

spores, provided the vessel does not burst. This may illustrate how God allows various circumstances to purify us: when ordinary opportunities do not have sufficient effect, he brings us through an experience that produces briny tears. If this does not spiritually sterilize us, he subjects us to greater pressure. The devil comes in at this point, and tempts the individual to say, "I won't stand it;" and he feels as if he should "fly all to pieces," and that he is "going to give it all up;" thus the process is spoiled, because he lives by feeling instead of principle. "Despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him." Heb. 12: 5.

A true conception of God's plans for us makes heaven bud and blossom, even here below. It sheds light into the dark corners of life, and blows leaves of happiness into the pathway of the Christian; all this is a part of the Christian's heritage this side the River Jordan.

When we are determined to have our own way, in spite of God's admonitions, the only thing that the Lord can consistently send to us is trouble, which will tend to obstruct our path, and thus save us from going to destruction. Therefore let us cease to work against God's providences, and say, "Here am I; send me." On this point we may learn wonderful lessons from Jonah's experience. The Lord prepared a gourd to protect him from the fierce rays of the sun, and he was "exceedingly glad" for it, and undoubtedly felt that he deserved such favors. But directly, God, in his infinite wisdom, prepared a worm, which destroyed the vine to the extent that it withered; then he prepared a vehement east wind. God knew that Jonah needed to pass through these two latter experiences just as much as to sit in the shade; for with the scorching sun beating upon his head, and a furnace-like wind wilting his body, he had a better opportunity to sympathize with suffering humanity,—a lesson that he would not learn in any other way. When God has permitted some worm (perhaps in one form, perhaps in another) to spoil some of your cherished plans, do you get angry at the worm? or do you recognize that God permitted the circumstance to occur for some wise purpose, and thank him for it, whether or not you can discern the object to be attained?—*David Paulson, M. D.*

"SIMPLICITY and plainness are the soul of elegance."

\* The amount of book sales in the British field is not at hand; the amount though is thought to be somewhat less than previous report.

FIELD.	CHURCHES AND MEMBERSHIP.				CONFERENCE WORKERS.				TITHES.		OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS.				AMOUNT OF BOOK SALES.		Area of Square Miles.	Population.	Number of People to Each Worker.	Funds for Each Person.									
	Organized.	Membership.	Unorganized.	Membership of Unorganized and Isolated.	TOTAL.	Ordained.	Licentiates.	Bible Workers.	TOTAL.	1900.	1898.	Annual Offerings.	Sabbath-school Offerings.	Other Offerings	TOTAL.	Tithe per Member.					Donations per Member.	Average Number of Canvassers.	1900.	1898.					
British Conference.....	17	645	9	217	892	9	8	3	23	\$10,017	20	\$3,336	43	\$2,802	\$1	\$11	62	\$4	01	...	...	121,186	40,000,000	2,000,000	0.0033				
Central European.....	23	642	2	29	674	607	4	7	11	5,349	10	4,204	15	600	00	1,540	87	10	36	2	30	...	...	808,000	105,000,000	4,772,727	0.00065		
Germany.....	80	2023	1	32	2,081	1,534	4	816	38	18,292	29	12,034	04	837	79	1,257	48	16	289	...	...	681,796	114,000,000	2,763,158	0.0204				
Denmark.....	17	611	3	15	628	600	5	3	1	4,556	23	3,482	56	301	45	247	48	488	93	7	31	94	...	...	123,200	2,200,000	314,285	0.01888	
Norway.....	21	688	4	4	693	611	5	2	7	3,673	65	4,159	71	243	51	236	49	436	70	4	39	68	...	...	1,707,644	5,500,000	393,529	0.00678	
Sweden.....	29	748	10	312	748	712	8	4	5	17	15	3,290	58	199	90	296	80	385	23	1	74	37	...	...	8,400,974	138,000,000	12,365,635	0.00016	
Russia.....	23	767	10	312	1,079	940	3	3	5	1,881	87	1,651	13	133	00	282	23	66	84	3	50	31	...	...	1,308,240	11,896,666	695,000	0.00118	
Turkey.....	4	45	3	15	219	120	1	1	1	419	65	450	00	43	24	5	52	18	08	...	...	1,363,245	35,000,000	11,896,666	0.00148				
Finland.....	3	45	3	15	60	38	1	1	1	377	85	218	00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38,756	72,000	72,000	0.0728				
Iceland.....	1	1	1	1	18	13	1	1	1	1	1	80	00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Belgium.....	2	2	2	2	10	10	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Palestine.....	217	6164	39	665	7,082	6,002	32	35	62	\$26,006	00	\$38,400	36	\$2,540	36	\$2,563	22	\$0,366	30	\$15,173	...	...	11,912,227	443,468,000	...	...	...	...	...

STATISTICS OF EUROPEAN UNION CONFERENCE.



## SUMMARY OF STATISTICS OF CONFERENCE AND MISSIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1900.

DISTRICT.	Conference or Mission.	Date of Organization.	Ministers.	Licentiate.	Missionary Licentiate.	Total Laborers.	Churches.	Members.	Companies.	Members.	Isolated Sab. Keepers.	Total Sab. Keepers.	Tithe.
1. Atlantic.	Atlantic	Sept. 27, 1889.	4	5	3	12	16	856	2	36		892	\$ 9,586.10
	Chesapeake	March 7, 1899.	3	2	5	10	10	677	1	7	30	714	5,263.99
	Maine	Nov. 1, 1867.	4	1	1	9	22	525	1	7	150	682	4,212.58
	Maritime Provinces		4	1	1	7	11	215	2	60		275	1,211.25
	New England	Aug. 24, 1871.	12	4	5	24	37	1,050	6	75	125	1,250	13,343.50
	New York	Oct. 25, 1862.	13	7	5	25	67	1,602	12	88	75	1,765	12,023.40
	Newfoundland		9	4	3	21	61	1,725	4	50	125	2,000	12,717.84
	Pennsylvania	Sept. 17, 1879.	3	3	3	6	6	200	4	50		250	1,025.21
	Quebec	Aug. 16, 1880.	4	1	3	11	20	532	4	50	50	632	43,555.36
	Vermont	June 12, 1863.	4	1	2	4	1	360	2	10	25	395	1,622.12
	Virginia	Aug. 5, 1884.	4	5	6	13	13	300			50	350	1,739.54
	West Virginia	Sept. 5, 1887.											
	Totals		64	37	34	149	276	8,072	39	438	635	9,145	\$66,416.01
2. Southern	*Alabama	Aug. 17, 1900	3	3	4	10	12	270	3	50	25	345	\$ 1,306.87
	*Cumberland		2	4	7	13	6	400	4	50	50	500	3,452.91
	*Georgia		4	1	1	6	5	177	4	27	10	210	1,341.24
	*Louisiana		2	1	3	5	6	149	3	50	50	249	765.56
	*Mississippi		4	1	3	8	4	60	6	35	69	164	451.04
	*North Carolina		3	1	2	6	4	125	3	20	19	164	791.67
	*South Carolina		1	1	2	4	1	22	1	12	17	51	213.21
	Florida	Sept. 22, 1893.	2	2	6	10	11	270	20	225	5	500	2,609.53
	Tennessee River	Oct. 14, 1879.	2	4	2	8	13	400	1	6	50	456	2,282.77
	Totals		23	17	30	70	62	1,873	45	475	295	2,644	\$13,214.80
3. Lake	Illinois	June 9, 1871	12	11	18	41	52	1,892	2	58		1,950	\$17,048.86
	Indiana	Sept. 20, 1872.	13	14	4	31	69	2,226	4	35		2,261	11,987.27
	*Michigan	Oct. 6, 1861.	28	22	16	66	144	5,017	35	350	250	5,617	34,531.13
	Battle Creek Church	Oct. 24, 1861.	2			5	1	2,090				2,090	22,340.95
	Ohio	Feb. 22, 1863.	12	10	18	42	84	2,300	6	30	170	2,500	19,426.73
	Ontario	June 18, 1899.	6		6	12	15	413	1	9	51	473	3,394.07
	Wisconsin	June 22, 1871.	20	8	27	55	90	3,150	4	50	315	3,515	15,684.77
	Totals		93	65	89	252	455	17,097	52	532	786	18,415	\$124,353.78
4. Northwest	Dakota	Sept. 16, 1880.	10	7	10	27	49	1,469	5	47	283	1,799	\$12,350.01
	Iowa	Sept. 20, 1863.	18	21	26	76	100	3,464	34	150	441	4,055	27,513.09
	*Manitoba		2	3	5	10	9	282	3	33	47	362	2,283.53
	Minnesota	Oct. 4, 1862.	12	11	25	48	88	2,622	43	610	18	8,250	16,310.02
	Nebraska	Sept. 25, 1878.	12	9	27	54	68	2,455	6	75	100	2,630	21,969.17
	Totals		54	51	93	215	314	10,292	91	915	889	12,096	\$80,425.82
5. Southwest	*Arizona	May 21, 1888.	1	3	2	6	4	111			17	128	\$ 559.20
	Arkansas	Sept. 26, 1883.	2	4	3	9	18	300			40	340	1,550.85
	Colorado		14	8	10	32	42	2,000	4	15	137	2,182	14,023.08
	Kansas	Sept. 10, 1875.	16	13	27	56	91	2,863	37	325	300	3,488	20,310.45
	Missouri	June 2, 1876.	12	2	11	25	42	2,000	12	157	147	2,304	7,800.77
	Oklahoma	Aug. 31, 1894.	5	8	6	19	36	1,041	2	59	300	1,300	8,417.56
	Texas	Nov. 18, 1878.	10	9	8	27	30	1,115	4	25	154	1,294	7,348.20
	Totals		60	47	67	174	263	9,430	59	581	995	11,006	\$60,010.11
6. Pacific	California	Feb. 15, 1873.	27	15	30	72	67	4,516	7	44	200	4,760	\$42,607.01
	Montana	Oct. 5, 1898.	4	3	4	11	10	339	4	45	95	479	6,071.08
	North Pacific	Oct. 25, 1877.	17	11	5	33	58	2,202	10	76	127	2,406	14,857.14
	Upper Columbia	May 26, 1880.	14	15	10	39	46	1,270	5	180	50	1,500	10,930.93
	*Utah		2	1	1	4	3	161	1	10	15	186	940.50
	Totals		64	45	50	159	184	8,488	27	355	487	9,330	\$75,406.66
7. Australasian Union	Australasian Union	Jan. 25, 1894.	5	1		6						592	\$ 7,018.81
	New South Wales	Oct., 1895.	3		10	16	10	564	3	4	24	497	4,745.64
	New Zealand	May 27, 1889.	1	2	2	5	14	426	4	25	46	497	3,047.39
	Queensland	Oct. 20, 1899.	2	3		5	6	200	2	50	20	270	2,545.26
	South Australia	Nov. 25, 1899.	2	1	6	9	3	200			11	211	1,273.42
	Tasmania		2	3		5	4	156	2	22	11	189	1,660.40
	Victoria	Sept., 1888.	3	7	6	16	8	472	1	8	25	505	1,290.80
	West Australia		1	1	3	5	2	68	2	31	12	111	
	Totals		19	15	28	65	47	2,066	14	140	140	2,375	\$21,581.72
8. European Union	British	Aug. 3, 1898.	0	8	3	20	17	645	9	117	100	662	\$ 2,906.10
	Central European	May 26, 1884.	4	4	16	24	23	642	2	8	24	672	8,984.23
	Denmark	May 30, 1880.	5	3	1	9	17	611	3	12	3	628	2,865.21
	Finland		1		2	3	3	45	5	15		60	377.85
	German	July 20, 1898.	14	8	16	38	80	2,023			70	2,093	16,292.29
	Mediterranean		2	3		5	4	121	8	99		220	556.91
	Norway	June 10, 1867.	5		2	8	21	683			4	687	3,673.65
	Russia		3	3	5	11	23	767	10	277	35	1,079	1,861.87
	Sweden	March 12, 1882.	8	4	5	17	29	748				748	3,280.58
	Totals		51	33	50	135	217	6,285	37	528	236	7,049	\$45,928.69

\* Mission fields supported by the General Conference, the General Conference receiving all their tithe.

† Not including the Battle Creek church.

‡ This is a careful estimate, based upon the reports received for three quarters.

§ Mission fields supported by the Australasian Union Conference, the Union Conference receiving all their tithe.



SUMMARY OF STATISTICS OF CONFERENCES AND MISSIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1900.—Concluded.

DISTRICT.	Conference or Mission.	Date of Organization.	Ministers.	Licentiate.	Missionary Licentiate.	Total Laborers.	Churches.	Members.	Companies.	Members.	Isolated Sab. Keepers.	Total Sab. Keepers.	Tithe.
Miscellaneous.....	Argentina.....		5	1	7	13	11	367	4	19		366	\$ 1,900.18
	Bermuda.....		1			1						9	3.55
	Brazil.....		4	1	2	7	15	629	11	68		697	842.97
	British Guiana.....		1	1	6	7	6	187	3	42		229	171.20
	Central America (South).....		1		2	3			1	10		10	55.00
	Central America.....		1			4	2	70	9	56		128	244.42
	Chile.....		1		2	3	3	60	10	100		160	178.97
	China.....				1	1							
	Cook Islands.....		2			3			1	8		8	17.90
	Dutch Guiana.....				1	1							
	Fiji.....		1	1	3	4	1	23	2	10		33	23.13
	Hawaiian Islands.....		2		7	9	2	31	1	3		34	1,019.86
	Iceland.....		1			1					16	16	24.00
	India.....		1	1	11	13			3	39		39	835.70
	Jamaica.....		3	2	14	19	11	647	15	314		961	584.20
	Japan.....		1		8	9	1	12	2	12		24	50.00
	Lesser Antilles.....		3		3	4	1	113	4	45		158	
	Matabeland.....		2	1	7	10			1	13		13	12.44
	Mexico.....		2		5	7							
	Pitcairn Island.....		1	1	1	1	1	60				60	
	Rarotonga.....		1	1	4	6						8	
	Samoa.....		1	1	1	2			1	8		8	
	Society Islands.....		1	2	4	7	4	80				80	178.80
	Sumatra.....		1		1	2							
	Tonga.....		1	1	1	2	1	12				12	22.15
	Trinidad.....		1		3	4	4	208	4	12		220	132.92
	South Africa.....		6	5	23	34	11	425				425	10,440.24
	Totals.....	Dec. 8, 1892.....	42	18	115	177	74	2,924	73	768	16	3,708	\$210,908.08

RECAPITULATION FOR 1900.

1. Atlantic.....	64	27	34	149	276	8,072	39	438	635	9,145		\$ 66,416.01
2. Southern.....	23	17	30	70	62	1,873	45	475	206	2,648		13,214.80
3. Lake.....	93	65	89	252	455	17,097	52	532	786	18,415		124,363.78
4. Northwest.....	54	51	93	215	314	10,202	91	915	889	12,096		80,425.82
5. Southwest.....	60	47	67	174	263	9,430	59	581	995	11,006		60,010.11
6. Pacific.....	64	45	50	159	184	8,488	27	355	487	9,330		75,408.86
7. Australasian Union.....	19	15	28	65	47	2,086	14	140	149	2,375		21,581.72
8. European Union.....	51	38	50	135	217	6,285	37	528	236	7,049		45,522.69
Miscellaneous.....	42	18	115	177	74	2,924	73	768	16	3,708		19,988.66
**General Conference Laborers.....	40	9	15	104								115,982.70
Grand Totals.....	510	337	571	1,500	1,892	66,547	437	4,732	4,488	75,767		\$510,258.97

RECAPITULATION FOR 1899.

1. Atlantic.....	58	35	21	123	259	7,929				7,929		\$ 57,081.98
2. Southern.....	23	15	33	73	55	1,764				1,764		12,790.04
3. Lake.....	91	67	107	265	432	16,211				16,211		122,643.87
4. Northwest.....	54	43	76	176	294	9,672				9,672		73,133.04
5. Southwest.....	56	46	85	193	256	9,201				9,201		56,395.36
6. Pacific.....	61	43	70	174	174	8,429				8,429		77,989.37
7. Australasian Union.....	20	21	32	75	40	1,962				1,962		24,378.22
8. European Union.....	53	36	58	127	200	6,294				6,294		43,587.76
Miscellaneous.....	42	16	74	134	75	2,541				2,541		16,107.40
General Conference Laborers.....	32	9	7	48								6,544.70
Grand Totals.....	400	331	543	1,396	1,785	64,003	11			64,003		\$490,656.16

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS.

Increase for year ending Dec. 31, 1900.....	20	6	28	114	107	2,544	11			11,764		\$ 19,602.81
Increase for biennial term, 1899-1900.....	63	67			238					12,504		205,341.89
Grand total for biennial term, 1899-1900.....	510	337	571	1,500	1,892	66,547	437	4,732	4,488	75,767		1,000,915.13

† Mission fields supported by the Foreign Mission Board, the Mission Board receiving all their tithe.

\* This amount would be considerably increased, had full reports been received from the mission fields.

\*\* These are laborers not enumerated in Conferences and missions named above, but are granted credentials by the General Conference, and hold membership in the various Conferences, most of them paying their tithe where they hold membership.

†† Tithe received by the General Conference from individuals, and not accounted for elsewhere.

‡ This is three fourths the entire amount paid by Battle Creek church, the remaining one fourth being included in amount reported Michigan Conference.

§ Total laborers on Conference pay-roll, including the three classes here designated, and any others in the employ of the Conference.

¶ Previous reports have not given separate statistics concerning unorganized companies and isolated Sabbath-keepers. Some Conferences in former years have included these in their church membership; hence the actual gain in the number of Sabbath-keepers is not so large as the apparent gain, which is 11,764 for the past year. Several Conferences have recently revised their records, and in some instances the membership for the fourth quarter has been reported as considerably less than previous quarters. In these cases an average of the four quarters has been given.



## STATISTICS OF CONFERENCES AND MISSIONS IN AUSTRALASIA FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1898.

CONFERENCES AND MISSIONS.	Area of Miles.	Population.	S. D. A. Membership.	Total No. of Workers.	Ministers.	Licensed Ministers.	Bible Workers.	Canvassers.	Tithes.	Tithe per Member.
Central Australia.....	1,014,904	1,715,900	823	32	3	7	2	20	\$ 8,151.34	\$ 9.90
New South Wales.....	309,175	1,348,400	482	36	3	4	10	19	5,460.33	11.32
New Zealand.....	104,471	773,409	445	21	3	3		15	7,424.29	6.68
Queensland.....	668,497	482,400	192	24	3	3	6	13	1,795.29	9.35
West Australia.....	975,876	170,971	52	9	1	1	2	5	1,074.51	20.66
Totals.....	3,073,923	4,491,08	1,904	122	12	18	20	72	\$23,905.76	\$11.98
FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1900.										
Victoria.....	87,884	1,162,900	505	33	3	7	3	20	\$ 6,141.13	\$12.11
New South Wales.....	309,175	1,348,400	592	38	3	10	26		7,019.87	11.85
New Zealand.....	104,471	773,409	497	21	1	2	2	16	5,744.84	11.55
Queensland.....	668,497	482,400	270	14	2	3	0	9	3,047.42	11.28
South Australia.....	903,690	370,700	211	14	1	3	8		2,254.05	10.68
Tasmania.....	24,330	182,300	189	8	2	0	1	5	1,271.06	6.72
West Australia.....	975,876	170,971	111	10	1	1	3	5	1,309.11	11.79
Totals.....	3,073,923	4,491,080	2,343	138	13	15	21	89	\$27,775.76	\$10.85

## BIENNIAL REPORT OF GENERAL CONFERENCE DISTRICT 7.

DISTRICT 7 may be better known as the Australasian Union Conference. Its territory includes Australia, Tasmania, and New Zealand. The territorial area is about the same as that of either the United States or the continent of Europe.

Australia is separated, politically, into five great Colonies or States. These, with the Colonies of Tasmania and New Zealand, form what are known as the Seven Colonies of Australasia.

This district contains five Conferences and two missionary fields. The reports for Dec. 31, 1900, show that there were then 45 churches, 2,343 Sabbath-keepers, 13 ordained ministers, 15 licensed preachers, 21 Bible workers, and 89 canvassers. There were two printing plants, employing about one hundred hands; four sanitariums, and three bath-houses, employing about fifty persons; one food factory, and one central school, with an enrollment of 160 students for the year 1900. The tithe paid during the last two years is \$51,681.52, an increase over the two preceding years of \$16,232.12. The subscription book sales during the last two years amount to \$147,191.50, while the value of trade books and helps sold was \$18,190.50, making a total of \$165,382.50.

## VICTORIA.

It was in this Colony that the third angel's message was first proclaimed in Australasia. From here it has been carried to, and firmly planted in, every Colony of the group. The population of this Colony is about the same as that of

California—a million and a quarter. Among these people we have 8 churches, 500 Sabbath-keepers, 3 ordained ministers, 7 licensed preachers, 3 Bible workers, and 20 canvassers. One of the ministers acts as editor of the *Bible Echo*, and four of those holding licenses to preach are engaged in other work. So that the staff of regular Conference workers is very small. Two ministers, 3 young licentiates, and 3 Bible workers must carry on the work that pertains to an organized Conference, and extend the work into new territory. The Echo Publishing House, which is located in this Colony, is a great blessing to the Conference in the help a number of the most intelligent and consecrated hands render to the Melbourne churches, and also the tithes they pay into the treasury.

## NEW ZEALAND.

This Colony lies about one thousand miles east of Australia. It is a thousand miles in length, but quite narrow. This gives a great coastline, and makes the field very difficult to work. The population of the Colony is nearly a million. The New Zealand Conference was the second one organized in Australasia. It has 14 churches, 497 members, 1 minister, 2 licentiates, 2 Bible workers, and 16 canvassers. During the last two years this Conference has paid tithes amounting to \$13,169.13, being \$26.49 a member. A good sanitarium has been established in this Conference during the last year. The institution is owned by the Conference, and is under the superintendence of Dr. F. E. Braucht.

This Conference is in great need of good ministerial help; at present there are but three preachers and two Bible workers to do the regular work of the Conference, and push on into new fields.

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

This Colony lies north of Victoria, along the eastern coast of Australia. Its population is nearly a million and a half. Sydney is the capital. This is the terminal port of nearly all the great steamship lines connecting Australia with all the countries of the world. This Conference was the third organized in the district. It is now the largest, and in some respects the most important. It has 10 churches, 592 Sabbath-keepers, 3 ministers, 10 Bible workers, and 26 canvassers. The amount of tithe paid during the biennial period was \$11,601.46. This is \$19.42 a member. There are scores of beautiful towns scattered over the Conference, in which the message has never been preached. The three ministers of the Conference are doing what they can to reach the people who are in darkness, but they need more workers. The Avondale school, a health food factory, and three sanitariums are located in this Conference, as are also the offices of the Union Conference.

## QUEENSLAND.

This Conference has been organized a year and a half. It has 6 churches, 270 members, 2 ministers, 3 licentiates, and 9 canvassers. Tithes paid since last general Conference, \$4,842.71, an average of \$18.93 a member. Two bath-