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## Treasure Your Freedom

By W. A. NELSON

Religious Liberty Day is the first important date in our church calendar for 1955. Our forefathers here in Canada have given us a great heritage of freedom which each generation of Canadians must preserve.

By action of the Executive Committee of the Canadian Union Conference, Religious Liberty Day has been adopted as a regular part of our yearly church calendar. On this day renewed emphasis is to be given to the importance of the principles of religious liberty and the necessity of keeping these vital matters before the public. It was also felt by the Committee that wholehearted support should be given to the plan for the circulation of Liberty magazine among influential citizens in all parts of the Dominion.

Sabbath, January 22, is Religious Liberty Day, and will be observed in all of our churches. The programme material for this day from the General Conference Religious Liberty Department will acquaint our people with the basic principles of freedom of conscience.

We are happy for the response in our churches a year ago to the circulation of the magazine *Liberty* among the leading citizens of the community. The Union Conference and local Conferences are sending *Liberty* to the principal Dominion and provincial government officials.

The Liberty, at our request, regularly carries features about Canadian issues. There will appear in due time feature articles written by well-known and distinguished Canadians. We believe that each church will take seriously the matter of acquainting all leading citizens with the vital principles of the separation of church and state, and the meaning of liberty in its applications to everyday life.

It is so easy to take for granted the precious heritage of freedom and religious liberty that we enjoy. These principles are as vital to us and to the freedom of man as the air we breathe and the food we eat.

There are today, lands where the inhabitants once knew liberty and freedom of conscience but where today the citizens cannot even lay claim to their lives for they are servants of the state. Today there are millions who long for the opportunity of freely and openly worshiping God according to the dictates of their conscience. How they would cherish, protect and fortify this precious heritage if it were once again restored to them!

How grateful we should be here in this land of freedom that we may in almost every section worship God according to the desire of our hearts and talk freely to others about our faith and belief, and stand without fear before the people in the preaching of the message of salvation. Having this wonderful freedom we need to recognize always that by vigilance we must seek to retain this freedom.



## I HAVE JUST VISITED . . .

canadian union college and have seen over three hundred Adventist youth who are training for a place in God's work. There is no finer sight anywhere. These are our future church elders, deacons, deaconesses, church treasurers, Sabbath School superintendents and foreign missionaries.

Fortunate the young person who has this opportunity to sit at the feet of consecrated Christian teachers in such a school of the prophets as this, and in such a time as this. Fortunate the home where parents have the vision to sacrifice their individual wants for the salvation of their youth.

I have seen these young people taking their examinations just before the holiday season, and with eager hearts thinking of home. Some were not able to go home. Perhaps it was too far. Some do not have a home to which to go. To them Christmas does not have the same meaning.

By the time you read this, these young people will be back in College. What have they seen in your home and in your church during the holidays?

They have been welcomed, I am surebut, what encouragement did you give them? The right word and a helping hand mean much to them. These efforts by young people and parents mean much to God's work.

## YOU SHOULD SEE AT OUR COLLEGE . . .

The new Woodworking shop and its activity.

The new Upholstery factory.

The Book Bindery.

The College Press.

The Farm and Dairy.

The Laundry and Pressing shop.

The Cafeteria.

All are providing work opportunities for young people to assist themselves in securing a Christian education. However, these industries are not of sufficient size to meet the need.

Many could remain in school if you would give a helping hand with a liberal contribution to our Student Aid Fund.

Please help now and frequently. Mark your tithe envelope "College Student Aid Fund." It will be used for the benefit of some worthy student. You may designate which student if you desire.

The young people will thank you. God will bless you. E. L. GREEN

Press, Kingston Whig-Standard, Owen Sound Sun-Times, St. Catharines Standard, Sault Daily Star, Stratford Beacon, St. Thomas Times-Journal, Sherbrooke Record, St. John Telegraph-Journal, Moncton Transcript, New Glasgow Evening

Please send in your reports for the last quarter of 1954. If you have failed to do this for the other quarters, report for the entire period. This is one piece of "copy"

that will not be rejected by the "editor," who in your case will be the Conference and Union public relations secretaries.

For a job well done, for a vision undimmed and a resolute determination to press on in 1955, your Union Public Relations secretary sends you his warmest and best wishes for a Happy New Year filled with lots of good news about Seventh-day Adventists in the columns of your community newspapers.

# Freedom is Everybody's Business



PUBLIC RELATIONS - The Hamilton horizon is well known for its bright glow caused by the furnaces of a thousand factories and other industries. But for Seventh-day Adventists the glow symbolizes a different type of "light" and "heat." Over one hundred and thirty-five column inches reporting Adventist beliefs and activities appeared in the Daily News. This is without doubt a record for Canadal

Feature articles that dominated two newspaper pages with over one hundred column inches carried a detailed exposition from the Look series of Adventist beliefs under Arthur S. Maxwell's by-line. Another story with respect to Elder Remick's evangelistic series had a sevencolumn headline! Well done, Hamilton!

We are also grateful to Elder L. E. Froom for the final volume in his "Prophetic Faith" series that touched off some fine Associated Press stories in newspapers across the Dominion.

Elder F. T. Balmer of Kaslo, British Columbia joins the "letter-to-the-editor" ranks hitherto led by Elder H. Ward Hill of Ottawa. Calendar reform and various other religious liberty issues lend themselves to this medium in an admirable way if properly handled.

Conference committee and workers' meetings afforded some fine coverage in Saskatoon and the Maritimes. Well done, Conference P R Secretaries Soloniuk and Christiansen!

Elder Arthur M. Spenst from the Eastern Townships of Quebec finds that his membership in the local Kiwanis Club opens the door for excellent public relations, especially when he is called upon to address the club.

We salute all those responsible for Adventist news which appeared in the following papers: Prince George Citizen, Nelson News, Saskatoon Star-Phoenix, Toronto Globe and Mail, London Free-

## BE VIGILANT

By D. L. MICHAEL

R ELIGIOUS liberty to most people is an abstract value which they find hard to assess by the more orthodox yardstick of material wealth. No one questions the good sense of taking every reasonable precaution to protect home, household effects, cars, equipment and the family wealth. But freedom is too intangible to evoke similar responses.

Few of us realize how absolutely meaningless our homes, household effects, cars, equipment and family resources would be if we were deprived of our basic liberties. Yet we will spend more to defend the superstructure than we would be willing to invest in buttressing the foundation.

Preserving our religious freedom is more than just sponsoring several Liberty subscriptions, however commendable that may be. It means a constant state of alert and informed action on every front. By tactful community endeavours, by strategic contacts with influential personalities from city block to Parliament Hill, by the faithful discharge of our responsibilities as citizens, we help to replenish and defend the reservoirs of liberty. It is a task that we can never feel is fully accomplished on one Sabbath in the year, nor by electing one or many religious liberty secretaries. It is a task that calls for eternal vigilance!

In this respect and as a distinct ally to your many endeavours for freedom of conscience the Seventh-day Adventist quarterly journal, Liberty, can help you all year long. How? By reaching men's minds, by educating rather than haranguing and by constantly and consistently presenting the basic principles inherent in true religious liberty. Early in this new year renew once again your devotion to the great truths of liberty by pledging your dedication to God and your undying hostility to every form of tyranny that seeks to wrest the soul of man from its spontaneous allegiance to the Creator.

## \$1500 Unclaimed Reward

MET a fine Scotch woman, a real 1 Christian 86 years old, while canvassing with our French colporteurs in Montreal a little while ago. She said that she would be glad to give me a cherished little tract if I would give her one of mine entitled, "An Hour with Your Bible," which our Bible Houses carry. This tract, I am told, was scattered far and wide throughout Montreal by a Dr. R. MacFaul, M.A. We are printing the information contained in the little tract she gave me for you to read:

\$50 REWARD to any one who will produce a text of Scripture proving that we

ought to pray to Mary.

\$50 REWARD to any one who will produce a text of Scripture to prove that the Virgin Mary was born without sin.

\$50 REWARD to any one who will produce a text of Scripture to prove that St. Peter had no wife.

\$50 REWARD to any one who will produce a text of Scripture to prove that priests ought not to marry.

\$50 REWARD to any one who will produce a text of Scripture to prove that St.

Peter was Bishop of Rome.

\$50 REWARD to any one who will produce a text of Scripture to prove that the Pope is the Vicar of Christ or the successor of St. Peter.

\$50 REWARD to any one who will produce a text of Scripture to prove that

priests can forgive sins.

\$50 REWARD to any one who will produce a text of Scripture to prove that the wine at the Lord's Table ought to be taken only by the priests.

\$50 REWARD to any one who will produce a text of Scripture to prove that there is such a thing as the sacrifice of Mass. \$50 REWARD to any one who will produce a text of Scripture to prove that the

priests have power to change the bread and wine into the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ.

\$50 REWARD to any one who will produce a text of Scripture to prove that there are seven sacraments.

\$50 REWARD to any one who will produce a text of Scripture to prove that the use of images was recommended either by Christ or His apostles.

\$50 REWARD to any one who will produce a text of Scripture to prove the existence of such a place as purgatory.

\$50 REWARD to any one who will produce a text of Scripture to prove that there are more mediators than one, between God and men.

\$50 REWARD to any one who will produce a text of Scripture to prove that we ought to pray to the saints or for the dead. \$50 REWARD to any one who will produce a text of Scripture to prove that we should fast on Fridays or during Lent.

\$50 REWARD to any one who will produce a text of Scripture to prove that the

Pope is infallible.

\$50 REWARD to any one who will produce a text of Scripture to prove that baptism "cleanses from original sin, makes us Christians and children of God, and heirs to the kingdom of heaven."

\$50 REWARD to any one who will produce a text of Scripture to prove that unbaptized children after death go to a place called "Imbo," or that there is such a place.

\$50 REWARD to any one who will produce a text of Scripture to sanction the

baptism or blessing of bells.

\$50 REWARD to any one who will produce a text of Scripture to prove that a man should be persecuted and cursed who conscientiously leaves the religion in which he was born, to accept that of Jesus Christ. \$50 REWARD to any one who will produce a text of Scripture to prove that the Bible should not be read by everybody.

\$50 REWARD to any one who will produce a text of Scripture to prove that priests have any right to forbid the people going to hear the pure gospel of Christ preached.

\$50 REWARD to any one who will produce a text of Scripture to prove that a man sins when he leaves a false religion

to accept the religion of Jesus Christ. \$50 REWARD to anyone who will produce a text of Scripture to prove that Christ did not believe in freedom of conscience and freedom of speech.

\$50 REWARD to any one who will produce a text of Scripture to prove that any one is justified in blindly submitting to

priests, bishops, or pope.

\$50 REWARD to any one who will produce a text of Scripture to prove that the Church of Rome is the first church or the oldest church.

\$50 REWARD to anyone who will produce a text of Scripture to prove that the Church of Rome is the Church of Christ. \$50 REWARD to any one who will produce a text of Scripture to prove that there is salvation in any other way but through faith in Jesus Christ, the Lord, who said, "Come unto Me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11: 28.

\$50 REWARD to any one who will produce a text of Scripture to prove that any man is safe who delays the salvation of his immortal soul. "For what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul." Mark 8:36.

\$1,500 REWARD to any one who will produce the required texts of Scripture on the above questions. Jesus said: "Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of Me." John 5:39.

The Holy Scriptures are the only in-

fallible source of truth that God has revealed for our salvation, and the only and absolute rule of faith. As a religious guide they are clear and complete. It is therefore the sacred duty of every man faithfully to use this means which God has provided to learn the way of salvation.

Thousands of copies of the above leaflet have been distributed for the past twenty-eight years in North America. And the writer has never been called upon to pay a single reward. Frequently Roman Catholics have taken the leaflet and with great confidence have said: "I shall secure a Bible, and be back in a few days for my reward." They have either not returned or have returned only to acknowledge that the doctrines of their church cannot be upheld by Scripture.

-By the late Dr. G. R. MacFaul M.A.

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## Colporteur Institute Schedule



French Mission Montreal To be arranged British Columbia Vancouver church January 14-19 Alberta Edmonton church January 21-25 Canadian Union College Organize club January 26, 27 Manitoba-Saskatchewan Winnipeg English January 29-Feb. 2 church Maritimes Moncton church February 8-12 Ontario-Quebec Toronto church February 18-23 Oshawa Mission-ary College Organize club February 24 Newfoundland St. John's church March 8-11

Jesus calls: Attend for My sake and the gospel's.

# Your Last Message

When you make a will, it is your last message to the world. You who are discharging a faithful stewardship in life, should see the importance of discharging a faithful stewardship in death. You should make provision for the Lord to share in your accumulated property. God, the Sovereign Owner, should have a share of your estate. The Lord could have kept you from accumulating that which the world might term as riches. You can take nothing with you at death.

The Christian's will is a genuine testimony of faith in Christ and His church. Our people cannot afford not to have wills. The drawing of a will is not the expensive item. If you do not make provision for your financial matters, it will be necessary for the state to step in and make settle-

Horace Bushnell once said, "One more

revival is needed, the revival of Christian stewardship, the dedication of the money power to God." This revival ought to lead Seventh-day Adventists to make a Christian will and bequeath some portion to the Lord's work. Or better still, give liberally to the cause of God while you are living. Do not wait until death to help in the support of God's work; but make sure that what may be left of this world's goods will be used in the Lord's work.

If you need help or have questions to ask, feel free to write to the officers of your Conference. They will be glad to counsel with you. Don't neglect doing this now, for it is so easy to put it off until it is too late. Give to the cause of God as you have been blessed.

> BY A DISTRICT LEADER, "The Record," 3/11/54

#### A Boon to Every Alert Adventist

That Volume IV of The Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers is now available will be hailed as good news by a large number of our laymen, as well as by all workers. The production of this four-volume set constitutes the most extensive research project in our denominational history. It required twenty years to complete it, and necessitated three extensive trips to Europe to compass the Old World archives and great book collections, as well as combing all the leading libraries of North America. Even Mexico and South America yielded their quota.

Many thousands of dollars were invested by the General Conference in securing the seven or eight thousand "source" documents-originals, photostats, and microfilm copies-which constitute the matchless Advent Source Collection, These are the priceless documents upon which the Prophetic Faith set is based.

These volumes correct popular misconceptions concerning Adventism. They lift our whole movement-and its fundamental teachings on the second advent, eschatology, the prophecies, the Sabbath and sanctuary truths, and the Spirit of Prophecy-to a new level, and establish their historic soundness and certainty as never before. They remove us from the category of the cults, and establish us as the continuators and champions of the soundest and most orthodox interpretations of the Early Church and Protestant Reformation expositors. They show that we are their spiritual descendants, and constitute the present-day heralds of the truths they once held.

They provide the appealing approach to each leading religious group-Protestant, Catholic, and Jew-for all major contributions in our interpretation were anticipated and introduced by former leaders in these categories.

They provide a particularly favourable approach to all Protestant bodies, for each major group-Lutheran, Reformed, Anglican, Presbyterian, Baptist, Congregational, Methodist, Christian, Disciple-once held what we now hold on many vital interpretations. We are thus able to emphasize points of agreement with their spiritual forefathers, before noting present-day differences caused by modern departures.

This set is impressively illustrated with facsimile reproductions of title pages and key extracts from these older expositors, with original portraits of famous interpreters, scenes of historic episodes and dramatic moments specifically painted for this set. Every progressive Adventist needs а сору.

## **Building Programme** Continues at Accelerated Pace

Building progress at CME continues to progress faster than pledged and scheduled funds are coming in. To avoid slowing down of construction and to complete necessary structures at a minimum cost, additional capital is needed for the School of Dentistry building and the White Memorial Hospital addition.

The College of Medical Evangelists is interested in borrowing funds from church members who are able to loan \$500,00 or more for a period of three to five years. Interest will be paid at the rate of three per cent. Cheques should be made out to the College and sent to Controller I. C. Shull. Lenders will be sent a Building Loan Note signed by officers of the organ-

CME officials are appreciative of the valuable aid rendered so far by church members in helping the College fulfill its responsibilities to the church.

To invest in CME is to invest in the Canadian Union.



## British Columbia

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## Newfoundland

Box 574, St. John's, Newfoundland Philip Moores .

Make wills and legacies payable to the Eastern Canadian Union Conference Corporation of Seventh-

#### Newfoundland In The News

Elder W. A. Nelson, president of the Canadian Union, spent ten days in Newfoundland giving study to the Mission work and holding an intensive evangelistic campaign. His sermons were all broadcast over Radio Station VOAR and a good response was had from listeners.

Elder Nelson travelled to Bay Roberts and spoke to the people there on Sabbath afternoon.

His words of courage and his truthfilled messages inspired many. As a followup to these services, four people were baptized on Christmas day. The Mission is deeply grateful for such Union help.

PHILIP MOORES





## LAYMEN ACHIEVE SUCCESS

By R. ALLEN SMITHWICK, President

N the early church lesus instructed His disciples to go out two by two to win souls. We are glad to see that this same principle is still very effective today. With the Lord's blessing the added support and courage that one can receive from the other can result in much good. Just this morning there came to my desk a report from two brethren in Victoria who have been used of the Lord in years gone by, giving Bible studies, holding cottage meetings and who are still working together in this manner.

"Living at Albert Head, about twelve miles from Victoria, the Purdy and Welch families were neighbours during the latter part of the 1930's. Somewhat isolated from church activities the two families often met for Sabbath School and worship at the Welch home.

"The two brethren were often employed together, and would discuss the desire they shared in wanting to win souls for Christ. It was not long before God, in a wonderful way, brought about the means by which this desire could be fulfilled.

"Brother Welch had spoken to Mr. Benson concerning world conditions and the second coming of Christ. One day as the two brethren and this young man were working together, they discussed the Bible. He showed continued interest so they asked him if he would like to have Bible studies. That night he and his wife came to the home of Brother and Sister Purdy, who not being prepared for such an immediate response, set a future date for the first study. From then on the Welch's and Purdy's gave Bible studies to Mr. and Mrs. Benson twice a week. From this contact thirteen people heard the Message; two families, Mr. and Mrs. Benson and Mr. and Mrs. Binks were baptized.

"Literature distribution in the neighbourhood led to contact with Mrs. Ford, who was later baptized.

"Down through the years these two

brethren have been a team working together, spreading the gospel message by cottage meetings. Through this method three others accepted the truth for this hour.

"Recently these two realized that they had grown somewhat slack in their endeavours. Both were praying separately that God would again use them as a team. The response came quickly.

"Mr. Welch spoke of world conditions to Mr. Stewart, who was working near him. Finding an interest he asked if Bible studies could be given. Brother and Sister Welch paid a friendly visit to Mr. and Mrs. Stewart to open the way. From this contact studies have now been given to eleven people. A very good interest is still continuing.

"How true are these words from the pen of inspiration: 'If you will go to work as Christ designs that His disciples shall, and win souls for Him, you will feel the need of a deeper experience and a greater knowledge of divine things, and will hunger and thirst after righteousness. You will plead with God, and your faith will be strengthened, and your soul will drink deeper draughts at the well of salvation. Encountering opposition and trials will drive you to the Bible and to prayer. You will grow in grace and the knowledge of Christ, and will develop a rich experience .... Those who thus devote themselves to unselfish effort for the good of others, are most surely working out their own salvation.'-Steps to Christ, page 80."

The story here related by these two brethren could be repeated many times throughout the Conference. Let our lay brethren pray and talk over the matter with each other. Decide on places where God can use us as He has used these two brethren. I am sure if we take the matter to our Heavenly Father in prayer, he will open the way before us. Opportunities will open before us as we link up with one another for the finishing of the work. May God bless our lay brethren throughout the Conference during 1955.

We have set a goal of four hundred souls for the Lord in 1955. The number for 1954 will be about three hundred. A twenty-five per cent gain over this figure is possible with the Lord's help.



## Manitoba-Saskatchewan

1004 Victoria Avenue, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

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Elder H. D. Henriksen addressing the Canora Youth Rally.

## Outpost Victories Recounted at Canora

Sabbath, December 4, was a high day in the lives of the Adventist young people and church members who live in eastern Saskatchewan and in western Manitoba. That day was Youth Rally day and two hundred crowded the new Canora church, happy for the opportunity to come together for spiritual fellowship.

Elder H. D. Henriksen, president of the Conference, spoke at the eleven o'clock service, calling upon God's children to give their hearts in complete consecration to the finishing of the message. Scores responded and stood pledging their lives anew to God.

Outpost evangelism in eastern Saskatchewan was the theme of the afternoon service directed by Elder W. G. Soloniuk, Conference MV secretary.

One of the high lights was the story of Dorothy Tomenchuk of Yorkton. In spite of the opposition in her Greek Orthodox home, she became a Seventh-day Adventist at the age of fourteen. Without family encouragement of any kind, at the age of fifteen she entered the colporteur work. In her heart was a burden for the members of her family. She felt that her

outpost was right in her own home. Her brother William, aged twenty-one, responded to her sharing of her faith. On this Sabbath afternoon she brought him to the front so that he could tell everyone that he too would like to be baptized and become a Seventh-day Adventist. Another thrilling experience was the account of Brother Fred Draeger of Ebenezer and his work that brought two of his neighbours to the truth.

Sabbath evening a recreational programme was held in the "Legion Dugout." In order to give everyone an opportunity to become acquainted with our good books, Carl Klam, manager of the Book and Bible House, held an auction sale of books. Games for the young and old were held and then to close the evening, the film on the effect of tobacco, "One in 20,000" was shown. Many non-Adventists came by special invitation to see this film.

As young and old returned to their homes, many driving over a hundred miles, their hearts were happy because of the association with fellow Christians and the kindness of their hosts, the Canora Missionary Volunteers. w. g. SOLONIUK

## Lakehead Advances

God is blessing the proclamation of the Advent faith in the Lakehead area. In spite of a severe case of polio that hampered the work of our pastor, Brother L. Ellison, our loyal church leaders and members have been faithfully witnessing for God. Sabbath, December 4, was a happy day for the Port Arthur and Fort William churches when nine people were baptized as a result of their work. Brother Ellison is strong enough to resume his responsibilities and is carrying on a full-fledged evangelistic programme with meetings every Sunday and Wednesday nights in the Fort William church. The interest is growing and with the help of the church elders, Brother Smith and Brother Walter Eaton, it is

hoped that another baptism will be held soon.

Not only in the evangelistic phase is the work growing, but also in the medical. Dr. and Mrs. G. Sittlinger are establishing a medical practice at Red Rock, which is sixty miles north of Port Arthur, Dr. Sittlinger took his medical studies in Austria and came to Canada three years ago. Since then he has completed studies enabling him to practise in Canada. Already Dr. and Mrs. Sittlinger have been witnessing for the truth. We trust that God will bless them abundantly as they continue their work of healing broken bodies.

We thank God for the onward movement of His work in the Lakehead area.

W. G. SOLONIUK

## COMING!

## ARE YOU GOING?

At the General Conference Session held in San Francisco in June, 1954, it was voted to hold three regional laymen's congresses in the North American Divi-

sion in the summer of 1955.

The date for the Central Laymen's Congress is June 21 to 25. It begins the evening of the 21st and closes the evening of the 25th. The place that has been designated is Kansas City, Missouri. We were very fortunate to secure the Civic Auditorium. The building is air conditioned. It is one of the nicest auditoriums in any of the cities in North America.

The fields that are included in the Central Lavmen's Congress are the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference and the Southern, Southwestern, Central and Northern Unions in the States. We are sending out this word early for there are many of our people who will be able to plan their holiday in such a way that they

can attend the congress.

Already we are working on the programme for the congress. The whole programme is being well planned with the thought in mind of making this congress most instructive to the ones who will be

in attendance. There will be six workshop hours on each of the following days: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. In other words, there will be eighteen workshop hours for the three days. For Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday nights we are preparing something very special-a programme that will never be forgotten by those who will be present. Then there will be a problems clinic hour each day when soul-winning problems can be freely discussed in a very helpful way. Also, we will have two hours each day devoted to methods of helping people make their decision for Christ. These will be a great help to every soul winner.

We will have with us the General Conference president, Elder R. R. Figuhr, and the North American Division president, Elder W. B. Ochs. Others of the General Conference brethren will be with us at

the congress.

Lay your plans now so you can attend this coming Laymen's Congress which will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, June 21 to 25. We extend a hearty welcome to all who will be able to attend.

T. L. OSWALD

## **Dorcas Federation Meeting**

The Dorcas Federation of Manitoba and western Ontario met in the Winnipeg German church, November 7, 1954. A lovely day encouraged a good attendance of Dorcas members and friends. Mrs. J.

Taylor, president, welcomed all assembled.

The opening song was "Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling," Elder P. E. Uniat offered prayer. Elder Eslinger conducted the devotional period. Mrs. L. W. Taylor sang a solo, "Following Jesus," Good reports were given for the five months of 1954, June-October.

1250 articles of clothing given away \$90.44 donated to local welfare 1328 hours of Christian help work 203 food baskets given away 322 persons helped

At the close of the reports, Elder Bock gave helpful counsel on how we can intensify our welfare work and plan for a more definite spiritual appeal. Elder and Mrs. Uniat and Miss M. Lister sang "My

Lunch was served in the large basement room of the church. After lunch, Elder Taylor showed a health film and

told about the welfare work being done in Ontario.

The new officers for 1955 are: Mrs. C. Ford, president; Mrs. P. E. Uniat, vicepresident; Mrs. James Campbell, secretarytreasurer; Miss Helen Kraubner, assistant secretary.

KATHLEEN DIETZ

#### Fenwood Plans for 1955

Following our Youth Rally in Canora on December 4, Brother Carl Klam, manager of the Book and Bible House, and I had the opportunity of visiting some of our believers in Yorkton, Melville and Fenwood. On Sunday night, December 5, we held a meeting in the Fenwood church, It was encouraging to see the good spirit manifest among the members of the church. The next night a business meeting was held. Plans have been made for the renovation of the interior of the church. Brethren Hack, Lizon and Shipowick are preparing once again to carry on with their lay evangelistic programme.

It was also my privilege to visit with Brother and Sister J. Hindley of White-wood and their son Harvey. Their courage

is strong in this message.

W. G. SOLONIUK

#### News Note

\* Brother Carl Klam and Elder Soloniuk visited with the Quill Lake church on December 11. The church elections were held at that time.



## Alberta

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G. E. Taylor President Secretary-Treasurer

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Remember Religious Liberty Day In Your Church January 22 GIVE GENEROUSLY



# Colporteur Wins Souls

The outstanding colporteur in the Alberta Conference over a period of sixteen years has been Brother A. E. McFarlane, I well remember knowing him when he was starting to sell in this field. We met one evening at the same home. We stayed there overnight and went our way in the morning. I remember Brother McFarlane arising very early in the morning and going apart for prayer. He continued in prayer some two or three hours, I believe this habit has been the reason for his success in soul winning down through the years.

Brother McFarlane's sales have never been the very highest because he spends quite a bit of time in the homes talking with the people about their soul's salvation.

In the early days we used to walk or ride a bicycle canvassing. I worked southern Alberta in 1939 and Brother McFarlane followed in 1941. I remember asking him if he met a certain family that lived five miles off the beaten track. "Oh, yes," said Brother McFarlane, "I remember them. I heard that you had already sold them Bible Readings so I knew I couldn't make a sale because all I was selling at the time was that book, but I walked down the five miles to see how they were enjoying their volume." It is this kind of labour that bears fruit over a period of years, even if it does not come all at once.

Early in the spring of this year Brother McFarlane wrote me that five people had been baptized to whom he had been selling books during these last sixteen years. In a recent baptism six more have been added to the church — people whom he has visited and sold books to many times. Surely the Lord blesses a programme like this. Many others have come into the Truth since 1939 and the Lord only knows

how many will be in the kingdom as a result of these faithful years of service.

Recently I visited Brother McFarlane, who is now almost sixty years of age and he said he believed that God would give him strength to work until Jesus comes. It is certainly a privilege to work and labour with this man of God. May his record inspire others to go out in this soul-winning work.

Sister White has told us that there is no better way that we can work for the Lord than through the literature ministry. Will you not dedicate your life now as Brother McFarlane did some sixteen years ago to the spreading of the printed page? I am sure that the Lord will reward you, too, with souls for His kingdom.

R. C. SPANGLER

#### We Salute . . .

Elder Russell Spangler and Literature Evangelist A. E. McFarlane this month. God calls for men to enlist in His service for life. These two fine men of God have accepted that challenge. Leader Spangler left his trap line and has seen at least fifteen years of service. Brother McFarlane has been in the literature ministry sixteen years. It is a blessed work. No experience is necessary. Let us train you. Will you not pray about it today?

J. M. BUCY, Publishing Secretary, Canadian Union Conference

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Left: Elder R. C. Spangler, Publishing Department Secretary, Alberta Conference.



Right: Brother A. E. Mc-Farlane, faithful colporteur.

books, the light that the Lord has said should be given them. Under divine guidance, go forward in the work, and look to the Lord for aid. The Holy Spirit will attend you. Angels of heaven will accompany you, preparing the way."—Colporteur Ministry, p. 22.

#### Weddings TYM-MARIAN

Josephine Rachel Tym of Beauvallon and Lovyl Walter Marian of Vermilion were united in marriage at the Beauvallon church on November 14, 1954. Attending the bride were her sister Ruth, Victoria Tkachuk, Violet Marian and Ann Kostick. Attending the groom were John Hryhirchuk, Bill Tym, Mike Kostick and Laurence Nahorney. Many relatives and friends gathered at the reception to present their gifts and offer their sincere wishes to the happy couple. Mr. and Mrs. Marian will make their home in Vermilion, where Mr. Marian will continue his work as medical technician. C. G. SAMOGRAD

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#### MARTENS-HRYHIRCHUK

On Sunday evening, October 24, 1954, the Innisfree church was filled to capacity. The happy occasion was the wedding of Sarah Martens and Samuel Hryhirchuk. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and cedar boughs in the form of an arch. The bride was attended by her sister Ann, Bernice Thiessen and Cassy Kaluk. Walter Latoski, Ernie Markowsky and Timothy Tarangle were groomsmen. Patsie Samograd was flower girl and Brian Collins, Bible boy. After the ceremony a reception was held at the Innisfree hall. The newly-wed couple will reside at Lamming Mills, British Columbia.

C. G. SAMOGRAD



## Maritimes

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#### Elder Skinner to Visit Maritimes

The Maritime Conference extends a cordial welcome to Elder L. A. Skinner, MV Secretary of the General Conference, who will spend four days in this conference. Elder Skinner's home as a boy was in St. John, so his visit will be a much-appreciated home-coming. It will be the first time to our knowledge that a General Conference MV Secretary has visited.

A number of meetings have been scheduled in churches throughout the Maritimes as follows:

St. John-January 14 and 15. Moncton-January 16-7:30 p.m. Halifax-January 17-7:30 p.m.

The MV Society of the Moneton church is pleased that Elder Skinner will speak at the second meeting in a series of lay evangelistic meetings conducted by members of the MV Society. For thirteen weeks, meetings will be held every Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m.

HARVEY T. JOHNSON

#### News Notes

- ★ Elder E. M. Peterson spent ten days in the Maritimes during December. During this time he and H. T. Johnson visited the church schools in Carlingford, Moncton, North Sydney, and Halifax.
- ★ Elder A. W. Fiedler, recently appointed pastor of the North Sydney church, was a welcome visitor in Moncton, December 28-30. He conducted the prayer meeting December 29, 1954.

## YOUTH RALLY

January 14 and 15

St. John S. D. A. Church

Speakers:

L. A. Skinner, MV Secretary, General Conference

E. M. Peterson, MV Secretary, Canadian Union Conference

Meetings:

January 14 7:30 P.M. L. A. Skinner
11:00 A.M. Church Service
2:30 P.M. E. M. Peterson
4:30 P.M. Special
7:30 P.M. L. A. Skinner

Plan to attend - Bring a friend

Surressful Branch Sabbath School at Petitoodiac.



#### INTRODUCING . . .

A Branch Sabbath School which has been carried on very successfully since the fall of 1952 in the town of Petitcodiac, New Brunswick. Miss Sheila Robertson, the children's division teacher, gives the following report of the

"In the fall of 1952 there were four Seventh-day Adventist adults in the Petit-codiac area. There was no Sabbath School or church within twenty-five miles. This presented a need. Plans were laid by Mrs. George Colpitts, Basil Robertson, and myself for a Branch Sabbath School composed of the church members to be started in the home of Sister Colpitts.

"Mrs. Colpitts and I had previously been studying with a neighbour lady for a few months; now she began sending her two oldest children and later coming herself. She began keeping the Sabbath about this time. This increase in number brought real encouragement and we began inviting others. In October, Brother Spangler began holding meetings in the hall in Petitcodiac; one of the ladies who came to the meetings was invited. She had three children. Our numbers were increasing.

"Songbooks and lesson quarterlies were borrowed from the Moncton Sabbath School. For the first two months we had no musical instrument, so Brother and Sister Sterling Robertson donated an organ. As finances were limited the only investment we were able to make to begin our Sabbath School was six low benches for the children. We used back numbers of the Little Friend saved for us by the Moncton Sabbath School. All the other materials were homemade devices. The sandbox is a large baking pan. Recently we have purchased cutouts, workbooks and Little Friends.

"The following summer we decided to purchase a piano. Only \$20.00 expense money was available. After running a few ads in the paper we secured a very fine piano for \$100.00; in six months we had paid the balance. It was a real challenge to the members as they saved for this large project. Six songbooks were also purchased. Not only did we receive liberal expense offerings but the mission offerings have increased from \$25.00 for the first quarter to \$52,00 for recent quarters.

"To date we have seventeen members, ten children and seven adults. We have appreciated the help given by members of the home church and by Mrs. Basil Robertson since she joined us early in 1954. Although we had no prior experience and teaching children does not come easy to us, yet the Lord has richly blessed our efforts. Our little Sabbath School is an inspiration to us. It is a challenge for Sabbath afternoons. We would not ex-

change the joy experienced for anything."

This encouraging report from Sister Robertson is an example of what can be accomplished in Branch Sabbath School work in the Maritimes. The officers of this school are as follows: superintendent, Mrs. Downer; secretary, Mrs. Matthews; senior Sabbath School teacher, Basil Robertson; children's division teacher, Miss Sheila Robertson; pianist, Mrs. Basil Robertson.

Special mention should be made of Brother Basil Robertson's faithfulness in using his car each Sabbath to drive over fifty miles for the round trip from Moncton to Petitcodiac to provide transportation for many who otherwise could not attend. This is a sacrifice on his part. We wish to commend him for his missionary spirit in making the continuance of this Branch Sabbath School possible.

We know there must be others in the Maritimes who would like to follow this worthy example of feeding the lambs of God's flock through the medium of a Branch Sabbath School. This line of work provides a golden opportunity to do something for the cause of God in 1955. Let us bring salvation to the many precious children and youth surrounding our respective districts. Dear believer, how about trying this type of soul saving evangelism?

G. R. NEILL, Sabbath School Secretary



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"God could have reached His object in saving sinners without the aid of man; but He knew that man could not be happy without acting a part in the great work,"—Ibid., p. 13.

"The Lord does not purpose to come to this world and lay down gold and silver for the advancement of His work. He supplies men with resources, that by their gifts and offerings they may keep His work advancing."—Ibid., p. 36.



Windsor Ingatherers who raised \$100.00 or more in 1954 had the privilege of enjoying the tour of Seventh-day Adventist historical sites in Battle Creek, Michigan. Left to right, back row: Mrs. P. Switok, Mrs. W. Westrop, Mrs. J. Davies, Mrs. P. Clapp, Mrs. Wm. Kantymir. Front row: R. J. Carter, Mrs. C. S. Smedley, Mrs. W. E. Kuester, Pastar Kuester. Not shown in the picture: Mrs. Rhoda McLaughlin, Chas. Sweetin.

# Group Learns Denominational History by Visiting Battle Creek

Two carloads of Ingatherers from Windsor enjoyed an exhilarating day at Battle Creek, Michigan as a result of their outstanding achievements for missions. The church had been promised that all who raised \$100.00 or more in Ingathering would be given a day's trip to Battle Creek to visit the sites of the beginnings of Seventh-day Adventists.

The activities of the day began with attending the Sabbath School and worship services in the large Battle Creek Tabernacle. Friendly recognition was given by Mrs. MacIvor, the Sabbath School superintendent and by Elder Phillips, pastor of the Tabernacle. In his welcome, Elder Phillips told why the group was privileged to be there and asked Elder Kuester to tell more about the Windsor Ingathering. Said Elder Phillips, "If these people will work to raise \$100.00 for Ingathering so they can visit Battle Creek, ought not we who are privileged to live in this historic city do much more?"

A bountiful dinner was served to the group by Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Iles at their home. Then Mr. Iles, Mr. Williams, assistant pastor of the Tabernacle, and Mrs. Phillips, wife of the pastor, conducted the group on the anticipated tour.

Exclamations of wonder were expressed as they viewed the home of Elder and Mrs. James White where the book "The Great Controversy" was written. The group also viewed the home of Elder Loughborough where our tithing system was recommended; the site of the first tent meeting held there by Seventh-day Adventists; the home of Dr. J. H. Kellogg; the site of Battle Creek College and the former Battle Creek Sanitarium. Also seen were the still-existing stone steps leading down to the river where for thirty years baptismal services were conducted. And hallowed were the memories as the viewers saw the graves of Elder and Mrs. White, Uriah Smith, and David Hewitt, whose tombstone was marked "The most honest man in town" and "The first Seventh-day Adventist in Battle Creek;" the Kellogg family plots, and the John Byington plot.

Seeing these historic sites of the beginnings of our denomination was a great inspiration to the group. We know God greatly blessed, and will continue to bless all Ingatherers in the work they are doing for His cause.

MRS. W. E. KUESTER, Press Secretary, Windsor Church

## \$1,110 for Thirteenth Sabbath

A large audience filled the Oshawa Missionary College auditorium on December 18 for the celebration known as the Fourth Quarter Thirteenth Sabbath Missionary Programme.

Mrs. Cleora Webster was invited by the Sabbath School council again this year to sponsor this Thirteenth Sabbath programme. She left no stone unturned to make it a succes. As she said, it is with all co-operating in the human part and then depending on the Lord to do the divine part that success is achieved. We find as we work for the furtherance of God's cause that He willingly makes up the deficiency for us when we have done the very best we can to co-operate with Him. God surely blessed our efforts. The goal was set at one thousand dollars; \$1110.35 was received.

High lights of the inspiring programme are as follows: As the curtain was parted an S O S call reminded us that the South China Island Union Mission needs funds for a hospital on the island of Formosa.

Every division of the Sabbath School was represented. The Nursery division, the mothers with their babies, the Cradle Roll members with their teachers, the Kindergarten and Primary divisions all presented short features. Then they hung their offerings in envelopes on the tree which was decorated with coloured lights and an electric sign near the top stating "For Jesus."

Director Hall and fifty Pathfinders in uniform were heralded by trumpeter Victor Moores as they marched through the aisles taking their places in a section arranged for them. One of the members stood and told of the objectives of the Pathfinders; then they hung their offerings on the tree.

The mission pageant proved to be of great interest as the missionaries dressed in colourful costumes entered. Three represented China, three Japan, four India—different castes, three Africa, two Finland and one the South Sea Islands. Five of these missionaries gave demonstrations of languages and customs and two sang in native tongues.

Pastor W. J. Harris of the Sabbath School Department of the General Conference was heartily welcomed. During his talk he told of one man who had leprosy, was minus his toes, but had walked four hundred miles to obtain medical aid and had to return the same four hundred miles without the necessary help because all the available medicine was designated for those who had already begun the treatment. This stirred our hearts to think that that poor man could not be helped, too.

We were thankful to have a part in aiding the needy no matter where they live for they, too, are God's children. Pastor Victor Collins of the Oshawa Missionary College church pronounced the benediction. Only eternity will reveal the good that these efforts have accomplished for our fellow men in need and for our Master.

MRS, R. T. SHEARSMITH

"If the world is to survive in any sense that makes survival worth while, it must learn to love, not to hate; to create, not to destroy."

King George VI of Great Britain

"We make a living out of what we get; we make a life out of what we give."

"Your credit is always good when you try to borrow trouble."

# Calling All Youth ...

Our Conference is to be especially favoured by the visit of Elder L. A. Skinner, MV Youth leader from the General Conference headquarters in Washington, D.C. Beginning in Montreal January 19, and continuing until January 23, he will visit several of our churches in the Conference. Our isolated youth and believers living within a reasonable distance of these various centres are cordially invited and urged to attend the services where he is scheduled to speak! It is not often that we are honoured by a visit from one of our World Youth leaders.

A very special meeting will take place Thursday, January 20, at 8 p.m. in the Oshawa Missionary College Auditorium. Elder Skinner will inspect the Oshawa Pathfinders, who will put on a special programme and demonstration in honour of his visit. A short talk by Elder Skinner will round out the evening's activities. All our youth (and church members) living in the Oshawa-Toronto area should be present for this colourful service.

At the Sabbath afternoon service in

Toronto, the church choir under the direction of Mrs. Stanley Bane will give a halfhour recital as an added feature. I am sure that all in the Toronto area will want to be present for this very special meeting at which Elder Skinner will speak.

We especially invite those living in the Niagara Peninsula and Elder Clemenson's district to be present at the Hamilton church, Sabbath evening when a special

service will begin at 8 P.M.

Our Union MV secretary will also be present for most of the meetings. We hope that those living in the Eastern Townships will be able to join with us at the Montreal service. The schedule is as follows:

Montreal Jan. 19, 8 p.m. English Church OMC Jan. 20, 8 p.m. Auditorium OMC Jan. 21, 8 p.m. Auditorium Toronto Jan. 22, 11 a.m. Awde St. Church Toronto Jan. 22, 3 p.m. Awde St. Church Hamilton Jan. 22, 8 p.m. Hamilton Church Simcoe Jan. 23, 7:30 p.m. Ukrainian

F. B. WELLS, MV Secretary

## Dorcas Work In Quebec City

December 22 and 23 were busy days for the Quebec City Dorcas Society under the leadership of Sister Russel Clark. Through a greeting card sales project \$61.00 was available to provide food baskets for the poor. Six families were helped with food and clothing. Christmas happiness was provided for over 180 Eskimo and Indian patients at a local tuberculosis hospital. The generous boxes of fruit and cookies given to the ladies of the Quebec Protestant Home were deeply appreciated.

Plans are being laid for a strong welfare work in 1955 to supplement the only other possibility for evangelism—the radio. We solicit the prayers of our constituency throughout Canada that God will open new ways of reaching the teeming thousands in this great French Catholic city.

C. WESSMAN, Pastor

Vaddina

#### Wedding FEDUSENKO-ILCHUK

The Simcoe Seventh-day Adventist church was filled to overflowing on Sunday, November 14, 1954, when Evelyn Fedusenko, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fedusenko of Simcoe, Ontario, became the bride of John Ilchuk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ilchuk of Vermilion, Alberta.

After the services in the church three hundred and fifty guests were cordially invited to a real Ukrainian feast at the local Hillcrest hall. During the dinner musical numbers and readings were given.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ilchuk will make their home in Vermilion, Alberta. That God may ever dwell in their hearts and in their home, and that their love for Him and for each other may continue to grow, is the sincere wish of their many friends and relatives.

N. ILCHUK

## Canadians Appreciate Faith for Today

Miss Mary Elam has just joined the staff of Faith for Today. When asked what impressed her most about Faith for Today, she stated that she was very much interested in seeing the large number of letters and Bible lessons from viewers in all parts of the country and was especially pleased with the class of people the programme is reaching.

Letters come from Canadian viewers all the time. From a lady in Windsor, Ontario, comes this comment, "It is the down-to-earth, everyday problems of life that people are interested in, and your programme illustrates so well how religion is such an important part of our living." "We appreciate your programme very much, and we get it here every Sunday just at the supper hour, but we rush down our food in order to get nourishment for the soul."

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- MONTREAL—January 19, 8 P.M.—English Church
  - OSHAWA—January 20, 8 P.M.—College Auditorium (Pathfinder Special)
    - OSHAWA—January 21, 8 P.M.—College Auditorium
      - TORONTO—January 22, 11 A.M.—Awde Street Church
        - TORONTO—January 22, 3 P.M.—Awde Street Church (Added feature, Toronto choir)
          - HAMILTON—January 22, 8 P.M.—SDA Church
            - SIMCOE—January 23, 7:30 P.M.—Ukrainian Church

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#### OBITUARIES

BEAZLEY—Arthur Lorne Beazley was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, February 28, 1884, and died in Portland, Oregon, November 17, 1954. He married Edith Van Deusen in 1919. He laboured in Eastern Canada from 1912 to 1922. Since then he has served as evangelist, district superintendent, and pastor in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and Oregon, where he retired in 1949.

He leaves to mourn his wife, a daughter, Mrs. D. S. Jeters, two grandchildren and one brother. C. S. JOYCE

CHISHOLM-Mrs. Rose Chisholm was born in 1893 in London, England and passed to her rest on Thursday, December 9 after a brief illness. She was married in England in 1919 and that same year moved to Canada with her husband, John A. Chisholm. To this union were born three daughters and one son, James. Mrs. Chisholm was a member of the Windsor Seventh-day Adventist church for a number of years. Her husband and son in Canada and her brother and sister in England are left to mourn her passing.

W. E. KUESTER

KITTO-Henry Richard Kitto was fatally injured when struck by a car, November 20, 1954 in Vancouver. He was born in Liverpool, England, in the year 1867 and came to Canada in 1890. The eventide of his life was spent in Vancouver and with members of his family. He was a faithful and active member of the Vancouver church. He looked forward to the soon coming of His Saviour. He rests in the beautiful Nelson cemetery beside his beloved wife who predeceased him in 1929.

Feeling the loss keenly are four sons and four daughters: Elder Robert Kitto of Arcadia, California; Arthur of Edmonton, Alberta; Albert of Portland, Oregon; and Walter, a chartered accountant in Nelson; Mrs. C. A. Knowles of Chilliwack; Mrs. H. F. Scott of Vancouver; Mrs. Charles Applesby of Van-couver; and Mrs. R. H. Locke of San Jose, California and fifteen grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

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