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An Important Anniversary

The coming month will mark the sixty-fourth anniversary of the birth of the best minister in this denomination. Who is the man that is worthy of being called the best minister in the Seventh-day Adventist denomination? Well, friends, it isn't a man at all, nor a woman either, but the good old *Review and Herald*. This paper, started as a monthly in November, 1850, and three years later made a weekly, stands today without a peer among the religious journals of the country. In view of the fact that the *Review* is blessed with a strong editorial staff, and placing before our people every week the very best thoughts of our leading men, and reports from all sections of our great missionary field which today is the world, the subscribers to this journal are a favored class among us. Personally, I would not know how to keep house without it. For twenty-five years the writer has been a constant and careful reader of this paper, and while means can be raised to pay the subscription price it will be a regular visitor at my home.

But it is a matter of regret to find many of our people depriving themselves of the blessings conveyed by the *Review and Herald* when the investment of a small sum would make it a regular visitor to the home. A campaign is now on to place this paper in every Sabbath-keeping home in North America, and we urge those who read these lines who do not take the *Review* to take time by the forelock and send in to the Canadian Publishing Association \$2.00 for a year's subscription, or \$1.00 for six months. You could scarcely invest the money to better advantage.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

Ontario Conference

Toronto

It is a pleasure to me to visit the homes of our dear people, and talk with them about the message. I am making a tour through the eastern

portion of the conference in behalf of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, the interest of the *Review and Herald*, and home missionary work. The brethren at Toronto are doing well. Nearly all are taking an active part in the Ingathering work. The sisters of the West Side church have formed a prayer band, and meet in the church each Tuesday for prayer before going out to meet the people with their papers. It did me good to see the new members taking part in soliciting funds for the furtherance of God's work. It is an evidence of their spiritual condition and love for the Master. When the elder of the Central Toronto church asked for volunteers to spend at least ten hours with the Ingathering *Signs*, almost every hand in the room went up. All pledged to do their part. I believe we are going to raise our portion of the \$100,000 for missions during 1915.

The aim of the Ontario Conference is to place the *Review and Herald*, our denominational paper, in the home of every Seventh-day Adventist in our territory. Elder M. M. Hare, our president, asked me to visit the following places: Toronto, Peterboro, Napanee and Kingston in the interest of this work, and secure subscriptions from the members at these places. At Toronto I was very successful. All I visited (except three) gave me a subscription for a year, or part of a year. I know that some had to do some thinking, and felt as though they could not possibly do it, but they said they would manage somehow. One sister said she would go without one meal a day, if necessary, in order to have our denominational paper, so that she might keep in touch with the progress and developments of the great movements now on foot. She said, "It is an inspiration to read the sermons, and study the articles and Bible studies from our ministers and workers." I am sure if the church elders and leaders would present the *Review and Herald* to the church members as they visit them from time to time, they could get them to see the importance of having this good paper in their homes. Why not try it? It will help all who read it. Any iso-

lated member may send for it to the Canadian Publishing Association, Oshawa, Ontario. The price is \$2.00 for one year, \$1.00 for six months, and 50 cents for three months. JOSEPH CAPMAN.

A Pleasant Occasion

Thursday evening, October 7, the students of Buena Vista Academy enjoyed an informal reception and rendered an attractive program of music and recitations. It was the first of a series of like events that are designed by the faculty to brighten student life and introduce a spirit of good fellowship in the student body.

The platform was tastefully decorated with autumn leaves and the large Union Jack presented to the Academy by F. G. Hill was draped as a patriotic background. The Academy monogram "B. V. A." was surrounded by a wreath of brightly colored maple leaves.

Several of the neighbors and outside friends of the school were present to enjoy the evening's program and all seemed thoroughly pleased.

There is still room for a few more students at Buena Vista. Better hurry though.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

Work Among the Indians

At the Workers' meeting in Oshawa, it was decided that a tent effort should be held on the Reservation. A few days later Elder Hare visited us, and while here it was decided that we should pitch the tent at the village of Obsweken.

We began the meetings July 25 with a good attendance. Owing to the wet weather, and a very leaky tent, it was difficult to carry on meetings with any satisfaction. Many times the ground was so wet in the tent that there was great danger of taking cold by sitting there. In spite of this numbers increased and a good interest was manifested.

The Baptist preacher attended several of the meetings, and seeing that many of his own congregation were interested, he began to oppose, even following me from home to home to influence his members against us. When the Sabbath was presented D. M. Carright's tracts were circulated freely, which only helped to stir up the interest.

We held our last meeting in the tent September 19. After speaking on the subject of the "Seven Last Plagues" I asked how many were going to obey the truth, and nine raised their hands in response.

We are expecting to get a hall in the village in which to continue our meetings. We will not be sure of this, however, for a few days.

While our work during the past season has been carried forward under great difficulties, we desire to thank God for his blessings and we have a greater determination than ever to do what we can to hasten the Master's return.

B. E. MANUEL.

Appointment

Elders Hare and Campbell will meet with the believers at Chatham and Dresden over Sabbath and Sunday October, 16 and 17. Preaching at Chatham Friday evening, a morning and afternoon service at Dresden, and Sunday afternoon and evening at Chatham, will be the program.

The Trouble and the Remedy

A letter from a member of one of our churches says: "We are facing a serious problem in this church. It is a large church, but the attendance at the young people's meeting is sometimes up and sometimes down, and we never know what to expect. Only a few seem willing to take part in the programmes or to lead in prayer. I do not know when a consecration service has been held in this society."

If the members of this society could realize what a burden their leader must carry, if they could realize how the Lord looks upon their indifference and unwillingness to act their part, if they could realize how their own spiritual intellectual development is hindered, and what their eternal loss may be, surely they would arouse themselves and shake off this lethargy.

The Missionary Volunteer Society is an association for service. The members are not there to be entertained merely, but to get under the load, and lift. They are not there to be coaxed and pulled along in the Christian way, but to act as ambassadors for Christ in persuading others to be reconciled to him.

How shall the individual get out of this state of spiritual coma? Begin to pray. For what?

There is a story told of a godly minister who was traveling in Scotland, and put up at a certain tavern. He was asked by the landlord to conduct family prayers. He consented on condition that all the servants of the house should be called. When they assembled, the minister asked if all were present. "Yes," said the landlord; "except a poor girl we never bring in. She does the dirty work about the kitchen and is not fit to come in with the others." "I will not go on till she comes," insisted the minister. Seeing her neglected appearance, the minister took a special interest in her,

When he was leaving the next day, he called for the girl and said to her, "I want to teach you a prayer, and I want you to pray it till I come back again. It is this: 'Lord, show me myself.'"

When the minister returned a few days later, on inquiring after the girl, he was told by the landlord that she was spoiled, that she was of no use, and could do no work, because she was melancholy and weeping all the time. The minister knew why. He asked to see her and said, "Now I want to teach you another prayer: 'Lord, show me Thyself.'"

Years after, this minister was preaching in Glasgow, and a neatly dressed woman came up after the sermon and reminded him of the incident above related. I prayed that first prayer and got such a view of myself that I was overwhelmed with grief and despair. Then you taught me that other prayer, 'Lord, show me Thyself,' and he showed me himself, and my grief and despair went, and I trusted him and found salvation, and he made me what I am today."

It is no sign of acceptance with God that we are satisfied. It depends upon what we are satisfied with. The Lord says: "Woe unto them that are at ease in Zion." Doubtless we all need to pray, "Lord, show me myself," and then, "Show me Thyself."

Have you ever said to yourself:

"If every member were just like me,
What kind of a society would this one be?"

The trouble, spiritual stupor.
The remedy, prayer.

M. E. KERN.

The Optimist's Resolve

I will endeavor to be kind at all times, both to mankind and animal.

I will be courteous and considerate to the aged, realizing that the weight of their years makes the lightest burden seem heavy.

I will be gentle to women and little children, with due regard for their weaknesses and frailties. To the sick and afflicted I will be merciful and kind.

I will keep my trouble and heartaches to myself, so that other hearts will not be burdened by the weight of my misfortunes.

I will endeavor at all times to be cheerful, and smile, so that my smile may be an incentive for others to smile. I will endeavor to be unselfish, not striving for more than what is mine in all fairness, and realizing that other people have rights and deserve consideration.

I will earnestly try to avoid saying unkind things to people and about them, realizing that slander is a blow from behind, and the act of a coward, and I know that kind words have eternal life.

In short, I will try to make this sad old world less sad, because I shall never pass this way again. Every influence ignoble or unkind goes out from me like the vapor from the kettle and can never be recalled.

This is my resolve, and may the Power that rules the world keep me steadfast.—*William J. Robinson.*

"The Path I Had Feared To See"

A score of years ago, a young woman went as a missionary to the Kongo region in the heart of Africa. After years of faithful service, she was about to return home for a vacation. Her baggage had been put on board the steamer, when she was suddenly stricken with Kongo fever, and died in a few hours. When her trunk was opened there was found on the inside cover of her Bible, drawn in most beautiful characters, in different colored inks, this poem:

I said, "Let me walk in the field."

He said, "No; walk in the town."

I said, "There are no flowers there."

He said, "No flowers, but a crown."

I said: "But the skies are black,

There is nothing but noise and din."

And he wept as he sent me back.

"There is more," He said, "There is sin."

I said, "But the air is thick,

And fogs are veiling the sun."

He answered, "Yet souls are sick,

And souls in the dark undone."

I said, "I shall miss the light,

And friends will miss me, they say."

He answered, "Choose tonight

If I am to miss you, or they."

I pleaded for time to be given.

He said: "Is it hard to decide?

It will not seem so hard in heaven

To have followed the steps of your guide."

Then into his hand went mine;

And into my heart came he;

And I walked in a light divine,

The path I had feared to see.

—*George Macdonald.*

It was said of her that "the natives of the Kongo River simply adored her; her consecration, her purity of life, and her personal love for them, made her like a queen among them."—*Sel.*

An Infidel Recants

One of the most bitter atheists of France was M. Lavrédeau, the poet and novelist. He expressed his hatred of religion in the most scornful songs and poems and prose productions. But he seems now to have thrown his infidelity to the winds and

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Amount at 20 cents\$1614 69
Amount received.....1115 67
Shortage to date.....\$499 02

QUEBEC

Amount at 20 cents\$1074 15
Amount received850 12
Shortage to date\$224 03

NEWFOUNDLAND

Amount at 20 cents\$122 73
Amount received196 50
Shortage to date\$226 23

is publishing his profession of faith in the most radical journals. He says:

"I laughed at faith and held myself a wise man. I stood on the road and looked at the soldiers. There they marched cheerfully onward to death. I asked, 'What makes you so calm?' and they began to pray, and say, 'I believe in God.' How hard it is in this national cemetery to be an atheist. I cannot, I cannot. I have deceived myself and you, too, who have read my books and sung my songs. To forsake God is to be lost indeed. I say to my friends, Lavredeau does not dare to die as an atheist. It is not hell that dismays me, but the thought, 'There is a God, and you stand so far from him.' Rejoice O my soul, that I am permitted to know this hour in which I can kneel and say, 'I believe in God.'"

Not many who have gone so far as Lavredeau went in scorn of religion and in denial of God ever turn from that path of death to tread in the path that leads to life. It is to be hoped that, having found the way out of quicksands of infidelity, Lavredeau may lead many of his skeptical admirers to a belief in God.—Sel.

Obituary

"BLESSED ARE THE DEAD"

BOYD—Mrs. Catherine Minto Boyd passed away at her home in Moncton, N. B., Friday, September 3, 1915, at sixty years of age. Twenty years ago she became a member of the Moncton S. D. A. church and until the time of her death was faithful to her vows. She did much for the sick and suffering, the poor and discouraged, and brightened the pathway of many a weary pilgrim. During the past two years, because of failing health, she was often missed in the church circle. When present she was ever ready to take an active part.

Besides a large circle of friends, she leaves a husband, two sons, and two daughters, to mourn the loss of a faithful and devoted wife and mother.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord . . . that they may rest from their labors: and their works do follow them."

GEO. H. SKINNER.

Colporteurs' Report, Week Ending Oct. 2, 1915

Ontario

Name	Book	Hours	Value	Total	Del.
J Heaver	DR	22			\$42 75
L Chamberlain	PG	45	\$60 00	\$60 75	6 00
J Pengelly	CK	50	15 75	41 10	
P Van Ness	WC	8		3 50	15 50
C D Terwillegar	GC		15 00	28 00	
Inez Cowles	BR	8	16 00	16 50	25
C A Wallis	Mag	15	17 80	17 80	17 80
		148	\$124 55	\$162 65	\$82 30

Maritime

Mrs M Kierstead	CK	82	2 25	6 00	60 25
Walter Kierstead	PPF				21 00
		82	\$2 25	\$8 00	\$81 25
Grand Total		230	\$126 80	\$168 65	\$163 55

"NOTHING is more useful in making openings for personal work than our literature. A tract-lending route can be started, and tracts left week by week. The weekly calls will give opportunities for studying the people and finding the best ways of approaching them. Then conversations on some point brought out in the tracts may be started, and so the way be found to lead the individuals to accept Christ as their personal Saviour, from which point they may be brought into the fullness of present truth."

"Give cause for thankfulness."