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## *Following*

I want to follow where my Saviour leads the way,  
And, following, share His peace from day to day;  
Catching the vision of that life divine,  
His will will glorify this life of mine.

I want to follow where His footsteps mark the steep;  
However thorny, He has pledged to keep  
The trusting spirit till all tempests cease,  
And heaven, at last, is reached in perfect peace.

I want to follow though my fellow man should fling  
His bitterest curse across the way; my King  
Points to the blood-marked prints, and in their view,  
Pledges a confidence divinely true.

I want to follow, knowing well the way at last  
Must lead, when every troubled dream is past,  
To perfect rest beside the Victor's throne,  
Where love will know as it is known!

—Robert Hare

## ONTARIO

M. V. Campbell, *Pres.*      G. L. Sather, *Sec.-Treas.*  
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Make Wills and Legacies to "The Ontario Conference of Seventh-day Adventists."

### Ontario's Outstanding Year

The year 1928 has been a period of great advancement for the Ontario Conference. Four great achievements might be listed as follows:

1. The Tithe was the largest in the history of the conference.
2. The Mission Offering was the largest in the history of the conference.
3. The Book Sales were the greatest in the history of the conference.
4. The Conference debt of nearly \$9,000 was entirely paid off.

We wish to praise God for making possible this success. We feel that the increase in tithe of \$3,000 reflects greater faithfulness on the part of our people as well as a more general prosperity among our laity.

The year 1927 was the first time in the history of the conference that the full quota of 60 cents per week per member was raised in our field. There were grave doubts whether this could be repeated in 1928 as we had one minister less than the previous year, and our Harvest Ingathering Campaign was started late because all of our ministers were engaged in tent efforts. However, with God's help the full goal of \$10,055.00 was raised in the Ingathering Campaign, making an average of more than \$13.00 per member, and our Sabbath Schools made a gain of more than \$800.00. When all of our mission funds came in at the end of the year, we were very thankful to see that more had been given by our people than in any previous year and our average was more than 61½ cents per week per member.

Our canvassers have had a record year. This summer, things did not look very encouraging for them. Their sales were \$2,000 less than the preceding year at that time. Brother W. A. White, our field missionary secretary, did not show any discouragement whether he felt discouraged or not. He and his faithful band put their shoulders to the wheel and things began to move. By the end of the year the

\$2,000 deficit was made up, and in its place stood more than a \$2,000 increase in orders. It might be well to mention the fact that although the colporteurs only reported an increase of a little more than \$2,000 in orders, the Book and Bible House records show that there was actually an increase in books delivered of \$3,356.00. Let us all pray that these good books will be carefully read and that they will be the means of bringing souls to the light.

Shortly after Elder W. C. Moffett took over his duties as our Union President, he made arrangements with the General Conference whereby the General Conference promised to pay one-half of the debts of each conference in this union if, and when, the local conference paid its half. In other words the local conferences were promised dollar for dollar in paying off the debt. The Ontario Conference took full advantage of this offer, and before the year closed was free of debt. We feel very thankful to the General Conference for the splendid help they have given to us in this matter, and we feel greatly indebted to Elder Moffett personally for the arrangement which he so successfully negotiated.

As we face the New Year, we do so with full reliance upon the Lord. All our workers are of good courage, and we believe 1929 will be a year of still further success in advancing God's work in our field. We plan to employ another minister in our conference, and locate him in Windsor. If our tithe continues to increase we will be able to take on still another minister about the middle of the year.

We realize that the greatest need of our field is more members. Let us one and all, ministers and laity, work to this end. Let 1929 be known for its conversions and baptisms. God has marvelously blessed us financially in 1928. Let us work and pray that the same blessing may attend our soul winning efforts in 1929.

M. V. CAMPBELL

### Harvest Ingathering A Soul-saving Work

We were working in the Ingathering in a small town and had but a limited time in which to raise our goals. Knowing that it would be impossible to call at every home I began to select a few of the most promising houses. In fact my time was already up yet I lacked

seventy-five cents so I decided to keep the folks waiting for me a few minutes longer while I secured this amount.

The first two homes I called on pleaded legitimate excuses. The third did not look very promising and I thought of passing it in favor of the fourth, and I did so. But I felt impressed to come back.

As soon as I made known the object of my visit, the lady said, "Come right in; you are a Seventh-day Adventist!"

I replied that I hadn't much time but that perhaps I could step over the threshold for a moment.

"I used to receive one of your papers for years," she said, "but I allowed the subscription to run out unintentionally and I kept putting off the renewal till I had lost the address. It certainly was a good paper. I don't recall the name but I do remember that it was published in California."

"The *Signs of the Times*, published at Mountain View", I replied, "I shall be pleased to enter your name again as a subscriber."

"How much will it cost me?"

"Just two dollars a year."

"All right, I shall give you this dollar now for the missions and send the two in a week for the paper. Will that be all right?"

Thus another soul literally longing for the light was enabled to make contact with it through the Ingathering campaign. Her interest has not stopped there, for she has sent to us, at the office, donations since that time, the latest one of five dollars coming only a week ago.

Personally, I am glad for the tendency among us as a people to think more of this annual campaign as an ingathering of souls, for that is what it should be. With this in mind, several of us around the office this year approached the people in an entirely new way. And I think the consensus of opinion is that it has materially increased our sales rather than decreased them. True, we were often turned down, but perhaps not more often than formerly. To illustrate, I shall give you a sample of my canvass.

Good morning! Sir (Madam). White is my name, and I represent the Seventh-day Adventist people of Ontario. I am working a little

this morning in the interest of our annual Ingathering for missions. You know once a year we call on our business and other friends giving them an opportunity to contribute to our world-wide medical and evangelistic campaign. Have you known that Seventh-day Adventists, though among the smallest of churches are second to none in the extent of their mission enterprises? This page (second in last year's paper) shows at a glance how we stand.

Our per capita for missions is so heavy that we can hardly be expected to do much more. In fact we now have engaged in such work as you see here (holding forward the paper), one out of every fifteen of our members. Do you wonder then that once a year we ask you to share a little of the burden with us?

Usually, of course, before I say all this, and quite often as soon as we announce our connection with the Seventh-day Adventists the person solicited will say something like this:

"Seventh-day Adventists, who are they?" Many of them, and you will be surprised how many, will say "I never heard of these people."

Think what an opportunity this opens up to unfold a few of the points of our faith and to secure names of interested persons for our literature or personal visits. I am convinced that we have not begun to exhaust the possibilities of this work as a soul-ingathering campaign.

W. A. WHITE

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### New Glasgow Church

The pastor with the brethren and sisters of New Glasgow church, greet the brethren and sisters of Eastern Canada, with all readers of the MESSENGER, at the beginning of 1929.

It is with the assurance of the near approach of Christ's kingdom that we pass on to the readers of the MESSENGER a comparative report of tithes and offerings for 1927 and 1928, of the little New Glasgow church with its fifteen members.

	1927	1928	Gain	Loss
Tithes	778.87	502.97		265.90
S. S. Offerings	366.04	394.71	28.67	
Institutional Rlf.	73.00	100.00	27.00	
Big Week	59.44	40.00		19.44
Midsummer	8.70	17.88	9.18	
Harvest Ingath.	255.00	350.00	95.00	
Wk. of Sacrifice	12.75	60.00	47.25	
Miscellaneous	55.52	57.00	1.48	
Home Work		309.00	309.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,600.00</b>	<b>1,831.00</b>	<b>517.58</b>	<b>295.34</b>
	Gain 222.24 over 1927.			

The tithe of 1927 included a \$200 tithe payment on an estate.

This means a giving for the entire year \$122.06 per capita, not so bad for the little mining town just emerging from one of the most discouraging periods of its history. We are truly thankful to our heavenly Father for His goodness to us and we have simply shown our appreciation by putting our all into the cause we love.

That the giving of our means is not the only way we have to help finish the work is evidenced by the good missionary report.

#### Missionary Report

Nine reporting	
Missionary Visits	1,031
Bible Readings or gospel meetings	175
Persons taken to S. S. or other services	210
Hours of Christian Help Work	445
Treatments given	27
Approx. Value of Food and Fuel given	\$249.90
Articles of clothing given	230.00
Papers and magazines distributed	5,887
Tracts distributed	2,036
Subscriptions for missionary periodicals	9
Books distributed	23
Missionary letters written	165
Replies received	82
Do you keep a prayer list?	7
Missionary work for foreign-speaking people	1
Graduate or certified Home Nurse	1

It is with the thought of encouraging others rather than one of pride, that we pass on this good report, and we trust others may have one equally as good to give to the MESSENGER family.

O. A. MUNROE

these foreigners at our doors may have the opportunity to receive the message. Periodicals are printed at Brookfield in a number of different languages. The French *Signes des Temps*, a monthly paper, is printed at Oshawa, Canada, the price of the French *Signes* for one year is 75 cents; club of five yearly subscriptions to one address is \$2.75 and to separate addresses \$8.00.

We recently baptized a French Roman Catholic, who having received a Harvest Ingathering paper, requested the one who had given him the Harvest Ingathering paper to get him more literature. The name was sent to us, and the French *Signes* was sent to the party for nearly two years at the expense of \$1.50. Now this brother and family are rejoicing in the blessed truth.

Every Seventh-day Adventist church should give consideration to the problem of giving the message to the foreigners in their locality. Home missionary leaders, this is a call to you. See that this week, January 19-26, does not pass by without your church having taken a forward move. Take a club of these periodicals and give the stranger within your borders a chance to learn of the soon coming of the blessed Saviour.

We are prepared to furnish names and addresses of people who we believe will appreciate the literature. Much thought and time is given to the study of how best to reach the different classes of people in the preparation of our foreign literature. We need your help, the help of every church in circulating this foreign literature. Come over and help us to finish the work among the foreigners at home.

L. F. PASSEBOIS

#### The Foreign Periodical Week

At the last Autumn Council of the General Conference held at Springfield, Mass., the week of January 19-26, was set apart as Foreign Periodical Week. Within every community where our churches are located are found many who do not speak the English language, and who must be reached with the message. It is not enough for us to visit them with the Harvest Ingathering papers and receive their offering to help the missions in the regions beyond, but God holds us responsible to see that

#### Just for Magazine Colporteurs

A most encouraging statement to magazine colporteurs appears on page 80 of that wonderful little text book "The Colporteur Evangelist." Here is the sentence that helped many to drop the regular occupations of life and devote their lives to literature ministry. "If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the scriptures."

It seems fitting that just now as we are planning our missionary activities for the whole

year that a few practical suggestions might be offered to magazine workers. If you are not an experienced sales person and are anxious to make a real success from the very beginning of your efforts, you may want to preserve some of the following items:

Put your own personality into your canvass by displaying your own interest in the very things you are explaining. Read carefully each magazine you are selling. Note special articles and features. Become familiar with one or two forceful sentences mentioned in the article you are describing. No better canvass can be given than to make a brief and interesting explanation of one or two articles, pointing out special features.

Here is a practical introduction especially good where you are working in offices:

"Pardon me just a moment, I want to leave with you the latest copy of the *Canadian Watchman Magazine*. This particular issue contains (mention one or two leading articles and tell about the public interest in such articles. Do not forget to refer to a few striking statements by the writers. In selling single copies, one or two well-described articles will do more to interest a person than a too general and lengthy review of the entire contents.)"

Close with—"The price is only twenty-five cents. (With an attitude of confidence pass magazine to person.) I know you will greatly enjoy this magazine, as it is so different from other reading matter. Thank you."

Here are a few handy expressions often used by successful colporteurs.

"This magazine has a Dominion-wide circulation."

"Can be read and enjoyed by every member of the family."

"Treats popular subjects from a new viewpoint."

"It discusses current events in a brief and interesting way that busy people appreciate."

"It gives you the meaning of the things you read in the newspapers."

"It is just full of current interest."

"It is the greatest hour's reading for a quarter that you ever had."

"Something new in the reading line."

Some Helpful Suggestions:

1. Be observing. When in offices or homes, take notice of your surroundings. A pleasant

remark at the right time is often helpful.

2. Never engage in arguments, especially on doctrinal subjects. Refer persons to the magazine for their answers and tell them that these subjects are frequently discussed in this magazine.

3. Do not plead charity to help secure a single sale. Take orders only on the merits of the magazine.

4. Question: "Who publishes this magazine?"

Answer: "The Canadian Watchman Press."

5. Question: "What denomination publishes this magazine?"

Answer: "Seventh-day Adventists."

6. Dress neatly. Be dignified. Pay no attention to cheap remarks. A Christian is always a Christian and will be respected.

7. When in a large office ask to see the manager first. If you will briefly and properly state your work, you will not be treated as a peddler. Remember that a person engaged in the colporteur work is in one of the highest callings that God has given to Christians.

Do you know that every month thousands of magazines are sold in Eastern Canada by devoted magazine colporteurs? Are you having a part in this good work? If not this is the time to seriously consider the matter. Next week we will give further suggestions that we trust will be helpful.

H. H. RANS

### You Will Want Some February Watchman

When you see the February *Watchman* you will immediately feel you would like to mail some to your friends and loved ones, pass some to your neighbors, or use them in some other way. The cover is a beautiful winter scene, a dog team and driver. And the contents are interesting, and helpful. We cannot tell you all about this number of your magazine, but list below some of the contents:

"What Will Man Do With His Great Inventions?" by W. L. Emmerson, tells of the possibilities of the next war.

"Was Jesus of Nazareth a Supernatural Being?" is a scholarly article by Elder Prescott, the second in a series he is furnishing.

"Daniel in the Critic's Den," by Elder

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OSHAWA MISSIONARY COLLEGE  
*"Service — Not Fame"*

### The Week's Events

We were quite interested in the lesson of last Friday evening conducted by Elder W. C. Moffett. He took for his theme the experience of the man who built his house on the sand. In strong contrast the wisdom of the other man was presented who built his house upon a rock.

The statement made by W. E. Hickman prior to his execution, was read; this certainly made us all think more seriously about the material being used in our character building. In this statement we read, "A young man who tries to build character without truth is like the house built upon the sand. It is very dangerous for young men to neglect their spiritual welfare. I beg young people to keep a close watch over their morals. Cling to Christian faith and practice. Then you will have a solid foundation upon which to build a good life."

At our church service Sabbath morning Elder M. V. Campbell chose for his opening text, the words found in John 10 : 10. He especially stressed the latter half of the verse, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." Many times a young person is apt to think that becoming a Christian means the giving up of all life. The speaker showed that it was quite the reverse. Think it over, and see what decision you will make.

We are always glad to have Mr. R. Carlill with us. His original canvassing experiences, told in his unique way, never fail to interest us.

Elder B. E. Manuel from Montreal was our guest for a few days this week. His interest in the College must be twofold, seeing his son, Percy, and his daughter, Ada, are numbered among our students. Elder Manuel also gave us an illustrated lecture. He chose as his subject "The Island of Newfoundland." Being a

native of that country Elder Manuel is quite in touch with its needs, and assets.

We have especially enjoyed the good chapel talks given of late. Professor L. N. Holm, and his loyalty to the College cannot be doubted. He told us all not a long time ago that,—

"If you want to live in the kind of a school,

Like the kind of a school you like,

You needn't put your things in a grip

And go on a long, long hike,

For you'll only find what you've left behind,

There's nothing that's really new,

It's a knock at yourself when you knock your

It isn't the school, it's you." [school,

Professor W. C. Loveless, and his illustration that the big people naturally go to the top, while the smaller ones go to the bottom, will long be remembered.

Professor H. T. Terry, and his little book entitled, "That Something," had its effect. Many people fail in life, thinking some one is to blame, while if the truth was known, the only person to blame is one's own self,—They lacked—"That Something."

VIOLET E. MORGAN

### Vision \*

Most folks are inclined to accept the time-worn yet pleasing axiom that, "experience is the best teacher," and they go through life sampling everything that comes along that they may be wiser. Some do become wiser—but sadder. First hand personal experience as a teacher demands too high a tuition fee. I do believe, however, that "experience is the best teacher" if the experience is that of some one who has gone before.

Now Solomon has been accredited as being the wisest man that lived. He had many and

varied experiences. These experiences form the material for his observations of life as they are compiled in the Book of Proverbs.

Solomon has written out of the wealth of a full life, and he has written many things that it would pay us to take to heart. In the twenty-ninth chapter and eighteenth verse we read, "Where there is no vision, the people perish."

We would not run headlong into a pitch black cellar. We would not trust our lives to a blind chauffeur, to drive us through the maze of the city's traffic, of course not. Why should we act the fool to rediscover the wages of folly?

#### *Beware of Fogs*

During last summer the Mexican government sent Lieutenant Carranza, an expert aviator, on a good-will flight to the United States and Canada. The young man brought a message of good-will, courage and cheer from the republic in the south to his neighbors. He was equipped with a wonderful plane, had all the latest devices for safety on his ship, yet, on returning home he encountered a heavy fog, crashed to the earth and lost his life.

A number of years ago an excursion boat sailing out of New York Harbor encountered heavy fogs. In the fog the ship was caught in the rip tides of "Hell Gate," pounded on the rocks and sank. Upwards of sixteen hundred lives were lost. "Where there is no vision, the people perish."

Just as dangerous as fog is to aviation and navigation, it is more so to Christian life. Fogs of anger and strife, prejudice, covetousness, envy, fear, etc., have caused many souls to perish.

Our Bible abounds with examples, for our instruction, of cases where loss of vision caused many to die. Cain's vision was obscured by anger, and he slew his brother who desired only to serve God.

Achan, the son of Carmi, had his vision blurred by covetousness, and he, his wife and children perished in the valley of Achor.

Twelve chiefs went into Canaan to look over the land. Ten returned with unfavorable reports. Reports influenced by personal prejudices. Their vision of the possibilities of the land were blotted out by fear, and lack of faith in God to give them the victory. As a result of their lost vision the Israelite host perished in the wilderness.

Hate blinded the vision of Pharaoh of Egypt and he caused his armies and chariots to pursue the Israelites after he had allowed them to go. His whole mobilized forces were drowned in the Red Sea.

#### *Keep the Vision Clear*

"Where there is no vision, the people perish." Such a self-evident truth must have a positive side. Moses, Abraham, Noah, Joseph, and many others give evidence to the saving qualities of a clear and unmarred vision. We must have a vision of our work, our responsibilities, our trust, our Saviour.

A blind man had his friends lead him to Jesus that he might be healed. Jesus, the record tells us, took him out into the country and there ministered unto him. "He asked him if he saw ought. And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking."

How often we, Christian men and women, see our brothers and sisters in distorted shapes. Our vision is marred by some trifling irregularity in their lives. Let us first cast out the beam that is in our eye before we try to remedy our brother's imperfections.

The record continues: "After that He put His hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly."

We need Christ to help us focus our lives that we may see men as men and trees as trees. We need to see our fellows without the grotesque forms with which petty sins paint them.

Let us look to Jesus "the Author and Finisher of our faith." That is our only hope in keeping our vision true. And remember that "Where there is no vision, the people perish."

R. S. MORRISON

\*A talk given to the boys in prayer band.

### You Will Want Some February Watchman

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Stray is unique, gripping and forceful.

Elder Young, pastor of the Toronto church has contributed another article entitled "Has the Church Remained True to the Word of God?"

Theo. G. Weis, draws a lesson from the Vestris Tragedy.

"Who Made the Sabbath and Why?" by Elder Charles Thompson.

Then there is the Home Section, which is

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alone worth the price of the magazine.

"Cancer Prevention," and "Winter Eating and Winter Health" in the Health Section are valuable articles. Don't fail to read them.

But we cannot tell you more about the magazine here. Read it by your own fireside and send it in the mail to your friends. Help us give the February number a wide circulation. We depend on you to sell and distribute the magazine and you have done loyally. We feel sure souls will be won as a result. If you care to sell the *Watchman* it sells readily. A liberal commission is given. One sister reported selling 100 copies in one day in an Ontario city last week. It is a good way to earn money for missions or for your own use and spread the message at the same time. Send all orders to your Book and Bible House.

C. L. PADDOCK

## Colporteur Reports

### ONTARIO CONFERENCE

For Two Weeks Ending December 29, 1928

Colporteur	Territory	Book	Hours	Book Sales	Mag. Sales	Helps	Total	Delivered
A. M. Baybarz	Toronto	Foreign		7.50			7.50	7.50
J. G. Combden	Oshawa	HW	40	45.95			45.95	
G. H. Cook	Oshawa	HW		78.00			78.00	
R. A. Dunham	Soo	HP	14	24.00	1.50		25.50	24.75
Mrs. Dingman	Oshawa	HW		20.25			20.25	20.25
J. E. Gould	Bruce Mines	HP	49	44.00	11.25	3.00	58.25	65.90
Mrs. Garside	London	HW		14.00			14.00	
G. Johnson	Aurora	COL	30					108.65
Mrs. Jewell	Chatham	CW			10.00		10.00	10.00
Ada Knjster	Oshawa	CW			5.00		5.00	5.00
Mrs. Longard	Windsor	CW	28		42.95		42.95	42.95
Dorothy Long	Cresswell	HW		10.90			10.90	10.90
J. McKee	Thessalon	HP	14					32.15
Mrs. Paddock & Bobby	Oshawa	HW		14.35			14.35	14.35
Mrs. O. Passebois	Oshawa	HW		9.00			9.00	9.00
Mrs. G. L. Sather	Toronto	HW		17.85			17.85	17.85
F. Tomkinson	Soo	HP	21	16.00			16.00	62.95
Mrs. Tomkinson	London	CW LH			7.45		7.45	7.45
Mrs. Hetherington	St. Catharines	CW			37.50		37.50	37.50
Mrs. W. A. White	Toronto	HW		17.85			17.85	17.85
Leo J. Walsh	London	HW		17.30			17.30	17.30
A Colporteur				115.05			115.05	
<b>Totals</b>				<b>452.00</b>	<b>115.65</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>570.65</b>	<b>512.30</b>

## Eastern Canadian Union Conference

### Statement of 60-cents-a-week Funds

December 31, 1928

Conference	Amount Due	Amount Raised	Over	Short	Per Capita
Maritime	\$9,547.20	\$6,320.51		\$3,226.69	.397
Newfoundland	2,776.80	2,584.51		192.29	.547
Ontario	23,836.80	24,539.39	702.59		.617
St. Lawrence	11,512.80	10,714.51		798.29	.558
Union	47,673.60	44,158.92		3,514.68	.556