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The Parable of Enterprise

Now there dwelt in the East a certain union conference book-man whose name was Enterprise, the son of Ambition, the son of Do-it-now, of the tribe of Great-faith. And his work it was to go to and fro throughout the country to arouse much interest among all the people and to select men, even young men and women of ability, and such as had consecration and hustle, and who had an understanding of the times and knew what ought to be done, that they might receive instruction and go forth to the inhabitants of the land and sell unto them publications of divers sort, such as books, both large and small, also magazines, papers, and whatsoever was issued to enlighten them concerning the times and the coming of the Great King.

Now it came to pass in the third month of the year, in the fourth week, and the third day of the week, that a large company of people were come together unto a certain place in the midst of the land, and hard by unto a city of many people. These were all gathered together by reason of a proclamation of Enterprise, who had appointed this assembly in order that he might have the better opportunity to instruct those who were to covenant together for the sale of the publications.

Moreover, it was arranged by the Elder, who was chosen to have charge of such matters, that those who were present and offered themselves willingly to be taught and to go forth into the work for the space of six months at the least, should be paid their fare and should be given freely their daily portion of meat and their lodging while attending the meeting.

Now among those who came from all parts of the land were these: Wide-awake, a goodly young man; Stick-to-it; Optimist; Persevere; Honest; Have-no-debt; the same being men and women of good report and such as had skill to do things, and were not easily discouraged. Also certain others whose names were Go-slow, Fearful, Doubtful-account, Take-it-easy, Discontent, and Slack-dress; these for the most part were a good-natured sort, and greatly enjoyed much conversation, but the heart of Enterprise was exceedingly

stirred when he beheld them; for he feared lest they, by reason of some of their unseemly characteristics, might not put their necks strongly to the yoke, and so, by making a poor showing, might discourage some of their brethren whose hearts had been moved to dedicate themselves to the work.

Now since the hour had not come when the meeting should open, there were many who spake one to another, and Optimist, who chanced to be sitting by Fearful, said unto him, "It is a fair day, my brother. How is thy courage and what plans hast thou for the future?"

"Well," said Fearful, "Enterprise has been urging me greatly to go forth with the publications, but truth to tell I am certain that only failure awaits me; indeed, when the matter was first suggested to me my knees smote together at the very thought of undertaking it, though on the account of much persuasion brought to bear upon me I yielded, and therefore am here."

"Cheer up, my friend," said Optimist. "It is a goodly work, and the Great King has promised to send his unseen messengers to accompany us in our journeys and to give us favor and good success. So the outlook seemeth good to me, and I do not intend to fail or be discouraged."

Now Enterprise, coming up the aisle, saw Slack-dress, Doubtful-account, and Go-slow conversing together; and, gazing upon them for a moment, he beheld that there was somewhat of disorder about their raiment, for upon each was a collar that showed much constant wear without washing; also their neckties were much soiled and their coats greatly needed brushing, and it was apparent that they had no skill in the use of the shoe-brush and blacking. Wherefore Enterprise was exceedingly grieved, saying unto himself, "Will not these fail to rightly represent the Great King? Will not the people get a wrong impression from them?" And he made a record of it in his notebook that at the proper time he might reprove them, and set forth before all the assembly the importance of wearing such garments as would cause them to properly represent the sacredness of the work which they were doing.

Now it came to pass that Hopeful, a valiant state agent, whose duty was to co-operate with Enterprise and to have charge of those workers that go forth with the publications in that section of the country where the meeting was held, coming in hastily, came to Enterprise, and said unto him, "Knowest thou that many upon whom I have bestowed much labor and who have pledged their word to attend this meeting have failed to come? Yea, in many towns and cities throughout the land there are tens and even scores who might do a most excellent work who refuse to bear burdens, saying, 'See ye not how much tithe and offerings we send in for the work?' Nevertheless they go not out to warn the people of the near judgments that are coming upon them."

"Thus it is everywhere," said Enterprise. "Nevertheless, we must not cease to labor patiently to arouse all, even those who have houses and lands and very much cattle and those who work in the market places, yea, also women and children, to rally to the work and unite their efforts with those of the ministers and church officers, for the Great King hath said that otherwise his work in the earth can never be finished."

So forthwith they opened the meeting, which continued to be held each day for the space of ten days, during which time diligent study was given to the instruction by Enterprise and Hopeful and some of the Elders of the people. And at the end of the days they all with one accord made a solemn covenant to engage faithfully in the work.

Now, among other things, the entire assembly agreed to labor not less than eight hours each day, and not to sell any small book till diligent effort had been made first to sell the large ones; also to salute no man by the way in order to avoid wasting much time in unnecessary conversation or discoursing beyond what was required to sell the publications.

And so ended the meeting, and each one gat him quickly to his appointed place where he might labor for the sale of the publications, for the King's business required haste.

Now the rest of the acts of Enterprise and all his might and the good that he accomplished, and his joy which he had at the success of the workers, and the sadness which came to him because of Doubtful-account, Take-it-easy, and Fearful, are they not written in the chronicles of his letter files?

Howbeit, though these things be written in a parable, they contain much truth and food for serious thought, and blessed is he that profiteth thereby.—*H. C. Hartwell, in Western Canadian Tidings.*

"We may gather the roses and pinks and lilies from our experiences, or we may be bruised and torn by the thorns and briars."

Ontario Conference

Those Mission Offerings, Again!

A few issues ago we wrote concerning the lack in mission funds for the year. The returns for another month are now in hand but the showing on mission offerings is rather disappointing in view of our shortage of about \$2,000. While it is largely true that the returns from the Harvest Ingathering Campaign are not yet in hand, yet, judging from reports received from those churches that are most active in this work it will mean a more general effort if Ontario "makes good" this year. Some have done well in the campaign, in fact have done far more than their proportionate share, still we feel assured that some have put forth no effort as yet. If Ontario should fail of reaching her quota for missions for the year the responsibility will rest upon those who have failed to help to the extent of their ability. We are not counting on failure but mere sentiment will not achieve success. All must cooperate if we win. Let us turn our professed love of the message and cause into a practical demonstration by taking hold definitely in response to its needs. Today, when our nation is manifesting its devotion to the cause of empire by sacrifice can we rest satisfied with anything less in view of the needs of God's cause and the solemn portent of the days in which we live? We are counting on every loyal Seventh-day Adventist in Ontario to unite with us in lifting on this proposition. Ontario must win! and under God, brethren and sisters, we are the ones to do it. He is counting on us. He is counting on YOU. M. M. HARE.

General Meetings

We take pleasure in announcing herewith a program of general meetings that has been arranged for this field. The members of the churches where these are to be held have opened their homes for the entertainment of all who may attend. While we will not write at any length this week relative to these yet we would urge our people to attend these gatherings just as far as is possible. We expect them to be seasons of spiritual uplifting and refreshing and believe those who are able to attend cannot afford to miss the help they will minister.

Kingston, December 2 to 5.

London, December 9 to 12.

Brantford, December 16 to 19.

The opening meeting will begin the evening of the first date in each instance. For arrangements for entertainment write to the following:—

Kingston, C. D. Terwillegar, 260 Victoria St.,

London, Wm. H. Boyce, 219 William St.,

Brantford, J. H. Simpson, 323 Dalhousie St.

M. M. HARE.

Ontario News Items

One of our faithful sisters writes: "I am glad to be able to again subscribe for the *Review and Herald*. I would not like to have to do without it. Am sending one dollar for six months and hope by the end of that time to send again." This is the sentiment of those who take the *Review*. We would urge all our people to put forth an effort to subscribe for this paper. It contains what none of our other papers or magazines do.

The members of the London church spent most of last week working with the Harvest Ingathering. A letter from the librarian says. "We expect to use five hundred papers this week." Orders have come in to the office for eight hundred from this church.

Brother Lenond Chamberlain, who has been canvassing in northern Ontario for the last ten months is home in Oshawa for a short time. He expects to continue in the canvassing work, but a little nearer home.

The Toronto church is planning a rally in behalf of the Ingathering Campaign. Their papers are on hand and we trust each one will work faithfully with them so that a goodly sum will be gathered in for missions.

Exeter

In the year 1902 Elders Leland and William Ward Simpson pitched a tent in the town of Exeter. They gave a series of illustrated lectures and sermons on present truth. As a result a company of excellent people accepted the message. A church was organized, and a church house built on a brother's farm some distance in the country. The meetings were kept up until about four years ago, when because of lack of attendance they were discontinued. Some time after the church building was made into a dwelling house.

The writer spent last week in this place, and visited the members. Meetings were held each evening in the different homes with an average attendance of about twenty. A Sabbath School was organized with a full staff of officers, and Sister Thomas Collingwood (*nee* Pansy Prouty) kindly consented to have the meetings held at her home for the present time.

The Ingathering work was presented at a meeting and a supply of papers ordered. Several heartily responded to the call to take part in this work.

Five families gave yearly subscriptions for the *Review and Herald*, one for the *Signs* weekly and another for the MESSENGER.

During my stay at Exeter I sold twenty-five *Signs* magazines and secured nine dollars and fifty cents for what Ingathering *Signs* I had with me. I

find it doesn't make much difference where we work. People seem willing to give when we go to them. Surely this is a wonderful truth. When the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts, it fills us with the same desires and motives that it did the woman of Samaria at the well. It makes us feel like one large family, and when we meet brethren for the first time we feel as though we had known them before and had been close friends. I will look back with pleasure to my visit at Exeter. J. CAPMAN.

Buena Vista Items

Brother Wagar has returned from Kingston where he was called on account of his father's illness.

The students, teachers, and friends of the Academy spent Hallowe'en in social games and amusements. All seemed to enjoy it.

On Thursday, the tenth, our threshing was done. We have about four hundred twenty-five bushels of grain.

One of our basement rooms has been converted into "The Academy Store." Come to see our line of goods.

The latest student on the enrollment is Sarah Vuilleumier from Montreal. She arrived here Tuesday night.

The music department is growing rapidly. It has been necessary to rent an extra piano, this making five in the school. By the way, pianos are not the only instruments. The horns, drums, and violins are, by no means, secondary.

Two days have been spent with the "Harvest Ingathering" papers. We have collected about sixty-five dollars.

There are seven in the normal class. They especially enjoy the advantages of the church school this year which makes the field of experience (the best teacher) so much broader than it has been heretofore.

The science classes are large this year. They take deep interest in the various experiments performed under the direction of Professor Miller.

Our aim, as a school family, is "Make this your best year." Thus far, the Lord has helped us in it, and we know he will help in the months that are ahead.

Maritime Conference

Our Ingathering Status

We are publishing herewith a report showing the standing of our churches in the Harvest Ingathering

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Campaign of the year 1914 and the latest news from the churches for the present year. Look up your church and see its record. Not even reached the amount of last year, has it? No, unless you are a member of the faithful churches in Cape Breton. Just these churches with the Tiverton church (which consists of only two small families) have passed last year's record. Which church will be next?

Churches	Year 1914	Year 1915
Sydney Mines, N Sydney, NS...	\$156 06.....	\$236 00
Tiverton, N S		7 12
Tantallon, N S	20 00.....	19 00
St. John, N B.....	76 95.....	74 30
Williamsdale, N S	70 63.....	65 00
Indian Harbor, N S.....	31 40.....	24 70
Conference church.....	41 90.....	29 15
Moncton, N B.....	41 66.....	7 25
Halifax, N S	102 07.....	60 35
Scotts Bay, N S	8 62.....	84
Hopewell Cape, N B	28 00.....	
Lake George, N B	8 45.....	
Individuals	220 92.....	38 07
Totals	\$806 66	\$561 78

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Colporteurs' Report, Week Ending Nov. 2, 1915

Ontario					
Name	Book	Hours	Value	Total	Del.
J Pengelly	CK	40	\$14 75	\$41 05	
*P Van Ness	WC	58	36 25	36 25	\$ 47 25
*L Chamberlain	PG	60			153 40
C D Terwilligar	GC		23 50	23 50	
Total		158	\$74 50	\$100 80	\$200 65

*2 Weeks

Quebec Conference Report for October, 1915

Churches	Tithes	Miss.	Sab. S.	Misc.	Total
Namur	\$ 21 00		\$ 2 08		\$ 23 08
Individuals	7 00	\$14 55		\$ 5 00	26 55
Mount'l French	31 70	35 00	12 99		79 69
South Stukely	3 99	5 15	2 82	25 00	36 96
Fitch Bay	15 40	15 68	1 40		32 48
Mount'l Eng	109 41	0 83	7 89		124 13
North Hatley	40 74		4 84		45 58
South Bolton					
Dixville					
Sherbrooke					
Total	\$229 24	\$77 21	\$32 02	\$30 00	\$368 47

Our Home Workers, Notice

An advance copy of the "Home Workers' Prospectus" has come to the office. It is very attractive and pleasing and its contents are sure to catch the eye of the customer.

The Prospectus is a loose leaf notebook holder and contains but eighteen of our smaller books as the size of the holder will not permit the showing of the full number of Home Workers' books. The front cover, just as given on the bound book, the title page, and about a dozen sample pages of each book is contained in the holder. The size of the Prospectus is eight by nine by one and one-fourth inches. It gives the various languages in which the books can be obtained and the prices in cloth and board bindings.

Send in a dollar at once to the Canadian Publishing Association for a copy and get a good list of orders for the holidays.

Say It

In the early morning meeting a brother arose,— a devout farmer, elder of a country church.

"This morning," he said, "it seemed as if something said to my heart clearly, 'Speak.'

"What shall I speak?" I thought.

"The answer came clearly, 'speak a kind word.'

"What word, Lord?" I said in my heart. And the answer came, 'Love.'

"So, brethren," he said, stretching his arm toward the congregation, "I say it this morning. I love you all, my brethren."

It was simply spoken, by a simple farmer brother; but as he spoke the words, "I love you all, my brethren," there passed over the congregation a spirit of melting tenderness that gave the keynote to a blessed social meeting.

We think it so often—the love of the brethren. Let us say it oftener. "And be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another. . . . And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us."—W. A. S.

Maritime Tithes and Offerings for October, 1915

Churches	Tithe	Miss.	Misc.	Total
Halifax N S	\$15 17	\$24 91	\$60 35	\$100 43
St John N B	37 14	20 58	58 74	96 46
Indian Harbor N S	28 10	8 16	20 70	56 96
Conference Church	13 85	21 81	18 00	53 68
N Sydney N S	28 45	11 70		40 15
Sydney Mines N S	29 50	9 17		38 67
Hopewell Cape N S	13 30	12 25		25 55
Tiverton N S	9 80	5 95	7 12	22 87
Tantallon N S	14 26	5 07		19 33
*Williamsdale N S	20 21	14 55		34 76
Scotts Bay N S		6 18	84	7 00
Moncton N B	5 60			5 60
Individuals		3 00	30 87	33 87
Barrington N S				
Jeddore N S				
Lake George N S				
Total	\$215 38	\$143 31	\$176 62	\$535 31

*2 months
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