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Christ's Power to Save*

To the Praise of His Love and the Glory of His Grace

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"I WILL greatly rejoice in Jehovah, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with a garland, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels. For as the earth bringeth forth its bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord Jehovah will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations. For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her righteousness go forth as brightness, and her salvation as a lamp that burneth." "I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem; they shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that are Jehovah's remembrancers, take ye no rest, and give Him no rest, until He establish, and till He make Jerusalem a praise in the earth." Isa. 61:10, 11; 62:1, 6, 7, A. R. V.

It is quite plain from this scripture that two important features are set before us: First, is the glorious high purpose of God regarding sin and the redemption of men from it; secondly, the co-operation which He expects from those who desire this redemption. Both phases of this great redemptive work are important. They are vital. In the first place, we have God's determination set forth,—not only His desire, but His purpose, for He says, "As the earth bringeth forth its bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth, so the Lord Jehovah will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations."

In this dark world of sin, among the peoples that are war-mad, sin-polluted, full of idolatry and wickedness, and rebellious against God, He purposes to cause His righteousness to be revealed, to spring forth; and in the manifestation and revelation of His glorious character among all the nations of the earth there will be men and women who will say, "I will greatly rejoice in Jehovah, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with a garland, and

as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels."

But now God calls for the co-operation of the church in the revelation of His righteousness before all nations. He does not plan that because of His purpose, His determination, His people shall sit with folded hands, expecting Him to do this of Himself.

O that we here tonight may respond to this gracious invitation of God!



WILLIAM A. SPICER

Re-elected President of the General Conference

It is the only way we can share in the working out of this great plan of redemption from sin. And it is our privilege to enter into this great work of God that He has set forth here, to cause His righteousness to be revealed. That righteousness is to be revealed through His people, through His church; and when we seek Him with all the heart, He will be found. When we loathe sin, and confess it to Him, He will forgive our sins; He will cleanse us from all unrighteousness, and heal us and redeem us.

There is another scripture I wish to read at this point in connection with this study. You are quite familiar with it. It is in the fourteenth chapter of Revelation. [The speaker read Revelation 14: 6-14.]

The purpose of God is expressed in this scripture, "Here is the patience

of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." Where are these triumphant people found? Just where God's people are commissioned to proclaim the message that is to bring out such a people, and that is, in every nation, every kindred, every tongue, every people, on the face of the earth. That is where they are found. And what is said of them?—They keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

There is nothing greater that man can ever attain to than that. The commandments of God express the righteous character of God. They are an expression of His righteousness, and there is no possible way by which any human being ever can keep those commandments except by the faith of Jesus; and there is no greater faith, there is no other faith, no purer faith, than the faith of Jesus.

And so these people, I take it, reach the highest point of excellence. They come to the highest platform of experience that the church has ever reached—that man will ever be required to reach. There is nothing higher; and throughout the wide world, in all nations, God will have a people keeping His commandments of righteousness through faith in His own dear Son.

Here is the co-operation of the church: "I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth." None of us understand that these angels are doing this work independently of the church. We know full well that this scripture embraces the church, the people of God, those who have heard the commandments, those who have learned of the faith of Jesus, those who have been led to take their stand for it, and who go forth to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, to proclaim this great threefold message of God to the world.

As they go forth, telling this message in all lands, to all peoples, under all conditions, the blessing of God attends them, and others are led to take their stand for this message. As they endeavor to render obedience to it, God blesses them, and brings them onto this high platform of Christian experience. We see a marvelous exhibition of the working out of this glorious

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plan of God, as set forth in the scripture I have read, for here tonight we have men and women gathered from all parts of the world, from many nations, from places where people are in the darkest idolatry there is in the world. They are here to testify that God has so blessed the giving of this message that they in their heathen darkness have been delivered, have been set free; they have been given help and power from God, and He has lifted them to the high place of keeping the commandments of God through faith in His dear Son. It is being accomplished.

So here we see God's great purpose, and we see co-operation with God on the part of His people, the church. Dear friends, it works marvelously.

Here is another passage:

"I saw, and behold, the Lamb standing on the Mount Zion, and with Him a hundred and forty and four thousand, having His name, and the name of His Father, written on their foreheads." "These are they that were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they that follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. These were purchased from among men, to be the first fruits unto God and unto the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no lie: they are without blemish." Rev. 14:1, 4, 5.

That is what it is to keep the commandments of God. It brings just such perfection of character.

And then in the book of Zephaniah, that little prophecy, we read:

"The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth; for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid." Zeph. 3:13.

The remnant of Israel—we know what that means, the last church, that church brought to view in the fourteenth chapter of Revelation, that will live to witness the appearing of our Lord and Saviour in the clouds of heaven; His redeemed people—that people will be brought, by the grace of God, to this high Christian experience, where they shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies, neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth.

The apostle James tells us what it is to have complete victory over the tongue. He says that if we sin not in speech, if the tongue is sanctified and under complete control, the whole man is victorious; and so we must conclude that the remnant brought to this place will be brought to a state of Christian perfection, as God intends.

When God's great threefold message is carried to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people by His church, and when it lays hold of the hearts of men and women, in all their varied conditions, in all those nations, and brings them to this state, surely the righteousness of God will spring forth before all nations.

This is not mere theory, this great purpose of God and this co-operation of His people. This is being worked out; it is materializing right now. And this fact should bring to us great encouragement, great assurance, and should lead us to that experience which is expressed in Isaiah, that we should never rest, never hold our peace, never cease our earnest cry to God, until the

righteousness of the Lord shines forth from His people to all the nations. [Amen.]

I want to read a passage that I think is a revelation inspired, to show us how fully this purpose of God is being wrought out in some measure, for some, at least, connected with this great movement. In that little book, "Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers," I read this:

"The Lord Jesus is making experiments on human hearts through the exhibition of His mercy and abundant grace. He is effecting transformations so amazing that Satan, with all his triumphant boasting, with all his confederacy of evil united against God and the laws of His government, stands viewing them as a fortress impregnable to his sophistries and delusions. They are to him an incomprehensible mystery. The angels of God, seraphim and cherubim, the powers commissioned to co-operate with human agencies, look on with astonishment and joy, that fallen men, once children of wrath, are, through the training of Christ, developing characters after the divine similitude, to be sons and daughters of God, to act an important part in the occupations and pleasures of heaven."—Page 18.

Men are here tonight who will testify very freely and conscientiously that in the darkest places of this world this very work is going on. "The Lord Jesus is making experiments on human hearts through the exhibition of His mercy and abundant grace." Go out to the heathen lands, to the islands where humanity is degraded to the lowest level, and there men preach this glorious gospel of redemption. People lay hold of it, and are lifted marvelously and quickly to a wonderful experience of Christian victory and triumph. Jesus "is effecting transformations so amazing that Satan, with all his triumphant boasting, with all his confederacy of evil united against God and the laws of His government, stands viewing them as a fortress impregnable to his sophistries and delusions."

"They are to him an incomprehensible mystery." When the grace of God lays hold of some of these people who have lived always in his grip; when it delivers them, sets them free, and makes them children of Jesus Christ, it is an amazing transformation to him. When he comes again, to seek to exercise his control over them, and finds them independent, finds them delivered, finds them free, finds his power broken, they are to him like an impregnable fortress; he cannot get in, he cannot manage them, he cannot rule them as he once did; they are free, and as he looks on in his impotence, they are an amazing problem to him.

So God is working out His purpose. As the rain comes down and causes the earth to produce, the grass to spring up, and the leaves to put forth, so His word, proclaimed by His servants, lays hold of hearts full of sin, and causes sin to be washed away, and the righteousness of Jesus Christ to be planted in its place. O, what a marvelous work God can do with humanity!

With regard to the co-operation God's people must exercise in this wonderful work, I read a brief passage on

page 16 of "Testimonies to Ministers:"

"At this time the church is to put on her beautiful garments,—'Christ our righteousness.' There are clear, decided distinctions to be restored and exemplified to the world in holding aloft the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus."

So we must never let these triumphs that we see and hear of, slacken our efforts and cause us to cease in our earnest prayers, our earnest endeavor, and our earnest sacrifice.

"There are clear, decided distinctions to be restored and exemplified to the world in holding aloft the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. The beauty of holiness is to appear in its native luster in contrast with the deformity and darkness of the disloyal, those who have revolted from the law of God. Thus we acknowledge God, and recognize His law, the foundation of His government in heaven and throughout His earthly dominions. His authority should be kept distinct and plain before the world; and no laws are to be acknowledged that come in collision with the laws of Jehovah.

"If, in defiance of God's arrangements, the world be allowed to influence our decisions or our actions, the purpose of God is defeated. However specious the pretext, if the church waver here, there is written against her in the books of heaven a betrayal of the most sacred trusts, and treachery to the kingdom of Christ. The church is firmly and decidedly to hold her principles before the whole heavenly universe and the kingdoms of the world; steadfast fidelity in maintaining the honor and sacredness of the law of God will attract the notice and admiration of even the world, and many will, by the good works which they shall behold, be led to glorify our Father in heaven. The loyal and true bear the credentials of heaven, not of earthly potentates. All men shall know who are the disciples of Christ, chosen and faithful, and shall know them when crowned and glorified as those who honored God and whom He has honored, bringing them into pos-

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session of an eternal weight of glory." — "Testimonies to Ministers," pp. 16, 17.

I have read considerable at the start on this subject, for I desire tonight to help all to see that God is going to triumph in His purpose. He is going to carry His great purpose through, notwithstanding all the opposition of the powers that are against Him. He will cause His righteousness to spring forth before all nations. He will redeem a people, but He will have the co-operation of His church. He will have us enter into that great undertaking with our whole hearts.

Now I wish to read this statement in the fifty-second chapter of the book of Isaiah:

"Awake, awake, put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean. Shake thyself from the dust; arise, sit on thy throne, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bonds of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion."

Here we have surely a most earnest and powerful exhortation to enter into this great work and purpose of God. First He gives us an awakening call. "Awake, awake!" That call implies a measure of sleepiness. God would not call us to awake if we were not in some measure sleepy. "Awake, awake!" Then He says, "Put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem."

We know that this beautiful garment is the robe of Christ's own righteousness. And here we have a most earnest appeal to turn our hearts toward God and seek for His righteousness, for the purity of heart that He designs all shall have whom He will translate to His kingdom above. He says, "Put on thy strength, O Zion." We read that Christ is the power of God, and He declares that all power in heaven and in earth has been given to Him. And He tells His church to seek for that power, to seek for it before

they can hope to have very great success in the proclamation of His message. He said to His disciples, "Ye shall be baptized in the Holy Spirit not many days hence," and "ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you." Acts 1:5, 8. And this is the strength, the power, that He exhorts us to seek with all our hearts.

"Awake, put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem." And then He says, "Shake thyself from the dust." I take it that represents sin in all its forms. "Shake thyself from the dust," "loose thyself from the bonds of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion."

It seems to me, dear friends, that this is a most beautiful and encouraging message to come from God to us here tonight; and as we enter upon this Conference session, would it not be pleasing to God for us to listen to this appeal, to this counsel and instruction that He gives us, to turn away from sin, to seek for greater purity of heart, to seek for His righteousness; that as we return to our fields in all lands, we may go revealing the glories and the beauties of the righteousness of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ?

In this connection I want to read another beautiful passage that I find here in the book, "Christ's Object Lessons," page 163:

"As the sinner, drawn by the power of Christ,"—

I have read this exhortation, this command of God to put on thy strength, to put on thy power for victory, for personal victory in our conflict with sin in the battles we have to fight. There is a power that can deliver us from the power of sin, and set us free, and we are told to put on that power, the power of Jesus Christ.

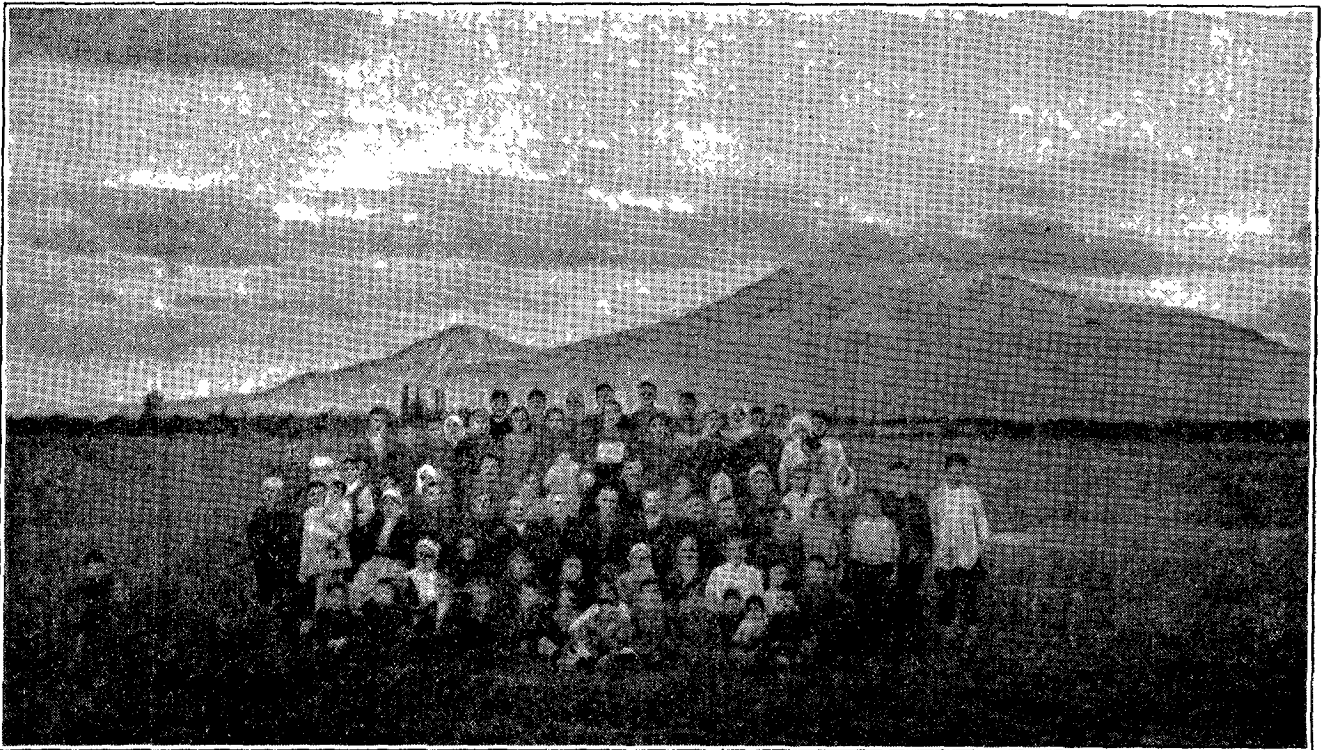
"As the sinner, drawn by the power of Christ, approaches the uplifted cross, and prostrates himself before it, there is a new creation. A new heart

is given him. He becomes a new creature in Christ Jesus. Holiness finds that it has nothing more to require. God Himself is 'the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.' And 'whom He justified, them He also glorified.' Great as is the shame and degradation through sin, even greater will be the honor and exaltation through redeeming love. To human beings striving for conformity to the divine image there is imparted an outlay of heaven's treasure, an excellency of power, that will place them higher than even the angels who have never fallen."

What a mighty incentive we have for this gospel work we are endeavoring to carry forward! As we go out into the nations about us, as we go out into the streets where sin seems to triumph, it is our privilege to know that God is at work for the sincere and for those who may be longing for deliverance—and thousands and thousands of people are. It is our privilege to know that God sees them, and that He knows the breathings of their hearts, and that He has the power to set them free, the power to deliver them, to impart to them His own righteousness, and to fit them to live in His presence with angels, with unfallen beings, and to enjoy that world forever and ever.

It is a great opportunity we have before us, and tonight may the Lord Himself inspire us with a burning desire to co-operate with Him in carrying out His high and glorious purpose for the redemption of this lost world.

Now, let us read again this beautiful statement that we started with, "I will greatly rejoice in Jehovah." As I read that yesterday morning at an early hour, my heart was lifted up to pray God to put that joy and rejoicing into my heart. We labor, we toil, we sacrifice, but may we rejoice in it all. May we have the joy that God wants to have accompany all this labor and sacrifice and effort for Him. "I will greatly rejoice in Jehovah, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He hath



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clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with a garland, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels."

It is a very vital experience for every minister and gospel worker to know for himself that his sins are surely and truly forgiven, that they are washed away, that he is cleansed from all unrighteousness, and that God has clothed him with His own righteousness. If we enter into that experience personally, it will have the greatest power and give us the greatest assurance and the greatest success of anything I know of in carrying God's message to the world.

Some little time ago I was going down the street of a Western city when a gospel wagon drew up to a corner, and a man arose and began to talk about Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, to those who were standing on the corner; and he talked very earnestly to us. I stood and listened; and after telling that Christ was a complete Saviour, that He had all power, that He could lay hold of the most sinful man in the world and deliver him and make him righteous and pure and good, he said to us, "How do I know? My dear friends, I know He can do this because He has done it for me." And he looked so earnest and so confident as he said, "Do you want to know how I know He has done it for me? Well, I will tell you:

"Once I was a poor drunkard. I was brought up to use intoxicating liquors from a boy, and liquor became my master, and I became degraded, dishonored my father and my family, got into great trouble, and fled from my country. I went out to Australia, a new land to me, where I thought I could start all over and live a decent life; but when I got there I found my old appetite with me, and I found the land full of liquor, and I found sin on every hand. My environment was no better than that where I had lived, and so I was in sin, and couldn't help it.

"I got into great trouble there, was imprisoned, and finally, when released, thought I would go over to America—God's country, as they called it. When I landed up there in Seattle, I found just what I had left in my native land—myself and all the sin about me, and soon I was in great trouble again. I was imprisoned, a long imprisonment, a heavy ball was chained to my ankle, and there I was in that desperate state.

"One day a good, earnest preacher of the gospel came to the prison, and he talked very earnestly to us men. He told us that Christ was able to save us from all these conditions in which we found ourselves. I listened, and I longed for such a deliverance. When he had finished, I went to my cell and fell down on my knees and cried to God, and I said, 'O Lord, I don't know you; I don't know how to pray; I don't know Jesus; but your man told me about you, and now if you can save a man from sin, O Lord, take hold of me and deliver me.' I cried most earnestly and sincerely from the depths of my heart, and, my friends, something came into my heart that I had never known before. There was

power in it, and it made me hate sin and begin to love that which was good. I gave up my tobacco; I gave up liquor, and profanity, and vulgarity. I loved to read the Bible.

"This work went on until I was entirely transformed. After a while I was paroled, and I went to work. When I found I was an entirely free man, delivered from all those habits, I wrote to my wife in the country where I had left her, and told her that Charley was another man now, and asked her if she would not come to me. She wrote back and said, 'Charley, I don't know that this is true that you have written, and I cannot come until I know it. Can you get some one to testify for you?'"

He said he went to the mayor and to other men in high positions there in the city, and told them his story, and they wrote some beautiful testimonials for him, which he sent to her. He said so much time had passed that he had got a little home at the corner of a street. Finally his wife said, "Charley, I am coming." He said, "I met her and took her down to the little home that I had prepared, and we lived a happy, sweet, beautiful life from the day she arrived. And now, my friends, if you want to know whether all this is true, just come down there to that street and ask my wife."

When he got through, I think about all the men standing around there were wiping their eyes. I know I

was. The power of his personal testimony as to what God had done for him laid hold of hearts. And that is what we have set forth here. May God help us to know the power of a redeemed life, and of victory over sin, the power to be patient, to be kind, to be forbearing, to be victorious over the faults that we have and these evil dispositions of ours. Brethren, let us do just what is set forth here: "For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her righteousness go forth as brightness, and her salvation as a lamp that burneth."

I take that to mean that I, that you, that we as individuals here, ought to set our hearts most earnestly and determinedly to reach this victory brought out here, that we should cry to God until we know that our hearts have been redeemed, that His righteousness clothes us, and that it shines forth from us. If every delegate here, and every one attending this General Conference, can enter into this blessed experience more fully than we ever have, and go back to all our places of residence and fields of labor clothed with this beautiful garment of Jesus, this robe of righteousness, and live unsullied lives, in labor for others, in compassion and self-sacrifice and devotion to Him, and live for those around us, for whom we are to work, O, how His righteousness will spring forth before all nations, and bring glory to His name!

Report for North America

By O. MONTGOMERY, Vice-President

A REPORT concerning the work of the North American Division could hardly be rendered to this body representing our work in all the world without a consideration of the place and responsibility of the home church in our world program.

"Into all the world" was the commission given by the Master, which comes to us in these last days and in connection with the closing message of mercy to all the world, with greatly multiplied emphasis. We are hearing most cheering and wonderful reports of the workings of divine grace and the strong onward sweep of the message of salvation into the far-flung corners of the earth. Through every avenue of communication the messages come ringing in, telling of new advances, of added needs, of opening doors, and of divine providences that make it clear that God is going before us and the harvest home anthem will soon be sung.

In no part of the world field is the reflex of great mission achievement felt more strongly than in the home church which is holding the cords and supplying the sinews of war,

"The prosperity of the home work depends largely, under God, upon the reflex influence of the evangelical work done in countries afar off."—"Gospel Workers," p. 465.

And how is the church of God in the homeland relating itself to the finishing of His work in this generation? Is it keeping pace with the mighty onward movement in other lands? Is the North American Divi-

sion measuring up to its opportunities, responsibilities, and Heaven-arranged privileges? Perhaps we could view this responsibility best by considering it in its threefold aspect:

First, the developing and sending forth of men and women to answer the calls of earth. And surely the North American field is measuring splendidly with the needs of the hour in this respect. No other mission organization in North America is measuring more liberally along this line than is this people. Looking back over the years, and especially during the last quadrennial period, Seventh-day Adventists in North America have led the world in the sending out of missionaries to other fields. No other denomination has approached the measure of our liberality and sacrifice in this respect. There have been 433 missionaries sent forth from the North American Division during the last quadrennial period.

Second, in the providing of means to support the cause abroad. From the very beginning of our work, the North American field has been counted as the great home base. Growing into strength, the European Division and the Australasian field have for years also been strong supporting bases. For this we greatly rejoice, but it must be recognized that North America is still providing the larger portion of our world mission funds.

And in this connection we are glad to bring to this delegation, among whom there are so many from the remote corners of the earth, the cheering

word that this liberality in giving and zeal in sacrifice on the part of the church in North America is with fullness of joy and deepest pleasure. The zeal for foreign missions found among our churches throughout all the field is a source of great courage and strength to our Foreign Mission Board, and passes on to our great mission fields in a strong, warm stream of assurance and brotherly love. To the most isolated missionary in the farthest flung outstation there is the assurance that the churches at home are standing by, and will not fail in any hour of crisis or need. To a man, those bearing responsibility of leadership in the homeland are pledged heart and soul to our world program for foreign missions.

Our treasurer has set before you the figures revealing the fact that our gifts to missions for this quadrennial period reach 30.4 per cent more than for the former term. That is, North America gave more in the last four years than the total amount given in the previous six years. This is an excellent showing, and is an indication of the spirit of devotion and sacrifice found throughout the field. For very much of this means real sacrifice, brethren. But it all comes back—and more—in multiplied blessings from heaven and in the joy of men redeemed “out there.”

While our mission offerings have increased, our tithes also have increased 13.54 per cent over the previous quadrennial period. That is to say, during the last four years the tithe receipts of this field amounted to almost as much as was received during the previous five years. And it must be borne in mind that a percentage of this tithe flows into the General Conference foreign mission treasury.

Third, the influence of the spirituality of the home church on the church afar. The measure of godly living at home, reflected in the lives and characters of those sent forth, becomes largely the measure or standard of godliness in the mission field, and is clearly reflected in the life and character of those won to Christ. The greatest responsibility and the highest privilege of the home church is not the providing of money, great and important as that is, but it is the production of men and women who will in life and service give a clear, understandable interpretation of the living Christ as the mighty Saviour from sin. The influence of the home and of the church in all its varied activities should so train and develop its output for the world field that the real essence of Christianity will be given to the hearts of men; and this message of truth and mighty reform shall be made clear and be rightly interpreted, preparing a people for the soon coming of our Lord.

For men are not saved by a doctrine, nor by a theory, nor by an idealism. They are not saved by great missionary activity, nor by untiring zeal in service, however important and commendable such service may be. They are saved by a Person, a living Person, — Jesus the Lord of Glory, the Lamb of God.

“Christ crucified for our sins, Christ risen from the dead, Christ ascended

on high, is the science of salvation that we are to learn and to teach. . . . Here are infinite wisdom, infinite love, infinite justice, infinite mercy,—‘the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God.’”—“*Testimonies*,” Vol. VIII, p. 287.

To make this known in its fullness and power, writ large in living characters, is, we believe, the chiefest of all responsibilities and the greatest of all high privileges given to the church.

Our departmental and institutional lines of work are more fully developed and strongly established in the North American Division than in any other section of the world field. A very brief word concerning these various lines of activity must not be omitted from this limited and hasty survey of the field.

Publishing Department

We are now in the time when we are seeing fulfilled before our eyes the assurance that books long unread will be taken down from the shelves and studied, and many will accept the message. From many corners of the field such experiences are coming to us. We are glad to see the gathering of so many souls into the churches of the homeland through the ministry of the printed page. It is one of the surest and most successful evangelizing agencies we have. We rejoice, too, to see the steady advance that has so strongly set in during recent years in our book work, toward evangelism. This is forcibly expressed in the slogan taken up by this department: “Not mercenary, but missionary; not commercial, but evangelical.”

Home Missionary Department

The home missionary department is another phase of our work that is telling wonderfully for the advancement of the message. Just think! In the last year or two whole churches have been raised up in certain localities as a result of the interest started through the Big Week effort, and the same is true concerning the Harvest Ingathering. The blessing of a single Harvest Ingathering paper has resulted in the bringing of a whole group of people into the truth. Along every line of endeavor big increases are shown, and the Lord is wonderfully blessing as the leaders in this department are seeking to swing the entire field into a mighty soul-saving effort. “Souls above goals” is the clear, clarion call of the Home Missionary Department.

Educational Department

The past quadrennial period has witnessed a strong upward tendency in various directions in our educational work. Our colleges and academies are putting forth strong efforts to get out of debt; and as the result of the united effort put forth in the survey and budgeting of these institutions, there is a pronounced betterment in their operation indicating a more careful financial management which is really encouraging.

The interest manifested in our training centers toward the ministry, is another encouraging omen. The cause of Christian education is one that lies very near the hearts of this people. To save and train our youth is a missionary endeavor of the highest order. And these institutions, scattered all through the North American field,

stand as great mooring masts or contact points, where the urgent needs of a growing world work are laid upon the hearts of the young men and women of this denomination.

Missionary Volunteer Department

One of the most fruitful missionary fields in all the world is found within our very homes and churches. To save our own boys and girls, to safeguard and train them for service and lead them into active endeavor for Prince Emmanuel, is a missionary undertaking which challenges the most earnest and devoted effort. In this great undertaking the Missionary Volunteer Department, through its many activities, is wielding a mighty influence, and gathering in a wonderful harvest in the North American Division field.

Sabbath School Department

As the church in the homeland puts forth earnest endeavor to meet the demands laid upon it by an ever-increasing and rapidly expanding world work, we have come during the years to look to and lean hard upon one of the oldest and most tried departments in the denomination; a department that touches every member of every family in all the world. From the tiny infant in arms, member of the Cradle Roll, to the gray-haired patriarch in the senior class, the Sabbath school ministers to all. And as in the newly entered mission field it many times becomes the first form of organization among believers and maintains its place as a weekly ministration of blessing and help, so in the homeland its elevating, educational, and spiritual influences are exerting a powerful uplift, and telling wondrously for the saving and holding of souls in the church. More than half of all the mission funds given by our own people for foreign mission work flows into the coffers of the mission treasury through the avenue of the Sabbath school.

Bureau of Home Missions

While the eye of the home church is forever directed toward the great outlying mission fields, there is within our own borders a mission field that challenges the church of God with a great Macedonian call. The millions of foreigners living within the borders of the North American Division constitute a problem that our Bureau of Home Missions is addressing itself to with untiring zeal and devotion. The number of souls won and added to our churches through the activities of the bureau with its staff of workers, is most encouraging, and clearly indicates that this is a very fruitful field, and that these foreign-language-speaking people are reaching out their hands toward God and are ready for this message of truth.

Medical Department

There are many things to encourage us concerning our sanitarium and health work. Some of our larger institutions are meeting with marked success, and are showing balances on the right side of the ledger. The training of our young people in connection with these institutions is a phase of our work which occupies an important place in the North American Division field.

The gospel of health is an important phase of our denominational work,

and carries with it rich blessings in all the world. Our physicians and nurses are doing a splendid work for God and humanity, and our health work is on a stronger and more successful basis than ever before. Throughout the field our people are enjoying the blessings and the benefits of right living.

Ministerial Association

During the last two or three years the Ministerial Association has taken definite shape, and is becoming a potent factor in the work of the gospel ministry. Perhaps in the North American Division more than in any other part of the world has the work of the association been seen and felt. We welcome the effort to lift high the standard and greatly increase the efficiency of the ministry.

While the work of this association is just nicely getting under way, we look forward with confidence and hope to the service that it will render and the benefits that will come to the ministry through its endeavor. A strong lead has been given along the lines of spiritual uplift in various parts of the field.

While prosperity and progress are on every hand, and we see advancement and strength in all our borders, evidences of the good hand of our God upon His people, we are not unmindful of the dangers that thicken around us.

In the very prosperity and strength which are coming to us as a people, there are grave dangers. Are we beginning to repeat the history and follow in the footsteps of the great Protestant bodies? In the early years of their experience and struggle they were known by the simplicity and purity of their faith; separated from the world in habit, life, and practice, they were shining examples of true godliness. A holy zeal, a lofty piety, were theirs. But with the years came prosperity, came numbers greatly multiplied, came strength and influence. And there came, too, a mighty swing toward the world. Standards shifted; ideals were lost sight of; godliness leaked out of the church. Great wealth and temporal prosperity were theirs. Beautiful church edifices and pleasing rituals remained; but the pure gold had become dimmed.

In ancient time it was "fulness of bread" that proved a snare. With Israel passed over Jordan, it was the fatness of the land that was their undoing. For they "settled down to enjoy the land."

We are fallen upon perilous times. We are standing on Satan's enchanted ground. The evils of the last days are upon us. Distracting and demoralizing conditions are all about us. Standards are changing. Ideals are shifting. Carelessness and formalism are the tendencies of the present day on the part of many.

We must be on the alert as leaders, as a ministry, as a people. We must be awake to our dangers, and meet every encroachment of the enemy. The powers of evil are marshaled for the last great struggle. As the church faces and moves toward its final conflict, it must be clothed with power.

But, brethren, our hearts are cheered and our courage is renewed as we see and realize the blessing and power of a great spiritual awakening. During

the past two or three years many of our churches and institutions have been led to seek for and find a deeper experience in God. All through the field men and women, both young and old, are coming into a realization of a fuller, deeper, and more blessed experience in the Lord Jesus.

Great earnestness, born of a deep desire and hungering of heart, is leading our brethren and sisters in all sections of the field to seek for the fulness of power of the third angel's message. We are coming to realize that today is the day of His power, when His people shall be made willing for Him to have the full right of way in heart and life. Truth grows brighter, faith stronger, confidence deeper. While this is true, on the other hand we can see a clear, distinct line of demarcation which is being drawn. The earnest, consecrated, and spiritual are growing more devoted; while the careless, ease-loving, and pleasure-seeking are becoming more indifferent.

We rejoice that the opening doors of opportunity and the large ingathering of souls are not confined to the foreign mission fields. We bring to you today the glad word that large numbers are being won for Christ in the homeland. Our workers in many sections are meeting with remarkable success. Old churches are being strengthened, new churches are being raised up, and people in isolated sections are accepting the message with joy. The union conference presidents will bring to you a report of progress, advancement, and strength that will cheer your hearts. It will rejoice your hearts, I am sure, to know that baptisms in North America for the past quadrennial period total 27,547. The last two years show the greatest number, approximately three thousand more than the first half of the period.

So, brethren, the work in North America swings forward. Advancement is being made in many lines. There is very great reason for gratitude and praise. Faith, courage, and hope unwavering and undimmed are in the hearts of this people.

To be sure, there are plenty of Sanballats in the country, who would call us down or aside to study their proposition to take counsel together to consider their claims or teachings, but like Nehemiah of old, we say, "We are doing a great work, so that we cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst we leave it, and come down to you?"

Evidences of all kinds on every hand clearly indicate that the coming of our Saviour draweth nigh. The hour has struck, brethren, when the message of the coming King is being given with power. The loud cry is being sounded. Jesus is coming. Ring it out, brethren and sisters, ring it out in all the beauty and clearness of the advent message! Ring it out in the fulness of the Spirit's power! Jesus is coming!

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THE angels of heaven attain unto no higher knowledge than to know the will of God; and to do His will is the highest service that can engage their powers.—"Mount of Blessing," p. 161.

EUROPEAN EXPERIENCES

By W. K. ISING

In his opening remarks at the evening session, May 30, Elder L. H. Christian, Vice-President for the European Division, said that the men who were to report represented miscellaneous language fields. The fact is, the work in Europe is now carried on in some seventy-five languages, which gives us a conception of the complex character of the work to be done.

G. W. Schubert, of the Central European Union, was the first to report. He preferred to speak in German, he said, encouraged by the interest he had noticed the previous evening when foreign languages were used. German, he said, was honored by the fact of its being the language of the great Lutheran Reformation, and was understood by about twenty-five per cent of our own believers in the denomination. His field was the stronghold of Catholicism, the major portion of the population adhering to this faith. Nevertheless, the work was progressing wonderfully. Catholics make good Adventists, and once they accept the truth, they stand by it. Their largest church, numbering several hundred, is in the city of Munich.

R. Rühling, president of the Czechoslovakian Union, gave a stirring talk as the representative of the land of John Huss, where the great reform movement was started among the Bohemians and Moravians. Historians are agreed that no people have contributed so many martyrs as the Bohemians and the Moravians. Millions, it is claimed, have given up their lives for their faith. When John Huss, in prison, requested a Bible to quote some texts more accurately for his defense, he was refused on the ground that a heretic needed no Bible. He replied, "Keep it, for I know the whole New Testament by heart, and also the Old, excepting the two books of Chronicles, which still give me some difficulty." This knowledge of the Scriptures and his faith in God were the secret of the power that enabled him to accomplish great deeds.

The spirit of John Huss is still alive among our own people, as was illustrated by some experiences of our colporteurs, who joyfully accepted persecution, violence, and imprisonment. The audience seemed disappointed when the bell announced that only two minutes were left of the twelve allotted.

A. Minck, from Hungary, had a similarly thrilling story of the work among that chivalrous race.

At this point the German brethren sang the German hymn, "O Gott, Sei Gelobt" ("Revive Us Again").

Elder Minck spoke also on behalf of the work in Jugo-Slavia. Here our brethren were experiencing very peculiar difficulties. Our churches were closed, and our people were compelled to meet in small groups in their homes, scattered in different parts of the cities. Yet the work was growing. Religious liberty is guaranteed by the Constitution, but applies only to the recognized faiths. In spite of all these difficulties, however, the canvassing work, he said, was prospering unhindered, and souls were being won to the message. It was interesting to learn that a church has been established in

Macedonia, where Paul first preached the message in Europe. Thus we are making apostolic history over again in our days.

Brother Minck favored us with a fine hymn in the Serbian language.

J. H. Schilling, formerly president of Clinton Seminary, reported for the East German Union, the largest in the European Division, now numbering some 14,500 members. Among other points of interest, the fact is noted that in the city of Rabenstein, Saxony, a government district hospital with two hundred patients is staffed exclusively by Adventist nurses, thirty-two in number. The physicians are not Adventists. Since our nurses have taken over the management, the institution has become so well patronized that an annex has had to be built, which is now being occupied and enlarges the capacity considerably.

P. P. Paulini, from Rumania, gave the last of the reports presented at the evening session. He could not refer to a Reformation in the past, as did some of the other speakers, but he was happy to say, to the glory of God, that the Adventists were the first to start a reformation in this country that now has 14,000,000 inhabitants, and it was destined, under God, to yield an abundant fruitage. One of the outstanding characteristics of this field was the fact that in spite of the great difficulties, the Lord has given them most wonderful victories. Some 4,500 new members have been won in that union during the last quadrennial period.

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REPORTS FROM EUROPE

By C. A. Holt

THE afternoon session of the General Conference, May 30, was the first of the two assigned to reports from Europe. I. H. Evans remarked in the opening words that he was sure the interest of the whole congregation would be centered around the reports from this large division which had so often thrilled our hearts with the most wonderful achievements in growth of membership.

The European delegation, numbering sixty-three, occupied a section of the front seats in the auditorium. They are only a fraction of the representation provided for by the constitution, but reasons of economy forbade their availing themselves to the full of this provision.

All sections of the large European field, save Russia, are represented. As delegates from our mission fields, we have with us George Keough, from the land of the Pharaohs; Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Toppenberg, from Ethiopia, whither the gospel message was first carried by the eunuch in apostolic days; D. E. Delhove comes from the heart of Africa, the Belgian Congo; and Brother Bashir Abo Hasso is from Mosul, the land of Abraham, and in fact he is the grandson of the first native of Mesopotamia to accept Protestantism, in 1851.

L. H. Christian, the Vice-President for the European Division, spoke at some length on the wonderful development and the great things God has done for His people.

This report appeared in the issue for May 31.

W. K. Ising, the division secretary, featured especially the work in Russia, from where we had just received a report. From other matter presented by him it was interesting to note that during the past eleven years the European Division has had a net increase in its membership of 45,313 souls, of whom 21,834 were won during the last quadrennial period. Europe now has a membership equal to 75.3 per cent of that in North America.

D. N. Wall, of the Baltic Union, spoke of the wonderful providences

leading up to the securing of their fine school property.

J. E. Jayne rehearsed the providential openings for evangelistic work in London and other large centers of the British Isles, where they were using the largest halls available, seating many thousands eager to listen to the presentation of the advent truth.

One point worthy of special note in this report was the most wonderful contribution in men and means to our mission enterprises, considering their constituency.

The other reports were laid over until the evening session.

Proceedings of the General Conference

Fifth Meeting

May 30, 3 P. M.

I. H. EVANS in the Chair. The meeting was opened by singing, "My faith looks up to Thee." Prayer was offered by Elder J. C. Raft.

The entire afternoon session was occupied by the presentation of reports by the representatives of the European Division. L. H. Christian, leading out, presented a general report of the remarkable program of work in that great field. W. K. Ising, the secretary of the division, presented his report.

Following these, D. N. Wall, president of the Baltic Union, and J. E. Jayne, president of the British Union, presented reports of the work in their fields.

Brother Jayne brought to the General Conference a request from the British Union that a commission be appointed by the General Conference to confer with representatives of the European Division and British Union relative to the petition of the brethren in the British Union for a church building in North London.

Voted, That this request be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Adjourned.

I. H. EVANS, *Chairman*.
B. E. BEDDOE, *Secretary*.

Sixth Meeting

May 30, 7:30 P. M.

W. A. SPICER in the Chair. The meeting was opened with singing, followed by prayer by W. C. White.

The evening hour was devoted to the European Division, L. H. Christian, the Vice-President for the division, calling on the different union conference presidents to report.

G. W. Schubert reported for the Central European Union, R. Rühling for Czecho-Slovakia, and A. Minck for the Hungarian Union.

At this point a number of the European brethren sang in German, "We praise Thee, O God, for the Son of Thy love,—
For Jesus who died, and is now gone above.

CHORUS:

"Hallelujah! Thine the glory, hallelujah! amen;
Hallelujah! Thine the glory, revive us again."

Continuing, A. Mocnik, of Jugoslavia, reported for his union, J. H. Schilling for the East German Union,

and P. P. Paulini for the Rumanian Union.

At the close of his report, Elder Paulini repeated John 3:16 in the Rumanian language.

Meeting adjourned, and was dismissed with prayer by Dr. W. A. Ruble.

W. A. SPICER, *Chairman*.
E. KOTZ, *Secretary*.

Seventh Meeting

May 31, 10:30 A. M.

W. A. SPICER in the Chair. Prayer was offered by L. L. Caviness, of the European Division.

Additional Delegates

The following report from the Committee on Seating of Delegates was presented and adopted:

Your Committee on Seating of Delegates would recommend that the following persons be seated as delegates at large:

W. B. Ochs, H. D. Greene, J. K. Humphrey, H. J. Miller, Sidney Scott, E. C. Atkinson, G. B. Starr, John Hoffman, C. N. Woodward, C. L. Christensen, J. A. Burden, S. B. Horton, E. C. Miller, E. C. Waller, F. M. Burg, C. L. Taylor, M. S. Reppe, J. N. Anderson, B. L. House.

Correction.—The name of M. C. Strachan should have been included among the regular delegates of the Atlantic Union Conference.

The major portion of the morning session was occupied by reports from the General Conference Home Missionary Department, J. A. Stevens, secretary of the department, leading out.

The following brethren presented reports of home missionary activities in their various divisions: E. Kotz, for Europe; J. J. Strahle, for the Far East; H. M. Blunden, for Australasia; G. S. Joseph, for Africa; L. C. Shepard, for Southern Asia; C. E. Wood, for Inter-America.

Recommendations Adopted

Three recommendations from the Committee on Plans and Recommendations were read and adopted, as follows:

Gratitude to God

As we meet in this Forty-first General Conference, it is with fervent gratitude to God that we look back over these four years, and recall His favors and mercies showered upon us, and note His prospering hand that has led us all the way.

He hath not dealt with us according to our merits, but has let the light of His countenance shine upon us in all lands for His work's sake. He has honored the preaching and teaching and spreading of His own word by workers and people. He has brought multitudes to rejoice in the light of this truth, who knew not of it four years ago.

We have seen the people coming by the thousand from East and West and North and South, as the living seed of the Word has been sown, watered by the promised outpouring of the Holy Spirit. For the measure of peace which has been granted in most lands these four years, we thank God, recognizing that it is at His command that the winds of strife are held, in order that the gospel message may quickly be carried to every nation.

With a sense of mercies and blessing more than we can number received from our heavenly Father's hand, we, as delegates representing the work in most of the lands of earth, unite in expressing thankful praise and adoration to our God, and join in reconsecrating our lives to yet more faithful and earnest service for Christ.

Tribute to Fallen Comrades

As again we meet in General Conference, and repeat the roll call of the workers and believers, we are called upon to pay tribute of love and respect for many a faithful brother and many a burden-bearing sister, fallen at the post of service during the four-year period. We cannot name them here, but their names are enshrined in the hearts of their associates. We thank God for the influence of these lives in the churches and in the conferences or mission fields. "Their works do follow them."

As representing all this roll of believers who have died in the blessed hope during this General Conference period, we mention the names of those two veterans of earlier years, J. N. Loughborough and S. N. Haskell, who, in ripeness of age and fulness of confidence, have finished their course. For all our departed associates in church and field we grieve, but we sorrow as those who have the brightest hopes. We thank God that the hour of reunion is close at hand, and by each new grave that covers the form of a fellow-believer we pledge ourselves to renewed efforts to hasten that glad day of immortality, which will dawn when this gospel of the kingdom has been preached as a witness to all nations.

Greetings to the Churches

As we rejoice in this Conference over the progress of the work in all the fields, our thoughts turn to the brethren and sisters in the churches whose faith in God and loyal co-operation and support have made possible these advancing lines and the ingathering of souls. Your labors, your prayers, your sacrifices and liberality in support of the work, have, under God's blessing, made the advance possible. Your faith strengthens our hearts, and calls us to deeper devotion. So today we send greetings to the believers in all lands.

And as we send this message, declaring anew our love for our brethren and sisters in Christ, we declare also

that we find in our hearts love for one another as fellow laborers in the cause of God, having the supreme desire that God may cleanse us from every sin and fault, and fit us more fully to be used of Him in winning souls to Christ and in hastening the finishing of the work.

The session adjourned, the delegates singing, "Blest be the tie that binds." Dismissed by J. W. Westphal of South America.

W. A. SPICER, *Chairman*.
B. E. BEDDOE, *Secretary*.

Eighth Meeting

May 31, 3 P. M.

W. A. SPICER in the Chair. The delegates were led in prayer by Elder E. E. Miles, the earliest leader in our book work now living.

N. Z. Town, of the Publishing Department, led out in the session with his report of the publishing activities during the past quadrennial period. An interesting symposium followed, H. H. Hall reporting for the Publishing Extension Fund; W. W. Eastman, for North America; G. S. Joseph, for the African Division; P. E. Brodersen, for South America; J. A. P. Green, for Inter-America; L. C. Shepard, for Southern Asia; H. M. Blunden, for Australasia; J. J. Strahle, for the Far East, and H. B6x, for Europe.

The Chairman stated that the Committee on Plans had prepared a message of greeting to President Coolidge, and called on C. S. Longacre to read the message. This was adopted as follows:

Greetings to President Coolidge

WHEREAS, This World Conference is composed of Christian men and women who believe in both religious and civil liberty, claiming these rights as inalienable, and affirming them not only for those who profess the faith held by the delegates of the Conference, but for all mankind,

Resolved, That we again affirm our belief in these eternal principles, and pledge anew our adherence to them.

WHEREAS, President Coolidge, the head of the nation wherein we are now meeting, has on various occasions and at opportune times spoken in favor of religious freedom,

Resolved, That we hereby express our appreciation of his stand so nobly taken, and of his words so courageously spoken, and that we convey to him our felicitations, praying God to sustain and give him grace, wisdom, and strength to perform the tremen-

dous tasks which fall to his lot to perform; in furtherance of this,

We recommend, That the following communication be forwarded to the President of the United States:

"To His Excellency Calvin Coolidge:

"We, the delegates of the World Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, representing practically every country in every continent of the world and the isles of the sea, assembled in quadrennial session at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 27 to June 14, 1926, respectfully tender to the President of this great Republic our cordial greetings.

"We admire your loyal devotion to the fundamental principles of Christianity, as exemplified in the teachings and life of its Author, who drew a sharp line of demarcation between the duties we owe to God and the obligations we owe to the civil government, and to the fundamental principles of human rights as conceived and expressed by the founding fathers of the American Republic.

"We desire to express our sincere appreciation for the clear and emphatic declarations you have repeatedly made in favor of the guaranties of civil and religious liberty enacted under the American Constitution in behalf of the protection of the inalienable rights of all men, and that it is your expressed intention to uphold and defend these guaranties set forth in the Constitution.

"We believe, with you, that civil government was divinely ordained to preserve domestic tranquillity, and for the protection of all people in the enjoyment of those inalienable rights which are the free gift to man from the Creator, but not to function for the church in spiritual matters. We believe that the individual should be left free to exercise his conscience in the domain of religion so long as he respects the equal rights of others, and that a legal religion has always been the bane and curse of true progress and civilization. And we further believe that true religion should seek no civil support, but should depend upon the strength of its own virtues to combat error and gain ascendancy; that to be of any value, the acceptance of religious tenets and observances must be voluntary, and free from legal coercion and penalties.

"We have noted with pleasure and satisfaction your timely expressions relative to these fundamental principles, which we conceive to be heaven born; and pray God to sustain you in the administration of the functions of your high office.

"Most respectfully yours,

W. A. SPICER, *President*.
C. K. MEYERS, *Secretary*."

The meeting closed with prayer by W. T. Knox.

W. A. SPICER, *Chairman*.
C. K. MEYERS, *Secretary*.

Report of the Home Missionary Department

By J. A. STEVENS

STANDING today at the point of highest achievement in the history of our laymen's missionary work, we recall with a thrill of satisfaction the prophetic promise made to Moses in one of the darkest hours that has ever come to the work of God; "As truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord." Num. 14:21.

As we survey the road we have traveled the past four years, we feel confident of the many tokens we have seen of the swiftly approaching climax

of this stirring scripture. Throughout the world field there has been a rapid growth of missionary activity. More and more the church members have come to understand the spirit of service that impelled the Christians of apostolic times to "go everywhere preaching the word," and a veritable army of faithful believers, both young and old, have caught a vision of their heaven-sent responsibility and the wonderful possibilities of missionary work for others.

"Every true disciple is born into

the kingdom of God as a missionary" ("The Desire of Ages," p. 195), and the earnest efforts of our brethren everywhere reveal the Spirit of Him who declared, "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work." John 4:34. The record of missionary work done by our members in every land during the quadrennial period blazes with the glory of countless acts of loving service for the unsaved. Stories of soul-winning service as thrilling as those of apostolic days have come to us from around the world. Follow the sun around the earth, and in every land where the message has entered, faithful believers are letting their light shine upon the pathway of others.

From Punta Arenas, under the Southern Cross, where six families were recently won by the church members, to the frigid regions of the Far North, the spirit of God's last message leads our members to labor for others. A layman in the Philippines wins 132 souls. Won from the darkness of heathenism, an African brother walks many miles regularly to carry the "blessed hope" to others. A church in South America doubled its membership each year for the first three years of the time covered by this report; while another in Canada duplicated this record for one year. Our churches in Europe are aflame with soul-winning zeal, the missionary work in many places being carried on in the face of deep-seated prejudice and even danger. Even so, souls are won by the laity in ever-increasing numbers, one union conference reporting 750 additions to the churches as the fruitage of laymen's missionary endeavor.

Every phase of missionary activity promoted by the Home Missionary Department has but one purpose,—the salvation of souls. "Souls Above Goals" is our slogan the world over, and whether it be the regular day-by-day witnessing for Christ, or the special opportunities offered during our great campaigns, our people are watching for souls as they that must give an account. And the rapidly mounting total of souls won by the laity demonstrates the value of faithful leadership and the careful training and education that our people have received in this personal work.

The Home Missionary Department was reorganized in 1913, and at the close of the next quadrennial period the department reported 10,168 souls won by the church members. During the next four-year period this total was increased till it reached 19,045. During the time covered by this report and ending with 1925, our records show that 28,248 people have been won.

Truly it is a wonderful story of sacrifice and service on the part of our church members, young and old, and proves the accuracy of a statement by Dr. J. Campbell White:

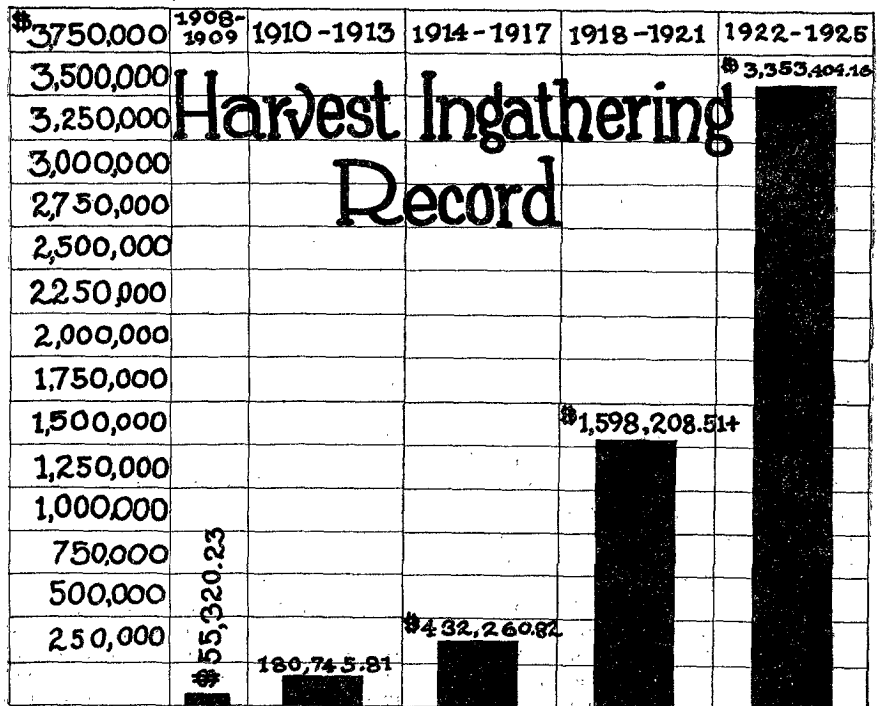
"The greatest undeveloped force in the world is the church. If its latent power could be called out and directed, results would be achieved which would be the astonishment of the ages."

This goodly harvest of souls won to the message largely through the efforts of the laity is an increase of 67 per cent over the previous four years. It is interesting to note that

the number of souls won by the church members throughout the world field in the single year of 1925 was equivalent to the work of 600 ordained ministers, based on the average soul-winning results in the North American Division.

Chief in soul-winning agencies is the Bible, and many thousands of our members are becoming proficient in holding Bible readings in homes. This is indicated in the greatly increased total of Bible readings and cottage meetings held in the quadrennial period, 2,836,192. In other words, if every one of the licensed missionaries in the North American Division were to give three Bible readings a day, six days out of every week and fifty-two weeks of the year, their combined reports would be exceeded by the reports

Remembering that our Lord "devoted more time to healing the sick than to preaching," our believers have given much time and energy to helpful ministry in behalf of the suffering and needy. Tens of thousands of homes have been blessed with the comforting help of our brothers and sisters who have gone in the spirit of the Master to soothe the aching brow, performing those many little acts of Christian helpfulness that mean so much to the beneficiary as well as the benefactor. In co-operation with the Medical Department, many hundreds of our sisters have been trained and enlisted as home nurses in efficient neighborhood missionary work. A total of 4,066,349 hours of Christian help work were reported for the four



of Bible readings given by our church members around the world.

Second in importance only to Bible readings as a soul-winning agency is our wonderful missionary literature. Available now in 128 languages, it is the universal "pioneer" in searching out people who will accept the truth with gladness. The historian of the denomination says:

"The early Adventists may be said to have been, all of them, purveyors of tracts and papers. Firmly convinced of the truth of the doctrines they held, they coveted the opportunity to place the evidence before their fellow men."

This denominational characteristic has certainly remained with us, and has become a greater characteristic than in early days, for certainly no other body of people are so vigilant to place literature before the public. Like a mighty flood of light our truth-filled literature is being scattered like millions of sunbeams through the gathering darkness that is settling down upon the world, lighting the way to salvation for multiplied thousands. Our statistics show that 60,539,566 periodicals and tracts were used by our members in their missionary work during the period of this report, but no doubt even this vast total falls short of the entire distribution.

years, an increase over the preceding period of 25 per cent. A total of 537,868 treatments were given free by these messengers of mercy, a good increase over the previous report.

Back in the pioneer days of this movement, when this layman's work was first organized as the Vigilant Missionary Society, the correspondence method was one of the most important of the various activities of the society, and as the work grew, was instrumental in sending the message to many parts of the world. This missionary plan is still a most profitable and popular one, as is evidenced by the 1,284,582 missionary letters written. This is a good increase over the preceding period. The Home Bible Study League plan of sending our literature through the mails, following it up with careful correspondence, has been successful in winning a goodly number of people to the truth wherever it has been carried on.

The vigilance of our members is attested by the 5,029,801 missionary visits. The enthusiastic young people, the busy housewife, the farmer, business men of every class—there is an army of tactful workers watching for opportunity to give some simple message of truth that often opens the way for literature or Bible studies on some

phase of the message. This one item of missionary activity registers an increase of 67 per cent above the previous record. Hundreds of thousands of garments have been given to clothe the needy, while more than a million meals have called forth blessing from unfortunate people. It is a truly wonderful story of loving and earnest service, but not half can be told within the space of this brief report. The statistics mirror a wealth of toil and prayerfulness in behalf of the truth, and only the judgment can unfold the story in all its infinite detail.

The great campaigns promoted by the department have met a loyal spirit of co-operation on the part of workers and laity in every land. As a consequence the Lord has blessed the efforts put forth with the greatest success in our history. That God does signally bless in the Harvest Ingathering work is demonstrated by the increase of 109.82 per cent at the close of the last quadrennial period over the previous four years. For 1918-21 our records show a total of \$1,598,208.51; for the period of 1922-25 it reached a grand total of \$3,335,404.16, an increase of \$1,755,195.65.

The Missions Extension Fund plan, better known as the Big Week, has been received everywhere with a more general acceptance by our members than any other campaign in our history. A more detailed report will be given later in this Conference, but a total of \$659,547 has been raised to apply on Extension Fund items, the bulk of this sum having been raised during the last quadrennial term. It is significant of the benefit that has accrued from this plan, that whereas we were publishing literature in ninety-nine languages in 1920, the year the Big Week Extension plan was adopted, in 1925 we were publishing in 128 languages, an increase of twenty-nine languages in five years.

During the last four years the organization of the department throughout the world has made rapid strides. Every divisional conference has placed a strong secretary on its departmental staff to direct the various activities of the Home Missionary Department, and many of the division conferences have completed the organization by the appointment of secretaries in conferences and missions.

The General Department has been greatly strengthened by the workers that have been called to Washington since the last General Conference. Elder E. F. Peterson was called to the department to serve as associate secretary of the department. The health of his family compelled him to sever his connection with the department in June, 1925. Elder E. F. Hackman was called to connect with the department as assistant secretary at the Fall Council of 1924. After five years of faithful and efficient service in the department, Mrs. J. W. Mace was released at the Fall Council of 1924, to connect with the Ministerial Association. Miss Ruth Tyrrell, who formerly filled a position of heavy responsibility in the Greater New York Conference, was called to be office secretary of the department in the closing days of the quadrennium.

The department's program of educa-

tion and training is being adapted to the needs of our laymen's work in every land. Home missionary conventions for the division have been held in the European, Far Eastern, Southern Asia, and North American Division Conferences. The secretary of the General Department attended the convention for Europe at Hamburg in July of last year. Literally hundreds of church officers' meetings and missionary conventions have been held in conferences throughout the world, besides numberless conventions in churches. All this has helped to swell the total results reflected by the statistics in this report.

We welcome this opportunity to express again our heartfelt appreciation of the co-operation of officials and workers, without which these gratifying achievements would have been impossible. Through this delegation we also pass on to our membership around the world our gratitude for its loyal response to the many appeals calling them to service.

We do thank God for the blessings received, the results achieved. The battle lines have been carried far, but final triumph waits on a deeper spiritual preparation. This is the greatest of all our needs, and it is as urgent as it is imperative. Next in importance is the completion of our departmental organization down through the churches, and the appointment of consecrated and efficient leaders to marshal Israel's hosts for the last efforts. No other feature of our world-wide work is fraught with such infinite possibilities.

I beg your indulgence while I quote another striking statement from Dr. J. Campbell White:

"It is to the development and direction of these latent potentialities of the church that Christian leaders of our day are summoned. Whatever opportunity may be provided to the highest gifts and qualities of leadership in business or in politics or in education, none of these compare in their ultimate possibilities with the limitless and overwhelming field of achievement open to those who succeed in leading the church out into her divinely appointed inheritance and destiny."

Over and over again in prophetic vision the servant of God saw the believers going forth with their faces lighted up with holy consecration as they bore witness to the truth. Thus the work of God will be finished, with ten times the power of Pentecost, and the church militant will be the church triumphant.

"The work that centuries might have done.

Must crowd the hour of setting sun;
And through all lands the saving
Name

Ye must, in fervent haste, proclaim."

We unite with you and all our believers in consecration to the speedy fulfillment of God's gospel plan.

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HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

BY W. K. ISING

The opening hymn, "There is power in the blood," which was followed by "Help me find my place," struck the keynote of the reports presented in

the forenoon session, May 31, by the secretary of the Home Missionary Department of the General Conference and his associates. It does one's heart good to look into the earnest faces of the men leading out in the world in this endeavor which is known among us as the church at work, and which aims to enlist every church member, young and old, in service for the Master.

This was the conspicuous characteristic of the primitive church, when the principal work was done by its faithful laity. As the famous church historian, Professor Harnack, says:

"The most numerous and the most successful missionaries of the Christian religion were not its professional teachers, but the Christians themselves, so far as they were faithful and spiritually strong. It was a peculiarity of this religion that every one of its earnest professors was also an ardent propagandist of his belief."

As we listened to these reports, it was evident that the home missionary work was growing into a soul-winning agency of the first order. Think of the tens of thousands of homes that have been blessed by the almost three million Bible readings held by the rank and file of our loyal members during the last quadrennial period, the more than sixty million periodicals and tracts distributed, the five million missionary visits, and the four million hours of Christian help work, not to speak of other lines of endeavor. Referring to the remarkable returns of \$3,335,404 through our Harvest Ingathering work, Elder Spicer very appropriately threw in the remark, "That looks like the riches of the Gentiles flowing in, doesn't it?"

An interesting chart in the form of a heart was displayed on the rostrum by E. Kotz, of the European Division, picturing the \$8,000 goal to be gathered in the Big Week for Bulgaria, showing sections equivalent to the amount to be raised by the various fields, with the catchword as an inscription, "Pull Together." It is this co-operation in lifting the common burden that makes us a broad-minded, large-hearted people, whose hearts are to go out in practical love for all the world, for "God so loved the world."

"Ready to witness," "Willing to sacrifice," "Readiness to work," and "Souls above goals," are some of the watchwords of this work.

This missionary activity is being more and more recognized also by our opponents as the great strength of our movement, as stated by a Jesuit priest, "Every Adventist is a missionary," or as Brother Kotz paraphrased it, "The strength of our work lies in the fact that we have a Home Missionary Department."

The reports of all speakers at this hour were of the same tenor, illustrating the zeal of our people the world over to be of service wherever opportunity offers in bringing the gospel of redemption to all within their reach. Thank God for the live missionary spirit among our people. With this spirit of activity strengthened as our work grows, we need not fear such prophecies as that of the Moravian missionary who recently told us in a conversation, "Just wait until your believers number two million, and then

we shall see what your spiritual condition is like;” or the statement of the German Lutheran pastor, who, commenting on the spirit of love and brotherly kindness noticeable in what he called the smaller sects when compared with the larger churches, “The logical conclusion, therefore, is that nothing can be more dangerous to such a sect than its own too successful

propaganda, by which it virtually commits suicide.”

We take pride in a testimony such as that recently given us by a priest in Hungary, “The greatest danger with these Adventists is the fact that when they join the church, they immediately become missionaries.” Let it be so, for that is the way to keep the individual and church spiritually alive.

lives to this work, and the last decade shows how the Lord has rewarded their faithfulness. The \$40,770,151.41 worth of literature circulated during this decade is nearly \$15,000,000 more than during the previous seventy years, and the waters are still rising. Our world sales for 1925 amounted to \$4,631,706 as against \$4,236,000 in 1924. The grand total for the eighty years is \$64,624,668.17, every page of all this great output crying aloud the message, “Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come.”

Report of the Publishing Department

By N. Z. TOWN, Secretary

Our publishing work was presented to the servant of God “as, in its beginning, a small, very small rivulet,” its growth being illustrated by the waters of Ezekiel’s vision. Ezekiel 47. At first the waters “trickled forth [margin, R. V.]” then rose “to the ankles,” “to the knees,” “to the loins,” and “afterward . . . it was a river, . . . waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed through.” Verse 8 of this prophecy says:

“These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea: which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed.”

After citing Ezekiel’s prophecy, the “Testimony” adds:

“So our [publishing] work was presented to me as extending to the east and to the west, to the islands of the sea, and to all parts of the world.”—“Testimonies,” Vol. VII, pp. 171, 172.

We thank God for the stream of Seventh-day Adventist literature which eighty years ago began to “trickle forth,” and which has, with ever-increasing volume, carried its healing waters to the sea of souls longing for light in all parts of the world.

In a recent magazine article it was stated that “statistics and charts and figures only confuse us.” But notwithstanding this statement, we venture to call attention to the accompanying chart, and to a few figures which we trust may bring courage instead of confusion. This chart represents eighty years’ growth of our publishing work.

At the close of the first forty years, 1846-1885, the stream was still a small rivulet which “trickled forth.” The entire volume of literature circulated during that period amounted to only \$506,960.54. During the next ten years, 1886-1895, the waters rose to the ankles, the value for that period being \$4,177,289.98. During the next decade, 1896-1905, the waters should have risen to the knees, as indicated by the oblique lines on the chart, but they did not. From the beginning of our subscription book work the waters had steadily risen, until in 1891 our sales reached the high peak of \$819,749. Then the springs of faith and courage seemed to dry up, and the waters began to recede until our yearly volume of sales was only \$200,000. The total for that decade amounted to \$3,442,410.40. It was during this decade, in 1902, that the message came, “I have been instructed that the canvassing work is to be revived, and that it is to be carried forward with increasing success.”—“The Colporteur Evangelist,” p. 35. This revival and “increasing

success” began with the decade 1906-1915, the total sales for this period amounting to \$15,727,855.84.

Then came that wonderful word:

“In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory.”—“Testimonies,” Vol. VII, p. 140.

Cheered by the prospect of seeing the task finished, and by this assurance, men and women dedicated their

Missions Extension Fund and Big Week

One of the big achievements of the last four years has been the work of the Missions Extension Fund. Through the splendid response of our people in the Big Week efforts, and the generosity of our stronger publishing houses, approximately \$665,000 has been provided through this fund for establishing and equipping mission publishing plants. We feel sure that the following report of what has been done will bring joy to every delegate at this Conference:

EIGHTY YEARS' PROGRESS

OF OUR

LITERATURE MINISTRY

FULFILMENT OF EZEKIEL 47

GRAND TOTAL SALES

1846-1925

\$64,624,665

1846-1885	1886-1895	1896-1905	1906-1915	1916-1925
\$506,960	\$4,177,289	\$3,442,410	\$15,727,855	\$40,770,151

Land for Publishing Centers

Land has been bought in China, Argentina, Africa, Jugo-Slavia, France, Canada, Egypt, Poland, Rumania, Czecho-Slovakia, Italy, and India.

Buildings

Buildings have been either bought or erected in India, Japan, Africa, France, Czecho-Slovakia, Hungary, Jugo-Slavia, Canada, Bulgaria, Estonia, Poland, Latvia, Rumania, Portugal, Italy, Argentina, and the Philippines.

Presses

This fund has purchased large Miehle presses for our offices in Africa, Brazil, Korea, China, and Canada, in addition to those we already had at Singapore, Manila, and Tokio.

Linotypes

We have secured typesetting machines for Brazil, Argentina, France, Manila, Malaysia, Canada, and England.

Bindery Outfits

Complete bindery outfits have gone forward to India, Shanghai, Manila, Korea, Japan, Argentina, Africa, and Canada.

Miscellaneous Helps

Large additions have been made to the editorial libraries in Malaysia, Manila, Shanghai, Japan, and Korea. Substantial lump sums to assist in providing books in new language areas have been granted to India, Malaysia, China, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, and France. Typewriters, adding machines, mailing outfits, power paper cutters, stereotyping outfits, and other printing essentials too numerous to list, have been made possible through the Lord's blessing upon this Missions Press Fund.

Brother H. H. Hall has labored untiringly in behalf of the Extension Fund. This has required personal visits to our foreign publishing plants, comprehensive surveys of their work, accounting systems, and needs, and the preparation of their budgets. During the quadrennial period he has spent nearly two years with our publishing men in Europe. He also spent several weeks in Europe and Egypt on his way out to India and the Far East last fall.

While in Egypt he and Brother George Keough secured an option on a fine property for a publishing center and mission headquarters, near the old city of On, of Bible times, within a few minutes' ride by train from the city of Cairo. This property has been secured by the Big Week efforts this year, and our brethren in Egypt are rejoicing over having commodious, comfortable quarters for their work.

In addition to the help given to the publishing houses on his recent trip, Brother Hall attended conventions in Poona, India, and in Shanghai, China. He comes to this Conference direct from this seven months' trip. Warm words of appreciation of his help have come from every field he has visited.

Working Capacity Must Still Be Enlarged

Notwithstanding the progress made in providing better printing facilities, in some fields the presses are running night and day to keep up with the urgent demands from the colporteurs. Elder I. H. Evans recently wrote:

"We have been pretty hard pressed this year in Shanghai to get our work done. Everything has been dragging behind because we have not the capacity to turn off the work we have in hand. It is only as we can provide larger facilities that we can do a greater work. Already we have started the plan of running two shifts, a day and a night shift. This has been going on all summer and through the winter, and still we are away behind with our work. Our working capacity will have to be enlarged, and we shall have to add more presses if we are to carry on our work and make the growth and expansion we ought to make. This need is constantly being borne in upon us, and we must plan in

Our A B C Literature Language Chart

Afrikaans	Malay (Dutch Ro-
Amharic	Malayalam (manized)
Amoyese	Mandarin
Arabic	Maori
Armenian	Marathi
Armeno-Turkish	Marquesas (Nukah-
Atchinese	Marovo [van]
Baba-Malay	Mende
Battak (Toba)	Mongolian
Bengali	Navajo
Bicol	Nias
Bulgarian	Niuan
Bunyore	Norwegian
Burmese	Nyangore
Cantonese	Oriya
Cebuana (Visayan)	Pampangan
Chifita	Panayan (Visayan)
Chilemba	Pangasinan
Chinyanja	Persian
Chitonga	Polish (Latin)
Croatian	Polish (Gothic)
Czechian (Bohemian)	Portuguese
Danish	Punjab (Gurmukhi)
Dovele	Quechua
Dusun	Ranoga
Dutch	Rarotongan
English	Roviana
Estonian	Rumanian
Ethiopic	Russian
Fijian	Ruthenian (Ukrain-
Finnish	Samoa (ian)
French	Santali
German	Santo
Greco-Turkish	Sechuana
Greek	Serbian
Gujerati	Sesuto
Hawaiian	Sgau-Karen
Hebrew	Shanghai
Hindi	Siamese
Hungarian	Sinwahlese
Ibanag	Sintebete
Icelandic	Slovakian
Ilocano	Slovenian
Italian	Soenda
Japanese	Spanish
Javanese	Sundanese
Kafir (Xosa)	Swedish
Kanarese	Syriac
Khasi	Tagalog
Kinyarwanda	Tahitian
Kipare (Chasu or Asu)	Tamil
Kisanaki	Telugu
Kisil (Ekegusii)	Temne
Kisukuma	Tibetan
Kiswaheli	Tigrinya
Korean	Tongan
Laplandish	Turkish
Latgalian	Twi
Latvian	Urdu (Persian)
Lettonian	Welsh
Lithuanian	Wendic
Luo (Dholuo)	Wenli
Malagasy	Yiddish
Malay (Arabic)	Zulu

Total languages, 128

some way to meet the needs that continually present themselves.

"I know that such a report as this will pain you, because it represents a continuing and never-ending call for money. But our needs are overwhelming, and we shall strangle our growth if we are not willing to invest more, and thus increase our facilities, and as a result of this, increase our sales."

We rather enjoy this kind of pain, and we feel sure there will be a generous response when Shanghai's additional pressing needs are presented to our people.

We now have fifty-three well-equipped publishing houses and branches in thirty-three countries, producing literature in 128 languages. Twenty-eight new languages have been added in the last four years. This literature is issued in the form of 177 periodicals, 1,012 books, 719 pamphlets, and 2,661 tracts, a total of 4,659 separate publications, one copy of each representing a total value of \$1,417.23.

Southern Asia

During the early part of 1924, Elder C. H. Watson and I spent four months in Southern Asia. During this visit a very profitable publishing and home missionary convention was held at Poona, India. Up to that time all native canvassers in that field had been paid part salary, as it seemed to the brethren that it would be impossible for these canvassers to support themselves on the commission basis; but at the convention, action was taken, which was afterward also voted by the division committee, to change this policy, and put the canvassing work in Southern Asia on a regular commission, self-supporting basis.

Since this action went into effect, the literature sales in Southern Asia have gone ahead by leaps and bounds. Whereas three years ago they had no self-supporting native workers, they now have thirty native boys working on this plan, and they like it much better than the old plan. The publication of larger books for the canvassers helped to make this plan a success.

South Africa

In response to calls for general help in their convention, the General Conference Committee invited the Review and Herald to allow Elder J. W. Mace to attend the convention and general meetings in South Africa during the winter of 1924-25, in connection with the visit of Elder W. A. Spicer. This was done, and the brethren in South Africa greatly appreciated the experience and counsel of Brother Mace in studying their publishing problems, especially those relating to the vernacular literature work, which is a big item in South Africa.

South America

Last year, in company with Elder Meade MacGuire, it was my privilege to spend five months attending meetings and conventions in the South American Division. To one who had spent twelve years in South America, the remarkable progress which the work has made in those fields is most cheering. The literature sales from the two houses in the division sprang from \$150,000 in 1922 to \$259,600 in 1925. The help received by these two houses through the Extension Fund is very much appreciated by the brethren. In Argentina they have a fine new plant, well-equipped, which they have recently occupied. In the River Plate school we met an exceptionally fine class of students, who take a lively interest in the colporteur work.

At a congress of Christian workers which we attended while in South America, it was emphasized by other missionaries that it is impossible to support evangelical publishing houses in Latin America. We had the priv-

ilege of telling them that we do not find it so with our publishing houses; that both of our houses in South America are making good financial gains each year.

Brother W. W. Eastman attended the convention for the Aztec Union, held last year in Mexico, and Brother H. H. Hall the conventions in Cuba and Cristobal. This means that with the help of Brother Mace, every division has been visited by a representative of this department during the last four years.

The General Department has one less assistant secretary than we had four years ago, as Brother J. H. McEachern disconnected from the General Conference in response to a call from the Pacific Union Conference. We were sorry to lose his valuable service, but our loss was the Pacific Union's gain, and we are glad we still have the benefit of Brother McEachern's co-operation in the department.

Men Sent to Mission Fields

During the quadrennial period the conferences in the home fields have very generously responded to the urgent calls from the mission fields for leaders in this department. During this period there have gone forward twenty-nine field missionary secretaries, five managers, two superintendents, and two editors, a total of thirty-eight, aside from wives and children. Three urgent calls for union field leaders must be filled at this Conference. Elder Eastman always tells us to take the best men available, although many times it has meant filling the vacancies in the home field with inexperienced men. But notwithstanding this continual giving, the Lord has abundantly blessed the work in the North American field.

Soul-Winning

Would that we might present here a report of the souls won to the truth during the quadrennial period through our literature ministry. Never before in our history have we heard of so many accepting the truth through this ministry as during the last four years. Many experiences similar to the following might be cited. Brother M. F. Wiedemann writes from Manila:

"During the biennial meeting I had a chart made showing the churches raised up, interests created, and the calls that have come in during the last two years as a result of the canvassing work. There are nearly fifty towns on that chart. In one, 132 had been baptized; in another, more than 60; in several others, between 45 and 50; in another, 102. In one place our colporteurs found sixty keeping the Sabbath who had never seen a Seventh-day Adventist preacher."

Brother H. Stacey writes from Australia:

"I have just learned of a wonderful experience with regard to soul-winning. On a government training farm for English immigrants, a brother in the message had charge of the dairy. During his spare time he would do a little canvassing. To thirteen of the immigrants he sold thirteen copies of the book 'Our Day.' He followed up this work a little, with the result that eleven of these young men have taken their stand for the truth. We have further learned that five more of the immigrants who have access to these books, have taken their stand for the

truth. This makes sixteen in all so far won by the sale of thirteen copies of 'Our Day.'"

A Surprised Bible Worker

"A Bible worker the other day told me that he had spent several weeks giving studies to a lady in her home. She decided to cast in her lot with us, and then said to the Bible worker, 'Perhaps you will now be interested to learn how I came into the truth.' The Bible worker looked at her in amazement, because he believed he had

THE PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT

By C. M. SNOW

ONE of the very strongest features of our message is the work done by our publishing houses and colporteurs. Truly, the advance guard of our evangelical work is the line of colporteurs steadily advancing in all parts of the world, carrying the last message of mercy for these times in the printed form of books, periodicals, pamphlets, and tracts.

We could not help thinking, as we sat in the meeting of the Publishing Department this afternoon, May 31, and listened to the stirring experiences related by the brave men and women who have been doing this wonderful work, that here we were looking upon the faces of some of the real heroes of the cross for our day. It takes real moral courage to face the many difficulties which these men and women are facing every day they work, and keep bright and energetic, forceful and forward-looking, and victorious.

The report of the secretary of the Publishing Department was brimful, showing progress in all parts of the world. Figures are uninteresting to many, but the

figures which show that during the last ten years this denomination has circulated literature to the value of \$40,688,448, and that this amount exceeds by nearly \$15,000,000 the total amount circulated by this denomination during the previous seventy years, must be vitally interesting to every Seventh-day Adventist, even to those who take the least interest in figures.

However, it is not the amount of the sales that is the important thing in this matter, but the proclamation of the message which this literature carries, and the steadily increasing number of souls won for the truth through this instrumentality. God has demonstrated that with these consecrated workers He can do what to men is impossible. While the evangelical missionaries belonging to other denominations in South America find it impossible to operate a publishing house there for lack of support from the field itself, we are operating two, and operating them successfully, from both a financial and a spiritual standpoint.

One of the most interesting features of these reports is the number of churches raised up and companies

THE PRESENT TRUTH.

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"The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him; and he will show them his covenant"—Ps. xlv. 14.

"WHEREFORE, I will not be negligent of his time. What is done to spread the truth must be done quickly. The four things, though ye know them, and be established in the PRESENT TRUTH." 2 Pet. i. 12.

It is through the truth that souls are sanctified, and made ready to enter the everlasting kingdom. Obedience to the truth will kill us in this world, that we may be made alive, by faith in Jesus. "Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth" John xvii. 17. This was the prayer of Jesus. "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth," 3 John iv. Error, darkens and fetters the mind, but the truth brings with it freedom, and gives light and life. True charity, or LOVE, "rejoiceth in the truth," Cor. xiii: 6. "Thy law is the truth," Ps. cxix: 142.

David describing the day of slaughter, when the pestilence shall walk in darkness, and destruction waste at noon-day, so that, "a thousand shall fall at thy side and ten thousand at thy right hand," says—

"He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust; his TRUTH shall be thy SHIELD and BUCKLER," Ps. xci: 4.

The storm is coming. War, famine and pestilence are already in the field of slaughter. Now is the time, the only time to seek a shelter in the truth of living God.

In Peter's time there was present truth, or truth applicable to that present time. The Church have ever had a present truth. The present truth now, is that which shows present duty, and the right position for us who are about to witness the time of trouble, such as never was. Present truth must be oft repeated, even to those who are established in it. This was useful in the apostles' day, and it certainly is no less important for us, who are living just before its close of time.

For months I have felt burdened with the duty of writing, and publishing the present truth for the scattered flock; but the way has not been opened for me to commence the work until now. I tremble at the word of the Lord, and the importance

The Weekly Sabbath Instituted at Creation, and not at Sinai.

"And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made." Gen ii: 2, 3.

May they taste to take shelter beneath the Sabbath. It was the SEVENTH DAY. HE BLESSED AND SANCTIFIED that day of the week, and no other; therefore the seventh day, and no other day of the week is holy, sanctified time.

God has given the reason why he blessed and sanctified the seventh day. "He rested, and set the example for man. He blessed and set apart the seventh day for man to rest from his labor, and follow the example of his Creator." The Lord of the Sabbath said, Mark ii: 27, "The Sabbath was made for man." Not for the Jew only, but for MAN, in its broadest sense; meaning all mankind. The word man in this text, means the same as it does in the following texts. "Man that is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble." Job xiv: 1. "Man flesh dust, and perish not, fill the heavens be no more." Job xiv: 12.

No one will say that man here means

brought her into the truth. She said, 'About a year ago I bought a book from a man traveling around this district. I read the book through carefully, and was convinced it contained the truth. I then decided to keep the Sabbath and link up with the Seventh-day Adventist people. When you came along, I gladly listened to all you had to say about the same message I read in that book, but it was the book which influenced me to take my stand.'"

The Future

When we read that "the printing and circulation of the books and papers that contain the truth for this time are to be our work," and that "the world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the word in our books and periodicals," and that "the wider the circulation of our publications, the greater will be the demand for books that make plain the Scriptures of Truth," we take courage, and dedicate our lives anew to this literature ministry.

PERFECTION of character cannot possibly be attained without self-sacrifice. —"Testimonies," Vol. IX, p. 53.

gathered out largely by the work of the colporteurs. The Philippines report many interests developing as the result of the distribution of literature; and as evangelists and Bible women have entered these opening doors to preach the word, many groups of believers have been organized and brought into the sisterhood of churches. In each of two places in the Philippines it is reported that more than one hundred persons became interested in present truth through the work of colporteurs.

The first man who went to South America found fifteen persons awaiting baptism as a result of the circulation of literature, and from the beginning to the present time there has been steadily increasing progress. The direct results of the circulation of our literature in South America is everywhere apparent in the additions to our membership. For instance, the sale of one copy of "The Great Controversy" resulted in the organization of a whole church. In another place one hundred persons were won to the faith through the work of one colporteur. A very large proportion of the constituency of some of the conferences are Seventh-day Adventists because of interests awakened by the colporteur work. In 1925 the sales of our literature in South America amounted to a quarter of a million dollars, and our ministers are kept busy following up the work of the colporteurs, because of the interest awakened in the message.

A wonderful increase in the sales of our literature was seen in the Inter-American Division also. This division has now ninety-nine colporteurs, and last year they sold literature to the amount of \$142,371, doing a mighty work in spite of the strongest opposition.

In Europe also, God is richly blessing the work. Our twenty-six publishing houses and depositories show sales of literature amounting to more than two and a half million dollars for the last four years, and this work has been done in spite of the strongest opposition and under actual persecution. But it goes on and grows, and the result is an ever-increasing number of souls won for the cause.

In the African Division, among English, Dutch, and native peoples, we have circulated literature during the last four years to the amount of \$247,531. This is a substantial increase over the amount sold during the previous four years. As in other lands, this work has resulted in a goodly number of accessions to the faith.

Southern Asia brings a similar report—ever-increasing sales of literature, and an increasing number coming into the faith through this good work. Surely the good hand of our God is upon this work; and when the mighty task committed to this people is finally accomplished, it will be seen that the colporteur work has been a tremendous factor in its consummation.

cerning some of the overflow that went his way:

C. C. CRISLER: The Japan portion of \$2,500 was supplemented by ten times \$2,500 on the part of the Japanese. Thus we were permitted to remove our Japanese Training School from an undesirable suburban site to an ample country estate. This school in its new location opens this fall.

The overflow for Korea helped us to raise the roof of their union training school and double the capacity of the classrooms.

The overflow into Malaysia of \$3,800 was assigned by the division to the erection of a girls' dormitory, but it was only half enough, and so with this as a beginning they were encouraged to raise the rest themselves. Thus that overflow was multiplied.

Now the overflow of \$1,000 going into North China is going to Peking, and they are asked to add about \$3,000 to that \$1,000, thus largely supplementing their Extension Fund, and securing enough to cover the cost of a good memorial church in the capital of China.

A like amount was sent into Central China by you, and this is given to that field with the understanding that it is to be used in church extension work, being multiplied—trebled and quadrupled—by the local constituencies as they receive small portions.

The overflow to the Philippines, \$2,500 and more, that you have caused to flow into that great field, was handed over to them with the suggestion that they on their part treble the amount, and that the \$10,000 thus obtained be doubled once more through the Extension Fund plan, returning to them as \$20,000 instead of \$2,500. Then it is suggested that the union add \$20,000 worth of property to that, which they could do through certain sacrifices, and thus have \$40,000 with which to undertake substantial medical work in a land where we have no medical missionary work of any large extent at present.

Your money multiplies. "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich." We thank you and the Lord.

P. E. BRODERSEN: Two overflows have come to us in South America during the last four years, and another is on the way. The Harvest Ingathering overflow for the last quarter of 1923 was \$4,153, and enabled South America to build more dormitory room for the Lake Titicaca school. That school during the last summer season had an enrolment of 287 Indians training for work among their own people. The thirteenth Sabbath overflow for the third quarter of last year amounted to \$10,186. Part of this was used to help erect our school plant in Lima, and part was used to build a home for our mission director in the Collana Mission in the altitudes of Bolivia.

Mrs. L. V. Finster spoke of the great value the Picture Rolls had been to the Sabbath schools in Malaysia. Similar testimony was borne by Mrs. K. H. Wood, of the East China Union, and E. B. Hare, of Burma; and W. G. Turner told of the good accomplished in the South Pacific Islands.

Meeting adjourned.

W. A. SPICER, *Chairman*.
B. E. BENDOE, *Secretary*.

Proceedings of the General Conference

Ninth Meeting

June 1, 10:30 A. M.

W. A. SPICER in the Chair.

The session was opened by a hymn, "Sun of my soul," sung by Elder J. E. Fulton and Ratu Meli, in the Fijian language. Prayer was offered by Elder P. E. Brodersen.

W. A. SPICER: We shall have an especially interesting program, a world review of the Sabbath school work. Sister Plummer, the Secretary, will lead her forces on.

Mrs. L. Flora Plummer read her report. [It will appear in the next issue.]

Following the Secretary's report, reports were received from L. L. Caviness, of the European Division; Mrs. I. H. Evans, of the Far Eastern Division; Mrs. E. E. Andross, of the Inter-American Division, and verbal reports from S. A. Wellman, recently from the Southern Asia Division, and J. E. Fulton, of Australasia.

Mrs. PLUMMER: Just within the last year I learned that all the "doubting Thomases" are not gone yet. Some one in great distress wrote in and said, "What is the use of the overflow? Brother So-and-so said there is nothing to it, that the fields don't get the money." We want you to hear this morning from three brethren representing fields to which the overflow has been assigned, and we hope the sentiment they create may be so strong that we shall never again hear the idea expressed that the fields do not

get the overflow. I will first call on Brother Branson, of Africa:

W. H. BRANSON: We were made very happy by the receipt of \$18,000 from the overflow the last quarter of 1924. When the overflow came, we were able to build a nice little cottage for our first missionary family in Portuguese West Africa.

Another family had just gone to Bechuanaland to connect with Dr. A. H. Kretchmar. They were living in a little round mud hut with a grass roof, and we had no better prospect of accommodations for them until the overflow came. Then we were able to provide a home.

Another family had been added to the force at the Malamulo Mission station in Nyasaland; but they had no accommodations whatever, and the prospect was that two families would have to live in one small house. But the overflow solved the problem, and another home was provided for that mission station.

Another home was needed in Northern Rhodesia as the work developed there, and the overflow provided that home.

In the Congo a home had been burned by lightning just before the overflow came to us. There were no funds to replace it; but when the overflow came, the problem was solved, and the home was provided from this fund.

Mrs. PLUMMER: We will next hear from Brother C. C. Crisler, the Secretary of the Far Eastern Division, con-

Tenth Meeting

June 1, 3 P. M.

I. H. EVANS in the Chair.

J. P. Anderson, of the Hakka Mission, announced the opening hymn, "Blow the trumpet." J. S. Yates offered prayer.

Elder Evans stated that he was sorry there was not sufficient time to let each of our brethren from the Far East have a few minutes. In coming to an understanding, it was thought that only a few of the Far Eastern workers should speak today.

The first speaker was L. V. Finster, who has charge of our work in Malaya. Malaya takes in Siam, the Federated Malay States, and the Dutch East Indies.

Brother Finster reported that in his great territory of 70,000,000 people, whereas years ago there were 468 members, today they have 1,944, almost trebling their membership during the last quadrennial period. He told of the good training school of 300 students at Singapore, and the excellent work done by their printing press in the same city. Four years ago their tithe was \$6,000, but this has increased to \$15,000 the past year. They raised in their union 30 per cent of their budget.

At the conclusion of Elder Finster's remarks, the Chairman stated that it seemed a pity for a man to have to stop with such a message and such a work.

Mrs. I. H. Evans then reported the excellent work done by the Sabbath school department of the Far Eastern Division during the last quadrennial period.

I. H. EVANS: We are fortunate in having with us from Japan, Brother Miyake. This brother has been long in the truth. He used to be associated with Pastor De Vinney when the latter was in Japan, and is now connected with our publishing work, and is also helping in the educational department.

Brother Miyake then gave a most interesting report.

I. H. EVANS: You will be glad to know that our Japanese brethren are the best givers and the best tithe payers of any of our constituency in the Far East. Two years ago they gave 66,000 yen for the support of our work (that is about \$33,000 gold). Last year, when over there, we wondered if we could not raise a little more, and in just a little company of us we raised 3,300 yen more. Their average tithe in Japan before last year was \$34.36, so we want you to know that our Japanese are givers and workers. We wish we had a great many more of them to help us in financing our work.

The next speaker was Pastor De Vinney from South China.

Among other things, Elder De Vinney stated that just before he came to America, an evangelist up in the interior of South China sent an appeal to him, saying, "Beg of the great people of the United States to send us help. So many are dying, so many doors are open, and we are anxious to have the work finished." This was the appeal which Elder De Vinney brought from his great field with its five principal languages and many dia-

lects. In his field there are six organized missions, with a church membership of 2,366.

Following Brother De Vinney's report, a few words of greeting were given by Brother Liu, who appeared on the platform in native attire.

I. H. EVANS: Brother Liu is twenty-four years of age, and has been in the truth fifteen years. He has finished fourteen grades of school work on the other side, and has come over here to take some advanced school work, so he can go back and help us in our work in China. He is a native Chinese, and brings greeting from the thousands of believers in his home country.

W. A. SPICER: I will say to Brother Liu that in your behalf, as representing our people in all the world, I give you the right hand of fellowship.

I. H. EVANS: We have all heard of the great country of Korea. I am sorry we do not have a native here today. We have many very capable, strong men in Korea. But unfortunately these elders cannot speak English.

Brother H. A. Oberg, superintendent of that field, is here, and he will speak to us about our territory in Korea. He has been home on furlough one year, and is going back immediately after this meeting.

Brother Oberg gave a most intelligent and inspiring report of the work in Korea, or the South Chosen Mission field. He spoke particularly of the excellent work being done there by Dr. C. A. Haysmer in connection with our medical institution at Soonan. Most of our workers are native Koreans trained in our own school. They are being brought up to bear burdens, and are rendering efficient service.

I. H. EVANS: It is quite a job to get the world before a big Conference like this. Men come ten thousand miles to talk ten minutes. We shall have to go over there to the Philippines, and bring us a report of the great work there. Brother S. E. Jackson, the superintendent, will speak to you.

After Brother Jackson's excellent re-

port, in which he spoke of the progress of the work in this island field, Elder Evans declared that the directors in that field are determined to win souls for Christ. A letter from one of them says, "Our determination is to increase our membership 100 per cent every year." I wish the whole denomination would do that, and we certainly could if we would only work.

Now I will introduce to you a real Filipino, brother Juan Afenir. He has charge of our work in the northern part of the island of Luzon.

Brother Afenir expressed his great thankfulness for the privilege of attending this General Conference, and for what the truth has done for his people in that field.

I. H. EVANS: It is painful for me to say we must cut off the rest of our working force, and call to the front one of our executive officers, C. C. Crisler, the Secretary, because he is probably the best-informed man to give us a report. A little boy once asked his father what an executive was. His father, the president of a great railroad, said, "Son, the best thing I know to say about an executive is that he is a fellow who gets credit for what the other fellow does." That is a good deal the way with us men up on the platform. We get the credit for what other men do, and we don't give them very much chance to speak for themselves. But Brother Crisler is a well-informed man, and we are going to give him the rest of the time to present a summary of our work in the Far East.

Brother Crisler, by a series of charts and diagrams, brought before us the excellent work that was being accomplished in the various mission fields of the Far Eastern Division.

There will be given at another time extended reports of this synopsis and of the other reports rendered at this meeting.

K. H. Wood announced the closing hymn, and V. E. Hendershot, of the Singapore Academy, pronounced the benediction.

W. A. SPICER, *President*.
E. KOTZ, *Secretary*.

FAITH AND WORKS

DURING an evangelistic effort in the vicinity of our Banga schools, a woman who had accepted Christ as her Saviour, died in very sad circumstances. This would be a comparatively simple matter in a Christian country, but where fear and superstition have held sway for generations it proved very different. Custom decreed that a woman dying in her condition must have her body mutilated with pointed sticks, otherwise the wives of all those who assist in any way at the burial would die in the same way. Our evangelists said,

"The woman gave herself to Christ, and He does not want her body mutilated. We want to bury her in the Christian way."

"But," said the heathen neighbors, "do you want all our wives to die this way?"

"We are not afraid," the evangelists replied; "we will do all the work ourselves."

So, with the help of some Christian

men and women from the near-by school, they dug the grave and gave the woman a Christian burial. The two evangelists attended to all the supposed most dangerous parts of the task, even standing in the grave to lower the body rolled up in a sleeping mat.

How I wish you could realize the courage and faith these men needed to do this in the face of the customs and fears of their people,—to demonstrate their faith in the God of the Christian!

I may add that afterward nearly all the people in that village turned to Christ.

G. A. ELLINGWORTH.
Malamulo Mission, Nyasaland.

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OUR watchword is to be, Onward, ever onward! Angels of heaven will go before us to prepare the way. Our burden for the regions beyond can never be laid down till the whole earth is lightened with the glory of the Lord. —"Gospel Workers," p. 470.



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SPEED RECORD ON "REVIEW" REPORTS

READERS of the REVIEW will be interested in the effort being made by the editors of the REVIEW and the publishing house to get these reports of the General Conference back to the General Conference delegates and out to subscribers as soon as possible.

Take for example the first number of this special series. The first meeting was held Thursday evening, May 27. Telegraphic reports were received in Takoma Park Friday morning, the paper went to press at 2 p. m. Friday, and 700 copies for the delegates in Milwaukee were put on the fast train at 7 o'clock Friday evening. By special arrangements with the railway companies, these papers were delivered at the Auditorium in Milwaukee, ready for distribution, before 7 p. m., May 29, a little less than forty-eight hours after the Conference opened.

This is the daily schedule on which we are working. The official proceedings of each day are sent to Washington by wire between 8 p. m. and midnight. The paper containing the reports goes to press at 2 a. m. Sufficient papers for the delegates are put aboard a fast train at the Union Station in Washington at 11:25 a. m., and they reach Milwaukee in about

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To what better use can modern inventions be put than to give wings to the third angel's message?

E. R. PALMER.

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"PRESENT TRUTH" DOING ITS WORK

DALLAS, TEXAS,
May 23, 1926.Mr. F. A. Coffin,
Washington, D. C.

DEAR MR. COFFIN:

Lately some one has been kind enough to put a copy or two of the *Present Truth* into my mail box, and these have given me such great pleasure that I want to pass the kindness on to some one else, and also to be assured of more copies for myself. I am, therefore, inclosing money order for \$1, for a year's subscription for myself and three others.

Lately I sent one of my copies to a friend, intending to mark something in it that I thought especially good, and when I started to mark it, I found everything so good I could make no choice of the best, so merely made that statement in a note to the friend. I wish more people might know of this dear little paper, for it is so wonderfully helpful to those who are seeking the truth. May it grow and prosper, and bring joy to those who are hungry for the Living Word.

Kindly send to the inclosed addresses, and if you like, you may state that I asked you to send it to them.

With best wishes for you in this work, I remain,

Yours truly,

[Signed] _____

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HERE AND THERE AT THE CONFERENCE

BY CARLYLE B. HAYNES

THE newspapers in Milwaukee report that the hotel clerks are not only perplexed to find rooms for those in attendance at the Conference, but also are experiencing great difficulty in understanding the languages spoken by those applying for lodging. They are represented as making a wide search for interpreters. The registration sheet of one hotel, containing about thirty names, is said to have contained only three signatures from places in America. The remainder were from many widely separated countries of the world.

Five amplifiers have been placed over the front of the audience room, which carry the voices of the speakers clearly to every part of the vast auditorium. There is an electrician constantly in charge of the amplifying system. From the rear of the auditorium the distance to the platform is so great that the lips of the speaker cannot be seen to move, and he is a very small figure, but the loud speakers bring his voice with great plainness to all.

One daily paper reports that Seventh-day Adventists are solidly and

emphatically Fundamentalists, believing the Bible from cover to cover, and it declares there is not a Modernist to be found at the Conference.

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A PERSONAL IMPRESSION

DEAR BROTHER PALMER:

At the opening meeting of the General Conference last night, Thursday, the 27th, there sat on the platform as especially honored guests of the Conference, the following veteran workers: E. H. Gates and wife, H. W. Cottrell, E. W. Farnsworth and wife, R. A. Underwood, A. T. Robinson and wife, G. B. Starr and wife, and W. C. White.

The great auditorium, having a capacity for seating ten thousand persons, was about half filled, but there was no difficulty in hearing in any part of the great hall the lowest word spoken from the platform. The five loud speakers worked perfectly. This invention has worked a great improvement over past large Conferences, where it has often been difficult to hear the speakers distinctly. In fact, the building as a whole is admirably suited for our purposes as a Conference.

The good cafeteria, operated by experts in catering to the tastes and principles of Seventh-day Adventists, is also a fine improvement over any previous arrangement.

The great basement hall, accommodating the reception-room, the Review and Herald bookstand, the post office, and many displays, is simply fine. All these arrangements are superior to anything I have ever seen before. The Review and Herald has a very fine location for its headquarters, bookstand, and the post office. The bookstand surely outshines anything of the past. The post office is convenient, no crowding, and quick service.

There is no daylight in the auditorium, but the lighting system is as near daylight as anything I ever saw. In fact, there is nothing to suggest that the auditorium is not lighted by daylight. The light shines through glass that practically converts lamp-light into sunlight.

All is going well, and everybody seems happy.

Yours as ever,

D. W. REAVIS.

May 28, 1926.

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CORRECTIONS TO DELEGATE LIST

Central Union: H. F. Saxton instead of D. D. Rees; R. M. Carter instead of B. D. Robison.

Add to regular delegates: Ethiopia, V. E. Toppenberg; Aztec, C. F. Staben; Caribbean, P. E. Shakespeare; South India, T. R. Flaiz.

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IN the secret place of prayer, where no eye but God's can see, no ear but His can hear, we may pour out our most hidden desires and longings to the Father of infinite pity; and in the hush and silence of the soul, that voice which never fails to answer the cry of human need, will speak to our hearts. —"Mount of Blessing," p. 126.