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Union Committee Meeting

The annual meeting of the Eastern Canadian Union Conference Committee was held at Oshawa last week. Those present were Elders A. V. Olson, G. H. Skinner, W. C. Young, D. J. C. Barrett, Prof. Spangler and the writer. By invitation we had with us also Elder W. W. Eastman and Prof. Howell of Washington, and Professor Taylor of Williamsdale. The presence of these brethren for counsel was greatly appreciated by the officers of the Union. While matters of weighty importance to this field were under discussion — some of them of a very perplexing character, the deliberations were harmonious from beginning to end, and as we planned for the advancement of God's cause we felt our hearts knit together in bonds of brotherly love. Separated as we are by long distances in this field we appreciate the privileges of mutual counsel and association which these annual committee meetings afford.

The auditing of the Union laborers' accounts was attended to early in the meeting. The camp meeting dates were arranged for as follows:

Ontario June 21 (or 25) to July 1

Quebec July 2 to 8
Newfoundland August 22 to 27
Maritime September 3 to 9

It was voted to employ a Union field secretary to supervise the book work in this field and each conference was counselled to provide a local field secretary.

Your Last Chance!

When the church bells ring out the year 1916 and ring in 1917 your last chance to secure the *Review* at \$2.00 for one year or \$1.00 for six months is past. The prices raise then. You have been planning to take this good paper for some time. Do it now. Sit down and write a letter to the Canadian Publishing Association, Oshawa, Ontario, order the *Review and Herald* for a year or for six months, enclosing two dollars or one dollar as the case may be and put it in the mail right away. Don't deprive yourself of the help of our denominational paper longer.

A financial policy was adopted by the committee to be followed strictly in every phase of our work in each conference in this Union. According to this policy no indebtedness of any kind is to be allowed to accumulate in the operation of any department in the cause. It was felt that it would be better to close an institution rather than allow it to operate at a loss. We hope to have every cent of indebtedness wiped out of this Union within another year and then we trust that the curse of debt may never again stain our records. From the Institutional Rebate Fund we appropriated sufficient to clear off all the old debt of Williamsdale Academy, and another year will clear off all that remains on the Seminary.

In another article further actions of the committee will be reported.

M. N. CAMPBELL

ONTARIO

Toronto

"Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations; spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes; for thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited." Isa. 54:2,3.

This language while written and given to us centuries ago is marking its fulfilment in the closing days of the third angel's message. Not alone in Canada but in all parts of the world the people of God must enlarge the place of their habitation, not for their own convenience, but that the gentiles might come in. Our people in Toronto have decided that this text was written especially to them, and for this reason we are endeavoring to fulfil what it says. The little church on Aude Street that has conveniently held our people for years has finally been filled to overflowing. It has been encouraging to all to see people standing in the isles upon the Sabbath day because there was no place for them to be seated. After a search over the city we were finally able to secure and rent for a period of several months, St. Mary's Church which is located on the corner of Bloor and Delaware. This building has a large basement and an auditorium that will seat six hundred people in which we hope to begin a series of meetings January 110. Sabbath, the 25rd, will be our first service in the new church.

Since coming to the city last spring we have been believing and praying that the Lord would add to our number fifty new Sabbath keepers by the time of our next campmeeting. We rejoice that half of these are gathered in thus far, and believe we will have the rest by the coming date.

We shall be glad to have any of our brethren who are passing through the city, call at our home or at the church. Take the Bloor car and get off at Delaware Avenue. Our quarterly meeting will be held the last Sabbath in December. We invite those near by who have not the privilege of quarterly meeting occasions to come in and be with us, and we urge all our people who are members of this church and living out of the city where it is impossible for them to attend the meeting, to send us their testimony on paper.

We solicit the prayers of all our people throughout the conference for the success of the work in this great city.

J. W. McCOMAS.

Farewell Visits

Tuesday, December 5, we bade good bye to dear old Ontario, where we had labored for the Master for a little over eight years. During that time we labored in five different cities. God blessed our labors and nearly two hundred accepted the truth and united with our churches. Ontario was our first field of labor and we enjoyed it very much. We felt that we could hardly say good bye to the different companies. Before leaving for Indiana we visited the church at Toronto, meeting with them on Sabbath, November 25. Elder McComas gave us a cordial reception and invited me to preach to the members, there being over one hundred present. We have great reason to thank the Lord for the good meeting. A number were present who had attended our meetings while I labored in Toronto and when invited to come forward and accept the truth, several responded. Quite a number also who have been attending Elder McComas' meetings came forward and asked for baptism, so twelve or fourteen decided to take their stand with God's remnant people. The Toronto Central members who have just united with the West Side church came forward, renewing their consecration, and took a firm stand for Jesus Christ and the truth. We were glad to meet with all the members at Toronto but sorry to say good bye.

Elder Olson accompanied us to Hamilton and attended the Sunday night meeting in the neat little church which was packed to the door. Here the Lord was present again and five or six promised God that they would take their stand with this people to keep the commandments. We held two meetings here. On Tuesday evening fifty-five members and friends met at the home of Brother and Sister Buchanan where a few pleasant hours were spent in a social meeting. A nice program was rendered and refreshments served. We had previously labored in Hamilton for nearly three years and were glad to meet all the members.

From there we went to Brantford and held two meetings. They were well attended and the subjects presented were enjoyed. At the close of the meeting nearly all present stood and renewed their vows and promised God to remain faithful to the end.

Then we returned to Windsor where we celebrated the ordinances with the church on Sabbath, twenty-eight taking part. On Sunday night there was a large company out and we bade farewell to them. Brother Oscar Gardey takes up the work there. A good interest is shown and I believe a strong church will be raised up in that place.

As I write this I am sitting in the Review office in South Bend, Indiana, and am thinking of good old Ontario. I wish to thank our friends for all they have done for us. We were sorry we could not visit

the Seminary at Oshawa, but I will take this opportunity to say good bye to the students and teachers. Sometime we hope to see you all again.

MATT. J. and MRS. ALLEN.

Seminary Comments

The past week has been a busy one for the Seminary. The Union Conference and Seminary Boards held their meetings here and we had the privilege of hearing from some of the members. Those present were Elders Campbell, Olson, Young, Skinner, Barrett and Professor Spangler.

Professor Howell was with us several days. He came to counsel with the School Board and also to visit the school. Friday morning in chapel he told us of the schools he had recently visited and we are glad to have the privilege of being a small factor in this world-wide work of education. His Friday evening and Sabbath talks were much appreciated.

Skating is now the order of the day. We are having splendid weather for this healthful exercise; bright, cold days that invite one out of doors.

By invitation of the Board Professor Taylor was present at the session. In chapel he told us of the progress at Williamsdale. We desire to become better acquainted with our sister school as we feel our aims are one in this field.

The next general topic of conversation about the school is embodied in the words, "Going home Christmas?" By Thursday, the twenty-first we expect to have but a small family remaining.

A "Sweet" New Song

We have been successful in securing copies of a new song not found in any book. The title is "Keep Sweet." It is a lovely song and easily sung. The third stanza runs like this:

When all around you things go wrong,
 Ev'rywhere seems defeat,
 You may be happy all day long,
 If you just keep sweet.

Chorus:

Keep sweet, keep sweet,
 This is the only way;
 This is the way to win the day,
 If you just keep sweet.

I am sure you will want a copy. The price is 5 cents a copy, or six copies for 25 cents. Send all orders to F. W. Paap, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

ORDER the Morning Watch Calendar from the Canadian Publishing Association, Oshawa. Price five cents a copy.

QUEBEC

Sutton

One of the most enjoyable, and I trust profitable, visits that I have had for some time was with the newly organized church at Sutton during the week of prayer. As some of the members of this church live quite a distance from one another it was impossible for all of them to attend each service, but as the meetings were held at different places each had the privilege of partaking of the blessings which come as the result of earnestly seeking God together.

I spent the first Sabbath at the home of Brother and Sister Percival Holden who live about three miles from the village of Sutton. They have organized a branch Sabbath school in their home for the benefit of those living in that vicinity, as they are about eight miles from the place where the regular Sabbath school is held. The next day I visited at the home of Sister Richard and Miss Grace Derby, where we held a short service, and also at the home of Mrs. Frank Holden. Monday night I spent at sister Porier's in Sutton village. Tuesday morning brother McKinny met me at Abercorn station, and he took me to his home which is about six miles from Sutton. That night a meeting was held at the home of his son, who, with his wife, have recently accepted the truth. The following evening the service was held at the home of Mr. N. D. Waterhouse. The Spirit of God was manifested at this service in a marked manner, and we were led to rejoice as we saw the courage and hope which filled the hearts of those newly come to the faith. We earnestly pray that soon this entire family will be rejoicing in the fond hope which cheers our hearts. I also had the privilege of visiting at the home of Brother Arthur Morse who is another new Sabbath keeper. Thursday Sister Gage and her son Kenneth took me to Glenton to see Brother and Sister Cross who have been standard bearers in this great cause for many years. It was a source of inspiration to me to hear them relate their early experiences in the message and tell of their close association with Elder and Sister White. Returning to Sutton Mountain that afternoon I spoke to the young people in the school house where Elder Young and Brother Saunders held their meetings, and in the evening I held my last service with our people at this place. All, I believe, consecrated their lives, their time and their means anew to the great cause which we love so dearly. Brother and Sister Saunders have won the hearts of the people in that community by their faithful service, and we confidently expect to see this new church shine as a beacon light and help to quickly finish the work in this great Province of Quebec. F. C. WEBSTER.

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Notice

Fifty numbers constitute a volume of the *Messenger*. One issue is omitted in mid-summer and one in mid-winter. Consequently there will be no *Messenger* next week. As this is the last issue for this year we take occasion to wish our readers the compliments of the season.

Let one of your New Year resolutions be to observe the Morning Watch during 1917. Satan will urge you not to make such a resolution. He knows very well how hard it is for him even to discourage those who take time to begin each day alone with God and his Word, praying earnestly for wisdom and strength to do right in all things *today*. But make the resolution and keep the little calendar where it will remind you each morning of your appointment with the Master and then use it to guide you in your reading.

Standing on Mission Offerings to Sept. 30, 1916

	Mem.	Dec.	Recd.	Short	Over
Ontario	550	\$5241 50	\$5649 03		\$407 53
Maritime	266	2534 98	2465 37	\$69 61	
Quebec	150	1429 50	1596 94		\$167 44
Nfld.	62	590 86	1024 79		433 93
Union	1028	\$9796 84	\$10736 13	\$69 61	\$1008 90

MARITIME

One tenth of man's income belongs to the Lord
Return it to him with good pleasure,
To support one more worker in Maritime field
And reward we shall have without measure.

G. H. S.

The publication of our statistical report evidently afforded inspiration for an article on "The Financial Side of Tithing," by Thomas Kane, in the *Christian Observer* (Presbyterian) for December '6. Speaking of the benefits which come from the payment of tithes, and citing examples of some who have illustrated this principle in their experience, he says of Seventh-day Adventists:—

A much fairer as well as more relevant illustration of what tithing will accomplish in and for a denomination is afforded by the Seventh-day Adventists. There is nothing specially attractive, no special drawing power, in observing the seventh instead of the first day of the week as the Sabbath of rest and worship. The Adventists are neither alone nor singular in their belief in the second coming of Christ. Mr. Moody and the late Dr. Gordon, of Boston, devoutly believed that Christ would come again. So do thousands of Christians in all our churches.

Except by their faith in the practice of tithing, how can we account for the remarkable showing made by the Seventh-day Adventists as a denomination? They regard the law of tithe, the tenth of income, as equally binding with the law of the Sabbath the seventh of time. Their official reports state that in 1870 they had a membership of 5,440. In 1910 it was 104,526. Their annual tithe in 1870 was 2,182.46; in 1910, \$1,988,689.65. In 1913 it was \$1,771,989.60. In 1870 the church controlled one sanitarium with 95 employees. In 1910 they had 74 sanitariums with 1,989 employees, with assets of \$3,368,000. In 1880 their total contributions to missions and other benevolent causes was \$5.39 per capita; in 1910 it was \$21.27; 1913, \$23.42. This included the membership in foreign countries. In North America alone it was \$28.93 per capita for 71,863 communicants. These figures certainly do not show that they had grown poor by tithing during the thirty-three years from 1880 to 1913. *Review and Herald*, 7-11

Stay, stranger, stay, as you are passing by;

As you are now so once was I,

As I am now, you soon may be;

O, then, prepare to follow me!"