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The Council

Arriving at Loma Linda, California, Thursday, November 4, I was pleasantly located in one of the numerous tents pitched on the Medical College grounds with Elder A. V. Olson as my tent mate.

The General Conference Committee opened its first session with thirty-five members present. The president of each Union Conference in Europe, Asia, Australia, and South America is a member of the General Conference Committee, which has a total membership of forty-nine. Elders Conradi and Fitzgerald from Europe and Elders Porter and Salisbury from Asia are with us.

One evening Elder Conradi gave a talk on conditions in Europe during wartime, which was absorbingly interesting. At the beginning of the war there were in the European Division eight hundred laborers consisting of ministers, licentiates and Bible workers. Over two hundred were taken by conscription. Three hundred and fifty of their eight hundred and fifty canvassers were also taken for army service. Added to this a large share of our church elders and heaviest tithe payers were taken. In spite of these handicaps the third angel's message has gone forward in Europe, and from July 1, 1914 to July 1, 1915 over five thousand converts were baptized and taken into the churches. The tithe for the first six months of 1915 amount to \$186,000 and the offerings for foreign missions over \$30,000. Besides this all families of Seventh-day Adventists left destitute by the war were cared for financially. This is a most astonishing record for such a time as this.

One of the actions of the General Conference Committee at this session was the organization into a regular Division Conference of Korea, China, Japan, India, the East Indies, Malaysia, and Australia. This vast territory contains about nine hundred millions of people—considerably more than half the population of the earth. This marks a big advance step in the progress of our message in the far east. The organization of this field will call for quite a number of men who are experienced in administrative work to be sent over there besides a strong force of evangelists,

bookmen and Bible workers. The keynote of this council is to get this work finished just as soon as possible, for it is evident that the sun of our opportunity is almost set.

"The work that centuries might have done
Must crowd the hour of setting sun."

This is the meeting of the General Conference Committee which comes half way between the sessions of the General Conference, and it is usually held in Europe. This year on account of the war conditions there, it was decided to hold it in America. The presidents of all local conferences were invited to attend on account of the important character of the proceedings. Almost all the local conference presidents of the North American Division are here.

It is a matter of regret that the Eastern Canadian Union could not be more fully represented, but financial conditions seem to have hindered.

The decisions of this meeting will prove a great impetus to the work of God in all sections of this old earth, and under the blessing of God it will soon be finished (Rom. 9:28). The Lord grant that we shall all triumph with it.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

Ontario Conference

London

As we are engaged in the Ingathering campaign here with a fixed goal and a set determination to succeed, it might be interesting to know just how much success we are having and what methods are being used.

At the beginning the prospect was exceedingly gloomy. This city being a training and recruiting centre, enthusiasm runs high, and patriotic sermons are the order of the day. Before we could get started all kinds were floated over the city penetrating the surrounding towns and villages and even country places. However, we realized who was leading in our campaign. The one that had overthrown the armies of Pharaoh was to lead us safely through, so we began the work of mobilizing. A special gathering was called for prayer meeting night to get a supply

of ammunition ready. The Lord heard our pleadings for help, and we left that meeting with the assurance that the victory would be ours. Realizing as we do the rapid fulfilment of prophecy and that there might be a possibility of this being our last Ingathering campaign, all felt the burden of individual work without considering ourselves in the matter. The city was districted off and some were given territory there, while others engaged in work outside. Sister Harry Smith has a missionary auto, and with a car full of determined workers visits the surrounding towns and villages. It seemed good to see the happy, but tired ones return with their gatherings amounting in nearly every case to between ten and twenty dollars, and to hear their experiences. The longest trip so far was to Stratford, thirty-seven miles, making a seventy-four mile drive. Each one goes provided with a lunch and at noon hour the auto is converted into a dining room. On our church blackboard we have two lists. One contains the names of towns and villages visited with the amount gathered in each, while the other records the names of individuals and the amount collected. Each week we add to the list as the reports come in. The goal set is for \$400 which is \$100 more than last year. At first this looked like a mountain considering the times, for calls are pouring into business places and even private houses at such a rate that there is to be a decree passed to stop these demands. However our list has soared up to something over \$300 already. Who will say that the Lord is not directing in this, his work? Some could not take their place on the firing line as they desired to do, so they were encouraged to make the shells. This was done on their knees in supplication to God for those at the front. This, I believe, is the secret of the success attending our efforts. We hope to swell the list to \$400 and believe that all things are possible to those who love the Lord. We are told by the servant of God that angels go before us in these efforts. That accounts for some of the nice donations we occasionally receive. Surely we should take courage to go forward with faces lighted up knowing that our redemption draweth nigh. Just a few more mile-posts and we will be there. Oh that we may be faithful over a few things that finally we may become rulers over many things! The Ingathering campaign is one of the few things. Isaiah saw this very time, when just before the final triumph of God's children the earth is covered with darkness and gross darkness the people. We are commanded to arise and shine. "And the Gentiles shall come to thy light . . . and their forces [margin, wealth] shall come to thee . . . Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring their sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the Lord thy God, and to the

Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee." Isa. 60:1-5, 9.

May each one engaged in this important mission hear from the lips of Jesus as did the woman with the alabaster box, "She hath done what she could."

WM. H. BOYCE.

Maritime Conference

Our Present Responsibility.

Daily I am convinced of the urgent need of trained young men and young woman for volunteers in God's great work. When we read the thrilling accounts of our missionaries on the frontiers of the war-ravaged nations, of their sufferings, of the loved ones laid away, of all the trials endured without a murmur, it should stir our very souls, and shame us for our inactivity in the cause we profess to love.

What are we doing to educate the young people of this conference? What are you doing, my brother, my sister? There should be at least ten more young persons at Williamsdale Academy receiving their training to do a noble self-sacrificing work under the cross of Christ. What attitude do you assume toward Christian education? Do you join with those who say, "The public schools are just as good and so much cheaper? Is not the soul of your son or your daughter of more value than dollars and cents? Did your soul, did my soul, cost the Son of God any sacrifice? Did he begrudge the sacrifice?"

The life of every child silently says to the parent "I came from God and it is your duty to see that I go back to God." Are we going to send our children, the young people of the church, back to God, or does it cost too much? Do we realize that our own brethren in the foreign fields have given all—means, comfort, home—yes, all? Have you done that? Are we going to help our sons and daughters to get their education in the world so that they can earn \$40 a week and be lost? or are we going to sell a cow or two, or a few acres, or draw on our dormant bank account and fit them for service here and eternal life hereafter? Is not this a serious and grave question? Williamsdale Academy is of God's own planting. God's presence is here; it is felt by every student and teacher. There are earnest young persons all through our conference who should be here. What are you doing to help them to get here? Did you ever sense the pleasure of sacrificing to help someone gain a preparation for service and eternal life? Try it.

Why cannot our churches do something to help our needy and worthy young people? We can at least all pray for them and encourage them to strive to come to a Christian school, and our reward will be greater than the earthly treasures we may heap in this old sin-cursed world. L. O. MACLEAN.

Williamsdale Academy Notes

The following students have been enrolled during the last month: Arthur Kierstead, Winnie Hubley, Carrie Hubley and Carrie Dauphinee.

670 bushels of turnips and 350 bushels of grain have just been harvested. Our crops were all very good this year and we are thankful to the Lord for his abundant blessing.

We were pleased to have a week-end visit from Sister Ida Carter of Moncton; her visits are always looked forward to by all. She expressed much pleasure and satisfaction with the progress made by her three children.

The Harvest Ingathering Campaign was successful as usual, about \$65.00 being taken by fifteen students and four teachers. The largest amount taken by any one was \$17.50. Professor Machlan received that.

We are all looking forward with pleasure to soon being able to use our new bridge across the Philip river. This will save about two miles on a trip to the station.

The rhetoric class gave a most interesting program on "The Requisites Essential to Missionary Volunteers," Sabbath, October 30.

Did it ever occur to you that if every church member in the Maritime Conference gave 15 cents a month, or \$1.80 a year, it would pay the school expenses of four worthy young people for one year? Who are you helping through school this year?

"Things don't turn up in this world until somebody turns them up."—Garfield.

Wedding

STRICKLAND-PHIPPS—Brother Walter Earnest Strickland and Sister Ferne Marilla Phipps were united in marriage at the home of Elder Carlyle B. Haynes in Greenville, S. C., Wednesday afternoon,

November the third, at two o'clock. Brother Strickland has been associated with Elder Haynes in tent work all summer. Sister Phipps comes from St. John, New Brunswick, and is a valuable addition to the corps of workers in South Carolina. Sister Phipps was a graduate from the Normal Course at South Lancaster Academy last spring.

The ceremony was solemnized by Pastor J. A. Strickland, father of the groom, assisted by Elder Haynes.

The house was beautifully decorated and Elder and Sister Haynes had provided an ample and ideal wedding repast. The afternoon was spent in social converse, and Sister Haynes entertained with a program of excellent and appropriate music.

The happy couple will reside in Greenville and help follow up the great interest that has been created by the tent meetings held there recently.

Our Faithfulness in Tithing

A tract on the subject of tithing has just lately come from the press written by Elder G. B. Thompson, and recommended by the officers of the General and North American Division Conference for extensive circulation. Therefore we are placing a copy this month with each family and isolated Sabbath-keeper in our conference, trusting that they will be earnestly read and that they will answer any question in regard to this important subject.

At the present time here in Maritime we feel the need of faithfulness in this respect more than at any time in the past. Unless there is greater faithfulness the work will necessarily be hindered here.

We would ask that as far as possible the tithe be sent in regularly and promptly at the close of each month to the church treasurer, the isolated ones sending it direct to the conference office. There is an exception to this however in the case of some of our isolated sisters whose circumstances make it only convenient to forward it once during the quarter.

Report of Home Missionary Work for Ontario Conference for Third Quarter, 1915.

Name of Church	Membership	No. Reporting	Letters Written	Letters Received	Missionary Visits	Bible Readings and Cottage Meetings	Subscriptions for Periodicals	Papers Sold	Papers Mailed, Lent or Given	Books Sold	Books Lent or Given	Tracts Sold	Tracts Lent or Given	Hours of Christian Help Work	Articles of Clothing Given	No. of Meals Provided	Treatments Given	Offerings to Home Missionary Work	No. Conversions	Signatures for Temp. Pledge
Chatham	21	6	61	40	107	70	15	125	956	46	11		966	20	20	63	25	\$ 8 99	2	10
Hamilton	84	55	69	17	243	99	10	105	656	45	46		1780	277	99	188	17	9 76		
Huntsville			4	3		7	2		165		7		3	10	7					
Paris	15	18	13	3	1	2	8		99	2	10		381	5	2	5		4 00	2	
Petrolia	8	5	8		5	4			126	55	1		40		4		20			
West Toronto	58	20	34	6	373	109	3	1666	751	20	1 143		3412	432	31			16 91		
Cent Toronto	13	21	30	24	86	41	2		64	16	47		770	158	95	6				
B. V. Academy					6						2		7		6					
Totals	199	128	229	93	821	332	30	1896	2697	184	125 143		6359	902	264	262	62	\$39 66	4	10

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Our laborers have been inconvenienced by the necessary delay in receiving their salaries, which they cannot receive until the tithe comes from the churches each month. By the faithfulness and promptness of each one in the future we trust that this delay may be avoided, and that the cause of God may go on in Maritime unhindered. L. VANBUSKIRK.

Newfoundland Mission

Our Progress in Englee

The last letter I wrote to the MESSENGER gave an account of our experiences in Catalina, and the results of the work done there so far.

I sailed away from Catalina Oct. 8, bound for Englee, which is the most northern port of call where any of our people are living.

At Englee a company of Sabbath keepers have long been holding up the light of truth, distributing literature on board the sailing vessels bound to and from the Labrador coast, which stop there before crossing the straits en route to their fishing grounds. This company has grown until they number thirteen, and was thought best to organize them into a local organization, as the church at St. John's, where up to this time they have held their membership, is five hundred miles away, and they are not able to oversee the members at Englee and properly care for them. This little company was greatly disappointed because we could not stay longer with them, as it is possible to visit them to advantage only once a year; but as the steamer calling there has only about ten days between trips we felt that it was contrary to the best interests of the cause that more than a couple of days be spent there. The election day, November 4, the date set apart for the voice of the people to declare whether prohibition should come into force on this island or not, was rapidly drawing near, and many places must be visited and public meetings held to enable the people to see their duty plainly on that day. The Methodist body, the Salvation Army and others were sending out literature to awaken public sentiment in behalf of prohibition, and of course we who are essentially prohibitionists could not be slack, but must be found doing "our bit" for the general weal of the people. It was good to see the spirit of sacrifice that moved this little company to let me go so soon. It is different to the spirit that dominates the world, but

"Ye are not of the world," said the Master, and his prayer, "I pray for them" is being answered by such devoted sacrifice to and for his cause down through the centuries. Brother James Dower was elected local elder and Sister Emmeline Dower church clerk and treasurer.

In our next letter we will endeavor to take up the story just where this leaves off. In Catalina I spoke twice on prohibition. Sister Hubley gave a touching recitation entitled "Poor House Man" and Brother Hubley assisted. He also drew several charts for my use during the tour that are very effective and a real help. At Englee I spoke once on prohibition and the rest of the time was occupied in organization and studies regarding the same, and on what church fellowship is as taught in the Bible.

WM. C. YOUNG.

Ontario Tithes and Offerings for September 1915

Churches	Tithes	Miss	Misc.	Total
Albana	\$ 36 81	\$ 2 40		\$ 29 21
Buena Vista	49 56	60 62		110 18
Belleville	20 00	8 70		28 70
Brantford				
Bouck's Hill				
Central Tor	31 78	12 07		43 85
Chatham	98 34	18 30		116 64
Dresden	58 95	18 60		72 55
East Toronto	32 61	40 48		73 09
Galt	18 75	11 89		25 64
Hamilton	498 35	60 90		559 25
Iroquois				
*Individuals	54 26	24 30		78 56
Kenyengah				
Kingston	24 21			24 21
London	81 27	8 35		89 62
Lindsay	16 43	4 40		20 83
Lynden	18 97	11 20		30 17
Muskoka	1 00	7 00		8 00
Napanee	1 00			1 00
Ottawa	63 38	2 80		66 18
Oshawa	12 60	6 38		18 98
Paris		9 65		9 65
Petrolia	27 95	12 65		40 60
Peterboro	15 00	5 47		20 47
Selton	5 90			5 90
St. Catharines	7 75	6 46		14 21
St. Thomas				
West Tor	69 39	37 12		106 51
Total	\$1,234 26	\$369 74		\$1,604 00

*Unorganized

Colporteurs' Report, Week Ending Nov. 13, 1915

Ontario					
Name	Book	Hours	Value	Total	Del.
J Pengelly	CK	45	\$20 50	\$44 30	
P Van Ness	WC	20	25 00	25 00	\$9 75
C D Terwillegar	Misc		7 25	7 25	
Inez Cowies	BR	17		2 00	4 00
Total		82	\$52 75	\$78 55	\$13 75
Maritime					
Mrs M Kierstead	WC	42	9 00	23 25	1 50
Grand Total		124	\$61 75	\$101 80	\$15 25