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Life and Death

So he died for his faith. That is fine-More than most of us do. But say, can you add to that line That he lived for it too? In his death he brought witness at last As a martyr to truth. Did his life do the same in the past From the days of his youth? It is easy to die! Men have died For a wisn or a whim-From bravado or passion or pride. Was it harder for him? But to live-every day to live out All the truth that he dreamt, While his friends met his conduct with doubt And the world with contempt. Was it thus that he plodded ahead, Never turning aside? Then we'll talk of the life that he lived, Never mind how he died. -Ernest Crosby, in The Standard.

Quebec Conference and Campmeeting

The annual session of the Quebec conference was held according to appointment at Lennoxville, P. Q. July 2. The grounds were centrally located and everything was in readiness when the meeting began. The large tent was seated somewhat differently than in former years and it presented a very tasty appearance. The dining arrangements were all that could be desired and those in attendance were well cared for from that standpoint. Most of our people were located in rooms in the village, though some camped on the grounds.

The business sessions of the conference were of a deeply spiritual and harmonious character and plans were laid for advance moves along several lines. Elder W. C. Young was elected president of the conference for the coming two years, as action was taken in harmony with the rocommendation of the North American Divisoin Conference to extend the term of office in the local conference to two years. The com-

mittee elected to act with Elder Young was composed as follows; Elders Passebuis and Webster, Brethren Darwin Dingman and W. H. Knowlton. Brother Dufty was elected secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Webster, Subbath School department secretary; N. H. Saunders, secretary of the Missionary Volunteer and Educational department; and Elder Webster, secretary of the Home Missionary department.

One evening Elder Passebois gave a stereopticon lecture on Egypt, where he with his family were formerly located as missionaries.

The preaching at this meeting was provided by Elders Young, Passebois, Webster, Kern and the writer. Elder Roth, who is in charge of the French department, was also present and his counsel was much appreciated. Plans were laid for a strong work in Quebec the present season, and we trust our people in this province will continue to sustain the work with their earnest prayers and the rendering to God of a faithful tithe.

The Quebec Conference committee released Elder Vuilleumier to head the French department at Oshawa, as Miss Roth is unable to return on account of her mother's health.

On the Sabbath of the meeting there was a large attendance of our people-larger even than last year, which was the largest up to that time. The Lord drew near in blessing to his people and all hearts were stirred by the Holy Spirit.

Sunday morning the brethren pledged over \$500 for the work in Quebec the present year. The finances of the conference are in very good condition. The indebtedness has been cut in half during the past year and it is hoped soon to have it entirely paid.

The book tent was well patronized as exceptionally low prices were made on our publications by the Canadian Publishing Association. The new French translation of "World's Crisis" was ready for circulation and eight of our French young people went from the camp to sell them this summer.

All who attended this meeting feel that it was the best yet held, and we hope that the good influences of the gathering may be felt through the entire conference.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

Greetings from Elder Hare

To many of our people in the Eastern Canadian Union Conference word coming from us with California as our field of labor, will be a surprise. Early in March we left Ontario expecting, after visiting relatives and friends in the United States, to proceed to India, to which field we had been invited by the General Conference. In harmony with our plans we visited my brother who is principal of the Maplewood Academy, Maple Plain, Minn. Our stay there was thoroughly enjoyable, not only because of the presence of relatives, but our association with faculty and students was most congernal and pleasant. Leaving Minnesota we went south into lowa and visited for two days at Nevada where the conference headquarters are located. Here we also met some of Mrs. Hare's people as well as former acquaintances and associates in labor. The following Friday and Subbath were spent at Topeka, Kansas, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Emerson, who had both been connected with Union College in former years when we were at the College. This visit was in many ways more than ordinarily a source of pleasure to us. Sabbath I spoke in the Topeka church, Stopping over at Colorado Springs we visited with Mrs. Hare's mother who resides not far from this city.

We reached Loma Linda April 5 somewhat tired and weary from our transcontinental trip. The major portion of the last two days of our trip carried us over desert areas. One would hardly credit the fact that there is so much waste land in the United States. There are hundreds of thousands of acres as waste and barren as can be imagined and were it not for a scant showing of weather-beaten sage brush the spirit of death and desolation would reign supreme. What may yet be accomplished by reclamation schemes one would not venture to say, but without some such effort almost whole states must remain largely desolate. The beautiful valley in which Loma Linda is situated has been transformed by irrigation. Beyond the mountains which skirt the valley on either side lies the desert-barren and waste. Irrigation has played a very large part in the development of southern California. Without such water the citrus belt and similar areas would be fruitless.

After reaching Loma Linda we took up the matter of securing passports for India expecting to sail probably in July. Because of international conditions we were unable to secure passport privileges for Mrs. Hare and consequently are remaining in the United States for labor. We are now located in Los

Angeles, having accepted a call from the Southern California Conference to connect with the work in this city. Los Angeles has a population of almost 600,000. The truth is well represented in the city, there being in all about 14 churches in Los Angeles and its immediate environs. The membership of these is approximately 1200. It is planned to arrange for a strong effort here this season. There are yet some quite large sections of the city where little if anything aggressive has been done. What has been done in the city might be successfully accomplished in many such places. Toronto with 12 churches and about 1000 Sabbath keepers would represent a proportionate response. Will it yet be accomplished? For years the Spirit of the Lord has been calling for special efforts in behalf of our cities, When one considers how fast they are being given over to sin and wickedness it takes no imagination to see them soon talling, even as Sodom and Gomoreah, under the hand of divine retribution.

We believe we will enjoy our labor in this field. So far as climate is concerned we could ask for nothing more congenial. The days are generally no more than comfortably warm and the evenings are delightfully refreshing and cool. Blankets and even comfortables have been necessary for comfort at night the most of the time we have been here. Fresh fruit and green vegetables are plentiful and can be purchased very reasonably.

I must conclude for this time. We are all well, Baby Milton is now quite a husky little boy of over two years. Our address is 3996 Woodhawn Avenne, Los Angeles, Calif. While unable to write a personal word to all on account of duties here, still we would appreciate word from our friends at any time and will do our best to keep pace with replies.

M. M. HARE.

ONTARIO

Location of Laborers

One of the most important matters that the conference committee must deal with from time to time, is the distribution of our laborers. Our Province is large, and the calls are many, but the workers are few. With our limited force, it is impossible to provide help for all places, but with the help of God the committee seeks to so distribute the workers as to serve the best interest of the conference as a whole.

After careful and prayerful consideration it was felt by all the members of the committee that our three evangelists with their associates should be placed as follows: one in the east end, one in the center, and one in the west end of the Province. Accordingly, the following arrangement was decided upon:

Elder Johnston and Brother Beazley in Brockville.

Elder McComas, assisted by Howard Capman and Miss Evelyn Case, in Toronto.

Elder and Sister Allen assisted by Brother and Sister Hadcock, for the summer, in Windsor.

Brother Boyce and family to move to St. Thomas.

Brother Hurdon to remain in Ottawa to follow up and develop the interest there.

Brother Manuel to continue his faithful labors among the Indians on the Reserve where he will use a tent for the summer.

Sister Hillyard to continue her Bible work in Sudbury where a number have already commenced to keep the Sabbath as the result of a few weeks labor.

Sister Capman to continue to work in Hamilton.

The departmental secretaries I need not mention in this article.

These men and women have dedicated their lives anew to the service of the Master. They are going forth to their respective fields full of courage and faith and with a determination, born of heaven, to win souls for God. Brethren, let us support them with our means, and let us hold up their hands with our earnest prayers.

A. V. OLSON.

How I Began House-to-House Work With a Series of Tracts—No. 4

All on my street, except two families, are taking the tracts from me when I make my weekly calls. They meet me very courteously and take the tracts quite eagerly, by this I know they are reading them. Some are beginning to show an interest by asking questions. One asked about the war, and asked if I thought we would have peace when this war was over-In reply I showed her the book "Armageddon" and explained that it would give her the desired information from the Bible, but that I could not let her have that one, as I was delivering it to another person, but would bring her one the next time I called. She readily gave me an order.

At another home I was asked some questions about those beasts in the seventh chapter of Daniel. In answer to her questions I told her about a book in my library that explained the books of Daniel and Revelation verse by verse, and that it searched out these things and makes them very plain; that it would be a pleasure for me to loan it to her. She said "Is it like this one?" showing me one of the set of the "Plan of the Ages" by Pastor Russell. I said, "No indeed! It would take a Philadelphia lawyer to get

into that book and understand what the author was trying to get at. I do not believe the man who wrote it understood what he was writing about, because he goes such a long way around to explain a point that you lose the sense of the thing before you get it." She said, "That is the way I find it, and I have given them up, but these tracts are so different, I do understand them, and they are causing us to study our Bibles. I shall be pleased to read your book, and it is very kind of you." Another asked me, "Who published these tracts?" I answered, "Seventh-day Adventists." "Well I am sure your people must be Bible students," "Yes lady, we are recognized as such the world over."

A new family moved into a vacant house on the street, so I called and gave them a tract. They were very friendly and seemed to appreciate a call. They asked me what denonmation was giving out the tracts. When I told them, they said, "Well wherever we go you people seem to find us. We have just come from Ireland, and we used to get your tracts and papers there. We believe that you have the right Sabbath. We have been in many countries and in each place have received some of your literature." I invited them to attend our church and they promised they would come.

As I was waiting at a door for the person to answer the bell (I never leave my tracts to blow about the streets, but give them to the person), I heard a lady call to another and ask if she knew what those tracts were. She replied, "Why yes, they are the Review and Herald Extras, and they are very interesting papers."

Three persons gave me money, and I received more than enough to pay for the Extras. I sold two books and loaned the little book "Mount of Blessing" to a family where I had loaned "Steps to Christ" on the last trip. They promised to take "Daniel and Revelation" on my next week's visit. I was asked to bring my wife and spend an evening at another home. Now I want to hide behind all these things and simply try to show our people what we could do if we were all live home missionaries.

JOSEPH CAPMAN.

Missionary Volunteer and Educational Secretary

At the recent Conference session held in Brantford, the newly-elected executive committee was asked to find a suitable person to act as Missionary Volunteer and Educational Secretary. After due consideration the committee invited Miss Eva Johnston to fill the position. The invitation was accepted by her and she has already entered upon her duties. Having for several years served as a member of the Seminary faculty, Miss Johnston needs no introduction to the people of our conference. We bespeak for

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her the hearty co-operation of our people, both old and young.

All churches contemplating having a church school should correspond with her immediately, and all who are interested in the young people's and educational work are invited to write to her.

Until the opening of the Seminary in September,
Miss Johnston's address will be 219 Burriss Street,
Hamilton, Ontario.

A. V. Olson.

A Look at Life

Life is a precious gift from God. If we use it well, he will grant eternal life; if not, the result will be eternal death. If we only choose to make it so, even in the most unfavorable environment, it may be as pure and beautiful as the lily that grows in the slimy mud, and unfolds its snowy jetals revealing a heart of gold.

But to do this there must be a purpose, strong and true. Like the lily, there must be a reaching up to the light of heaven. The Apostle Paul said: "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the calling of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:18, 14. Never was a purpose higher than this.

A noble life is never a selfish one. The object should be to live to bless others. The world is waiting for you. What can you give it to make it better and brighter? The answer is: plant flowers in the place of weeds; look for the good and beautiful, and point it out to others; "do noble deeds, not dream them all day long; and so make life, death, and that vast forever, one grand sweet song." These are some of the great essentials of life.

We can live but one day at a time. There are temptations that must be met and conquered. The thought will come: "There are so many days, what matter if I do not do my best today?" Every day mis-spent, every duty slighted, forever mars our record. They are like the dropped stitches which do not always show at first, but before long the work will begin to ravel. The flaws in the character are caused by the dropped minutes, the wasted opportunities, and carelessness in little things. Therefore it behooves us to live every day at our very best.

If we live as God wishes us to live, we will be happy. Real happiness is not transient,—here today

and gone tomorrow. It is a constant peace in the soul. Trivial worries will not shake it, for true contentment is founded upon a firm belief in God — our Helper, Friend, and Guide. He is all-powerful, all-loving, and all-merciful. He who puts his entire trust in him has no cause to fear, for he will guide. If we could only see into the future as our Leader can, we would choose the very path he is leading us in, step by step.

"Four things come not back;

The spoken word;

The sped arrow;

Time past;

The neglected opportunity."

Keeping this in mind let us do today. When we have done our best there will be no cause for regrets.

MABEL EATON.

OBITUARY

Thompson—Miss Isabelle V. Thompson was born in Boston, Mass., May 24, 1854, and died June 16, 1916 of gastric cancer, at St. John, N. B., where she has made her home since a child. Early in life Sister Thompson became a member of the Methodist church, and about six years are accepted the third angel's message. Her life was one of unselfish labor for others, with few comforts or pleasures for herself. Her faith in Christ buoyed her up and made her tasks a joy until she peacefully fell asleep to await her reward for life's toils. Assisted by the Baptist minister the writer conducted the service, basing his remarks on Rev. 21:7, "He that overcometh shall inherit all things."

Geo. H. Skinner.

Colporteurs' Report, Week Ending June 24, 1916 Ontario BOOK HOURS Value Total D

Name	Воок	Hours	Value	Total	Del.
Ora Whitmore	BR	32	\$96 00	849 75	\$ 2 25
Louise Dedeker	BR	37	77 00	79 25	75
L King	BR	50	77 00	87 10	
W Latham	BR	52	41 00	48 50	
Chas. Joyce	BR	40	33 00	33 50	50
Mrs. Joyce	BR	14	9 00	12 75	75
Mrs S M Clark					26 00
Porter Smith	BR	13	28 00	24 00	
John Finch	BR	44	72 00	78 50	
C D Terwillegar	GC		9 00	35 50	
Total		282	8437 00	\$493 85	\$30 25

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*Frank Salway BR	99	\$156	00	\$185	00	
Arthur Kierstead BR	14	4	00	10	25	
Percy Kierstead WC, SB	14	4	00	4	00	
Total	127	\$164	00	\$199	25	
Grand Total *Three weeks	409	\$601	00	\$693	10	830 25

The Looking Glass

Do not look for wrong and evil—
You will find it if you do;
As you measure for your neighbor,
He will measure back to you.
Look for goodness, look for gladness,
You will meet them all the while;
If you bring a smiling visage
To the glass, you meet a smile—Sel.