

Seventh-day Adventist Con- ferences, Missions, and Institutions

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Year Ending December 31, 1915

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The Statistical Report for 1915

A Report Showing Fifty-three Years of Progress

THE fifty-third annual statistical report of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination is presented in the following pages. This report is for the year ending December 31, 1915, and covers practically all lines of evangelistic work being conducted by the denomination. The figures are grouped under four division conferences and one group of miscellaneous union conferences, the whole constituting organized work as follows:—

Four division conferences, twenty-six union conferences, one hundred thirty local conferences and one hundred and nine organized mission fields. The territory covered by the organizations reporting includes practically the greater portion of the countries throughout the world. This work is conducted orally in over one hundred languages, and publications are now issued, as indicated elsewhere in this report, in ninety-five languages and dialects.

Membership

In the divisions referred to above, the membership stands as follows:—

Name	Membership	Per Cent
North American Division	77,735	56.79
European Division	37,617	27.49
Asiatic Division	9,746	7.12
South American Division	4,903	3.58
Miscellaneous Union Confs.	6,878	5.02
Totals	136,879	100.00

The membership at the close of 1915 indicated a net gain during the year of 11,035. The number of persons baptized during the year was 17,438, this number being one of the largest ever reported for any year in the history of the denomination. The number baptized is 2,439 greater than for the preceding year.

Churches

The number of organized churches now stands at 3,876, an increase of 174 during the year, or 4.69 per cent.

Laborers

The total number of evangelistic laborers in service at the close of 1915 was 5,226. This is a slight decrease over the number for the preceding year, but owing to the unusual conditions caused by the present world-war, it is a matter of surprise that the number was not still further reduced. Practically the loss comes in the number of colporteurs. The number of those thus engaged fluctuates from time to time more than in the case of other classes of workers. Slight gains are shown in the number of those engaged in other lines of work.

In addition to the evangelistic laborers there are shown in Table 2 certain institutional laborers engaged in service as follows:—

Teachers in mission, primary, and advanced schools	1,823
Employed in publishing houses	698
In Sanitariums and Treatment rooms	1,729
Total Institutional Laborers	4,250
Evangelistic Laborers	5,226
Total Laborers	9,476

Thus the total number of laborers engaged in all lines of service in behalf of the work of the denomination is 9,476, a gain of 116 during the year. The total number constitutes one laborer in active service in the denomination for every fourteen members.

Funds

Summaries 1, 2, and A deal with the matter of funds in a comprehensive manner. In the first is indicated, by union conferences, the amount of funds received under three heads; namely, tithes, offerings to foreign missions, and all other offerings.

In Summary 2 is shown the per capita of the total contributions for each union. In the third summary the various funds are classified in such a manner as to indicate the amount for various purposes from the different fields.

In the second summary will be found some comparisons that may be of interest. The per capita of total contri-

butions is indicated for each union in column 3. From this it will be seen that the Northern Union Conference paid the highest amount per capita for any considerable membership, namely; \$37.57; that the Atlantic Union Conference paid the next highest amount, \$37.42.

The per capita for the membership in the North American Division is \$32.71; for Europe, \$13.58; for the Asiatic Division, \$23.58; for the South American Division, \$11.36; for miscellaneous unions, \$9.91; an average per capita for the entire membership throughout the world of \$24.89. This amount is a gain of 33 cents per member over the amount paid for the preceding year. When one considers the conditions prevailing throughout the territory during the time covered by this report, such results afford reason for gratitude.

Columns 4 and 6 of Summary 2 show for each Union the per cent of the respective grand totals, and a comparison of the two columns indicates whether

Total Contributions for All Purposes, During 1915—Summary 1

Union	1 Tithe	2 Foreign Offerings	3 Other Offerings	4 Total 1915 Funds	5 Total 1914 Funds	6 Per Cent of Gain
North American Division						
G. C. & N. A. Div. \$	974.74	\$ 23,211.50	\$ 1,802.37	\$ 25,988.61	\$ 7,668.47	238.91
Atlantic	125,803.15	79,484.69	41,054.79	246,342.63	213,253.17	15.51
Central	152,184.96	82,450.77	44,160.42	278,796.15	272,739.89	2.21
Columbia	153,541.67	73,573.03	43,517.57	270,632.27	247,794.34	9.23
Eastern Canadian	18,026.54	10,833.08	5,547.24	34,406.86	31,752.98	4.95
Lake	223,738.87	114,442.56	82,585.19	420,766.62	363,754.93	15.67
Northern	137,747.56	71,785.92	53,485.24	263,018.72	250,784.64	4.89
North Pacific	130,909.06	68,193.93	56,018.80	255,121.79	239,455.24	6.53
Pacific	190,334.22	84,993.21	77,107.47	352,434.90	361,890.28	.....
Southeastern	43,656.48	22,076.46	40,288.60	106,021.54	79,151.67	33.96
Southern	38,533.66	16,352.37	16,121.17	71,007.20	63,505.63	3.66
Southwestern	74,563.49	34,130.75	24,461.84	133,156.08	119,724.49	11.21
Western Canadian	47,295.80	24,764.73	12,428.59	84,489.12	72,276.15	16.89
Totals	1,337,810.20	706,293.50	498,579.29	2,542,682.99	2,328,751.88	9.18
European Division						
British Union	38,674.32	11,735.80	2,523.48	52,933.60	46,443.54	13.98
Central European	53,212.76	13,266.17	1,402.40	67,881.33	66,620.79	1.89
Danube Union	24,166.60	4,482.02	72.71	28,721.33	20,161.22	42.46
East German	89,523.32	21,387.06	6,607.37	117,517.75	100,363.58	17.09
East Russian	22,699.00	4,183.08	.....	26,882.08	20,163.05	33.31
Latin Union	16,342.98	5,060.06	447.55	21,850.59	19,900.43	9.47
Levant Union	1,401.61	364.60	.....	1,766.21	2,082.43	.....
Scandinavian	47,626.41	13,878.64	5,356.22	66,861.27	54,179.50	23.40
West German	73,580.74	16,111.15	1,723.49	96,415.38	101,107.57	.....
West Russian	13,769.14	2,562.62	.....	16,331.76	17,596.58	.....
Europ. Div. Miss.	11,364.91	2,380.09	.....	13,745.00	10,836.09	26.85
Totals	397,361.79	95,411.29	18,133.22	510,906.30	459,514.78	11.18
Asiatic Division						
Australasian	117,694.95	39,679.29	28,053.94	185,428.18	162,334.88	14.19
India Union	9,176.25	2,445.85	1,384.67	13,006.77	10,094.07	28.86
East Asian Miss.	14,456.42	3,841.09	13,148.21	31,445.72	17,655.57	78.11
Totals	141,327.62	45,966.23	42,586.82	229,880.67	190,134.52	20.90
South American Division						
Austral Union	22,802.46	7,150.91	558.44	30,511.81	25,581.78	19.27
Brazilian Union ..	19,510.55	3,331.44	419.20	23,261.19	20,916.33	11.21
Inca Union	1,348.96	508.32	58.93	1,916.21	.....	.....
Totals	43,661.97	10,990.67	1,036.57	55,689.21	46,498.11	19.76
Miscellaneous						
South African	23,407.29	5,457.32	1,853.36	30,717.97	28,550.00	7.60
West Indian	14,858.50	4,394.47	1,728.31	20,981.28	21,892.05	.....
Nor. Latin Mise.	6,632.44	2,467.41	549.47	9,649.32	9,297.74	3.77
Miscellaneous	3,108.45	1,685.95	1,996.03	6,790.43	5,845.72	16.16
Totals	48,006.68	14,005.15	6,127.17	68,139.00	65,585.51	3.89
Grand Totals, 1915	1,968,168.26	872,666.84	566,463.07	3,407,298.17	3,090,484.80	10.25
Grand Totals, 1914	1,818,436.08	772,248.39	499,800.33	3,090,484.80	3,168,813.37	.....
Gain for 1915	149,732.18	100,418.45	66,662.74	316,813.37	.....	.....
Per Cent Gain, 1915	8.22	13.00	13.34	10.25	.....	.....

or not the funds paid in each union are in proportion to its membership.

Summary A shows that the total amount contributed during 1915 was \$3,407,298.17. This amount consisted of four funds, as follows: Tithe, \$1,968,168.26, or 57.76 per cent; foreign mission funds, \$872,666.84, or 25.61 per cent; home mission funds, \$133,530.56, or 3.92 per cent; other lines of missionary work, \$432,932.51, or 12.71 per cent.

Of the total amount there was contributed in North America \$2,542,682.99, or 74.63 per cent. Outside this country the contributions amounted to \$864,615.18, or 25.37 per cent. The amount contributed during 1915 constituted an increase over the amount for the previous year of \$316,813.37, or 10.25 per cent. A further expenditure during the year of \$854,158.71 was made in the support of the denominational schools, and for charitable work in connection with sanitariums and treatment rooms there was expended \$55,294.50.

Donations and investments during 1915 increased the net worth of denominational institutions by \$729,622.67; so that the total contributions for evangelistic work, the increased valuation of church buildings, and the amount contributed for the support of, and investment in, denominational institutions during 1915 constitute a grand total of \$5,066,330.15, an average of \$37.01 for each member throughout the world. For 1914 this average was \$35.45, thus indicating an increase of \$1.56 per member during 1915. The total valuation of all church buildings and denominational institutions at the close of 1915 stood at \$14,254,615.45, an average per member of \$104.14.

During the fifty-three years since this work has been organized there have been contributed for all purposes \$35,083,192.93. Of this amount twenty-three and a half million has been tithes; nearly seven millions foreign mission offerings, and about four and a half millions for other lines. The percentages of these funds stand thus: Tithe, 67.02; foreign missions, 19.92; home missions, 13.06.

Publishing Department

At the close of 1915 there were forty publishing houses and branches, having assets amounting to \$1,587,277.96, employing 698 persons in the production of denominational literature, the sales of which for the year amounted to \$2,174,591.94. This literature is issued in ninety-five languages, in the form of approximately four hundred bound books, four hundred pamphlets, fourteen hundred tracts and one hundred and twenty periodicals. Engaged in the distribution of this literature are 1,986 colporteurs, 839 of whom are employed in the North American Division.

Sabbath School Department

The number of Sabbath schools at the close of the year was 5,225. This number exceeded the number of organized churches by 1,349. This would indicate that this work is reaching out into new territory, and a more rapid growth of the work may be expected for the immediate future. The total membership of the Sabbath schools is 147,784, this number being 10,905 greater than the number of church members. The total contributions for the year amounted to \$412,759.28, or \$2.79 per member, this being an increase of 22 cents in the per

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Total Contributions and Communicants — Summary 2

1	2	3	4	5	6
Union	Contributions	Per Capita	Per Cent of Grand Total	Member-ship	Per Cent of Grand Total
North American Division					
Gen. Conf. and N. Am. Div.	\$ 25,988.61	-----	.76	-----	-----
Atlantic	246,342.63	\$37.42	7.23	6,583	4.81
Central	278,796.15	31.40	8.18	8,878	6.49
Columbia	270,632.27	33.11	7.94	8,174	5.97
E. Canadian	34,406.86	31.89	1.01	1,079	.79
Lake Union	420,766.62	34.66	12.35	12,139	8.87
Northern	263,018.72	37.57	7.72	7,000	5.11
North Pacific	255,121.79	26.58	7.49	9,600	7.01
Pacific	352,934.90	31.64	10.36	11,153	8.15
Southeastern	106,021.54	32.62	3.11	3,253	2.38
Southern	71,007.70	23.25	2.09	3,054	2.23
Southwestern	133,156.08	29.56	3.91	4,504	3.29
W. Canadian	84,489.12	36.45	2.48	2,318	1.69
Totals	2,542,682.99	32.71	74.63	77,735	56.79
European Division					
British	52,933.60	18.92	1.55	2,798	2.05
Central European	67,881.33	15.38	1.99	4,414	3.22
Danube	28,721.33	10.70	.84	2,683	1.96
East German	117,517.75	15.18	3.45	7,744	5.66
East Russian	26,882.08	8.72	.79	3,081	2.25
Latin	21,850.59	13.81	.64	1,582	1.16
Levant	1,766.21	4.49	.05	393	.28
Scandinavian	66,861.27	15.91	1.96	4,203	3.07
West German	96,415.38	15.09	2.83	6,391	4.67
West Russian	16,331.76	7.44	.48	2,195	1.61
European Division Missions	13,745.00	6.44	.41	2,133	1.56
Totals	510,906.30	13.58	14.99	37,617	27.49
Asiatic Division					
Australasian	185,428.18	32.79	5.44	5,654	4.13
India	13,006.77	26.49	.38	491	.36
East Asian Missions	31,445.72	8.73	.93	3,601	2.62
Totals	229,880.67	23.58	6.75	9,746	7.12
South American Division					
Austral	30,511.81	14.13	.89	2,159	1.58
Brazilian	23,261.19	10.59	.68	2,197	1.61
Inca Union	1,916.21	3.50	.06	547	.39
Totals	55,689.21	11.36	1.63	4,903	3.58
Miscellaneous					
South African	30,717.97	11.36	.90	1,703	1.24
West Indian	20,981.28	5.03	.62	4,170	3.05
Nor. Latin Missions	9,649.32	10.60	.28	910	.66
Miscellaneous	6,790.43	71.48	.20	95	.07
Totals	68,139.00	9.91	2.00	6,878	5.02
Grand Totals for 1915	\$3,407,298.17	\$24.39	100.00	136,879	100.00
Grand Totals, 1914	3,090,484.80	24.56	100.00	125,844	100.00
Gain for 1915	316,813.37	.33		11,035	

Publishing Department — Summary 3

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Year	No. Pub. Houses and Branches	Assets	Book and Periodical Sales	Employees	Periodicals	Languages — All Periodicals
1850	---	-----	-----	-----	1	1
1852	1	\$ 652.93	-----	5	2	1
1855	1	4,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	7	2	1
1860	1	10,034.80	3,000.00	17	2	1
1865	1	38,712.53	4,000.00	20	2	1
1870	1	64,471.14	7,000.00	30	3	1
1875	3	158,648.38	18,000.00	71	8	2
1880	4	338,565.93	40,000.00	128	10	7
1885	6	400,033.79	121,692.36	232	21	9
1890	7	959,260.95	734,397.00	412	24	12
1895	11	1,345,133.83	250,000.00	585	40	23
1900	13	1,400,000.00	250,000.00	600	96	39
1905	20	850,000.00	548,067.03	400	89	46
1906	22	866,261.96	824,027.69	425	92	52
1907	23	978,894.14	1,035,565.62	466	96	54
1908	26	1,038,215.26	1,286,981.24	515	109	57
1909	27	1,142,124.62	1,402,444.00	605	124	65
1910	28	1,176,092.39	1,560,510.58	610	126	67
1911	37	1,651,943.89	1,627,657.83	645	125	71
1912	37	1,679,175.61	1,836,527.86	684	123	75
1913	37	1,488,388.46	1,869,714.48	734	128	80
1914	38	1,602,846.58	2,109,834.60	735	134	88
1915	40	1,587,277.96	2,174,591.94	698	120	95

17			20	21	22	23	24		27	28	29	30	31	Local	33	
Total Sabbath School Contributions (to Foreign Missions)	Retail Value of Book and Periodical Sales	Amount of Tithe Appropriated to Fields Outside of Conference	Number of Church Buildings	Estimated Value	Approximate Seating Capacity	Number of Church Schools	Number of Teachers	Total Enrollment	Estimated Value of Buildings and Equipment	Expense of Annual Maintenance	Number of Young People's Societies	Membership	Contributions for Foreign Work	Contributions for Home Mission Work	Contributions for Local Society Work	Total Contributions Y. P. Work
72	978.07	9,857.24														
73	704.59	4,874.27														
74	788.60	7,791.90														
75	281.75	18,771.64	6	6,574.50	850											
76	899.29	7,362.80														
77	482.45	7,800.87	1	4,514.86	300											
78	182.77	7,419.28	1	297.07	180											
		5,850.68	3	1,448.82	450											
	4,262.52	69,428.18	11	12,685.25	1,770						16	325	110.83	8.24	7.23	126.80
79	818.41	7,303.31									6	91	19.48	94.70	9.04	123.22
80	868.95	10,130.23									7	75	54.58	38.43	92.49	180.50
81	619.24	2,668.49									5	48	22.00	38.97	2.02	57.99
82	778.55	5,133.40									5	65	18.02	46.51	34.37	93.90
83	929.91	12,041.31									7	67	30.57	20.32	1.03	51.97
84	14.76															
85	238.29	576.60														
86	238.94	1,578.54														
87	292.61	67.84														
	4,794.66	89,555.72									29	346	144.65	228.93	129.00	512.58
88	374.12	1,419.52	2	1,000.00	175											
89	772.64	287.66														
90	405.80	463.27	2	500.00	200											
91	77.33															
92	21.04	1,868.13														
93	230.11		1	250.00	50											
94	72.12	1,044.86														
	1,952.66	5,078.44	5	1,750.00	425						4	81			45.25	45.25
95	1,891.21	7,076.14	1	1,500.00	400						11	314				
96	915.25	2,059.02									2	35				
97	671.19	7,470.68									1	22				
98	1,655.26	12,062.37									8	121				
99	1,047.55	9,760.54									1	18				
100	677.84	6,389.22									9	98				
101	762.01	3,955.01									5	72				
102	86.53															
	7,706.84	49,292.98	1	1,500.00	400						37	675	167.88	360.46	61.71	690.05
103	372.05															
104	918.32															
105	342.32															
106	148.46															
107	238.21															
108	169.74															
109	88.82															
	2,227.44															
110	113.27															
111	228.47	247.26														
112	1,130.18	2,124.64	2	26,000.00	700											
113	48.81															
114	32.97															
115	79.16	889.60														
116	200.13	9,446.90														
	1,877.99	12,203.40	2	26,000.00	700											
117	.64															
118	121.00	288.63														
119	21.87	142.48														
120	12.42	.80														
121	7.93															
	162.45	381.91														
122	904.26	41,395.63	1	†	300											
123	1,119.91		3	300.00	100											
124	1,185.97	82,078.87	3	17,030.00	500											
125	584.98	14,202.95														
126	335.23		2	1,366.00	375											
127	527.61		4	10,427.00	375											
128	7.66															
129	51.31	2,875.00														
130	124.11															
131	808.85	20,267.28														
	6,595.39	111,719.73	11	29,123.00	1,650						12	345	407.75	41.80	70.46	520.01
132	1,037.81	74,314.91									6	115	6.36	35.84	38.76	80.96
133	578.14	4,742.77	3		800						4	77		36.45	109.73	146.18
134	975.96	5,603.07									3	47		23.92	7.50	72.92
135	1,231.00	4,877.56	1	1,550.55	150						8	79	41.50	1.56	18.09	21.94
136	788.19	11,694.15									5	52	2.29	2.20	9.66	21.21
137	860.88	2,373.77									1	14	9.35	15.96		24.29
138	623.31	8,768.94									2	26	3.33	22.99	12.05	43.88
139	147.39	686.01														
140	292.74	980.41														
	6,079.87	126,417.39	4	†	950						29	410	76.17	188.92	195.79	410.85
141	146.05															
142	809.19															
143	175.07															
144	139.32															
145	15.70															
146	44.89															
	1,330.22															

† Building used partly for office purposes, value of which is given in Financial Statement.

...with one part of ... S. D. A. Society assets

	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
	Total Sabbath School Contributions (to Foreign Missions)	Retail Value of Book and Periodical Sales	Amount of Tithes Appropriated to Fields Outside of Conference	Number of Church Buildings	Estimated Value	Approximate Seating Capacity	Number of Church Schools	Number of Teachers	Total Enrollment	Estimated Value of Buildings and Equipment	Expense of Annual Maintenance	Number of Young People's Societies	Membership	Contributions for Foreign Work	Contributions for Home Mission Work	Contributions for Local Society Work	Total Contributions Y. P. Work
147	6.74																
148	143.76																
149																	
150	4.76																
151	21.50	95.28															
152	60.28																
153																	
154																	
155																	
156	72.41																
157	11.49	327.21															
158	64.19																
159	16.12																
160	187.31	267.82															
161	7.52																
162	73.93	232.53															
163	39.33																
164	216.13																
165	125.47																
166	13.08																
167	166.67																
	1,181.84	922.84															
168	5,934.33	64,053.93	6,276.36	22	36,262.00	2,515	4	5	36	594.40	2,522.33	25	900	933.12	232.50	245.46	1,416.08
169	3,029.44	33,478.00	1,634.95	11	24,350.00	1,720	2	2	33		759.72	9	200	192.56	52.35		245.41
170	2,160.71	15,501.40	1,433.26	5	3,409.00	700						15	322	369.91	20.73	9.00	399.64
171	1,307.66	8,150.22	896.20	8	18,019.00	1,160	3	3	52		759.72	18	349	243.50	257.09	75.56	576.15
172	434.22	10,761.17	413.05	1	1,943.00	180	1	1	24	730.50	423.56	3	42	91.30	37.98		129.73
173	463.94	4,785.87	446.37	5	5,283.32	540						7	114	219.69		13.49	233.16
174	4,100.32	15,794.44	3,225.13	10	15,676.53	1,400	1	2	56		759.72	21	550	1,636.44	365.53	215.74	2,267.71
175	2,941.66	12,323.65	993.22	11	14,629.48	1,000	6	6	36		1,142.30	15	371	452.40			452.40
176	76.21	111.54															
177	207.98	39.33		7	1,704.50	600	3	3	34								
178	69.49																
179	64.97																
180	51.37																
181	74.42											1	32				
182	53.90																
183	9.33																
184	329.38	140.17										1	14				
185	236.84	77.75															
186	36.64																
	22,139.86	137,305.36	15,324.04	80	121,287.33	9,815	20	22	371	1,314.90	6,872.85	115	2,394	4,194.42	966.63	559.25	5,720.35
187																	
188																	
189																	
190																	
191																	
192																	
	1,725.77	9,004.35					1	4	28	736.00	500.00	2	30		49.07		49.07
193	245.15	8,015.03		4	8,000.00	350	11	14	76	2,300.00	650.00	8	200	20.00		3.06	23.06
194	271.67	1,347.97					8	3	100			4	150				
195	420.60	1,343.02		8	1,907.00	152	2	5	41			9	144				
196	297.71	1,667.98		22	4,290.75	1,390	3	6	75	102.50	500.00	14	376			28.30	
197	1,047.22	919.54		1	5,662.50	125	3	7	140	100.00	3,500.00	3	60				
198	62.26	77.58															
199	232.43	12,673.74															
200	561.49	1,249.91		5	3,549.97	975	14	31	501	7,000.00	3,700.00	1	85				
201	54.43	247.39					1	1	7		40.00	1	20				
	3,198.01	23,047.21		35	18,410.22	3,490	37	67	940	9,502.50	3,390.00	40	935	20.00		31.36	51.36
202	2,818.99	15,419.00		8	3,200.00	300											
203	557.32	3,000.00															
204	903.99	600.00		1	800.00	60											
205	35.33	695.44															
206	342.16	1,300.00															
	4,657.36	21,214.44		4	4,000.00	360											
207	779.10	4,370.48		12	12,900.00	1,050	5	5	84	900.00							
208	266.01	114.83					3	4	63	500.00	258.00	3	21				
209	75.69	1,034.48															
210	86.74	2,378.87															
211	167.43	531.32		2	6,096.70	260	1	1	15	40.00	151.20	1	12				
212	236.84	6,000.00		2	2,530.65	150	2	2	70	300.00		3	25				
213	377.03	3,413.29		2	2,255.00	300						2	15				
	2,038.84	22,392.77		13	22,335.35	1,760	11	12	232	1,740.00	419.20	9	73				
214	53.27	700.00															
215	47.92	1,500.00															
216	299.12	3,000.00															
	400.31	5,200.00															
217	1,745.84	5,135.49		8	13,175.00	2,500	4	5	25	1,451.00	175.32	6	125	19.12	9.17	15.13	43.47
218	973.49	6,861.98		3	8,230.30	250	1	1	16			2	20				
219	557.29	5,405.72		2	608.75	175	3	3	10			4	37	24.51	22.97	3.31	50.79
220	34.70			1	487.00	200											
221	34.17			1	730.50	200											
222	15.58																
223	14.43			1	487.00	150											
224	37.33			3	974.00	300											
225	69.33			1	487.00	300											
226	52.09			1	534.40	250											
227	30.70			1	437.00	250											
228	40.24			1	633.10	200											
	3,667.19	17,408.14		23	25,334.05	4,775	3	9	51	1,461.00	175.32	12	130	43.63	32.14	18.49	94.26

Statistical Report of Seventh-Day Adventist Conferences and Missions

Table with 16 columns: NAME OF CONFERENCE OR MISSION, Number of Churches, Membership, Baptized During Year, Ordained Ministers, Licensed Ministers, Licensed Missionaries, Book and Periodical Circulators, Total Laborers, Total Tithes Receipts, Tithes Per Capita, Total Offerings to Foreign Missions, Total Contributions for Home Mission Work, Total Contributions for Local Church Work, Number of Sabbath Schools, Membership. Rows include West Indian Union Conference, Northern Latin Amer. Missions, and Miscellaneous Missions.

RECAPITULATION

Summary table with 16 columns, same as above. Rows include Gen. Conf. & N. Amer. Div., European Division Conference, Asiatic Division Conference, South American Division Conf., and Grand Totals for 1915 and 1914.

* Under General Conference and North American Division are included those engaged in general labor, and not accounted for elsewhere. Miscellaneous individual tithes and offerings are also listed under this head. The total receipts by the General Conference Treasurer from Union Conferences in the North American Division applying on the twenty-cents-a-week fund during 1915 were \$692,477.71. A portion of the difference required to make the grand total as shown in the table, viz., \$705,293.50, was made up of miscellaneous

offerings to foreign missions coming from outside the North American Division, but included here because the amount cannot be conveniently shown elsewhere in this table. There is also another item explained thus: In the report of the General Conference Treasurer there is shown a receipt of \$123,338.27 from the Lake Union Conference applying on the twenty-cents-a-week fund. This report has a total of \$114,442.56, or \$9,895.71 less for that Union. That is the amount, however, which that Union included in Column 10 in this report, but

reported to treasury department as applying on twenty-cents-a-week funds. These amounts were made up as follows: Indiana Conference, \$2,405.71; East Michigan Conference, \$1,900; West Michigan Conference, \$5,000. In Column 18, under General Conference and North American Division is shown the amount of book and periodical sales by the various publishing houses in the North American Division, and not included in the report of sales by conferences.

Total Funds From Date of Organization to Present Time—Summary 10
Sabbath-School Offerings Foreign Mission Funds Home Mission Funds

Tithe

Grand Totals

Table with 16 columns: Year, From United States, From Outside United States, Total, From United States, From Outside United States, Total, From United States, From Outside United States, Total, From United States, From Outside United States, Total, From United States, From Outside United States, Grand Totals. Rows include years from 1863 to 1915 and a Totals row.

Percentages 75.32 24.68 100.00 78.69 21.31 100.00 82.34 17.66 100.00 82.71 17.29 100.00 77.39 22.61 100.00
Grand totals (percentages) 67.02 7.88 13.16 11.94 100.00

Of Sabbath-school offerings, \$2,366.28 4.54 was for foreign missions, as shown in Summary 6, making grand total for foreign missions, 1869-1915, \$6,985,204.91. Beginning with 1913 above figures group returns from Canada with those from United States.

Total Funds Contributed by the Seventh-Day Adventist Denomination—1863 to 1915—Summary 11

Year	1 Tithe	2 Foreign Mission	3 Home Mission	4 Total Funds	5 Per Capita	6 Total 10 Years	7 Per Cent of Gain
1863	\$8,000.00	.....	.....	\$8,000.00	\$2.29		
1864	10,000.00	.....	.....	10,000.00	2.63		
1865	12,000.00	.....	.....	12,000.00	3.00		
1866	15,000.00	.....	.....	15,000.00	3.53		
1867	18,661.39	.....	.....	18,661.39	4.32		
1868	23,366.57	.....	.....	23,366.57	5.22		
1869	18,952.77	1,800.75	.....	20,753.52	4.24		
1870	21,822.46	3,552.59	.....	25,375.05	4.66		
1871	23,066.42	2,511.71	.....	25,578.13	5.62		
1872	25,956.42	687.52	.....	26,643.94	5.55	\$185,378.60	
1873	30,687.49	122.50	.....	30,809.99	5.24		
1874	31,000.00	502.15	.....	31,502.15	4.50		
1875	32,618.62	536.57	.....	33,155.19	4.13		
1876	43,998.47	8,395.28	.....	52,393.75	5.21		
1877	47,176.56	7,313.12	.....	54,489.68	4.65		
1878	47,637.29	7,381.15	\$ 25.00	55,043.44	4.21		
1879	51,714.38	7,757.56	1,584.12	61,056.06	5.02		
1880	61,856.88	3,160.22	2,784.35	67,801.45	4.35		
1881	74,185.55	1,609.68	2,991.18	78,786.41	4.66		
1882	84,261.36	9,441.40	3,096.58	96,799.34	5.64	561,837.46	203.05
1883	96,418.62	9,957.19	3,711.69	110,087.50	6.31		
1884	105,543.41	15,115.79	4,175.23	124,834.43	6.67		
1885	122,641.69	21,649.85	6,898.74	151,190.28	7.36		
1886	146,936.78	29,682.11	8,075.22	184,694.11	7.99		
1887	192,720.99	42,384.70	6,136.11	241,241.80	9.33		
1888	183,129.23	49,468.09	7,730.43	220,327.75	8.44		
1889	224,743.78	55,998.08	10,773.29	291,515.15	10.29		
1890	225,433.98	50,495.63	10,935.36	286,864.97	9.66		
1891	258,037.27	61,325.30	12,684.11	332,046.68	11.12		
1892	302,310.19	75,296.59	13,973.50	391,580.28	11.59	2,334,382.95	315.52
1893	350,690.56	108,612.11	13,866.68	473,169.35	12.65		
1894	321,517.06	108,438.10	18,712.37	448,667.53	10.49		
1895	309,142.76	73,331.54	24,819.40	407,293.70	8.55		
1896	341,978.37	83,682.47	16,459.05	442,119.89	8.45		
1897	363,415.16	74,400.71	14,672.35	452,488.22	8.02		
1898	432,158.08	108,638.72	18,826.69	559,623.49	9.41		
1899	490,656.16	93,059.68	18,129.70	601,845.54	9.40		
1900	510,258.97	130,151.09	21,558.93	661,968.99	8.74		
1901	578,628.13	156,684.77	22,034.98	757,347.88	9.69		
1902	643,747.83	139,789.50	25,658.40	809,195.73	11.01	5,613,720.32	140.49
1903	684,030.54	137,315.67	21,044.00	842,390.21	10.86		
1904	691,819.33	144,712.20	20,182.75	856,714.28	10.48		
1905	858,014.91	169,335.11	153,567.62	1,180,917.64	13.52		
1906	998,275.82	193,005.86	203,080.25	1,394,361.93	15.23		
1907	1,064,753.43	264,138.12	375,826.57	1,704,718.12	18.13		
1908	1,101,396.47	308,045.68	361,206.92	1,770,649.07	18.14		
1909	1,218,243.46	383,084.93	383,228.76	1,984,557.15	19.66		
1910	1,338,689.65	458,943.70	426,134.17	2,223,767.52	21.27		
1911	1,477,590.26	485,245.43	400,252.60	2,363,088.29	21.68		
1912	1,653,624.54	595,004.72	453,569.76	2,702,199.02	23.66	17,023,363.23	203.27
1913	1,771,989.60	658,524.04	436,213.76	2,866,727.40	23.42	2,866,727.40	
1914	1,818,436.08	772,248.39	499,800.33	3,090,484.80	24.56	3,090,484.80	
1915	1,968,168.26	872,666.84	566,463.07	3,407,298.17	24.89	3,407,298.17	
Totals	\$23,507,104.00	\$6,985,204.91	\$4,590,884.02	\$35,083,192.93		\$35,083,192.93	
Percentages	67.02	19.92	13.06	100.00			

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capita amount. The entire amount was given to foreign missions. Since this branch of the work was started the total contributions received through the Sabbath schools has been \$2,766,356.16, and the amount given to foreign missions has been \$2,366,284.54, or 85.53 per cent of the total receipts.

Sanitarium Work

The number of sanitariums and treatment rooms at the close of 1915 was 40, having a total investment of \$2,774,058.94. Connected with these institutions and also engaged in various departments of denominational work are 131 physicians and the total number of employees is 1,729.

Young People's Work

There are now 1,196 young people's Missionary Volunteer societies, with a membership of 23,442. Of this number 15,644 are in the North American Division. The total contributions for the year for the entire membership were \$44,497.58, of which \$32,546.68 was given for foreign missions.

Foreign Missions

It will be observed that the total amount contributed for foreign missions during 1915 was \$872,666.84. Of this amount \$706,293.50, or 80.94 per cent, was from the North American Division. It may be of some interest to note the amounts contributed from this division during the recent past. For this purpose there is given below the amount contributed and the per capita for each year. In this summary the figures include the returns from the United States only, up to 1912, after which the figures include returns from Canadian territory. This is done to avoid confusion, since the figures pertaining to the amount of offerings have already been published thus in former reports:—

YEAR	AMOUNT	PER CAP.
1906	\$ 159,064.40	\$2.72
1907	211,458.61	3.61
1908	246,314.52	4.16
1909	303,289.99	5.07
1910	352,025.27	5.96
1911	357,587.73	5.89
1912	444,428.23	7.20
1913	499,713.65	7.43
1914	615,565.95	8.55
1915	706,293.50	9.08

\$8,895,741.85

Although only a rapid sketch is here attempted, note the item of book sales for 1915 of over two million dollars. For the entire membership this constitutes an average of \$16.10. The sales for the past six years constitute a total of \$11,178,837.29, while the sales for all the preceding forty-seven years were a total of \$12,662,179.27. These sales represent only denominational literature.

Page 19 contains a graphic representation as to the total funds contributed, amounts for foreign missions, and the growth in membership, from 1863 to 1915. The gains, especially during the past twelve years, are very apparent from the accompanying diagram. Prior to 1903, the gains were only normal; but since that time, the per cent of increase has been as follows: Total funds, 304.45 per cent; foreign mission funds, 535.56 per cent; membership, 98.16 per cent. Thus it is shown that the membership of the denomination has practically doubled during the past twelve years, and the total funds for all purposes are now annually over three times what the total contributions were twelve years ago. Note also from other portions of the report, that the per capita of total contributions has been increased from \$10.86 for 1903 to \$24.89 for 1915.

Financial Summary for 1915—Summary A

Thus while the membership has increased in the proportion noted above, the efficiency of each person in financial lines has increased more than twofold. The number of evangelistic laborers has increased during the past twelve years from 2,704 to 5,226, and the number of union and local conference and mission organizations has been changed from 139 to 265.

Table 2

By reference to Table 2, Section 1, it will be seen that the total assets invested in denominational publishing houses, at the close of 1915, were \$1,587,277.96. Of this amount, \$899,112.55 is invested in the fifteen publishing houses and branches in the North American Division, and \$688,165.41 is the amount invested in the twenty-five publishing houses and branches outside North America.

Column 4 gives the amount of book sales for each division, and column 5 the amount of periodical sales; the combined sales for North America during 1915 were \$1,396,184.65, or 64.20 per cent of the grand total sales. The combined book and periodical sales outside North America during 1915 were \$778,407.29, or 35.80 per cent of the grand total sales.

There are 349 employees engaged in the production of denominational literature in each of the divisions mentioned above. The total number of periodicals is 120. This number is reduced from former years because of the temporary suspension of certain periodicals in countries particularly affected by the war.

Section 2 of Table 2 takes up the work of sanitariums in two groups. In the first is shown information pertaining to the eighteen sanitariums in North America; in the second, information is given with reference to thirteen sanitariums outside North America. Of the total assets indicated in the table, 65.23 per cent is the amount of the investment in the North American Division, and 34.77 in all other divisions.

One of the most interesting portions of the entire report pertains to section 4, in which information is given regarding educational institutions, listed in two groups; first, those in North America, and second, those outside this country. In the first group are shown 42 institutions carrying work above the 8th grade. The total enrolment in North America is 6,133 pupils, taught by 436 teachers, or an average of about 14 pupils per teacher. In the group outside this country, there are 1,490 pupils, taught by 138 teachers, or nearly 11 students per teacher.

The figures indicate that the enrolment in the North American Division is 91.29 per cent of the student capacity; in the group outside North America, the enrolment is 64.14 per cent of the student capacity provided. The total number of students carrying college work (grades 13 to 16) is 860 in the North American Division, and 41 in all other countries, a total of 901.

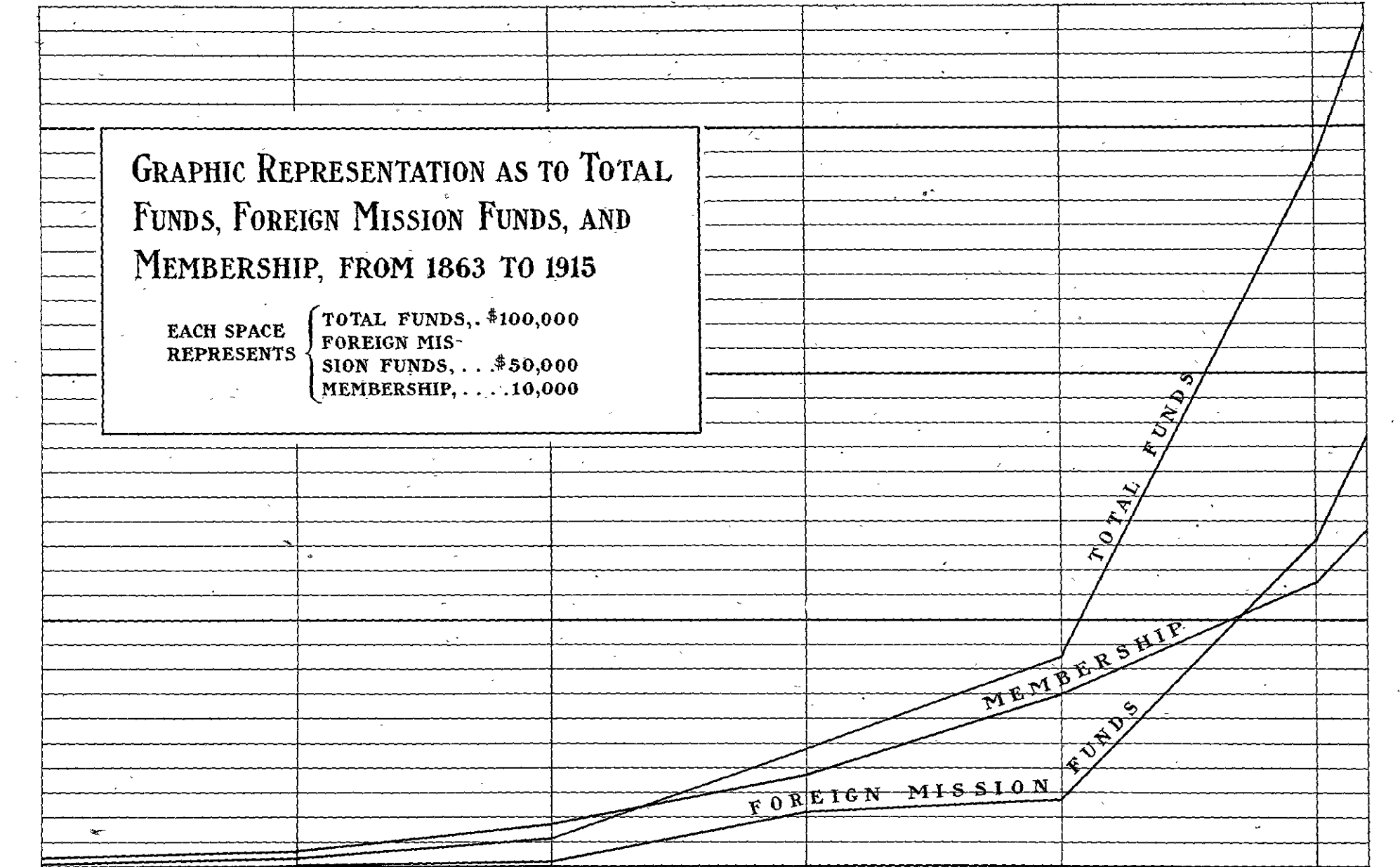
The number of graduates from the 16th grade in North America is 75, in all other countries, 4; a total of 79, or 8.77 per cent of the number carrying work in grades 13 to 16.

The total number of students graduating from all grades was 708, and the number entering some department of the denominational work during the year constitutes a total of 1,041.

TITHE	Amount	Per Cent of Fund Named	Total Amount	Per Cent of Grand Total
From North America	\$1,897,910.20	67.98		
From all other countries	680,858.06	32.02		
Total			\$1,968,168.26	57.76
OFFERINGS				
From North America:—				
Reported by Conferences	847,092.53			
Reported by Sabbath Schools	332,106.20			
Reported by Missionary Volunteer Societies	27,094.72			
	706,293.50	80.94		
From all other countries:—				
Reported by Conferences	80,268.80			
Reported by Sabbath Schools	80,653.08			
Reported by Missionary Volunteer Societies	5,451.96			
	166,373.84	19.06		
Total			872,666.84	25.61
HOME MISSIONS				
Contributed for Home Mission work (funds sent outside the church, but not to a foreign field):—				
In North America:—				
Reported by Conferences	94,875.15			
Reported by Missionary Volunteer Societies	6,492.05			
	101,167.20	75.77		
From all other countries:—				
Reported by Conferences	30,481.83			
Reported by Missionary Volunteer Societies	1,832.03			
	32,313.86	24.23		
Total			133,530.56	3.92
SPECIAL FUNDS				
Tithe appropriated by Conferences in North America for evangelistic work in home mission fields	280,498.17			
Tithe thus appropriated from all other countries	54,287.54			
	334,785.51			
Total offerings to foreign missions	372,666.84			
Total offerings to home missions	133,530.56			
Total tithes appropriated and offerings made for benefit of home and foreign mission fields during 1915	\$1,340,983.11			
Per capita for the entire membership of 136,879	\$9.80			
LOCAL CHURCH WORK				
Contributed for all lines of local church missionary work:—				
From North America:—				
Reported by Conferences	201,594.48			
Maintenance of church schools	193,438.59			
By Missionary Volunteer Societies	2,379.02			
	397,412.09	91.80		
From all other countries:—				
Reported by Conferences	15,227.00			
Maintenance of church schools	10,095.62			
By Missionary Volunteer Societies	1,197.80			
	26,520.42	8.20		
Total			422,982.51	12.71
GRAND TOTAL				
Grand total of all funds raised during 1915 for evangelistic work:—				
From North America	\$2,542,682.99	74.68		
From all other countries	864,615.18	25.87		
Total for 1916			\$3,407,298.17	100.00
Total for 1914			3,090,484.80	100.00
Gain for 1915			316,813.37	
Per cent of Gain			10.25%	
Per capita for the 77,735 members in North America	\$32.71			
Per capita for the 59,144 members outside of North America	\$14.62			
Per capita for the entire membership of 136,879	\$24.89			
Another statement as to funds indicates that there was—				
Raised by churches as tithe	\$1,968,168.26	67.76		
Raised by churches as all other funds	1,439,129.91	42.24		
Grand Total			\$3,407,298.17	100.00

GRAPHIC REPRESENTATION AS TO TOTAL FUNDS, FOREIGN MISSION FUNDS, AND MEMBERSHIP, FROM 1863 TO 1915

EACH SPACE REPRESENTS
 { TOTAL FUNDS, .. \$100,000
 FOREIGN MIS-
 SION FUNDS, . . . \$50,000
 MEMBERSHIP, 10,000



1863	1873	1883	1893	1903	1915
\$8,000	\$30,809	\$110,087	\$473,169	\$842,390	\$3,407,298
3,500	5,875	17,436	37,404	69,072	136,879
FOREIGN MISSION FUNDS	\$122.50	\$9,957	\$108,612	\$137,315	872,666
TOTAL FUNDS					
MEMBERSHIP					

