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The Crowned Crag

A PRETTY story, quaintly told,
Came happily to me,
Of Craigiebarnes, so grim and old,
Across the deep blue sea ;
Beside Blair Castle's grand estate
Old Scotia's crag so bare
Unightly frowned on small and great,
Who wished it were more fair.

Long stood old Cragiebarnes unremoved ;
None dared the rock ascend ;
It stood unlovely and and unloved,
Nor cared for foe or friend ;
A genius passed the castle wall
To view the wondrous scene,
The rock hung shaddowy like a pall
Above the silvery sheen.

Two cannon on the castle ground,—
Grim spoilers heretofore,—
This great inventor now has found,
And fills each gapping bore
With cannisters prepared to be,
Not filled with shot and shell,
But seeds of grass and shrub and tree ;
They serve their purpose well.

From every side the good seed flew,
And scattered on the rock ;
The hand was firm, the aim was true
That sent the mighty shock.
Days, weeks, and years have passed away,
And Craigiebarnes bent brow,
Which looked so sad and sere alway,
Glowes with glad beauty now.

The fragrant, purpling lilac plumes
Shake out upon the air,
And velvet grass and daisy blooms
Are scattered everywhere ;
Fair, feathery forms arise, and vines
Festoon its ragged edge,
Around the oak the ivy twines,
Upsprings the sage and sedge.

With joy and beauty crowned it stands,
A witness of true worth.
And transformed lives, like Craigiebarnes,
Will show His praises forth.
Our God in a mysterious way
His wonders still perform ;
To show his love and mercy may
Bring rainbows from the storm.

L. M. BAKER.

Lindsay, Ont.

Annual Session of the Maritime Conference

THE Maritime Conference held its annual session at Williamsdale Academy, Williamsdale, N. S., Nov. 2-12, according to appointment.

The Academy is located in a beautiful valley near a rushing little stream, an ideal place for a school.

One object in holding our meeting at this place was that our people might have the privilege of seeing the Academy and all that is embraced in the educational enterprise.

The meeting was quite well attended by our people, and the attendance from the outside was very good.

The meetings were all held in the school building except the Sunday morning and Sunday evening services, which were held in a church near the school farm. The services in the church were well attended and the public seemed very favorably impressed with the message of truth for this time.

Elder W. A. Spicer was present during the entire meeting, and rendered valuable service both in preaching and in counsel. A spirit of unity and harmony characterized the meeting from beginning to end, and it was said to be the best gathering ever held in the Maritime Provinces by our people.

While every day of the meeting was good and enjoyed by all, the Holy Spirit was especially manifest on the Sabbath days, and a feast of spiritual things was enjoyed by all.

A goodly number of young people were at the meeting, and all but one who had not previously accepted Christ gave themselves to Him for service, and they received evidence of sins forgiven.

The last Sunday afternoon of the session, after an earnest, stirring discourse on baptism by Elder Gardner, the entire audience, joined by many friends of the community, repaired to the river near by, and the ordinance of baptism was administered, Elder Guthrie officiating. Nine dear souls followed their Lord and Master in this solemn ordinance.

A church of twenty members, more or less, was organized at Williamsdale and admitted into the conference. Some of the members were new in the faith, while others were received by letter.

All lines of work were taken up and given careful

consideration. Miss Minnie McLeod and Miss Mildred Percell having finished the nurses' course at Melrose, have returned to labor in the conference, and will probably take up work in Halifax.

Conference officers were elected as follows: President, Elder Wm. Guthrie; Secretary and Treasurer, Alberta McLeod; Conference Committee, William Guthrie, W. R. Andrews, J. G. Hanna, Levi Longard, James Hannah; Auditor, Elder E. E. Gardner; School Board, Conference Committee, E. E. Gardner, and D. W. Dimock. Elder E. E. Gardner was chosen principal of the Academy, Mrs. Wm. Guthrie matron, and Mrs. E. E. Garden preceptress. Miss Alberta McLeod was chosen Secretary and Treasurer of the Sabbath-school Department.

All the conference laborers were present and took an active part in the meetings.

Elder Spicer gave the closing address to a crowded house of attentive people, and a good impression was made. The meeting closed with victory for all believers, and a determination to loyalty and faithfulness until the work is finished.

W. H. THURSTON.

"Footprints of an Itinerant"

BY A CANVASSER

ON meeting with so much success, I determined to continue at the canvassing work, and not return to see the man to whom I had made application for work. I labored on in this locality, for some time meeting with fairly good success; but nothing worthy of notice occurred until I became homesick, and when this malady attacks a canvasser, there is nothing that will give permanent relief except a trip home. It was so in my case.

I had been using a span of horses in my work, as the country was sparsely settled, and I had adopted the plan of taking an assortment of books along with me, so that if a man was not pleased with any one particular book, he might be interested in some other one. In this way I have been able to make many sales that otherwise would not have been made. Most of the ranchers were willing to keep my team over night in consideration of a small book given to them in payment, a quantity of which I always kept in stock for this purpose.

Quite frequently, however, I found myself without lodging for the night, and under such circumstances I would drive into some canyon where there was a plentiful supply of grass for the horses, and camp out for the night. As for myself, I was careful to take along a supply of provisions, so that after staking out the team for the night by hitching them to a stake or tree with a long rope which was fastened around one front foot instead of to the head,

I was ready for a good night's rest, lulled to sleep by the barking of prairie dogs, or the howling of the coyote.

But I was taken with a severe attack of homesickness, and so resolved to renounce all the pleasures of the canyon camp and the canvasser's life for a trip home. With this end in view, I started out one morning on the long trip after making every preparation for the journey, giving special attention to the harness and wagon to see that everything was in proper order, for the country was very hilly.

As I was jogging quietly along, thinking of the pleasure which a visit home would give me, suddenly on the top of a steep hill, one of the horses became frightened at some object by the roadside, made a plunge and broke the neck-yoke. This let the wagon run onto the horses, and away they went down the hill at a rate of speed that I was not accustomed to. At the bottom of the hill was a bridge where we arrived a little ahead of schedule time. The wagon tongue, which had been swinging all the way down the hill, struck the bridge and broke into three pieces, and one hind wheel was broken. The wagon came to a sudden stop, but the horses went on. I alighted from the wagon over the dashboard with more agility than dignity, but with no mishap.

I felt somewhat as I imagined Jonah felt after the whale had swallowed him, but I did not stay there quite so long as he did, and I resolved that hereafter I would stick to my business until it was finished, instead of giving up in homesickness.

The horses were caught in a thicket a short distance from the disaster, and after getting them straightened up, I went to one of the neighbors, who loaned me his wagon to load my wreck, so that I could take it away to be repaired. But before leaving him I made amends for running away from my work by canvassing him for some of my books, and succeeded in selling him a copy of the "Coming King" and another book.

The Week of Prayer

THE time set for the week of prayer is December 9-16. This will be a very important season, and all should prepare to make the most of the opportunity. The readings will be printed in the *Review and Herald*. All church elders and leaders of companies should begin to plan for the meeting.

The past year has been one of blessings both temporal and spiritual, and we all have reason to thank and praise God. Great events are taking place. Special truths and the importance of our time will be clearly set forth in the readings for the week of prayer. None can afford to miss this instruction

and the blessings awaiting this people at that time. Let all plan to make this a week of prayer, study, and the reception of all that God has for us at this time.

W. H. THURSTON.

FROM THE FIELD

GALT, NOV. 16, 1905.

TO THE MESSENGER.—

The work in Lindsay is still progressing, and the workers are of good courage. New rooms have been added, a cosy kitchen, a large pantry, and five rooms upstairs, giving the workers more room. The gymnasium is well attended, and enjoyed by all.

I left Lindsay for Galt on Tuesday to open up work here. It was with feelings of regret that I closed up my work there and came away. But we must be ready to go, anywhere, and where we are most needed.

The medical work has just begun in Galt. We long to make it a grand success, and ask your prayers that God's blessing may attend our work. So many need just the help we can give them, and we want to find these needy ones and bring them the message of health, and show them a Saviour who can heal their souls if they but come to him.

Sincerely,

ANNIE JOHNSTON.

Coldstream, Ont.

THREE of us have just spent one week at this place. We found a welcome at the home of Brother and Sister Wood, who, with two others, are the only Seventh-day Adventists in the vicinity. We went there for the express purpose of selling "Christ's Object Lessons." My daughter worked three days in Coldstream and Poplar Hill, little villages one mile apart, inhabited largely by retired farmers. Her husband and I worked in the country among the farming community. All of us received ten orders for the book. The writer has sometimes taken as many as this in one day in another place. We traveled the first day as many as twelve miles, secured three orders in the country. The second day in the county we walked an equal number of miles canvassing faithfully from house to house until darkness overtook us, and secured two orders. The third day the writer lay in bed all day recovering his strength. The young people worked on.

On Sabbath we held services with the few at Coldstream. Sister Evadna Mathews, who came from the Battle Creek Sanitarium where she had been taking medical instructions, was visiting her

mother, who is assisting Sister Wood. She will remain in our conference, and will likely connect with the work at Lindsay.

Monday the storm prevented canvassing. On Tuesday we went to London.

A. O. BURRILL.

Palmerston, Ont.

In harmony with the recommendation of the committee at camp-meeting, for us to locate in Palmerston and open up the work there, I endeavored to carry out the instructions as speedily as possible.

At first it seemed that there was no house; only a prospective one within a week or ten days. Having some work to do in Woodstock and Ingersoll, I decided to accomplish this work in the meantime. If no opening came I would then see about locating in Norwich, Simcoe or Tilsonburg. At the end of the ten days the prospective house could not be had but another one was secured instead.

Just as we were making arrangements to move, our little Ada took sick, and for over a week her life seemed to hang in the balance. But she is now well, and we are located in Palmerston.

The first Sabbath here we had Sabbath-school, six being present. We shall organize a school soon and endeavor to push the work as rapidly as possible. We hope you will remember the work here in your prayers.

A. L. MILLER.

Galt, Ont.

AT last we have made a beginning in the medical work in this city. Sister Annie Johnston and her mother are now about settled in our home, and will at once go to work among the people with *Life and Health*.

I learn by others that three of the graduates from the Knowlton Sanitarium have begun work at Ottawa in the rooms formerly occupied by Brother Boettger, and are encouraged by the prospects.

Others who are finishing a course of study at the Battle Creek Sanitarium are thinking that they will return to the land of their nativity to take up the medical work. We welcome all of these, and will encourage them in every way we can. We need to encourage this branch of the work. The Lord has given us "the right arm" of the message, the medical work. If we are true to this gift, we shall see that this right hand is given an opportunity to open the way for the message.

Galt is a town of some eleven thousand inhabitants, and is growing rapidly. We have already made a stand and shall soon need a set of rooms fit-

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ted up. In these rooms bedding will be needed. Who in our churches will begin to save the pieces and put them together for the bedding? This will give others an opportunity to assist in the work of the Lord.

A. O. BURRILL.

Lindsay, Ont.

SINCE writing last I have sold 146 *Life and Health*, sent in 8 subscriptions for the same paper, given away 38 periodicals, which were mostly sent in for distribution by kind friends (these were greatly appreciated). Also sold 2 C. O. L. in and around Markham.

Since coming to Lindsay, October 20, I have sold 200 *Life and Health*, taken five subscriptions for the same, given away 325 pages of tracts, sold 1 C. O. L., secured one order for "Best stories," and sold a few *Signs*. We are very busy here, and are of good courage, having good experiences daily.

L. M. BAKER.

Office Notes

Elder Spear sends an order for twenty "Object Lessons."

Let us hear from the "home canvassers." What success are you having?

There are prospects of two more entering the canvassing work soon.

Elder Thurston sends an order for "Ministry of Healing" from the Maritime Conference.

We have just placed an order for four hundred *Life and Health* for the Brantford church.

We learn with sorrow of the death of Sister Mabel Patterson of the Kenyengh church.

Brother Joseph Woodruff of the Iroquois church has sold his place and gone to Alberta.

Sister R. McWha, Dresden, Ont., reports that on account of sickness she has not been able to canvass of late.

Brother W. H. Libby reports an encouraging increase in the tithe of the Quebec Conference, of which he is treasurer.

A letter from the Review and Herald, dated Nov. 10, says that "Ministry of Healing" will be ready for shipment in about a week.

Miss Annie Johnston has gone to Galt to work, we presume as a nurse; however, she sends an order for books, and states that she has sent direct for health literature.

Sister Crackle writes from Chatham, "Our tabernacle is down. We began building to-day. No outside help and but little money. We keep trusting and working and the money keeps coming."

Are you a church or Sabbath-school officer, and have you received Campaign Bulletin No. 5? If not, send for one.

The total amount of Sabbath-school offering in Ontario last quarter was \$156.95. Only \$29.99 of this was used for expenses by the schools. The remainder was sent to the Mission Board.

**Canvassers' Report for Week Ending
November 10**

C. Black			\$86.35
J. Pengelly, Beeton, Ont. C. K.	22	\$25.25	29.75
G. Priddy, Markham " "	7	7.	
L. Pengelly, Beeton " "	12	14.	11.50
H. D. Carr C. O. L., H. H. B.			9.25
John McEachern C. K.	5	6.25	
H. Pengelly C. O. L. M. H. H.			1.75
	46	\$52.50	\$139.35

C. Black reports for six weeks, L. Pengelly for two days, H. D. Carr, John McEachern, and Henry Pengelly for one day.

Grant Priddy delivered 17 C. K., value \$17.

Appointments

No Providence preventing, we will hold meetings as follows: Selton, Dec. 1-3; Chatham Dec. 8-10; Albana, Dec. 15-17.

A. O. BURRILL.