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

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The President's Address to the Ontario Conference of 1905

THE days and years come, and are gone before we are aware; and the recurring seasons pass with such rapidity that in the rare moments of leisure and meditation which we can snatch from the flying hours, we are reminded that our life is but a vapor that appeareth for a moment and then vanisheth away. The flight of time has brought us to another annual gathering of our beloved people in camp-meeting.

The recurring weekly and annual opportunities for God's people to meet together in the bonds of Christian love to worship Him, and to plan for the extension and establishment of his work on earth, call for acknowledgments of gratitude and obligations, and for the renewal of vows of consecration, faithfulness, and zeal in the cause of our blessed Master.

First of all, therefore, we gladly acknowledge our Lord's sovereignty, and our own utter dependence upon him for life and every required blessing. We record with pleasure our gratitude to him for all these wonderful blessings which have come upon us since we last convened in annual conference in June 1904.

In opening this session of the Ontario Conference it will be helpful to take a general survey of the Ontario Conference as an organization—its territory, its constituency, and the general plans and policies upon which the work has been conducted since its organization.

The Ontario Conference was organized at London in June, 1899. Most of those who were present are still alive and actively engaged in the work, but only a few of them are here. Elder F. D. Starr was its first president. While the present speaker was not there at that time, yet he had in years gone by had something to do in starting the work.

In the month of April, 1892, the president of the Michigan Conference, Elder I. H. Evans, requested that I should join Elder Leland in the Ontario Mission-Field, as it was then known. With much reluctance I consented to do this.

At Ruscomb Station, twenty-five miles east of Detroit, several families had begun to keep the Sab-

bath, some of whom are represented here. We labored with them until the tent season opened, when the tent was taken seven miles south to Albana, where we had a remarkable interest during the summer. The first house of worship for Seventh-day Adventists in this province was built at this place. We moved our little tent to the lot donated, and the new believers began to collect the material. The speaker, assisted by Brethren Conrad Knister, Charles Smith, and John McCauley, succeeded in getting the building enclosed before the snow began to fall.

The following spring this building was dedicated, free from debt, and a strong church was organized. This filled us with fresh courage to enter upon the work of 1893. In 1894 a company of believers was raised up at Selton, and a set of buildings was erected, and dedicated in the spring of 1895. In the fall of the same year the church buildings at Darrell were constructed.

Elders Howe, Spear, Simpson, and others have labored on, and helped build up the conference to its present constituency, until there are now twenty organized churches in Ontario.

EVANGELICAL WORK

During the present conference year we have seen but few brought to the faith. The number of those who have removed to the States has been larger than the number of those who have embraced the message. Although two tents were in the field during the seasons of 1904 and 1905, we are unable to say that sufficient numbers have accepted the truth at any one point to form a church organization.

No one can feel this lack of success as do the laborers. We have fondly hoped that we might find a field in which new churches could be organized. But we have been disappointed, except at the Academy, where sufficient numbers have congregated, most of whom are from other churches, to form the small organization of a church of twelve. You have already heard their request to be numbered among the other churches of the conference. It seemed to all present that there should be such an organization at the centre of our educational work.

We hope that the incoming officers will be able to give more attention to evangelical work than have those just passing from office. It is very desir-

able that the most earnest attention should be given to this branch of the work. At the late General Conference a number of laborers were recommended to come to this field; but up to the present date none have responded to the call.

Under these conditions a consultation was held by the local laborers about the close of the school year, when it was decided to develop all the young help in the school and in the conference that it was possible to secure. This will account for the young workers that we have called in and given employment during the season.

It is quite evident that we cannot look to the States for our laborers—they must be developed in our own conference. In the developing of these in our own conference we shall get laborers who will stay with us. There is no better material anywhere upon which to work than the people in Ontario. It is true that they are slow to act, but when one has become thoroughly imbued with the message, we can depend upon him to stay by it.

(To be continued)

Onward Canada

THINGS are moving in the Canadian Union. Believers in Canada may well thank God and take fresh courage. The plant of the third angel's message is deeply rooted in Canadian soil. Since last I visited the field I find institutional enterprises have been set in operation which promise to grow into strong centers for the training of the youth of Canada on their own soil. We who long to see the cause of truth sweeping on throughout this whole great Dominion join in thanking God for the substantial progress being made.

Quebec has led out in Sanitarium work. The conference sanitarium at Knowlton I consider to have demonstrated splendid strength in its short existence. It is bound to prove the training ground for many young people, who will be able to go out into the cities and establish themselves in nursing work or treatment rooms. No one can look at the Knowlton institution's brief record without being convinced that a genuine providence of God led in the establishment of this work, and that the blessing of God has been over the enterprise.

Ontario has led in the educational enterprise, and I find here at Lornedale Academy a genuinely industrial school plant—out in the country, the buildings surrounded by fruitful fields, and the class room equipped to put the young people through a thoroughly practical course of good hard study.

Other schools are coming up in the Maritime Provinces and Quebec. Other medical institutions,

treatment rooms, etc., are beginning. The time has come when the young people of this land may secure their training at home, and then join in hastening on the work among their own people. The situation calls for thanksgiving among the believers and for renewed efforts to extend this blessed cause.

W. A. SPICER.

Dr. Gamble and the \$1000 Offer

IN HIS book and public lectures Dr. Gamble refers to the \$1000 offer of Priest Enright as a bluff, and states that he made the priest "back down" on his offer by offering to furnish plenty of proof that Sunday ought to be recognized as the true Sabbath.

I wrote to Mr. Enright and asked him if his original offer is still *bona fide*, and received the following reply which I thought would be of use to the readers of the MESSENGER.

St. Alphonsus' (Rock) Church,

1118 N. Grand Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

August 1905.

Dear Sir,—I still offer \$1000 to any one who can prove to me, from the Bible alone, that I am bound, under grievous sin, to keep Sunday holy.

I have never met Mr. Gamble; have never received any proofs from him concerning the Sunday obligation.

We keep Sunday in obedience to the law of the Catholic Church. This law was made by the Church long after the Bible was written, hence said law is not in the Bible.

Respectfully,

T. Enright, Css. R.

Mr. Gamble is visiting every place where we have a church in these provinces, and is endeavoring to stir up prejudice against us; but his anathemas and denunciations have not gained him or his cause the support he was working for. As stated by one of the Halifax daily papers, "the public were disappointed in him, for they expected to receive instruction regarding Sabbath observance, instead of attacks on the Seventh-day Adventist Church." The Lord has made the wrath of man to praise Him, and strengthened the hearts of his people in the present truth.

With the deceptive theories afloat and the tendency to doubt God's word increasing, how necessary it is for us to get thoroughly acquainted with every principle of the third angel's message, not in theory only, but in every day life. May the Lord help us, now, "while the faithful fail from among the children of men," to be living examples of the Faith of Jesus.

J. GREER HANNA.

The Quebec Camp-meeting

THE Quebec camp-meeting closed Sunday night Sept. 10, and the camp broke up with good cheer and increased faith in God. The weather was inclement a portion of the time, but there was sunshine in the soul continually. The attendance gradually increased until the close, the pavilion being well filled the last Sabbath and Sunday.

Elder W. A. Spicer, Elder E. Leland, and Elder Wm. Guthrie were there and rendered valuable service both in council and in preaching the Word.

There was a spirit of harmony and brotherly love manifested through all the meetings, and the solemnity and importance of the work seemed to impress every heart.

The different departments of the work were given proper attention and careful study.

A goodly number of young people were present and their daily meetings were greatly enjoyed by them all.

On the last Sabbath afternoon a very solemn and impressive baptismal service took place, and ten dear souls, followed their Lord and Master in this ordinance. On Sunday morning four more were baptized, making fourteen in all.

The financial report showed the conference to be out of debt and to have a little cash in hand. The treasurer's report of the sanitarium was encouraging, showing a gradual increase in their line of work. But as these secretaries will both report to the MESSENGER, I will leave the details for them.

Dr. White gave a very interesting report of the development and progress of the medical work at the Knowlton Sanitarium. The first class of nurses will finish their course with this month. The graduating exercises will take place on October the 2nd.

Elder H. E. Rickard was elected president of the conference, and W. H. Libby secretary and treasurer. The conference committee was elected as follows: Elder H. E. Rickard, Elder S. A. Farnsworth, W. H. Libby, D. Dingman, and H. McCleary. Mrs. Cynthia E. Jones was elected secretary of the Sabbath-school department.

Sanitarium Board—conference committee, P. Holden, F. McElroy.

The Quebec Conference launches out for another year of service in faith, hope, and charity; and we look for signs to follow the believers.

"Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain."

We certainly had some showers of blessing during the camp-meeting, and we will let the refreshing continue day by day the year through.

W. H. THURSTON.

The Ontario Camp-Meeting

THE Ontario camp-meeting for 1905 is now in the past. According to arrangement the meeting was held on the school farm at Lorne Park, from Sept. 7 to 17.

With the exception of one or two cold nights the weather was all that could be desired. There were two large tents pitched on the ground, one for the general assembly, and one for the youth's and children's meetings. About twenty family tents were pitched, and rooms in the school buildings, and in the neighboring farm houses, accommodated a large number of the attendants. The kitchen and dining rooms of the Academy served to minister to the temporal wants of the campers, and these places were well patronized.

During the first part of the meeting the preaching was done by the local workers in the conference. On the first Sabbath a consecration service was held in the forenoon, and nearly the whole camp responded to a call for those who desired to consecrate themselves entirely to God in whatever direction he might call them to go. It was especially refreshing to see the young people yielding to the call as the Spirit of God moved upon their hearts.

The last part of the meeting was given over to the visiting ministers, Elder Thurston, Elder Spicer, and Elder McVagh from Pennsylvania. Elder Spicer's missionary talks, and the recital of his experiences in India and other foreign countries, were especially interesting, and an interest was awakened which we trust will result in providing means and workers for these destitute fields.

The last Sabbath of the meeting was a day long to be remembered. After a stirring discourse by Elder Spicer on the importance of making a complete surrender to God of ourselves and our all, an invitation was extended to all who desired to do this, and hearts were lightened of heavy burdens which they had borne for many years, by responding to the invitation.

After the afternoon meeting a baptismal service was held in the river near by. Seven willing souls went forward in this solemn ordinance.

Plans were laid at this meeting for an aggressive campaign during the coming year in all lines of work, and we expect to see the work advance in Ontario as the result.

Notice!

AT the annual camp-meeting of the Quebec Conference, Elder S. A. Farnsworth was re-elected manager of the Knowlton Sanitarium. All money for the sanitarium should be sent to him at Knowlton, Quebec.

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Special Notice

WHEN THE MESSENGER was made a weekly, it was planned that fifty numbers constitute a volume, dropping out one number in the summer and one in the fall, at the discretion of the publishers.

This is to notify our readers that there will be no paper next week. The next issue will bear date of Oct. 5. Just at the close of the camp-meeting we are all rather pressed with work, and as the reports have been quite full, we feel justified in dropping one issue here.

Trusting that this will be sufficient explanation to all, and hoping to receive short items of interest and of experiences from all the churches, and FREQUENT reports from all our laborers, we press on in the Master's service.

W. H. THURSTON.

**Postponement of the Missionary
 Convention**

AS HAS been announced, the collection for the work in the South is to be taken up Oct. 7, which is the day appointed for the first Missionary Convention. It has been thought best, therefore, to postpone the convention one week, or until Oct. 14. The second Convention will be held Oct. 15, as first announced.

Remember that the best way of preparing for these conventions is to take the first three steps as outlined in the campaign programme. They are as follows:

1. The subscribing for the *Review and Herald* by every Sabbath-keeping family.
2. The circulation of at least a pound of the Signs

of the Times Leaflets by every Seventh-day Adventist.

3. Entering upon a campaign in behalf of our periodicals by the whole denomination.

Have you taken, or are you preparing to take these steps? If not, will you not do so at once? You will enjoy the convention much better if you will.

H. H. HALL.

"Ministry of Healing"

"Ministry of Healing" is the title of the new book written by Mrs. E. G. White. It is to be sold without profit to those who handle the book, and the proceeds are to be used in establishing and carrying on the medical work.

The Quebec Conference passed a resolution favoring the sale of a thousand copies between now and Jan. 1, 1906. The next day a gentleman nurse at the Knowlton Sanitarium took twenty-nine orders for the book.

Go thou and do likewise and keep the good work moving, and great blessings will be the result. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so. If we say so, it will be so, for we will do so; and he will lead us forth by the right way. Who can withhold service in this day of his power? (Ps. 110:3.)

Willing people will be used of God, acceptable service rendered, and the work will be finished.

"God has his workmen in every age. The call of the hour is answered by the coming of the man. Thus when the divine voice cries, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' the response will come, 'Here am I, send me.' What response does this find in your heart?..

"Ministry of Healing" will be ready soon, and we shall be prepared to fill orders by the 1st of October. Send orders to B. B. Nofsger, Box 178, Toronto Junction, Ontario.

W. H. THURSTON.

"HEAVENLY angels have long been waiting for human agents—the members of the church—to cooperate with them in the great work to be done. They are waiting for you. So vast is the field, so comprehensive the design, that every sanctified heart will be pressed into service as an instrument of divine power. Work, O work! keeping eternity in view. A great work is to be done. Let the prayer go forth from unfeigned lips, "God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and cause his face to shine upon us; that thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations."

"THERE will ever be a place for virtue."