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"Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,
Uttered or unexpressed;
The motion of a hidden fire
That trembles in the breast.

Prayer is the simplest form of speech
That infant lips can try;
Prayer, the sublimest strains that reach
The Majesty on high."

A Dollar a Week for Missions

In a number of union conferences in North America a movement is under way to secure as many subscriptions as possible to an agreement to pay one dollar a week for missions and the Relief Fund that constitutes a part of the twenty-cent-a-week fund. This movement is meeting with a very generous response from our people and large numbers have sent in replies to these requests stating that they will give this amount. Others are subscribing seventy-five, fifty, and twenty-five cents a week. The matter was up for consideration at the recent session of our Union Committee and it was decided then to place this question before our people in this Union. Cards have been prepared and mailed out to the individual believers and we trust that when these cards are returned to the various conference offices in the Union, that it will be seen that our people in Canada are as generously disposed toward this movement as are the believers in any other part of the continent. In another column of this issue appears a full statement of the Relief Fund. As articles on this subject have appeared several times in the *Review and Herald* we assume that our people generally are fully acquainted with the arrangement. For the benefit of any who may have overlooked this in the official organ of the denomination, we reproduce the facts on the subject in this issue of the MESSENGER. M. N. CAMPBELL.

General Conference Recommendations Regarding Institutional Relief Fund Adopted 1913

Whereas, It is more clearly revealed each passing year, that schools, sanitariums, and publishing houses are most helpful and necessary facilities for the rapid and effi-

cient carrying forward of the work of God throughout the world; and—

Whereas, These institutions can accomplish their purpose only to the extent that they are understood, appreciated, and supported by our people; and—

Realizing, That in the establishment and maintenance of the institutions we now have, there has not been given the careful study, the efficient management, and the proper financial support, they should have had; therefore, be it—

Resolved, That we take these institutions, with their workers and their great interests and needs, more fully upon our hearts and into our plans and fostering care than heretofore; and, further,—

That we commend to the study, the interest, and the support, of our people everywhere, the schools, sanitariums, and publishing houses among us.

Resolved, That we adopt the following arrangements for removing the present liabilities of these institutions, and for maintaining them without creating further indebtedness:

The standard of offerings to missions be raised from 15 cents to 20 cents a week per member in the United States and Canada, and that 25 per cent of the total amount thus raised be devoted to the liquidation of the liabilities of all training schools, and those academies, intermediate schools, and sanitariums whose liabilities equal or exceed 25 per cent of their assets.

We further—

Recommend, That the carrying out of this plan be governed by the following provisions:

1. That the entire amount received on the twenty-cent-a-week fund be kept intact, and remitted to the General Conference Treasury.
2. That the 25 per cent to be devoted to the liquidation of the liabilities of the schools and sanitariums shall be divided annually, by the General Conference Committee, among the institutions, on the pro rata basis of their indebtedness.
3. That in the apportionment, due consideration be given to the conditions prevailing in each institution as to their financial situation, earnings, available assets that

can be realized upon without detriment to the work, annuity contracts, etc., etc., a complete report and financial statement being rendered each year to the General Conference by the institutions.

4. In each case the total amount raised falls short of the twenty cents per member, so as to interfere with the operations of our foreign mission enterprises, the shortage shall be deducted from the relief fund rather than the foreign funds.

5. That each institution receiving appropriations from this fund shall apply the full amount it shall receive to the liquidation of its liabilities.

6. That an institution sharing the benefits of this fund shall not by any means add to its present indebtedness either by buildings, equipment, or in its operations.

7. That for the enlargement, repairs, equipment, or loss in operating, the needed funds shall be raised by direct gifts from the people.

8. Where it is demonstrated that an institution can not maintain itself without increasing its liabilities or encroaching upon the proposed relief fund, such institution shall, upon the advice of the General Conference Committee and the union conference in which it is located, be closed, and its assets be disposed of to the best advantage, or diverted to other denominational use.

9. That failure on the part of any institution to comply with these provisions shall debar it from receiving the benefit of this plan.

10. That there be appointed a finance commission of three members, men having experience that will enable them to give counsel regarding training schools, sanitariums, and publishing house enterprises, to counsel with the management of each institution regarding its affairs, and to make recommendations as to plans of operation, this commission to report to the General Conference Committee, this commission to take the place of the recently appointed committee on institutional finance, its members to devote their whole time to the work, the salary and expense of the members to be met with the 35 per cent institutional fund before its distribution.

11. That this plan go in effect July 1, 1913.

Recommendations Adopted by the North American Division Committee February 1914 Relative to the Relief Fund

The twenty-cent-a-week fund, twenty-five per cent of which is to apply on the institutional indebtedness, was recommended by the General Conference in open session, and the same policy was reaffirmed during the Fall Council, and was voted that said policy should continue until the next session of the North American Division Conference; and,

Whereas, this policy has been operative only from last July, and has not been given a sufficient test to determine whether we can find relief through it or not, we therefore recommend the following:—

1. That we continue this policy of twenty cents per week until the next session of the North American Division

Conference, and that all union conferences unite in raising their full amount.

2. That in the distribution of the five cents per capita relief fund, we work on the following basis:—

(a) That all funds be sent to the North American Division Conference treasurer.

(b) That the full fifteen cents for foreign missions be paid monthly to the General Conference treasury out of this twenty cent fund.

(c) That each union conference can adopt such plans as they deem advisable in securing additional funds with which to liquidate their indebtedness.

(d) That at the end of the year, that part of the five cents per week which may remain after making up any deficit, which may be in the whole field, in a full fifteen cents per week for foreign missions, shall be returned to the union conferences on a pro rata basis of the amounts received from each union above the fifteen cents per week.

Educational Day

The date set for our first Educational Sabbath in 1915 is April 10. A suitable program has been prepared which will be sent to the churches, especially those churches that are planning for the church schools the coming year, and we trust that the subject of education will be prayerfully considered on that day.

In these days of peril, it behooves us as parents and teachers to think seriously of the kind of education our children are receiving. It is only a question of time before our young people will be brought into trying places and the kind of education that they have received will determine the position they will take, whether for or against the truth. Remember Sabbath, April 10, and plan for an earnest discussion of the subject of Christian education.

THOS. D. ROWE.

Ontario

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Letters of Thanks

When news of the burning of the dormitory of Greysville Academy reached the students of Buena Vista they took up a collection to aid the students who lost all their belongings in the fire. Sixty dollar in cash was raised and forwarded to Greysville. Elder Montgomery, president of the board of Greysville Academy, in acknowledging the receipt of the money wrote:

"As president of the board I desire to express my deep appreciation to your school for their ready response and splendid gift. It is certainly a joy and a pleasure to be connected with a people who share with us our mutual woes and feel for us in times of adversity."

The following is from a personal letter received by Professor Rowe from Elder Montgomery:

"I have been confined to my home for the past few weeks, and am just around on my feet again and beginning to do business. I take this opportunity of writing you a few lines of appreciation for the splendid help rendered the Southern Training School at the time of the burning of the girl's dormitory. I wish you would express our heartfelt thanks to all those who had any part in helping.

"The prompt and liberal response to our call for help on the part of our Sister schools and brethren and sisters throughout the field did very much to relieve the suffering and to enable the school to move on with its work almost without an interruption. The manifestation of the spirit of mutual helpfulness and co-operation which characterizes the people bearing this message is truly sweet and blessed to behold."

Items From the Buena Vista Sabbath School and Young People's Convention

The heart of the righteous studieth to answer. Prov. 15:28.

Do you remember the Sabbath School lesson from one week to another?

Even greater care should be taken to have our Scripture lessons prepared, than to have our day school lessons prepared. *Mrs. E. G. White.*

Set apart a little time each day for the study of the Sabbath School lesson. *Mrs. E. G. White.*

The superintendent might give some items of special interest relating to a song about to be sung. For example: Fannie J. Crosby recently passed away and the songs the following Sabbath were selected from her compositions.

Every school should have an aim. That is an aim outside of its own welfare.

The Sabbath School lessons were the only theological course open to our first converts in a foreign field.

Elder J. N. Andrews set the example by getting up at four o'clock to diligently study his Sabbath School lesson.

Elder Vuilleumier said: If it had not been for the study of the Sabbath School lessons, Elder Roth might today have been a merchant tailor and I a watchmaker in Switzerland.

Use the blackboard for chalk-talks with the children.

Save a child, save a multiplication table; save an adult, you save only a unit.

Let the closing of the school be prompt and cheerful. Close on time.

Good work cannot be done in a Sabbath School class of more than eight scholars.

Leading questions, calling for "yes" or "no" as the answer check the thought of the scholar.

Nothing holds attention as well as a good illustration.

Not all who teach in our Sabbath Schools qualify themselves for the work. Let every teacher feel that he must know more. *Mrs. E. G. White.*

One way to know more is by taking "The Sabbath School Workers' Training Course."

The Sabbath School gives two-fifths of all foreign mission offerings.

Plan to give one dollar at the next thirteenth Sabbath offering.

The "Copper Age" is almost forgotten, consequently the "Golden Age" is nearing.

Never rest till every child in your class is brought to a saving knowledge of Christ. *Mrs. E. G. White.*

It is astonishing how soon the conscience begins to unravel if a single stitch drops; one little sin makes a hole you could put your head through. *Charles Buxton.*

The Morning Watch Calendar has been designed for the purpose of prayer: morning, because in the quiet we can be refreshed by the "still small voice;" watch, because the commission is "Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation;" calendar, because it is a systematic register offered us, for God is a God of order.

Time is so short that we have not time to read good books; we cannot afford to read the best books; we have time only for the supreme books.

The goal as set by our master, "winning of souls," should ever be kept before our youth.

The success of a society depends not alone upon the weekly gatherings, but training and enlisting the youth for service.

Have the roll each week and call for missionary reports of work done.

The greater portion of the Bible is reporting.

Every youth is responsible to God for his opportunities and the precious light shining upon him from the Scriptures.

Remember the Young People's goal for Ontario.

Pray for the youth.

M. B. SHANKS.

Colporteurs' Report, Week Ending March 20, 1915

Ontario

Name	Book	Hours	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
John Pengelly	C. K.	49	15	\$ 22 00	\$12 80	\$ 34 80	\$
Reginald Gage	G. C.	46	38	133 50	18 00	151 50	
J. Brewer	C. K.	45	25	21 35	11 75	33 10	5 40
C. Wallis	Mag.	39	114	11 40		11 40	11 40
Wm. Bryson	Mag.	20	100	10 00		10 00	10 00
Totals		189	292	\$198 25	\$42 55	\$240 80	\$26 80

Maritime

M. Levy	Mag.		167	16 45		16 45	16 45
Grand Total		180	459	\$214 70	\$42 55	25	\$43 2

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Notes

Elder Kirkendall reports a splendid interest in the meetings he is holding near Dresden. Several have embraced the truth and it is hoped that a church organization may eventually result.

The St. Thomas church feels much encouraged over the results of the meetings recently held there by Elder Campbell. Brother and Sister Capman are still there following up the interest.

During the recent session of the Union Committee, Elder Barret spoke to the West Side church in Toronto on the Sabbath and Elder Young spoke to the company of Sabbath keepers in the central part of the city. Both were well received.

Mr. Reginald Gage has been canvassing for six weeks near Chatham, Ontario, and has sold 112 copies of "Great Controversy" and 114 copies "Best Stories" amounting to \$461.00. In what territory can a better record be made?

Mr. John Brewer of Smithville, Ontario has been circulating the printed page in his neighborhood whenever he finds time aside from the duties on his farm. His report in this issue of the MESSENGER should be an incentive to others.

Mr. Lehnond Chamberlain who has been teaching school in Espanola, Ontario, writes that he is enjoying his work and is having good success. The wife of one of the school trustees and a family are studying the message. On Sundays Miss Hillyard, who is also up in that territory, and Mr. Chamberlain spend part of their time studying the Bible with some interested young people. There is need for more workers up in that northern region.

Maritime

President, G. H. Skinner, 184 Winslow St., W. St. John.
Sec.-Treas., Lulu Van Buskirk, Amherst, N. S.

St. John

After ten weeks of interruption we started our Sunday night meetings in St. John, March 14, with a large attendance, which was a pleasant surprise to us, after the long wait, for with many of the churches holding revival meetings with special speakers we looked for our attendance to drop off some. We are sure that the Lord has some people among this company who are so attentively listening to the truth, that they will be found in the kingdom of heaven. Next Sunday night we expect to give the Sabbath question and let us pray God that many will be

persuaded to take their feet off the Sabbath and keep God's holy law. Pray for the work in St. John.

GEO. H. SKINNER.

To Maritime Students

It was my privilege to visit the Williamsdale Academy, March 16 to 18, seven years having elapsed since my last visit. As I looked carefully over the grounds and buildings, and watched the program of the school carried out, and saw the happy but earnest young people at their work, I was well impressed, and pleased with what I saw. I believe that Maritime has a school that we may well be proud of, and we must stand loyally by it. We have a school that we shall do well to send our children and young people to, and know that they will receive the right training. Schools of the world train young people to compete with the world by using worldly methods, while our schools train for a successful Christian life here and inspire one to look forward for the great and good things to the new earth, and eternal life. Our young men and women should be planning to take advantage of this splendid opportunity within their reach. We should have at least forty students in the school next year. There should be quite a number earn their scholarships this year, as the people are anxious to read anything on the war. We have some excellent books treating upon these subjects as well as our magazines which are kept up to date upon the signs of the times. The opportunities are about us and those who have a will, and work, will win their way. Those desiring to know how they can earn their scholarships may write to the publishing house at Oshawa, or to the writer.

GEO. H. SKINNER.

THE Maritime conference office, which has been located at Amherst, N. S., has now been moved to 184 Winslow St., West St. John, N. B.

Quebec

President, A. V. Olson, Montreal.
Sec.-Treas., F. E. Dufty, Montreal, Que.

Notes

Brother Ira S. Jones has moved from Huntingdon to Montreal where he plans to engage in work with our literature. We are sure that this will prove a valuable addition to the working force in that great city.

Miss Evelyn Case who recently came to Montreal from the Maritime conference is having some good experiences with the people she is studying with. Some of them are attending the Sunday evening meetings which Elder Olson is conducting.

We learn that Elder Vuilleumier is holding meetings for the French Sunday afternoons in the S. D. A. church in Montreal with a very encouraging attendance. Last Sunday about twenty strangers were present and part of these are regular attendants. We trust that some of these at least will follow on to know the Lord and his truth for this time.