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Conference Committee at Montreal

February 6 to 9 the Quebec Conference Committee held their midwinter meeting in Montreal. Elder L. H. Christian of Chicago, Secretary of the Home Missions Bureau, Brother Eastman, our union auditor, and the writer met with them. We were all glad to have Elder Christian present and his counsel was greatly appreciated, especially when dealing with the problems connected with the French work.

Besides auditing the laborers' accounts and attending to the routine work, much time was devoted to carefully studying the needs of the field and devising plans for the future work in the conference, both among the English and the French people. Measures were adopted that we hope will tend to stimulate the circulation of our literature in both these languages. Among other actions taken was one requesting the Canadian Publishing Association to print a new twenty-five cent book in the French language. This the publishing house has consented to do.

During the meeting the committee took action inviting Elder Webster, pastor of the Montreal English church, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Elder Young, who has served the conference as president during the last three years. During his stay in Quebec Elder Young has labored hard to build up the various lines of work, and we know that the prayers and good wishes of all will accompany him and his family to their new field of labor. We also feel confident that Elder Webster will have the prayers and hearty co-operation of the entire constituency as he takes up his new duties and responsibilities. All correspondence intended for the president of the Quebec Conference from now on should be addressed to Elder F. C. Webster, 280 Villeneuve West, Montreal Que. A. V. OLSON.

Has That Time Come?

Relative to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon God's people in the last days, the question was asked in one of our late Union papers in the States, "Has That Time Come?" The writer of the question quoted several Testimonies showing that we could expect the latter rain in our day. Surely we have arrived at the time for that manifestation of power,—"Already many are receiving the Holy Ghost." We are living in the time of present tense. "Judgments of God are in the land." "The world is stirred," "The hour of his Judgment is come." "Probation is closing." "Already many are receiving the Holy Ghost." We have arrived at the time when it is our privilege to lay hold upon God and expect great things from him.

In one of our Ontario churches, the first Sabbath of the week of prayer, was seen the outpouring of the latter rain. All felt the presence of the Holy Ghost. Confessions were made. Hearts were united. A thorough consecration of the entire congregation took place. Nothing sensational occurred. No confusion. But according to John 16:8 "When he is come he will reprove the world of sin." Some of the things confessed were "envy," "bad temper," "pride," "selfishness," "self-pity," "evil speaking," "inconsistency in the home," "lack of prayer," "worldliness," "dishonesty with the tithe," and many other things that were barring the people from the kingdom. Specific confessions were made. Each felt that though others in the church may neglect the speedy preparation, he must not postpone it. Complete separation from known sin was the ambition of each individual. Each one realized that all alienation of feeling towards those who had wronged them must be subdued by the love of Christ. The conviction that we must love all of Christ's children, even those whom we know to be in the wrong, settled down upon all.

Yes, the time spoken of by the prophets has come— if there is an awakening among the Hindus, Mohammedans, and Fijians, surely the Lord will not overlook his people.

This is a living verity. There is no theory about it. We have passed the time of theory, and have come to a time of reality. It is not enough to simply assent to this matter or pose as a prognosticator. Mere-theology will not save us. Our responsibility is not met by a passive acceptance of the evidence that the time has come. This burning truth of the latter rain must become personality in us. It must be the impulse of every motive. It must be a living verity in our lives. A theory of the latter rain has no more salvation in it than any other mere form of Godliness without the power thereof. Theory will not do now.

There are many evidences that the latter rain is showering upon some. First, there are those who are confessing their sins. Second, there are those who are subdued by the love of Christ and love the brethren who have wronged them. Third, there are those who have completely separated from the world. Fourth, many have gone out in the Harvest Ingathering this year who have refused the Lord's call in the past. Fifth, there are those who are honest with their tithes and offerings, who were not last year. Sixth, many are soul winners now who have never been before.

Dear reader, if you have not surrendered all to the cause of God, the time has come for you to do so. Do not postpone it. It is Satan's advice to wait. If Satan can keep you waiting long enough, you are lost. If there ever was a time for you to start in the service of God, now is that time. Others are receiving the Holy Ghost, why not you? B. M. HEALD.

Locals

THE Toronto Church School gave a very profitable program at the home of Elder and Sister McComas the evening of February 11. Mrs. Jones, the teacher, spent a great deal of time drilling the scholars for this occasion, and credit is due her faithful efforts. Every scholar was fully prepared for his part, and all who were present thoroughly enjoyed the exercises. Our children throughout Ontario should have more attention. Let us do more to help them.

LAST Sunday night Elder McComas had a full church. A great interest is being created.

ELDER Heald and Elder Gray visited the Attercliffe church last week, and were glad to meet Brother and Sister Teeft and also Brother and Sister Brewer and family. There are several people in Attercliffe who are interested in the truth. This interest has been created by the efforts of our people living there.

Brother Sowler from St. Catharines was also a visitor the same day to the Attercliffe church.

REMEMBER February 22nd! Money has already been sent to the Toronto office for this needy cause. Let all our people respond to the call for help that comes to us from our brethren in the war stricken districts of Europe.

NEW Sabbath keepers are sending in their tithe. Let us old Sabbath keepers not forget it.

\$116.62 was received in the month of January on the Harvest Ingathering Campaign for 1919. This is a good start already. What can we do this month?

BROTHER Cardey writes that there are 35 attending his Sabbath services. He is of good courage, and we all rejoice with him.

ELDER Hurdon is in the new Ottawa church building. Surely the Lord has blessed his efforts in the city of Ottawa.

ELDER Beazley and Brother Howard Capman and wife are of good courage in Picton. Their meetings are well attended, and the interest continues to grow. Their offering in the new Sabbath-school amounted to \$8.95. Their tithe from the new members was \$69.00.

THE Lord is prospering his workers all over Ontario. From all parts of the field come words of encouragement. Let us be glad and rejoice for our redemption draweth near.

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We Cannot Do Without It.

For a long time we as a denomination have been looking for the Lord to come and gather us home. Prophecy has declared the conditions that will exist in the earth immediately preceding that glorious event, and has given to us the only safeguard against the deceptive wiles of the enemy of souls—a belief in the truth. That will not only be a shield and buckler in the time of the last plagues, but will preserve us amidst the dangers of the times just before that solemn event.

In "Great Controversy" the chapter on the "Snares of Satan" deals with 2 Thess. 2:9-13 and says: "With such a warning before us it behooves us to be on our guard as to what doctrines we receive. Among the most successful agencies of the great deceiver are the delusive teachings and lying wonders of Spiritualism. Disguised as an angel of light, he spreads his nets where least suspected."

All through the past experiences of God's people the *Review and Herald* has been used of the Lord to point out the fallacies of the "new lights," and through the columns of this paper our readers have been faithfully warned of the pitfalls placed for their feet. Ever since 1850 it has stood as a faithful sentinel for the truth, and when occasionally apostasy darkened the days and visionaries would spring up in our midst, the *Review*, like a magnetic needle, ever pointed one way. Never in the history of the denomination have we needed the wise counsel of its editorial staff—men tried and true, men of long experience and study of the Scriptures—as we do now. When the league of nations question, the dark problems that are facing statesmen and bring forth such headlines as, "A World's Unrest," "Capital Arming Against Labor," and "Labor Arming Against Capital" are the issues of the day, do we not need clear, consecrated advice?

I hope that every S. D. A. family in the Quebec Conference will subscribe for the *Review and Herald* and if for any reason you cannot do so, yet would like to take advantage of its splendid accounts of progress in the world's field, of the plans laid to hasten our work to its completion, and of its warnings against the winds of false doctrines that are blowing on every hand, just let us know and we will try to help you secure this household friend.

W. C. YOUNG.

Are You a Soul Winner?

"He that winneth souls is wise." Prov. 11:30.
"Let him know, that he which converteth a sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death and hide a multitude of sins." James 5:20.

Seventh-day Adventists above all other people ought to be instruments in God's hands to win souls. Every church member should be a soul-winner, and should make soul-winning his business. "Now we are ambassadors for Christ as though God did beseech you by us; we pray you in Christ's stead be ye reconciled to God." What a privilege! Ambassador for Christ. Oh the high calling that God has given Seventh-day Adventists! Who could esteem it lightly? Oh, what a heavy responsibility rests on God people! Who would not implore God's guidance?

Perhaps it is needless to say that the first qualification of a soul-winner, must be a desire in the heart to win souls. "The Christian has no desire to live for self. He is moved by an inexpressible desire to win souls for Christ. Those who have nothing of this desire might better be concerned for their own salvation. Let them pray for the spirit of service." *Test. Vol. 7, Page 10.*

Every Seventh-day Adventist should reach out for perishing souls, as a rescued man throws the rope

to his drowning companion. Just a glance over a lost world, benighted in sin, ought to stir him to diligent action in soul-saving. There never has been an age in the history of the world when it was more in need of consecrated, soul-burdened, and soul-loving men and women than now.

This is a time when we as a people must rise. God has made us recipients of great light and of a message that is to lighten the world with his glory. The time for the Loud Cry of this message is here! We are in the days of the latter rain.

We who are in Quebec need to arise and rally to the standard with our time, talents, and means, that we may make during this year a mighty onslaught against the power of darkness. During the four years of the war, untold millions have gone, unprepared to their graves. Oh that there were more soul-winners!

It may take some tears, and some sleepless nights, we may have to make some sacrifices; there may be some things that we will have to leave undone for the love of souls, but the stars in our crowns will only shine the brighter in glory. "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." Dan. 12:3.

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Maritime

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What Will You Give?

We have been a privileged people in that during the past four years we have been able to carry forward the work of God in this conference with no serious interruptions. We have our homes intact. In some cases the long arm of war has taken our boys. Outside of this our lives have gone on in the same calm channels. The war has touched us only in that a great compassion has gripped our hearts for those whose "homes have been left unto them desolate" or who have no home left. The wide expanse of the Atlantic has mercifully intervened between us and the sorrow-sown war lands.

But on the other side are brothers and sisters who passed through these grief-laden years where the blood has flowed the fastest. They too, face a period of peace, but not as we do. For them it means another struggle. For them it is the rebuilding of homes, schools, churches, as the initial steps in getting a new grip on the work of God. In many places the work has become disorganized. As a result mis-

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sion fields dependent upon European organizations for support have suffered. This condition is met by a people who are empty-handed, homeless, and in want.

In order that suffering and privation may be swept away as soon as possible we are asked to help. It may be that we have been allowed to carry forward our part of the great world work under such prosperous conditions that when the time comes for reconstruction in Europe we will be in a position to send immediate relief. To show that we have not received the blessing of God in vain we can respond to the appeal made for us to contribute to the needs of this field on February 22.

With hearts softened with compassion for the afflicted brethren of Europe let us make this a day of real sacrifice for them. You have responded nobly to every appeal made by the mission board, and especially in the Ingathering campaign. This is of no less importance, as it touches the far reaching influence of the readjusted home life of our brethren, their wives and children.

J. L. WILSON.

Williamsdale Jottings

Mr. Arthur Kierstead left for Oxford last week, and will take up the work of Field and Home Missionary Secretary for the Maritime Conference.

The program of the Young Peoples' Missionary Volunteer Society last Sunday evening was a song service. Talks were given on the authors of some of the old familiar hymns, after which they were sung, some as special music and others by the congregation. The change in the program was an agreeable surprise to the members.

SKATING is in full swing here now. Every afternoon the mill pond is visited by the pleasure seekers. The hockey players are taking advantage of the good ice, and play their games with vim.

THE reception given by the girls to the boys on Saturday night proved a splendid success and surprise to the latter. The program was well arranged. One of the interesting numbers was, "An Ill-mannered Table." A striking contrast was shown between an ill-mannered and a well-behaved person at the table. Miss Carrie Dauphinee acted her part

well. Miss Lulu Van Buskirk's poem on character sketches of the students was well appreciated. Light refreshments were served, and Mr. Steeves proposed a vote of thanks for the girls.

MISS Winnie Hubley, who left us last month to teach the elementary school at North Sydney, writes that she likes the people and enjoys her work.

OUR Friday evening prayer and social meetings are proving a wonderful success. The Lord is working upon the hearts of the students, and a good spirit is being manifested.

OBITUARIES

TEFFT:—At Attercliffe Station, Sabbath, February, 8, 1919 Monica Elaine Teeft, daughter of Brother and Sister Cedric Teeft passed away at the age of 4 years, 6 months, and 18 days. The services took place from the residence of her parents on Monday afternoon February 10, at 1:30 o'clock, to the Evangelical Church for service, thence to the Kirk Cemetery for interment. Elder Gray and the pastor took part in the services. The writer spoke from Jer. 31:16. Little Monica was always patient in her long months of suffering, and the 23rd. Psalm was her favorite.

B. M. HEALD.

GREEN:—Mrs. Ada May Green was born in England, April 27, 1890 and died in Toronto, January 7, 1919. Mrs. Green was a member of the church at Toronto having heard the truth at the tent the first summer the writer held meetings in this city. Brother Green accepted a position as caretaker for the new church and they had moved into the basement rooms just a short time before our union conference meeting. They had been living here but a few days when Sister Green took sick with the influenza. Every effort was made for her recovery but all failed, and she passed away at the general hospital. Sister Green was very faithful in every line of missionary work and especially at the Dorcas Society will her presence be missed. She leaves to mourn a husband, a little five weeks old babe, a sister, father, and a host of friends. The writer spoke words of comfort from Psalms 116 and we laid her away to rest to await the call of the Lifegiver.

J. W. MCCOMAS.

PEARSON:—Martha Esther Peters, beloved wife of William T. Pearson, fell asleep January 26, 1919, at the Deacon's Hospital in Buffalo, N. Y., at the age of 53 years and 7 months. Sister Pearson accepted the truth about eight years ago under the labors of Elder F. W. Johnston. Her life was one of devotion and she worked hard for her Master. Though she suffered from a fractured hip she was patient and fully reconciled to the will of God. The funeral service was conducted at the home of the deceased at Napanee Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock. A large number of friends gathered to listen to the comforting words spoken from Job 19:25-27. Sister Pearson was laid to rest in the Napanee cemetery where she awaits the call of her Lord. She leaves to mourn two brothers, one sister and two adopted children.

A. L. BEAZLEY.

"THE health should be as sacredly guarded as the character."