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President's Report, Second Quadrennial Session

As we open this quadrennial session of the Canadian Union Conference, our hearts beat high with praise to our heavenly Father, whose protecting hand has been over us since our last union session, which was held in Oshawa, Ontario, in April, 1937. Truly the lives of all our workers have been precious in God's sight, for none has fallen in death. In rich and bountiful measure he has poured His blessings out upon His people, and upon us as laborers in His cause. It is fitting, therefore, that we should pause at the very beginning of this meeting, to express our sincere, heartfelt gratitude to God, for all His blessings and mercies to us.

The beginning of Our Organized Work in Canada.

The beginning of our organized conference work in Canada dates back to the year 1880. During that year, on the 16th day of August, at 6 : P. M., a meeting was held at Magog, Quebec, in connection with the Seventh-day Adventist camp meeting; and the purpose of that meeting was to organize a conference. Not only did Elder James White, President of the General Conference, preside, but also Sister White, Elders G. I. Butler, A. C. Bourdeau, and D. I. Bourdeau were among those present, who took part in the deliberations. The conference, when organized, was known as the Seventh-day Adventist Conference of the Province of Quebec. It embraced the churches of Stukely, Barford, and Westbury, and companies in Sutton and Brome. The officers of the conference were: A. C. Bourdeau, President; D. I. Bourdeau, Secretary; Andrew Blake, Treasurer. These officers, and J. Claxton constituted the executive committee.

It is most interesting to note the first annual report of the conference as given by the treasurer. The following is taken from the minutes: "The Treasurer, Andrew Blake, rendered

PRESIDENT W. B. OCHS

an annual report which read as follows: 'Received \$166.97, paid out \$140.00, balance on hand \$26.97. Andrew Blake, Treasurer.'"

Out of this small beginning, 62 years ago this coming August, has grown what is known today as the Canadian Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, with a total church membership of 9,275. Within this union we have five local conferences, one mission field, and four union institutions. The Canadian Union Conference has a larger territory than any other union in the North American Division and perhaps in the World. From Victoria, British Columbia, in the west to St. John's, Newfoundland in the east, there is a distance of over 5,000 miles. Although our territory is large and the distances great, we are happy to report that the hearts of our believers throughout the union are united in Christian love and fellowship. To them there is neither east or west, only the one united field—the Canadian Union Conference.

Period of Reorganization

The quadrennial period that has just closed might rightly be called a period of reorganization. Because of the heavy indebtedness resting upon our conferences and institutions for many years, and because of the operating losses sustained by them during the years past, we pledged our-selves to call a halt. Shortly after the close of the 1937 union conference session, the executive committee took an action inviting the General Conference to send to our field a committee to survey with us all our organizations and institutions. The General Conference Committee responded to our request. A committee was appointed, and this, with the officers of the union, surveyed every conference, every institution, and every legal association. Later a report of the findings, with recommend-

ations, was submitted to the union conference committee. Having resolved to set our financial house in order, we co-operated in every way possible to put into effect immediately the recommendations brought to us.

As a result of the work of the survey committee, the Canadian Watchman Press and the Rest Haven Sanitarium were reorganized. The two junior colleges were placed on a sounder financial basis. All our conferences, and legal associations revamped their course, and this in turn brought steady gains to them. Today we are happy to report that most of the conferences, including the union, have been able to set up a reserve.

The Oshawa Missionary College three years ago was threatened with being reduced to an academy. We placed a balanced budget for the college before the officers of the General Conference, and asked them for another year's trial, with the promise that we would operate the school without a loss. Our request was granted, and we have made good our promise. The college has shown an operating gain since then, and besides, during the last two years, has reduced its indebtedness over \$17,000.00.

During the last three years, Canadian Junior College has by purchase added nearly 700 acres of land, and has also built a new barn. These additions have made it possible for the college to increase its herd considerably, and thus much more work has been made available for students. The increase in the enrollment the last two years has been double that of the previous two years. The debt of the Canadian Junior College has been decreased by \$17,999.09 since 1937, and the prospects are good for a further reduction of nearly \$25,000 before the present year ends. This is made available through the Debt-paying Come-back of the General Conference.

The Rest Haven Sanitarium has

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had a hard struggle financially ever since its existence. Its closing has been threatened at different times, but it is still with us. A sincere effort has been made to place the institution on a better financial basis. The operating of the sanitarium the last two years has been most encouraging. We should receive a very interesting report from the manager during this session.

Since the last quadrennial session, all the organizations in the Canadian Union have decreased their obligations \$132,055.74. This does not include, what has been done in 1941. If that year's record were included, our showing would be much better. We are indeed grateful to the General Conference for their sage council, and also for their generous financial help. We want to take this opportunity to say "Thank you" to our brethren in Washington, and may God continue to bless them.

*The Canadian Union—a part of
 the Advent Movement.*

In the "National Geographic Magazine" of August, 1932, the following statement regarding Canada was written: "A giant link in the globe-girding British land chain upon which the sun never sets—such is Canada." In a sense, the Canadian Union Conference is a link in the chain of the Seventh-day Adventist movement, encircling the globe. May it never be true that the Sun of Righteousness shall set on our work. We must always keep the torch of missions

burning brightly. The Lord's command to us is, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The servant of the Lord has told us that "we are all God's workmen and not one is to be idle." T.M., p.184.

Many years ago when Henry Martyn lay with fever in Persia, he received a letter asking how the missionary spirit in the church at home could be increased. He answered, "Tell them to live for Christ, for the Spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions, and the nearer we get to Him, the more intensely missionary we must become." We are told that Judson, at a critical period of his work in Burma, in the agony of his disappointment said, "I thought they loved me, and they would scarce have known it if I had died. I thought they were praying for us, and they never once thought of us." What a sad experience will come to our missionaries, whom we have sent across the seas, when we cease to support the cause of God. We must look beyond the borders of our own field and see the millions who are still unwarned in the regions beyond. We dare not grow narrow in our vision. Our mission field is the world. We must give the General Conference our loyal support in all their endeavors, that the Lord's work might be finished quickly. How grateful we are, that God has given us a people that is missionary-minded; a people, that demonstrate their loyalty by giving their full support to the great advent missionary program. You will rejoice with us to know, that in the union, gains have been made along all lines of endeavor. The following is a comparison of two five year periods:

1932-1936	1937-1941	Gain
	Tithe	
605,041.70	848,688.10	243,646.40
	Missions	
424,176.59	498,431.89	74,255.30
	Harvest Ingathering	
184,949.01	224,480.03	39,531.92
	Book Sales	
276,809.94	364,965.21	88,155.27

While these figures indicate that God has greatly blessed His people financially, let us not forget that the success of a conference, be it local or union, is measured by the number of souls that it brings into the truth. The purpose of our existence as a denomination is to save those, who are living in sin. We increased our

membership since the last quadrennial session 1,131. While we are thankful for the souls won, we must confess that our soul-winning has been far too small. We believe that the Lord will help us to launch out on a greater evangelism program in all our conferences. At the 1940 Fall Council, we solemnly pledged ourselves to push evangelism as never before. The following are but a few statements from that council on evangelism:

"Public evangelism must now be pressed to the fullest degree possible. Men of God's appointment, with special evangelistic endowments, must enter the cities, sounding forth the last message of mercy. We must capitalize present public interest and concern in the current and impending events to proclaim the coming of Jesus.

"Every available resource should be drafted and employed to accomplish this great objective. Every worker should make soul winning the supreme purpose of all his efforts. . . . The latent talents of our great army of youth should be enlisted, trained, and led into this greater evangelism movement. The spirit of sacrifice and service in soul winning must become our supreme passion. Emergency times demand emergency plans and action.

"We earnestly summon the remnant church to evangelistic action in harmony with the clear mandate of God for the times, Arise, O church, and finish thy commissioned task!"

A providential opening came to us in the British Columbia Conference a little more than a year ago. A strong effort was launched, and the results have been most gratifying. We believe that this kind of work, which has been carried on in the City of Vancouver, should be done in all of the larger cities in the union, for there are many thousands who are still in darkness, and who are looking for the light of the gospel message. We are the ones, who must bring this light to them.

God has given us many avenues, besides evangelism, through which we can win souls for Him. Some of these are the Home Missionary Department, the Missionary Volunteer societies, the colporteur work, the Sabbath schools, and our educational institutions. May all of these be used by God to such an extent, that the coming quadrennial period shall be the best ever in the winning of souls in the history of the Canadian Union Conference.

Our Relation to Present Conditions and Our Need.

The world, in which we live today, is different than the one we lived in five years ago, when we last met in union conference session. The nations are angry; the world is at war. Our young men are facing difficult problems. The Canadian Union Conference Committee members have not been unmindful of those problems. We have done what we could to make our position as a people clear before the officials of our government. Our personal contacts with them have been most cordial.

In these serious times to which we have come, it is most fitting that we should declare anew our allegiance to our government, and to express our desire to uphold those principles of freedom, for which our Empire stands—those principles that have inspired men and women everywhere to live and to die for liberty. A statement to the government is being drafted by the Canadian Union Conference Committee at this time. We should not think of the future as being dark, because we are serving a God who still lives and reigns. He knows the end from the beginning. In speaking of the times in which we are living, the servant of the Lord many years ago said:

"Brethren, it is no time now for mourning and despair, no time to yield to doubt and unbelief. Christ is not now a Saviour in Joseph's new tomb, closed with a great stone, and sealed with the Roman seal; we have a risen Saviour. He is the King, the Lord of hosts; He sitteth between the cherubim; and amid the strife and tumult of nations, He guards His people still. He who ruleth in the heavens is our Saviour. He measures every trial. He watches the furnace fire that must test every soul. When the strongholds of kings shall be overthrown, when the arrows of God's wrath shall strike through the hearts of His enemies, His people will be safe in His hands." Test. Vol. 5, p. 754.

These words should give us courage. They should inspire us to do a greater work for God. They should make us stronger in His service.

As we are assembled here in this union session, we acknowledge that our needs are many. We need a greater measure of the spirit of God. This gift has been promised to the remnant church, and we are invited to ask of Him rain in the time of the

latter rain. We must not be so busy with the problems that confront us, that we shall neglect that which is paramount—the seeking of God and the outpouring of His Holy Spirit. We need a new vision, that we might see the unfinished task completed. We need that preparation of heart, and mind, that will enable us to be ready for the coming of Jesus. This preparation inspires the advent family to look for the consummation of all things.

Every reason have we to be of good courage, for "Yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry." Our hope is in God; to Him we look for help. He who has led us thus far will continue to lead us until the work is finished. Therefore:

"Trust Him when dark days
assail thee;

Trust Him when thy faith is small.
Trust Him, when to simply trust Him
Is the hardest thing of all."

At the Union Conference

The Winnipeg church has been a busy place this week, as the delegates to the union conference session have carried on the second quadrennial union conference session.

Seventy delegates are in attendance from the different conferences in Canada and from Newfoundland. A spirit of earnestness, fellowship, and devotion has been very evident. Every meeting has begun on time and with most of the delegates present.

Early in the session, each conference delegation got together and appointed three members to serve on a large committee, which met and appointed the standing committees.

In the first meeting of the session the nominating committee gave its report. Elder W. B. Ochs was unanimously reelected as the Union Conference President and H. A. Shepard as Secretary-treasurer. The other secretaries of the union were also reelected for the next four years. They are: Home Missionary Secretary; Young People's Missionary Volunteer Secretary; Educational Secretary;—D. N. Reiner. Field Missionary Secretary;—A. Clark. Department of Public Relations Secretary;—C. G. Maracle. Transportation Agent;—W. B. Ochs.

It has been a real inspiration to be here to hear the many encouraging reports from all parts of the field, and

to lay new and broader plans for a much larger work in Canada in the closing days of the message.

C. L. PADDOCK

Seventh-day Adventists and the Plebiscite

In the matter of voting on the plebiscite on April 27, we desire to pass on to our people the following important information relative to the measure.

The historic stand of Seventh-day Adventists is that of noncombatancy. In other words we prefer to do civilian service for our King and country in time of war, but nevertheless are willing to do noncombatant duty in the military, provided our conscientious scruples are officially safeguarded.

The election law relative to voting on the plebiscite reads as follows: "Any person who shall have voted at a plebiscite taken under the provisions of this Act during the present war shall thereafter be ineligible and incompetent to apply for, or to be granted on the application of another, the postponement or exemption from military training provided for in sections eighteen or nineteen of *The National War Service Regulations, 1940 (Recruits)*, or any amendment thereto."

From this it will be seen that a Seventh-day Adventist or any person who is conscientiously opposed to bearing arms and who takes part in the plebiscite by voting either for or against the measure shall thereafter forfeit all rights and privileges of making application for exemption from combatant military service. Since the plebiscite has to do with a strictly military question it is, no doubt, the desire of the government to have the matter decided by voters who are primarily concerned.

C. G. MARACLE

Sec'y., Depart. of Public Relations.

Missionaries Released From Concentration Camp.

This bit of news is of tremendous interest to every Seventh-day Adventist. It appeared on the last page of the *Review*, the only medium through which it could be made available to all our people in the homeland. Sometimes on the front page of the *Review*, sometimes among the news items on the last page, but always somewhere in our church paper you will find items of interest with regard

to our work and workers in lands across the seas. In these times when war is spoiling so many lands the news is not always good, but whether good or bad we want to know about it. As long as souls are being won to the truth there will be good news to brighten the picture. So read your church paper weekly and encourage all who have not entered a subscription to send in their name right away. It is a lot of news for the money when you get the *Review and Herald*, one year for \$2.75; *Big Four*, \$3.75; *Family Group*, \$6.50. Order from your Book and Bible House.

Literature to Be Used in Missions Extension

The missions extension plan brings to us this year the strongest appeal. God will not let His work be crushed. He can and will bring decided victory out of apparent defeat. Now is the time for our church membership all over the earth to cry mightily to the God of missions, the Lord of the Harvest, to turn the tide again in behalf of His great work. And as we pray, we must work and plan. Plan now definitely to have part in a liberal Missions Extension offering.

To assist you in helping to raise the money, two splendid books in English have been provided. "After Tomorrow—What" by R. F. Cottrell answers satisfactorily this question that is in the heart of millions of Americans just now. Elder Cottrell is a splendid writer of wide experience. This book treats on the prophecies of our times. The companion volume, "Above the Din—God speaks" is strikingly prepared by W. A. Spicer, our veteran writer, and reveals the mercy and hope held out in the sacred word.

Those who desire to use the magazines will find the April issue of *Life and Health*, *Watchman*, *Health*, *The Message*, good sellers. Also magazines may be obtained in Italian, French, and Spanish.

Do not overlook your foreign neighbors or community. Elder Branson, Vice-president of the General Conference, makes this striking observation and appeal. "At this time I must appeal to all of our people to give a little more thought and a little more time and a little more effort to the strangers in our land. To these more than 38,000,000 people we have a responsibility to give an

opportunity to hear the message and prepare to go with us to the heavenly kingdom." And B. L. Grundset, manager of the Brookfield House, makes this most encouraging statement. "We sold more foreign literature from Brookfield in the year 1941 than we have sold since the year 1932, or more literature was sold in 1941 than for the last nine years.

Our publishing house at Brookfield, Illinois, is prepared to supply Crisis Books for Missions Extension use in the following languages: Bohemian, Croatian, Danish, Italian, Finnish, Danish-Norwegian, German, Greek, Hungarian, Polish, Russian, Serbian, Slovakian, Swedish, Yiddish, Yiddish—English, and Ukrainian. Order all supplies from your Book and Bible House.

To show our gratitude to our heavenly Father for bringing the light of truth to us, we should each plan to use some of the literature provided for this occasion. Many can and should sell the Crisis Books or magazines. Others who may not have the opportunity to sell, should secure these good books and magazines and lend or give them away.

Pray earnestly that God may help us to raise \$100,000 or more in the Missions Extension Offering to meet the great needs of this hour. Pray also that we may be able to place many of these good books and magazines in the business offices and private homes, that the hearts and the minds of the people may be turned in the right direction.

Spirit of Prophecy

Reading Program



Assignments for Fourteenth Week

March 29 - April 4

Volume: "Desire of Ages"

"The Sermon On the Mount"

"The Centurion"

Mar. 29 298-300

Mar. 30 300-305

Mar. 31 306-308

Apr. 1 309-311

Apr. 2 311-314

Apr. 3 315-317

Apr. 4 317-320

Gem Thought

"Though the wicked know it not, they owe even the blessings of this

life to the presence, in the world, of God's people whom they despise and oppress."—D. A. 306.

Assignments for Fifteenth Week

April 5 - 11

Volume: "Desire of Ages"

"Who Are My Brethren?"

"The Invitation"

"Peace Be Still"

Apr. 5 321-323

Apr. 6 323-327

Apr. 7 328-329

Apr. 8 329-332

Apr. 9 333-335

Apr. 10 335-338

Apr. 11 338-341

Gem Thought

"Our lives may seem a tangle; but as we commit ourselves to the wise Master Worker, He will bring out the pattern of life and character that will be to His own Glory."—*Desire of Ages*, 331.

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The Growth of the Work

As this leaves the office for the *Messenger* most of our workers will have returned to their homes and places of labour from the Union Conference Session in Winnipeg, March 7-10. The Session proper was preceded by a three day departmental gathering and then followed by a six-day Ministerial institute. All our workers were in attendance and found great encouragement and inspiration in the studies, discussions, and devotional services. It was the first gathering of all our own workers, as well as of the union, since the last session in 1937. In addition to a full representation of all our regular workers, we were happy to have our lay-committee members, Bretheren Warren Mabley and Wm. Chadwick, with us as delegates during the Conference session.

The past five years have witnessed a substantial growth in membership in our own part of the Canadian field. The membership at the beginning of the five year period was 2131 or, one believer for every 408 of population in Alberta. At the close of the period

the membership has increased by 343 to 2474 or, one believer for every 315 of population. The total baptisms amounted to 750 while 59 were accepted by profession of faith.

I am sure our people will rejoice in knowing of this substantial growth in membership and also in the knowledge that during this same period our Conference was privileged to pass on to the Union and General Conference close to two hundred thousand dollars in tithes and offerings over and above the amount used locally. As these funds have been sent on, accompanied by our prayers, we have become sharers in the work of the Lord around the circle of the earth.

But however much the work has been blessed and prospered in the past, there are good reasons for believing that we are now entering into those still greater days toward which we have been looking for many years. Our baptisms for the first two months of the present year total 34 as against 14 for the same period last year. Then our tithe income for these same two months of this year totals \$10,354.89 as against \$5,447.87 for the same of last year. Other funds are also showing a splendid increase.

Needless to say we greatly appreciate these evidences of a greater faithfulness in Christian stewardship as well as of better times financially. As workers it is our desire to recognize and appreciate in this increased liberality towards the work of the Lord a great challenge to use every bit of it to the best advantage in hastening on the finishing of the work of God.

C. W. DEGERING

With Our Colporteurs In Alberta

For many years now the book work in our conference has been one of the strongest means God is employing to finish the Third Angel's Message in this large province. As we have watched the sales year by year we have been wondering where all the books have been going. We can remember the time when the sales in this field reached nearly \$50,000 for one year. That happened for several years, and then came the depression. But for the last three or four years the sales have come back and this year it does look as if we shall strike a note similar to the good old times when so many books were sold.

Brother Russell Spangler's report for the week ending March 14 was \$229.75; Brother McEvers reached nearly \$200 in one of his week's reports. Then we have had several over one hundred dollars each. Surely this is marvelous when so much literature has already been sold. We sometimes wonder what the results will be! Selling our books is likened to sowing the gospel seed and you know when seed is sown it must grow eventually. The following part is a letter I received from Brother Taylor, who is laboring as a minister in Wetaskiwin:

"There is one family here that was bothered by various different religious people, so much so that they didn't know what to believe. They became so agitated they determined to destroy any religious literature that should be sent to them. The next mail brought Great Controversy and Bible Readings. A sister in the States sent them.

"They decided not to read them but were very much taken up with the pretty pictures in Great Controversy so they tore all the pictures out and pasted them on cardboard. They read a little in Bible Readings and the Shuler studies, which were also sent to them.

"Shortly after this we came to Wetaskiwin to hold meetings and they opened their home to Bible studies. We turned to the Bible for everything we said and answered their questions from the Bible. They became very interested. When we were not there studying with them they gathered about the table and studied from Bible Readings. They are now very sorry they tore the pictures out of Great Controversy. They are planning to get the Conflict of the Ages Series. They have already started to save for them.

"They are now very strict Sabbath-keepers. They are of the good old Adventist type.

"Some months ago I met a German lady and finding she preferred German literature, the papers were sent for. After taking a number of papers to her (one each week) I asked her how she liked them? 'Do you have any questions on the papers?' 'No,' She said, 'They agree exactly with a book that I have in the German language.

"Having been a colporteur for many years, I immediately became interested and asked if I might see the book. She brought out Bible Readings in the German. She said, 'I always go to this book to see if they

agree, I believe what this book says.'

"Later when my wife and I were invited into the house we saw on the cupboard two books. Upon examination they proved to be Bible Readings and Daniel and Revelation in the German. She said she liked these books very much and believes what they said."

'These books must have been sold many, many years ago. But we see the results in this letter. We ask an interest in your prayers for all our colporteurs as they go from home to home.

R. CARLILL

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Duties and Responsibilities of Church Officers

Churches have elected officers for the year 1942. Many are new to the duties and responsibilities of their office, but gladly serve the cause of God to the best of their ability. The General Conference has revised instructions regarding the work of the church treasurers and we pass along the information as found in "Actions of the Autumn Council" for 1941.

Church Treasurer the Custodian of All Church Funds.

"The church treasurer is the custodian of all church funds. He is the keeper of the tithe, all funds designated for foreign missions, and all conference funds that may be raised for institutional work, camp meeting purposes, etc. He should have the care of all collections and offerings, including church and Sabbath school, Missionary Volunteer Society, offerings for Missionary work, Dorcas Society, and other departments of the church. All funds belonging to the church, including donations to general church expense, building and repair funds, offerings for the poor, and income from rentals and other sources, are kept in custody by the church treasurer in a bank account in the name of the church, and, except as hereinafter provided, are subject to disbursement only by vote of the church board at a regularly called meeting. The church treasurer shall

pay from the church expense funds all bills for local church expense authorized by the church board, such as water, light, fuel, insurance, paving assessments, rentals, janitor, etc. He should be careful to secure a receipt for all bills paid. The funds of the Sabbath school, Missionary Volunteer Societies, Dorcas Society, funds of the church school, and all other offerings for local church missionary work, while held in custody of the church treasurer in the church's bank account, are to be disbursed according to the following regulations:

Sabbath School Funds.— All Sabbath school offerings for missions are to be turned over to the church treasurer by the Sabbath school secretary-treasurer weekly, who shall keep a careful record of such offerings. Such mission funds are transmitted to the conference office as outlined on pages 48 and 49 of the "Church Manual." Sabbath school expense funds are to be turned over to the church treasurer weekly, to be held in trust, subject to the orders of the Sabbath school council committee, to meet the routine expenses of the Sabbath school.

Missionary Volunteer Society Funds

"Missionary Volunteer Society funds have to do with both the senior and the junior Society, and the funds of each society shall be kept separately on the church treasurer's books. Society offering to missions and general church work, or to conference enterprises, shall be turned over to the church treasurer to be passed on to the conference treasurer. All funds contributed to society expense shall be turned over to the church treasurer to be held in trust for the Society, as soon as possible after they are received. The expense funds of the senior Missionary Volunteer Society shall be disbursed by the church treasurer on the order of the society executive committee. Expense funds of the Junior Society shall be disbursed on the order of the Junior Society superintendent.

The Church Missionary Secretary's Funds.— "The first-Sabbath offering and all other offerings for local church missionary work shall be recorded by the church missionary secretary and turned over to the church treasurer to be held in trust. The disbursement of these funds, for recognized missionary work only, must be authorized by vote of the church board called in the regular way.

"Moneys received by the church missionary secretary from individuals to pay for personal orders of literature, books, pamphlets, magazines, and subscriptions to our periodicals, shall be handled by the church missionary secretary, and remitted with the order to the Book and Bible House in payment for the literature, books, subscriptions, etc., ordered. At the close of each quarter the church missionary secretary will make a report, indicating receipts and disbursements, to the church at its quarterly business meetings, and provide a copy for the church treasurer."

S. G. WHITE

The People Are Stirred.

In Testimonies, Vol. 4, page 389, we read: "Hundreds of men should be engaged in carrying the light all through our cities, villages, and towns. The public mind must be agitated."

The seriousness of the war situation in the world today is causing the people to think and become more stirred than they have been for some time. Surely this is our day of opportunity. Now is the time to get our message before the people, while they are searching for an answer to world conditions.

Just recently while out with one of our colporteurs in the eastern part of the conference, we were canvassing a lady whose husband was supposed to be sleeping. When we were just about through with our canvass for Bible Readings he came out to the table and told us we sounded so interesting he just had to get up and listen. He told us in the course of our conversation that he could see no hope for this old world, and that he was ready to turn to God, as that was the only hope left as far as he could see. We showed him all through Bible Readings and he ordered it without a bit of hesitation. He wanted us to stay all afternoon and talk about the Bible, but we did not want to overfeed him the first time, and besides we had others to call on. There are hundreds like this man, looking for the light, but the Lord needs someone to take it to them.

We feel thankful for the number of canvassers we have in this field scattering the printed page. Let us pray for these men and women, that the Lord may bless them with souls for their labors. We expect to have some new canvassers starting this week. Dear reader, has not the Lord

impressed you to go out into the byways and hedges to seek for those who are lost? His sheep are on every mountain and hill waiting to be gathered in.

F. W. CONNORS
Field Secretary.

News Notes!!

We are in serious times. World conditions are impressing men and women. The spirit of God is awakening a desire to know and do. Recently several individuals, who are not members of the S. D. A. church have written for quantities of books and Bibles. Another non-adventist family sends \$39.00 to the office specifying it as the "tenth" and adding, "I'm sure it is much needed at this time."

The Canora church Missionary Society has recently sent to the Book and Bible House \$100.00 with a fine subscription list for the "Signs of the Times".

From the Religious Liberty Fund recently taken the Conference has ordered for the members of Parliament, Judges, magistrates of the territory of the conference the splendid magazine, "Liberty". We wish that each S. D. A. family could have its quarterly visits. Price, 35c per year.

Sabbath School supplies for the second quarter have been mailed to churches and isolated. Should your supply not be sufficient for the need, kindly write us at once.

Mr. Theophil Babienco, father of Elder T. T. Babienco, passed to rest March 7 at the ripe age of ninety-one years.

Callers passing through Saskatoon from the Conference were: R. D. Steinke, Carl Weis and P. G. Biv. We enjoyed their visit. Brother Biv occupied the pulpit in the Saskatoon church on March 14.

Elder White, Brethern Connors and Reile report inspiring meetings at the Winnipeg church during the departmental pre-council, the Union Conference session, and the ministerial institute.

U. Wissner, our secretary-treasurer, went from the Winnipeg meeting to Fort William and Port Arthur where he will audit the church books and assist the Sabbath School department of the churches.

Brother F. Connors is determined that colporteurs shall succeed. The new program of selling books on "The Easy-payment plan" should encourage young men and women of high standards and deep earnestness to volunteer for successful all-year round service.

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News Notes!!

We are always glad to have our isolated members drop in and pay us a visit at the office. Bother Daniel Vallieres of Millbridge, Ontario, called recently. Though isolated Brother Vallieres has not forgotten the need of the mission fields as brought to us through the organization of the Sabbath School. He brought with him a very substantial Thirteenth Sabbath offering as well as a good offering to be applied to the regular Sabbath school funds. We also appreciate very much the offerings mailed to the office by our isolated members throughout the field. The need of the mission field is great and we can never give too much to the Lord's cause. *Don't Forget!* March 28, is Thirteenth Sabbath.

The meetings held in Toronto by lay evangelist, Mr. E. Beeston, have been well attended and a good interest is shown. This is also true of the effort held by lay evangelist, Mr. W. J. Pincombe, in St. Thomas. Mr. Wm. Duclos has distributed a large amount of literature in the district of Consecon in anticipation of beginning meetings there.

Our faithful magazine workers are distributing hundreds, and even thousands, of copies of the *Canadian Watchman* in the cities of Ontario and Quebec each month. Mrs. Goldstein and Mrs. O'Reilly are working in the city of Montreal, Mrs. Longard and Mrs. McPherson in Oshawa and vicinity, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Simpson, and Mrs. Hetherington in St. Catharines and vicinity, Mrs. Bell in London, Mrs. Ramsay and Mrs. Judge in Toronto, and Mrs. Siviter in St. Thomas. There is plenty of room for many more especially in the towns and cities where there is no one work-

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Gleanings From Our Literature Evangelists

"The Lord gave the word and great was the army of them that Published it."

FIELD MISSIONARY SECRETARIES
R. D. Steinke—B. C. R. Carhill—Alta. F. W. Connors—Man.-Sask. P. G. Bly—Ont.-Que.
G. F. Wimer—Maritimes

A Part in the Decision

I was made happy today when a lady told me she began last Saturday to keep the seventh-day. She wants to be baptized in the way Jesus left the example. A friend of hers at Medford, an Adventist, has furnished her literature to read, and she reads the *Signs* faithfully. I shall have our minister see her. Her people have "Bible Readings." She and her husband are definitely interested in "Great Controversy." They asked many questions, which I answered with words the Lord put into my mouth. Tears were in their eyes as they asked me to come again. I really believe "Great Controversy" will cause the elderly man to take his stand also for the truth. He said his wife would not be happy until she was baptized in water.

This was my second call upon them, and I believe I had a little more part in helping her to make her decision to step out on the Sabbath. I have such good experiences. It is wonderful to see people take their stand for the truth. I am glad to have a part in the harvest of souls. Many souls are waiting to be gathered in.

MRS. A. HALE, OREGON

Results From Magazines

George DeLima was a devoted son of the Roman church. And he and his wife and children and all his brothers were members of that church. They were satisfied that their church was the only true church. Then Mr. George DeLima moved away from his home some six hundred miles in search of work. Soon one of our lay members contacted him and commenced to sell our Spanish paper to him each month. This she continued to do without a break for eleven and one-half years. Then he returned to his home. The brave little lay worker was unable to sell *El Centinela* to him any more and it must have seemed like her efforts were destined to bear no fruit; but not so, for God was guiding in the affairs of this honest man.

In six months time Joseph Lancry,

another very faithful lay worker for God, found George DeLima and commenced to sell *El Centinela* to him every month for six months. Then a Roman Catholic man who had purchased "Patriarchs and Prophets" from one of our colporteurs gave this book to Mr. DeLima because he had no use for the book. George DeLima read it and liked it. He purchased "Great Controversy Between Christ and Satan" from Brother Lancry and read it.

About that time Pastor L. Astleford contacted him and invited him to attend a series of meetings, which he willingly consented to do. Shortly after this series was over, Mr. DeLima called at our office and said, "Pastor Astleford, I have decided to accept the advent message. Will you baptize me?"

When we heard his story, we felt that he was well prepared, by reading our books and papers, to be taken into our church. Not many days afterward he and several others were buried with their Lord in baptism. It is not hard to convince people of our truth who have been reading our literature for twelve or fourteen years; but it is hard when they know nothing about it.

Brother George DeLima was not one of those forward, talkative Christians. He was rather a retiring man in his disposition and was genuinely sincere in all his religious convictions. All who knew him testified to the sincerity of his faith. He was one who could not talk much about the message, but he lived it. When he died the whole Roman Catholic family that nursed him through his terrible months of agony, with that dreadful disease cancer, accepted this message and were baptized into this blessed truth. We believe that it was the godly life of this dear brother, through his terrible suffering, that led them to desire the same faith that was his.

In the resurrection morning how glad Brother DeLima will be to see the little lady who for eleven and one-half long years never failed to bring him our monthly paper the *El*

Gentle (The Watchman)! And how glad she will be to know that the seed which she sowed was watered by others, blessed of God, and that it bore fruit unto life eternal.

L. ASTLEFORD.

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ing. How about it? Why not join this faithful group and help to distribute many more thousands of copies of truth-filled literature!

Recent visitors to the office and community are; Elder L. Astleford, Mr. Elwin White and G. F. Wimer from the Maritime Conference, Elders LeCoultre, Balharrie and Davis from Montreal and Waterloo, Quebec, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Hey from Brantford, and Mr. Clayton Constable from British Columbia.

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News Notes!!

Mr. Melvin Longard of Timberlea, N. S. called at the office on his return trip to Digby and secured Sabbath school and other supplies for the Tantallon church.

Mrs. F. Moores and Marilyn are spending a short time visiting in Moncton with friends. We are glad to hear of the progress of the New Glasgow church, and especially of their young people's society.

The Fox Point Company is the latest edition to our list of Dorcas Societies in the Maritime Conference, and is under the capable leadership of Mrs. R. Coolen. Although they do not have many members, yet they are determined to have a part in this most noble work.

At the present time Brethren Neill and Coles are canvassing for "Bible Readings" in Amherst, and are having remarkable success. Mr. Neill writes that during the first six hours of canvassing he secured twelve orders.

Elder Stray spend the week end of March 7 with the St. John church members, taking the services for both Sabbath and Sunday. Elder Stray's visits to the St. John church are

always deeply appreciated by the members there.

Brother George McKenzie is continuing to have good success selling "Bible Readings" in New Glasgow, and he is also finding interested people with whom to give Bible studies. He writes that his last delivery was the best one he has had since entering the colporteur work.

Brother Wallace B. Jackson is back in Cape Breton after a short visit to his home, and his reports are showing a marked increase from week to week.

Brother Shears, our newest colporteur in Halifax, writes that during the Victory Loan week he thought it would be almost impossible to try to sell books; but nevertheless at the end of the week his orders totaled over \$120.00 and some deliveries.

Abraham Went Out

Abraham "went out, not knowing whither he went." He knew not where his path was leading Him, but he had confidence in the God who led him.

In much the same manner, God today bids youth go forth, a Christ-like character and Heaven our goal. He bids us face the future and try its unknown paths unflinchingly. The roads are wider and the curves more treacherous than ever before. Abraham did not find the waymarks along his route that we young people point out with spiritual discernment and faith. Many have followed His bidding, and "went out," confident that they would be led in paths of service and witnessing.

Missionary Volunteer statistics report nearly 180,000 young people baptized, youth who "went out," during the history of the department. The number of young people baptized since 1930 is 108,809 as compared with the 25,058 new believers young people helped to win in that ten-year period.

This 35th anniversary year brings unique opportunities for the spending of youthful and ardent zeal in joyous self-giving that sets other lives on fire for God. These troublous times will measure the depth and breadth and height of our devotion. All this

world's wisdom has failed, and we must follow Him implicitly and without variance. Remember,—Abraham "went out, not knowing whither he went."

JEWEL HATCHER,
Young People's Department.

Obituaries

Anderson—Anna L. Anderson was born in Karlstad, Sweden, July 31, 1855, and passed to her rest, February 18, 1942, following a brief illness. She was the loving mother of eleven children and a loyal friend to a large circle of acquaintances. Sister Anderson accepted the Third Angel's Message in 1897 and bore faithful witness to it throughout her life. It was the writer's privilege to speak a message of hope and comfort to the large circle of relatives and friends gathered to pay their last tribute of love and respect for our departed sister.

L. M. SELTZER

Brown—Darlene Elaine Brown only daughter of Brother and Sister Norman Brown of Moose Jaw, Sask. was born in Mortlach, Nov. 10, 1936, and died after a short illness Feb. 18, 1942. We commend to the sorrowing parents and relatives the words of Paul in Rom. 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God."

F. T. BALMER

Advertisements

Flexible metal harness needles 15 c. each. Refaced edge restored on straight razors. 45 c. Scissors, hollow ground 20 c. Food chopper plates and knives ground 35 c. each. Razor bones refaced and levelled 20 c. Razor strap for straight razors \$2.25. Work done by machine and guaranteed. Send money and return postage with work. Nick Dubyna, Prongua, Sask.

WANTED—S. D. A. men to work in Sawmill and bush. Wages: 30 cents per hour. Work expected to be permanent. Church privileges. C. H. Peters. Love, Sask. 2

WANTED—Girl or woman who can help milk and do some housework for family of 2. As soon as possible. State wages in first letter. S. S. privileges. Mrs. E. M. Oldham, Didsbury, Alta.

WORK WANTED—Two girls, 16 and 17 years of age, would like to get a position in a household, not more than 70 to 100 miles from Naicam. Near a S. D. A. church if possible. Miss Elsie Gutormson, Box 46, Naicam, Sask.