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*Encouraging progress in mission  
lands necessitates a...*

## Large Mission Offering on March 12

C. L. Torrey

THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST denomination has been expanding its foreign mission programme since 1874, at which time Elder J. N. Andrews was sent to Europe as its first missionary. That was eighty-one years ago. It was a very small beginning, indeed, but during these years country after country has been entered until today, 1955, missionaries are working in nearly every country in the world.

The pioneers had great faith to believe that the programme which they so courageously launched under the guidance of God would be successful. It must have seemed an impossible task back in those days when the first missionary was sent forth and the whole world was yet before them. The pioneers walked out by faith, whereas today we are walking by sight. Back in the early beginnings of our work, schools, publishing houses, sanitariums and hospitals, and money with which to operate the work was still in the future. As we compare what we have today with the meagre facilities of their day, we marvel at what God has enabled a small denomination to accomplish in comparably so short a space of time.

In the foreign mission fields we now have many schools, hospitals and publishing houses which, combined with a strong evangelistic programme, means success in leading men and women of all walks of life to the Master.

Today we have a membership of approximately 750,000 in the mission fields of earth. And added to this are 90,000 in the baptismal classes in Africa and other tens of thousands of interested people in the baptismal classes in other lands. And to this may be added large numbers of

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## Saskatoon Church Dedication

By W. A. NELSON

*President, Canadian Union Conference*

Sabbath afternoon, February 19, completed a miracle for the Saskatoon church. In September, 1952, our believers in Saskatoon held their regular Sabbath service as they had done for many years in the church building which had become inadequate to meet the needs of the congregation. In that same month the ground was broken for a new church building. At that time the church had in hand the proceeds of the building that they had sold, with a small additional amount in the church building fund. However, the congregation went forth by faith giving at that time to the utmost, and having a burden to continue to give of their means and to give of their time in the construction of a new building.

Through the intervening two and one-

half years, the members of the church worked and sacrificed and prayed. Now on the third Sabbath of February, their beautiful new church, costing \$60,000.00 was dedicated free of debt.

Beginning last fall, Elder C. A. Reeves held a series of evangelistic meetings in Saskatoon. Many converts were added to the church through these services. The evangelistic effort culminated in the church dedication.

The dedication was truly a high day for the members at Saskatoon with services Friday evening, Sabbath morning and the dedication, Sabbath afternoon. It appears that the church will soon be too small for the rapidly growing membership.

Present for the dedication of the church were Elder H. D. Henriksen, president of

This beautiful church in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan was dedicated to the Lord on February 19, 1955. Elder W. A. Nelson and Elder E. L. Green, of the Canadian Union Conference, met with the members and friends for the dedicatory service.





the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference; Brother E. J. Heisler, secretary-treasurer of the local conference; Elder E. L. Green, secretary-treasurer of the Canadian Union Conference; and the former mayor of Saskatoon, Mr. J. S. Mills, who was also present for the ground-breaking in the fall of 1952 when he expressed his desire: "I hope to be present for the dedicatory services."

The church with its balcony has a seating capacity of three hundred, with adequate rooms on the lower floor for the various departments of the Sabbath school and for youth and Dorcas meetings. Every detail was finished to what we would call perfection. Under the blessing of God this church will be a blessing not only to the members but to the community as well.

We all rejoice with the Saskatoon church in the beautiful new house of worship that they have dedicated to the Lord.

## Large Mission Offering

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children and youth of our people who have not as yet been baptized but who will be, in the not distant future. All this adds up to a great company of Sabbath keepers wending their way toward the city of God.

I have met many of these brethren and sisters and their children in my travels in the foreign fields. I have seen their faithfulness, their loyalty and devotion to the cause we love. Many of these have undergone fiery trials and persecution, and still they remain true to their trust. After becoming Seventh-day Adventists many have had to flee for their very lives, for in many parts of the world to accept Christianity is considered worse than death. In Hindu, Mohammedan and Buddhist lands, where so many hundreds of millions of people live, to accept Christianity and remain loyal to the message is a miracle indeed. And yet our membership in those lands continues to grow.

These people are unsophisticated and unspoiled. They face life's problems realistically and without fear. Once they accept Christ they take time to learn about Him—to live like Him. They study their Bibles and take time to pray. I have visited places where the people arise at four o'clock in the morning in order to study and pray. They will walk miles in all kinds of weather to hold branch Sabbath schools and cottage meetings. And, as a result of their zeal and love for God, larger and larger numbers are being added to the church year by year.

Recently I visited Bolivia where I met a brother who won nearly two hundred souls in 1954. He has set his goal for three hundred in 1955. Those who know him are confident of his success.



The Central Laymen's Congress will be held in the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri.

There has never been a time in the history of our work when such great interest has been manifested in the truth as is the case at the present time in the mission fields of earth. Indeed it is a new day in many places. I visited India not so long ago, after an absence of some fifteen years, and to my surprise and joy I found a changed India. When we worked there very few, if any, would come to our meetings, but now the halls and churches are filled. Tens of thousands of the best people of India are studying the Voice of Prophecy lessons and the number of baptisms is increasing. The remarkable thing is that all this has come about in approximately the past ten years.

Our colporteur sales in mission lands are increasing year by year. Our literature ministers are going everywhere with the message and new interests are springing up continually in many places. In some cases, reports come to the local conference or mission offices that companies are keeping the Sabbath and asking for a worker to come and baptize them—all as the result of our godly colporteurs.

From South America comes the word from Elder W. E. Murray, president of that division, that there is a great awakening in the countries comprising that division such as has not been seen before. From the Far East comes word that the people are pleading for the word of God—they want the Bible. There is an urge on their part to learn the truth. And from one part of Europe comes the word that they are winning souls by the hundreds, whereas a few years ago they were winning them only by tens.

Surely, brethren and sisters, there is power in the gospel of Christ. God's Spirit is being poured out upon the people of the world as prophesied by the prophet Joel,

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh." Acts 2:17.

It will be a great and wonderful day when the Advent believers from every country of earth can assemble together in one great throng to worship and live and work together for time and eternity. And that day is not far distant. Already by faith we can see the sparkling glories of the emerald gates of the eternal city, where if faithful we may enter with the redeemed of earth. I am sure we all long for the blessed occasion, for then we shall be able to leave this dark and dreary earth where sin has reigned so long and where there has been so much sorrow, trials, tribulations, and so many tears. What a joy to contemplate the exchange of what this world has to offer for that better land where every need and want will be supplied and where happiness shall reign supreme.

In this waiting time we have a work to do. The Lord has given us the task of finishing His work in the earth. And we must be faithful, for it is a life and death matter. We cannot all go to fields beyond, but others have gone and are working for us. They need our prayers and our support as they endeavour to finish this great work.

On March 12, we have a special opportunity to help. That Sabbath has been set apart for a special foreign mission offering in all of our churches in North America. The cause needs more funds to hasten on the work of God and to enable our missionaries to respond to the ever-increasing and insistent calls for help coming to them.

Now is the time to give of our funds, for soon it will be too late. God will bless each member abundantly as he sacrifices for this wonderful movement as it marches triumphantly forward to victory.



*Choose the Western, Central or Eastern section,  
but plan to attend the...*

## LAYMEN'S CONGRESS

C. E. GUENTHER, *Associate Secretary,  
General Conference Home Missionary Department*

THIS is one of the greatest meetings since Pentecost." In these words Elder W. H. Branson summed up the impact of the first Laymen's Congress, held four years ago. Ten thousand and more Adventist laymen and ministers in attendance at Grand Ledge concurred.

To those present at that meeting came a tremendous spiritual experience never to be forgotten. The Spirit of God touched men and women and they went home charged with power. A new wave of evangelism swept through the churches and through the land. Not only is Grand Ledge still remembered, its influence is still at work.

During the summer of 1955, another great Laymen's Congress will be held in North America. In fact, this congress will be held in three sections as follows:

Kansas City, Missouri: June 21-25

Gladstone Park, Oregon: August 2-6  
Grand Ledge, Michigan: August 30-September 3

Why another Laymen's Congress? How is it possible for these meetings to have an even greater impact on the people and the work of God?

1. By holding this congress in three sections, one for the central west, another for the far west and a third for the east—twice as many delegates and visitors will be able to attend.

2. Important lessons were learned in the first congress which are being applied to help make the coming congress even more effective than was the first.

3. The instruction given at the first congress at Grand Ledge dealt primarily with the problems of finding and developing interests in the third angel's message.

This next congress, while developing fur-

ther these points, will focus mainly on leading interested ones to a decision and on reaping a soul harvest.

4. This congress will build on the fruitage of the first congress. It will open with a report of specific results achieved since 1951. The daily programme will include re-enactment of soul-winning experiences.

5. The evening programme will honour pioneer lay soul winners of yesterday, challenge the laymen of today and present a panoramic view of the future of lay evangelism and the finishing of the work.

The closing meeting on Saturday night will include the commissioning of a large group of laymen and a commitment to service that is unique. A new feature will be added to this closing meeting which cannot yet be revealed.

These great evening programmes, together with the daily workshops, the elective classes, the classes in decisions, the problem clinics and the spiritual messages by world leaders have all been planned to give new impetus to lay evangelism and to accelerate the finishing of the work of God. We invite all of our believers to unite in prayer that under the blessing and Spirit of God this glorious purpose shall be fulfilled.

Attendance will not be restricted to delegates alone. It is open to all: Everyone is welcome. You cannot afford to miss these meetings. Meet me at Kansas City, Gladstone Park, or Grand Ledge!

### Progress in the West

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the year, but here again we have a large increase in mission offerings. The leaders of the conference have a strong organization, and there was reflected faith, courage and confidence. The Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference was again a Minuteman conference in Ingathering. The conferences are progressing well with the Ingathering work for 1955.

Timed with our visit to Saskatoon, Elder Henriksen planned for the dedication of the Saskatoon church on Sabbath, and the dedication of the Winnipeg German church on the next day. Reports of these dedications will appear in this and the next issue of the MESSENGER.

Our own faith and courage were inspired by the development of the work in these three western conferences and two institutions. Now before us are the audit and committee meetings of the Ontario-Quebec Conference, the French Mission, the Maritime and the Newfoundland Conferences.

We have a growing work in Canada. The Lord has wonderfully blessed in every phase of His work, and we are deeply thankful. We pray for God's continued direction and blessing.

The upper picture shows an aerial view of the congress grounds at Grand Ledge, Michigan, where the Eastern Laymen's Congress will convene.

The lower picture is of the auditorium at Gladstone Park, Oregon, where the Western Laymen's Congress will be held.





## Student Institutes

There will be three colporteur training institutes conducted at our colleges and academies during the school year 1954-55. The dates will be as follows:

Oshawa Missionary College	March 26-29
Canadian Union College	May 14-18
Okanagan Academy	May 21-24

Our students are planning to use the new book, *Golden Treasury of Bible Stories*. Adults and children are alike excited with this fine, new book. One of our unions in the States plans to purchase sixty thousand of these books for a 1955 school project. Another single conference has just purchased over three thousand volumes for another project.

We believe our students will earn the largest scholarships ever earned through colporteur evangelism by selling this grand book which our colporteurs call a "natural." In other words, it practically sells itself.

If you plan to attend college or academy in the fall, be at one of the training centres on one of the above mentioned dates.

There is a Union policy now in force which entitles the elementary or academy student who is fifteen or under to enjoy practically the same benefits of the scholarship plan that the college student receives, providing he works one hundred hours canvassing during the calendar year. He receives fifty percent commission, plus thirty percent bonus. Training is free. Your publishing leader is the man to contact.

J. M. BUCY,

*Publishing Department Secretary,  
Canadian Union Conference*

## Invitation to Join College Clubs

Join your 1955 colporteur club now. At Canadian Union College the club officers are:

President	R. Aussner
Vice-president	R. Haynes
Treasurer	A. Spent
Secretary	Evelyn Homenchuk
Publicity	Ed Turansky
Club Sponsors	Elder H. Campbell and G. Bowett

At Oshawa Missionary College the officers are:

President	D. Gay
Vice-President	O. Wilson
Secretary-treasurer	L. Lowe
Publicity	F. King
Club Sponsor	Elder J. P. Grove

The Okanagan Academy officers have not yet been elected.

The literature ministry is "the greatest training school in existence, without an exception."

J. M. BUCY



## Good News

We are pleased to announce that all foreign literature coming into Canada from our foreign publications house at Brookfield, Illinois, will henceforth be made available to our people in Canada at prices prevailing in the United States, providing tariff regulations remain the same on importation of foreign language publications as they are at the present time.

We are taking this step in view of the fact that an increasing number of foreign-speaking persons are entering Canada every year, and we would like to urge our people everywhere to make good use of present opportunities to give the gospel message to these people in their mother tongue.

Our literature evangelists may take orders for subscription books at prices indicated in the foreign publications catalogue.

May the Lord bless every effort to contact these displaced persons and give them the third angel's message in their native language. Order through your Book and Bible House.

P. G. BRY

## Freedom is Everybody's Business



RELIGIOUS LIBERTY—Further contacts in Ottawa and St. John's have been made in connection with the current campaign to pressure the Newfoundland government into enacting the Lord's Day Act. Late word just received from Elder Philip Moores reveals that a recent conversation with the Premier elicited a very favourable response from him. From numerous sources close to the provincial Cabinet, assurances have been given that this "blue-law" type of legislation will be resisted.

The forthcoming issue of our *Liberty* magazine will carry a Canadian cover for the first time in its history. The feature article will deal with the Canadian Bill of Rights proposals which were recently debated by Parliament. This issue will be particularly suitable as an introduction

to the journal for Canadian readers present and potential!

PUBLIC RELATIONS—The recent annual board and constituency meetings at Rest Haven Hospital afforded A. George Rodgers an opportunity for some excellent publicity in the local and Victoria papers. In our opinion, no other Adventist institution in Canada compares with Rest Haven for its alert, progressive, and consistently fine public relations programme.

The Welland, Ontario, church deserves commendation for a fine example in long-range public relations planning. For some months their new church school and welfare addition has been in process of construction. Now, well in advance of the completion of the project, the date has been set for the official opening. One of the essential secrets of good "PR" is careful and early planning. Good example, Welland! Harried public relations secretaries would like to see more of this.

Hats off to Manitoba-Saskatchewan PR Director Soloniuk for a significant and notable "first" in effective publicity! The recent dedication of the Saskatoon Adventist church was not only proclaimed by press and radio but also on television.

British Columbia and Ontario-Quebec seem to lead in terms of number of papers used as reflected in the clippings returns. We cannot fail to note the flurry of reportorial activity emanating from Winnipeg. We understand a former "staffer" from the Union public relations office serves as the press secretary for one of the Winnipeg churches.

In our salute to faithful press secretaries we again regret to note that Alberta misses again, with no clippings flowing into this office.

British Columbia: Vancouver *Sun*, Armstrong *Advertiser*, Hope *Standard*, Penticton *Herald*, Prince George *Citizen*, Sidney *Gulf Islands Review*.

Manitoba-Saskatchewan: Hudson Bay *Post*, Winnipeg *Free Press* and *Tribune*, Port Arthur *Chronicle*.

Ontario-Quebec: Toronto *Star*, Hamilton *Spectator* and *Review*, Sault St. Marie *Star*, Windsor *Daily Star*, Oshawa *Times-Gazette*, Milton *Canadian Champion*, Toronto *New Canadian*.

Maritimes: Moncton *Transcript*.

"The angels of God are ascending, bearing the prayers of the needy and distressed to the Father above, and descending, bringing blessings and hope, courage, help, and life, to the children of men."—*Desire of Ages*, pp. 142, 143.

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"He who serves his brother best  
Gets nearer God than all the rest."





Left to right: J. W. Bothe, president, Maritime Conference; H. T. Johnson, MV secretary; L. A. Skinner, associate MV secretary, General Conference; E. M. Peterson, MV secretary, Canadian Union.

## Youth of Eastern Canada March Forward

L. A. SKINNER

*Associate Secretary, General Conference MV Department*

IT WAS a heart-warming experience to join with the fine young people of eastern Canada in rallies and revivals. The rugged beauty of this north country is matched by the sturdy character of the young people.

It was my privilege to accompany Elder E. M. Peterson, union Missionary Volunteer secretary and a sincere friend of Canadian youth. Brother H. T. Johnson welcomed us to the Maritime Conference. In addition to his duties as conference treasurer, he supervises the church schools and sponsors the young peoples' societies.

Our first rally was in St. John, New Brunswick. All day long the church was filled. It was quite a contrast to the time when I went to church in the second floor lodge hall as a boy of ten years. It was an inspiration to find Wendell and Herbert Farris bearing heavy church responsibilities. We had been together in the Sabbath school in former days, and this was our first chance to meet since. Elder Whelpley, pastor of the St. John church, is strongly supporting the organization of an MV Pathfinder club. This will be a great blessing to the many boys and girls of the church.

In Moncton and Halifax we witnessed evangelism by youth. The Missionary Volunteers of Moncton had begun Sunday night meetings in the church just one week before. It was a pleasure to present a brief message to an audience of interested people. It was gratifying to see the enthusiasm of the youth to win souls to Christ. Elder Bothe, conference president and pastor, is lending his encouragement.

The Halifax young people had held a successful series of "Voice of Youth" meetings just a year ago, and we witnessed some of the fruitage of their efforts. They expect to begin again this year. The male quartette was present with excellent music.

En route from Moncton to Halifax we passed through Oxford Junction, Nova

Scotia. I was reminded of student days at Williamsdale Academy, baptism in the Philip River, and camp meeting at Oxford. In those days church schools were few in Canada, and for a single year in twelve I was privileged to enjoy Christian education. Significantly, this was the year of decision and baptism.

Our next appointment was in Montreal. It was most encouraging to worship with the believers there. An excellent church school brings blessing to the children. Although my father, Elder George H. Skinner, had come to Montreal more than fifty years before, and it was the city of my birth, this was my first opportunity to fellowship with the Missionary Volunteers of this Canadian metropolis.

In Oshawa we were welcomed by Elder Brock Wells. The college is sponsoring a very enthusiastic Master Guide club, and we hope to hear of a large number who will complete their training this spring. The MV Pathfinder club under the direction of Master Guide Hall presented a demonstration that pleased a large audience. The Pathfinders were smartly uniformed and made an imposing spectacle with their flags and drill. Exhibits of craft and nature gave evidence of a diversified and fascinating programme of activities in the club.

A youth rally in Toronto and evening appointments in Hamilton and Simcoe afforded an opportunity to witness the strength of Adventist youth in these churches. In Hamilton, a splendid youth choir participated in the service, and several MV Pathfinder clubs in the area sent uniformed representatives.

Canada has sent many sons and daughters into the mission fields and other branches of the Lord's work. It is very inspiring to see the present generation mobilizing to man the outposts both at home and abroad.



## Maritimes

Box 125, Moncton, N.B.

J. W. Bothe ..... President  
H. T. Johnson ..... Secretary-Treasurer

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

### St. John Youth Rally

Our conference was happy to extend a hearty welcome to Elder L. A. Skinner, associate MV secretary of the General Conference, during his recent visit to Canada. As he travelled throughout the Maritimes, he met many who remembered him as a lad.

In spite of the cold weather, there was a good turnout for the St. John youth rally on Friday evening. For the Sabbath services, many from the surrounding districts came and remained all day. It was gratifying to see all the meetings so well attended.

Elder Skinner spoke Friday evening, Sabbath morning at the church service, and again Sabbath evening. Elder E. M. Peterson, Canadian Union MV secretary, spoke Sabbath afternoon. Following this service, a panel of ministers discussed young peoples' problems, which had previously been submitted by the audience.

Sabbath evening after Elder Skinner's very interesting mission stories, the film "One in Twenty Thousand" was shown.

Following the St. John Rally, Elder Skinner and Elder Peterson visited Moncton, where Elder Skinner conducted the Sunday evening meeting of the YPMV effort. From there they were accompanied by H. T. Johnson to Halifax, where a meeting was held Monday evening. Despite the inclement weather, there was a good gathering, including visitors from Fox Point and Tantallon.

The visit to the Maritimes of Elders Skinner and Peterson was greatly appreciated by all who attended their meetings.

### Note

★ Used missionary literature is requested by the literature band of the Halifax, Nova Scotia church, such as *Signs of the Times*, *These Times*, *Instructor*, *Little Friend*, *Junior Guide*, *Life and Health*, *Listen*, *Message* and tracts. (No Reviews, please.) Please mail to O. A. Munroe, 19 Parker St., Halifax, Nova Scotia.

G. M. SANDS,  
Home Missionary Secretary,  
Halifax Church

"Ability never amounts to much until it acquires two more letters—STABILITY."





Usherettes at the Moncton Effort, left to right: Ida Irving, Betty Matthews, Mrs. H. T. Johnson, Janet Schofield, Mary Brace, Mrs. H. E. Coupland.

### Missionary Volunteers Conduct Youth Effort

The Missionary Volunteer society of the Moncton church, under the leadership of Miss Sheila Robertson, felt impressed to hold a lay-evangelistic series of meetings this winter in the church. Accordingly, careful plans were laid by the MV executive, under the helpful guidance of Elder J. W. Bothe. Committees were formed to take care of the music, advertising, literature distribution, ushering, etc.

The meetings began the first Sunday in 1955, and will continue through the end of March. The speakers are different MV members each Sunday night, some of the meetings being taken by one speaker, some by three. The only exceptions occurred when the MV society invited Elder Skinner and Elder Bucy to be guest speakers on two separate occasions.

The ushering is done by a number of the young ladies of the society. These usherettes wear wine capes with a white lining. They add colour to the meeting as they silently receive the offering or show visitors to their seats.

On February 6, a temperance programme was conducted. After the showing of the film "One in Twenty Thousand," three speakers gave excellent talks on the evils of tobacco. The church was filled, due to the individual efforts of the church members in distributing handbills advertising the special meeting. The MV society was happy to learn that there were some who gave up smoking as a direct result of attending this programme.

The attendance at these meetings has been fair. At the last meeting over thirty percent of those in attendance were not Adventists.

The Moncton MV society is to be commended for this active participation in proclaiming the last warning message. If every MV society would sponsor an active *Share Your Faith* programme, it would not be long until Jesus would come to reap the seed sown.

"Better have nothing to live on and something to live for, than plenty to live on and nothing to live for."

Group in attendance at the Maritime institute for literature evangelists, held February 8 to 12.



## Colporteur Institute at Moncton

One of the finest, if not the best, colporteur institutes was held in Moncton from February 8 to 12, with C. R. Neill as chairman, and J. M. Bucy and P. G. Biy as the instructors. To open our institute, Elder J. W. Bothe led out in a very stirring devotional period. P. G. Biy, H. E. Coupland and H. T. Johnson brought us encouragement and strength from God's Word morning by morning.

This year we had all eight of our regular colporteurs in attendance. Four received their credentials—two for the first time. This was the first time in the history of the Maritime colporteur work that this many received credentials.

Elder Bucy told us that there is "no higher calling" than the colporteur ministry and that time is fast running out and a great work is to be done. He stressed "into the highways and byways" we must

go and give this message to those in authority as well as others.

At the close of the institute, individual goals were set with a total of \$53,000 being the aim for deliveries in 1955. During 1954 we had a ten percent increase in sales over the previous year.

Sabbath afternoon a very interesting and inspiring symposium was given by the colporteurs. They related many wonderful experiences of how God has led and blessed them through the years. The climax was reached when one of our new colporteurs, Mrs. William Jeffrey, not yet a year in this truth, related her experience of how she was brought into the truth by purchasing a copy of *Bible Readings* sold to her family by one of the colporteurs on the platform, Brother Pearson. The motto of the Maritime colporteurs this year is "For souls we'll strive in '55."

GEORGE HEENEY,  
Maritime Colporteur



Mrs. William Jeffrey, now a colporteur, rejoices that a literature evangelist sold her family a copy of *Bible Readings*.

### My Best Experience

The best experience that I have had took place in our home when Brother Spangler was canvassing in our part of the city of St. John and called on us. The previous week my husband had been hurt at work. The morning when Brother Spangler called on us, my husband was home and he answered the door, inviting Brother Spangler in, thinking he was our insurance man. Well, we soon found out that he was not selling insurance, and in no time at all he had sold us a medical book.

Brother Pearson delivered the medical book and later we bought *Bible Readings* from him. To us, this book was as precious as the Bible itself.

About this time Elder Smith was holding Sunday night meetings in the church and we started to attend. Then Elder O'Brien came to our city and held meetings, too. We attended nearly all of these

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## Ontario- Quebec

114 King St. East, Oshawa, Ontario

G. Eric Jones ..... President  
B. H. Stickle ..... Secretary-Treasurer

Make wills and legacies payable to the Ontario Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

### Your Help Is Needed

Yes, indeed, *your* one-hundred-per-cent help is needed to make this year's temperance membership campaign the best ever! In the accompanying picture, you notice your conference officers in the act of joining the Canadian Temperance Society (your own denominational temperance organization) for the year 1955. By this act, they are hoping to set the pace for the rest of the membership within the conference.

**Why** are they joining at this particular time? That's a good question. Sabbath, March 19, has been set aside as the day when loyal Seventh-day Adventists will join the C.T.S. by the payment of the \$2.00 membership gift.

**What** will your \$2.00 membership do? First of all, 50 cents will be kept in your local church treasury to further the temperance cause in your own area. The balance will be sent to the conference office, where another sizeable sum will be deducted to send North America's best temperance journal, *Listen*, to **you** for one year. The conference will keep a portion of the balance and forward the remainder to the union office for temperance work on the union level.

Fellow church members, two dollars a year is really such a little sum to give to this noble cause. It is so small that, without question of a doubt, every Adventist will want to become a supporting member of the C.T.S. A membership card, signed by your union and local conference temperance secretaries is given to each one who joins the C.T.S. on Sabbath, March 19.

Signing the temperance pledge, left to right:  
B. H. Stickle, treasurer;  
G. E. Jones, president;  
F. B. Wells, temperance secretary.



It is hoped that our conference ministers, or whoever preaches on that Sabbath, will speak on some topic relating to the cause of temperance. Each church and company has been assigned a nominal goal for the day. Let us strive not only to reach the quota, but to go beyond it! Isolated members are invited to send their contributions and membership fees addressed to: Conference Temperance Secretary, 114 King Street East, Oshawa, Ontario.

There may be those who will want to give more than \$2.00 to the temperance cause. With the millions of dollars being spent by the liquor interests to promote their wretched trade, God's people, like David of old, must rise to the occasion with their thousands to stay this evil "Goliath."

F. B. WELLS, *Temperance Secretary*

### News Notes

★ Cooking schools are being conducted in Chatham by Mrs. Philbrick and Mrs. Wood, and in Willowdale by Mrs. Arnott and Mrs. Mizher.

★ The ground-breaking service for the Branson Hospital in suburban Toronto took place Monday, March 7. It is planned that construction will be under way very shortly.

★ Elder Aso's first meeting for the public, February 27, in Legion Hall in Toronto, was most encouraging. Although the hall is on the third floor, more than one hundred non-Adventist Japanese were present. Let us continue to pray for this series of meetings so that our Japanese work may grow in Toronto.

★ The 20th Century Bible Forum at Hamilton has just presented the "Sabbath Month" during February. Attendance and interest have been splendid. Many are making their decisions for God's church, reports Elder Remick.

★ Ingathering receipts for 1955 are already over \$7,000. The goal this year is \$58,500, which is \$3,500 higher than last year. Indications are that 1955 will be a banner year in total funds gathered.

★ Elder Wells visited the Ottawa, Carlton-Almonte and Pembroke churches the week end of February 19.

### Literature Evangelists in Toronto

The colporteurs of the Ontario-Quebec Conference met in the Toronto Awde Street Seventh-day Adventist church for their annual colporteur institute, February 18 to 25. Many remarked that this was one of the largest institutes ever held in our conference. We could not help but feel that the Holy Spirit is moving upon the hearts of God's people in this late hour,

impressing them to go out and labour for souls.

Those attending the meeting were from various occupations—farmers, carpenters, salesmen, brick-layers, airplane-factory workers and one young man was a former theological student of another denomination, who has just been baptized. It was also encouraging to see so many wives joining their husbands in the literature ministry. Those who were at the closing meetings are planning, with God's help, to deliver \$217,000 worth of our truth-filled literature in 1955. I am sure you will all join me in praying that God will give them the health and strength to reach their objectives.

Splendid help and instruction were brought to us by Elder J. M. Bucy, of the Union; Elder J. M. Jackson, of the General Conference; and Brother P. G. Biy, of the Kingsway Publishing Association.

F. W. CONNORS,

*Publishing Department Secretary,  
Ontario-Quebec Conference*

The Ontario-Quebec colporteurs met in Toronto, February 18 to 25, for their annual institute.







## Alberta

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L. H. Davies \_\_\_\_\_ *Secretary-Treasurer*

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### Church Officers' Council

George E. Taylor

AT a church officers' meeting in Lacombe, Sabbath, February 12, delegates from practically every church in Alberta gathered to study plans for becoming more efficient in Sabbath school and church work. During the morning worship hour, Elder H. L. Rudy challenged us to greater consecration and service. In the afternoon, Elder W. A. Nelson, Union Conference president, gave a study showing the honour, privilege and responsibility of being workers together with God. His message caused all to realize that God can use the weakest member if he is humble and willing to consecrate his all to God.

Following the study by Elder Nelson, the officers divided into groups. The elders and deacons remained in the auditorium where Elders Rudy, Nelson and Taylor gave counsel and answered questions pertaining to their work. The church treasurers and clerks met in a separate room where Elder E. L. Green, of the Union, and Elder L. H. Davies, of the local conference, gave suggestions and counsel. The home missionary leaders and secretaries as well as the Sabbath school officers had the advantage of having Elder J. M. Hnatyshyn and Elder I. D. Follett meet with them, while the Missionary Volunteer officers met with Elder E. M. Peterson, of the Canadian Union, and Elder M. E. Erickson, of the local conference.

From the questions asked and the enthusiasm shown, we are sure every delegate received a challenge and a blessing. Saturday night the kinescope of the American Religious Town Hall television programme on the "Ten Commandments" was shown. The officers of Alberta's churches are consecrated men and women. We thank God for their unselfish service.

### News Note

★ Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Zotzman of Sunnyside are the proud parents of a baby daughter born on New Year's day. Susan Yvonne's parents are active workers in the Thorby church.



The Alberta Conference workers met in Calgary for fellowship and study on February 9 and 10.

## Elder Rudy Addresses Workers' Meeting

GEORGE E. TAYLOR, *President*

FOLLOWING the annual audit in Calgary, the Alberta Conference workers and their wives spent Wednesday evening and all day Thursday, February 9 and 10, in fellowship and study. Wednesday night, Elder W. A. Nelson, our Union Conference president, spoke to the members in Calgary and the workers on the subject: "I Do Not Frustrate the Grace of God." His message was a challenge to all and the entire congregation was blessed and resolved to be faithful in these momentous days.

Thursday morning we were pleased to have Elder H. L. Rudy, of the General Conference, tell us of his recent visit to Europe and how our people are remaining faithful to God and are letting their lights shine.

Others present from our Union Conference office who gave excellent help were: Elder E. L. Green, of the treasury department; Elder J. M. Hnatyshyn, home missionary secretary; and Elder E. M. Peterson, educational and Missionary Volunteer secretary.

Every worker in the Alberta Conference had a good report to give of God's blessing in his district. We were greatly encouraged to learn that Alberta led the entire Canadian Union in baptisms in 1954. In fact, more were baptized in 1954 than in the two years 1952 and 1953 combined. Our workers are of good courage. As they returned home from this profitable meeting, they pledged to give themselves entirely to God for service during the days that lie ahead.



## Newfoundland

Box 574, St. John's, Newfoundland

Philip Moores \_\_\_\_\_ *President*  
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Brother Henry Brown's testimony at prayer meeting encouraged an elderly gentleman to attend and testify to the saving power of Jesus.

### Prayer Meeting Testimony

A prayer meeting for the whole city is the design of the mid-week prayer meeting

broadcast from the St. John's Seventh-day Adventist church. Hundreds of people who are unable to attend a prayer meeting service are able to listen and worship at home.

Sometimes people are impressed to come to the prayer meeting to give a testimony. Last week the prayer meeting group was surprised to see an elderly gentleman, eighty-four years old, make his way to the front. He told how he had been inspired by listening to an old-time friend, Henry Brown, give his testimony to the saving power of Jesus over the radio. The elderly man gave a clear, ringing testimony for Jesus and wished God's continued blessing on the prayer meeting. This man had come some distance from the Battery hills. He said he promised God the week before, to attend and give his testimony even if it was his last. We know that the people who listened in were impressed by the sincerity and earnestness of his words.

Yes, just a word for Jesus can be the means of inspiring someone else to stand up and speak for Jesus.





## British Columbia

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R. A. Smithwick ..... *President*  
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Columbia Association of Seventh-day Adventists.



Miss Flora Oslund

### Mission Appointee

Another recruit has answered the call to the mission field. Word has just come to my desk that Flora Oslund of Hope, British Columbia, who has been serving as a secretary in the Upper Columbia conference office at Spokane, Washington, has accepted a call to connect with the Middle East Division of the General Conference. She is to be private secretary to Elder George Appel, president of that field. The division office is located in Beirut, Lebanon, where Miss Oslund will make her home.

Miss Oslund was baptized in the Vancouver church by Elder G. D. O'Brien. Her parents live at Hope. After spending a month at home visiting, she will sail from New York on the "SS Constitution," March 10. Our prayers and well wishes go with you to your field of labour, Miss Oslund.  
R. ALLEN SMITHWICK,  
*President, British Columbia Conference*

### News Note

★ January 29 is a day that will long be remembered in the Vernon church. The worship service began with the dedication of twenty-five babies and children. This was followed by the baptism of fourteen souls. Beautiful draw drapes were installed for the occasion, and a motto "Reverence My Sanctuary" completed the setting.

Sabbath  
School  
workers  
at the  
workshop  
held in  
Rutland.



## DELIGHTFUL WORK

Sabbath, January 22, was a high day for the members of the Rutland church. During the morning service, Elder J. M. Hnatyshyn stressed the fact that the world has all kinds of modern devices to capture the interest of children. "The children of this world are... wiser than the children of light." Should not we advance by having new devices and methods to lead and keep our children near to Jesus?

In the afternoon, members from our churches throughout the Okanagan Valley attended the demonstration by the British Columbia Sabbath school department. For two hours a full church listened eagerly, watched expectantly, and took part enthusiastically in the songs sung by Mrs. A. W. Bauer. She illustrated each song with picture cutouts. She stressed the importance of having every song Christ centred. Even nature songs can lead a child's thoughts to the Creator. Each picture must be chosen carefully. The people shown must be free from jewellery and

make-up, because children copy everything they see at Sabbath school.

The children were delighted with all the pictures and songs. The adults were keenly interested. So much so, that the next day one of the largest workshops ever held in British Columbia was conducted. Superintendents and teachers were busily tracing patterns for flannelgraph pictures, goal devices, and children of other lands. It was amazing the number of patterns there were. Folks kept busy all day, tracing and cutting out. Elder Bauer was busy with the stapler as saucy penguins and hungry whales materialized from construction paper. Giant birds, frisky lambs, golden crowns and harps were but a few of the many things made at this workshop.

I am sure that these new ideas put into action throughout the field will make for stronger Sabbath schools, which will be instrumental in keeping our children in the church.

MRS. AMY S. WAGNER,

*Press Secretary, Rutland Church*

*The medical work continues to be the...*

## Right Arm of the Message

R. A. SMITHWICK, *President*

IN OUR medical and temperance work the Lord has designed that we should be the head and not the tail. Just this morning I received an encouraging letter from one of our large districts of the conference, known as the Okanagan Valley, where Elder S. G. Joyce is the district superintendent and where the local church, with some help from the conference, operates our largest day academy in Canada. Near the school, Dr. A. W. N. Druitt, formerly a medical missionary in Jamaica, is practising medicine and serving the church as one of its elders. Let me quote from Dr. Druitt's letter.

"It surprises me sometimes to think just how far to the front Adventists can get. The Lord is certainly making us the head and not the tail.

"About two weeks ago I gave a temperance talk to a certain group and was then asked by this same group, the next day, if I would give a talk on the radio. I was very pressed for time with the radio talk scheduled five days later, but I did not feel that I could refuse, and so spent many small hours in the past-midnight session preparing the talk, which from all accounts were favourably received. The plebiscite was taken two days later, and I am



glad to report that all the nine districts are to continue to be dry.

"Today I was asked to represent all districts on behalf of the 'drys' or if that were impossible, to get some other Adventist to do so, I was able to meet the government officials and recheck the overwhelming majority for the 'drys'.

"Not long ago I was the after-dinner speaker for a group of sixty doctors and their wives at a gathering of the Valley Medical Group. I was introduced as a Seventh-day Adventist doctor. I spoke to them showing pictures of life in Jamaica, bringing in the mission work. That, too, was very much appreciated."

In connection with our medical work, many of our people will be glad to learn that we have several students taking their work in medicine at Loma Linda; also several who are taking their junior and senior years at the White Memorial who plan to return to British Columbia and other conferences in Canada to practise. I recently had the privilege of visiting a number of prospects on both campuses. Four young men now studying at our new dental college at Loma Linda are planning definitely to return to practise dentistry in the province.

We are glad to see so many locating in this area. Soon they will be joining forces with those who are already practising here. We are hopeful that before long some of the urgent requests for doctors in isolated areas can be answered.



## Manitoba-Saskatchewan

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Saskatchewan

H. D. Henriksen ———— President  
E. J. Heisler ———— Secretary-Treasurer  
Make wills and legacies payable to the Saskatchewan Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists.

### News Notes

★ At the annual Canadian Union College board meeting the following ministers from our conference were present: H. D. Henriksen, E. J. Heisler, and W. G. Soloniuk. Saturday evening these brethren met with seventy-eight students around the banquet table in the dining room. These students were all from the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference.

★ During the month of January, 1955, which was designated "President's Month" to honour the conference president, our literature evangelists sold over \$10,000 worth of Christian literature, representing a gain of \$7,000 over the month of January, 1954. Our literature evangelists are doing exploits for God in sales and soul winning.



Dorcas Society officers, left to right: Mrs. H. C. Deer, leader; Mrs. Steve Mandzuk, assistant leader; Mrs. Mike Skoretz, secretary.

### Canora Dorcas Work

In September, the Canora Dorcas society organized for action. The members went to work immediately, gathering material and making articles for a sale. This was held December 4 in a store in town. The proceeds amounted to \$146.20.

Used clothing was also requested and several boxes of clothes were received. Some of this already has been distributed to needy families in the district.

In the accompanying picture are the officers of the society: Mrs. H. C. Deer, leader; Mrs. Steve Mandzuk, assistant leader; and Mrs. Mike Skoretz, secretary.

Since its organization, the society has doubled its membership and is looking forward to greater achievements.

ARTHUR DEER

### My Best Experience

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wonderful meetings. Never before had we heard such marvelous truths. It made the Bible so plain to us.

Shortly after this, I started taking the Twentieth Century Bible course. Every day we would study our Bible and Bible Readings. These studies and the wonderful lessons in the Bible course caused us to realize that, although we loved the Lord and wanted to do His will, we were not keeping all of His commandments.

If that dear colporteur had failed to knock on our door that morning, we might never have learned of this wonderful truth.

On May 2, 1954, my husband and I and our boy and girl were baptized. We want to thank the Lord for having called us out of this world of sin and darkness into this message of truth.

We are very happy that we can have a part in bringing this truth to others by means of our wonderful literature. Pray for us that God may use us in bringing salvation to others as it has come to our own family.

MRS. WM. JEFFREY,  
Maritime Colporteur

### Notice of Thanks

★ A few weeks ago I requested some Christmas cards for use in working with the children's divisions of the Sabbath school. A good supply has been received and I wish to thank you sincerely for the fine way you responded and for the help rendered in this way.

MRS. CHRISTINE BRUCKS

### LITERATURE EVANGELISTS

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

### REPORTS FOR JANUARY, 1955

	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
ALBERTA—R. C. Spangler	No Report		

	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
BRITISH COLUMBIA—M. Suiter			
Bayliss, H. G.	109	50.05	55.05
Bruce, A. W.	80	137.50	137.50
Christopherson, Mrs. M.	85	193.00	59.10
Edwards, Mary	113	286.25	85.25
Ferguson, C. J.	86	141.00	280.40
Harder, D.	78	276.84	89.25
Hartfeil, R.	62	177.00	177.00
Honey, Miss O.	73	371.85	214.55
May, C.	126	381.10	107.55
Watson, G. E.	76	113.00	
Wells, John	176	437.45	
Part time and C.O.D.'s	47	43.65	22.95
TOTALS	1,111	2,488.69	1,228.60

	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
MANITOBA-SASKATCHEWAN—W. Bergey			
Baker, Alice	95	186.70	86.65
Bergey, R. L.	49	170.10	65.28
Clark, H.	176	1,257.90	348.95
Gosnell Sisters	94	42.92	36.32
Matiko, Mrs. N.	51	366.65	143.98
Matiko, N.	136	808.50	276.91
McFarlane, L.	150	457.15	248.30
Miller, G. N.	94	647.95	
Mohs, L. M.	121	1,082.00	714.00
Myers, Ronnie	138	412.00	167.50
Ross, O.	130	632.00	194.15
Rusk, J.	118	401.65	128.30
Sabiston, J.	65	304.85	302.24
Scrace, Mrs. C. T.	70	494.50	140.75
Scrace, C. T.	75	215.60	111.50
Tomenchuk, D.	51	294.30	
Young, G.	169	1,103.78	1,012.08
Part time and C.O.D.'s	42	364.05	48.15
TOTALS	1,824	9,242.58	4,025.06

	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
MARITIME—C. R. Neill			
Brace, K. M.	136	555.50	261.50
Heene, George	158	899.25	446.25
Jeffrey, Mrs. Wm.	48	123.15	50.50
Noles, Mrs. G.	62	91.40	110.05
Moores, W. R.	143	801.00	191.25
Pearson, G. O.	111	465.40	284.69
Part time and C.O.D.'s	7	4.65	25.00
TOTALS	665	2,940.35	1,369.24

	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
ONTARIO-QUEBEC—F. W. Connors			
Arnott, G.	202	872.60	307.75
Burrows, Mrs. G.	82	386.20	22.45
Clarke, George	99	232.70	
Dinsdale, J. F.	145	726.30	201.20
Figaro, A. E.	51	286.15	277.50
Gay, David	107	348.50	760.75
Helm, I. H.	47	183.00	138.55
Hytchuk, H.	114	335.25	232.25
Keys, Mr. and Mrs. A. W.	180	1,082.00	260.00
Komoll, B.	70	59.60	43.40
Lee, Osborne	69	314.00	205.10
Lemon, Elmer	106	1,099.33	711.70
Orpana, Olavi	77	268.25	101.00
Paavilainen, I.	115	1,036.10	189.10
Sudds, Del	152	530.00	1,602.30
Williams, D. R.	208	407.88	147.85
Cole, G.	70	123.45	37.60
Part time and C.O.D.'s	263	2,078.24	1,897.59
TOTALS	2,157	10,369.55	7,136.09

	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
NEWFOUNDLAND—P. L. Parker			
Parker, P. L.	72	257.45	128.95

	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
ST. LAURENT—M. J. Bureau			
Fischbacher, H.	140	653.25	517.25
Moreau, S.	123	278.30	222.30
Part time		13.20	13.20
TOTALS	263	944.75	752.75

	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
UNION TOTALS	6,092	26,243.37	14,640.69



## Legal Notices

### Canadian Union Conference Session

Notice is hereby given that the fifth quadrennial session of the Canadian Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the Chateau Laurier, Ottawa, Canada, April 26-27, 1955. The first meeting will be held at 7 P.M., April 26, 1955. This session is called for the purpose of receiving reports for the quadrennial period, the election of officers, and the transaction of such other business as may come before the Conference at that time.

W. A. NELSON, President  
E. L. GREEN, Secretary

### Eastern Canadian Union Conference Corporation Constituency Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the ninth quadrennial session of the Eastern Canadian Union Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the quadrennial session of the Canadian Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, April 26-27, 1955 at the Chateau Laurier, Ottawa, Canada. The first meeting will be held at 2 P.M., April 27. The purpose of this meeting is the election of a board of trustees, consideration of proposed changes in the constitution and by-laws, and to transact such other business as may come before the Corporation at that time.

W. A. NELSON, President  
E. L. GREEN, Secretary

### Western Canadian Union Corporation Constituency Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the ninth quadrennial session of the Western Canadian Union Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the quadrennial session of the Canadian Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, April 26-27, 1955 at the Chateau Laurier, Ottawa, Canada. The first meeting will be held at 2 P.M., April 27, 1955. The purpose of this meeting is the election of a board of trustees, consideration of proposed changes in the constitution and by-laws, and to transact such other business as may come before the Corporation at that time.

W. A. NELSON, President  
E. L. GREEN, Secretary

### Kingsway Publishing Association Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the first session of the regular quadrennial meeting of the constituent members of the Kingsway Publishing Association, Incorporated, will be held at 3:00 P.M., April 27, 1955, at the Chateau Laurier, Ottawa, Ontario.

The purpose of this meeting is the election of a board of trustees, consideration of proposed changes in the constitution and by-laws, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

W. A. NELSON, Chairman  
R. J. RADCLIFFE, Secretary

### Oshawa Missionary College Corporation Constituency Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the quadrennial meeting of the constituency of the Oshawa Missionary College, Incorporated, will be held in connection with the quadrennial session of the Canadian Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists at the Chateau

Laurier, Ottawa, Canada, April 26-27, 1955. The first meeting will be called at 2:30 P.M., April 27. The purpose of this meeting is the election of a board of trustees, consideration of proposed changes in the constitution and by-laws, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

W. A. NELSON, Chairman  
W. A. SOWERS, Secretary

### Canadian Union College Corporation Constituency Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the fourth meeting of the constituency of Canadian Union College, Incorporated, will be held in connection with the quadrennial session of the Canadian Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists at the Chateau Laurier, Ottawa, Canada, April 26-27, 1955. The first meeting is called for 2 P.M., April 27, 1955. The purpose of this meeting is the election of a board of trustees, consideration of proposed changes in the constitution and by-laws, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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*President W. A. Nelson reports...*

## PROGRESS IN THE WEST

It was the privilege of the president and the secretary-treasurer of the Canadian Union to meet with the leadership in the western conferences and institutions for the annual audit, committee and board meetings. We were very much encouraged by the development of the work in the conferences and institutions.

### Rest Haven Sanitarium

The Rest Haven Sanitarium is enjoying the largest patronage in its history. At the constituency meeting held just prior to the board meeting, Elder Rodgers, the administrator, and Dr. West, the medical superintendent, reported growth and progress in the various activities at Rest Haven. Marked improvement was made on the outside grounds, giving more adequate parking facilities. With the new electric lights from the highway to the sanitarium and the new neon hospital sign, there is now as pleasant an approach to the hospital at night as there is during the day.

During the past year, a number of office rooms were remodelled and newly equipped, and a start on remodelling was made on other rooms in the hospital. Efficient modern equipment has improved the services rendered by the hospital to the patients. A new and larger boiler was recently installed. Other improvements and the securing of new equipment were also outlined for the immediate future.

### British Columbia Conference

The day following our stay at Rest Haven, we attended the British Columbia workers' meeting at Vancouver. All the conference workers were present for this important gathering. A carefully prepared agenda on evangelism and church work was presented. The report on baptisms and organization of new churches showed that the growth of recent years in the British Columbia Conference is continuing. The reports and the discussion by the workers were deeply impressive of the earnestness and the burden of all of the workers for

the advancement of God's work.

Following the workers' meeting, the annual audit and committee meetings were held. The reports by Elder Smithwick, the conference president, and Brother Neithercut, the secretary-treasurer, showed the conference to be in a good, strong financial position, with increases for 1954 in both tithe and offerings. The report on baptisms was one of the best in recent years. We were impressed with the strong leadership in the conference headquarters and throughout the field.

### Alberta Conference

Immediately following the British Columbia appointments, we met in Calgary with the workers of the Alberta Conference. Here, too, was registered a spirit of earnestness and enthusiasm. The largest number of converts for a single year in the history of the conference was reported. These baptisms were well distributed in the churches throughout the conference, with every worker having a goodly number of converts as a result of his work.

A detailed financial report was given by Elder Taylor, the conference president, and Elder Davies, the secretary-treasurer. These reports reflected the serious shortage of crops in almost every section of Alberta. Notwithstanding the decrease in tithe, there was an increase in mission offerings. Elder Taylor and his workers were of good courage and strong in their faith that the Lord will prosper the work in every department of all the churches.

We went from Calgary to Canadian Union College for the Sabbath. Elder Taylor called a special meeting of all the church officers for the afternoon. This meeting was wonderfully well attended. The leadership of the conference and the church officers studied together the work and development of the church. All the church officers felt that it was more than worthwhile coming together for counsel.

### Canadian Union College

Two days of board meetings for Canadian Union College followed. Present both

for the Sabbath and for the board meetings were Elder Torrey, treasurer of the General Conference, and Elder Rudy, vice-president of the General Conference. Brother Rudy, because of his previous service in the Canadian field, was well acquainted with CUC; this was the first visit of Brother Torrey to the College. The counsel of these brethren given at the time of the College board is beyond measure.

Brother Torrey pointed out the wonderful prospects before CUC in the new industries that are being established. Already a growing market demands all of the production of the upholstery department. This department manufactures the very highest type of upholstery for the home and office. The woodwork department is kept busy preparing frames for other upholstery concerns as well. These industries are giving employment to students.

Other students have employment in the printing plant and the bookbinding department. These industries have been modernized and the prospects for continual growth are most encouraging.

The General Conference has given to us \$35,000.00 during the past two years to help in the development of these industries. The local conferences are appropriating \$60,000.00 each year to Canadian Union College to help in their operating and over-all programme. It can readily be seen that the faithful leaders of our fields and the college have a burden to make it possible for every young man and young woman who earnestly desires to secure a Christian education and training, to do so.

The visitors were honoured at a faculty-student-board banquet and were entertained by an interesting and helpful student programme presented on Sunday evening.

### Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference

The audit and committee meetings of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference were held on Wednesday. Elder Henriksen, the conference president, and Brother Heisler, the secretary-treasurer, rendered encouraging reports. In this prairie conference there was serious loss in crop harvest resulting in a decrease in tithe for

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