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THE KEEPING OF RECORDS.

OUR people do not half appreciate the importance of having the records of our institutions properly kept. When records are properly kept, they are a great help in keeping institutions as well as private individuals out of debt. Correct bookkeeping is a matter of no little consequence. There has been altogether too much blundering in the matter of keeping accounts. The books in some of our institutions have at times been kept by those who were not thorough, practical bookkeepers. Many have entered upon their work without receiving the education essential in order to be able to keep books correctly. More than once when the records have been given entirely into the charge of these inexperienced bookkeepers, they have so confused the accounts that financial loss has resulted to the institution, and even greater disaster to the accountants themselves; for their honesty has been questioned and their influence hurt.

There is a right way and a wrong way of conducting business. Often that which at the outset seems the hard way is the right way, and what appears to be the easy way proves in the end to be the most difficult and confusing.

In every business firm and in every institution the bookkeeper should make a plain record of every dollar received and every dollar paid out. Then there will be no uncertainty as to what has been done with the money. When accounts are handled in a hurried, haphazard manner, it is not known whether the bills are paid or not, the institution suffers losses, and there is room for suspicion that fraud has been practiced by some one.

Correctness in the keeping of accounts is especially required at a time when buildings are being erected. A faithful statement of every transaction should be made on the books. If this is not done, a great amount of money will be used and no one will know exactly where it has gone. Great amazement will be felt. The bookkeeper is questioned, but if he has no written evidence to show for the money expended, suspicion rests on the transaction. And it may be that the truth in regard to the matter will not be known until the day when every man's work is brought in review before God.

Instead of making a record of all business transactions, some trust to memory, and then discrepancies appear in their work. They may have no intention to dishonesty, yet they are unfaithful, in failing to keep their accounts properly. Thus some have lost their reputation for honesty, and under the feeling that they were not trusted, they have grieved themselves to death. As long as life lasted, a shadow hung over them, and they did not realize that their great mistake was in trusting to their memory.

Some of our institutions have been involved in serious embarrassment through the failure of their records to reveal the true financial standing. Investments have been made, and debts contracted, that would never have been if the books had told the whole truth in regard to the finances.

Often it is in this way that our institutions are tempted to needless outlay in the erection of large and expensive buildings. Through lack of a definite

knowledge of the real financial condition at home and of the necessities of the work in other fields, money has been selfishly invested where it was least needed. Some parts of the field have been supplied with facilities that were wholly uncalled for, while in other parts the workers have lacked that which was absolutely essential to success. Buildings and other facilities for the use of schools, sanitariums, and churches could not be supplied when they were sadly needed. Thus the efforts of the workers have been crippled, and the message of truth in its onward course has been retarded.

In order that the records in our institutions may be properly kept, great care should be given to the selection and training of accountants, to the adoption of right methods for the keeping of books, and to the proper supervision of the bookkeeper's work.

The methods of bookkeeping followed should be such as are simple and easy to be understood. Some may desire to bring in new methods, claiming that these are superior to the system employed by the former bookkeepers. But before the new methods are introduced, they should be examined and approved by an experienced bookkeeper. Let no one bring in new methods on his own responsibility; they should be adopted only by the counsel of competent persons.

To adopt new and untried methods of bookkeeping means more than may at first sight appear. When one does this, and for a time keeps the records, and then is suddenly called away, it is often the case that his successor is not familiar with these new methods. Thus perplexity arises, the work is hindered, and the one who has kept the accounts incurs the suspicion of incompetency and even of dishonesty. Everything that can be done should be done to train bookkeepers who will keep the records by the most simple process, so that when others take their place, everything on the books will be clear and easy to be understood.

One who is not acquainted with the intricacies of the business should not be left to deal with the records unaided. His work should often be examined by an experienced and accurate accountant. Let no bookkeeper be left to follow his own ideas, without counsel from others. At stated periods the account-books in every conference, society, and every institution connected with our cause should be carefully examined. Let some one be appointed for the work, a person of experience, who is able to judge properly of the business done. If the records of our institutions are properly kept and carefully examined, they will show when debts are being contracted that may be difficult to

pay. The cause of the institution not being self-supporting will readily appear. Then steps can, at once, be taken to prevent loss, so as to save the disaster and disgrace of an accumulating debt.

Let it ever be kept in mind that it is the Lord's money which is handled in our institutions, and that through His heavenly intelligences He keeps a record of the way in which the money is used. Every account passes to the unseen Bookkeeper above. When money is needlessly expended, the record is made in heaven, "Weighed in the balances, and found wanting."

God desires that the financial part of the cause shall be carried by business men, men who are careful, faithful, and just,—wise men, who seek to know and to do His will, that His Spirit may rest on them. When this is the case, prosperity will attend the work, for with such workers God can co-operate.

ELLEN G. WHITE.

PRESENT ORGANIZATION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

OUR readers will remember that, during the session of the General Conference one year ago, material changes were effected in the organization of the general body, and a new constitution adopted. Article 4, section 1, of this constitution declares that "The Executive Committee of this Conference shall be twenty-five in number, and shall have power to organize itself," and "to appoint all necessary agents and committees for the conduct of its work."

When the present Committee organized itself, in April, 1901, it was understood to be only for one year, rather than for the biennial term. Accordingly, favorable opportunity having been presented by the presence of several members of the General Conference Committee residing at a distance, reorganization was effected Feb. 15, 1902.

No change was made in the membership of the Committee. Pastoral and Finance Committees were discontinued, and some changes were made in the personnel and organization of certain departments. These will probably be indicated better by giving the directory of the present organization of the Executive Committee than by recording the action of the Committee relating to each case.

The first two columns of page 520, GENERAL CONFERENCE BULLETIN, Vol. 4, No. 3, should be revised as follows:—

OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT: A. G. Daniells, 267 West Main St., Battle Creek, Mich.

VICE-PRESIDENT: W. W. Prescott, 267 West Main St., Battle Creek, Mich.

SECRETARY: H. E. Osborne, 267 West Main St., Battle Creek, Mich.

TREASURER: H. M. Mitchell, 267 West Main St., Battle Creek, Mich.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: P. T. Magan, Berrien Springs, Mich.

MISSION BOARD: A. G. Daniells, (chairman), J. H. Kellogg, David Paulson, A. J. Read, E. A. Sutherland, I. H. Evans, W. C. White, H. F. Rand, W. T. Knox, A. T. Jones, W. W. Prescott, E. R. Palmer.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OF THE MISSION BOARD: W. A. Spicer; Assistant Secretary, H. E. Osborne.

FIELD SECRETARY OF MISSION BOARD: W. W. Prescott.

TRUSTEES OF FOREIGN MISSION BOARD OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS (the Legal Corporation): A. G. Daniells (chairman), J. H. Kellogg, David Paulson, W. W. Prescott, A. T. Jones, A. J. Read. (Three trustees yet to be elected from members of corporation.)

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT: W. W. Prescott (chairman), E. A. Sutherland (secretary), J. H. Kellogg, A. T. Jones, David Paulson, P. T. Magan, Frederick Griggs.

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SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT: W. A. Spicer (chairman), Estella Houser (secretary), W. W. Prescott, M. C. Wilcox, C. H. Jones, H. E. Osborne, E. A. Sutherland, A. J. Read, G. W. Thomason, Adelaide Bee Cnoper, Mrs. L. Flora Plummer (Cor. Sec., Room 705, Northwestern Building, Minneapolis, Minn.).

GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS: S. H. Lane (chairman), W. H. Edwards (secretary), H. M. Mitchell (treasurer), W. A. Spicer, R. M. Kilgore, A. G. Daniells, C. W. Flaiz, I. H. Evans, J. Sutherland, P. T. Magan, W. W. Prescott, C. M. Christiansen, J. D. Gowell, G. B. Thompson, J. M. Rees, C. D. Rhodes, Wm. Covert, J. S. Comins, A. G. Haughey, E. R. Palmer, H. E. Osborne.

AUDITING COMMITTEE: A. G. Daniells, H. W. Cottrell, G. I. Butler, C. W. Flaiz, E. T. Russell, W. T. Knox, I. H. Evans, R. A. Underwood, W. W. Prescott, J. H. Kellogg, A. J. Read, E. A. Sutherland, C. H. Jones, L. R. Conradi, W. H. Thurston, G. G. Rupert.

The committee on German work in North America, committee on Scandinavian work in North America, and the transportation agents, remain the same.

THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

THE General Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists was organized as the legal arm of our denomination, and as such it has served an important part in our work. With the organization of Union Conferences in this country, and the division of General Conference responsibilities among these new organizations, it came to be very evident that the affairs of the General Conference Association must be adjusted.

Accordingly, the matter was brought before the brethren present at the General Conference council in October, 1901, and steps were then taken looking toward the proper distribution of the assets and liabilities of the General Conference Association. During the progress of the council, a committee was appointed to consider this question, and their report made the following suggestion:—

“That a committee of equity be appointed to apportion the liabilities of the General Conference Association to the Union Conferences according to the institutions within their borders, and their ability to pay. Said committee to consist of the following brethren: S. H. Lane, I. H. Evans, J. H. Kellogg, J. Sutherland, Irving Keck, W. W. Prescott, and the presidents of the Union Conferences.”

This recommendation was adopted by the council, and the committee named in the report gave careful study to the problem before them. On the afternoon of Friday, Nov. 1, 1901, this committee of equity rendered their report to the council. This was considered by the brethren in attendance, and after making slight amendments, the report was adopted by unanimous vote, as expressing the will of the council. We present herewith such portions of the amended report as are most essential to a correct understanding of the subject.

“Your subcommittee, appointed to equitably assign the assets and liabilities of the General Conference Association to the respective District Conferences, would respectfully submit the following:—

“That the Executive Committee of each Union Conference be requested to create a legal corporation in their respective territory for the transaction of legal business.

“That as soon as any district is incorporated, and is ready for the transaction of business with its corps of officers, the General Conference Association is requested to turn over to the said corporation what-

ever institutions and church property it is now holding in said district.

"That the General Conference Association shall arrange with the holders of its notes payable so that at the completion of the respective corporations in said districts, the notes now outstanding by the corporations to the amount of the liabilities be assigned to said districts.

"That in any case the holder of the General Conference Association notes refuses to accept the District Corporation's note, said District shall give its note to the General Conference Association for the amount at the same rate of interest that said General Conference Association is paying to the holder of said note.

"That this arrangement shall be effected as speedily as possible."

The assets and liabilities assigned were specified in another portion of the report as follows:—

Assigned Assets.	Assigned Liabilities.
\$116,515.27.....	To G. C. A..... \$116,515 27
Union College.....	To Districts 4 & 5... 85,000 00
Walla Walla College.....	To District 6..... 31,000 00
Keene Academy.....	To District 5..... 10,000 00
Huntsville and Graysville	
Schools.....	To District 2..... 10,000 00
	To District 1..... 5,000 00
	To District 3..... 34,000 00
	\$291,515 27

STATE OF THE ASSETS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE
ASSOCIATION.

Bills Receivable	\$50,000 00
General Conference.....	11,924 33
International Tract Society, Ltd.....	153 69
Echo Publishing Co.....	2,227 90
Australasian Tract Society.....	1,661 69
New Zealand Tract Society.....	3,908 06
Pacific Press Publishing Co.....	91 53
Australasian Union Conference.....	38 83
Battle Creek Tent Co.....	5,886 35
General Conference Publishing Co.....	10,571 10
General Conference Building.....	1,017 11
Christiania Publishing House.....	8,609 80
Denmark School.....	3,217 0
Michigan Conference	168 44
Battle Creek Church.....	207 28
Petty Accounts.....	1,200 00
	\$100,883 16

Some explanations were offered concerning the foregoing assignments, inasmuch as in some cases the sums

might seem disproportionate to the constituency and strength of the conferences involved. Elder Knox, on behalf of the committee, called attention to the fact that the Southern Union Conference, for example, held valuable resources, such as the Huntsville school, so that its assignment of liabilities was virtually covered by the assets transferred. On the other hand, attention was called to the fact that the Eastern Union Conference, to which no assets were assigned, had but a small membership, and was indebted to the amount of \$46,000 on South Lancaster Academy. The Lake Union Conference also held a debt of about \$80,000 on Battle Creek College, while Ohio had an additional debt of nearly \$15,000 on Mt. Vernon Academy.

These facts were carefully considered by the brethren present, and, while the adjustment of these liabilities had been regarded as a matter difficult of consummation, the session proved to be one of the most triumphant of the entire council. Brethren Flaiz and Nelson, representing the Northwestern Union Conference, to which was assigned the largest amount of liabilities, spoke hopefully concerning the prospect of meeting the obligation, and the brethren were much encouraged by their attitude of faith. Likewise, representatives of the other union conferences were unanimous in the opinion that their brethren in the fields which they represented would not hesitate to assume the obligations involved in the liabilities assigned them.

It is gratifying to be able to report further concerning this subject that the union conferences in their sessions, held since the General Conference Council, have courageously undertaken the obligations involved in the assignment as presented herewith, in almost every instance. Thus the General Conference Association will soon be relieved of a large share of its financial obligations, and these liabilities will be assumed by those union conference organizations within whose borders the assets are located, whether in the form of school buildings, church properties, or otherwise. Our readers will remember that the transfer of these liabilities, together with the investment of the General Conference in the assets conveyed, has not yet been consummated, owing to the fact that legal corporations have not yet been perfected in all the union conferences. Nevertheless, as already indicated, the conferences have put themselves on record in favor of this distribution, and in due time it will be arranged to the satisfaction of all.

GENERAL CONFERENCE TITHE RECEIPTS.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1901.

District No. 1—Atlantic.

Atlantic	\$ 436 26
Chesapeake	464 24
Maine	232 63
New England	679 68
New York	633 26
Pennsylvania	609 40
Vermont	200 00
Virginia	136 43
West Virginia	87 75
Maritime Provinces	563 43
Atlantic Union Conference	218 80
Total	\$ 4,261 88

District No 2—Southern.

Alabama	\$ 432 98
Cumberland	235 70
Florida	52 03
Georgia	576 10
Louisiana	304 21
Mississippi	191 85
North Carolina	446 06
South Carolina	77 35
Tennessee River	239 61
Southern Union Conference	39 11
Total	\$ 2,635 00

District No. 3—Lake.

Battle Creek Church	\$13,406 98
Illinois	1,393 85
Indiana	795 13
Michigan	2,793 41
Ohio	1,575 08
Ontario	32 95
Wisconsin	1,639 13
Lake Union Conference	399 91
Total	\$22,036 44

District No. 4—Northwest.

Dakota	\$ 322 38
Iowa	1,128 48
Manitoba	1,613 36
Minnesota	1,329 28
Nebraska	1,221 67
Total	\$ 5,615 17

District No. 5—Southwest.

Arkansas	\$ 100 00
Arizona	556 67
Colorado	765 32
Kansas	1,341 61
Missouri	175 62
Oklahoma	630 75
Texas	957 57
Southwestern Union Conference	236 69
Total	\$ 4,764 23

District No. 6—Pacific.

California	\$ 4,859 49
Montana	361 25
North Pacific	968 56
Upper Columbia	316 36
Utah	406 17
Pacific Union Conference	163 06
Total	\$ 7,074 89

Individuals	3,430 80
Donations	2,676 08

Total Receipts \$52,494 59

The General Conference received tithe from the conferences in the different districts as follows:—

Districts No. 1 and 2, up to April 30; Districts No. 3 and 6 up to June 30; District No. 4 up to March 31; District No. 5 up to April 15. After which dates the several conferences paid their tithe into the Union Conferences, from whom the General Conference receives one tenth or more as the various Union Conferences may decide.

H. M. MITCHELL, *Treasurer.*

STATEMENT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES, DEC. 31, 1901.

RESOURCES.

Real and Personal Estate	\$285,263 35
Bills Receivable	73,881 59
Office Fixtures	2,071 28
General Conference	13,330 42
International Tract Society, Ltd.	153 69
Echo Publishing Co.	2,227 90
Australain Tract Society	1,661 69
New Zealand Tract Society	3,907 00
Australasian Union Conference	38 83
Pacific Press, Oakland	91 53
Huntsville School	10,965 16
General Conference Library	549 13
General Conference Building	1,029 56
Christiania Publishing House	8,609 80
School Grauts	65,691 68
Michigan Conference	168 44
Battle Creek Church	207 28
Birmingham Church Fund	920 50
Accounts Receivable	26,734 38
Cash in hand	1,051 44
Total	\$498,054 65

LIABILITIES.

Bills Payable	\$203,326 20
Review and Herald	115 34
Christian Record	77 23
General Conference Bulletin	244 99
Mission Board	2,116 99
Accounts Payable	5,712 70
Stock	286,461 20
Total	\$498,054 65

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS OF CONFERENCES AND MISSIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1901.

CONFERENCE OR MISSION.	Date of Organization.	Ministers.	Licentiate.	Missionary Licentiate.	Total Laborers.	Churches.	Member-ship.	Companies.	Member-ship.	Isolated Sab. Keep'rs.	Total Member-ship.	Tithe.
ATLANTIC UNION.....												
Atlantic.....	May 1, 1901.....	11	5	4	26							\$ 25.43
Chesapeake.....	Sept. 27, 1889.....	5	6	4	13	20	894	2	15		909	13,286.09
Maine.....	March 7, 1899.....	4	4	3	11	10	680	3	30		710	6,287.15
New England.....	Nov. 1, 1867.....	4	4	3	11	21	510	3	24	150	684	4,218.02
New York.....	Aug. 24, 1871.....	8	5	5	18	38	1,161	4	25		1,186	13,517.69
Pennsylvania.....	Oct. 25, 1862.....	15	10	4	29	67	1,650			100	1,750	12,663.65
Vermont.....	Sept. 17, 1879.....	13	10	2	25	62	1,767	3	30		1,797	17,171.00
Virginia.....	June 12, 1863.....	2	2	2	6	13	540	3	40	30	610	3,754.23
West Virginia.....	Aug. 5, 1884.....	5	5	1	11	11	259	4	106	25	390	1,975.86
	Sept. 5, 1887.....	3	4	1	8	14	310	5	60	14	384	1,493.93
Totals.....		70	37	34	153	261	7,771	26	330	319	8,420	\$74,393.05
CANADIAN UNION.....												
Maritime Provinces.....	Jan. 1, 1902.....	1	2	1	2	2					290	\$1,005.31
Newfoundland.....		2	1	2	5	10	220	3	35	35	42	254.30
Ontario.....	June 18, 1899.....	2	3	1	6	1	30				42	
Quebec.....	Aug. 16, 1880.....	6	1	5	12	16	435	3	25	66	526	4,971.95
		3	1		4	6	200	4	25	10	235	853.15
Totals.....		14	3	9	26	33	885	10	85	123	1,093	\$7,089.71
SOUTHERN UNION.....												
Alabama.....	May 1, 1901.....	3	4	6	13							\$ 170.16
Carolina (North and South).....	Oct. 1, 1901.....	3	1		4	10	220	2	15	20	255	1,451.25
Cumberland.....	Sept. 1, 1901.....	3	4	11	18	10	225	7	50	25	300	1,618.30
Florida.....	Aug. 17, 1900.....	2	2	3	7	7	417	3	83		500	4,000.00
Georgia.....	Sept. 22, 1893.....	1	1	5	7	11	275	18	225		500	3,119.04
Louisiana.....	Sept. 1, 1901.....	1	1	4	6	5	145	4	35	5	185	1,450.52
Mississippi.....	Aug. 1, 1901.....	1	1	9	11	6	169	1	9		178	1,743.19
Tennessee River.....	Aug. 5, 1901.....	1	3	6	10	3	57	5	100	25	132	634.22
	Oct. 14, 1879.....	5	4	16	25	14	300			100	400	3,131.46
Totals.....		28	16	30	96	66	1,808	40	517	175	2,500	\$17,318.14
LAKE UNION.....												
Illinois.....	July 1, 1901.....	1	2		3	6						
Indiana.....	June 3, 1871.....	12	5	13	30	50	1,800	4	50	150	2,000	\$15,423.67
Michigan.....	Sept. 20, 1872.....	15	10	6	31	60	1,900	4	100		2,000	13,906.70
Battle Creek Church.....	Oct. 3, 1861.....	29	21	23	73	174	6,919	16	1,000		7,919	38,125.30
Ohio.....	Oct. 24, 1861.....	2			2	5	2,100				2,100	*12,532.17
Wisconsin.....	Feb. 22, 1863.....	14	10	27	51	80	1,900	6	100	250	2,250	21,789.84
	June 22, 1871.....	17	15	26	58	92	3,200	10	120	100	3,420	23,326.50
Totals.....		90	63	95	268	457	17,819	40	1,370	500	19,689	\$125,154.13
NORTHWESTERN UNION.....												
Dakota (North and South).....	April 18, 1901.....	11	9	10	30	54	1,714	2	13	171	1,898	\$ 25.00
Iowa.....	Sept. 16, 1880.....	23	19	25	67	103	3,452	30	125	252	3,829	15,678.86
Manitoba.....	Sept. 20, 1863.....	3	3	5	11	9	305	7	110	45	460	28,763.60
Minnesota.....	Oct. 4, 1862.....	14	11	17	42	88	2,622	20	284	18	2,924	3,114.39
Nebraska.....	Sept. 25, 1878.....	14	5	20	44	68	2,455	6	75	150	2,680	24,077.59
Totals.....		68	47	77	201	322	10,548	65	607	636	11,791	\$93,336.67
SOUTHWESTERN UNION.....												
Arkansas.....	April 15, 1901.....	3	1	5	9							\$ 50.00
Colorado.....	May 21, 1889.....	3	6	4	13	21	300		40	340	2,437.35	
Kansas.....	Sept. 26, 1883.....	13	4	11	28	42	1,950	2	75	2,050	*18,434.37	
Missouri.....	Sept. 10, 1875.....	18	13	19	50	95	2,900	30	350	250	3,500	21,314.03
Oklahoma.....	June 2, 1876.....	12	3	6	21	42	1,575	10	200	225	2,000	11,137.37
Texas.....	Aug. 31, 1894.....	9	5	2	16	20	1,000	8	50	100	1,150	7,068.32
	Nov. 18, 1875.....	9	8	7	24	26	1,004	5	50	50	1,104	10,821.51
Totals.....		67	40	60	169	270	8,729	55	675	740	10,144	\$ 71,202.95
PACIFIC UNION.....												
Alaska.....	July 1, 1901.....	1										\$3,023.00
Arizona.....	April 2, 1902.....	2	3	2	7	4	128	2	16	18	16	99.33
Hawaiian.....		2	4	4	10	1	36	1	5		151	1,122.55
Montana.....	Oct. 5, 1898.....	2	4	3	9	12	360	10	60	30	450	1,167.89
Northern California (including Nevada).....	Feb. 15, 1873.....	27	16	34	77	54	3,649	12	75	200	3,924	5,699.33
North Pacific.....	Oct. 25, 1877.....	15	14	5	34	66	2,381			127	2,508	*48,975.53
Southern California.....	Aug. 13, 1901.....	5	6	6	17	14	1,040	2	50		1,090	19,406.44
Upper Columbia.....	May 26, 1880.....	16	5	16	37	46	1,306	4	180	50	1,536	4,714.84
Utah.....		2	1	1	4	4	168			5	173	13,083.17
Totals.....		73	50	72	199	201	9,068	31	386	430	9,884	\$98,558.40

*Three-fourths of the tithe for the year, the remainder being included in amount reported by the Michigan Conference.

†Tithe for thirteen months.

‡Tithe of Southern California churches included up to time of division.

Many new Conferences have been organized during the year 1901; hence in the above report the tithe given for those Conferences is only for the time covered since the date of their organization.

In many cases the Conference secretaries are able to report only approximately the number of isolated Sabbath-keepers. A few secretaries were not able to report the full amount of tithe received.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS OF CONFERENCES AND MISSIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1901.—Concluded.

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EUROPEAN GENERAL.	July 23, 1901	1										
German Union	July 22, 1901	5	3	6	14	38	874			39	913	\$ 3,021.99
East German	July 19, 1901	2	2	2	4	5	200				200	945.89
German-Switzerland	July 9, 1901	2	2	2	4	11	160			13	173	980.43
Holland	Jan. 12, 1902	3	3	3	7	26	735			30	755	1,035.69
South Russian	Sept. 27, 1901	4	4	4	5	29	951			20	981	4,971.17
West German	July 20, 1898	2	2	2	2	9	180			14	194	264.47
Austria-Hungary		1	1	1	2	3	157			43	200	176.21
Middie Russian		1	1	1	2	8	175			25	200	643.21
North Russian		2	2	2	6	12	192			10	202	796.83
South German		2	2	2	4	8	192					
Totals		23	14	39	75	141	3,624			194	3,818	\$12,815.89
Scandinavian Union.	July 22, 1901											
Denmark	May 30, 1880	6	3	1	10	17	596	1	12	4	612	\$3,897.12
Norway	June 10, 1887	5	3	4	9	20	625			6	631	3,417.92
Sweden	March 12, 1882	9	3	2	16	28	740				740	3,219.82
Finland		2		2	4	2	45			15	60	450.00
Iceland and Greenland		1			1			1	16		16	
Totals		23	6	11	40	67	2,006	2	28	25	2,059	\$10,984.86
British	Aug. 3, 1898	9	10	11	28	17	677	9	215	100	992	\$11,333.87
Central European	May 26, 1884											
Belgium		1	1	5	1	1	12				12	124.46
France		3	1	9	9	5	75	3	20	14	109	621.43
French-Switzerland		1	4	3	8	12	355				355	2,815.22
Italy		1		2	2	1	15			1	16	34.69
Totals		5	6	9	20	19	457	3	20	15	492	\$3,595.80
Oriental, including European Turkey, Asia Minor, Greece, Crete, Egypt, Syria, Persia.		3	2	13	18	13	181			55	236	\$559.70
AUSTRALASIAN UNION.	Jan. 25, 1894											
New South Wales	Oct., 1895	3	3	4	10	11	610	3	13	24	647	\$6,240.32
New Zealand	May 27, 1889	4	5	2	13	15	422	4	23	46	491	6,108.50
Queensland	Oct. 20, 1899	1	2	5	6	6	220	2	45	20	285	3,456.92
South Australia	Nov. 23, 1899	1	4	1	6	3	226	1	6	11	243	5,232.01
Tasmania	1901	2	2	2	4	5	166	2	22	11	199	2,229.85
Victoria	Sept. 1888	3	7	2	13	8	488	1	8	25	521	6,461.46
West Australia	1902	2	1	2	5	3	104	2	31	12	147	1,917.48
Totals		16	22	18	56	51	2,236	15	148	149	2,533	\$29,646.55
MISCELLANEOUS.												
Argentina		4	2	7	13	14	416	5	30		446	\$2,877.87
Bermuda								1	9		9	
Brazil		3	1	8	12	15	745	11	93		838	1,258.44
British and Dutch Guiana		2	1	9	12	8	258	3	42	12	312	491.13
Central America		1	1	9	10	2	78	9	56	35	169	428.75
Central America (South)		1	1	5	4	2	40	1	10	6	56	248.82
China		1	1	2	4	4	1	1	8		8	
Cook Islands		1	1	1	2	1	21	2	21		42	175.38
Fiji		1	1	4	5	1	23	2	11		34	
India		2	1	19	22	1	40			5	45	1,441.50
Jamaica		3	1	6	10	18	807	11	290	28	1,125	2,117.78
Japan		1	1	7	9	1	27			10	37	420.00
Lesser Antilles		4	1	9	13	2	141	2	40	6	187	794.91
Matabeleland		1	1	4	6	1	25				25	365.25
Mexico		2	1	6	9			2	30		30	
Natal-Transvaal		1	1	2	3	1	25	1	10		35	685.00
Pitcairn		1		1	1	1	60				60	
Porto Rico		1	1	1	1	1					2	
Raratonga		1	1	1	1	1	15				15	
Samoa		1	1	3	4	1	5				5	
Society Islands		1	1	3	9	4	80				80	279.47
Sumatra		2	2	5	5	1	10				10	
South Africa	Dec. 8, 1892	4	4	19	27	10	425	7	75	30	530	6,917.36
Trinidad		1	1	5	5	5	228	2	22		250	724.90
West Coast (South America)		3		4	7	3	76	10	111		187	
Totals		40	17	138	195	93	3,547	60	858	132	4,537	\$19,207.56
General Conference Laborers		25	7	5	47							\$3,430.80
Grand Totals		553	340	611	1,591	2,011	69,356	356	5,239	3,593	78,188	\$578,628.13
Previous Report (for year ending Dec. 31, 1900.)		510	337	571	1,500	1,892	66,547	437	4,732	4,488	75,767	510,258.97
Increase over preceding year		43	3	40	91	119	2,809		493		2,421	\$68,369.16

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THE GENERAL CONFERENCE BULLETIN.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH., FIRST QUARTER, 1902.

WHEN the crash came in Norway, and not only the publishing house but the good name of this work was put in jeopardy, this Testimony came:—

“Talk not words of censure. Lay not the blame upon this one or that one. It is a fact that there is now need of the help which all can bring to heal the breach that has been made. Do it cheerfully. Do it nobly. Come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty. Redeem at once the institution that is in great peril. This can be done if all will take hold interestedly, and redeem this heavily debt-burdened institution; and in doing this the blessing of the Lord will be upon you. It can be done; and in the name of the Lord lay hold of it. Let all work with courage and with cheerfulness and with joy, and this very work will prove a great blessing in the experience of all who lay hold of it and carry it through successfully.”

Because all lifted manfully together last midsummer, nearly half of what remained to be raised was contributed. No one has suffered for the effort, and heaven rejoiced. Now again we must lift with a will, all together.

DEBTS AND DELIVERANCES.

THE Lord is working deliverance for his people in many ways, and we have great reason for thankfulness to him for his tender mercies. There is in some measure a revival of the advent faith and a spirit of renewed consecration to the one purpose of giving the advent message to the world in this generation. Of course there comes as a natural consequence of this experience a willingness to return to the Lord that which belongs to him in tithes and offerings, and to make greater sacrifices in order that the work of the Lord may be hastened.

THE debts which have hung like a dead weight upon our schools have been one of the hindrances to the advancement of the message, but the Lord has opened the way to meet this difficulty, and has made the very means of meeting it a fourfold blessing. It is evident that this is the beginning of a great deliverance which the Lord is to work in behalf of his people and his truth in the earth.

It seemed at the time a great undertaking to assume the responsibility of relieving the Christiania Publishing House of its financial embarrassment, but the character of God as represented in his people was at stake, and there was only one right course to pursue. The Lord certainly worked with us in this matter, and he put it into the hearts of his people to respond liberally to the call which was made one year ago in behalf of the Christiania institution. Enough was realized at that time from the special collection to meet two semi-annual payments, and it was therefore unnecessary to ask for any further contributions in order to meet the December payment.

SABBATH, July 5, has now been appointed as the time for taking the next special offering for the purpose of freeing the Christiania Publishing House from debt, and we earnestly hope that the donations may be sufficient at that time to meet all remaining obligations. On the Fourth of July each year a very large sum of money is spent in this country in celebrating the Declaration of Independence, and oftentimes the money so spent is worse than wasted. Shall we not devote our means to securing a genuine independence from the bondage of debt? We should certainly have good reason for rejoicing if our united efforts on Sabbath, July 5, should result in relieving this institution from its distress, and in demonstrating to the world that there is a Christian business integrity in the conduct of the affairs of this cause which will not permit any just obligation in any part of the world to be repudiated.

REMEMBER the date, Sabbath, July 5.

Remember the purpose, to relieve the Christiania Publishing House of the remainder of its debt.

Remember that it is the Lord's will that this obligation should be met, and so his name should not suffer reproach among the people.

Remember that a united, self-sacrificing effort on the part of all, each according to his ability, will accomplish the desired result.

Remember that “the Lord loveth a cheerful giver,” and so let this offering be made with a glad heart, for the Lord's sake, and it will bring blessing to those who give, and to those who receive, the gift.

Pray, believe, and work for a large offering on Sabbath, July 5.

W. W. PRESCOTT.