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## Ontario Conference

### Our Monthly Report

Upon the last page of this issue appears the report of tithe and mission offerings for Ontario, for June, 1915. While the tithe is above the monthly average and presents an excellent showing, our mission offerings are low. We have a monthly average of over four hundred dollars as our aim in mission funds. Thus far no single month's receipts this year have equaled this. By referring to the Mission Fund Statement it will be seen that we are considerably behind our aim. Fortunately we have yet six months in which to reverse this showing. Let us all set ourselves to help do it. We can. We must never consent to fall behind our good record of last year. M. M. HARE.

### En Route to Washington

On my way to the Convention in Washington I stopped at Lindsay, where three were baptized. A strong effort should be made to build up the work in Lindsay, and any help given by the conference will be much appreciated by the faithful Sabbath keepers there.

It was encouraging to see the large number of people attending Elder Webster's meeting on Sunday night. To bring out from the world a strong company of believers, is the hope of the workers in east Toronto.

Arriving in Washington, I found the summer school doing earnest work in preparing teachers. Miss Knister is here getting an excellent preparation for her work in Newfoundland. The spiritual side of our educational work is foremost in all the discussions of the Convention. "Trained for Service" is the watchword, and this same motto is the one that as teachers we desire to put into practice at Buena Vista.

Preachers are needed, teachers are needed. Volunteer leaders are needed, and many other posi-

tions of trust and responsibility are waiting for trained young men and women.

Dear young people of Ontario and Quebec, what are you doing to get ready for the call of God to service? Your earthly king is calling young men to his service. Your heavenly King—the King of kings—is calling you. Listen to your Saviour's call and get ready to take your place in the great army of workers. Buena Vista Academy invites you to its training school. Calendars sent on request.

THOS. D. ROWE.

### London and Dresden

We have been very busy attending to the interest that has arisen here since our last report, and as a result thus far five have decided to obey. The topics of Christ's Second Coming and the Millennium are live subjects here just now. The literature of Pastor Russel has been freely distributed to prepare for his visit. But he has now gone and many pulpits are reviewing his sermons. One prominent minister advertised the subject of Christ's Second Coming and then published his sermon. He took the extreme position that Christ's coming is only a spiritual, not a personal one. So these are opportunities for the seeds of truth to be sown and we are meeting many inquiries.

Truly the fields are white for the harvest and the Macedonian cry can be heard everywhere. Through the spirit of prophecy we understand that all who remain firm to the end will be in some way engaged in spreading the message. Realizing this, how many of our believers are engaging in the important work of handing out literature or speaking to someone. This privilege may not be ours very long. We see occasionally a very marked manifestation of the hand of God which proves the promises made to those who keep the Sabbath and obey his word. One of our new Sabbath keepers living on a small farm found himself facing a problem at the close of one preparation day. A large field of potatoes was threatened with destruction

from bugs unless attended to immediately. This could not be arranged for without breaking in on the Sabbath. He concluded to pray that the Lord would take care of the crop till Monday. On Monday morning he went into the field and found every bug dried up on the ground. If the Lord will rebuke the devourer for the sake of his children he will surely carry us through the time of Jacob's trouble just before us. How these things should encourage us to press on faithfully to the end.

The Dresden church is holding the fort nicely under the fire of the enemy. Satan contests every inch of the ground where this saving message enters, but he that endures to the end the same shall be saved. Now as we see the message in its closing days let us all work together in unity realizing it will soon be over and Christ will come to gather his jewels, those who have come through great tribulations.

All on the firing line just now need the special prayers of our churches for success, and that all may be faithful with their tithes that the work may not be hindered at the last moment.

WM. H. BOYCE.

### Canvassing in Northern Ontario

As for the canvassing in this country, it surely has its ups and downs, for I have never seen a country with so many hills to climb. It is up one side and down the other in two ways—the lay of the country and the experiences of the canvasser.

This is a very good place to work as there are souls to be brought to the light of this truth the same as in other parts of Ontario.

Although this section has been thoroughly canvassed with "Great Controversy" some time ago by canvassers from Michigan, we are able to sell a few more. It seemed that the Lord had led us to territory that had been thoroughly worked but I am having fair success with "Practical Guide to Health." The people are not very well posted in health principles up here.

There is one way to get along in canvassing, and that is not to know when you have failed but to go right on and finally find your orders counting up until you think you have done fairly well anyhow. You know it is said that England became a great nation because she did not know when she was conquered. So with the canvasser, he should shut his eyes to discouragement and see only the good side of the work. As for opposition, we ought to remember that God is on our side and that the word of God is sharper than any two-edged sword. So let us "never stop going until we have to," and the Lord is sure to place a blessing on the feeble

efforts we put forth to carry this truth to the world.

My sales are not as large as I naturally wanted, but I am thankful to do this well when money is so scarce. The people cry hard times everywhere, but the Lord puts within them the desire for the book and they order. I believe the Lord will so shape things that they will have the money when I deliver. Furthermore, I am having the privilege of meeting isolated believers, which is an encouragement to them as well as to me. It is interesting to learn how they accepted the truth which is so precious to them.

JOHN P. FINCH.

### Bruce Station

Knowing the attention of all is on the canvasser and his work, it is a pleasure to tell you some of the ways the Lord has directed me.

Many are aroused by the conditions now existing in the world, and in presenting "Great Controversy" one of the strongest selling points is the chapter which deals with these conditions. One place I called the lady asked me if I was a Protestant; upon answering in the affirmative she said, "If you had not been a Protestant you could not have entered my home." I took the opportunity to tell her what the Catholics had done in the past and what they would do in the future. When I had given her a thorough canvass she placed her name for a five dollar book. She said she was once a Catholic but because of the disgraceful conduct of a priest when she was about seventeen years old she is now standing on the Protestant platform. This is but one case out of hundreds. During the past few days I have been delivering. At one home where I had taken an order for "Christ Our Saviour" and had previously delivered it, they liked it so well they gave an order for our books to the amount of \$2.60. This was a Catholic home. Some having "Steps to Christ" stated it was the best book they had ever read and immediately ordered a "Great Controversy."

While many of our books are sold in this part of the field, we are glad to say there are many honest souls longing for the truth. We need your prayers that we may do our work so faithfully that some souls may be brought to the knowledge of the truth through our untiring efforts.

LEONARD CHAMBERLAIN.

### A Canvasser's Letter

Reading as we do, from day to day, of the cheerful sacrifices being made in this great war, as a soldier of Jesus Christ in the canvassing field, I was led to look back over the past year's work.

I wondered if my labor has been as zealously and cheerfully performed as the necessity demanded. How the dear Lord has blessed me, but I did not at the time recognize many of the blessings. How wonderfully the homes opened to me. One night in particular I had difficulty in finding a place to stay. It was a very cold night about ten o'clock, and the lights were being extinguished in the homes. I prayed that the Lord would help me, and looking up, noticed a light some distance ahead. I went toward it with confidence, knocked and was received kindly. After stating my business I was welcomed into the home. I had scarcely sat down when Mr. Watson began talking about the Bible, and though Mrs. Watson was not very well we sat talking till near midnight. They remarked how seldom they could find one who would talk about the Scriptures. In the morning I received an order for a "Daniel and Revelation" and a \$3.90 Bible. These I have since delivered. At another house after a faithful canvass I failed to get an order so showed "Best Stories." They decided to take one of these. In the meantime it was raining rather hard so I sheltered there a little while and made the most of my time explaining the prophecies. When I left and had gotten as far as the road the farmer came running after me, saying that on second thought he would take the "Daniel and Revelation" also. Thus the dear Lord tests our faith. At still another place after failing to get an order in the house I went out to the barn and easily secured an order for "Daniel and Revelation." Then when I was canvassing a house opposite the lady came over and ordered "Best Stories" also. At another place I had no sooner introduced myself than I was warmly welcomed and pressed to stay overnight, which I did. They were very poor and really unable to order a book, so I left with them later a set of Bible studies and linked them up with the Dresden church.

So I have found the way prepared before me. While I have often been very tired (not of the work however), I have also been very happy. I have also had a very pleasant delivery. What a wonderful opportunity we have in the canvassing work to give the message and help in the finishing of the work. Now is the time to labor. I long for a better training for it. Yes, it is worth all the sacrifices we may be called upon to make.

J. HEAVER.

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## Quebec Conference

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### The Lennoxville Tent Effort

Our first report to the MESSENGER was written after our second meeting, and now that we are

in the third week of the effort the brethren will be interested to learn how it goes with us.

The attendance has been on a gradual increase. Night before last (Sunday), the tent was packed to its limit to hear the sermon on the "Fall of Satan." The following night the tent was also well filled, so it appears that the interest is growing. This week I present the subjects of the "Law," "The Two Laws," "Rome and the Bible," and other themes leading up to the Sabbath question. Next Sunday evening (August 8), I will introduce the subject of the Sabbath, and naturally we are looking forward with much anxiety to that occasion as that will prove the deciding question. Our attendance has been largely made up of church of England people, the Methodists having steered clear of us until very recently. The Methodist minister in the town has been the victim of a series of misfortunes. I felt very sympathetic toward him in his affliction and called on him to express my sentiments. We had a very pleasant visit and on leaving I had prayer with him. He seemed very pleased with my having called on him and I trust it may result in good. Whether this has had any influence on it or not, the attendance has materially increased since then.

We find a very friendly spirit among the people as we visit them in their homes, and we are working and praying that God will bless this tent effort to the salvation of souls. We trust that we may have the prayers of our people that a goodly number will take their stand for the truth in Lennoxville.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

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### Granby

After spending some time looking for a suitable location for our tent effort, we decided on West Shefford. This decision was largely the result of the supposed friendship of one of the ministers of that place. However this man is not yet fully convicted of the truth, therefore he feels it his duty to oppose it in protection of his people.

Having spent some time in visiting and advertising and still being unable to get an attendance to our meetings, we decided to move our tents. After driving to several places in company with Brother J. R. Noble, who has joined me in the work, we felt impressed, after prayer and consideration, to move our tents to Granby. Since that day we have been praising God for directing us to make this move.

We left West Shefford last Tuesday and had our opening service Thursday night, with an attendance of about sixty. All gave earnest attention as I spoke on "The War God, What Means

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## Mission Funds Statement

### ONTARIO

Amount at 20 cents to May 31 . . . . . \$2385 83  
Amount received . . . . . 1217 33  
Shortage to date . . . . . \$1168 50

### MARITIME

Amount at 20 cents to May 31 . . . . . \$1008 89  
Amount received . . . . . 569 44  
Shortage to date . . . . . \$439 45

### QUEBEC

Amount at 20 cents to May 31 . . . . . \$671 15  
Amount received . . . . . 469 40  
Shortage to date . . . . . \$201 75

### NEWFOUNDLAND

Amount at 20 cents to May 31 . . . . . \$264 13  
Amount received . . . . . 108 60  
Shortage to date . . . . . \$155 53

the Conflict in Europe?" We were much pleased to see so many of the same ones back again on Friday and Sunday evenings.

The people are showing us many little kindnesses. Supplying beautiful flowers for the desk is one which we greatly appreciate.

We desire the prayers of the brethren that God may give us true success in presenting the message so that souls will accept the truth, and be numbered among those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

M. O. DINGMAN.

ALL mail for F. E. Dufty should be addressed to him at P. O. Box 3189, Montreal, instead of 18 Calumet St. as heretofore.

"A SMOOTH sea never made a skilful mariner."

## Obituary

"BLESSED ARE THE DEAD"

THOMPSON- Died Tuesday morning, July 27, 1915, Mrs. Elias Thompson, aged 52 years, 1 month, 22 days. It was the pleasure of the writer to visit her before her death and to hear her talk of her hope in a soon-coming Saviour. Comforting words were spoken by the writer from John 11:25. Her body was taken for interment to the Cataragui cemetery to await the call of the Lifegiver. She leaves a husband and six children to mourn their loss. C. D. TERWILLEGAR.

## Ontario Report of Tithes and Offerings for the Month of June, 1915

Churches	Members	Title	Miss.	Total
Albans	8	\$ 37 64	\$12 05	\$ 49 72
Belleville	9	30 00	12 46	42 46
Brantford	58	159 74	67 15	226 89
Buena Vista	*	31 26	14 63	45 89
Chatham	14	35 16	50	35 66
Central Tor.	14	20 85	12 08	32 93
†Dresden	*	80 05		80 05
East Tor.	*	29 19	13 57	42 76
Hamilton	*	226 06	40 96	267 02
Iroquois	13	11 85	12 77	24 62
Kingston	27	16 28	4 20	20 48
Kenyengah	*	19 97	2 68	22 65
London	32	293 44	39 05	332 49
Lynden	9	10 48	7 18	17 66
Bouck's Hill	*	16 20	3 80	20 00
Individuals		3 10		3 10
Muskoka	*	1 00		1 00
Napanee	*	3 75		3 75
Galt	*		2 12	2 12
Ottawa	15	32 70	2 87	35 57
Paris	16	84 82	16 93	101 75
Peterboro	*	5 40	6 29	11 69
†Niagara Falls	*	1 35	1 34	2 69
Petrolia	*	32 60	8 00	40 60
†St. Catharines	*	9 40	13 64	23 04
St. Thomas	20	104 96	40 74	145 70
West Toronto	*	47 01	18 94	65 95
		\$1344 25	\$353 89	\$1698 15

\*Membership not reported.

†Unorganized companies

## Life Sketches of Mrs. Ellen G. White

A new book bearing the above title is in process of manufacture. The first forms are already on the press and the book will be completed and all ready for delivery in about three weeks.

For the most part it is Sister White's own story, but the last chapters, which give an account of her closing days, have been compiled by Brother W. C. White, assisted by Sister White's helpers. It will contain about 500 pages. The price in cloth is \$1.00 and in limp leather \$1.50. Order through the Canadian Publishing Association, Oshawa, Ont.