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

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TRUSTING HIS GUIDANCE.

I sometime wish that I might see
The path the Lord will lead me in,
The way I'd chose it may not be,
Yet He knows best, I'll trust in Him.

Though sometimes my way seems nar-
row,
Though it is filled with pain and woe,
Christ, my Saviour knows my sorrow,
And trusting Him, in joy I'll go.

How oft I long for that blest day,
When pain and grief will be no more,
When those who've walked the narrow
way
Will live with Christ, on Canaan's
shore.

My loved ones there I long to see,
All gathered in that happy home;
In joy and peace they there will be,
While singing praise with Christ
their own.

Help us, dear Saviour, that we may,
Through all the trials, be firm and

Each one found faithful every day
In all the things we have to do.

We realize that we are weak,
But then we know that Thou art
strong,
And Thou hast vowed to help the
weak
Who do the right and shun the
wrong

So now, dear Lord, we'll trust in Thee,
Thou blessed Lamb of Calvary;
And by our lives will strive to be
A praise to Thee eternally.

—ELLA M. GALER.

OUR LITERATURE.

I read in Testimony Vol. VIII. these words: "God calls upon every church-member to enter His service. Truth that is not lived, that is not imparted to others, loses its life giving power, its healing virtue. . . . The entire Church, acting as one, blending in perfect union, is to be a living, active missionary agency, moved and controlled by the Holy spirit. . . . It is not alone by men in high positions of responsibility, not alone by men holding positions on boards or committees, not alone by the managers of our sanitariums and publishing houses, that the work is to be done which will cause the earth to be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. This work can be accomplished only by

the whole Church acting their part, under the guidance and in the power of Christ.

Some will be reached by our literature who would not be reached in any other way. From our books and papers bright beams of light are to shine forth to enlighten the world in regard to present truth."

If all of our people had the testimonies and would read them carefully, and be instructed by them, it would not be so important to call attention to this matter through The Messenger, but many have not the Testimonies, and while they are procuring them we will call attention to some special points. Now, what do these quotations mean? They certainly mean what they say, and we should study them carefully to see what they say, and thus understand.

Notice that every Church member is called to service. Every member is to live and impart the truth to others. There is to be perfect oneness, perfect union in the Church, moved and controlled by the Holy Spirit. Is this the condition in your Church? Is it your condition? The Church is composed of individual members, and if each member is not in this condition, then the entire Church can not be perpetuating its mission. To do the work committed to us is necessary first to prepare for service.

The knowledge of the Lord is to be given to the world. The truth is to be lived and imparted. Present truth is contained in our books and papers, and some who can not be reached in any other way, will be saved through reading our literature. Shall we all do that we can to give the people an opportunity to be saved? Indifference, especially at this time, is a denial of Christ the Lord.

It is gratifying to know that the work of distributing our papers and books is being revived, but a greater revival is needed. One great reason why this work has been so neglected is the lack of oneness, unity, and the Holy Spirit in the Church. How long shall we remain indifferent to the call?

Why not be established and prosper by heeding the call and conforming to the word of the Lord and be active in missionary work.

John the Divine declared that he is blessed who reads and hears and keeps the words of the Lord. The time is certainly at hand when a reformation is absolutely necessary for the salvation from sin. Formality without power, professing and not possessing, indifference and luke-warmness are signs of the last days. "Can ye not discern the signs of the times?" There are people all through the land who are waiting for us and we are not ready to go. I feel deeply impressed that we should awake, and sense the situation, and prepare for service, to respond to the call.

Now is an opportune time to circulate literature on present truth, but none can do this work successfully until they are one with Christ, and live in the joy of the Lord. Come now, one and all, and let us as a people, as Churches, and as individuals, see to it that the quotations in this article are lived in us day by day, and we shall have success in selling books and papers, and great good-will be done. Secure the testimonies and study them. Study the Bible prayerfully, and let the Spirit of the Lord have free course. Let us plead for the Spirit. Be in earnest and take God at His word. "God stands back of every promise he has made."

Give the Lord a chance to work and strife and contention will flee away and perfect union will prevail, and books and papers will be circulated by all.

"This work can be accomplished only by the whole Church acting their part under the guidance and in the power of Christ. Let it be accomplished. What do you say?"

W. H. THRUSTON.

AND HE BELIEVED IN THE LORD.

The above statement is God's testimony of Abraham, who believed that God was able to do just what He said, even though there seemed to be tremendous obstacles in the way. Though what the Lord told him was contrary to nature, and to all human appearances, a tremendous problem for solution, he, nevertheless, accepted God's statement as truth, and as a result, God made him a righteous man. And we are told in the Word of God that this statement, quoted as the heading, "was not written for his sake alone, . . . but for us also, . . . if we believe on Him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead." Rom. 4: 23, 24.

When, four years ago, the word of the Lord came to this people that the Lord had inaugurated a plan whereby our schools could be freed from debt, to many it seemed an almost impossible thing.

There were many obstacles, and the plan itself seemed such a strange way to accomplish so mighty a task. Who would naturally have thought that hundreds of thousands of dollars could be raised by the selling of "Christ's Object Lessons." But God said that it could and would be done; and everyone who accepted this statement as the word of the Lord knows how remarkably and wonderfully God demonstrated His truth.

The writer well remembers when the testimony was first read, what an impression it made upon his soul, and what a burden seemed to rest with it. God had said that not only was it to be done, that this book was to be sold for the relief of our schools, but that it was to be a test to the people of God, to see if they would be willing to deny themselves, and sacrifice for the work of God. Having Canaan in view as the objective point, and the personal presence of Jesus Christ as the goal of ambition, and righteousness by faith as the sole means of obtaining these blessed results, what could be done, save to obey what the Lord has said?

Immediately obeying the word of the Lord, though not having read scarcely any of the book at the time, the Lord opened wonderful doors and avenues whereby the book could be sold. Angels of God did certainly go with and before the work to prepare the way. People were met in offices, in stores, in factories, in warehouses, on the street, in the roads, on the sidewalks, in the street cars, on the steam cars, in churches, in the homes, and in every other place where access could be obtained. Scores and hundreds of the books found their way into the homes of the people, as well as into the hands of ministers. No less than eight or nine ministers advertised the book before thousands of people on Sunday and other evenings, recommending it as highly as any of our own brethren could do, as well as doing all in their power to circulate it. Scores of names were given among their best people to purchase it, and one minister, of his own accord, secured a horse and buggy, and drove us around from house to house among his parishioners, and waited without care for the horse while we entered the homes to sell the book.

Then the Lord said that this book would be a blessing in the homes of the people, would convert sinners, and heal backsliders. What joy it brought to the soul to see the tears run down the faces while the precious truths contained in that most blessed volume were read to them. Angels, indeed, did accompany the truths of that blessed book.

Then the Lord said that this book would be a means of uniting the churches in love and fellowship. What a blessed pleasure it was to the writer one day to see the brethren and sisters who had been estranged from each other for more than a score of years in the same church, lay aside all differences and estrangement, and heartily unite as one in carrying out the plan of God. What a joy it was to see them greet each other as brethren and sisters in the Lord, and manifest a spirit of love and co-operation that almost surprised themselves. But this is what God said it would do, and it was even so, blessed be God for His precious Word!

And how truly has the fourfold promise been fulfilled—a blessing to the people who have received the book, a blessing to the Church that has sold the book, a blessing to the worker, who has sold the book, a blessing to the school that has received the money to relieve the indebtedness. Never has there come a greater blessing into the life and experience of the writer than was received while selling the scores and many hundreds of these books.

May God help us one and all to do our part, as has been indicated, that the reproach may be rolled away from the people of God, and we be found, like Abraham, to be friends of God, because we obey His voice and keep His charge. "And he believed in the Lord; and He counted it to him for righteousness," "and he was called the friend of God." Gen. 15: 6; James 2: 23.

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WORK WHILE IT IS DAY.

"Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." (Zech. 4: 6); and he said it just as much to the canvassing missionaries of West Virginia as he did to Zerubbabel.

Nor have the conditions altered since Christ said, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few." These words express the condition exactly. One woman said, "Father has been an invalid for years, and we have such hard work to live that I can not afford a Bible but I should so like to have one." Another wants "those ugly sounding beasts" explained; yet another says, "You folks don't believe in marriage do you? What is your idea in separating a man and his wife?"

"Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision!" Thousands who knew not God and his law, who must become converted unto righteousness, or be condemned by reason of the strong voice of the third angel! Thousands who believe us to be fanatics, misguided, everything

that is bad, to be shown the Christlike printed page, offered by the clean hands of a Christlike man!

Success is certain, if we trust the Lord. A living can be made if five honest days are put in each week. The population being so scattered, makes the people easy to approach. There are not so many "Baltimore fire," "Chicago-theatre-disaster," etc., etc., agents as there are in the East and North.

Let us press on for the glory of the coming King. Let us hasten his glorious appearing. Let us take every one of the steps to Christ, and when the great controversy is ended and the Desire of Ages is revealed, then will the patriarchs and prophets unite with us in praising God in our paradise home.—C. E. Valentine in the Atlantic Gleaner.

FROM THE FIELD.

Quebec.

Sabbath, April 30.—I had the privilege of meeting with the Church at South Stukely. There was a good attendance, and by the earnest testimonies given in the social service, we believe that the brethren and sisters realize the solemnity of the time in which we are living, and a necessity of a thorough consecration to God.

May 7 or 8 I spent with the little company of believers that accepted the message last season at Bishop's Crossing. We were rejoiced to find them all firm in the truth, and trust that the seed sown there may yield fruit that will finally be garnered into the kingdom of God.

May 14 we enjoyed a good meeting with the church at Fitch Bay, in which old and young all seemed to take a deep interest, and manifested a strong determination to be among the overcomers in the closing conflict. Now we hope that there will be a general awakening throughout our conference, and that each one may feel the deep responsibility that rests upon us as a people, and do our part to warn the world of the necessity to prepare to meet their God. There are ways for all to work if they only have a desire to be of service. There is the "Family Bible Teacher," which can be used, and is being used so successfully by many, and hundreds of other leaflets, tracts, and pamphlets that can be used to the salvation of souls, and the glory of God. Besides this, there is the regular canvassing work that so many should be engaged in. Brethren and sisters, when you read of so many of our books being destroyed in the fire at Toronto, did you not feel a pang of remorse when you thought of those books remaining there so long, waiting for you to carry them to the people—people

that are hungering after the precious food, the truths those books contained, and are spiritually starving for that very food? And shall we leave other books to lie on the shelves until they are destroyed by the great fire of the last day, while our friends are perishing around us? Are there not those among us that have a burden for souls, and for this work, that wish to go forth with hearts yearning for the perishing, and who wish to consecrate your lives through this service to the Master? We hope to hear from many that the spirit of God has been striving with, and that all may be free to write me your convictions upon this subject that steps may be taken for you to engage in the work as soon as possible for time is indeed precious.

We are in hopes that two tents will soon be in the field for this season, and that the work may move forward in every line, and we trust that all our brethren may heed the teachings of the spirit of God, and be prompt in bringing in the tithes and offerings, so as to sustain the work, that we may soon hear the "well done" said unto us, "enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

H. E. RICKARD.

Lindsay, Ont., June, 1904.

A very interesting missionary meeting was held in this church Sunday evening. There was a good attendance, and intense interest was shown as items were read by sisters of the church. Sister Baker gave a lengthy report commencing from 1798, then explaining the organization of the S.D.A. work, with all statistics from 1882-1902, including agricultural, educational, missionary, medical and institutional work, which was quite new to many.

Three little girls of the Sabbath-school sang and recited very nicely. We felt that the people of the town should know more of our history, both past and present, and they listened with rapt attention especially to an extract from the "Review and Herald" on "Agriculture." In connection to that a report of an industrial school in Australia, showing a development of those principles in "Agriculture," and the success attending them when God's plan of tilling the soil was followed.

We hope to have such meetings every month. We are of good courage, and are looking for great things here. We are each expecting to report weekly to our leader, of our personal missionary work through the week. It is helpful to us, and encouraging to Sister Baker.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Elder F. A. Tracy and wife left on the 27th for St. Ives, from which point they sail for Newfoundland on the 28th ult. We are glad this field is to have the benefit of ministerial labor again.

Elders A. L. Miller and John Isaac expect to pitch a tent between Woolstock and Ingersoll, Ont., for the present season's tent work, and at the same time encourage the brethren at the two places named above.

Elder S. A. Farnsworth has pitched a tent for the summer's work at Dunham, Que. Sister Farnsworth and Bro. and Sister Percy Holden accompany Elder Farnsworth, and will assist in the work during the season.

From private advices we learn that the Sanitarium at Knowlton is having a large patronage this season. Many manifestations of the power of God are seen and appreciated there. We trust the good work may go on.

Elder W. H. Thurston has returned to his home in Quebec, and the time intervening between now and the meeting of the Union Conference, he will spend in the Quebec Conference, connecting with the tent companies a part of the time.

The Pacific Health Journal is to appear from Washington, hereafter, under the name of Life and Health, thirty-two pages, illustrated, with cover. The subscription price is to be 50c per year. Maritime and Quebec Conference members should address this office.

Elder H. E. Rickard, pitched a tent at Sutton Jct., Quebec, and began meetings on Sunday, the 19th ult. Elder Rickard's wife and daughter, and Bro. Walter Holden, compose the balance of the tent company. The tent is nicely located in a central part of the village.

Elder W. H. Spear will have a tent at Clinton, Ont., and Herbert Knister was requested to connect with him as tent master. This field has had considerable work by Elder Spear during the past winter, and it is confidently hoped that a company may be brought out by a tent effort, of such as shall be saved.

We note from The Indiana Reporter that the Lake Union Conference has located its headquarters at Indianapolis. The Indiana Conference has decided to locate their office with the Union office. They believe that the work of the Conference can be carried on more conveniently and with less expense by so doing.

Bro. D. A. Corkham, who has been engaged in teaching school during the past winter in Nova Scotia, attended the meeting in Halifax, and was encouraged to again take up work in connection with the truth. We trust Bro. Corkham may again engage in the canvassing work, for which he seems to have been especially qualified.

Elder G. B. Thompson and wife left on the 29th ult. for Washington, D.C., to which place Eld. Thompson has been called by the General Conference to engage in literary work. While we all regret to lose Eld. Thompson from this field, we bid him God speed in this new line of work. Sabbath and Sunday, July 2 and 3, was spent in Buffalo, N.Y.

Mrs. Isabelle Cowie, of Moneton, with Miss Bulmer, is at the Knowlton, Quebec, Sanitarium, and recent reports indicate that Sister Cowie's health is improving. We trust that Sister Cowie may regain perfect health and be a help in the work again. Sister Cowie, at one time, printed a paper which had a fair circulation among our people in Canada.

We regret that it has been impossible for us, owing to the busy time of the annual meetings, and the scarcity of matter, to issue The Messenger on the 15th ult. We trust, however, now that the busy time is over that we will be able to issue future numbers on time. Subscribers' time will be extended two numbers to make up for the numbers missed during the months of May and June.

We acknowledge a pleasant call at the office from Brother and Sister Judson Baker, on their return from camp-meeting at London. Brother and Sister Baker, with Miss Linnie Baker, made a visit to the Lomdale Academy, stopping over night at the school farm on Monday, the 27th ult.

The Ontario Conference will retain their office at Hamilton, though as to the street address we have not been advised. The periodical, trade-book, and tract business will be carried on in connection with the Conference Treasurer's office. Orders by Churches or individuals, other than regular canvassers, should be sent the Ontario Tract Society, as heretofore.

Elder F. H. Westphal and family sailed from New York on the 29th ult., for their future field of labor in South America. They spent Sabbath and Sunday, the 25th and 26th, at Buffalo, where they were met by Sister Westphal's brother, Elder W. H. Thurston. Elder Westphal spent seven years in South America, returning from there three years ago, since which time he has been laboring in the educational work at College View, Neb.

The Maritime and the Quebec Conferences have decided, for the present at least, to have their tract society work done from our office in Toronto. Therefore, all persons and agents should address their orders to the Canadian Publishing Association, 167 Dundas street, Toronto. In case of individuals ordering publications, the price should accompany the order, as we will otherwise be encumbered with many accounts on our books. Persons connected with Church organizations should send orders through the Church librarian.

Canvassers for our subscription books will be expected to report to the office at 167 Dundas street, Toronto, each week, whether they have been at work or not, and in return for this trouble we will send The Messenger to the address given on their report card. We will furnish cards on which to report, which will necessitate the agent affixing a one cent stamp. If you are in need of cards write us, and we will send to you at once. We want to hear from you often, and we will take pleasure in writing you each week, and if in any way we can be of assistance to you, it will afford us pleasure to do so.

Elder Matthew Hill, of the Wisconsin Conference, an Indian minister, attended the Ontario Conference and camp-meeting. Bro. Hill is desirous of removing his family from the Indian reservation, in Ontario, to Shawano, Wis., in the near future.

A resolution was passed in the Ontario Conference requesting the Canadian Union Conference to consider the advisability of having The Messenger printed at the Lorndale Academy, as soon as the Academy was prepared with a suitable printing plant. Encouragement was given that we would regard favorably a reasonable proposition from that source.

Elders Thurston and Burrill met with Elder Leland at the Lorndale Academy farm on the 29th ult. in council with reference to the educational work.

Canvassers are wanted for our subscription books in all parts of the Canadian Union Conference, and we will be pleased to correspond with all who have a desire to enter that branch of the work. There should be some one in every church who was devoting all their time to this line of the work of God, and several in each church who would devote a part of their time. All such should write us at once.

We acknowledge receipt of "How to Observe the Sabbath, by the Rev. T. De Witt Talmage's Official Organ The Christian Herald." The same being a review of the positions taken on the subject by the editor of the publication mentioned. We regard the pamphlet as a well prepared paper; the positions well taken, and the questions logically arranged and answered. Price ten cents. Address the author, Robert Saint Clair, Rainham Centre, Ontario.

THE MESSENGER.

We exceedingly regret the appearance of The Messenger for Ju. 1, and in explanation of the matter have only to say that owing to our inability to engage any of the printing houses in the city to undertake setting the type for the paper, because the columns were wider than the ordinary newspaper columns, for which their linotypes were set, we gave our consent to having the width of our columns lessened, but upon the strength of that authority the typesetters took the responsibility of cutting down the size of the page, causing the appearance of The Messenger to be so changed that it was hardly recognizable, and which, we are sure, is not at all satisfactory to our readers, and were it not for the fact that the paper had

been sent to all its subscribers before the matter was known to the manager, it would not have been accepted. Being necessarily away from the office at the time, and the paper being delayed past the regular date of issue, those in charge of the office have done the best they could, and now we know that all will make the best of the blunder that has been made.

A great deal of difficulty has been experienced in getting The Messenger printed since we have been in Toronto, in fact, more than we had in Montreal, which was great, and added to this the difficulty we have had in getting matter for the paper, together with the necessity of our being away so much of the time, has greatly added to the perplexities of our work, but we feel of good courage, and with the Apostle Paul, can say, "And we know that all things work together for good to them who love the Lord," and we expect this experience will result in manifest good for our work. This experience is demonstrating to us, and we are sure it will be apparent to all, the necessity for our providing material wherewith we may be able to issue the paper ourselves, not depending on others to set our type or do our press work. The Canadian field ought to be supplied with a printing outfit sufficient for our present needs, and if we will take the matter up in earnest, we are sure that it will be provided. Can we not begin now to create a fund with which to purchase the necessary type and press for this purpose? We do not propose to purchase one bit of type, or a pound of printer's ink without the money to pay for it, and we have but 9c. towards it as yet, but we have faith to believe that something will soon turn up which will show us how it is all going to be accomplished. At the recent session of the Maritime conference the matter was presented before the brethren assembled, and a very lively interest was awakened in the movement, and we expect something was done ere the meeting closed which will make a start in this direction. At the Ontario meeting, we trust, opportunity will be offered to consider the proposition, and we believe that encouragement will be received. We will be pleased to hear from any and all who appreciate The Messenger, and desire to assist in getting it in an independant position. If any have donations to make to that object, they may be sent to The Messenger, 167 Dundas street, Toronto.

MARITIME ANNUAL MEETING.

This meeting was held at Halifax, N.S., in the new church recently dedicated, and those of our brethren and sis-

ters who were not there will never know what they missed by not attending this annual gathering.

It seemed evident to all that help was needed, and all came up to this session of the Conference desiring to help and be helped, and none were disappointed.

The spirit of the Lord was manifest at the very commencement of the meeting, and day by day, as the work went on, the interest deepened and the meetings grew better to the very close.

Elder D. M. Mattson, of South Lancaster, was in attendance during the entire time, and his counsel, Bible studies, and discourses were much appreciated by all. The instruction was all very practical, and all seemed to get a firmer hold of spiritual things and to realize more fully that the life of the Christian demonstrates the power of the Gospel.

The Sabbath services were especially refreshing to all, as a result of the operation of the Spirit of the Lord in convicting of sin and uniting all hearts in oneness with the network of love. At the close of the second Sabbath services Brethren Fred A. Tracy and J. Greer Hanna were ordained to the work of the Gospel ministry. The prayer was offered by Elder Mattson, and the writer gave the charge. This was a very impressive service, and even those who were not members of the church were moved to tears as they sat under the Spirit's power. Many tarried long after the meeting closed, feeling that it was good to be there.

Elder William Guthrie was elected president of the Conference, and he will locate for the summer near the Farmington school. Elder J. G. Hanna will locate in Halifax, and Elder W. R. Andrews will look after the work in P.E. Island, assisted by G. E. Price during the summer. Elder F. A. Tracy will make Newfoundland his field of labor, and he will sail for that country, the "hub of the world," the last of June. This matter was given careful and prayerful consideration, and as Brother and Sister Tracy take up work in their new field, they have the prayers and best wishes of all their brethren and sisters. We bespeak for them a hearty welcome in Newfoundland, and believe the Lord will bless the faithful efforts to the salvation of many souls.

Levi Longard will labor in Nova Scotia following up the interests created through the book work, and will give special attention to the work in Mary Joseph.

Miss Alberta McLeod was elected secretary-treasurer of the Conference, and Miss Gertrude Williams was secured to take the primary work in the Farmington school during the summer and fall. It was proposed to change the

time of the school year, and have the school commence in March, and have the vacation during the winter, instead of the summer as heretofore.

During the present summer the future of the school will be taken up with the Conference, church by church, and plans laid for additional room and facilities needful to make the work a success and a blessing to the Conference. After the churches have been interviewed respecting the situation, the work will proceed according to counsel and plans advised by the conference,

Mr. S. D. Hartwell attended the meeting, and audited the books of the Conference, and gave some instruction in different lines of work.

The treasurer's report showed a little increase in finance, as a whole, over the previous year, and it is believed that the present year will show a greater increase, not only in finance, but in all lines and departments of work.

There is a more perfect understanding now throughout the Conference respecting the work of, and in, the Conference, and there is a prospect of a revival along missionary lines. The only thing to be regretted at this time was that all the members of the Conference were not present to enjoy the feast and avail themselves of the instruction and information given. Those who were there will carry the good work home with them, and instill new zeal and courage in the churches, and the work will move more rapidly and the faithful efforts will be crowned with success and attended with blessings. The Conference Committee is composed of the following named persons: William Guthrie, W. R. Andrews, J. G. Hanna, Alvin Hubby and J. C. Porter.

After careful consideration it was voted to turn the book business over to the Canadian Publishing Association, and that the matter of establishing a branch office in the Maritime Provinces be left to the committees of the C.U.C. and Maritime Conferences. The members of the committees that were present considered the matter, and voted to defer action until the bi-ennial session of the C.U.C. the 1st of September. Until further notice, all orders for books will be sent to 167 Dundas street, Toronto, Ont.

If the book work is revived, we will probably establish a branch office early in the fall

W. H. THURSTON.

THE ONTARIO CAMP MEETING.

This meeting was held at London, June 16-26, on the Fair Grounds known in the city as "Queen's Park," the

grounds and use of the commodious buildings being generously offered free of charge. The conference laborers were all on the grounds early, and the meeting began promptly at the time set for opening, the grounds and everything being in readiness. Elders I. H. Evans, of Battle Creek, Michigan, representing the General Conference, with Elder A. O. Burrill of the New York Conference, were present from the first, and continued to the close. The Union Conference was represented by Elder Thurston and the writer. The medical work was represented by Dr. P. S. Bordeau, and Mrs. Satterlee, the latter from the Buffalo Sanitarium, and the former from Michigan. Elder Kirkendall, of Ohio, and Elder P. M. Howe, of Michigan were present a part of the time, and gave valuable instruction. The attendance was considerably larger than last year, yet one acquainted with the membership of the conference, could recall the name and familiar face of many brethren who were not present. A few came for a few days at the beginning of the meeting, returning to their homes on Monday and came back for a few days at the close of the meeting, while others came at the beginning and stayed to the end. It is needless to say that the latter class enjoyed the greater blessing from the meeting. We are in hopes that the attendance at these annual gatherings will greatly increase in the future.

The efforts of the laborers were to encourage a more thorough consecration to the service of God, and to gain mastery over self and the sins which doth so easily overcome us. The Saviour was constantly held up before the people as the source of all power, and through Him the weakest among us is able to triumph over the enemy and gain the victory over self.

The educational work received considerable attention and resolutions were passed authorizing the erection of an addition to the house at Lorne Park, which will be suitable for school room and kitchen for the present, and such as will be serviceable as dining room, later on when the demands of the school will make necessary a separate school building. It was decided to make this addition two stories high, the upper rooms being used as sleeping rooms for from twelve to sixteen students, which in addition to the rooms in the present building will give accommodation to about 25 students another year. Elder and Sister Leland were retained at the head of the school work, and much interest was manifested in the future welfare of the Academy. Steps were taken to secure and sell, for the benefit of the Academy, five thousand Christ's Object Lessons, and Bro. T. H. Robinson was asked to take charge of the work. It is thought that these books should be all sold before January 1.

1905. Since there are about five hundred Adventists in the conference it would be but a small number for each. Fifty-five persons present at the meeting gave their orders for twelve hundred and fifty-one copies, and it will be easy for the balance to be disposed of if all are united and earnest in the matter. The months of October, November and December, of the present year, were, by vote, set apart as a time when all, laborers and laity, will make a special effort to this end.

The subscription book work was turned over to the Canadian Publishing Association, and canvassers were instructed to order of, and report to, the association. This plan will enable the agents to be supplied with books with less delay than the former plans permitted, and we feel sure will better serve the work as a whole.

Elder A. C. Burrill was elected as president of the conference, and he was recommended to locate at Galt, thus encouraging and strengthening the work at that place. The secretary-treasurer of the conference was retained for another year. The financial report of the conference treasurer shows a good balance on the right side of the ledger, and the present worth of the conference has increased about \$240 during the year. The laborers are all paid up to date and a surplus of tithe would make it seem possible to support another minister in the field. Doubtless the detailed report will be given by the treasurer in subsequent issues of THE MESSENGER.

The last Sabbath was an occasion of great spiritual blessing to the entire encampment. In the evening Elder Thompson spoke, and the power of God manifested itself, and hearts were drawn out after God. An after-meeting was held, and fully fifty individuals took their stand for advancement in spiritual life. On the following day Elder Evans spoke in the forenoon and the whole congregation made a similar expression of desire. The Lord greatly blessed his servants in their testimonies to the people, and large numbers assented to the truths presented. New experiences were gained, which will be sure to affect the work in the conference the coming year.

After the service on Sunday night the brethren of the encampment were gathered in the pavilion, and after encouraging exhortations by Elder Evans and others, a season of prayer was engaged in, and the brethren left the meeting with much courage.

The various interests of conference work all received attention and good courage is felt in each department. May an other year show greater advancement in all lines of work.

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