

# Financial Report, Soviet Russia Medical Relief Committee, Western District

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## Cash Statement.

<i>Receipts.</i>	
1920 — Sept.	\$ 775.47
Oct.	4,069.24
Nov.	8,772.02
Dec.	8,953.55
1921 — Jan. 1-15	2,006.60
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$24,576.88</b>
Total Expense .....	14,095.30
	<b>\$10,481.58</b>
Remitted to NY	
Central Committee	9,613.00
<b>Balance on Hand Jan. 15</b>	<b>\$ 868.58</b>

## *Expenditures.*

Office Expenses	\$ 1,412.10
Speakers & Organizers	3,799.43
Wages	2,803.75
RR Fares & Hotels	533.87
Hall Rental	1,675.57
Printing & Literature	2,928.09
Office Furniture	398.90
	<b>\$14,095.30</b>

## Comment on Field Work.

Dear Friend,

It takes but a glance at the financial report to show the marvellous work that has been accomplished in the Western District during the short space of 4 months.

Starting in September [1920] without a penny for supplies or a stamp for postage, the receipts have grown from nothing to \$8953 in the month of December [1920]. Like all drives for funds, the heaviest expense has been incurred in putting the field in shape for good results.

When we remember that in the famous Million Dollar Drive of the Socialist Party for the first 3 months all receipts were reinvested, it helps to understand the meaning of preparatory work.

In organizing the 33 states in the Western District, 70 Local Committees have been formed; 43 propaganda meetings held, and countless pamphlets and leaflets have been distributed. Please notice that besides paying all expenses of the field in this vast territory there has been a substantial balance of \$9,613.00 to send to the New York Central Committee. If these are the present fruits, what might not the harvest be if the work was continued on this basis?

Kindly bear in mind that this Office carried all the Local Expenses for the entire field, such as meetings, printing supplies, etc. If we had saddled all expenses on the Local Committees, as is often done in relief reports, we could show a clear net income of \$9,613.00 with little or no expense recorded against the work. However, we are glad to show the manner of handling this expense, as hundreds of dollars have

been saved by centralizing our purchasing power. We feel certain of your approval of our expenditures that were necessary in organizing the huge territory which stretches from Buffalo, NY, to the Pacific Coast.

The discontinuance of the Western Office comes at a time when the heaviest financial drain was being made for organization, and before opportunity has been given to reap the benefits that would more than justify the expenditures. Thousands and thousands of dollars would come in from the preparatory work already done were this office open to receive it.

Those who know even the slightest about the collection of funds on a large scale will heartily appreciate the great financial results accomplished, especially those cognizant of the immense obstacles to be overcome. Systematized sabotage and organized antagonism maliciously opposed the work from the start — elements that would stop at nothing to destroy the work and prevent even the slightest relief reaching the dying women and children of Soviet Russia.

Our friends will deplore with us the influences which have brought about the interruption of this vital work after thousands of dollars have been invested in preparing the field for the enormous harvests that would inevitably have resulted had the work been continued as planned.

Fraternally submitted,

**WESTERN DISTRICT COMMITTEE.**

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