either spiritual efforts or results. The number of schools, teachers, and students is pitifully inadequate to show what has been achieved. Down the years it might be better seen than today; but only in eternity can a full report be given.

Increase of salaries has helped us. Forty weeks' pay and \$1 a day during vacation have been an encouragement; checks direct from the conference, the denominational policy of paying for sickness and certain dental expenses; and scholarships for those preparing to teach have all contributed to the welfare of and appeal to our young people and teachers.

Just as long as the importance of Christian education is not properly emphasized our youth will console themselves in doing other denominational work.

How has this affected the figures, statistics, and results of my report? Precisely in this way: We were unable to supply teachers to the churches that were calling for church schools. In the years that have been so prosperous, our people in many churches

wanted to educate their children but we could not respond to their calls because we did not have teachers for them.

Plainly, the recognition of Christian education among us was not sufficiently stressed to make the appeal to our young people to teach and so they found other employment. They satisfied their consciences that just so they were doing something in the denomination it was all the same. Many teachers accepted other work in the denomination that seemed to them more attractive. In the absence of that emphasis which I believe should be placed on Christian education, they turned to other employment.

When we impress our people that nothing is of greater importance than the education and training of our children; that of all the institutions in this world the school is the most important; that teaching children is the noblest missionary work; that our schools in these last days are cities of refuge; and that the Lord of heaven is looking down to see who is doing the work he wants done for the children and youth; I say when we so impress them with these facts, we shall have teachers. Had we had the teachers the figures in my report would be advanced at least 33⅓ per cent.

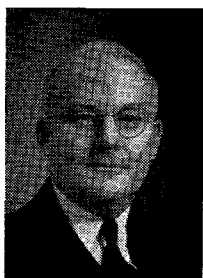
In these perilous times for us all and especially for our children and youth, shall we not re-dedicate ourselves to this proposition in the years that lie immediately ahead? We see this army of our youth with the little ones following after them. While the long shadows of the morning still fall across their pathway, and their eyes are yet undimmed with the years, and while their steps are moved by the buoyancy and vigor of their early days of life, let us do all we can to direct their journey along the pathway that leads to eternal day.

Home Missionary Department

J. C. HOLLAND, Secretary

THE various lines of lay evangelism which have been promoted constantly in every section of the Union during the quinquennial period from 1942-1946 may be grouped in three major divisions.

Literature



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Literature evangelism is basic. It is a contact medium and an interest arousing messenger for which there is no substitute. "More than a thousand will soon be converted in one day, most of whom will trace their con-

viction to the reading of our publications." Mrs. E. G. White, *Review and Herald*, November 10, 1885. That explains why the literature ministry is to go forward with "increasing success." It is one of the Lord's most important plans to lead people to "Search the Scriptures."

"Signs of the Times"

The subscriptions to the *Signs of the Times* were more than doubled. The number of subscriptions listed December 31, 1941 at the close of the previous quinquennial period was 10,449 subscriptions. The subscription list at the close of December 31, 1946, was 22,689, which is a gain of 117 per cent over the preceding quinquennial period.

A large portion of the *Signs* subscriptions are being sent to the min-

isters of non-Adventist churches and to other select groups.

"Our Times"

The major effort in the use of *Our Times* has been supplying the public libraries in every conference every year, but many of our people have sent subscriptions to friends and neighbors.

Large Books

A total of 14,078 copies of a special edition of *"Daniel and the Revelation"* were used by our laity in a lending and gift literature effort to arouse many thinking people to study the great prophecies of the Bible, especially the books of Daniel and the Revelation.

Small Books

Two other literature efforts were conducted during this time in which small books were used. Many thousands of copies of *"Belief and Works of Seventh-day Adventists,"* and *"After One Hundred Years"* were given to Ingathering donors as follow-up work, and to other individuals who were interested.

Small Literature

The largest phase of literature ministry was the regular systematic distribution of *Present Truth*, *Good News*, tracts, and Bible lessons. Much of this was delivered to the homes of people personally, but some who were unable to go to their neighbors personally, used the mails. They gave their time during some evening, usually before or following prayer meeting, to wrap, address, and mail them. Good results have come from all these methods. The laymen's reports, although very incomplete, show that 13,102,429 pieces of literature were distributed during this quinquennial period, and this was a gain of 36 per cent over the preceding period.

Bible Evangelism

Those who are led to study the Bible through the reading of literature, or by some other means, and are convicted of sin by the Holy Spirit, must usually have personal help before he makes his decision to obey God and to keep the Sabbath. But the problem has been to find enough church members who were both willing and qualified to assist conference workers in this work.

We have had a competent staff of ministers and Bible instructors through the years, but they are not able to accomplish the task alone.

The Lord cannot finish the work until the lay members rally to the work of soul saving, because that is God's plan to develop Christian character. We can never be saved in indolence and inactivity.

"Those who reject the privilege of fellowship with Christ in service, reject the only training that imparts a fitness for participation with Him in His glory. They reject the training

that in this life gives strength and nobility of character."—"Education," p. 264.

How thankful we should be that the laity have not rejected God's plan. Some are working successfully now, and many others are willing to work, but they do not know how.

"It is training, education, that is needed."—"Testimonies," Vol. IX, p. 117.

"God expects His church to discipline and fit its members for the work of enlightening the world."—*Id.*, Vol. VI, p. 431.

The Columbia Union Conference committee believes every word of this inspired counsel, and they felt constrained to do something to stimulate a greater interest in lay evangelism. So in the autumn of 1943 they voted to employ a full-time instructor to conduct soul-winning training classes.

Miss Mary Walsh, who is well-qualified for this work because of her personal experience and knowledge of the origin of Catholic doctrines in the light of Bible prophecy, was chosen for this work. Furthermore, she has a burden to spend her life training laymen and to see them winning souls successfully. In the summer of 1944 Miss Walsh began this training program at Richmond, Virginia. The course she gives stresses a workable knowledge of the doctrines of Christ and His methods of work. For Christ is the center of every true doctrine and His methods of work alone will give true success (*Id.*, Vol. VI, p. 54; *"Ministry of Healing,"* p. 143).

Classes have been conducted in several cities in the Potomac, Chesapeake, New Jersey, Ohio, West Pennsylvania, and West Virginia Conferences. Five hundred and fifteen men and women completed the course, passed the examination, and have received their certificates from the Home Missionary Department of the General Conference. Some of these graduates are now very faithfully giving Bible studies and holding cottage meetings.

In addition to those who have completed the training class taught by Miss Walsh, about 200 others have been graduated from classes taught by ministers, Bible workers, and lay members. Reports are being received of a large number of classes being organized and conducted by many workers in every part of the Union. The new textbook, *"Light Bearers,"* is making it possible to have many more classes.

The Radio

The Voice of Prophecy radio broadcasts have increased several-fold during this quinquennial period. I do not have the exact figures for 1941, but at the close of December, 1946, 53,087 adults and 19,162 juniors were taking the Voice of Prophecy Bible Course, or a total of 72,249.

The number of local broadcasts in the Union have been larger than in any similar period, and the laymen have supported both the Voice of Prophecy and the local radio programs.

Benevolent Service

During the war years Dorcas benevolent workers rendered a real service to the soldiers both in this country and overseas. They made warm clothing, sweaters, quilts, afghans, etc., and sent them to the various theaters of war. In this country they supplied several large general hospitals with bedside pockets for the convenience of wounded men. They were convenient containers for small books, magazines, Bibles, combs, brushes, writing paper, and pencils. This service was highly appreciated.

Since fighting ceased, Dorcas workers have labored untiringly gathering, mending, and packing clothing for impoverished people in countries overrun by the war. A total of 109,390 pounds or 54½ tons of clothing valued at \$135,000 has been sent to many parts of the world through our New York warehouse. As far as I know, every church in the Union has had some part in this grand service. But the churches in the New Jersey and Allegheny Conferences in northern New Jersey deserve special mention. For more than a year they have provided their share of volunteer workers to prepare the clothing at the New York warehouse for shipment.

This practical service of love must be seen more and more as suffering and trouble increases. Without it the church cannot prosper nor prepare to meet the Lord.

Temperance

Closely related to the ministry of the poor is the temperance work. Only a small beginning has been made in this field. But the time is ripe for a large work in Christian temperance. The doors of opportunity are opening and we should enter.

Over 300,000 special temperance issues of *Signs of the Times* and many more thousands of the General Conference Temperance Bulletin were distributed during this period. Temperance lectures have been given to high-school students, clubs, and men's organizations by local secretaries and General Conference representatives. Temperance films are being used to good advantage.

Missions Extension

While we have been working for souls in the homeland, we have not overlooked the mission fields. Our people love foreign missions, and they manifest that love in gifts and service.

The total funds raised during the 5-year period, 1937-1941, was \$52,-378.86. The similar period, 1942-1946, saw a total of \$145,989.25 raised. This represents a gain of \$93,610.39, or 178 per cent.

Ingathering

During the years 1937-1941, \$735-540.02 was raised in the Union for Ingathering. But during the quinquennial period from 1942-1946 the sum of \$1,431,587.93 was raised. This was a gain of \$696,047.91 or 94 per cent.

The Results

As a result of the various lines of soul-winning activity by the laymen of the Columbia Union during this 5-year period, there is great rejoicing among church members, and the angels of heaven. The names of 4,017 souls have been written in heaven, and Jesus said that for this we should rejoice (Luke 10:17).

Credit for the accomplishments in this report go to the laymen, church officers, pastors, conference secretaries, and executives. The General Conference brethren have also shared in this success, for theirs has been a wonderful spirit of cooperation in every line of endeavor.

The Future

The future is bright with hope. A glorious harvest awaits us. "There is before the church the dawn of a bright, glorious day, if she will put on the robe of Christ's righteousness, withdrawing from all allegiance to the world" (*Testimonies*, Vol. VIII, p. 11).

M. V. Department

O. S. HERSHBERGER, Secretary

THE Lord has greatly blessed the leadership of the Missionary Volunteer Department in our union during the last five years. Credit for this leadership goes to Elder C. P. Sorensen who is now on his way to the mission field. I am sure that we are all very sorry to lose his services to our union. I am also sure that we wish him Godspeed as he takes up his work in the fields beyond.



O. S. HERSHBERGER

This report cannot be as complete as it would be if Elder Sorensen were rendering it. It is also impossible to make comparisons of the work accomplished during this period with that of the previous five years. During this last period the reporting system of the M. V. Department was revised, and many items eliminated or combined with others.

During the past five-year period the Union has had an average of 262 Missionary Volunteer societies. This is 59 societies more than during the previous period. The average membership in our societies during this period was 5,909. At present our goal for the union is a Missionary Volunteer society in every church where there are enough young people, and every young person in the church a member of the society.

During the past five years 3,143 young people were baptized. The Missionary Volunteer Department cannot take all the credit for these baptisms, but it did furnish many of the candidates. Our young people's organization has contributed much to the baptisms of these young people. In addition, our youth helped to win many others. The object of our or-

ganization is to "Save from sin and guide in service." Our theme now is evangelism for our youth, and evangelism by our youth.

One of the high points of the Department was a Master Comrade camp conducted in Wheeling, West Virginia in 1946. Besides the instruction in leadership that was given at camp-fire periods, there were three things emphasized: (1) crafts; (2) recreation; and (3) nature. We had the very best instructors available for these different lines, and as a result of the training given, 216 vocational honor awards were issued. This represented approximately 188 hours of instruction time during the six days of camp. There were 110 present for this camp besides 17 visitors and guests. All who attended were very enthusiastic and anxious to take back to their home churches the instruction that was given them.

In addition to this Master Comrade camp, most of the local conferences have conducted junior camps, and those that did not have their own camps sent their young people to neighboring camps. There were also many youth's congresses, rallies, and officers' meetings. The Union Missionary Volunteer Department always took a very active part in all these gatherings.

Good progress was made in the devotional and educational features of our young people's program. An average of 2,390 youth were observing the Morning Watch, and the department issued 8,795 reading course certificates. During the last quinquennial period a new feature was added. In addition to the regular Bible Year, we now have a course that is known as the Character Classics. This feature includes the reading of the "Conflict of the Ages" series along with the Bible over a four-year period of time. A total of 2,357 of these certificates has already been issued. These fea-

tures contribute greatly to stabilizing and holding our youth.

Our progressive class work is making progress by leaps and bounds. A total of 5,184 were invested in the different classes, and of these 327 were Master Comrades. The gain for the period in investitures was 1,891.

Missionary Volunteers during the last period have distributed 2,742,616 pieces of literature, and during this same time they have given 36,792 Bible readings. A total of 235,834 missionary visits were made, and 236-130 persons were given needed help.

As I said, it is difficult to make comparisons between the two periods because of the change in the system of reporting. Every conference in the union is making definite plans to do a greater amount of missionary work, and all have already started their programs. The young people are planning to do a mighty work for God.

During this quinquennial period, the young people have raised \$297,232.33 in the Ingathering. Our youth are taking a very active part in this missionary phase of our work, and as a result they have rolled up a gain of over \$66,000 during this period. In addition to this, the young people have also contributed \$43,963.69 for special union and local projects.

During this same period the Missionary Volunteer Department carried the work of the War Service Commission. This included the Medical Cadet Corps work in which hundreds of our young people received useful training in first aid work and civilian defense. Those who entered the service had a good training for the medical work in the armed forces of our country. Help was also given to our young men who found themselves in trouble with the army officials. The Union was always able to give the needed assistance and help. For several years Elder John Haynes assisted in this work. In addition to the other help given, our boys were supplied with thousands of dollars worth of our literature for their own use and for distribution among the other soldiers.

The Missionary Volunteer Department furnished cadet uniforms and supplies to most of the conferences in North America. This supply bureau also carried the supplies and equipment for the young people's department, furnishing uniforms to all North America and many foreign countries.

During the last few years of this quinquennial period, the department also carried the work of the Council on Industrial Relations. Positions and jobs for many of our people were saved by the work of this council.

As we consider the accomplishments of this period, we can thank our heavenly Father for His blessings upon this important work of saving our youth.

Publishing Department

J. F. KENT, Secretary

IN listening to the following report of progress, kindly remember that on January 1, 1946 Brother S. L. Clark and I exchanged fields. With this thought in mind you can give credit where credit is rightfully due.



J. F. KENT

IS LITERATURE.

As we glance back over a period of five years and briefly sum up what has been accomplished through our publishing work, we can truly say, "The Lord hath done great things for us!" By way of comparison, please note this, all the combined deliveries of subscription books and magazines handled by the colporteur evangelists from 1937 to 1941 amounted to just \$595,869.49. But for the same period of time from 1942 to 1946 the grand total delivered was \$2,727,756.68—a gain of \$2,131,887.19, or a 358-per-cent increase.

The magazine deliveries for 1937 to 1941 were \$209,104.58. Then for the years 1942 to 1946 our magazine deliveries were \$718,722.66—a gain of \$509,618.08, or 419 per cent above. And as we look at the books alone, the figure from 1937 to 1941 stands at \$386,764.91. The following five years present quite a different picture, \$2,009,034.02—a forward move to the extent of \$1,622,269.11, and in terms of percentages, 243 per cent.

Yes, we rejoice over the above as portrayed by figures only. But as viewed by heaven, I am sure the half has not yet been told. Think upon the following:

1. The silent but mighty influence exerted in the home by the consecrated colporteur evangelist.
2. The several hundred thousand sermonettes given.
3. The thousands of earnest prayers offered with the people.
4. Envision literally hundreds of thousands of silent but powerful preachers proclaiming God's message in a most eloquent way. We are told God has a watch-care over these volumes and that as the honest in heart read, the same ministering angels that stand by the minister as he preaches the Word stand by these books as they are read.

There is no way of presenting an

accurate record of the number of souls baptized, but we know that literally scores have come to the knowledge of the truth as a result.

Magazines

The Spirit of prophecy clearly points out the important part these are to play in the proclamation of God's present truth. The three magazines that we are especially featuring in the Columbia Union through our colporteur evangelists are *Life and Health*, *Our Times*, and *Message*.

There are really two equally important fields of magazine work, namely the subscription and single copy. The subscription is perhaps the most general since we are encouraging all book workers to combine longer term subscriptions with their books; and all magazine subscription workers, likewise, are encouraged to combine at least one book with the magazines. The book helps to anchor the long-term subscription, while the monthly visit of the magazine not only brings a timely message but constantly reminds the family of the good book.

Thanks to the good old National Health Journal, *Life and Health*, for the way it is breaking down prejudice and opening doors for the religious message. Time and space will not permit the relating of experiences to bear this out. It is the burden of the Publishing Department of the Columbia Union Conference to see *Life and Health* going into thousands of homes where heretofore it has reached only hundreds, thus greatly widening its sphere of influence. In order to help realize this vision we are now opening up and encouraging three fields of longer term subscriptions as follows: the five-, three-, and two-year plans. Yes, IN ORDER TO CARRY FORWARD A PROGRAM THAT IS FULL OF LIFE AND HEALTH, WE MUST PUT MORE LIFE AND HEALTH INTO IT.

We must not only witness a rapid growth of magazine subscriptions, but the single-copy field must be explored and organized to the extent that hundreds of our brethren and especially sisters will soon be doing this type of work. Each church throughout our territory should have several individuals taking *Life and Health* and *Our Times*, or *Life and Health* and *Message* to certain homes and places of business each month. These workers, even though some may devote only part time, could, by applying themselves, work up and maintain a regular clientele. Sister Holbert has ably assisted in this field of endeavor.

Appreciation

On behalf of the Publishing Department I want to express our sin-

cere appreciation to the following who are directly and so nobly supporting this important branch of God's work, thus helping to make possible this report of progress:

Elder F. H. Robbins and Brother C. H. Kelly—it can truly be said of these brethren that they are enthusiastically with the program; the executives of the various Conferences—it is surely an inspiration to work with presidents who believe in colporteur evangelism to the extent that they not only talk favorably about it but are willing to invest means for its continuous advancement; the Publishing Secretaries and their assistants who are so devoted to their God-given task and are working most faithfully; the efficient Bible House Managers; all the conference workers who are ready and anxious to work closely with us; the president of our college and principals of our academies—the doors of their institutions are ever open to us, and the contribution the students make each summer to the literature ministry is of worthy mention; the Review and Herald—words are inadequate to picture their liberal spirit and willingness always to work closely with the field in supplying our needs.

To the General Conference Publishing Department we are indebted for good counsel and suggestions from time to time.

And now to the army of men and women to whom we stand at attention and salute—the ones right out on the firing line in the thick of battle delivering the goods, whose heroic accomplishments bring strength and joy to all. They are the ones we must give the most credit, and let us remember them in our daily prayers.

The Golden Opportunity

This is the time of all times when through our united efforts we must recruit and train upstanding, consecrated men and women who "are willing to sacrifice ease and pleasure, and enter the places of error, superstition, and darkness, doing house-to-house labor."

The greatest literature opportunity in history is knocking at our very doors. Many doors which were closed to truth-filled books and magazines containing the prophecies of Christ are now open. Never before did benighted souls need a ray of hope for the future as now. At the close of the war people expected peace, tranquility, and prosperity. But instead more hatred, more vice, and great crises exist everywhere. No government or nation on this sin-cursed earth can assure peace, restfulness, or prosperity. Only when the Prince of Peace establishes His kingdom of peace can we hope for real and permanent peace. Let us, through the printed page, point troubled hearts to the Peacemaker. May God help us to take full advantage of this golden opportunity.

Magazine Report

MRS. LLOYD HOLBERT,
Assistant Secretary

THE message in our magazines is exerting a tremendous influence on the people who read them. We need more Seventh-day Adventists to sell them. We are told in "The Colporteur Evangelist," "With the truths of the Bible, and our valuable papers, they [we] will have success; for the Lord will open the way before them [us]."



MRS. L. HOLBERT

Brother chairman, fellow delegates: I wish to submit the comparative magazine reports 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 Conference for this period of time. I wish the colporteurs could be here and hear the report of the records they have made. The figures which have been compiled reveal the loyal support and cooperation they have given to the Publishing Department Secretaries who have trained them and fired them with zeal and enthusiasm to carry the message quickly to those in need. They also reveal showers of rich blessings from heaven, and I reverently thank God for what has been accomplished.

You have had placed in your hands a report showing the comparative magazine sales by conferences for each of the past five years. Let us take a look at them.

MAGAZINE SALES AS REPORTED BY COLPORTEUR EVANGELISTS

Conference	1937-41	1942-46
Chesapeake	\$19,352.59	\$66,077.41
East Pennsylvania	35,231.91	72,104.28
New Jersey	39,291.32	64,886.66
Ohio	45,996.91	193,364.82
Potomac	29,348.84	118,619.65
West Pennsylvania	35,308.51	83,959.49
West Virginia	4,574.50	17,339.59
Allegheny (1945-46)		102,370.76
Columbia Union	\$209,104.58	\$718,722.66

GAINS BY CONFERENCES

Conference	Gain	Percent. Gain
Chesapeake	\$46,724.82	241
East Pennsylvania	36,872.37	105
New Jersey	25,595.34	65
Ohio	147,367.91	320
Potomac	89,270.81	304
West Pennsylvania	48,650.98	138
West Virginia	12,765.09	279
Allegheny (1945-46)	102,370.76	
Columbia Union	\$509,618.08	244

In the Columbia Union we specialize in the sale of *Life and Health*, *Message*, and *Our Times* magazines. We have compiled separate reports for these three magazines during the period under review, as given by the publishing house reports.

"Life and Health"—Publishing House Report

Conference	1937-41	1942-46	Gain
Chesapeake	\$13,082.10	\$29,616.60	\$16,534.50
East Pa.	29,645.90	66,833.75	37,187.85
New Jersey	28,182.80	42,198.90	14,016.10
Ohio	47,671.10	164,684.55	117,013.55
Potomac	20,874.50	74,828.40	53,953.90
West Pa.	25,946.80	69,505.45	43,558.65
West Virginia	5,802.50	16,737.95	10,935.45
Allegheny (1945-46)		31,751.75	31,751.75

Col. Union 171,205.70 496,157.45 \$324,951.75
Percentage Gain, Columbia Union, 190.

Last fall we learned of a church in eastern Pennsylvania with a membership of 160, where 50 of the members were practicing health reform. They have given up their tea, coffee, meat, tobacco, and liquor. They have opened a health food store and are selling health foods including our meat substitutes.

I inquired how this had come about, and was told the minister is a reader of *Life and Health*. He has accepted these health principles himself and is teaching them to his congregation.

Is it not wonderful that we have a journal like *Life and Health* which bears such a clear, positive message! It is influencing the lives of thousands where it is being circulated.

"Message"—Publishing House Report

Conference	1937-41	1942-46	Gain
Chesapeake	\$6,983.40	\$23,018.95	\$16,035.55
East Pa.	8,418.10	12,628.34	4,210.24
New Jersey	6,555.45	8,010.45	1,455.00
Ohio	12,848.45	15,549.82	2,701.37
Potomac	10,638.10	36,573.92	25,935.82
West Pa.	6,586.95	6,566.60	L20.35
West Virginia	540.15	1,121.90	581.75
Allegheny (1945-46)		63,035.59	63,035.59

Col. Union 52,570.60 166,505.57 113,934.97
Percentage Gain, Columbia Union, 217.

In the Columbia Union Conference we are privileged to have the services of Brother Preston, Brother Britt, Brother Scales, Brother Dunn, and Brother Brantley—five very capable Publishing Department Secretaries, who along with their other sales, have promoted a really strong *Message* magazine program. You will notice that the gain which has been made (\$113,934.97) is more than double the sales that were made during 1937-41 (\$52,570.60).

"Our Times"—Publishing House Report

Conference	1937-41	1942-46	Gain
Chesapeake	\$2,251.35	\$3,987.30	\$1,735.95
East Pa.	4,983.80	3,450.05	1,533.75
New Jersey	8,087.98	9,171.10	1,083.12
Ohio	7,838.29	11,265.12	3,426.83
Potomac	2,602.00	10,945.77	8,343.77
West Pa.	3,720.40	6,697.60	2,977.20
West Virginia	1,105.05	3,197.85	2,092.80
Allegheny (1945-46)		939.00	939.00

Col. Union 30,588.87 49,653.79 19,064.92
Percentage Gain Columbia Union, 62.

As I compiled the figures for *Our Times*, which formerly was called the *Watchman*, I thought of Elder Joseph Spicer, who is a delegate to this convention. Elder Spicer first learned of this message through a copy of the *Watchman* he picked up from the railroad tracks where it lay in the rain.

We are thankful for the 62-percent gain made in the sales of *Our Times*.

These gains in magazine sales were made in spite of the fact that for a period of about two years paper was rationed to the point where we practically had to discontinue recruiting single-copy magazine colporteurs, and at a time when the established work-

ers were frequently asked to accept less copies than the number for which their standing order called.

Long-Term Subscriptions

When we last met in the Union session at Pittsburgh, I spoke of a long-term *Life and Health* subscription program which had just been launched. The past five years have gone by very rapidly and as we review the achievements we see a remarkable picture of growth in this new program.

Each Publishing Department Secretary adopted the program with enthusiasm and the public has bought eagerly. Today we are able to report 43,156 non-Adventist homes in the Columbia Union Conference that are receiving a five-year subscription to *Life and Health*. One of our workers from West Pennsylvania went into a town of 800 population and sold 125 of these five-year subscriptions.

These long-term subscriptions have been sold on the payment plan. While collections were being made, an opportunity was afforded the colporteur to become better acquainted with the customer. In many instances Bible studies were arranged for, resulting in others' embracing the third angel's message.

In March, 1945 a magazine worker, securing these long-term subscriptions, was placed in Richwood, West Virginia 80 miles from the nearest Seventh-day Adventist church. She contacted the doctors first, then started her work from house to house. Word kept coming, telling of the success she was meeting with. In September she was obliged to leave Richwood to place her daughter in church school. The last Sabbath she spent there, 15 persons, with the new colporteur who was to take her place, assembled for the Sabbath worship. Later a branch Sabbath school was organized. This is just an example of the possibilities of the magazine work.

This quinquennial period has been one of great inspiration. The reports have been radiant with initiative and progress. The sympathetic interest and wholehearted support of our Union Conference President, Elder F. H. Robbins, and the Secretary-Treasurer, Brother C. H. Kelly, has contributed much toward this outstanding record.

I take this opportunity to express my deepest appreciation for the un-failing cooperation and support of the local Conference Presidents, each Publishing Department Secretary and assistant, the district leaders, departmental secretaries, Bible workers, and teachers. You have all played a definite part in encouraging some one to engage in the literature work. I am also most grateful for the united support given by the Book and Bible House Managers and Conference Treasurers. I want to assure you that

the splendid gains which have been made are due to your loyal cooperation and strong support. I am also grateful for the devotion of the faithful people of the churches. Again may I assure you, one and all, we appreciate your cooperation.

With the millions in the Columbia Union yet to be reached with the mes-

sage of salvation, we feel the best is yet to come. So we must enlist the services of still more of our people.

Some day soon Jesus will come and the harvest will be ended. What a joy it will be to meet in the earth made new those individuals saved as a result of the efforts of the magazine workers.

Sabbath School Department

J. C. HOLLAND, Secretary

THE divine test of a successful Sabbath school is the fruit it bears. "By their fruits ye shall know them." Matthew 7:20.

"The object of Sabbath school work should be the ingathering of souls. The order of working may be faultless, the facilities all that could be desired; but if the children and youth are not brought to Christ, the school is a failure; for unless souls are drawn to Christ, they become more and more unimpressionable under the influence of a formal religion." "The object of the Sabbath school should not be lost sight of in mechanical arrangements" (*Counsels on Sabbath School Work*," pp. 61, 151).

The Sabbath school is recognized by many ministers today as the most choice and fruitful field for evangelism. According to the Bible, the Spirit of prophecy, child psychologists, and experienced soul winners, the best time to work for individuals is the time when they are young.

"The entire religious experience of the children is influenced by the instructions given, and the character formed, in childhood" (*"Testimonies,"* Vol. I, p. 390).

"Too much importance cannot be placed upon the early training of children. The lessons learned, the habits formed, during the years of infancy and childhood, have more to do with the formation of the character and the direction of the life than have all the instruction and training of after years" (*"Ministry of Healing,"* p. 380).

Next to the home, the Sabbath school has the first responsibility to train the children of the church and community for Christ. It has the children under its instruction and influence once a week—every Sabbath—for seven years before they enter day school.

We have accepted this solemn charge from God. In order to make the necessary training available that will enable the Sabbath school division leaders, and the teachers in these divisions to become more efficient in winning and training the children to be Christians—having an experience in accordance with their years—a series of Sabbath school teacher training courses and child evangelism institutes has been conducted.

During September, 1944, in harmony with the recommendation of the General Conference Sabbath School Department, the first four-day child evangelism institute was conducted in the Columbia Union Conference. It was held at the East Pennsylvania Conference camp ground at Wescosville, Pennsylvania. Delegates from every local conference attended. This was the beginning of an improved training program which we hope will continue to improve until we have reached the Lord's standard for the Sabbath school.

The many testimonies of the blessings received from these training courses, coming from Sabbath school teachers, division leaders, Sabbath school superintendents, ministers, conference presidents, and laymen, lead us to believe that we are on the right road to a greater Sabbath school evangelism.

One division leader who attended the institute at Wescosville returned to her Sabbath school and brought about changes that had such a good effect on the children, parents, and members that a spiritual revival was evident in the whole church. The children were so delighted with their better program, improved Sabbath school room, new songs, and many and more suitable illustrations of the lessons that they eagerly looked forward to the next Sabbath day so they could go to Sabbath school. Their parents related that the children would ask over and over, when would Sabbath come again. "Is it tomorrow?" they would ask. "Is it the next day?" "Oh, how soon will it come again?" The parents took a new interest in the study of the Sabbath school lesson, and shared a new joy with their children.

One conference committee member, who was a member of this Sabbath school, told how he opposed the sending of their delegate to the Wescosville child evangelism institute because she was needed for work at the conference office. "But," he said, "I am so glad she went. The children's interest and attitude have completely changed. They love the Sabbath school and have carried its joy into their homes, and their parents have been blessed." "Furthermore," he said, "the Sabbath school offerings in

the children's division tripled during the first quarter after introducing these better methods."

During 1945 and 1946 five of the conferences, namely, Chesapeake, Ohio, Potomac, West Pennsylvania, and West Virginia, conducted conference-wide child evangelism institutes. East Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Ohio have recently conducted regional institutes which were so successful that we believe one should be held in every church as soon as possible.

We are greatly indebted to Elders J. A. Stevens, S. A. Wellman, and L. L. Moffitt and Miss Louise Meyer of the General Conference; Elders R. R. Breitigam and Eric B. Hare of the Pacific Union (now of the General Conference), and Mrs. Clara Striplin of the Pacific Union; Elder A. O. Dart of the Potomac Conference, and Miss Kate Geisinger of West Virginia for their contributions as instructors which made these institutes a success.

Offerings

When we compare the offerings of this quinquennial period with the amount given during the previous five years, we believe that our brethren and sisters generally have given, "As God has prospered him." 1 Corinthians 16:2. They have imbibed the spirit of liberality which is the spirit of heaven (*"Testimonies,"* Vol. IX, p. 254).

During this quinquennial period a total of \$1,776,783.72 was given to missions through the Sabbath school. This is a gain of \$884,917.43 over the preceding five years, or a gain of 99 per cent.

The statistical report shows that there was a steady gain year by year, and even though it is not shown in this report, every conference shared in these gains.

These figures are marvelous when we consider that they represent only a little more than two-thirds of the church membership according to our Sabbath school records. If all our church members went to Sabbath school regularly, I am sure the offerings to missions would be much larger, and the members would receive a great spiritual blessing which many are missing because of their absence from Sabbath school.

Committees Appointed

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preciation to the Convention Bureau of Cincinnati, and to the management of the Hotel Gibson, for all the courtesies extended to make our stay in Cincinnati pleasant.

Resolved, That we express our thanks to the press of the city, the *Enquirer*, the *Star-Times*, and the *Post*, for the good reports given our session.

Washington Missionary College

W. H. SHEPHARD, President

To the delegates assembled for the Seventh Quadrennial Session, from the faculty and staff of Washington Missionary College, greetings.

There is "but one hope for the human race—that into this mass of discordant and corrupting elements might be cast a new leaven; that there might be brought to mankind the power of a new life; that the knowledge of God might be restored to the world" ("Education," p. 76). The class rooms, the dormitories, and the campus of Washington Missionary College provide a specialized environment in which emphasis is given to the restoration of the knowledge of God.

There have gone to the mission fields from our college over 170 missionaries. This is an excellent record for a small liberal arts college, but equally impressive has been the product of the past five years. Of the 281 who have received the Bachelor of Arts degree, 128 were ministerial students and have gone directly into the ministry. Many of the rest have been selected for various positions in the cause of God.

The enrollment for the past five years has been 2,585 or an average of 517 per year. The enrollment this year is 691, nearly half of whom are freshmen, and will run over 700 college students with the additions of the spring quarter. There are upon our campus 1,119 students: 691 in the College, 248 in the Academy, and 180 elementary students. There are 146 in the liberal arts curriculum, 126 in the theology curriculum, 123 in the premedical curriculum, and 297 scattered over 13 other curricula.

We are particularly happy to welcome 221 veterans back to our campus.

If participation by the students in religious activities is indicative of the spiritual condition of a college, we can confidently report that the spiritual tone of Washington Missionary College is most excellent. The students are happy and hopeful. Elder Paul Wickman of the General Conference Radio Commission conducted our fall Week of Prayer and reached a response in every heart. The students are intently active in the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society, the Sunshine Band, the Literature Band, the Ministerial Seminar, the Gospel Workers' Band, the Christian Educators' Club, the Foreign Mission Seminar, the Spanish Seminar, the

Medical Seminar, the weekly prayer bands, and the organization and administration of their own Sabbath school.

At present there are four evangelistic efforts being conducted by the senior theological students, under the direction of Elders M. G. Conger and W. G. Gibson. Miss Maybelle Vandermark and the girls of the Religious Workers' class are complementing this work with Bible instruction.

The many activities listed above are not part of a required program, but rather organizations which the student enters voluntarily because service has become a way of life with him; it is part of his experience.

There are 72 members on the College staff: 12 administrative officers, including the industrial staffs, and 60 teachers, in College, Academy, and training school. There are four teachers who are away on full leave and nine have part-time leave for advanced study. We have seven members with the doctorate degree, 25 with the master's degree, and six who are expecting advanced degrees this summer.

Time will not permit the inclusion or mention of the many valuable contributions made by the loyal staff members during the past five years. Mention should be made, however, of the additions and replacements in staff personnel made this year. Before reading this list I should here like to mention our indebtedness for the generous and timely help of President D. E. Rebok of the Theological Seminary. Elder Rebok is conducting the course in Messages of the Prophets for our upper division ministerial students. Those teachers who are new this year are: Dr. O. S. Beltz, church music; Miss Kathleen Baird, history and language; Elder M. G. Conger, homiletics; Miss Carol Klooster, music; Dr. Edda Larimore, secondary education; Dr. T. R. Larimore, economics; Mrs. Kathleen Saxon, biology; Professor Edward Specht, mathematics; Professor W. F. Tarr, speech and radio; Elder C. L. Wickwire, Bible.

With the passing of time, changes must necessarily come even in college personnel. It is an occasion of sadness when we bid farewell to those whose services have been outstanding and whose length of service has endeared them to the hearts of all. Two such changes have taken place very recently. Mr. C. C. Pulver, whose valuable and distinguished service is known and understood by all, resigned in the summer of 1945 to take up work in Ohio. Dr. B. G. Wilkinson, whose work as an administrator, teacher, author, and lecturer is so well-known in the Columbia Union as

to make his name synonymous with the work in this area, has felt the need to preserve his health and remaining strength and devote it to writing and special research. The records of these men will never be forgotten by the constituency of Washington Missionary College.

Beautiful new Halcyon Hall for young women, a commodious brick and steel structure, exquisitely designed for efficiency and convenience, is rapidly rising and will soon accommodate 158 girls. Space will then be available in old South Hall for 80 more boys.

The money is in hand and the materials are being ordered and prepared for an addition to the music studio to accommodate the new radio and speech department. This marvelous addition to our campus will give to Washington Missionary College the most modern and adequately equipped radio department of any of our schools. The equipment is beginning to arrive and is of the latest design. With this new addition, the College is now offering work in radio and speech and for the first time will grant the Bachelor of Music degree.

Although work on the science hall has been temporarily suspended, it will be rushed to completion as soon as Halcyon Hall is finished.

Recently a proposal was made to the College board to erect a recreational center for the young people which might be used by the College for physical education and for large College programs which may not now be accommodated in Columbia Hall. The plan met with some approval and it is hoped that the Lord will bless in the efforts which are being put forth to help fill some of the recognized needs of our young people, needs which are growing more apparent every day.

The College Mill and Press together have done \$2,098,316.86 worth of business in the past five years. This represents a great deal of activity on the part of those who have directed the affairs of these industries.

The Federal Works Agency was most generous in giving to us, fully installed upon our campus, four quonset huts which house our newest industry, the Visual Aids.

The school has furnished nearly a half-million dollars worth of student labor in the past five years, and this present year alone the figure will run up to \$125,000, or an average of \$475 a student for those who work at the school.

The College net worth has increased nearly \$200,000 during this same period, and with the completion of the new girls' dormitory the actual net worth of the College will be over \$1,000,000.

May God continue to bless our college at the nation's capital.



W. H. SHEPHARD