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## Eastern Canadian Union Committee Meeting

Tuesday morning, March 2nd the members of the Eastern Canadian Union Conference Executive Committee arrived in Oshawa for the annual meeting of that body. Elder W. C. Young, being delayed by ice in his passage from Newfoundland, did not get in until the evening of that day. It did all our hearts good to clasp each other's hands once more after an extended separation

member of the committee was determined to give the interests of the Cause the best attention and care possible. On another page the resolutions adopted by the Union committee up to the time of going to press are recorded. A picture taken of the members of the committee with others who were invited to attend for counsel, is herewith reproduced. The most blessed spirit of unity and brotherly love prevailed through the entire session and we feel



DELEGATES ATTENDING E. C. U. COMMITTEE MEETING

J. Vuilleumier L. O. Machlan G. H. Skinner T. D. Rowe F. G. Hill D. J. C. Barrett  
W. C. Young M. C. Kirkendall M. N. Campbell M. M. Hare A. V. Olson G. G. Roth

in our various fields. We felt the sentiment expressed in the beautiful hymn:

"Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love!  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above."

A large range of business connected with this Union was awaiting our consideration and the committee was soon deeply engaged in working out the various problems that presented themselves. It was refreshing to observe the thoroughness with which every item of business was looked into and it was evident from the first that each

that the Cause in this field will be materially strengthened and advanced as a result of this meeting.

M. N. CAMPBELL, President.

## Notes on Union Committee Recommendations

The Eastern Canadian Union Committee met at the Union office at Oshawa, Tuesday afternoon, March 2, with the following members present: Elders Campbell, Kirkendall, Hare, Olson, Barrett, Vuilleumier, Prof. Rowe,

Brethren Gibson and Hill, also Elder Skinner and Prof. Machlan. Elder Young arrived later.

#### CAMPMEETINGS FOR 1915

It was voted after a full discussion, to hold the camp-meetings this year for a period of one week instead of ten days as formerly, each meeting to be preceded by a workers council of three days duration. The following are the dates agreed upon in each conference:

Maritime Conference	June 6-13
Quebec	" " 17-24
Ontario	" " 27-July 4

The conference workers will be expected to be at the place of meeting three days preceding the dates above given for a council.

#### DELEGATE REPRESENTATION

The following resolution was adopted with reference to the matter of our churches at the annual sessions of the conference:—

*Whereas*, there is at present a lack of uniformity among the conferences of the Eastern Canadian Union in appointing delegates to represent the churches at the annual conferences in these fields; and,

*Whereas*, the general plan in operation throughout our denomination in harmony with the example of Scriptural times (see Acts 15) provides for the appointing of delegates by the churches as their representatives at such gatherings; and,

*Whereas*, through the agency of the Spirit of Prophecy definite instruction has been given relative to those who should represent our churches upon such occasions, in the following:—

"God would have his people an understanding people. He has so arranged matters that chosen men shall go as delegates to our conferences. These men are to be tried and proven. They are to be trustworthy men. The choosing of delegates to attend our conferences is an important matter. These men are to lay the plans that shall be followed in the advancement of the work, and therefore they are to be men of understanding, able to reason from cause to effect." *Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 3, p. 252.*

"Finally, the members of the church, fearing that a division among them would be the outcome of continued discussion, decided to send Paul and Barnabas, with some responsible men from the church, to Jerusalem, to lay the matter before the apostles and elders. There they were to meet delegates from the different churches, and those who had come to Jerusalem to attend the approaching festivals. . . The council which decided this case was composed of apostles and teachers who had been prominent in raising up the Jewish and Gentile Christian churches, with chosen delegates from various places. . . The entire body of Christians was not called to vote upon the question." *Acts of the Apostles pp. 190 and 196.*

*We Recommend*, That a uniform plan be adopted throughout our field, delegates to be chosen upon the following basis:—

One delegate for each church organization,

The elder of the church by virtue of his office,

And an additional delegate for each fifteen members.

and we would further recommend,

That where such a plan is not in operation that the Executive Committees of these conferences take steps to present this matter to their churches before the next annual conference, that delegates may be appointed from each, to be duly

seated at the conference, after an amendment of the constitution to permit of same.

#### RESIGNATION OF T. D. GIBSON

Brother T. D. Gibson presented his resignation to the Union Committee, as Union Secretary and Treasurer, Manager of the Canadian Publishing Association, Editor of the MESSENGER, and Auditor of the Union, to accept a call to labor in the Georgia conference. The resignation was accepted to take effect March 4.

#### ELECTION OF M. M. HARE

In view of the vacancy created by the resignation of Brother T. D. Gibson it was voted to ask Elder M. M. Hare to fill the positions thus vacated. A resolution was presented requesting the Maritime conference to release Elder Hare for that work.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF RELIEF FUND

The sum of \$2,812.35 was returned to the Union treasury by the North American Division Conference to apply on institutional debts in this Union. The committee voted to divide this between Buena Vista and Williamsdale in proportion to the amounts of indebtedness on each. This provides for \$500.00 for Williamsdale and the balance to Buena Vista.

#### TRANSFER OF LABORERS

The following recommendations relative to the transfer of laborers in this Union were adopted:

1. That G. H. Skinner be recommended to the Maritime Conference Committee to fill the unexpired term of Elder Hare.
2. That N. H. Saunders of Williamsdale, make Quebec his field of labor at the close of the school year.
3. That Miss Nettie Knister make Newfoundland her field of labor connecting with the church school as teacher.

A further report of the resolutions adopted will appear next week.

#### Further Word Concerning Mrs. White

"ELMSHAVEN," SANITARIUM CAL.,  
Feb. 24, 1915.

DEAR EDITOR—Knowing that many of your readers will be interested in a further report regarding mother's condition of health, I write a few lines.

During the eleven days since her fall and the fracture of the femur, she had some sleepless nights and some painful hours; but most of the time her sufferings have been remarkably light, considering the nature of her injury.

She expresses perfect resignation to the will of God, and confidence in his love.

The physician in charge says her respiration, temperature, and circulation are unusually normal for a patient suffering from such an injury.

Regarding mother's interest in the preparation of her writings for publication, and the progress of this work, during the last two years, I quote from a statement prepared by Brother Crisler, as follows:

"Following the completion of 'Acts of the Apostles,' she went over many manuscripts that were being selected to be

included in 'Counsels to Teachers,' and prepared some new matter for that volume.

"Nearly two years ago she began reading manuscripts that have since been forwarded to the printers for the forthcoming reprinted edition of 'Gospel Workers.' She has taken much delight in reviewing the manuscripts written in former years for the encouragement and help of our faithful workers, and in preparing this matter for republication in convenient form, in harmony with urgent requests from many brethren in the ministry.

"When writing 'Facts of Faith,' over half a century ago, Sister White included in that little volume matter that carried the story of Israel beyond the days of David. In the seventies, she wrote quite fully on the restoration of the Israelites from Babylon, dwelling in detail on the experience of Nehemiah. In articles, and in bound volumes of 'Testimonies for the Church,' she has often told and retold the story of Solomon, of Elijah and Elisha, of Isaiah and Jeremiah, of Daniel and the Hebrew worthies, and of the return of the exiles under Zerubbabel and Joshua and Ezra.

"When 'Patriarchs and Prophets' was completed, in 1890, Sister White hoped sometime to go on with the story from the close of David's reign, and publish in connected form that which she had been impressed to write concerning the experiences of Solomon and of divided Israel, and their final restoration to divine favour as one united people,—a type of spiritual Israel, the church of God on earth today, to whom will finally be fulfilled all the covenant promises.

"It has been the hope of preparing, in some form suitable for publication, the story of the prophets and kings of Old Testament history, that has led Sister White to group such material into several series of articles, which have appeared in our various denominational publications through the years.

"Not long after her return from Australia, this was undertaken anew, and since that time, for more than ten years, she has continued this work, giving consideration to the manuscripts dealing with this period of Bible history not yet covered by her 'Great Controversy' series.

"To the completion of this volume, 'The Captivity and Restoration of Israel,' Sister White has given much thought during the past year. Six months ago all but a few chapters had been completed, and many of these had appeared in the columns of the *Review*. At the present time only the last two chapters remain unfinished."

In speaking of her desire to do what she can in the Master's service, mother has often said, "When my voice can no longer be heard, the publications will continue to testify."  
W. C. WHITE.

## Ontario

President, M. C. Kirkendall, Oshawa  
Sec. Treas., M. M. Hare, Oshawa  
Field Missionary Agent, Joseph Capman, Oshawa

## London

That the Lord is stirring the people to enquire about the fulfilling signs of prophecy is evident from some of the experiences we have passed through this month. Leaving here on January 12 for Chatham, we met with the church on Sabbath and left the same evening for Dresden, where we found a buggy waiting to take us out four miles into the country. By 'phone the people were

notified for miles around of the meetings to begin Sunday at three and eight o'clock. A number came in for the first, and the house was full that night. Two meetings a day were held during the week with fairly good attendance in the afternoon, increasing to a housefull at night. This interest developed more and more each day. Miles away farmers were discussing the meetings on the corners, and Sunday night I spoke to thirty-four.

Some of these came sixteen miles to hear the truth, some fourteen, and others less. The Lord gave us good weather and good interest while we were there, for which we were thankful, the roads being almost closed up in bad weather. On Sabbath, the 21st, we had an attendance of twenty-four, who met in the home of Sister Cristners. Many of these came out to hear the study on baptism. One young man kept his first Sabbath that day.

On Monday evening, being my last meeting with them of the series, I took an expression from those present how many believed this truth as far as they had heard, and how many would promise to obey, and keep the Sabbath holy, etc. Twelve of the sixteen then present held up their hands. If I had put this test Sunday night I believe more would have been added. A young lady school teacher and several other young people expressed a desire to attend our school. We hope to report something definite from this field later. Some of these heard the message through the efforts of Elders Simpson, Ballenger, Ireland, Barrett, and Howe, and this verifies the Scripture that says "Paul planted; Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." The faithful efforts of the Chatham church has done much to revive the spirit of truth among these people. Some heard it for the first time and have promised to obey. Sister Bresett opened up her home for the meetings, and by the aid of her nice family of young men left nothing undone to make our visit a success.

In London a fine interest is manifested, and especially among some in the church where we dealt with their minister. On account of the aggressive work in our missionary society he felt he might possibly lose some of his flock, so, as he stated, was compelled to preach a sermon against us. This was so venomous in its nature that some vowed then and there they would never enter that church again, but would find a home with God's remnant people. The Lord "moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform." Truly the spirit of the Lord is moving upon the hearts of the people. We need your prayers at this time, so do not forget this field at the throne of grace. We have a new baptistry almost completed, and, best of all, some candidates ready, for which we praise the Lord.

MR. AND MRS. WM. H. BOYCE.

So shall a friendship fill each heart  
With perfume sweet as roses are,  
That, even though we be apart,  
We'll scent the fragrance from afar.—Sel.

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## Results From Scattered Literature

Many instances of persons accepting the truth through our literature have come under my observation. A few of these I will mention: A man in Wisconsin found a tract called "Bible Students' Assistant," and through it became interested in the truth. He then moved to Monroe, Iowa, and succeeded in interesting a number of others. They sent for a minister, and a church was organized as a result.

One who was engaged in selling health foods lent the *Signs of the Times* to a lady for a few weeks. She said one day, "That paper has a tendency to convert people." She became a subscriber, and later accepted the truth, and united with the church.

Some years ago a young woman visited her uncle and aunt in Indiana, who were Presbyterians. Previously to her visit, they had purchased "Bible Readings" of a canvasser. On discovering afterward that it was an Adventist book, to get it out of sight they placed it in the spare room up-stairs. It was here that the niece found it, and often read it until a late hour in the night. She became so interested in its contents that her aunt gave her the book. She brought it home with her, and her brother and brother-in-law became interested. Later one of our Bible workers held a few readings with them, and they obeyed the truth. Afterward the same book was lent to a married sister living eight miles away. She became interested, and the same Bible worker held readings with her, and later she was baptized and united with the church.

One of our brethren went down to the train in his town, to give away some papers to the passengers. They took them, but some tore them in pieces and threw them out of the car windows. It grieved this brother to have the papers treated thus. About four or five miles up the track from the station, the section crew were working, and one of the young men picked up the half of the torn page of one of the Swedish papers, which was torn from one corner to the other. On the part of the page which he found, was an article about the Sabbath. He read it and, sent the piece to the office, and asked for the paper which contained the article. He soon began to keep the Sabbath, and afterward became a worker in the cause of God.

One man had his attention directed to the Sabbath question by reading the little tract "Vindication of the True Sabbath," by the late Elder J. W. Morton. The

tract is a narration of the personal experience of the author. This tract was lent to this man by a member of the Baptist church, he having picked it up in the post-office, and after reading the same, had begun the observance of the Sabbath but afterward gave it up. Upon receiving the tract, the man of whom I speak began at once an investigation of the subject, taking the Bible in one hand and the tract in the other. At the conclusion of the study, he was thoroughly convinced of the truth. This man is now elder of one of our churches.

Years ago one of our workers gave a few tracts to a man for him to read and then distribute. The man, on looking them over, decided that they were not fit to circulate. To get rid of them, he put them under a pile of brush by a gate he had to go through in passing along a by-road through the timber. That evening a man who was earnestly seeking light on the state of the dead, sent one of his boys to see if that pasture gate was closed. The boy picked up the tracts, and carried them home to his father, who read them that night. He soon found the one who gave the tracts away, and obtained more reading-matter. As a result he and his family accepted the truth, and have been active in scattering literature and doing other missionary work.

An Adventist lady whose husband was not in the truth, observed that he often stood with his back to the stove, reading the papers pasted on the wall, while he warmed himself. She took advantage of this habit, and pasted papers where he must see them. When these were read, she unobtrusively placed others containing articles she wished him to read in their stead. She kept this up until her husband was interested enough to read Adventist papers that were not on the walls. He afterward joined his wife in obeying all of God's commandments.

MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER.

## The 1915 Year Book

The Year Book for 1915 is now ready for distribution. This issue contains a complete directory of all conferences, missions and institutions connected with the denomination. It gives the names and addresses of about five thousand persons connected with this cause in an official capacity, and states the class of work in which each is engaged. In addition to the information contained in former issues, the current issue presents a survey of the field for 1914, prepared especially for this work by those in charge of each division or union. This survey outlines the plans and policies followed in the various fields for carrying forward the work; it designates the chief centers of our work, its present development, and the outlook for the future. Many interesting incidents are presented regarding the progress of this cause during the past year. This publication will prove very helpful to all classes of our workers, and is almost indispensable to all officials. Price, 50 cents, postpaid. Address Canadian Publishing Association.