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A Laugh

A laugh is just like sunshine,
It freshens all the day,
It tips the peak of life with light,
And drives the clouds away;
The soul grows glad that hears it,
And feels its courage strong—
A laugh is just like sunshine
For cheering folks along.

A laugh is just like music,
It lingers in the heart,
And where its melody is heard,
The ills of life depart;
The happy thoughts come crowding
Its joyful notes to greet—
A laugh is just like music,
For making all life sweet.—Sel.

Union Conference

The Ingathering Campaign

Dear Brethren and Sisters of Eastern Canada:—

I have had it on my mind to write a few lines with reference to our plans for the big campaign in behalf of mission funds this fall. Our missionary line has been extended considerably longer since this Harvest Ingathering plan has been put into operation, and it is now an essential part of our plan for carrying the message. We do not hire solicitors for this work, but depend entirely on the volunteer effort of our loyal people. Conscription is not in the plan. Each year the army of workers grows larger, but it hardly keeps up with the extending line of missionary operations. Can we not plan on an extra effort this year and swing into the campaign a larger number of workers? Last year quite a number took part in the effort who had never tried it before and they came back with hearts aglow with the good experience they had gained. These same individuals could doubtless do even better this year, and others who have held back thus far may catch the spirit of enthusiasm and be led to their part. Let our motto be, "The love of Christ constraineth us," and our con-

fidence be, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

I received a great personal blessing last year in soliciting funds in this campaign, and I aim to join in the effort again this year. I trust that everyone who loves the Lord and the solemn message for this time will come to the help of the Lord in this time of stress. The days of opportunity are fast ebbing away and will soon be gone forever. Let us fill them with earnest labor for God.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

Notes

We learn that the infant child of Brother and Sister B. E. Manual died last Monday. The funeral service was conducted by Elder F. C. Webster. The MESSENGER family unites in extending to the parents its heartfelt sympathy in this time of their bereavement. The time of weeping will soon be over, and the day is at hand when the angel will place in their mother's arms the little ones that have been laid away to rest.

This is a good time to circulate the little book, "World's Crisis." Send for a copy. The price is 25 cents postpaid; in lots of ten or more 12½ cents each.

Then there is "Shadow of the Bottle," the best shrapnel shell to use in the temperance campaign. Wherever there is a temperance agitation or wherever you wish to start one use "Shadow of the Bottle" and temperance *Instructor*.

How are you getting on with your plans for the harvest ingathering this year? As each year adds to our experience in soliciting funds for missions, it should also add to our efficiency. Let us set our mark a little higher than we did last year and work a little harder to reach it. It is a good work, and God approves of it, blessing those who engage in it.

Don't fail to read Elder Campbell's article on the Harvest Ingathering campaign printed in this issue.

Ontario Conference

Organization of Central Toronto Church

At the invitation of Elder Hare and the members of the Central Toronto company of believers, the writer went to Toronto and organized this company into a church Sabbath afternoon, September 25. Thirteen persons presented themselves for membership and upon examination were found in full harmony with the principles of our faith and in fellowship with one another and they were then formed into a church organization. Eight others are soon to be baptized and they will also connect with this church making a membership of 21. This will make a good strong organization to start with and it is to be hoped that many others will take their stand and cast in their lot with this the youngest member of the sisterhood of churches in Ontario. A resolution was adopted requesting admittance in the Ontario conference at its next session. A full complement of officers was chosen as follows: Elder, M. J. Allen; Treasurer, Mrs. M. J. Allen; Clerk and Missionary Secretary, Mrs. F. Lagassie. This little company of Sabbath keepers has passed through some very trying experiences during the past few months but has stood loyal and true through it all and we trust that under the blessing of God this new light in the great city of Toronto may prove a means in the hand of God of directing many a sin-sick wanderer to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

Ottawa

Now that we have completed our tent effort in this city it affords us great pleasure to send in a report. The services began July 10, and closed September 19, during which time we preached sixty-seven sermons on the many phases of the message.

Our attendance was excellent from start to finish, having a full tent the most of the time. Very often it overflowed, especially on Sunday nights. Being unable to accommodate our crowds, a friend kindly donated a dozen benches twelve feet long which were also frequently filled. So much for attendance.

Financially speaking we have had excellent success. Our tent effort expense was in the neighborhood of one hundred dollars. Our offerings, however, exceeded the amount of two hundred twenty dollars, making a gain of one hundred twenty dollars over and above all expenses. We feel exceedingly glad for this in view of the financial embarrassment of the conference. The last Sunday night we took in \$20.14.

Our accessions to the truth are very gratifying. However, we are not prepared to state just how many have started to obey, nor shall we do so until we are sure. We feel, however, it has been good for us to be here. The Lord has blessed and favored us in every way, and we expect to see more as we follow up the work.

Spiritually and morally speaking we have a splendid class of believers here and we feel sure that the Lord is well pleased. Our hands will be quite full during the fall and winter visiting and binding off the work. We will hold Sunday night services in the Empire Theater which will cost five dollars a night, and on Sabbaths our present plan is to hold forth in Peterkin Hall. This, however, is not yet fully decided upon. Halls are scarce here and we expect some difficulty in getting a suitable place.

Brother and Sister Hurdon have done their work faithfully and also Mrs. Johnston, who did the playing. Taking it all around we have labored hard and feel to thank the Lord for abundant success. We hope the members throughout this conference and elsewhere will continue to pray for God's blessing on the work in this city.

F. W. JOHNSTON.

Church Schools

It will be pleasing news to many of our people in Ontario to know that two church schools are in operation, and doing well.

More schools should be started, and we believe they will be, as soon as teachers are provided.

For the special benefit of the churches where the schools are located at present, and our brethren and sisters who long for a church school, the following paragraphs are quoted:

"Altogether too little attention has been given our children and youth. The older members of the church have not looked upon them with tenderness and sympathy, desiring that they might be advanced in the divine life, and the children have therefore failed to develop in the Christian life as they should have done. Some church members who have loved and feared God in the past are allowing their business to be all-absorbing and are hiding their light under a bushel. They have forgotten to serve God, and are making their business the grave of their religion.

"Shall the youth be left to drift hither and thither, to become discouraged, and to fall into temptations that are everywhere lurking to catch their unwary feet? The work that lies nearest to our church members is to become interested in our youth, with kindness, patience, and tenderness giving them line upon line, precept upon precept.

"Wherever there are a few Sabbath-keepers, the parents should unite in providing a place for a day school where their children and youth can be instructed. They should employ a Christian teacher, who, as a consecrated missionary, shall educate the children in such a way as to lead them to become missionaries. Let teachers be employed who will give a thorough education in the common branches, the Bible being made the foundation and life of all study.

"Work as if you were working for your life to save the children from being drowned in the polluting, corrupting influence of the world.

"Let the parents seek the Lord with intense earnestness, that they may not be stumbling blocks in the way of their children. Let envy and jealousy be banished from the heart, and let the peace of Christ come in to unite the members of the church in true Christian fellowship. Let the windows of the soul be closed against the poisonous malaria of earth, and let them be opened heavenward to receive the healing rays of the sunshine of Christ's righteousness. Until the spirit of criticism and suspicion is banished from the heart, the Lord cannot do for the church that which he longs to do in opening the way for the establishing of schools; until there is unity, he will not move upon those to whom he has entrusted means and ability for the carrying forward of this work. Parents must reach a higher standard, keeping the way of the Lord and practicing righteousness, that they may be light-bearers. There must be an entire transformation of mind and character. A spirit of dissension cherished in the hearts of a few will communicate itself to others, and undo the influence for good that would be exerted by the school. Unless parents are ready and anxious to co-operate with the teacher for the salvation of their children, they are not prepared to have a school established among them."

The above paragraphs are taken from volume six of the "Testimonies."

Buena Vista Current

The present enrolment of the school is forty-two.

Miss Herminie Vuilleumier of Montreal, is our latest arrival.

The boys are busy gathering in the crops of the farm, and the girls are canning corn and tomatoes for the winter.

Our church school department, under the direction of Miss Johnston, has a membership of fifteen. Every grade, except one, is represented.

About six students are expected during the next week.

The equipment of our laundry has been increased by the addition of a mangle. This will lessen the work a great deal.

Liberal Offer

The *Signs* weekly has had a "Question Corner" for more than thirty years. From its columns has been compiled a book called "Questions and Answers." It is divided into nineteen sections, and each section has a full index, so that it is an easy matter to find the many questions it contains. In it difficult Bible texts are made clear, apparent contradictions are harmonized, perplexing questions are answered.

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"Some murmur when their sky is clear
And wholly bright to view,
If one small speck of dark appear
In their great heaven of blue.
And some with thankful love are filled,
If but one streak of light,
One ray of God's good mercy, gild
The darkness of their night."

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Amount received	2018 01
Shortage to date	\$1319 48

MARITIME

Amount at 20 cents	\$1411 31
Amount received	1024 11
Shortage to date	\$387 20

QUEBEC

Amount at 20 cents	\$938 86
Amount received	788 26
Shortage to date	\$150 60

NEWFOUNDLAND

Amount at 20 cents	\$569 49
Amount received	186 16
Shortage to date	\$183 33

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Are You Interested?

Does the progress of the work in this field interest you? Do you care to see the work here grow in all its phases? Your affiliation with the cause in the Eastern Canadian Union is sufficient answer to these queries. Of the many lines of effort now in operation in this Union the purpose of these few lines is to call your attention to the printing and publishing work.

For some time the demand has been for "Made in Canada" goods. The Canadian people want tracts, magazines and books printed at home, as many of our canvassers and workers can testify. To meet this demand we are endeavoring to enlarge our printing office and publish our own small literature,

such as pamphlets and tracts. To this end we have recently installed a cylinder press and stapler and other articles we very much needed. This has meant a heavy burden upon our shoulders and we are going to call upon our Canadian brethren to help us. It is not our purpose to ask for funds, although money will be very acceptable, but we write especially to our conference workers and the business men among our number who have any printing to be done.

Until we can gain a good footing with our denominational literature we must depend, to a certain extent, upon job printing to build us up. We are now in a position to take care of any job work you may require; such as, letterheads, statements, receipt blanks, circular letters, invoices, envelopes, cards, invitations, announcements, pamphlets, etc. When contemplating printing write to us and get our quotations.

By placing work with us you are not only helping to build up the printing work but you are helping to put worthy young men through school. The office was moved from Port Hope to the Academy for this purpose, and we are doing our best to help as many young men as possible to get an education. Last year we gave employment to four young men and thereby helped them defray about two-thirds of their school expenses. Brethren this is missionary work, and it lies in your power to help this along without the cost of an additional cent to you. Let us hear from you no matter how large or how small the job you wish printed. Address Canadian Publishing Association, Printing Dept, Oshawa, Ont. F. A. SPANGLER, Supt.

Obituary

"BLESSED ARE THE DEAD"

ABRAMS—By invitation from the bereaved relatives the writer went to Hartington, Ontario, and preached the funeral sermon of Brother Abrams who died on Friday, September 17. The Methodist friends in the village kindly opened their church for the occasion and I preached a good Adventist sermon on the hope of the future resurrection. Being diplomatic in my method of presentation the people accepted it favorably and spoke highly of it after. Sister Abrams, her two sons, and two small children are all believers in this truth, having accepted at Kingston two years ago, and her deceased husband accepted Christ during his last hours. This was a comfort to them in their hour of sorrow. A large crowd was in attendance and paid its last respects to the body of Brother Abrams. The interment took place in the Harrowsmith cemetery where the brother awaits the call of the Lifegiver. Sincere sympathy is extended to the mourners with the hope that they will find comfort in Christ in this their hour of trial.

F. W. JOHNSTON.