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Report of Union President

By D. A. OCHS

To the delegates and friends, to our General Conference visiting brethren, and to our host of believers scattered abroad throughout the Columbia Union Conference—greetings.

Four more eventful years have become history. During these four years the harsh realities of a troubled world disrupted the normal flow of life. In the depressing threats of war the world is holding its breath, anxiously watching, and

frantically waiting for the next uncertain and staggering moves.

It is under these tense circumstances that we open this, the eighth, quadrennial session of the Columbia Union Conference.

We are here to do the business for the King of kings. As delegates we here gather to lay plans for the speedy finishing of our divine task, the completion of which we all keenly sense is long overdue.

Population

Our task is not small. The Columbia Union Conference consists of eight local conferences comprising seven states and the District of Columbia. In this comparatively small territory is found a population of 30,535,336.

The many large cities—approximately thirty between 100,000 and Philadelphia's 2,000,000, to say nothing of the scores of cities between 50,000 and 100,000 popu-

lation, present a real challenge.

That we may understand our task better let me state that we in the Columbia Union territory have one minister—ordained or licensed—to every 102,124 population, one Seventh-day Adventist to every 1,007 population, and one church to every 80,145 population.

The doubling of our membership in the shortest time possible is our goal. We ask, When will this goal be achieved? Surely this is the hour for all conferences to launch an unprecedented soul-winning crusade. This is the time for every worker to re-evaluate his God-appointed responsibility in the realm of soul-winning results.

The Union made generous appropriations to the local conferences, the total amount being \$196,398.53. This went for local conference evangelism, internship salaries, and building projects. Moreover, the Union appropriated from its operating fund \$75,500 to the College. This does not include the regular come-back funds which are regularly passed on to the local conferences, the total amount being \$260,311.81.

Tithes and Offerings

Then, too, we greatly appreciate the generous appropriations made by seven of our local conferences in our endeavor to keep Washington Missionary College abreast of the times.

The total amount of tithe received during the past four years was \$10,188,845.70, a gain of \$2,-

742,533.80 over the previous period; an increase of 36.8 per cent.

The missions offerings received were \$3,904,123.09, a gain of \$767,160.51; an increase of 24.5 per cent.

The Sabbath school offerings received were \$1,858,881.11, a gain of \$343,683.75, or an increase of 22.7 per cent.

The total amount of Ingathering funds received was \$1,722,442.99, a gain of \$511,713.93, or an increase of 42.3 per cent.

The Columbia Union has held the enviable first place in the seventy-cents-a-week goal during the past two years in North America.

Evangelism

Years ago the servant of the Lord wrote: "Instruction has been given me that the message should go again with power in the cities in the Eastern States" (*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 98).

This message and similar messages we have taken seriously in all our evangelistic endeavors. Moreover, we earnestly have tried to utilize every avenue and every agency in our soul-winning program—public efforts, house-to-house visitation, Bible studies, literature ministry, Bible schools, and radio and television.

During the past four-year period 499 evangelistic efforts were held in halls, theaters, tabernacles, tents, and churches. For every one of these efforts there was an average of sixteen and a half persons baptized.

These evangelistic efforts, including radio and television, cost a total of \$668,387.66. This does not include salary and traveling



D. A. Ochs
Re-elected

expenses of workers nor the expenses of our eight Bible schools, although these items rightfully come under the category of evangelism. The average cost per effort was \$1,339.45.

Using these same figures as a basis, it will be interesting to note that for every \$81.58 spent in evangelism we baptized one soul, and for every \$210.78 we added one soul to our net gain.

Every effort has been made by our administrators to push the message into new, unentered territory. As a result, forty-three dark counties were entered. There are yet 128 dark counties to be entered with the message. The torchlight of truth must be carried into these dark counties as soon as possible.

During the past four years forty-six new churches and companies were organized.

New Buildings

To house our church congregations adequately is no small financial undertaking. During the period just closed sixty-three new churches were either built or purchased at a total cost of \$1,867,200, an average cost of \$29,638.09 per church building. These figures do not include the thousands of dollars spent for schools and camp projects.

At the present time 296 church congregations worship in their own buildings. Eighty-five still worship in rented quarters. This situation must be changed as rapidly as possible.

Our 388 Sabbath schools are a vital factor in establishing and holding in the faith believers, old and new alike, as well as in providing missions funds.

M. V. Department

Our youthful army of Missionary Volunteers in the 326 local societies (a gain of fifty-two societies over the previous four-year period) is well organized for service. Sharing the faith under all circumstances, at all times, in all places, on the part of all young people is our objective.

Educational Department

During the past four years we operated an average of 111 elementary schools and eight academies, with an average total enrollment of 3,720, or an average gain over the previous period of 246.

Washington Missionary College likewise showed an increase in average enrollment. Moreover, during the past four years the new dormitory, Halcyon Hall, was completed and paid for. The much-needed and long-promised physical education building is now a reality. The addition to the science hall, so long delayed, is now being erected and should be completed at an early date. The music annex, too, should be finished as soon as possible.

The blueprints for the new academy plant are now completed. The building program is about to begin. This structure is to be erected on the thirty-eight acres purchased some years ago by the Potomac Conference. The purchasing of this land was indeed a divine providence.

Religious Liberty

We are not unmindful of the dangers threatening our God-given liberties. Our faithful Associate Religious Liberty Secretary, W. H. Hackett, who works on Capitol Hill as a secretary, keeps close to developments.

Medical Work

We value the influence of the Washington Sanitarium and the eight privately operated medical and health centers within our borders. Our doctors in private practice likewise are a real asset to our work. We appreciate their influence for good.

In all, there are 991 workers in our conferences and institutions on the regular payroll.



Above are the presidents of the local conferences in the Columbia Union Conference. Left to right: W. B. Hill, A. J. Robbins, C. V. Anderson, T. E. Unruh, M. E. Loewen, C. J. Coon, D. A. Ochs (Union President), H. J. Detwiler (second from right), and J. H. Wagner. Elder R. A. Anderson of the General Conference Ministerial Association (third from right) directed in the ministerial institute.

Membership

The membership gain over the years has been constant and steady, yet by no means as large as the time demands.

At the close of the previous period the membership was 27,123. Our goal for the Union was to reach the 30,000 mark. By the close of this quadrennial period our goal was not only reached, but we went beyond it. The membership reached was 30,294, a net gain of 3,171.

You will recall that we set as our baptismal goal 2,000 souls a year, or 8,000 for the four-year period. This goal, too, we exceeded. In all, we baptized 8,193, representing a gain of 193.

The present membership comprises 381 church organizations.

Colporteur Evangelism

Soul winning has been the chief objective of all our departments.

We greatly appreciate and highly value the work of our faithful colporteurs. During the past four-year period we averaged 202 full-time and part-time colporteurs, who delivered \$2,207,835.76 worth of literature, or an average of \$10,-929.88 per worker.

Home Missionary and Sabbath School Departments

The Home Missionary Department rallied our people in soul-winning endeavors. In fact, in every conference, workers and laity joined in house-to-house visitation. This type of soul winning must be continued until all the laity are in full swing in definite soul winning the year round.

Interns and Ordinations

During this four-year period fifty-two young men were ordained to the gospel ministry, an average of thirteen per year.

It has been the purpose of the conference administrators to employ all our ministerial graduates as far as possible. To make this a reality the Columbia Union Conference Committee passed a recommendation in 1948 making provision for ten more interns over and above the regular General Conference internship quota, the Union Conference and the local conferences sharing fifty-fifty on the salaries.

Then again in January of this year the Union Conference Committee by action made it possible for an indefinite number of interns to be employed during this year, 1951, on the same fifty-fifty financial basis.

Conclusion

The faithful and untiring members of our Union family have given their very best to serve the field well. We owe them our heartfelt thanks. We express our deep and sincere appreciation to the conference and institutional administrators for their prayerful and sympathetic cooperation as together we have earnestly tried to solve the many and varied problems.

We owe our dear believers in all our churches our sincere gratitude for their loyal support, earnest prayers, and self sacrifice, in order that our efforts in the cause of God may prosper.

Above and beyond all, we here pause and gratefully and humbly acknowledge the leading hand of our heavenly Father. To Him we express our thanksgiving for His overshadowing providence. We bring to Him our heartfelt gratitude and praise for His present help in every time of need, and for His guiding influence over His work and cause, and over our workers during this past quadrennial period.

And now, as the record books of the past quadrennial period are being closed, I earnestly pray that these records may be evaluated by our heavenly Father, through the forgiving merits of our blessed Saviour.

Photographs of groups and activities at the Union Session were taken by D. Mackintosh and William Walker.

Committees Appointed

General Committee

L. K. DICKSON, chairman; Allegheny: W. A. Thompson, W. L. Cheatham, W. R. Robinson; Chesapeake: D. G. Fleagle, V. D. Rees, D. Mackintosh; East Pennsylvania: T. E. Unruh, F. W. Wernick, R. E. Spangle; New Jersey: W. B. Hill, H. J. Adams, Stephen Pauly; Ohio: M. E. Loewen, Werber Johnson, J. R. Johnson; Potomac: H. J. Detwiler, J. P. Neff, N. S. Ashton; West Pennsylvania: A. J. Robbins, C. B. Green, R. B. Hill; West Virginia:

C. J. Coon, Stuart Jayne, W. M. Nosworthy.

Nominating Committee

L. K. Dickson, chairman; the presidents of the eight conferences; W. H. Shephard, R. L. Boothby, N. S. Ashton, R. B. Hill, W. C. Hannah, J. R. Shull, W. L. Cheatham, J. R. Johnson, Stephen Pauly, Kenneth Wood, G. B. Suhrie, R. E. Spangle.

Committee on Seating of Delegates

C. H. Kelly, chairman; A. B. Butler, R. E. Spangle.

List of Delegates

LIST of delegates to the Eighth Quadrennial Session of the Columbia Union Conference, March 19-22, 1951, Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.

General Conference

L. K. Dickson, H. T. Elliott, J. R. Ferren, R. A. Anderson, H. A. Morrison, Louise Kleuser.

Columbia Union Conference

D. A. Ochs, C. H. Kelly, J. F. Kent, O. S. Hershberger, J. C. Holland, W. H. Hackett, Mary E. Walsh, J. M. Howell, Ethel Young.

Allegheny Conference

J. H. Wagner, M. S. Banfield, George Anderson, F. D. Beatty, R. L. Bradford, E. D. Brantley, L. W. Brantley, J. R. Britt, M. A. Burgess, Paul Cantrell, W. L. Cheatham, J. G. Dasent, H. D. Dobbins, J. E. Farrow, W. M. Fordham, Virgil Gibbons, R. T. Hudson, J. H. Laurence, J. H. Lester, Mrs. Ethel M. Nell, A. V. Pinkney, L. R. Preston, W. R. Robinson, L. R. Sautler, Milton Thomas, W. A. Thompson, A. S. Wagner, H. D. Warner, E. I. Watson, U. S. Willis, R. L. Reynolds, C. A. Morgan, Joseph T. Dodson, Carlos Street.

Chesapeake Conference

C. V. Anderson, A. B. Butler, D. G. Fleagle, H. E. Voorhees, O. L. Stimpson, C. W. Teel, J. W. Franklin, R. H. Libby, M. L. Hale, W. K. Mansker, D. Mackintosh, V. D. Rees, W. H. Barringham, R. D. McGann, T. V. Zytzkoskee.

East Pennsylvania Conference

T. E. Unruh, R. E. Spangle, A. F. Ruf, Arthur Patzer, Edgar Bradley, E. D. Calkins, A. W. Ortnier, Ira Mills, Ernest Roberts, C. L. Duffield, C. C. Ellis, F. S. Fowler, J. E. Hoffman, W. C. Jensen, B. K. Mills, J. G. Mitchell, A. B. Pohlman, G. F. Theiss, H. A. Thoms, R. Valerio, A. E. Wade, F. W. Wernick, L. E. Rafferty, Mrs. Jessie Curtis, R. R. Adams, Horace Reading, C. H. Seitz.

New Jersey Conference

W. B. Hill, J. O. McLeod, H. J. Adams, S. W. Burrows, Stephen Pauly, G. B. Suhrie, R. A. Tyson, W. G. McCready, E. H. Moldrik, K. H. Wood, T. P. Ipes, A. F. Reynolds, K. M. McComas, G. Varga, J. E. Patzkowski, W. E. Haase, J. F. Jeffreys.

Ohio Conference

M. E. Loewen, W. F. Johnson, E. J. Barnes, J. A. Jarry, G. W. Liscombe, O. H. Pitts, J. R. Shull, J. R. Johnson, C. J. Dornburg, R. T. Minesinger, D. V. Steinman, H. W. Bills, C. R. Spangler, R. A. Bata, W. J. Keith, O. W. Fowler, E. C. Feltman, A. D. Nagy, J. D. Neufeld, Andrew Yakush, Joseph Spicer, N. A. Lessner, R. F. Farley, J. L. Hagle, B. P. Gernet, O. A. Canada,

E. H. Lehnhoff, S. K. Lehnhoff, C. M. Mellor, B. E. Leach, H. L. Gray, W. G. Gibson, E. R. Diehm, S. A. Yakush, D. S. Thurston, E. F. Herzel, Floyd Smith, A. H. Cross, C. A. Paden, B. F. Mowry, V. A. Chilson, Jack Clarke, Mrs. Rose Lindsey, Clark McClurg, Fred Goodman.

Potomac Conference

H. J. Detwiler, W. H. Jones, E. S. Knecht, W. N. Wittenberg, H. W. Bass, J. G. Vasko, N. S. Ashton, R. L. Boothby, W. H. Coffman, M. G. Conger, J. G. Conmack, R. F. Correia, P. G. Crestakos, J. C. Dean, H. M. Dukes, H. T. French, R. F. Frey, C. M. Gruesbeck, J. L. Hamrick, Jr., E. L. Hanson, D. F. Haynes, F. D. Horton, O. L. Jacques, C. O. Kinder, E. F. Koch, L. R. Mansell, A. C. Marple, J. L. Neil, W. E. Peeke, Curtis Quackenbush, Russell Quackenbush, G. S. Rapp, M. J. Shanko, E. H. Shull, C. H. Smith, W. T. Smith, R. L. Vaughn, D. S. Weinberg, C. E. Westphal, R. F. Woods, W. J. Cannon, Mary Saxton, Vinnie Goodner, J. L. Price, C. H. Dougherty, W. C. Hannah, H. G. Hadley, C. E. Cruze, C. H. Wolohon, Lawrence Malin.

West Pennsylvania Conference

A. J. Robbins, C. B. Green, F. F. Bush, John Keeler, F. L. Wessely, L. L. Philpott, O. G. Carnes, E. A. Beavon, R. B. Hill, G. W. Valentine, R. C. Barron, H. L. Yates, J. H. Creighton, R. M. Spencer, Jr.

West Virginia Conference

C. J. Coon, W. M. Nosworthy, S. R. Jayne, D. B. Myers, H. E. Metcalf, O. B. Gerhart, T. J. Jenkins, J. H. McHenry, F. C. Webster, L. G. Cornelius.

Washington Sanitarium

R. A. Hare

Washington Missionary College

W. H. Shephard

Takoma Academy

J. P. Laurence

Mount Vernon Academy

J. R. Shull

Shenandoah Valley Academy

W. C. Hannah

Pine Forge Institute

R. L. Reynolds

Plainfield Academy

W. G. McCready

Review and Herald

R. J. Christian

Pacific Press

A. S. Maxwell

Report of Union Treasurer

WE are presenting at this time for the benefit of our members in the Columbia Union Conference the Comparative Balance Sheet and Income and Expense statements covering the past four-year period.



C. H. Kelly
Re-elected

This has been a period of inflation, for the most part, and we have not yet reached the peak.

We have esteemed it a great privilege to have been able to unite our efforts during these four years

with those of our 501 employees and 30,294 members of the 381 churches which comprise the Columbia Union, in making this report possible. We would like to call your attention to a few items

By C. H. KELLY, Treasurer

of interest aside from these statements, and are presenting below the total tithe of the Columbia Union by conferences for the four-year period in comparison with the previous four-year period. The total amount of tithe was \$10,188,-845.70, which is a gain of \$2,742,-533.80 over the preceding four-year period.

The total for the Seventy-Cents-a-Week fund amounted to \$3,904,-123.09, which was a gain of \$767,-160.51 over the previous period as indicated in the following figures showing the comparison by conferences.

A glance at the history of the Columbia Union in figures, which is also a part of this report, will show you that during the past four years the membership of the Columbia Union paid in tithe an

amount approximating the amount turned in during the previous six-year period. Perhaps I could say it in still another way. The total tithe turned in by our people from 1947 to 1950, inclusive, is about equal to the total tithe of all of the membership of the Columbia Union for the first twenty-nine years of its organization, from 1907 to 1935 inclusive.

Our average per capita of tithe was \$91.83 for the past four years, and only \$77.47 for the previous four years, which is an average gain of \$14.36 per capita.



R. M. Reinhard
Newly elected Auditor

Our average per capita of gifts to missions during the past four years was 67.4 cents per week, whereas the average per capita during the previous four years was 62.4 cents per week. That is a gain of only five cents per week per member.

The Columbia Union stands first among the ten unions of North America, and has for the past two years, in our Seventy - Cents - a - Week fund. However, when we check the amount turned in by each one of our members in proportion to the tithe paid, we find a little difference. There, we are seventh among the unions of North America. During the first twenty-nine years of our organization for every dollar of tithe paid in by our people they gave an additional fifty-five cents per week for missions. During the period between 1943 and 1946 we gave 42 cents for every dollar of tithe for missions, but during this past four-year period we find that the ratio slipped

COLUMBIA UNION CONFERENCE COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET—1947-1950

Assets	1947	1948	1949	1950
CURRENT:				
Cash and Bank	\$ 85,648.29	\$139,286.21	\$265,027.14	\$295,008.97
Accounts Receivable	226,477.52	145,681.36	52,848.25	45,560.13
Notes Receivable			20,000.00	40,000.00
Securities	10,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Prepaid Expense	10,246.56		447.35	1,172.53
Supplies	5,710.33	6,854.55	7,956.76	6,104.23
Total Current Assets	338,082.70	296,322.12	351,279.50	392,845.86
FIXED:				
Equipment	4,542.57	4,636.93	4,083.74	5,700.79
TOTAL ASSETS	342,625.27	301,459.05	355,363.24	398,546.65
Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	98,135.75	2,086.23	2,837.28	3,009.18
Trust Funds	55,254.02	56,678.78	68,616.91	76,655.56
TOTAL LIABILITIES	153,389.77	58,765.01	71,454.19	79,664.74
Regular Net Worth	43,748.36	77,108.17	107,534.80	145,082.24
Reserves	145,487.14	165,585.87	176,374.25	173,799.67
Total Net Worth	189,235.50	242,694.04	283,909.05	318,881.91
Total Liabilities and Net Worth	342,625.27	301,459.05	355,363.24	398,546.65

COMPARATIVE CONDENSED OPERATING STATEMENT—1947-1950

Income	1947	1948	1949	1950
Tithe from Conferences	\$223,082.27	\$249,956.29	\$262,700.36	\$283,145.65
Interest	269.03	293.59	193.49	800.84
Miscellaneous	42.00	15.44	1,290.07	280.00
TOTAL INCOME	223,393.30	250,265.32	264,183.92	284,226.49
Expenses				
Workers Salary and Expense	54,668.10	49,672.27	52,025.72	54,053.64
General	8,626.59	11,571.65	6,704.03	8,094.88
Appropriations	26,837.87	40,345.83	33,929.46	41,733.74
Administrative	8,268.50	8,612.21	9,529.01	11,919.80
Tithe Percentages	40,228.83	45,088.15	47,383.34	51,077.40
Depreciations	765.67	2,134.59	2,199.78	2,011.88
Operating Expense	139,395.56	157,424.70	151,771.34	168,890.84
Operating Gain Without Subsidy	83,997.74	92,840.62	112,412.58	115,335.65
Appropriations and Subsidies	3,162.44	3,008.24	2,998.20	2,998.20
Total Operating Gain	87,160.18	95,848.86	115,410.78	118,333.85
Capital Appro. and Transfers	134,620.19	62,489.05	84,984.15	80,786.41
Net Decrease in Net Worth	47,460.01			
Net Increase to Net Worth		33,359.81	30,426.63	37,547.44

Total Tithe, Columbia Union—by Conferences

	1943-1946	1947-1950	Gain	Per Capita 1950
Allegheny	\$ 808,744.20	\$ 1,094,639.50	\$ 285,895.30	\$ 67.33
Chesapeake	524,865.30	703,325.70	178,460.40	97.46
East Pa.	978,047.80	1,370,925.70	392,877.90	102.08
New Jersey	735,171.20	929,731.70	194,560.50	110.22
Ohio	1,684,280.90	2,246,565.90	562,285.00	93.66
Potomac	2,042,135.30	2,915,083.30	872,948.00	125.94
West Pa.	454,430.20	564,797.80	110,367.60	82.71
West Virginia	218,637.00	363,776.10	145,139.10	84.97
Totals	\$7,446,311.90	\$10,188,845.70	\$2,742,533.80	\$ 98.61

Total Seventy-Cents-a-Week Fund—by Conferences

	1943-1946	1947-50	Gain	Weekly Per Capita 1950
Allegheny	\$ 321,848.35	\$ 408,863.69	\$ 87,015.34	\$.473
Chesapeake	231,797.92	305,408.43	73,610.51	.782
East Pa.	423,927.99	538,923.78	114,995.79	.716
New Jersey	331,505.16	398,357.55	66,852.39	.864
Ohio	670,854.70	854,631.68	183,776.98	.673
Potomac	810,279.96	995,416.07	185,136.11	.765
West Pa.	231,609.27	252,264.74	20,655.47	.688
West Virginia	115,139.23	150,257.15	35,117.92	.684
Totals	\$3,136,962.58	\$ 3,904,123.09	\$ 767,160.51	\$.693

to 38.3 cents for every dollar of tithe.

I pointed out that we had an increase in the average per capita of tithe for the past four years over the previous four years of \$14.38 and we have had a gain in our missions gifts per capita of an average of five cents per week, which means that for every additional dollar of tithe that our people gave during this four-year period over the previous four-year period they gave but eighteen cents additional for missions. If, somehow, our per capita gifts to missions could be on the same basis as during the first twenty-nine years of our organization, namely, at the rate of fifty-five cents per week per capita for every dollar of tithe, our per capita amount during the past year would have been 98.9 cents per week instead of 69.3 cents.

I believe it would be interesting to you to know just what became of every dollar which was sent on to us from all sources during the past four years. Our total income from all sources during this past quadrennium amounted to \$10,672,433.75. We have increased our net worth during this period in both the Conference and the Association by \$196,061.03, which is 1.8 per cent of this

total amount. The operating cost of maintaining the Union office, salaries, and all overhead expenses for the four-year period was \$369,604.64, or 3.5 per cent of our total income. We have had the pleasure of passing back to our educational

institutions in the Columbia Union for all purposes \$670,522.67, or 6.2 per cent of our total income. We have also passed back to our local churches and conferences for buildings, educational work, etc., \$1,297,276.14, or about 12.2 per cent.

This leaves a balance of \$8,138,969.27, or 76.3 per cent of all of our total income. This balance was sent on to the fields beyond our borders for the support of our world-wide General Conference projects.

We rejoice today at this encouraging report. Surely the constituency of the various conferences of the Columbia Union are to be commended for their faithfulness and liberality. Such reports are only made possible by the combined efforts of conference workers and members alike.

As we stand on the threshold of a new quadrennium our courage is good, our hopes are bright, for we know that the Lord will continue to bless richly this great Union field. May we all strive earnestly to do our full part in all lines of endeavor with evangelism as our aim and the doubling of our membership in the shortest possible time as our goal.

HISTORY IN FIGURES—COLUMBIA UNION CONFERENCE

Year	Membership	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	12,023.49	
1912.....	6649	120,375.08	17.10	51,648.22	.154	20,063.36	
1913.....	6949	131,542.96	18.18	57,298.18	.165	26,625.64	\$ 7,839.84
1914.....	7405	142,744.18	19.28	70,085.25	.20	31,469.86	6,413.77
1915.....	8174	153,541.67	18.78	73,573.03	.20	36,104.61	8,416.10
1916.....	8613	190,315.86	22.09	83,672.82	.22	41,257.34	18,722.57
1917.....	9605	244,439.09	25.45	99,733.74	.24	48,599.99	26,685.80
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	90,353.83	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	150,388.06	87,713.97
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	175,906.48	126,732.08
1930.....	12863	534,834.60	42.49	339,255.86	.518	169,217.15	120,439.45
1931.....	13303	483,733.00	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	455,730.00	32.81	267,868.69	.371	128,677.28	106,483.51
1935.....	16592	499,663.50	33.83	276,266.76	.36	132,355.40	112,385.06
1936.....	17388	587,628.10	37.55	295,035.88	.362	146,454.40	118,056.16
1937.....	18108	657,038.90	40.58	313,324.81	.372	158,981.37	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	.589	325,243.81	244,844.15
1944.....	25463	1,828,486.10	77.40	760,963.38	.608	374,496.07	284,235.26
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
1947.....	27894	2,230,822.70	83.60	898,177.23	.647	421,218.28	389,655.40
1948.....	28448	2,499,562.90	91.32	961,104.70	.675	460,078.25	421,019.51
1949.....	29455	2,627,003.60	93.80	1,009,980.85	.68	480,907.21	449,208.31
1950.....	30294	2,831,456.50	98.61	1,034,860.31	.693	496,677.37	462,559.77
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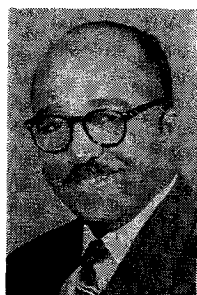
TOTAL TITHE, \$33,577,757.43; TOTAL MISSIONS, \$15,395,913.33. Tithe exceeds missions by \$18,181,844.10.

CONFERENCE PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

Allegheny Conference

By J. H. WAGNER, President

"Now after the death of Moses the servant of the Lord it came to pass, that the Lord spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, . . . Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of



J. H. Wagner

a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest" (Joshua 1:1, 9). With this note of courage ringing in its ears, the Allegheny Conference, born amidst a storm of misgivings, doubts, and fears, within and without, has forged ahead under the blessings of the Almighty God, moving from one degree of grace unto another and adding blessings to blessings through six years of successful operation. We do not wish to sound boastful for we glory only in the cross of Christ our Saviour, but we beg to be allowed to submit a few statistics to prove our claim of these blessings.

This conference was organized in December, 1944, right here in the city of Philadelphia. In January, 1945, we began operating in the rear of a store building in Washington, D. C. In six months we moved to a very clean, attractive building of our own in a very exclusive section of the city. Later

the office was moved to Pine Forge, Pa., where the academy is located on 575 acres of beautiful rolling land, with hills, woods, and a stream. This is truly a lovely location amidst the beauties of nature and yet adjacent to city facilities, transportation benefits, and a metropolitan atmosphere. A new commodious office building has been erected, school buildings, permanent campground structures, attractive homes for workers, and other additions have been made.

The tithe for 1943 was \$164,354.-60; 1944, \$197,397.60; 1945, \$216,090.60; 1946, \$230,901.40; 1947, \$243,351.90; 1948, \$262,936.80; 1949, \$281,348.10; 1950, \$307,002.-70. For the previous four-year period it was \$808,744.20; for the recent four-year period, \$1,094,639.50—gain, \$285,895.30.

Missions offerings in 1943 amounted to \$71,000.00; 1944, \$79,591.41; 1945, \$84,226.42; 1946, \$86,281.27; 1947, \$95,955.78; 1948, \$92,803.60; 1949, \$107,824.60; 1950, \$112,276.71. The total for the previous four-year period was \$321,099.10; for the recent four-year period, \$408,863.69—gain, \$87,764.-59.

Publishing work deliveries, 1946 and 1947, \$215,361.54; 1948, \$89,247.17; 1949, \$98,380.91; 1950, \$136,000.87—total, \$533,990.49.

Membership, 1943—3,438; 1944—3,567; 1945—3,798; 1946—3,960; 1947—4,108; 1948—4,284; 1949—4,413; 1950—4,559. There was a gain over the previous four-year

period of 599. We have enjoyed a net increase of 1,000 in membership or almost 25 per cent since the day of our organization. Our working staff in field, school, and office has more than doubled.

Elder M. S. Banfield, kind, firm, careful, and Christian, is our Secretary-Treasurer; Elder W. R. Robinson, energetic, alert, dynamic, and most efficient, is our Sabbath School and Home Missionary Secretary, Bible Correspondence School and Radio Supervisor; A. V. Pinkney, alert, vigilant, talented, and ready, is our Educational and M. V. Secretary, and also is in charge of Temperance, Press Relations, War Service Commission, and Industrial Relations. He is also pastor of the Elmwood church. H. D. Warner, sturdy, sound, true, experienced, and successful, is the Publishing Department Secretary, and is taking care of the company in Reading, Pa., also. H. T. Saulter, smiling but positive, understanding and affable, is the Book and Bible House Manager, and is also pastor of the Harrisburg church. There are six hard-working, cooperative, efficient stenographers. R. L. Reynolds, conscientious, kind, and sincere, is principal of the Pine Forge Academy.

No more do we come to the close of the year to hear various secretary-treasurers and statisticians tell us that the colored work has wound up in the red. Each year we have had a constant and consistent operating gain in spite of our many capital investments. Keeping pace with the progress in the Negro world, under the leadership of such individuals as Booker T. Washington, George Washington Carver, etc., the constituency of the Allegheny Conference is marching forward under the leadership of God. We have our problems to solve, difficulties to iron out, and great responsibility is resting upon our shoulders, but after reflecting over the blessings of the past and divine guidance, why should we not take renewed courage and strength from the words of God?

"Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

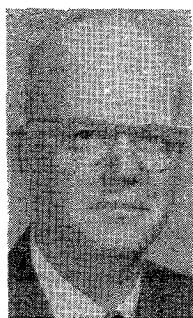


Workers of the Allegheny Conference provided much of the special music. Shown above is one of the men's groups at the Session held in the Benjamin Franklin Hotel.

Chesapeake Conference

By C. V. ANDERSON, President

As president of the Chesapeake Conference, I take pleasure in presenting the following facts and figures for your pleasure and information.



C. V. Anderson

The Chesapeake Conference dips into more states than any other local conference in the Columbia Union. It includes all of Delaware, all of Maryland (except a part of Montgomery County), the panhandle of West Virginia (three counties; namely, Morgan, Berkeley, and Jefferson), and the Eastern Shore peninsula of Virginia (namely, Accomac County and Northampton County).

The territory contains twenty-eight counties, of which only seven are called dark at the present time. Thirty-three organized churches, comprising a membership of 2,109, spread the light of the advent faith over the territory previously outlined.

We are glad to tell you that only four of our thirty-three churches do not have their own houses of worship. Seven church homes have been provided during the past quadrennial period, representing an approximate cost of \$300,000.

Evangelism is the reason for our existence as a conference. We are trying to meet the challenge of the task. Forty thousand dollars has been spent for direct evangelism. Fifteen thousand dollars was spent last year in television and radio. A total of 1,510 prayer requests came in through our television work last year, and 2,699 were enrolled in the Bible course from all sources.

Two full-time Conference employees are following up the interest as a result of the television program, conducting fifteen to twenty Bible studies regularly each week, in addition to the large number of laymen and pastors who are enlisted in this follow-up work. A new day has dawned in the Baltimore area when we can report 100 Bible studies a week being given by laymen and others. Proportionately, there is a stir and an interest in Bible studies throughout the whole Conference, which

we anticipate is to give the Chesapeake Conference a larger harvest of baptisms than ever before in its history. It is a forward surge to answer the General Conference challenge of doubling our membership in the next four years. We baptized 512 in the past four years. Already in this first quarter of 1951 more than one-half of last year's total have been baptized.

Our people are interested in the financial phase of our program at home and abroad. Our tithe for the quadrennial period totaled \$703,330.32.

We have had the honor of being a Minuteman conference in Ingathering for three consecutive years. We have had the honor in our missions giving of taking second place per capita in the Union for the past three consecutive years. We give humble thanks to our Lord for a loyal people who are able to give their means for the advancement of the cause of God throughout the world.

We have twelve schools with twenty teachers instructing and directing 310 children and youth.

East Pennsylvania Conference

By T. E. UNRUH, President

THE East Pennsylvania Conference is charged with the responsibility of warning between 6,000,000 and 7,000,000 people who live in the eastern half of this large and beautiful State.



T. E. Unruh

The fifty-six church organizations are well distributed over our territory. As far as we know, the message has a foothold in every one of the thirty-five counties comprising our territory, although five of these counties are without church or Sabbath school organizations. We have our work permanently established in only fifty-six of our 1,328 cities and towns.

The total field and office force numbers forty-four. Some changes have taken place in the working staff. Year by year we have added

We are glad to have had Mt. Aetna Academy organized in our midst during the quadrennium. This is not a Conference academy. It is strictly a three-church school. But we are proud enough of the project to mention it here and thank God for the aggressiveness of leadership in that area and the ability to inspire the people to activity for their own children. It is a 12-grade school, employs five teachers, and has an enrollment of eighty.

We are equally proud of the fine two-room school at Spencerville, built during this period. It is a ten-grade school, and has an enrollment of forty.

The Chesapeake Conference has its own junior camp ground. This is composed of fifteen acres located in western Maryland. The camp has been improved with a fine dining hall with kitchen attached, a swimming pool, separate sanitary facilities, and twenty cabins to house the campers. This represents the liberality of donations from our people, thousands of hours of donated labor—in all, an approximate value of \$80,000 were it to be purchased and paid for at current prices.

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graduates of Washington Missionary College to the working force. These young men are giving a good account of themselves. The Twentieth Century Bible Correspondence School has met with unusual success from the day of its organization. Its long arm reaches into every part of the field. Its work has vastly expanded since the inauguration of the television program, "Faith for Today."

During the past four years 1,075 souls have been added to our churches by baptism and profession of faith. The actual church membership has increased from 3,486 to 3,851. One new church has been organized. We keep before us constantly our membership goal of 5,000.

We have been greatly blessed financially. The indebtedness of the Conference has been liquidated, and adequate reserves have been set up. The income of the Conference has made it possible to assist the churches in their building projects. The annual tithe has in-

creased from \$308,794.68 in 1947 to \$383,126.02 in 1950. The total tithe for the four-year period amounted to \$1,370,943.10.

A total of \$538,923.78 has been provided by our membership for the support of our vast foreign missions program. Nearly one-half of this amount was solicited in the annual Ingathering campaigns. In 1947 the amount raised was \$55,976.53, and in 1950 the amount gathered was \$69,174.23. For two of the four years here reviewed the Conference was a Minuteman conference.

Fifteen of our congregations are still without church homes. Of this number eight have definite plans in various stages for the erection of proper church buildings. Allentown is in the process of building a beautiful structure. Since 1947 Philadelphia North, Carlisle, and Waynesboro have been properly housed, while four modern two- and three-room schools have been built and a one-room school has been purchased. Another two-teacher school is in process of erection and several more are in the planning stage. Extensive repairs have been made on four church buildings, and the indebtedness on the Philadelphia Academy and the Philadelphia Temple has been paid.

Four years ago, in addition to our major task of warning the millions, this Conference faced three very urgent needs. The most pressing need was a modern dining hall on our camp grounds since existing facilities had been condemned by the State. A modern utility building was planned. This building has been erected at a cost of approximately \$45,000. The building houses an up-to-date kitchen, dining room, chapel, grocery store, departmental offices, Dorcas hall, reception office and ample storage room, and twenty-two large living rooms.

The moving of the Conference office out of Philadelphia was authorized by the constituency in 1948. Much time was spent in searching for a proper location for our headquarters. Two weeks ago, the Conference purchased a \$300,000 property on the western outskirts of Reading for \$35,000. The large building is located on two and one-half acres of land about one-half mile from the new Reading Junior Academy. The move to Reading will be made some time in May. Our new address will be 720 Museum Road, Reading, Pa.

Our third urgent need—a boarding academy for the East Pennsylvania Conference and neighboring conferences—is still in the planning stage. The undertaking has been authorized by the constituency and approved by the Union Conference. A considerable sum of money has been raised for this project. Thus far our search for an ideal location has not been rewarded. The launching of a boarding academy project is a major undertaking. In this we need the constant pressure and encouragement of the Union Conference constituency. Our Philadelphia Academy has been rendering a great service through the years. This institution cannot, however, meet the needs of the entire Conference. Boarding academy facilities must be provided.

All of the Conference departments are strongly manned. Real progress has been experienced in all lines of work. The Book and Bible House net sales were \$252,299.42 for the quadrennium and there was an operating gain of \$2,219.24 for the same period. The colporteur deliveries for the four-year period totaled \$235,891 worth of literature.

Our Sabbath school membership stands at 4,160, which is about 300 more than our church membership. The Sabbath schools have contributed \$249,900.19 for missions.

The Home Missionary Department is well organized. During the period under consideration our people held 29,278 cottage and gospel meetings and distributed 1,368,498 pieces of literature. An effective welfare program is carried on in many of the churches. In the first three years of its existence the

Bible correspondence school has enrolled thousands of pupils. The present active list stands at 1,546, and already 111 have been baptized.

Three years ago we had ten church schools, sixteen teachers, and an enrollment of 212. At the present time we have seventeen schools in operation with twenty-four teachers and an enrollment of 355. The junior camp program has been greatly strengthened. Last summer 148 boys and girls were in attendance. For the past two years senior youth camps have been conducted.

The East Pennsylvania Conference is the only conference in the Columbia Union to employ a full-time Press Relations Secretary. This move has already been fully justified. Don Roth is doing a fine job. Already an effective publicity program is in operation. Every church has a publicity secretary. The future for this department is bright indeed.

Administratively, we are ever grateful to our heavenly Father for His overshadowing providences, to our Union President and his staff for their constant encouragement, to the Conference family for their earnest service in this wonderful Conference, and to our people for their loyal support.

The future confronts us with heavy responsibilities and wonderful opportunities. The resources of God are adequate for all our needs. We join this large group of workers and leaders in a new pledge to be fearless and unafraid as we confidently march into the dark and uncertain days that lie ahead, knowing that God leads.



One of the busiest places during the sessions was Room 210, where the Press Bureau was located. J. R. Ferren of the General Conference Press Bureau (standing) headed the committee, assisted by (left to right) Donald Roth, East Pennsylvania Conference; A. V. Pinkney, Allegheny Conference; and Miss Mabel Colby, Ohio Conference.

New Jersey Conference

By W. B. HILL, President

WITH profound gratitude to our heavenly Father, the New Jersey Conference, its thirty workers, and 2,365 church members bring Christian greetings to the Eighth Quadrennial Session of the Columbia Union Conference.



W. B. Hill

The past four years have been eventful ones not only in attainments for God, but in direct fulfillment of prophecy.

Our Conference territory comprises the entire state of New Jersey with its nearly

5,000,000 inhabitants. The greatest length is 166 miles from High Point to Cape May. The average width is a little less than forty miles.

Among the forty-eight states New Jersey is forty-fifth in size, ninth in population, sixth in value of manufactured products, first in farm income per acre, and third in recreation, travel, and industry. Into this compactly settled area God has placed His watchmen to proclaim His last warning message. The many languages employed, the constant attraction of large cities and seashore resorts, the ecclesiastical strength of Romanism, and the apathy and indifference of pleasure-seeking crowds pose a staggering problem in evangelism.

At the end of 1946 the quadrennial report listed the membership at 2,345 members. The total at the close of 1950 was 2,365. These figures must be interpreted in the realization of the fact that there were 211 more members who transferred out of New Jersey than transferred into the Conference.

During the past four years 571 souls were added to our ranks by baptism and profession of faith, or an average of 143 for each year. Many baptisms have resulted from church revival meetings held throughout the Conference. Evangelistic efforts have been conducted by all workers and considerable money has been expended. The "soil" in New Jersey, so far as soul winning is concerned, has not produced as bountifully as in some other places. We intend to keep sowing the seed of God's Word.

The New Jersey workers courageously have set a goal for greater results in 1951.

The *Signs of the Times* for April 18, 1950, declares that "Protestant church membership has increased 15.5 per cent during the past fifteen years in nineteen metropolitan districts. The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America survey revealed the largest increase in San Diego, Calif., 64.6 per cent. Jersey City, N. J., showed the greatest decrease—45 per cent." Yet in Jersey City we are experiencing the greatest evangelistic advance at the present time.

It is thus very apparent that, while Protestantism may be making gains elsewhere, in this state, at least, it is fighting for survival. But God's truth will triumph even in this difficult area.

The tithe income in 1947-1950 was \$929,731.65, or a gain of \$194,560.57 over the previous four-year period. Surely God has blessed and prospered His faithful people. During the past four years \$398,557.55 was passed on to the foreign mission fields.

The last four-year period resulted in the largest amount of Ingathering, which totaled \$194,521.44, a gain of \$38,196.12. New Jersey has consistently led all other conferences in North America in Ingathering and in *Liberty* and *Review and Herald* subscriptions, and is listed with leading conferences in all other promotional endeavors.

God has wonderfully blessed our Conference departmental secretaries in their Conference promotion and activities. Our colporteur evangelists delivered books and magazines totaling \$148,021.67 in value. We need a large army of full-time and part-time colporteur evangelists.

There are 129 children enrolled in our eight church schools. Ten elementary teachers are now employed. Our objective should be to provide a Christian education for all our dear boys and girls.

Successful junior camps and Share-Your-Faith rallies have been conducted. Civilian defense and first-aid training now engage our attention.

In the Sabbath school work great strides in improvement are discernible. The 2,232 members of

the thirty-eight Sabbath schools gladly gave \$164,884.03 during the past four years, a gain of \$20,454.73.

Dorcas members in thirty-two societies and the Northern, Central, and Southern New Jersey Federations continue to eliminate prejudice and provide favorable publicity by their good deeds.

The Bible correspondence school operates under the Home Missionary Department. There have been 20,252 applications, 1,564 diplomas issued, and 207 baptisms recorded since the school's beginning.

The Book and Bible House Manager informs me of total net sales amounting to \$191,836.84 for the past four years.

The Plainfield Academy continues to offer educational privileges to a large group of "placement" students unable to attend a regular boarding academy. An efficient faculty provides preparatory education for college entrance.

Beautiful church buildings have been dedicated in both Trenton and New Brunswick. New church structures are to be dedicated in Phillipsburg and Plainfield within a few weeks' time. The Laurel Springs congregation is now completing construction on a representative memorial to God. Extensive renovation has taken place and a sizable addition has been provided for the Pleasantville church and the Passaic Polish church. The members of the Passaic English church and the Westwood church have purchased lots. Thus two more congregations will be housed in much-needed church buildings of their own.

Strong tent effort companies are engaged in summer evangelism. While thinking in terms of the challenge of large cities, the following newspaper quotation is to the point:

"If North Jersey's nine metropolitan counties were lumped together for census purposes, the 'City of North Jersey' would be the third largest in the United States. This would place it behind New York and Chicago but ahead of Los Angeles, Detroit, San Francisco, and Philadelphia. As the result of a huge decentralization trend, this area has grown at about triple the rate of New York City and about one and a half times faster than the remainder of the metropolitan region. From 1940-50 alone, the population increased by 455,945 persons."

It is fitting that we should pause

to express appreciation to God for this advent message so much needed in these last days. A renewed expression of confidence in this denomination's teaching, leadership, and program is appropriate when the adversary would attempt to distract, confuse, and discour-

age. The triumph of God's cause will soon be realized. The New Jersey workers and members pledge to extend faithful service and support to the denomination's grand objective of utilizing all resources for the finishing of the work of God in the earth.

doing an important work in training our youth for service. The enrollment this year of over 240 is the largest in its history. The fine Christian spirit found at the school and the consecrated leadership of Professor J. R. Shull and his corps of teachers have made this academy a true city of refuge for our young people.

The Missionary Volunteer Department under the leadership of Elder E. J. Barnes is reaching the young people and directing their efforts for God. The Share-Your-Faith movement is bringing rich results in souls won by the youth. The junior camp has provided needed training and activity for the boys and girls of Ohio.

The correspondence school has shown a steady growth. The church members have loyally promoted this and have secured hundreds of enrollments. During the past three years eighty-six have been baptized.

The members of the Seventh-day Adventist churches come from all walks of life. Farmers, doctors, mechanics, nurses, salesmen, carpenters, merchants—all together have united their efforts to forward the cause of God. Lay efforts by these members have been very productive in souls. It is thrilling to see this movement among the laity directly in fulfillment of the predictions of the Spirit of prophecy.

The publishing work under the leadership of Elder J. A. Jarry shows great promise. During 1950 the colporteurs reported thirty-one souls baptized as a result of the literature ministry. There are still large areas of Ohio without a colporteur evangelist. The Lord is calling faithful men and women to join this growing army of consecrated, self-supporting workers.

The Book and Bible House, managed by Brother O. H. Pitts, is beginning to show encouraging results. Under his careful management we can expect to see continual progress in this department. The new salesroom built on West Gambier Street is attracting a large number of steady customers from the community.

There is still much to be done in Ohio. There are many cities, towns, and villages which do not have a church or any representatives of this message. There are more cities over 100,000 population in Ohio than in any other State in the Union. The masses of the cities must receive our attention.

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Ohio Conference

By M. E. LOEWEN, President

THROUGH the years the Ohio Conference has shown a steady growth as the third angel's message has been proclaimed in that State. The Ohio Conference was one of the seven conferences join-



M. E. Loewen

ing in the organization of the General Conference in 1863. Through the years the hearts of the believers have rejoiced and their faith has been strengthened by the growth of the work.

Many of the pioneers labored in Ohio. Several of the churches recall visits of Elder and Mrs. White. The church in Clyde still has the pulpit from which Sister White gave one of her messages. The workers in Ohio today are pledged to move forward in the spirit of the pioneers. The highest goal is the finishing of the work that the kingdom of our Saviour might be ushered in.

A special word of appreciation is appropriate for the long and valuable services of Elder and Mrs. W. M. Robbins in Ohio. The report being brought to you at this time can be directly traced to the consecrated leadership of Elder Robbins. His careful management and wise administration are responsible for the progressive building of the work in Ohio.

During the period covered by this report the finances were under the direction of Elder C. C. Morris. His service of more than four years, carrying with it heavy responsibilities, was greatly appreciated. We can only feel that Ohio has increased its interest in world-wide mission work as he takes up the duties of Secretary-Treasurer of the East Mediterranean Division. Our prayers go with Elder and Mrs. Morris in their new field of labor.

The membership of the Ohio

Conference January 1, 1947, was 6,132. At the close of the four-year period December 31, 1950, the membership was 6,642, representing a net gain of 510.

During this four-year period the total number of evangelistic efforts was 130. A strong program of evangelism is already under way for 1951. A Conference evangelistic company has been organized, and every district leader has aggressive plans for active evangelism during the coming months.

During the four years preceding this report the total tithe income was \$1,684,280.95. The tithe income for this quadrennial period was \$2,246,565.80. This is an increase of \$562,284.85, or almost 33½ per cent. The faithfulness of God's remnant people is noteworthy, and the workers are earnestly endeavoring to have all the believers receive the blessings of faithful stewardship.

The record for the Ingathering offering is worthy of notice. The previous period 1943-1946 shows \$261,812.21 received through this campaign, and for the quadrennial period 1947-1950 the total was \$382,751.44, a gain of \$120,939.23, or thirty-one per cent.

The Sabbath school offerings have been a welcome support to the world-wide missions program. The eighty-four Sabbath schools and eight branch Sabbath schools in Ohio gave \$342,585.24 in the preceding quadrennium. This was increased to a total of \$396,632.20 for this past quadrennial period.

Christian education is becoming increasingly important to our churches. Elder E. J. Barnes is giving constructive leadership to this department. The number of church schools has grown to twenty-four with forty teachers and an enrollment of 596. We have appreciated the wonderful spirit the church school boards and church members have shown in cooperation with Elder Barnes and our program of Christian education.

The Mount Vernon Academy is

Potomac Conference

By H. J. DETWILER, President

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



H. J. Detwiler

This report covers the quadrennial period 1947-50. The comparisons made are with the preceding period of equal length, 1943-46.

On December 31, 1946, the membership of the Potomac Conference was 6,330. On December 31, 1950, the membership had increased to 7,218. This is a net membership gain for the period of 888. At the close of the period 1947-50 our average church membership in Virginia was sixty. Our net gain in the Conference, therefore, for the past four years, was equivalent to fifteen newly organized churches in the state of Virginia.

During the period 1947-50, 1,508 persons were baptized and an additional eighty-nine persons were accepted into church membership on profession of faith. The total number added to the church by baptism and profession of faith was 1,597. Ten new churches and eight new companies were organized throughout the Conference.

The years 1947-50 have also been notable for bringing added stability into the work of the Conference through the erection and purchase of twenty-four church and school buildings. The cost of the buildings represents an investment of \$718,000. Sixty-six thousand dollars was spent for lots and equipment, making a total investment for the period 1947-50 of \$784,000 for additional churches and schools. Nineteen of the twenty-four church and school buildings were purchased or built in Virginia and five, in Maryland. These church buildings now stand as sacred memorials of the Lord's Sabbath in many former dark counties of the Conference.

Plans have been approved for the erection of new quarters for the Takoma Academy on the thirty-eight acres previously purchased by the Conference in Takoma Park and fronting on Carroll

Avenue. Two hundred thousand dollars has been provided for this building enterprise.

The new Takoma Park Church building will be erected upon the choice and strategic grounds formerly known as "The Triangle," in full view of the General Conference and Review and Herald buildings. A new church in southeast Washington will be built upon the spacious and choice lot purchased for its construction on Pennsylvania Avenue, Southeast, within sight of our nation's capitol.

Plans have been or are being completed for launching church building projects in Fredericksburg, Waynesboro, Lynchburg, and Portsmouth, Va., and building funds are now being faithfully promoted to provide for the erection of new churches in Narrows and Hopewell, Va.

The total amount of tithe for the period 1947-50 was \$2,915,083.36. This is an increase of \$781,787.50 over the former period. The percent of tithe given to missions for the period from the Potomac Conference amounted to \$583,016.68. This is an increase of \$150,358.23 over the former period, and is equivalent to the total amount of tithe paid by the Potomac Conference during the entire fifth quadrennial period, 1932-36, and \$118,526.52 in addition.

Our missions gifts for the quadrennial period were almost one million dollars—\$995,416.07. This is an increase of \$144,253.02 over the amount for the former period. The Sabbath school offerings totaled \$491,120.34. This is an increase of \$73,626.38. In gathering receipts for the period totaled \$380,327.20. This is an increase over the former period of \$96,641.87.

The Home Missionary Department reveals 31,422 Bible readings conducted by laymen. Thirty-eight lay efforts were conducted and 1,812,419 pieces of message-filled literature were distributed.

The Missionary Volunteer Department likewise showed progress; 1,164 were invested in the various progressive classes; 2,945 received vocational honors; 2,681 Bible readings were conducted by our youth; and 301,980 pieces of literature were distributed.

In our educational work during

the period an average of forty-five teachers annually devoted their time to teaching the children and youth of our church schools, and the average enrollment was 920. This number does not include the teaching staffs of our much-appreciated academies.

Literature sales by our approximately fifty part- and full-time colporteurs for the quadrennial period amounted to \$405,429.40. This is a net gain of \$49,941.96 over the former period.

The Prince Georges Medical Center, the Leland Memorial Hospital, the Wytheville Hospital, and Dr. Hadley's hospital in southwest Washington are exerting a widespread influence for good in behalf of the cause. Our medical secretary, Miss Ada Dean, has done excellent work in all parts of the Conference. The new medical center, now established in downtown Washington, supported by churches and physicians of the Greater Washington area, promises to open before us new avenues of service that will give to the church increased prestige and influence in our nation's capital city.

The Washington Sanitarium, a General Conference institution, has had and is exerting a powerful influence for good throughout the entire Conference.

The Potomac Conference Bible Correspondence School has 1,500 active enrollees at the present time. It has proven to be a leading factor in the baptism of 172 persons. There are far more opportunities for personal contacts through this medium than we are able to follow up.

The Conference has made extensive use of the radio as a means of proclaiming the message. Sixteen ministers with their varied broadcasts practically blanket our entire territory. Elder E. F. Koch's broadcast from Sunday to Friday, inclusive, over Station WRNL in Richmond and Elder L. R. Mansell's broadcast Sunday to Friday, inclusive, over Station WSLs in Roanoke have accomplished outstanding results in Virginia.

Elder R. L. Boothby's telecast program given weekly over Station WMAL-TV, Channel 7, of Washington, D. C., on Sunday night at 9:00 P.M. has been approved for a trial period of six months. The response has been excellent. Since he began his telecast November 5, 1950, 2,445 requests have been received for our literature. Letters and calls from 183 cities and towns

outside our nation's capital have been received by the "Heralds of Hope" telecast.

The Potomac Conference is blessed by the labors of able pastors and evangelists of experience and also by earnest and consecrated efforts of a large number of younger men who are receiving training in actual field evangelistic work. These young men are developing rapidly as successful evangelists and soul winners.

Successful evangelistic efforts have been conducted in all our large cities by evangelistic companies. In these cities the largest and best auditoriums possible have been secured for the meetings. Elder G. E. Vandeman of the Ministerial Department of the General Conference, assisted by Elder Ben Glanzer and a company of Conference workers, is now completing an evangelistic effort in the Sligo Auditorium in Takoma Park that has been an outstanding success.

We wish to pay a closing tribute to tried, honored, and beloved fellow workers now deceased: Elder

J. W. MacNeil, Elder T. M. French, Elder Peter Hafenmayr, Elder R. E. Griffin; Brother H. C. Wilcox, a veteran colporteur; Mrs. Walter Young, wife of one of our faithful, regular colporteurs; and Mrs. Ernestine Albertson, formerly a member of our Bible correspondence school office staff.

For the progress, success, and achievements realized during the quadrennium now closed we thank God who so richly blessed us. The workers and constituency of the Potomac Conference face the challenge of the future with hope and courage. To double our membership by the time of our next General Conference Session, if time continues, will indeed be a monumental achievement and calls for a renewed consecration daily on the part of all.

"When the Lord sees His people restricting their imaginary wants, practicing self-denial, not in a mournful, regretful spirit . . . , but joyfully for Christ's sake, then the work will go forward with power." —*Testimonies*, Vol. VI, p. 104.

school building. Pittsburgh Junior Academy is progressing nicely.

During the past four years three Sabbath schools were organized in the West Pennsylvania Conference, the first at Johnstown, the second at DuBois, and the third at Coudersport. During this four-year period three branch Sabbath schools were established. Two of these are now organized churches. A weekly average of about twenty-nine cents per capita, which has amounted to \$106,263.71 for the four-year period, has been contributed to missions through the Sabbath schools.

The Home Missionary Department and the Missionary Volunteer Department show progress in carrying the message to unbelievers. The Dorcas work is advancing. Subscriptions to our magazines, *Listen*, *Liberty*, and *Signs of the Times*, are mounting. Home visitation is increasing in the West Pennsylvania Conference and many are realizing the potentialities of this phase of missionary endeavor. For 1950 alone there were nearly 1,300 enrollees in our Bible school.

One of the many enrollees writes: "Although I am not as yet baptized, I have wholeheartedly accepted the Seventh-day Adventist Church as the church that I pray to be a part of. Not only do I wish to become a full-fledged member, but I wish to deliver the truth first to my mother and father, then to my brothers and sisters, so that they, too, may know the truth and become full-fledged members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. I sincerely wish to devote the remaining days of my life to serving our Master."

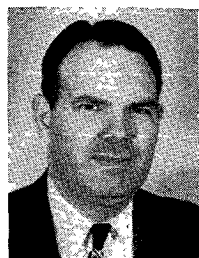
Our annual Ingathering program has received full attention in the West Pennsylvania Conference. Year after year we have raised our Minuteman goal. The 1950 General Conference Ingathering report shows West Pennsylvania fourth in the per capita rating.

Our young people are feeling the impact of the program provided for them by the Y.P.M.V. Department. Emphasis is being placed on the progressive class activities. More than 100 have enrolled in the new Master Guide classes. Many Pathfinder clubs are already organized, or are in the process of being organized, all around the Conference. The work of the junior camp, so well begun by Elder E. A. Beavon, is being continued and advanced with the promise of an unusual ten days at Ole Bull State Park this summer.

West Pennsylvania Conference

By A. J. ROBBINS, President

As we come to this 1951 quadrennial meeting we feel that we should give grateful thanks to God for His blessings upon us since last we met in a Union session. To the faithful members and energetic workers in West Pennsylvania these four years have brought sacrifices and blessings.



A. J. Robbins

Our working force has given unusual attention to evangelism. The Pittsburgh effort under the leadership of Elder George Vandeman, with sixteen other workers assisting him, did much to raise the banner of truth to the million people in the Pittsburgh area. The effort culminated in the baptism of 153 people. Our own workers carried on aggressive evangelism with good success.

New churches have been erected in Greensburg, Washington, Port Allegany, and Everett, and recently a very large church building has been purchased in the very heart of Pittsburgh.

We are happy to report that the

Conference financial situation is encouraging. Our tithe income has increased approximately twenty-five per cent during the past four-year period. Last December we received the largest amount of monthly tithe in the history of the Conference. The baptisms for the past four-year period totaled 610.

In the departments we rejoice to report definite progress under the efficient guidance of the departmental secretaries. The Book and Bible House sales have grown so that for the past four years a total of \$156,731 worth of gospel literature has been distributed. The total book and magazine deliveries for the past four-year period amount to \$137,923.

During the past three years successful student colporteur programs have been conducted and twenty-three scholarships have been awarded to the students from our colleges and academies who worked in West Pennsylvania.

The number of church schools and attendance in them has steadily increased throughout the period until today we have a total of nine schools with 128 students. In Lowville a beautiful new school building has been erected at a cost of \$5,000. Eldred has erected a \$2,500

As we look back over the past four years, we feel grateful to the Lord that He has blessed us with such faithful members and able leaders. Plans are under way for aggressive soul-winning work and we believe that with the program of revival and evangelism, soon the number of Adventists in relationship to the population of the Conference, which now stands at one

Seventh-day Adventist for every 2,117 population, will be greatly increased, and that we will no longer be numbered as one of the small conferences. We pray that the work in places where our numbers are small may be strengthened so that the light will shine more brightly and soon the work of God in this part of the vineyard may be completed.

dained ministers and five licensed ministers, two Bible workers, and two office secretaries.

But the hub of the office is Brother W. M. Nosworthy, who serves as Conference Secretary-Treasurer and also as Book and Bible House Manager.

With our capable force of workers, the future never looked so bright for West Virginia. Evangelism has been our slogan, and will be till toiling days are done.

West Virginia Conference

By C. J. COON, President

THE following words of the Psalmist are a great comfort and assurance to us in West Virginia: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord,



C. J. Coon

which made heaven and earth" (Psalms 121:1, 2). "Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens. Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a

maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until that he have mercy upon us" (Psalms 123:1, 2).

Today from grateful hearts we reverently acknowledge that the Lord has verified all His promises to us. And for all the progress and success which we see we praise His holy name and thank Him for His prospering hand that has been over us for good.

At the close of 1946 the church membership in the West Virginia Conference was 957. Today the membership is 1,306.

We have focused our energies upon strong evangelism, and God has blessed our labors with five new churches, besides greatly strengthening our other churches.

Six new church buildings have also been provided. Two were purchased and four new ones were erected at a cost of about \$125,000, which is a large sum of money for West Virginia, and they are all paid for, or the money is in hand for the last payment, so that not one cent of indebtedness will be created. These churches are worth nearly double the amount they have cost us. God blessed in most

providential ways for us to build at the figures quoted.

Prior to this, we had only eight church buildings in the Conference. Now we have thirteen. The lovely new church building in Parkersburg takes the place of the outgrown old one. In addition to these new church buildings, we have completed major repairs or alterations on four of the other eight churches, and everything is paid for.

In 1946 our tithe totaled \$67,940.16. The tithe for 1950 totaled \$96,449.04. During these years West Virginia has been a Minute-man conference in the Ingathering work, and we stand near the top of all conferences in North America in the Seventy-Cents-a-Week fund for missions. During these years 588 persons were won for Christ, and 142 of these accepted the truth through the Twentieth Century Bible Correspondence Course, conducted by Sister Cynthia Fuller.

All the departments are functioning splendidly under the able leadership of Elder L. G. Cornelius.

The colporteur work is making excellent progress under the guidance of Brother A. L. Page.

Our field is well manned with the finest class of workers to be found anywhere. We have ten or-

Chesapeake Conference

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Our colporteur army is doing all possible to scatter the printed page. The Book and Bible House sold \$135,117.24 worth of literature. Considering that each piece of literature averaged ten cents in value, we would have reached only 1,351,172 people in our population of 2,000,000, which means that 700,000 people in the Chesapeake Conference would not have received even a ten-cent piece of literature at the rate we sold during the past quadrannium.

There is so much that cannot be reported—the thousands of prayers ascending to the throne of grace, the hours and hours of Christian help work, the tears shed in behalf of those who mourn and are sick.

We have promoted *Liberty*, the *Signs of the Times*, the *Review* and *Herald* temperance campaigns, etc.

The workers in the Chesapeake Conference are dedicated to an all-out soul-winning program.

Ohio Conference

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The workers have pledged themselves to a program of intensive evangelism and are bending every effort to the goal of doubling our membership as soon as possible. With this task may God pour out His Spirit that His work may speedily be finished in Ohio.



During the two-day Ministerial Institute many panel discussions occupied the interest of the delegates. Here is a typical panel group. Elder C. W. Teel, center, is the moderator, and Elder A. J. Robbins is chairman of the meeting.

Reports of Committees

Report of Nominating Committee

PRESIDENT, D. A. Ochs; Secretary-Treasurer, C. H. Kelly; Auditor, R. M. Reinhard; Educational Secretary, E. A. Robertson; Publishing Secretary, J. F. Kent; Home Missionary and Sabbath School Secretary, K. H. Wood, Jr.; War Service and Industrial Relations Secretary, O. S. Hershberger; Missionary Volunteer and Temperance Secretary, Arthur Patzer; Radio and Religious Liberty Secretary, D. A. Ochs.

For members of the Columbia Union Conference Executive Committee:

D. A. Ochs, C. H. Kelly, R. M. Reinhard, R. A. Hare, W. H. Shephard, W. H. Hackett, H. A. Morrison, O. S. Hershberger, J. F. Kent, E. A. Robertson, K. H. Wood, Jr., Arthur Patzer, J. H. Wagner, C. V. Anderson, T. E. Unruh, W. B. Hill, M. E. Loewen, H. J. Detwiler, A. J. Robbins, C. J. Coon.

Report of Committee On Plans

Gratitude

THE reports rendered at this Quadrennial Session have brought to our attention afresh the manifold and multiplied blessings of God to His people, and we, the delegates and members assembled, reverently and solemnly express to our heavenly Father our profound, sincere, and heartfelt gratitude:

For the progress made in heralding the glad tidings of a soon-coming Saviour; for the acceptance of this message by thousands who were hitherto unacquainted with God's last message of mercy; for the temporal progress made in our Union Conference work; for the tangible prosperity in tithes and offerings bestowed through a loyal constituency; for the comparative tranquillity that has prevailed in our land through these years when other lands are being torn and cursed with the scourge of war and its attending ills; for the protection from enemies seen and unseen; for the merciful manner in which the Lord has dealt with us in our apathy; for the honor bestowed upon us in permitting us to

be His agents in persuading men and women to be reconciled to God; for withholding the retributive judgments long overdue; for delaying the closing of mercy's door that we might still have access to the mercy seat through the merits and intercession of Him who is mighty to save; for the glorious hope we have in the surety of the ultimate triumph of the cause of righteousness.

For these, together with innumerable blessings copiously showered upon us through these years, we humbly express our gratefulness, and resolve to dedicate our lives anew to the finishing of God's work on the earth.

Publishing

WHEREAS, in the recent General Conference Session great emphasis was placed on a larger, more aggressive, and more intense evangelism, and a call was made to our workers and church members throughout the world to double our church membership by the time of the next Session; and

WHEREAS, our publishing work has proved a most effective agency in bringing men and women to a knowledge of the truth and of winning souls to Christ; and

WHEREAS, our literature ministry is designed to play a major part in the finishing of God's work in the earth, contributing in a large measure to the loud cry of the third angel;

We recommend, that throughout the Columbia Union Conference earnest efforts be made between now and the year 1954 to double the present number of active colporteur evangelists and the number of souls now being won through their efforts.

Temperance

WHEREAS, not only are immoral conditions throughout much of our country lamentable, but with our nation proceeding further in a war crisis these conditions will become increasingly more shameful and debasing, and

WHEREAS, our church recognizes the problem and has methods and material to change the picture and prevent a landslide of youth of military age from beginning or increasing disgraceful and destructive habits of intemperance,

We recommend:

1. That we do all in our power

by voice, pen, and vote to restrict the sale and use of alcoholic beverages.

2. That we request all our churches to give study to this matter and to decide on definite projects of public education for temperance, with the understanding that they utilize the effectiveness of the leading temperance journal, *Listen*, by placing it in the homes of those enslaved by this evil habit, and by means of subscriptions sent to all leading men in public life. The minimum *Listen* sponsorship goal for each church to be an equivalent of that of the church membership.

3. That we, as a people, renew our pledge of total abstinence and urge our people to sign the pledges wherever opportunity presents itself.

Religious Liberty

WHEREAS, we believe it is the right and should be the privilege of every individual to worship or not to worship according to the dictates of his own conscience, and

WHEREAS, there appears to be a marked increase in the proposals for new legislation at all levels of government, the nature of which imperils freedom of the press and freedom of worship,

We recommend:

That we, the representatives of the Columbia Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, reaffirm our belief in the historic doctrine of separation of church and state, and the inalienable right to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience; and

That our ministers, workers, and laymen make every effort through personal interviews, through the press, and by distribution of *Liberty*, the magazine of religious freedom, and other suitable literature, to acquaint the public and their legislators with the true nature of present proposals menacing freedom of conscience and threatening religious liberty, and that every legitimate and appropriate effort be made to thwart all attacks on our fundamental principles of free speech and assemblage, free press and its circulation, freedom of conscience and the right to worship unmolested, and that we continue with all our energy to oppose attempts to bridge the chasm separating church and state.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Educational Department

By J. M. HOWELL, Secretary

THE quadrennial period just closing has been one of great importance to the Seventh-day Adventist schools of the Columbia Union Conference. There has been a little "revamping" done in the



J. M. Howell

matter of classification of schools. Some schools that had functioned as twelve - grade day academies have found it more convenient to return to a ten-grade basis, while, at the same time, one now full-fledged twelve-grade day academy was born and set in operation.

During the past four-year period we averaged 110.75 elementary and intermediate schools, an elementary



E. A. Robertson
Newly elected
Ed. Sec'y

and intermediate enrollment of 2,898, 172.5 elementary and intermediate teachers, 7.75 academies, an academy enrollment of 822.5, and a college enrollment of 695.25.

During the past four years there were graduated 1,024 from the eighth grade, 706 from the academy, and 333 from college—a total of 2,063. The number baptized was 655 in the elementary schools, 139 in the academies, and twenty-two in college, a total of 816.

Projects for the betterment of instruction were initiated: building plans for one- and two-room schools, students' handbook, studies in art and nature-social studies, the Reading Circle plan for the betterment of school libraries, and a cumulative record card for the secondary schools.

Miss Ethel Young, Union elementary supervisor, has contributed heavily in the many projects already mentioned, as well as in

actual school contacts for the betterment of instruction.

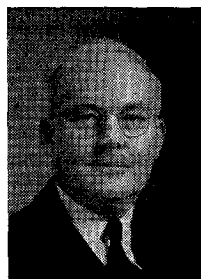
Our eight secondary schools, Shenandoah Valley Academy, Mount Vernon Academy, Takoma Academy, Plainfield Academy, Philadelphia Academy, Pine Forge Institute, Mount Aetna Academy, and Washington Union Academy are providing Christian education for scores of our young people.

The administration of Washington Missionary College has succeeded in bringing together, over the years, a most worthy staff of well-prepared and duly qualified staff members. These faithful teachers, under the leadership of President Shephard, Dean Rees, and Manager Johnson, are doing real yeoman service in the train-

Home Missionary Department

By J. C. HOLLAND, Secretary

THE theme and keynote of all lay activities has been to learn and use Christ's method more perfectly,



J. C. Holland

and this has made some adaptations and changes necessary in the missionary program. We have endeavored to follow this God-given plan more closely, and God has blessed. Individuals have worked for their individual friends, relatives, and neighbors in their personal missionary work. Two by two, the laymen and ministers have gone from home to home to visit people, to pray and study the Bible with them.

As a result, a large gain of 657,-121 missionary contacts over the previous period was made. A total of 1,166,193 contacts was reported for the quadrennial period 1947-1950, but only 509,072 contacts were reported for the preceding period.

ing of the young people of the Columbia Union for real service in God's cause.

Our church schools are quite adequately housed today. Forty new buildings were constructed during this quadrennial period.

A secondary teachers' institute was held in Philadelphia in the fall of 1948, and a union elementary teachers' institute was held in Takoma Park in the fall of 1949. Both served well as points of inspiration for the teachers of the Union. The elementary teachers have also had their local institutes each year, and regional meetings of teachers have been held in each field once or twice during the year. These regional or conference-wide one-day meetings have been very inspirational, and have served to keep the teachers feeling that they had others in the same line of service who were meeting the same problems as they, day by day.

During the previous four-year period 186,515 Bible studies were conducted, whereas during the past quadrennial period, 224,834 were reported. This is a gain of 38,319.

We are glad to report that 5,341 persons were won to Christ and added to the church by baptism as a result of our laymen's program. This is a gain of 2,094 souls.

During the past four-year period 9,092,648 pieces of literature were reported used in missionary work. Our laymen and ministers, as well as the people for whom we were laboring, received great benefits as a result of our house-to-house visitation plan.

Many ministers have conducted laymen's training classes in their churches and have led them in their missionary work. This has been a great encouragement to their mem-



K. H. Wood
Newly elected
H. M. and S. S.
Secretary

bers. Miss Mary Walsh has augmented this training program by conducting classes and by leading our church members personally to the homes of the people to visit, pray, and give Bible studies. Her work has been greatly appreciated by all our people. Seven hundred laymen's certificates have been issued during this period. Many of these trained laymen are now conducting Bible studies.

Through the Dorcas welfare work, the total estimated value of clothes and food given away, medical care given, hours of Christian help work and the cash donated amounted to \$1,276,199.60 for the quadrennial period. A total of 540,956 people received help. This was 840 more than received help in the preceding period.

According to the records in our eight Bible schools, forty-eight enrollees were baptized during the fourth quarter of 1950 alone. The schools are nearly self-supporting.

The principal avenues of securing enrollees are personal visitations in the homes by the laymen, names secured by colporteurs, the

radio announcements and offers, and advertisements in periodicals and tracts. Those who take the course tell their friends, and many enroll as a result of their testimony.

A two-day convention for workers conducting self-supporting missionary projects was held in Takoma Park, Md., during the month of January, 1949. This meeting gave new impetus to the rural living movement and to self-supporting missionary work.

The financial success of this campaign, which was the largest ever attained during any four-year period, has already been reported. But I wish to emphasize this point—every conference made a gain both in the total amount and in the per capita amount. However, the successful evangelistic phase is greater than the financial. During this four-year period greater stress has been laid on the soul-winning phase. In the makeup and content of the Ingathering papers, the promotional material, and the personal contact method of soliciting the golden theme of soul-winning was

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M. V. Department

By O. S. HERSHBERGER, Secretary

SHARE Your Faith is more than a motto or slogan; it is a way of life. This way of life was emphasized and magnified in the Philadelphia Youth's Congress where thousands of young people of the Columbia

Union Conference received a new inspiration to work for their Master and to share their faith with greater zeal.

We now have 326 Missionary Volunteer societies, which is a gain of fifty-two over the num-

ber for the previous period. The present membership of these societies is 8,695, a gain of 2,702.

In their Share-Your-Faith efforts the youth of the Columbia Union have distributed 1,759,892 pieces of literature; 177,920 missionary contacts were made; and 22,585 Bible readings were given. The young people also are very active in the foreign mission program, and during the past four years they have gathered \$165,260 in the Ingathering work.

During this period, 1,540 of our youth were baptized, indicating that this is a very fertile field for evangelism. They also helped win 442 others. Every feature of our Missionary Volunteer program plays an active part in the salvation of our youth and in training them for service. A total of 3,284 completed the Bible Year, or Character Classics, and 5,453 Reading Course Certificates were issued.

The Progressive Class program helps to save our juniors and trains the senior youth for active service in the youth-for-youth movement. Two hundred thirty-eight were invested as Master Comrades, now called Master Guides. Those who received this training have been better qualified to promote the Pathfinder Clubs and to lead in the saving of our juniors.

The Lord has greatly blessed both our seniors and juniors, and I give Him thanks in all humility for

His goodness and loving care. I also wish to thank all those who contributed to the success of the young people's work. Especially do I thank the Conference Missionary Volunteer Secretaries for their promotion of the Share-Your-Faith program, and here they are to give you interesting, soul-saving experiences.

Prof. A. V. Pinkney of Allegheny: "Pfc. James Johnson was having his faith severely tried. Ordered before the officer of the day, he was told rather bluntly that he must carry a gun, work on the Sabbath, and fight, for now he was in the army. Recognizing the gravity of this situation, we immediately contacted our Union and General Conference representatives. He is now enjoying Sabbath privileges. Five other company boys are taking the Twentieth Century Bible Correspondence Course."

Prof. Tate Zytoskee reports for Chesapeake: "In western Maryland, along the side of the mountain, are twenty-five acres of land dedicated to the youth. This is Mount Aetna Youth Camp. Three years ago the leaders of the Conference called in the pastors and laymen and donned overalls, and in a short time a commodious lodge was built in rustic beauty. The next project was a large swimming pool, 76 x 38 feet. Last year twenty substantial cabins were constructed. Plans are under way for some new projects."

Elder Arthur Patzer of East Pennsylvania: "A young man and his wife felt they ought to be actively engaged in the Share-Your-Faith program. They were living near their relatives and friends and had their church membership in the largest church in the Conference. They moved to the northern part of the state and settled in a dark county. Now a branch Sabbath school has been started with an attendance that varies from twenty-five to thirty-five every week."

Prof. Clifford Brown, of New Jersey: "The outstanding feature of the youth work in New Jersey has been the establishment of a regular junior camp program. The attendance last year was about double that of the year before. The spiritual life is stressed, and Sabbath is a high day. During the morning service more than half the children gave their hearts to Christ for the first time and have gone home to join baptismal classes in their own churches."

Elder E. J. Barnes of Ohio: "Two



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Publishing Department

By J. F. KENT, Secretary

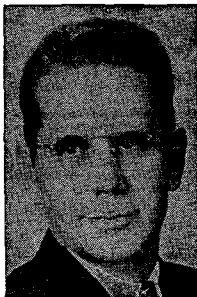
summers ago two youthful M. V.'s were placing our books in the homes of interested people in eastern Ohio. They found a fine country church that was well attended but had no pastor, and they accepted the invitation to speak on Sunday morning. Every other week a young man from Mount Vernon Academy has been preaching evangelistic sermons in the church which is crowded with an attendance of from sixty-five to eighty every Sunday. We are looking forward to many following the Bible way, and who knows but maybe a whole new church."

Elder Wittenberg of Potomac: "The Saturday Night Camp Meeting radio broadcast is now in its third year of operation in the nation's capital by the M. V.'s of the Washington area. They present the *Signs of the Times*, the music, the panel, discussions on doctrinal subjects, and the Sunshine Corner. To date hundreds of people have enrolled in the Bible course. Many have been baptized. Among them are a Navy petty officer and his wife, and another young couple who drive nearly one hundred miles every Saturday night to attend the broadcast. The vice-president of a large chain of banks contributes between ten and twenty-five dollars every month. Individuals from three foreign embassies have written in that they enjoy the broadcast. A Catholic priest sent for literature recently."

Reporting for West Pennsylvania, Elder R. C. Barron: "In recognition of the need of a Master Guide program, our aim is to invest 51 Master Guides in '51. An outline plan of studies was presented in the first issue of a monthly bulletin called 'Master Guide.' The program was then given in Sabbath services, and already we have 150 working on their Master Guide work. Several of the pastors and their wives, including our President and his wife, are determined to be invested with the others."

Elder L. G. Cornelius of West Virginia: "We have followed the plan of holding district Missionary Volunteer rallies, and on these occasions have devoted a portion of Sabbath afternoons to Operation Doorbell. Our young people have responded to the appeal and thousands of homes have been reached as a result. Our Twentieth Century Bible Course is enjoying the greatest enrollment in its history, and this is due to a large extent to the efforts of our youth."

It is indeed a pleasure to bring to this delegation a brief report concerning the activities of our colporteur evangelists. These men and women have truly made a noble contribution in our program of evangelism.



J. F. Kent

Eternity alone will reveal the final results of the work of our colporteur army.

The average number of regular full- and part-time workers reporting each month during this

four-year period was 202.

The hours worked by this group amounted to 3,030,225.

The total value of literature delivered was \$2,207,835.76. Of this amount \$541,682.79 was for magazines. You will be glad to know that the sermonettes given in the form of demonstrations of the literature were over 3,000,000. Approximately 400,000 homes heard prayer offered, many undoubtedly for the first time. Hundreds of thousands of tracts were given away. Literally thousands were enrolled in the Twentieth Century Bible Course and the Voice of Prophecy Bible Course. Hundreds were personally invited and encouraged to attend Sabbath school, church, and Sunday-night meetings. Last, but not least, I would

have you think of the godly influence left in the homes through their consecrated lives. During the past quadrennial period 659 precious souls were found and won to this message through these ministers of the printed page.

I pause to express my sincere appreciation for the cooperation of the Home Missionary Department of each conference, the pastors, Bible instructors, and others who may have helped to follow up the interest awakened by the colporteur evangelists.

It has been our objective through these past four years to keep this work strictly evangelical and recruit into our ranks men and women with talent and ability whose desire and burden is to see souls saved.

In conclusion I wish to acknowledge with thanks my deep appreciation to workers for their faithful and untiring efforts in helping to make possible this report and to the General Conference Publishing Department for their timely counsel and inspiration given from time to time. Special mention is due the Review and Herald for their wholehearted cooperation.

The Publishing Department of each conference in the Columbia Union is ready and anxious to join conference leaders, pastors, and church elders in a most earnest effort to recruit and train suitable men and women for an all-out soul-winning endeavor through the literature ministry.



S. Ronning and Edgar Bradley look over the book display at the Session. The local Book and Bible House Managers had charge of the Book and Bible displays.

Sabbath School Department

By J. C. HOLLAND, Secretary

THE progress of the Sabbath school work during the past quadrennial period, 1947-1950, is very encouraging. The number of organized Sabbath schools on December 31, 1946, was 359. Four years later, December 31, 1950, the number had increased to 388. This was a gain of twenty-nine Sabbath schools and represented a growth of eight per cent during the quadrennial period.

Branch Sabbath schools increased from twenty-seven in 1946 to thirty-seven as of December 31, 1950—a gain of thirty-seven per cent. The organized Sabbath schools and branch Sabbath schools added together give us a total of 425, which is an increase of thirty-nine over the preceding quadrennial period.

The total membership in these Sabbath schools is now 29,404, an increase of twenty per cent over the previous period.

The average Sabbath school attendance during the four years from 1943-1946 was 17,952. The average attendance during the quadrennial period 1947-1950 was 21,653, which was a gain of 3,701 in attendance over the preceding period. This represents a 20.7 per cent gain in average attendance of Sabbath school members over the preceding four-year period.

Measured in terms of the number of dollars and cents, the liberality of the Sabbath school members was never greater in the history of the Conference than during the quadrennial period just closed.

During the last four-year period, 1947-1950, the total amount of offerings given to missions through the Sabbath school was \$1,858,881.11. This was an increase of \$343,683.75, or a gain of 22.66 per cent, over the preceding period.

The average amount per capita for the four-year period, 1943-1946, was \$.302. During the four-year period, 1947-1950, the average per capita was \$.320, representing a gain of \$.018 per capita over the per capita amount of the preceding period.

During the quadrennial period 1943-1946, our offerings equaled 20.1 per cent of the tithe. However during the quadrennial period just closed, as of December 31, 1950, our offerings amounted only to 18.2 per cent of the tithe—a loss

of 1.9 per cent. Let us better this situation. Even though our giving did not quite keep pace with our increase in wages, we have splendid gains in both the total amount and in the amount per capita.

It took seventeen years, five months, and fifteen days to raise the first million dollars for missions through the Sabbath school after the Columbia Union Conference was organized in 1907, and only two years and three days to raise the seventh million. We are now well on toward the eighth million. If we maintain our present liberality, it will be raised in less than two years.

Temperance Department

By J. C. HOLLAND, Secretary

FROM their early history Seventh-day Adventists recognized their responsibility to the reformatory temperance issue as a part of the judgment-hour message of Revelation 14:6-12. From the very beginning of this movement our leaders upheld the basic principles of health and right living. That temperance is a moral issue which affects the spiritual life was a deep conviction with these godly leaders.

During the past four years, 1947-1950, new life has come into the teaching of temperance as the result of the reactivation of the American Temperance Society which has for its platform total abstinence. So now true temperance principles are given their rightful place. Our objective is to lead every member to be a temperance advocate.

At the close of 1950 only 3,780 were members of the American Temperance Society. This is only a little more than twelve per cent of the church membership. So there is a challenging field for temperance leaders in the church.

The students of Washington Missionary College, under the leadership of Elder W. A. Scharffenberg and Elder W. N. Wittenberg, defeated a proposal for legislation to make it legal to serve liquor in veterans' clubs in Montgomery County, Md.

Our Sabbath School Teachers' Training Course program has accomplished much in making our Sabbath school classes more fruitful. During the past four years the General Conference issued 148 teachers' certificates.

We do not claim that the Sabbath schools should be given all the credit for the 4,552 Sabbath school members who were baptized during the quadrennial period, 1947-1950. Nevertheless, we do know that the Sabbath school is a great spiritual force which contributes much in the winning and establishing of souls in the truth. We believe this glorious harvest of souls has been the result of the harmonious action and cooperation of the church, the school, the home, and individuals—and to God we give all the glory, honor, and praise.

More and more, temperance is kept before the people in lectures, sermons, the schoolroom, and the press. And to this list we should add the radio script, films, jingles, and posters—all of which constitute the antidote which partially neutralizes the poison of alcoholic beverages and other narcotics.

Listen magazine should be placed in every home, especially in the hands of teachers, clergymen, and state, county, and city leaders.

The following was unanimously adopted by the delegates:

WE RECOMMEND:

1. That we do all in our power by voice, pen, and vote to restrict the sale and use of alcoholic beverages.

2. That we request all our churches to give study to this matter and to decide on definite projects of public education for temperance, with the understanding that they utilize the effectiveness of the leading temperance journal, *Listen*, by placing it in the homes of those enslaved by this evil habit, and by means of subscription to all leading men in public life—the minimum *Listen* sponsorship goal for each church to be an equivalent of that of the church membership.

3. That we as a people renew our pledge of total abstinence and urge our people to sign the pledges wherever the opportunity presents itself.

War Service Commission

By O. S. HERSHBERGER, Secretary

AGAIN is heard the marching feet of the armed forces and the explosion of destructive bombs. Again for the third time in less than thirty-five years, Mars, the god of war, has raised his ugly head.

These serious world conditions made it imperative that we reactivate the Medical Cadet training. Some of our boys have already been called into the service of their country and, in the near future, many more will have to go.

The Medical Cadet training is of great value to these young men as they face a new environment which to them will be very strange. In the Medical Cadet Corps they are orientated to some extent in the ways of the armed forces. This in itself gives them confidence and puts them somewhat at ease.

This training will prove of inestimable value when they ask for Sabbath privileges, because they will have demonstrated that they know something about army life, and it will be much easier for them to obtain these privileges.

A most important feature of the Cadet Corps training is the course in character guidance. This training will enable our boys to give an answer for the hope that is within them and to tell in a few well-chosen words why they cannot take life and why they should keep the Sabbath.

We now have active corps in Washington Missionary College and in the following academies: Pine Forge Institute, Shenandoah Valley, Mount Vernon, and Mount Aetna.

Already we have organized corps in some of the larger churches and districts. Many more corps should be organized to give our boys the necessary training and instruction that they may not enter the service of their country unprepared.

The atom bomb and other machines of destruction hang as a pall over the world, a threat to life and property such as the world has never known.

Seventh-day Adventists should be active in organizing for Civil Defense. This gives us a wonderful opportunity to witness for God. During times of emergency we can demonstrate to the world that we are here to help save life, the physical man as well as the spiritual.

We should work through the Red Cross organization. The American

National Red Cross has offered our denomination the opportunity of becoming a self-contained unit. It will help to train our people as instructor trainers.

The instructor trainer is authorized by the Red Cross to train our own instructors. These instructors in turn can train our church members. In December the National Red Cross conducted an instructor trainer class in Washington, D. C., for the three Atlantic seaboard unions.

There are twelve of these instructor trainers in our union. At this time instructor classes are being conducted in several churches. Our goal is to have every Seventh-day Adventist take the Standard Red Cross course, and we should encourage many to take the advanced Red Cross training, as well. Dr. Clifford Anderson has been elected medical adviser of the Columbia Union Conference and is rendering excellent service.

Let us make every effort to pre-

pare our people for a place of usefulness in the Civil Defense program, always striving to bring honor and glory to our heavenly Father.

Home Missionary Department

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made prominent. It was during this period that the free Bible correspondence course was offered for the first time in the Ingathering paper. Now a steady stream of applications is coming to the Bible schools as a direct result. Many of the baptisms of the Bible school converts can be traced to the Ingathering contact and paper.

The accomplishments summarized in this report were attained because of the faithful leadership of the local conference Home Missionary Secretaries, the pastors of the churches and church officers, the strong support given every endeavor by the executives, the willingness on the part of the laity to cooperate and work diligently. To all God will give credit with a crown of life if we remain faithful to the end.

Washington Missionary College

By W. H. SHEPHARD, President

It is pleasant to report a general feeling of confidence and optimism about the state of the College during this past quadrennium. The economy of the whole world has undergone radical changes. The number of dollars required for attendance at Washington Missionary College is approximately double what it was during the preceding quadrennium.



W. H. Shephard

The government has financed as many as a third of our students. This is now coming to a close and we are facing the possibility of losing many of our students to military service. Now we are faced with a new emergency—one of diminishing enrollment for a period of two or more years. A diminishing enrollment means diminishing income.

During this quadrennial period the enrollment figure reached a

peak. This peak, reached three years after the close of the war, has declined from a high of 747 to an enrollment of 679 for the present year.

Our students, sensing the need of winning souls, launched a personal evangelism crusade this year. Thirty-five hundred homes within a radius of one mile of the College are systematically visited each month. An interest has been aroused which is most satisfying.

We are happy over the erection of a new gymnasium which has eliminated that which was a deficiency in our school program.

The science building at the present time is receiving an addition which we hope will be completed by the opening of the fall term.

The new academy building, construction of which has begun, is at the corner of Graham Road and Carroll Avenue. It will provide additional room in the administration building for teachers' offices and classrooms.

The occupation of the new girls' dormitory during this quadrennial period has been a most delightful experience, providing desirable

cultural and social facilities imperative in a resident college of this type.

The College Press has added a commodious addition, making available needed space for the bindery and administrative offices.

The renewing of the foundation for South Hall provided for the renovation of the Home Economics Department, resulting in a beautiful, modern, efficient kitchen with new equipment and a new living room, equipped with radiant heat.

Washington Missionary College purports to be a liberal arts college. The peculiar problem for the administration of our college is to keep the arts program large enough to maintain our liberal arts status, while at the same time providing sufficient professional work to meet the demands of students who wish training in the professional areas of the denomination. The first is necessary for our accreditation; the second, for enrollment. To maintain both in a school of our size is a daring economic adventure.

Our physical education program this year is under the direction of Mr. Earl Wilson, and merits our heartiest commendation.

Mr. Henry Johnson was appointed business manager, replacing Mr. Martin Kemmerer who accepted a call to the mission field. Dr. C. N. Rees was appointed academic dean, replacing Dr. Rittenhouse.

We have a congenial, spiritual, and influential group of teachers. For the purpose of meeting our objectives the faculty is well qualified. There is evidence of a united and conscious effort on the part of the staff to accomplish the objectives of the College and to maintain high standards and ideals.

During this quadrennium Elder T. H. Jamison, head of the theology department, and his associate, Eld-

er Leslie Hardinge, joined our staff. They, with Miss Vandermark and Elder Livingston, make our Bible department second to none.

Washington Missionary College is an accredited institution with the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. During this quadrennium the College was re-evaluated by this accrediting body. On March 8, 1950, a group of seven educational experts came to our campus for the purpose of evaluating the College. This group spent three days on the campus, visiting classes and students, interviewing teachers, attending chapel, and investigating every College curriculum. This group knew little about Seventh-day Adventists. Before they came upon our campus their information concerning our educational system and our denomination was meager. They were not permitted to give any indication of their impressions or attitudes toward the school while on the campus. They were to retire and each one to write a report. The reports were then pooled by the chairman who wrote the final report and took it to the Commission of Higher Learning of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. I shall quote a few paragraphs from the chairman's report to the higher commission:

"1. The sincerity, loyalty, and dedication to service of the Washington Missionary College staff and faculty is unusual and impressive. There are certainly not many colleges in this country in which faculties work with a greater spirit of dedication or have greater faith in the future of the institutions which they serve than at Washington Missionary College.

"2. While the program at the college is primarily designed to

train workers for the Seventh-day Adventist denomination and is therefore heavily professional in character, there is also an adequate offering of the usual liberal arts subjects.

"3. Ample evidence that the college is doing an educational job of high quality is found in:

"a. The good teaching and the good learning situations in the classrooms as observed by the Evaluation Committee.

"b. The good physical plant and equipment of the college.

"c. The records made by students on the graduate record examinations and in graduate schools.

"d. The continuing study by the faculty of curricula and outcomes.

"4. The administrative organization of the college is excellent and effective in meeting the needs of the institution.

"5. The college is in a stable financial position in spite of the fact that it does not have endowments in the usual sense.

"Respectfully submitted,

"M. Ellis Drake, Chairman"

The past quadrennium has not been without perplexities. Many times the board of trustees has been called upon to give of its time in spite of extremely busy programs to deal with the problems of the college. The patient, unstinting labors of these men have been deeply appreciated. The burdens which they have been called upon to share have been difficult and not always pleasant, but theirs have been a loyalty and a devotion which have gladdened the hearts of those who have worked with them and have guided the destiny of this college with calm and steady hands.



On Tuesday night ministerial students from Washington Missionary College arrived at the hotel to attend the ministerial institute. The group is shown above with T. H. Jamison and L. Hardinge, Bible instructors, in the center, first row.