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"Think beautiful thoughts and set them adrift
On eternity's boundless sea!
Let their burdens be pure, let their white sails lift,
And bear away from you the comforting gift
Of your heartfelt sympathy.

For a beautiful thought is a beautiful thing;
And out on the infinite tide
May meet, and touch, and tenderly bring
To the sick, and the weary, and sorrowing,
A solace so long desired."

Ontario

President, M. C. Kirkendall, Oshawa
Sec.-Treas., T. D. Gibson, Oshawa
Field Missionary Agent, Joseph Capman, Oshawa

The Hamilton Convention

A general church convention was held at Hamilton Friday, Sabbath and Sunday, January 15 to 17. A very interesting and comprehensive program had been prepared by Elder Webster, and every detail was carried out as planned.

Friday evening a large company was present to hear Elder Kirkendall deliver a stirring address on "Reaching the Goal." In presenting this subject he called our attention to both the missionary and financial goals that are set before us, and gave excellent counsel as to ways and means of reaching them. The good attendance at the first meeting was continued through all the remaining meetings of the convention.

On Sabbath morning the Sabbath school convened at 9:30 o'clock, followed by a discourse on "Our Spiritual Needs for To-day." A call to consecration was made at the close which brought a free response from the people. Sabbath afternoon the Sabbath-school and educational interests were considered. Papers on the Sabbath-school work were presented by Brethren Roy Hadcock, A. E. Henderson and T. D. Gibson and Sisters Horton, Carlson, and Webster. Each paper was freely discussed and many valuable points were brought out that are sure to be very helpful to all who had the privilege of hearing them. The educational interests were taken up following the Sabbath school work, and papers were presented by Brethren Hubbard and Sharp. A very

healthy interest seems to prevail in this church with reference to educational matters. Several students are in attendance at Buena Vista, and more are planning to go. Considerable interest was aroused over the question of starting a church school.

Sunday forenoon the convention gave consideration to the missionary volunteer and canvassing work. Papers were presented by Brethren Robertson, Webster, Buchanan, Capman, Sisters Henderson and Shanks. These papers also aroused a live interest and the discussion was animated. Home missionary work had the floor from 2:30 to 4.00 o'clock. Papers were presented by Sisters Miller, Moore, Henderson and Hubbard. We are sorry that our space does not permit giving a brief synopsis of the various excellent papers that were read at this convention. At 4:30 the Question Box, which was well filled with questions, was opened, and Elder Campbell answered most of these. As usual this feature of the program proved to be of great interest.

The church had previously circulated announcements advertising the sermon for Sunday evening, and as a result the church was filled to its utmost capacity to hear the sermon on "The Meaning of Present Events," which was delivered by Elder Campbell. The audience manifested a keen interest in this theme as the impressiveness of present conditions were presented. Following the preaching service another hour was devoted to answering questions that remained over from the afternoon. At 9:15 the meeting broke up, closing one of the most successful conventions that has thus far been held. The workers in attendance were as follows: M. N. Campbell, M. C. Kirkendall, Joseph Capman, T. D. Gibson, Margaret Shanks, Sadie Baker, Edna Leach and Olive Leach.
EDNA P. LEACH.

The Young People's Work

To all who have co-operated in making the Young People's work a success in the year that is past we wish to thank you kindly.

We managed to reach our goal for 1914, but we should have done much better, considering our numbers and advantages. Only five received Reading Course certificates last year, and, oh, so many started out bravely

but grew weary in well-doing when it came to answering the questions on some one of the books. Fewer received certificates this last year than the year previous. Do you think we can do better this year? We can if we entreat the Lord to help us.

Eight succeeded in qualifying for Standard of Attainment. A number are going to qualify when the next test comes off in March, they tell me. Every Seventh-day Adventist youth should be able to give a reason for the hope that is within him, and also have a good understanding regarding the history of the denomination to which he belongs. If you can do this, you will not fail to get your Standard of Attainment certificate.

We more than reached our financial goal, but how much more I cannot say, as the reports for the last quarter are not all in as yet.

Let us see what the goal for 1915 is:

1. 2,000 young people added to the church and to our Missionary Volunteer organization.
2. 1,000 New Standard of Attainment members.
3. 2,000 Young People to read the Bible through.
4. 3,000 Reading Course certificates.
5. \$25,000 for missions from our Missionary Volunteer Societies.

Ontario's part of the goal is as follows:

- 8 young people converted.
- 4 Standard of Attainment certificates.
- 12 Reading Course certificates.
- 8 to read the Bible through.
- \$137.50 for missions, or \$2.50 a member.

Reading the Bible through is one new feature added to our goal. So many have made the excuse that the Reading Course and Standard of Attainment cost money, but reading the Bible through will cost you not a cent, yet you will be repaid the highest dividends if you accomplish the act. We are confidently looking for nearly all, if not all our young people to read the Bible through this year. May the Lord bless all the efforts made, and keep our young people ever faithful to him, is my prayer for the youth this year and always.

MARGRET B. SHANKS, M. V. Secretary.

Peterboro

We are pleased to inform you that our work in this city is gradually gaining a more permanent foothold than heretofore, and that we are nearing the time for church organization. Already we have our Sabbath school organized and in good running order. After considerable hesitation in order to make sure of suitable officers, we elected from the new Sabbath keepers a superintendent, an assistant and also a secretary. Although not being very experienced in such offices we are pleased to see them take hold, and we have the highest hopes of them developing in that direction.

In addition to our regular preaching services, which are held every Tuesday, Sabbath and Sunday, we have recently adopted the method of conducting prayer meetings every Friday night in different parts of the city.

The homes of the prospective members have been opened for that purpose, and these meetings have been a source of great spiritual uplifting.

In our efforts however to preach the truth in this city we have many times noticed the foot-prints of the enemy. The dragon is truly wroth with the woman. As a proof of this one sister in particular has had a hard experience. Her husband has made it his special duty to shut her up in a room when meeting time arrives, and although she is prevented from attending the week services yet she does attend on Sabbaths, and the reason he permits her at this time is because she threatened to leave him if he should deprive her of this. In fact all the Sabbath keepers here are having more or less persecution. One of the men who tried to keep his wife from attending the tent meetings is now rejoicing in present truth.

We have much to encourage us, but we need your prayers.

F. W. JOHNSTON.

Espanola

As we like to keep in touch with one another, I will attempt to tell some of my experiences in the grand work of placing the truth-filled books in the hands of honest souls. I spent my vacation in the canvassing work and continued in it until January 1, but of account of broken health I had to leave the good work for a short time. During the time I was canvassing I met a number of persons who seemed very hard-hearted at first, but when I told them of the love of Jesus their hearts melted in the sunlight of his word and their eyes would fill with tears. Many persons have said to me that the one who wrote "Great Controversy" must have been inspired of God when he was writing it. I feel confident that some souls will be saved as a result of my summer's work.

The Lord has given me a new field and a new work. At present I am at Espanola station, teaching school. Although this is a Catholic community, the people are not bigoted, and many seem dissatisfied with their Christian experience. I have been placing literature among them.

A few days after I arrived at this place I was very much surprised to have Sister Mabel Hillyard walk into my school one afternoon.

Last Sabbath evening I walked to Espanola and in a very short time sold seventeen magazines. It would be possible to place some literature in every home if we had it in the different languages. Many persons are interested in investigating the truths of the Bible. I shall be very glad when my health is restored so that I may again become active in the Lord's work. Pray for this needy field.

LEONARD CHAMBERLAIN.

Financial Report

Following is the financial report of the West Toronto Church for year ending December 31, 1914:

Tithes received for year.....	\$740.55
Missions.....	437.69

LOCAL FUNDS

Home Missions.....	17.48
Poor fund.....	139.16
Church expense.....	240.31
Tent fund.....	2.50
Total.....	\$1,577.69

EXPENDITURES

Church expense.....	\$280.94
Poor.....	153.33
Literature for home field.....	11.40
Total.....	\$445.67

Average tithe a member.....	\$12.34
Average total receipts a member.....	26.29
Membership.....	60

MRS. KATHLEEN BAREFOOT, Treasurer.

Toronto

The Central Sabbath-school had very much the appearance of one of the older and larger companies on Sabbath. Twenty-one visitors met with us on this day, and over two hundred persons were out Sunday night to listen to a discourse on the "Coming of our Lord." Although we had just presented the Sabbath Question on the three Sunday evenings past the people seemed anxious to hear our message.

My home address is now 102 Bellvue Ave., Toronto.

MATT. J. ALLEN.

Academy Current

The present enrolment of Buena Vista Academy is 59.

We were sorry to lose Miss May Willard from our school home. Miss Willard was obliged to return to her home in Quebec on account of illness.

Prof. Rowe is conducting a class on Bible Doctrines Saturday nights, and a little later on the study of the Testimonies will be taken up.

Any of the MESSENGER readers who desire to help in building up a good library in our school, kindly write to Prof. Thos. D. Rowe who will be happy to advise them of suitable books.

A splendid gift to the school library has been received from Brother H. T. Smith, of London, Ont. This gift consists of a complete set of "Harvard Classics," a five volume set of of Natural History and a few small books.

Five new names were added to our student list after the Christmas vacation: Mr. Martin, of Brantford; Miss Gertie Smith and Leighton Rumble, of London; Miss Florence Boughen, of Caledon, and Johnny Grant, of Toronto.

Maritime

President, M. M. Hare, Amherst, N. S.
Sec-Treas., Lulu Van Buskirk, Amherst, N. S.

Tantallon

The annual meeting of the Tantallon church was held January 3. While we cannot report any additions to the church, the tithe and offerings for the year showed \$333.22, which exceeds that of last year by \$60.90.

On the 9th inst. we had a very spiritual service. The testimonies bore evidence of contrition of heart. The emblems of the flesh and blood of our dear Redeemer were received with deep solemnity.

The Friday evening meeting is held at the home of an interested family in French Village.

The occasional presence and testimony of our aged brother Alvan Hubley is inspiring to all.

Outsiders attend the Sabbath services.

L. D. LONGARD.

Newfoundland

Superintendent, W. C. YOUNG, St. John's.

(Continued from last week)

Lady—Ah, but look at you Protestants who claim to be following the Bible and the Bible alone. Some are teaching one thing and some another—contradicting each other in vital points of doctrine. Is that not proof enough in itself that you are all wrong and need an infallible guide to understand it? Certainly it cannot teach so many things differing one from another and at the same time be right.

Reply—You are right, it is not possible for the Bible to contradict itself and at the same time be a safe guide, but the trouble does not lie where you suppose it lies. Instead of Protestantism following the infallible guidance of God's spirit in his word, much of the so-called Protestantism has adopted teachings that are contradictory to the Bible, and are following the guidance of the Roman Catholic church instead. Let me illustrate: The Bible teaches the observance of the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath, your church changed the custom of the Apostolic church, and many so-called Protestants are still following you in that matter.

The Bible teaches that immersion is the proper form of baptism, and was followed by our Saviour and his disciples. It was your church which instituted sprinkling,

Colporteurs' Report, Week Ending Jan. 12, 1915

Ontario

Name	Book	Hours	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
John Heaver	G. C.	25	22	\$	\$	\$	\$ 56 50
John Pengelly	G. C.	35	11	16 25	15 30	31 55	31 55
Total		61	33	\$16 25	\$15 30	\$31 55	\$88 05

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and so-called Protestantism refuses to protest, but follows the teachings of your church in this respect.

Again, the Bible declares that faith and repentance are prerequisites to baptism, and the Roman Catholic church adopted infant sprinkling at an age when it has neither significance nor knowledge of import on the part of the candidate. Thus you see the cause of so much contradiction to the Bible on the part of some protesting churches is the result of their following the contradictions of the Roman Catholic church rather than the plain teachings of the Word.

Lady—But our blessed Lord said that the church should not fail in its teachings, and that the Holy father who takes the place of the blessed Saint Peter cannot be mistaken.

Reply—Are you not mistaken? Where does the Lord make any such statement as that? I read a number of Scriptures that plainly foretell a falling away of the church.

Lady—Oh, that is because you are not in the light. Please give me that Bible and I will read it to you. Then turning to Matt. 16:18,19 she read; "Thou art Peter; and upon this rock I will build my church . . . And the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Therefore the Catholic church, with direct descent from Saint Peter, is the only one able to guide and direct the faithful in an infallible way.

Reply—Do I understand that your church teaches that then and there Peter became a holy and infallible guide to the church?

Lady—Yes, indeed, we do; for remember "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Reply—Then kindly allow me to read the twenty-third verse, only four verses further down the chapter, where Jesus addressing the same Peter says: "Get thee behind me, Satan, thou savourest not the things that are of God, but the things that are of men." Then if Peter was Satan, or doing the devil's work after his infallibility is conferred upon him, and if Peter does not savor the things of God, surely Jesus did not relegate the guidance of his church to one who does not know the things that are of God, and who could be influenced so directly by the arch enemy of the church.

Lady—Oh, well, but he was only human, and had not as yet grasped or become accustomed to his new position to the church.

Reply—Very well, then, we will allow all that, but let us turn to a time, a good while afterward, when he certainly will be able to sense fully his relations to the church, for Jesus is about to leave it, and if Peter is to assume charge it will be time for him to demonstrate his infallibility. Now let us read Matt. 26: 69-74. Here we find that Peter was a liar at that time—a traitor and a swearer, and either one of these demonstrates that as yet he "savoured not the things that are of God." That he was not them infallible, at any rate. I feel safe in saying that when addressing the little maid he was not speaking ex cathedra as head of the church. And the Spirit of God through the apostle James declares (James 3: 8-12) that it could not be, for "the same fountain cannot send forth salt water and sweet."

(Continued next week)

Why the World Did Not End in 1914

A well-known preacher, who, by his methods and startling utterances, has attracted considerable attention, declared early in the year that the world would end in 1914. Thousands of people believed him. Possibly some of them live in your neighborhood. They, and everyone for that matter, should read the reason why it did not end. It appears in the *Signs* magazine for February. A reader will also find interesting and profitable reading in the following articles: The Coming Famine; Turkey and the War; Satan has been Truly Converted(?); Why a Devil; Christianity Needs no Defense; Attacking Christianity; Prophesying Smooth Things; The Knowledge of Good and Evil.

THE following quotation is of importance to everyone interested in the young men of the denomination, and earnest heed should be given to it:

"When we see a young man of promise, we should use our influence to get him into the college. If young men have not any money,—young men seldom lay up money,—do not say Go and work a year, and then go into the college. No; but try to help them; present them before the churches; bear a decided testimony, and say, 'Brethren, we want you to help these individuals through college'; and all the time you keep your eye on them just as though you were their guardian."—*Testimonies to Ministers, "Manner of Conducting Camp-meetings."*

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