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"As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger."

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*"CAST THY BURDEN UPON THE LORD
AND HE SHALL SUSTAIN THEE."*

*Child of My love, Lean Hard.
And let Me feel the pressure of thy care.
I know thy burden, child. I shaped it;
Poised it in Mine own hand; made no proportion
In its weight to thine unaided strength.
For even as I laid it on, I said,
"I shall be near, and while she leans on Me,
This burden shall be Mine, not hers:
So shall I keep My child within the circling arms
Of My own love." Here lay it down, nor fear
To impose it on a shoulder which upholds
The government of worlds. Yet closer come:
Thou art not near enough. I would embrace thy care
So I might feel My child reposing on My breast.
Thou lovest Me? I knew it. Doubt not then:
But loving Me, Lean Hard.*

—Selected.

Camp-meeting

ONCE more I wish to call the attention of our people to the importance of these gatherings, and to urge that all attend, as far as possible.

We design to have instructors at these meetings to take up the different lines of work, such as the medical work, the educational work, the canvassing work, and make a special effort to help and encourage our people, especially the young, to enter and prepare for something definite in the cause of God. Elder W. A. Spicer has promised to be with us at these meetings, and with his experience in the work he will be able to render valuable help in all lines. You will notice by the programme, when it appears, that we have given an hour each day to the canvassing work. Other special lines of work will come in from 5 to 7 P.M. All are interested in the distribution of our literature, and all can have some part in this important work.

"There are men who flatter themselves that they might do something great and good if they were only circumstanced differently, while they make no use of the faculties they already have by working in the position where Providence has placed them. Man can make his circumstances, but circumstances

should never make the man. Man should seize circumstances as his instruments with which to work. He should master circumstances, but should never allow circumstances to master him." —"Gospel Workers," page 96.

There is a great deal in this quotation that should be studied carefully. Please notice the practical working out of these principles in the following clipping from the *Wisconsin Reporter*.

"Brother John Hicks, through a sad accident several years ago, was compelled to have both legs amputated. They were taken off entirely, making it necessary for him to walk on his hands. He has constructed some blocks of wood which he holds in his hands lifting himself a few inches from the ground, and he bears himself around in this way.

"He has learned to do all kinds of farm work, and has worked his way through the Sheridan School, being one of the leading helpers on the farm. Although so terribly crippled, he is cheerful and always ready to help in everything good that comes along; but I wish to mention especially the excellent service that he has rendered in the canvassing work.

"I herewith submit a synopsis of the last three reports that he sent to the *Northern Illinois Recorder*. First report, 63 hours, 37 orders, value \$106.25; second report, 52 hours, 36 orders, value \$97.75; third report, 74 hours, 36 orders, value \$113.75; total 189 hours, 109 orders, value \$317.75. These orders were for "Great Controversy." The aggregate value includes some helps that he used with his canvassing work.

"Some may say that people favor him because he is a crippled man, but his success is very largely due to the energy, perseverance, and good tact that he has maintained in his work. The remarkable thing is, that a person in his condition has the courage to go on in life as he does, and make a real success in spite of his misfortune, and work for the Lord as he does.

"Why can not others who have much more to thank God for in the way of physical blessings than Brother Hicks, work for the Lord also with the same kind of courage that he manifests in his work? Will not those who are blessed with the free and full use of all members of their body, consecrate all

to the Lord as this dear brother has, so that when the Lord does finally call upon them in the judgment, he can say, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord?" Will not the example of Brother Hicks lead many to take hold of the canvassing work with a determined effort to succeed?
"Wm. Covert."

I am acquainted with Brother Hicks; and afflicted as he is, he never neglects duty, neither is he controlled by circumstances. The spreading of the truth and finishing of God's work in the earth is his all-absorbing thought, and to this end he faithfully works, relying upon the Lord's strength.

Circumstances may say to some that they can not attend the camp-meeting; but these circumstances may be overcome, or controlled, under God, and the way made clear.

Come to the feast, and bring your friends and neighbors with you, extending to them the scripture invitation, "Come thou with us and we will do thee good: for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel."

W. H. THURSTON.

The Ontario Camp-meeting

THE time for this camp-meeting will soon be here, and at that time matters pertaining to the work in Ontario will be considered, and important steps for its advancement will be taken. This is the one annual gathering of our people to which all look forward with pleasure; and the one question with which we greet every Seventh-day Adventist as we meet him is, "Are you going to camp-meeting?"

It has been our privilege to meet with quite a large number of our people during the past few weeks, and it has been with no little anxiety that in many instances when we have proposed this question to them we have received the discouraging answer, "I am afraid not this year!"

"Why not?" we ask. And the answers are various. One says, "I can not afford it." But you cannot afford to miss it. I know that the expense appears to be great to those of moderate means. But the benefit to be derived from the meeting will much more than make up for the sacrifice of the expense. No; *you cannot afford to miss it.* There are those among our brethren and sisters who look forward to the camp-meeting as the one event of the year.

Miss the camp-meeting? Not by any means! Miss the fair; miss the pleasure trip or the summer's outing; miss some of the necessities of life if need be; but under no circumstances miss the camp-meeting.

One says, "I am not going to camp-meeting because they are always begging for money, and I am tired of it."

"Tired of giving!" So instead of attending the camp-meeting and sharing with the rest of the brethren in the blessing of giving, you propose to stay away and let them have it all!

The Bible says that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." "God so loved the world that he gave." "It is your Father's good pleasure to give." Take the giving out of the Bible and you take the life out of it. Take the giving out of your experience, and your life will be a cheerless blank, without hope and without God.

But whom do you mean by *they*? Are you not identified with them? Are you not one of the *they* who are "always begging"?

Now let's get rid of that idea that the presiding officer of the conference, or the conference committee, or somebody else, or something else, is the conference; and that we as individuals are separate and distinct from it.

Let me say to you brethren that each individual soul of you, so far as his influence goes, is the conference. And you will be held responsible for that influence just to the extent of your ability to use it. Why, brethren and sisters, this is your camp-meeting, and it will be to you, and to others to the extent of your influence over them, just what you make it.

Brethren and sisters, it is your duty to lay your plans all through the year so that you can attend the camp-meeting. You have not the whole year in which to plan for the 1905 camp-meeting, but you have a few days left, and as you love this truth of the third angel's message, and as you value your soul's salvation, plan to be there.

A Letter and a Reply

Condersport, P.A., Aug. 18, 1905.
Elder A. O. Burrill,
Galt, Ont.

Dear Brother:—After numerous counsels and discussions the committee in West Pennsylvania has decided to release me if it is still thought desirable that I should connect with the work in my native province. We have had a very successful tent campaign this summer for which we praise the Lord. Will close the effort at Shingle House next week, and move the tent to Bradford for the meeting there. Have worked hard all summer, and am quite fatigued. I could not reach you before about the opening of the camp-meeting. I trust the work in Ontario has been blessed this summer also.

When I returned from General Conference, cir-

cumstances took for a time such a turn, and such a storm of protest went up, that Elder Dryer wrote me that he would veto the recommendation, and I decided to postpone my move to Ontario. Now, however, they have decided to let me go if you still want me. Please write me and tell me where and how to join you; that is, what is the cheapest and easiest way to get from Buffalo to the camp-ground.

With kind regards to Sister Burrill I am,
Yours in love and labor of the "Blessed Hope,"
C. F. McVAGH.

Clarkson, Ont., Aug. 25, 1905.

Elder C. F. McVagh,
Condersport, Pa.

Dear Brother:—

We welcome you to our conference. We had given up expecting you.

From Buffalo buy ticket to Toronto by boat from Lewiston, N. Y. We are located sixteen miles west of Toronto on the Grand Trunk railway. Come to Clarkson. When you buy your ticket in Toronto, call for a certificate that you are attending the S. D. A. camp-meeting at Clarkson.

Will you ship your goods? We will have a tent ready for you. We are now on the camp-ground repairing the small tents and making the camp ready for the meeting.

Will your family attend the camp-meeting here? We would be pleased to see them all with you.

If you wish to labor east of Toronto, in the vicinity of your old home, it will be satisfactory to us all. In case you do so, you can all attend this meeting as well as not. You can ship your goods to Toronto and they will pass the customs there. If you all come here, you can stay in the tents on the ground until your goods arrive in Toronto.

You will have time to write me and get a reply.

Yours in the blessed hope,
A. O. BURRILL.

Quebec

WE closed our tent effort at Dennison's Mills on August 20. As a visible result of these meetings, our people in the vicinity were much strengthened and encouraged, and two went forward in the ordinance of baptism. Others became intensely interested in the message and are under deep conviction. We hope they may yet accept the truth.

The people were very kind and helped us in every way they could. Some are planning to attend our camp-meeting at South Stukely; and we hope they will fully take their stand on the Lord's side, and finally be among the redeemed of earth.

H. E. RICKARD.

Obituary

THE Knowlton Sanitarium family has been called to mourn the loss of one of its most promising young nurses, Miss Mildred E. McElroy, who died Aug. 6, aged 18 years. Sister McElroy was just recovering from an operation for appendicitis when she was taken with a severe attack of pneumonia, from which she could not rally.

Diligent and faithful service and a lovable disposition endeared her to all. It was the great object of her life to be of some use in the work of her Master; and though she was cut off just when that purpose was budding into action, we believe that she rests in the loving care of her Saviour, and that when the last trumpet shall sound she will come forth in immortal bloom.

A large circle of relatives and friends attended her funeral which was conducted by the writer in the M. E. Church at West Bolton. Words of comfort were spoken from Jer. 31: 17.

S. A. FARNSWORTH.

Report of the Sabbath-school Department of the Quebec Conference Second Quarter 1905

(NOTE.—In the following report the columns represent respectively,—membership, average attendance, total offering, expenses of school, donations to missions, donations for orphans.)

	10	6	\$2.	\$	\$2.	\$
Dixville	10	6	\$2.	\$	\$2.	\$
Baldwins Mills	13	12	.70		.70	
Knowlton	18	11	3.10	.05	3.05	
North Sutton	5	5	1.60		1.60	
Sutton	10	6	.43		.43	
Fitch Bay	23	19	2.34		2.34	
Tulford	4	4	.50		.50	
Abercorn	12	8	3.47		3.47	
Montreal	30	14	5.52	2.38	3.14	
South Stukely	40	24	4.20	.06	3.10	1.04
Namur	20	15	2.20		2.02	
South Bolton	13	6	.98	.15	.83	3.
Bishops Crossing	9	9	2.	.30	2.	
Guthrie	4	4	1.33	.10	1.23	
Home Department	1	1	.10		.10	
Totals	212	143	30.47	3.04	26.69	4.04

Preparations for Camp-meeting (Ontario)

THE ground chosen for camping is very dry, with good grass lawn, and yet sufficient shade for comfort. It is also well protected from wind and storm. Do not neglect to put in a straw tick, comfort-

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ables, sheets, pillows, rubbers, and an abundance of clothing. We will have plenty of straw, a grocery, good dining room accommodations—seven meals for one dollar.

Be sure to study the railroad arrangements so that you will know what to do. If you do not understand them, take the MESSENGER to the ticket agent and he will at once explain it to you.

We are expecting a special meeting. This is a special time for the cause of the Lord. If you are in doubt about coming, seek the Lord for his help. Every Seventh-day Adventist in the conference ought to attend this meeting. A. O. BURRILL.

Railroad Rates to Ontario Camp-meeting

(Copy of letter from the Secretary of the Eastern Canadian Passenger Association.)

Montreal, Aug. 14, 1905.

Subject:—ONTARIO CONFERENCE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS, ANNUAL CAMP-MEETING, NEAR LORNEDALE ACADEMY, SEPT. 7-17.

Mr. A. O. Burrill.

Dear Sir:—

Your application for reduced fares for persons attending the above meeting has been referred to me. Lines in this Association in the territory east of and including Port Arthur, Sault Ste. Marie, and the St. Clair and Detroit Rivers, in Canada, will name reduced fares on the certificate plan for this meeting.

Persons attending must purchase first-class, full fare one-way tickets (fare for which must not be less than 50 cents) to place of meeting and secure certificate to that effect on Standard Certificate form.

Secretary of the meeting must fill in on Certificate all particulars as required, certifying, over his personal signature, that the person named on the certificate attended the meeting, and stating thereon that the required number of persons have paid fare coming to the meeting and hold Standard Certificates to that effect. On surrender of Standard certificate properly filled in and executed the ticket agent at place where meeting is held (or nearest junction if tickets for the going journey were purchased to it) at least ten minutes prior to the time train is due to leave, continuous passage tickets for the return journey will be issued as follows:

If Secretary certifies that 49 or less are in attendance holding Certificates of the Standard form or round trip tickets (sold at one-way first-class fare or more) they will be returned at two-thirds of the lowest regular one-way first-class fare.

If Secretary certifies that 50 or more are in attendance holding properly received Certificates of the Standard form or round trip tickets (sold at one-way first-class fare or more) they will be returned to their original starting point at one-third of the lowest one-way first-class fare.

To defray expenses of Special Agent provided for the purpose of vising certificates, the Special Agent at the time of validation will collect from the holder of each certificate a fee of 25 cents.

One-way tickets and Standard Certificates will be issued as above from September 5 to 14, inclusive, and certificates will be honored for tickets for return journey until September 20.

Please advise if the above arrangements are satisfactory, also designate date on which Special Agent is required at the meeting to vise certificates. Will you also please give an estimate of the probable attendance.

Yours truly,
(sgd) G. H. Webster, Secretary.

(Copy of reply to foregoing letter.)

Clarkson, Ont., Aug. 21, 1905.
G. H. Webster, Sec. E.P.C.A.,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir,—

Your valuable communication and telegram both received. The terms are satisfactory.

We have about five hundred who ought to attend this conference. It is quite difficult to say how many will be present.

If Friday, September 15, is set for signing return ticket certificates, I think it will be satisfactory.

Truly yours,
(Signed) A. O. Burrill.

“Many of us think of Christianity as a system of doctrine and worship only, and too little as a life.”