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Every Seventh-day Adventist

Every Seventh-day Adventist is by virtue of his faith intensely interested in the fulfilment of Matt. 24:14, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

Here in the Eastern Canadian Union we are working to raise a sum equal to twenty cents a week for the mission and relief funds, and everybody is anxious to see the amount raised in each conference and each church.

During the years 1913 and 1914 we succeeded as a Union in fully reaching our quota on these funds and naturally we all felt very happy over the accomplishment. However, both these years we came up to the month of December with a big deficit staring us in the face, and it was only by extraordinary efforts that we cleared it up and came out clear at the close of the year. The foreign missionaries themselves were brought into close places during the year because the funds came in slowly the first six or eight months.

Now it is planned by the General Conference to set a plan in operation that will insure a more even and steady income of mission funds by asking our people as a whole to take upon themselves the responsibility of a certain sum a week to be paid into the mission and relief funds in any way the giver chooses either through the Sabbath-school or the other mission offerings. Last year this was set in operation in the Atlantic Union Conference, and it produced results beyond all expectations. This year it is advised that all our conferences take hold of the plan, and so in harmony with this, cards have been sent out to all our churches in this Union which our members may fill out with their name and the amount for which they are willing to become responsible to pay each week in order to place our foreign work on a more substantial basis and enable the brethren to plan it with a greater degree of certainty. It is to be hoped that a large number of our people will join the writer of this article in pledging a dollar a week for that purpose. Let us assume a definite sum and as large a sum as our love for Christ's return and our circumstances will permit, and then let us set to work to raise money by every legitimate means to pay the amount.

The planting of missionary gardens and the setting of missionary heus by the young people and children often

produce considerable results. Ordering a few magazines or copies of the "World's Crisis" and selling them, turning the profit into missions, is another plan followed by some. Still another plan which many can follow is the collection of cancelled Canadian postage stamps. Those stamps can be turned into money by sending them to Brother A. T. Benjamin, 35 Wenham Building, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Several of our people have made considerable sums by gathering up stamps of any sort: 1, 2, 5 and 10 cent postage stamps, revenue stamps, etc., and when three or four hundred have been gathered, sending them to the above mentioned address, and Brother Benjamin will dispose of them and return the money which can then be put into missions. I shall be glad to give further particulars to those who would like to adopt this plan.

Fill out the pledge cards, one and all, and send them in to the conference office so we may know what to count on. May the blessing of the Lord rest on each of us as we seek to advance the Master's work by our sacrifices, our labors, and our prayers. M. N. CAMPBELL.

The Conference Sessions

The time for our annual conference sessions is rapidly drawing on. These gatherings for counsel and worship are of no small importance to the believers in the third angel's message, and very decided efforts should be put forth to take advantage of this means of grace. The Lord has promised his presence where even two or three are gathered together, but when the people of God lay aside their occupations and spend a period of several days together in counsel, Bible study, and seeking after God, he draws especially near and bestows rich blessings on all who empty their hearts and permit him to have his way with them. The following from the *Testimonies, Vol. 6, pp. 38, 39* is to the point on this subject:

It is important that the members of our churches should attend our campmeetings. The enemies of truth are many; and because our numbers are few, we should present as strong a front as possible. Individually you need the benefits of the meeting, and God calls upon you to number one in the ranks of truth.

Some will say, "It is expensive to travel, and it would be better to save the money, and give it for the advancement of the work where it is most needed." Do not reason in this way; God calls upon you to take your place among the rank and file of his people. Strengthen the meeting all you possibly can

by being present with all your families. Put forth extra exertion to attend the gathering of God's people.

Brethren and sisters, it would be far better for you to let your business suffer than to neglect the opportunity of hearing the message God has for you. Make no excuse that will keep you from gaining every spiritual advantage possible. You need every ray of light. You need to become qualified to give a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. You cannot afford to lose one such privilege.

Three days preceding each campmeeting a worker's council will be held for the benefit of ministers, Bible workers, and colporteurs. The campmeetings this year will be operated on the convention plan and every phase of church, Sabbath-school, young people's, and missionary work will be studied. Elder F. M. Wilcox, editor of the *Review and Herald*, will attend and assist. It is to be hoped that there will be a large attendance at each of the conference sessions. M. N. CAMPBELL.

Let Us Remember the Jews in Our Labors

(Concluded)

While riding on the train a short time ago I entered into conversation with a Jew. He had given up all hope in God, and said that he did not believe anything about religion. After telling him of thousands of Gentiles who observe the Sabbath of the Lord, he was surprised to learn of the existence of such a people. We then opened up to his mind the teachings of the prophets, and connected them with the Sabbath, the law, the Messiah, and the return of the Lord. For nearly an hour and a half the man listened with eagerness. Then he said that I was the first man who had tried to bring faith to his heart.

When you meet the Jew do not say anything to him about missionary work; this kind of effort means differently to him from what it does to us. But when you come in contact with one of the literal seed of Abraham, tell him that you observe the Sabbath of the Lord, the seventh day of the week. Tell him that you love the law, and the writings of Moses. Tell him that you abstain from the use of swine's flesh. Tell him that you believe in the Holy Messiah, and that you have every reason to believe from Moses and the prophets that the Messiah has already come. Do not talk to him as though you were trying to proselyte him; but give him information. Tell him who you are and what you believe; then ask him if he still keeps the Sabbath; if he believes the law of Moses; if he has faith in the prophets. You will find that he will want to know more about you and your belief, and then he will ask you if you have any literature on any of these topics.

In the Eastern Canadian Union there are over sixty thousand Jews, and they are coming into the country at the rate of thousands every year. The poor people seem to feel as though there was not much for them in these days in the way of religion; and if they could only know that the Lord has raised up a people who believe in fact what the Jews claim to believe in theory, there would be

a feeling arise in their hearts that will make them long for a knowledge of this truth.

The Jewish department will be glad to furnish any of our people with further information how to come in contact with the Jewish people; and there is a work which our brethren and sisters can do in breaking down the prejudice of the Jews, and this will help us to reach these people more effectively.

For literature send to Canadian Publishing Assn., or to the Jewish Department, F. C. Gilbert, Secretary, So. Lancaster, Mass. We will be pleased to furnish you with any information we can render, that these poor lost sheep of Israel may be remembered at this time when the Lord is pouring out his Spirit to finish his work.

F. C. GILBERT.

Ontario Conference

St. Catharines

Just a few lines from St. Catharines to say that our watchword is, "Onward and upward." We have quite a number of fine intelligent people who are deeply interested in studying the truth. Some are studying the Bible with us, others are eagerly perusing our literature. Several have asked us to come to their homes and study with them. We believe we will have fruits from our labors here, even though the work is going slow.

Two weeks ago a young Russian Jewish merchant called with his wares while we were engaged in our Sabbath-school exercises. We invited him in. He stayed throughout the meeting and took part in our worship. He also put a donation into the collection. He paid careful attention to every word that was spoken and promised to come again.

We are placing quite a number of "World's Crisis" with the people. I would recommend our people everywhere to push the sale of this little book now while the European war is progressing. It gives a very good synopsis of the present truth. We ask the prayers of our brethren throughout the province that our work may not be in vain.

G. W. SOWLER.

Oshawa

As a result of finishing one quarter of our town with Home Bible Studies we have two sisters who have decided to obey the Lord and walk in all the light he has for them.

One of these ladies has not missed a Sabbath meeting for over four months and is rejoicing in her Christian experience. The other lady has an invalid husband to care for and is deprived of meeting with us on Sabbaths but the writer or Mrs. Kirkendall visits her every week and studies with her. We have others interested whom we hope to see obey the truth later.

We have started another part of the town with the *Review* extras. The people are receiving us kindly.

Last week, while distributing the April *Review* extra, the writer had an experience that does one good and gives courage to press on. After knocking on the door and being invited in, on entering the room there was an intelligent looking man suffering with tuberculosis, he said, "I never read anything but good reading and if you have good books I would like you to bring me one." After relating my experience at meeting, one sister kindly gave me a Christ's Object Lessons to give him. The church here is of good courage and all are at work in some line of home missionary work. We praise the Lord for his goodness to us and for the humble part we have in his vineyard. I would say to those who are giving out tracts, "Be of good courage. We know not which shall prosper this or that. The Lord has a care for his work and if our hearts are right we will be led to the honest in heart." MRS. JOS. CAPMAN.

Newfoundland Mission

Opposition but not Defeat

I am fully satisfied that the work in Newfoundland holds a warm spot in your hearts, and that oftentimes you remember us at the throne of grace.

The day after Brother Hubley sent in his last report to you, we became aware that a strong fight was about to be put up by a certain element, who began to realize that the dogmas advanced by them were contrary to the scriptures of truth, and were falling before the plain teachings of the Bible. Their leader organized a crusade against the possibility of further light for the same old reason that the opponents of Jesus did in his day (John 3:19-21).

The evening that the question of renting us the hall for another month was to come up in the Orange Lodge for consideration, Brother Hubley and I attended and asked permission to address the members on the principles of Religious Liberty, and for the first time in my experience we were refused the courtesy usually extended a Protestant minister by an Orange Lodge.

After all this need not be wondered at when one considers the fact that sick men, cripples, and men that had not attended lodge meeting for nearly three years were in attendance that night for that express purpose.

The outside Tyler, by mistake gave us entrance to the anteroom to await the decision of the lodge, and from the angry voices and excited tones that reached our ears it was evident to us that the one whom the apostle John saw in vision was busy marshalling his forces against the commandment keepers of these remnant times.

We did not feel in the least discouraged because our faith had grasped the truth of those precious promises in 2 Cor. 13:8, and we knew we had the truth. Psa. 119:142. Besides we have the promise that whatever wrath cannot be used to His glory will be restrained, and so it was.

The day following we were informed that we could not rent the hall further but we also learned (and we say it for the sake of a number of estimable men who hold

their membership there) that the majority vote was not a large one and would not have been passed but for the caucus methods of their leader.

It is a strange thing indeed, to see a lodge that will not sit in session unless there is a Bible open in the room, and in their constitution (page 4) is the following: "Disclaiming an intolerant spirit, the Association demands as an indispensable qualification, without which the greatest and wealthiest may seek admission in vain, that the candidate shall be deemed incapable of persecuting or injuring anyone on account of his religious opinions: the duty of any Orangeman being to aid and defend all loyal subjects of every religious persuasion in the enjoyment of their constitutional rights."

Then again on page 6 of "Constitution and Laws" under the title "Qualifications essential for membership," we read: "An applicant for admission should have a sincere love and veneration for his Almighty Maker, productive of those lively and happy fruits—righteousness and obedience to His commands." Yet with these loud professions in the constitution of their order, how men can forget their oath to uphold them, and shut out from their lodge a denomination which has no creed whatever but the Bible and the Bible alone,—a people that stand flat-footed against any religious intolerance, that defends the rights of Sunday keepers to worship in accordance with the dictates of their conscience as much as they oppose the attempts of that Canadian relict of the Spanish Inquisition, called The Lord's Day Alliance, in this infringement of the rights of Sabbath keepers. It does seem strange that an order that flaunts upon its banners the words "Equal rights to all and special privileges to none" together with the profession of its constitution as quoted here, should stultify itself, its constitution, its membership, at the behest of a few bigots, who cannot tolerate an open Bible unless read through their glasses, a company that cannot bear that the commands of God are obeyed unless the fourth precept is interpreted by the Papacy or tradition in the very face of the plain teachings of the Bible, and can only tolerate the views of another, when like Carlisle's bon mot "they agree with their views."

How this step has turned out to the furtherance of the truth as Jesus taught and practised will be the subject of our next article. WM. C. YOUNG.

Maritime Conference

Florence

In looking over the past six months I must say they have been very precious to me. I have found great joy and peace walking in the present truth as I now understand it by searching God's holy word. I look back to the tent that was pitched by the roadside where Brethren Barrett and Wassell sounded out the gospel of Jesus Christ as taught by the early church. Florence has been inhabited for nigh one hundred years and never before

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Mission Funds Statement

ONTARIO

Amount at 20 cents to March 31..... \$1,432 60
Amount received..... 904 95
Shortage to date..... \$527 65

MARITIME

Amount at 20 cents to March 31.....\$605 80
Amount received..... 348 43
Shortage to date..... \$257 37

QUEBEC

Amount at 20 cents to March 31.....\$403 00
Amount received..... 315 68
Shortage to date..... \$87 32

NEWFOUNDLAND

Amount at 20 cents to March 31.....\$158 60
Amount received..... 71 79
Shortage to date..... \$86 81

had the blessed privilege of hearing the full gospel of the Son of God. The brethren mentioned above sowed the good seed by the wayside. The fowls of the air thought to destroy it but God let some seed fall in honest hearts that will bear fruit to his honor and glory. Elder Barrett has been called to another field leaving Brother and Sister Wassell to carry on the work. For some months they have been alone, still not alone for God was with them. This field is a hard one as the preaching stations are far apart and the roads at times almost impassable still Brother and Sister Wassell did not spare themselves. Through storm and sunshine they visited those stations in order to give the blessed message of the coming of the Son of man. There are but two families here who have embraced the present truth,—my own and Brother Chapman's. May God lead others to step out and obey the word so we can organize a Sabbath-school and take up the work of spreading the present truth. We are looking to the conference with joy. P. A. STUBBERT.

Tantallon

Among the social events in Tantallon the last but not least occurred on Sabbath, April 30th. After the

young people's program had been very cleverly carried out, the church presented Miss Minnie Boutilier with an address expressive of its gratitude for her services as teacher and music leader.

At the close of the address a beautiful autoharp and an envelope containing a neat little sum of money were placed into her hands.

Although taken by surprise, Sister Boutilier replied in very touching terms regarding her connection with the work of the message as well as love for the brethren and sisters of Tantallon. Since the above event Sister Minnie has legally changed her name to Mrs. Thomas Blakery. Accept our congratulations Brother and Sister Blakery. L. D. LONGARD.

Plans for the Conference Session

We are now preparing for the coming meetings and have written to the different railroad companies applying for the usual concession. We shall publish the result in next week's issue. However we are expecting the usual one way fare.

The members of the Halifax church are busy securing rooms, and trust to be able to provide suitable accommodations for all. It is planned to conduct the dining room on the cafeteria plan, the same as last year, which we believe was satisfactory to all.

As usual we will have ministerial help from outside our Union. We especially invite and urge our young people to be with us.

Already we have heard from a number who are planning to attend. Plan now and send us word to that effect.

LULU VANBUSKIRK.

"It seems quite probable that when the time comes for the division of the spoils of war, various serious complications may arise involving great changes in the map of Europe. In fact, it appears from Revelation 17: 12-14 that in their final struggle for supremacy some new alignment of the European nations will take place. Under this new arrangement these nations will unite in restoring the Papacy to its ancient power and supremacy."—Sample paragraph from the article on the "Eastern Question" appearing in the *Signs of the Times* magazine for June.

Don't fail to read Elder Campbell's article in this issue entitled "Every Seventh-day Adventist." There are some very interesting things in it for all who are wondering what plan they can follow to raise funds for missions.

WE regret that a mistake occurred in the statement of Mission Funds appearing in the last issue of the MESSENGER, the amounts belonging to Quebec and Maritime being transposed. EDITOR.

Make use of time, if thou valuest eternity. Yesterday cannot be recalled; tomorrow cannot be assured; today only is thine, which, if thou procrastinatest, thou losest, which loss is lost forever.—*Jeremy Taylor.*