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"As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger."

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THE EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION

A TWELVE hours' ride by rail over the western part of Ontario, through the Saint Clair Tunnel at Port Huron, and away across the state of Michigan, brought us to the city of Holland, on the shore of Lake Michigan just in time to catch the boat for Chicago. From that place another twelve hours' ride by rail brought us to College View in time for the opening meeting of the Convention.

To our minds the language of the Psalmist in describing Mount Zion, applies with singular aptness to College View: "Beautiful for situation." Stretching away for miles in every direction from the Union College buildings, as far as the eye could reach, in long, undulating swells, the fields of ripening grain waving in the gentle breezes, alternated with other fields of meadow and pasture lands, clothed in living green, where herds of sleek cattle and fine horses roamed at will or lay contented beneath the trees which afforded friendly shade from the burning rays of the noonday sun, formed a picture more beautiful than could be traced upon canvas by the imagination of the most gifted painter.

With such a landscape spread out before us in whatever direction the eye might glance, reminding one of the statement of Scripture, "The earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea," the Convention met and carried on its work from day to day. Christian educators from all parts of the United States and from some other countries, representing every phase of educational work, were

present to the number of one hundred and twenty-seven.

Topics of intense interest were considered at each meeting, and a spirit of harmony and good will seemed to prevail throughout the entire session. It was indeed a great privilege to meet with those whom I had met in former years, and to form the acquaintance of many others, all of whom are earnestly engaged in the great work of training young people to enter the various branches of the Lord's work, both at home and abroad.

The one thought kept prominently before the Convention in all the deliberations was the importance of finishing the Lord's work in the earth. Every one seemed to be impressed with the thought that we are nearer the close of the work than we realize. Though the importance of a thorough education on the part of those who engage in the work, was emphasized, yet the idea that has prevailed in the world as to what constitutes a thorough education, was very much modified.

Many valuable thoughts and suggestions were presented, which will enable teachers who put them in practice to do much more efficient work for their pupils.

The 4th of July, which is the national holiday in the United States, but which would be much more appropriately termed the "national howling day," was observed at the Convention in a manner befitting the occasion. It was a day long to be remembered. A series of resolutions had been introduced into the Convention relative to the position which all of our schools should sustain to the subject of supplying recruits

for missionary work in all branches.

As we were quietly gathered there listening to the soul-stirring appeals which seemed to touch a responsive chord in the heart of every one present, we could not help noticing the contrast between these quiet exercises, and the noisy, boisterous proceedings which were carried on by the world in the name of patriotism. Even in the quiet village of College View, where the majority of the people are Seventh-Day Adventists, what with the horse-racing, the banging of cannon firecrackers, which was kept up the whole night through, intermingled with coarse language and rude laughter, the place was turned into a hideous, howling pandemonium.

We are indeed thankful that there is a people in the earth who find their pleasure in better ways than this, and who are looking for the coming of the Lord.

CAMP-MEETING

THE Adventists of the province of Ontario should feel it their duty to make the coming camp-meeting, one of the grandest and most successful Christian gatherings that has ever been known in the history of our work. Not one should consider for a single moment whether they can afford to attend the camp-meeting, but should feel it their God-given duty to attend. Not one of God's children is too poor to attend.

They should go early and stay until the close of the meetings that they may give and impart blessings, that they may receive greatest spiritual blessings. Read Ex. 23: 17 and find the command that was given to the people of Israel. "Three times in the year shall thy males appear before the Lord thy God."

Would it have been right for those people to question for a single moment whether they should attend these gatherings three times a year? How much more should we

obey the command to attend our camp-meetings which occur only once a year.

If we all do as we should we shall not only receive great spiritual blessings, but also the temporal blessings. Read verse 25: "And ye shall serve the Lord your God and he shall bless thy bread and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee."

We are almost to the land of Canaan so very near that we almost see it, then why should any of us consider ourselves too poor or sick to appear before the Lord our God.

G. W. H.

FROM THE FIELD

PETROLIA, ONT.

SEVERAL years ago a tent was located here and a few souls began to obey the Lord, but not a sufficient number to form a church. About two years ago Brother and Sister Louis Boyce settled here, and since that time Sister Boyce has been laboring among the people with the result that a goodly number have been converted, and are now observing the Sabbath of the Lord.

Brother Bartram spent two days with me visiting the scattered Sabbath-keepers. We traveled sixty miles, finding some who have not heard an Adventist sermon for a long time. They subscribed for our periodicals and bought our books. Some of them had their money ready to send to the missionaries in other lands. One family sent two fine rugs by us to the school. These children of the Lord remember the school.

In and around Petrolia there are about twenty-five who observe the Sabbath. This is a sufficient number to form a good church which we organized, as far as we could until all are baptized. We went to Sarnia for baptism, but the waves were rolling so high

that we were not able to immerse them. They were very much disappointed.

On the way home from the lake I noticed two pleasant-looking men, whom I took to be ministers. I ventured the remark, "You look like ministers." One of them replied, "Yes, this is the Rev. Mr., the Presbyterian minister of Petrolia, and I am the Baptist minister of the same place." Then followed a pleasant conversation. I remarked that I supposed there was no disagreement between them on the subject of baptism. One of them said, "We agree to disagree." I then told them that we were returning from the lake without baptizing on account of the waves rolling so high, and that the people were much disappointed. Then I turned to the Baptist minister and asked him for the use of his baptistry. He shook his head, as much as to say, "I hardly think it." I said that we allow others to use our baptistry, and asked about the golden rule. Then the train roiled into the station and we said good-bye.

That evening we held our last meeting, and all thought that they would go to the camp-meeting, when this ordinance can be administered, and the ordination of church officers can be attended to.

A. O. BURRILL.

SOUVENIR EDITION
"SIGNS OF THE TIMES"

The following are some of the good things this Souvenir Edition will contain:

1. Between thirty and forty of the finest views obtainable of the earthquake, fire, and ruins.

2. Seismographic records taken in Oakland and Napa, California, Albany, New York, and the Imperial Observatory, Austria. These records show that the whole world was shaken by this great earthquake. No other paper shows these illustrations grouped as we have them.

3. A fine relief map of San Francisco in colors, showing the fire-swept district.

4. A map of California showing the part especially affected by the earthquake.

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6. Two beautiful and striking views of the burning of San Francisco, printed in colors. One of these is a panoramic scene, 6x18 inches, showing the whole city with about one-half of it in flames.

Besides all this, and much more of like nature, this number will tell the meaning of these things in the light of prophecy, and point the reader to the only sure and abiding refuge. Other papers have told the story fairly well, but the *Signs of the Times* is the only paper that attempts to show the meaning of these things in the light of the "more sure word of prophecy," and to point the reader to something more substantial and enduring.

OBITUARY

SWITZER.—Died at her home in Nepean, near Ottawa, July 3, 1906, of multiple abscesses, Sister Ruhamah Switzer. Sister Switzer has been a firm believer in present truth for several years, and has been true to the cause, assisting with her prayers and means, and rejoicing in the progress of the message. She was a member of the Ottawa church, but has been in poor health for some time, and could not attend the meetings. She was a great sufferer for months, but has now fallen asleep in Jesus, and is resting from her labors until the day break and the shadows flee away. She leaves several relatives and many friends to mourn their loss. She was an unmarried lady of sixty-one years. The funeral was conducted by the writer.

W. H. THURSTON.

THE Quebec camp-meeting will be held at Ayre's Cliff, Que., Sept. 6-16, on the Boston and Maine Railway between Sherbrooke and Newport. Further particulars later.

W. H. THURSTON.

ELDER Rickard improved slightly last week, and there is some hope of recovery. W. H. T.

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OFFICE NOTES

WE HOPE to have two more regular canvassers soon.

Bible Student's Library, No. 196 "The Meaning of the Earthquake" is now in stock.

Almost all the quarterly reports are in, if yours is not, may we not look for it promptly?

Not much more than a month before camp-meeting in Ontario. Begin now to prepare. The Canadian Publishing Association will have a stock of books on the ground. We will also send books to the Quebec camp-meeting.

The third number of the *Signs* special is selling fast. Mrs. Noftzger sold one hundred in one day, and is averaging about fifty per day. Some of the students from Lornedale Academy are in the city canvassing; they often spend their evenings selling these papers with good success.

APPOINTMENTS

No Providence preventing we will hold meetings as follows :

Exeter, Sabbath and Sunday, July 20, 21.

London, Wednesday, July 25, 8 p. m.

St. Thomas, Thursday, July 26, 8 p. m.

Southwold, Sabbath and Sunday, July 28 and 29.

Hamilton, Tuesday, July 31.

Gravenhurst, Sabbath and Sunday, August 4 and 5.

Toronto, Sabbath and Sunday, August 11 and 12.

Lorne Park, Tuesday, August 14.

A. O. BURRILL.

Report of Tithe and Offerings Received
During June (Ontario)

	Tithe	Weekly Offering	Mid-sum-mer	Earthquake Relist	S.S. Off.
BRANTFORD	\$35.53	\$3.46			
GALT	5.51	2.76			
CHATHAM	12.38			\$.75	
LORNE PARK	5.				
INDIVIDUALS	4.32				
LYNDEN	11.46		\$1.45	2.80	
PETROLIA	17.86				
OIL SPRINGS	6.50	.50			
LONDON	126.				
MUSKOKA	14.05			4.38	
LINDSAY	10.				
INGERSOLL	2.	.50			
ALBUNA	17.51	.55			
OTTAWA	4.50	.40		3.	\$.70
PETERBORO	6.				
GUELPH	20.				
PICTON	8.22				
TORONTO	30.04	3.20	7.10		
HAMILTON	78.74	9.15	7.96	3.	20.21
WOODSTOCK	8.				.40
MARKHAM					.50
TOTAL	\$423.62	\$22.02	\$16.51	\$14.83	\$20.91
					SCHOOL FUND, OIL SPRINGS, \$5.

Report of the Canvassing Work for Week Ending July 6, 1906

Name	Place	Book	Orders	Value	Value Miscellaneous Orders	Delivered
J. Pengelly, Rosemont, Ont.		C. K.	17	19.25	26.25	.50
Henry Pengelly, Rosemont, Ont.		C. K.	18	21.75	26.	5.
H. D. Carr, Richard's Landing, Ont.		P. J.	5	18.75	6.25	
Florence White, Lorne Park, Ont.		C. K.	21	26.25		
Evadna Mathews, Lorne Park, Ont.		C. K.	17	21.25		
Maude Pengelly, Lorne Park, Ont.		C. K.	6	7.50	.75	
Totals,	6 Agents,		84	\$114.75	\$59.25	\$5.50