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Be Glad

Be glad when the flowers have faded?
 Be glad when the trees are bare?
 When the fog lies thick on the fields and moors
 And the frost is in the air?
 When all around is a desert,
 And the clouds obscure the light,
 When there are no songs for the darkest day,
 No stars for the longest night?

Be glad when the world is lonely,
 And the heart has been bereft?
 When, of all the loves of the young springtime,
 Scarcely a friend is left?
 Be glad in the desolate valley,
 After the sunny hills?
 When the joy of the morning is far behind,
 And the gloom its task fulfils?

Ah, yes! for the truest gladness
 Is not in ease or mirth;
 It has its home in the heart of God,
 Not in the loves of earth.
 God's love is the same forever,
 If the skies are bright or dim,
 And the joy of the morning lasts all day,
 When the heart is glad to Him,

—Selected.

The Autumn Council

Each autumn the members of the General Conference Committee in North America and the North American Division Committee assemble for council to take into consideration the needs of our world wide work. This fall the council is in session at Washington, D. C., having begun its deliberations October 8. Aside from the Union Conference presidents in North America, and the officers of the General Conference and North American Division Conference, we have with us Elder Boetcher from Russia, Elder Steele of Porto Rico and Elder Caviness of Mexico.

Probably the most important question to come before this council is the making of suitable provi-

sion for the mission fields. After trimming down the requests from the various fields to the most urgent and seemingly necessary requirements, they still mount up to a sum of considerably over \$800,000 for 1917. We all feel that this sum is almost a necessity for our missionary operations for 1917. However, we have prospects of securing only about \$700,000 from our various sources of income, and consequently it will be necessary to trim the requests from the mission fields still more. While we deeply regret the necessity of doing this and deplore our present inability to keep up with our enlarging spheres in the fields abroad, yet we are glad that our plans for 1917 mean enlargement and progress and will involve a considerably larger expenditure of means than was necessary the present year.

We know that our dear people the world over believe in foreign missions with all their souls. Each day at the family altar the missionaries are remembered in prayer. Thoughtful consideration is given each Sabbath to the question of how much can be spared for the offering for missions. Our sons and daughters are dedicated to God for service anywhere on earth. These things make it plain that the cause of missions lies very close to the hearts of our people. This is the greatest asset we have to depend on.

I am greatly cheered by the word that reaches me from various parts of the Eastern Canadian field with reference to the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. Many are having remarkable experiences and are finding interested souls who are seeking after light while funds are being solicited for mission fields. This Ingathering work is doing more than furnishing money for missions. It is bringing our people in contact with seekers after light, and as a result many are being brought to the truth for this time. May the good work continue until we have rolled up a splendid fund for missions from our Canadian field.

A decision has been reached regarding the time and place of the next session of the General Confer-

ence and North American Division Conference. Los Angeles is the place, and April, 1918, the time.

Next year we are to use the *Watchman*, published by the Southern Publishing Association, in our Ingathering work instead of the *Signs of the Times* or the *Review*.

It was voted to have Missionary Volunteer day the first Sabbath in January hereafter.

One of the chief perplexities confronting the council is to find men to fill the calls that are coming from the various fields. Let us get our young people into our schools as fast as we can that they may secure the necessary training to help fill these urgent calls.

Other questions of general interest that are up for consideration at the council are:

Shall we publish the *Protestant* magazine again?

How shall large city evangelistic efforts be conducted?

Increasing prices of our books and periodicals on account of the tremendous rise in the price of paper, inks, and binding material. At present our books and periodicals are published at a heavy loss.

Arrangements for cleaning off denominational debts.

Plans for our Loma Linda Medical College.

These and numerous other questions are keeping us busy from 8 o'clock in the morning till 9 at night. We have been in session for a week and will be here for a week longer in all probability. In my next article, further actions by the council will be outlined.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

ONTARIO

Ottawa

The Ottawa Church under the faithful and efficient leadership of Brother Hurdon is making splendid progress. A spirit of unity and brotherly love prevails and the members are cooperating with their leader in various lines of missionary work. God is blessing the efforts put forth and men and women are accepting the truth. Since campmeeting time about twelve have commenced to keep the Sabbath and the interest is constantly growing.

Sabbath morning, October 7, the writer was privileged to baptize nine new converts in the waters of Rideau Canal. For a week or more the church had been praying for a favorable day and the Lord certainly answered their prayers. A more ideal day could not have been desired. Heaven and nature seemed to smile upon us, filling every heart with joy and gratitude. Among those baptized were two men and their wives. Both of these men had served on the dominion police force, one of them being thus em-

ployed when the truth found him. He gladly resigned his position so as to be able to keep the Sabbath. Now he is engaged in an advertising business of his own invention that promises, in time, to yield a good financial return. It is his desire however to enter our school as soon as possible to prepare for the ministry. He comes from a stock of preachers, lawyers, and college professors, and we have every reason to believe that with the necessary training in our schools he will become an able and successful preacher of the third angel's message.

Sabbath afternoon all gathered in the place of worship. Following the sermon the roll was called and it was inspiring to listen to the ringing testimonies borne by old and young. During this service the ones baptized in the morning were received into the church and the right hand of fellowship was extended to them by all the members. After having separated for the ordinance of humility we came together and partook of the Lord's supper "with gladness and singleness of heart."

The blessings and experiences of this Sabbath will long be remembered by the members of the Ottawa Church. With new courage and determination they are going forth to win more souls to Christ. By spring they hope to have a still larger number ready for baptism. May God grant it. A. V. OLSON.

Field Notes

Brother John S. Brewer writes: "On Thanksgiving day I went out with seven of last year's Ingathering *Signs* and soon disposed of them receiving \$1.61. I also gave away a number of tracts and papers. This has given me the courage to order twenty-five Ingathering *Signs* for this year. Send them as soon as possible."

Brother and Sister Payne have moved from Essex to Galt in order to help the Galt church. Brother Payne has secured a position in one of the factories with the privilege of keeping the Sabbath. He plans to hold Sunday night meetings in our nice brick church there. Pray for his success.

The writer spent two days in Goderich with our faithful colporteur, John Pengelly, delivering books. He has canvassed that city with good success, and it was gratifying to see him place our truth-filled books in so many of the best homes in that place. He is planning on canvassing another city this winter and would like someone to accompany him.

At Exeter on Sabbath, October 7, twenty-three were present at the Sabbath school. We were greatly encouraged as we sang songs of praise, mingled our voices in prayer and studied his precious word together. All plan to do their part in the Ingathering Campaign.

Today I reached my goal and have secured \$101.86. There are still three hundred papers left. What shall I do—continue, or leave them on the shelf? What are you doing with your Ingathering *Signs*? Have you still some on hand? Let us continue until all the papers are in the people's home^s and the dollars in the General Conference treasury. This will probably be our best year in this country.

JOSEPH CAPMAN. *Field Sec'y.*

St. Catharines

Last Sabbath and Sunday it was our privilege to meet with the company at St. Catharines. Sabbath afternoon the believers there were organized into a church. It was a happy day for all present, especially so for Brother and Sister Sowler who have long hoped, prayed, and labored for this event. This new-born church is not large but it is filled with a spirit of earnestness and activity that gives promise of a healthy growth. Several persons are interested and a few are attending the Sabbath meetings regularly. We believe that some will soon be ready to identify themselves with God's remnant people.

Let us all pray for our infant church in St. Catharines that it may rapidly develop into a robust member of our conference family.

A. V. OLSON.

Ontario Tithes and Offerings for Aug., 1916

Churches	Tithes	Miss	Misc.	Total
Albuna	\$ 25 00	\$ 2 63		\$ 27 63
Attercliffe	37 48	11 00		48 48
*Brantford	113 47	47 94	12 50	173 91
Bouck's Hill	18 50	23 68		42 18
Chatham	23 16	18 50		41 66
Toronto Central	84 74	39 18	25 05	148 97
Dresden		17 26		17 26
Exeter	5 50	8 02	1 00	14 52
Galt	22 50	15 80		38 30
Hamilton	206 65	175 36	15 00	397 01
Iroquois	10 60	14 31		24 91
Individuals	51 87	78 15	2 00	132 02
Kenyengah	5 30			5 30
Kingston	17 90	1 65		19 55
Lindsay	25 00	2 16	15 00	42 16
London	205 41	34 10	50 00	289 51
Muskoka		6 10		6 10
Napanee	16 70	7 69		24 39
Niagara Falls	1 50	3 15		4 65
Oshawa	56 42	47 33		103 75
Ottawa	353 34	205 93	25 00	584 27
Paris	121 25	6 07	5 00	127 32
Peterboro	9 00			9 00
E.C.M. Seminary	112 20	31 46	60 00	203 66
St. Catharines	16 59	10 52		27 11
Toronto West	198 88	78 47		277 35
Windsor	17 22	27 87		45 09
Total	\$1756 18	\$914 33	\$205 55	\$2876 06

*Three months

Ontario Notes

Miss Hillyard writes that during the last month three of her readers decided to obey the commandments of God. The little Sabbath school in Sudbury is growing.

This week a letter containing a check for \$125.00 tithe was received from one of our faithful canvassers.

Mrs. Finch, our Educational and Missionary Volunteer Secretary, spoke to the young people of the Toronto churches at their weekly meeting last Friday night. Her talk was much appreciated by all.

The Harvest Ingathering Campaign is now in full swing throughout our conference. Good reports are being received from many places. Sister Hillyard sent in \$52.00 that she had gathered in her spare moments.

All money solicited should be sent into the conference office by the end of each month.

MARITIME

Harvest Ingathering

Maritime entered the Harvest Ingathering Campaign in its usual vigorous manner and within twenty-five days, ending October 10, gathered her quota of the \$100,000 for missions, beating our record of last year by eleven days. We had about sixty dollars before this year's campaign began, but we had our quota October 10 without counting this. We shall continue however until the conference is out on the twenty-cent-a-week fund.

There is an experience gained in this work that cannot be obtained in any other way, and those who fail to get this experience are missing much.

We are expecting every worker in this conference to set the pace we would like the lay members to take. Personally, I much enjoyed my part in the campaign this year. Having gathered \$40 last year, I began with the same territory, placing my goal at \$50. The largest amount received for any one paper was \$1 and the average was a little over thirty cents for each paper given. Each day's work was as follows: \$8.70, \$9.66, \$9.00, \$8.75, \$9.37, \$10.08, \$6.10, making the total \$61.66 which is more than the goal set.

Two yearly subscriptions to the *Signs* were received here in St. John by presenting the Harvest Ingathering number.

May the Lord bless the printed page thus placed in the hands of the people, and the money thus gathered that souls may be saved in the kingdom of God.

G. H. SKINNER.

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Maritime Tithes and Offerings for Third Quarter, 1916

Churches	Tithe	Miss.	Misc.	Total
Conference Church	\$82 61	\$91 20		\$173 81
Hopewell Cape N B	62 20	24 89		86 59
Halifax N S	70 49	96 71		167 20
Indian Harbor N S	18 00	51 86		69 86
Individuals	1 00	45 25	1 00	47 25
Jeddore N S				
Lake George, N. B.	24 55	7 45		32 00
Moncton N B	150 56	81 74		232 30
N Sydney N S	77 30	22 66		99 96
St John N B	128 19	126 29	1 00	255 48
Scotts Bay N S	76 91	28 73		105 64
Sydney Mines N S	135 49	49 72		185 21
Tantallon, N. S.	25 78	30 81		56 59
Tiverton, N. S.	26 36	15 60		41 96
Williamsdale N S	92 75	21 92		114 67
Total	\$972 19	\$694 33	2 00	1668 52

L. VANBUSKIRK, *Treas.*

Colporteurs' Report, Week Ending Oct. 14, 1916

Ontario

Name	Book	Hours	Value	Total	Del.
John Heaver	BR	35			\$321 50
G W Sowler	Mag		\$32 30	\$32 30	32 30
Louis Antone	Misc.		44 80	44 80	
*C D Terwillegar	GC		6 00	17 75	19 10
Total		35	\$33 10	\$94 85	\$372 90

*Tow weeks

ELDER CAMPBELL is back at headquarters just as we go to press. He reports a most profitable council at Washington.

QUEBEC

The Harvest Ingathering Campaign

"Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter, for thy heart is not right in the sight of God." The campaign will soon be over. October is quickly passing. Our Harvest Ingathering quota will soon be reached. Have you had a part or lot in this matter? If not, why? Many of our people have had a part in it, and if you could hear their ringing testimonies you would realize that the Lord had something more in mind than the gathering of funds when he established this plan. And if this has not been a time of rejoicing to you because of their success, or your own, it is because "thy heart is not right in the sight of God." But let us be thankful that there is still an opportunity, and that he who makes hearts right is saying to us "Behold I stand at the door and knock," and "the fields are white and ready to harvest."

Some will soon be forced to say, "the harvest is past, the summer is ended, and I am not saved." The campaign for missions will then be over. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." Whatever may be our attitude at the present time, we know that if we do not have some part in the final ingathering it will be because our hearts are not right in the sight of God.

F. C. WEBSTER.

Standing on Mission Offerings to Sept. 30, 1916

	Mem	Due	Recd.	Short	Over
Ontario	550	\$4306 50	\$3747 72	\$558 78	
Maritime	266	2082 78	1587 07	495 71	
Quebec	150	1174 50	985 80	289 20	
Nfld.	62	485 46	738 23		\$252 77
Union	1028	\$8049 24	\$7008 32	\$1293 69	\$252 77

The Present Truth Series September List for relatives and friends totaled a little over thirty thousand when closed October 8th. Another general list for all classes will begin with the new series, January 1, 1917. Names for this list may be sent in any time before this date.

The plan of the Present Truth Series September List provides for all subscriptions to continue unchanged through the entire subscription period. It is not possible to make changes in addresses excepting for individuals who have moved since the subscription was sent in. Subscriptions are not transferable from one person to another excepting in case of death. No provisions are made for frequent changes of any nature.