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The Spring Council

The outstanding feature of the Spring Council of the General Conference Committee held at Washington April 29 to May 6 was the emphasis placed upon the spiritual side of our work.

The world-wide financial depression is reducing the income of our people, and this, in turn, is cutting down the tithes and offerings for the support of the work.

The tremendous pressure of campaigns for the raising of funds is cutting heavily into the time of our workers for sheperding the flock and for evangelism.

At the same time, our work in the mission fields, with their hundreds of millions to be warned, is growing as never before and the providence of God is opening doors on every hand. The only way that we can ever hope to meet the need of the hour is by the outpouring of the Spirit of God in its fullness, and this can come only as workers and people put away every sin, banish all differences, and make a full consecration to God.

Practically half of the time of the Council was given over to devotional meetings, as the leaders of this movement united in seeking God and in studying his word.

Realizing that we are nearing the end, surely the time has come when a definite spiritual reformation and revival must take place.

The result of such a movement is described by the servant of the Lord :---

"In visions of the night representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God's people. Many were praising God. The sick were healed, and other miracles were wrought. A spirit of intercession was seen, even as was manifested before the great day of Pentecost.

Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest. On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth. The world seemed to be lightened with the heavenly influence. Great blessings were received by the true and humble people of God. I heard voices of thanksgiving and praise, and there seemed to be a reformation such as we witnessed in 1844.

"Yet some refused to be converted. They were not willing to walk in God's way, and when, in order that the work of God might be advanced, calls were made for freewill offerings, some clung selfishly to their earthly possessions. These covetous ones became separated from the company of believers." -Volume 9, page 126.

Undoubtedly this theme will be uppermost at our campmeetings this summer, and we urge everyone to put forth special effort to attend these annual convocations of the people of God.

Let us each, where we are, earnestly seek God daily for a deeper experience that will bring deliverance from the power of sinful habits and prepare the way for showers of the latter rain, to ripen a people for earth's harvest. W. C. MOFFETT.

From China

To Our Many Friends in the Home Land:

The postman has just brought two MES-SENGERS, one dated February 24, and the other March 3. So you see we are able in this far-off land to get news of the homeland about one month after it is printed. Needless to say, we are more than interested in every word they contain. We praise God for the wonderful way in which the truth for this time is being presented before the people. I well remember being tent-master in a tent effort in Hamilton in 1923, and how hard it was to secure an interest then. I also remember my experience with Elder Manuel, in Carbonear, Newfoundland. Therefore, as I read of how God is blessing throughout the whole of the home-land, my heart greatly rejoices, and I pray that it may continue to be so.

God is also blessing in the work over here in China. We are convinced that now is the time to work for these people as never before. There is a sound of a going in the mulberry trees.

During the month of February, it was my privilege to attend annual meetings in all our provinces in this union. They were well attended, and the reports given indicated that the work is growing. The net gain in membership in this union for the five-year period 1926-30 was 345, a yearly average of 69. It is the third highest average of any union in China.

The province of Shantung boasts of having the largest subscription list to the Chinese Signs of the Times of any province in China. It is above the 8,000 mark. And speaking of the Chinese Signs, perhaps it would be interesting to you to know that it enjoys the largest circulation of any magazine, either secular or religious, in China. You can go to any city in China and learn that although the people may not have heard the living preacher, they know about Adventists through the printed page.

In a circular from the Publishing House in Shanghai, dated Nov. 21, 1930, appear these words:

"At an annual public meeting of the Christian Literature Society held Nov. 18, 1930, in Shanghai, a statement was emphasized relating how they reached the highest figures in sales since 1921, a total of \$25,000.00 (Mexican). How does that compare with ours to date, ten months of this year, already \$174,718.31? Seven times that amount."

And so it is. Many times missionaries of other denominations ask us how we do it. Just last month when Bro. Frederick Lee arrived back at his desk from an interesting evangelistic trip to Hankow, there was waiting for him, a letter from the governor of the Shantung Province. It was written by his private secretary at the Governor's request, stating that he desired to subscribe for twenty copies of the Signs of the Times, and to please find enclosed \$20.00 Mexican, the subscription price. This order came without a colporteur visiting him.

Not only is the literature work growing; it is the same in the medical department. Five years ago we did not have any first-class sanitariums over here, as we have now. There is not only the large sanitarium in Shanghai, but also a large six-storey clinic, for which every cent was solicited here in China. This spring, up in Kalgan, the gateway to Mongolia, we are starting to build a sanitarium. Then up in Mukden, a \$100,-000.00-building is going up. This entire sum, with about fifteen acres of land in the best part of the city, is being donated to the cause by General Hsueh Liang, the Vicecommander of the Army and Navy of China. We shall have the pleasure this coming week of seeing Bro. E. C. Wood again, as he passes here on his way to superintend the erection of these two buildings.

There are also great opportunities in the evangelistic field. The only trouble with us is the lack of funds to put them on a dignified scale. The Hopei annual meeting was a combined conference meeting and evangelistic effort. Bro. Frederick Lee was the speaker, and with the exception of a few nights during the Chinese New Year season, the church was filled. I understand that more than one hundred names were secured for visitation.

The Lord is greatly blessing us in the educational department. This year we have in our schools in this union in Grades 1-9, three hundred and thirty students. Just last weekend I had the privilege of visiting a district to the north-east of Tsinanfu. In this district, we have three schools, with an enrollment of a little more than thirty in each. Recently, the government sent an inspector around with the object of having our church school register with the government, though we cannot do this, because the local educational department in this province is definitely anti-Christian. He was referred to the mission headquarters here in Tsinan. This is as far as it goes with us, while other mission schools have had no end of trouble. Incidentally, this particular inspector went away wondering why it was our schools could have more than thirty students and the government school only ten or so, and this in spite of the fact that we charge tuition and the government schools are free.

This is how the work goes, because the Lord has set his hand to finish the work. We are glad that this is so, and we are thankful that we have a part in the finishing of this work.

We were sorry to receive a six-per-cent cut in our budgets this year; but by the help of God we have determined to make it up by having a Week of Sacrifice in the spring as well as in the fall. We do not want to drop any worker or call a halt to any endeavor. The time has come for advance instead of retreat. Pray for us, that God may pour more of his spirit upon us, that we may see more results than ever before.

May God bless you in the home-land, and bring us all into a greater unity, that the church militant may ere long be the church victorious. LESLIE H. DAVIES.

Tsinan, Shantung, China, April 4, 1931

MARITIME

F. W. Stray, Pres. Office Address Ruth Brock, Sec.-Treas. Box 88, Moncton, N. B.

Our Departments

At a recent meeting of our executive committee, it was decided to ask Bro. Fred Landry to act as our field missionary secretary this summer. Brother Landry has proved himself a capable canvasser as he has worked his way through school, and we have no doubt that he will give excellent leadership to the colporteur work in Maritime during the summer months. It is Brother Landry's plan to attend college when school opens this fall.

The Maritime colporteur institute is to be held at Maritime Academy, beginning Sabbath, May 23. There are several recruits to take the field, and we trust that this sum-

mer will mark a continued advance in the distribution of the printed page in Maritime.

Miss Vera VanBuskirk has been invited by the executive committee to act as corresponding secretary of the Sabbath School and Home Missionary departments, taking up the work formerly carried by Mrs. Crump. In addition to these duties, Miss VanBuskirk will do Bible work in connection with public efforts conducted by the ministry in the field.

We bespeak for both these workers the whole-hearted support of the Maritime constituency. They are both native to this field, and are well known. F. W. STRAY.

ST. LAWRENCE

W. H. Howard, Pres. Ada Manuel, Sec.-Treas. Office Address 1517 Mountain St., Montreal, Que.

The St. Lawrence Field

Our hearts have been greatly cheered by the good reports of the way in which the prospering hand of God has been over our work here in St. Lawrence. We can detect a very distinct new note of courage and determination on the part of our people, which thrills us with solemn joy, as this is a clear indication to us that the faithful believers in this field realize that the end of all things earthly is at hand and that they are determined to arise in the power furnished by Jesus Christ and finish the task assigned to them.

Elders Moffett and Millner and the writer are binding off the interest incident to the Montreal effort, and we confidently look for good results. God has honest souls in Montreal, and the many pages of truth-filled literature, along with the spoken word, will accomplish its work. Your continued prayers are solicited for this needy field.

Elder White's effort at Ottawa is producing definite results, and the church there is busy distributing literature, which is stirring up an interest.

Elder Sears reports good progress at Bolten Centre, and has a fine company of new believers in a baptismal class.

Our workers have one objective in view, the saving of souls here in the St. Lawrence conference as well as abroad. You may help them to realize success by doing your duty in raising the goals in the various campaigns, thus relieving them to do the work for which they were ordained.

Our Sabbath schools surely deserve commendation for keeping up their various goals. Let us all get behind the Sabbath school, and support it in every way.

The churches are getting under the Big Week campaign very encouragingly. Several of the smaller companies and churches have already raised their goal. Word reached us this morning of the success attending the efforts of a badly crippled brother who has lost the power of speech and yet desired to do his part in this campaign. He went from door to door with the books, and kept at it until he exceeded his goal though he blistered his faltering feet. He plans to go out again to make up for some one who fails to do his duty in this respect. Brother, sister, is this crippled brother doing the work that you should do?

Bouch's Hill, under the leadership of Brother Wells, was the first church to reach the quota set. Montreal French, led by Brother Long, the local elder, Loretteville, and Pembroke reported in the order named. Kingston reports half of its quota raised. Montreal English has exceeded its quota, and will be content with nothing less than equalling last year's fine record. From the Eastern Township districts, under the care of Elder Sears and Bro. J. Toop, the good word comes of indications of success at the cost of sacrifice. Brother Toop writes that he has been offered everything from chickens to maple sugar as Big Week offerings. Ottawa has ordered a number of books, and good results are to be realized, we feel sure.

Our tithe runs about \$100.00 short monthly in comparison with last year's figures; but we are sure that if each believer would be faithful in this matter of returning to God his own, this shortage would be made up. We most earnestly appeal to you, dear reader, to be honest with the Lord in this respect, that you may receive the spiritual blessing promised to those who obey, and escape the curse pronounced upon those who disregard this solemn duty. We need to realize that more than mere temporal prosperity is at stake. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Brethren, your greatest need, and mine, is more of the grace of Christ to enable us to live lives wholly consecrated to him and to his service, that success may crown our efforts. Again allow me to express my sincere appreciation for your loyal co-operation in the work of God in this field, and to urge you on to greater faithfulness in living up to your high privileges in Christ Jesus, forgetting the petty difficulties in the way. "Talk courage, the world is sad enough."

W. H. HOWARD.

Tithe Report

	April 1931	
	Tithe	Missions
Abercorn;	\$ 53,62	\$ 88.76
Almonte,	2.00	
Bouck's Hill,	6.00	12.00
Carleton Place,	1.00	7.64
Cornwall,	8.66	7.25
Conference Church,	45.20	51.30
Fitch Bay.	5.00	2.65
Kingston,	83.52	27.95
Lachute,	7.42	
Limoges,	41.30	9.03
Loretteville,	5,00	59.74
Montreal, English,	98.54	64.10
Montreal, French.	34.08	11.12
Ottawa,	195.68	36.31
Pembroke,		
Renfrew,	2.50	
Riviere aux Pins.	8.00	5.07
Richmond,		8.65
South Bolton,	11.10	
South Stukely,	35.40	13.49
Waterville,	5.20	3.10
Total,	\$649.17	\$408.16

COMPARATIVE TITHE REPORT January — April

Church	1931	1930	Increase	Decrease
Abercorn,	\$122,46	\$109.52	\$ 12.94	\$
Almonte,	15.50	14.40	1.10	
Bouck's Hill,	24.00	22.40	1.50	
Carleton Place,	55,30	15.80	39.50	
Cornwall,	38.67	27.29	11.38	
·Conference,	222.55	192.75	29.80	
Fitch Bay,	22.80	19,41	3.39	
Kingston,	254.17	418.33		164.16
Lachute,	39.92	70.75		30.83
Limoges,	60.55	48.26	12.29	1000
Loretteville,	20.00		20.00	
Montreal, Eng.,	615.66	781.47		165.81
Montreal, Fr.,	204.60	186.97	17.63	
Ottawa,	717.80	795.63		77.83
Pembroke,	23.20	31.35		8.15
Renfrew,	13.35	16.65		3.30

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Riviere aux Pins.	116.00	97.10	18.90	
Richmond,	56.00	59.57		3.57
South Bolton,	26.01	45.00		18.99
South Stukely,	87.65	25.35	62.30	
Waterville,	74.42	17,93	56.49	
St. Law, Conf.	\$2,810.61	\$2,996.03	\$287.22	\$472.64
Total Loss fo	r Four I	Ionths	\$185.42	
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ONTARIO

M. V. Campbell, Pres. G. L. Sather, Sec.-Treas. Office Address 3 Awde St., Toronto 4, Ont. Make Wills and Legacies to "The Ontario Conference of Seventh-day Adventists."



We were pleased to have John Combden as a caller over last week-end.

Using as a basis for his remarks, definitions of a Christian life as given by several of the teachers and students, Professor Terry conducted the Friday evening devotional service. Particular emphasis was placed upon the necessity of living in our daily lives the truth.

With the organization of the Junior Class a few days ago, the interests of a number of the students are beginning to focus on the last few days of the school term. And they are not so very far away, either,—only five more weeks.

"It was a splendid meeting; the speakers handling the important subject of 'Faith' in a very interesting way." Such was one summary of last Sabbath's M. V. meeting.

A "man-power" four-gallon ice cream freezer has been added to the dairy equipment. From now on, the plan is to eat some of the cream as well as drink the milk. A new planer has been added to the shop equipment, and those who have seen it operate agree that it materially speeds up production and at the same time does much better work than did the old machine. The shop crew has been kept busy on ironing boards, ladders, and trellis work for some time.

We are glad to see Professor Lease about again after his long illness. He is having to take things easy for a few days, however.

Poor English came in for considerable unfavorable mention last week by the English department. The chapel periods were given over to a series of programs emphasizing the importance of purity of speech. Between times, bead collecting occupied considerable time and attention. Miss Coupee won in this part of the Good English Week program, having collected something more than eighty beads, each representing an error of speech on the part of some luckless fellow-student.

The Colporteur Work

With Our Colporteurs

No doubt the question has arisen in your minds as to whether books can really be sold these days or not, and I want to tell our MESSENGER readers a few of the experiences which come to us while selling books in the last few weeks.

It was my privilege to meet Brother Galodey in Montreal and go with him to Hudson. We arrived in Hudson about 3:30 in the afternoon, and so did not have much time to canvass. However, at the first home we called the lady gave us an order for "Our Day." After passing a house or two, we came to the home of the man in charge of the water works for that district. He had just gotten home, and, as his supper was on the table, he had not a great deal of time to spend with us. However, after the canvass, he offered to buy the book and asked us if we wanted the money then or later. We took one dollar deposit, and told him we would get the other four dollars when the book was delivered. It happened that, in the home previous, the lady had told us it was of no use to call on this man.

The next morning, at the very first house, we received an order from a lady for "Our Day" in the leather binding. She said it would be a cheap book at that price if it would only help her boys, and she gave us a two-dollar deposit.

In the next two homes we found French families, and we got an order for "Our Day" and a set of French books. Going farther, we found a man working in a house, and he was very pleased to give his order for the cloth binding.

We found another man working in a house, and he told us to go and see his wife. We went to see her, and she told us the only time she went to church was when there was a new minister. She seemed to be discouraged with the way they omitted teaching the Scriptures in the churches. She was glad to get the book, and gave us a one-dollar deposit.

We next got an order for a set of Bedtime stories and another French set. Another lady was very anxious to get "Our Day" to help her children.

We then came to the home of the sisterin-law of the man we had previously visited who was head of the water works. Here we had a very interesting experience. She called to her father to come in, and, after we had given the canvass he did not seem intererested, but said nothing. We then asked him if it would be all right if his daughter took the book. He answered that it would, and so she gave us a one-dollar deposit. It is not well to leave until we are sure we have accomplished all that can possibly be done.

In all, we worked around twenty hours and received nearly \$60.00 worth of orders with \$7.50 in deposits.

Brother Galodey and I were very much impressed with these people. We both felt sure that many of them had never been canvassed before. This place is just a few miles from our headquarters in Montreal.

After leaving Brother Galodey, I came to Ottawa and met Elwin White, who is planning to earn a scholarship for Oshawa Missionary College by selling "Golden Stories."

We went out together, and at the first we

received an order with a fifty-cent deposit. Then a lady ordered "Golden Stories," and, as we were getting her name, she noticed "Steps to Christ" advertised on the guarantee slip. After asking the price, she ordered this book as well. She wanted to know if we had a set of books explaining the Bible, and we told her of the Conflict of the Ages series. She asked if she could get these books one at a time, and of course we told her she could. Her husband asked if we had a book that would explain the Bible in story form, for the boys, and we told him of "Bible Pictures and Stories." Brother White is to take a sample of this book with him when he delivers "Golden Stories." We can never tell where we may meet honest people looking for light.

The next morning, Brother McDougal and I started work in Shawville, Quebec. The first order we got in that place was from a man who drove a gasoline truck. He paid cash for his book.

At one home we had prayer with a man by his request. Then a lady gave us an order for a set of "Bedtime Stories." After spending a profitable day, we were impressed to go to the home of the man where we had prayer. Upon our request for a bed, they gave us one without a question.

Then we visited a man whom his wife had asked us to see, and he ordered a full leather. The people where we stayed over night invited us to breakfast each morning and to dinner one day. They were very hospitable, and would not take a cent when I was leaving, while they were keeping Brother McDougall over the week end. We thought it was a definite leading of God, as we were needing his help at this time.

The next morning we decided to canvass the lady across the road from where we had stayed. She had had visitors the night before, and we thought best not to bother her then. We secured an order for the cloth binding. We also visited a place where we had been the day before, but where the mother was not home. She was there this time, and we received an order for the full set of "Bedtime Stories."

While canvassing one lady, her sister

came in. They were both very much impressed with the book, but one thought it might be _____. We assured her that it was not. After showing her the book, I showed her some names of different people who had bought literature, and she noticed the name of her brother, who lived in Timmins. This was a help to us in getting the order of the first lady. The second lady then asked us to go and see her father. It happened that he was not interested, and would not buy the book. As we were leaving, the lady returned home and we were impressed to go back. Another sister was living with her father, and, between them, they bought the book.

So we do find people looking around and wanting to know which way to turn. We, as Seventh-day Adventists, know the right way, and certainly we ought to do everything we can to help others to find it.

R. CARLILL.

		What They ONTARIO For Two Weeks	CONF	ERENCE				
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60-Cents-a-Week Fund

April 1931

	Mem.	Due	Rec'd.	Short	Per Cap. 1931	Per Cap. 1930
Maritime,	326	\$ 3,325.20	\$1,589.03	\$1,736.17	\$.287	\$.363
Newfoundland,	138	1,407.60	645.05	762.55	.275	.322
Ontario,	769	7,843.80	3,765,37	4,078.43	.288	.338
St. Lawrence,	343	3,498.60	1,518.15	1,980.45	.260	.302
Union,	1576	\$16,075.20	\$7,517.60	\$8,557.60	\$.281	\$.334

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Elder Moffett spent the Sabbath at Montreal, assisting with the interest which was aroused in the effort there during the winter.

If any of the readers of the MESSENGER need help on the farm, they might write to Elder O. D. Cardey, 204 Kensington Ave. S., Hamilton, and he can put them in touch with a man who wants work.

Elder S. A. Ruskjer and Bro. H. A. Shepard, of the Western Canadian Union, were in attendance at the Canadian Watchman Press constituency meeting held evening after the Sabbath, the 9th inst.

Elder and Mrs. Howard, having spent the Sabbath at Kingston, drove up to Oshawa in the evening in time for the Press constituency meeting. They left Sunday evening, intending to visit some of the members of the conference, on the way home.

Work in the College carpenter shop is seasonal, as in many other lines. Of late, they have been putting out trellis work. A few days ago we saw a whole truck load of finished product leaving, to assist in beautifying many lawns and gardens.

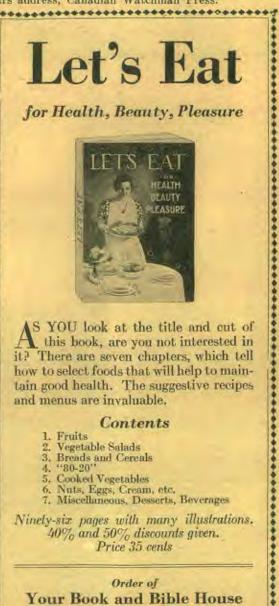
Bro. H. H. Hall, of the General Conference Publishing Department, attended the Press constituency and board meetings, and assisted in the problems which came up for consideration. With his long years in the publishing work, his help was much appreciated.

If any of our readers have means which they wish to place in the cause at the present time, at a moderate rate of interest, they may write the Eastern Canadian Union Conference. In order to properly finance the work, we can use some money, and there may be those who prefer to have their money invested in the work, thus lending to the Lord, rather than placing it in the world, where nothing seems safe any more. Address the Treasurer.

The report from Brother Davies, of China, published on another page, will be read with interest, not only by his former friends, but also by all those who are interested in the progress of the work in the foreign lands. It is wonderful how the message moves ahead in China, with the terrible conditions existing there; and yet we know the message will go forward, in spite of all obstacles.

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