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The Week of Prayer

This year December 11 to 18 has been set apart as the week of prayer for our churches. I feel to strongly urge that careful thought be given to plans for making the week of prayer this year a very effective means of raising the spiritual standard among us. I think that everyone who is carrying the burden of spiritual interests in our work recognizes that the need of a spiritual revival is very great. In view of the times and the evident nearness of the end we should be very earnest in seeking for a deeper Christian experience and a firmer hold on God. To this end it is to be hoped that the officers of the church from one end of the Eastern Canadian Union to the other, will plan in a definite way for the meetings during the week of prayer. One meeting each day or evening should be the least to arrange for during the period. This may require that many make some adjustments in their affairs and lay aside some of their usual business and social activities in order to do this, but surely the seriousness of the times will justify it. The readings for the week of prayer are now in the hands of our people, being printed in the *Review* of November 11. These should be read at the proper time by someone who will present them with clearness and emphasis. Several seasons of short prayers, interspersed with songs of praise will bring the presence of the Holy Spirit. The confession and putting away of sin will follow an honest and prayerful self examination which is the course recommended by the Holy Spirit. Coldness of heart may be due to the cherishing of unhappy differences between brethren. It may be the love of the perishing riches of this world which leads to robbing God in tithes and offerings. It may be a neglect of the Bible and prayer. Whatever stands between us and God, let us begin putting it away that we may share in the refreshing that is awaiting his people in the coming season of prayer.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

The Council at Loma Linda

Those of our people who are closely following the advance moves of the message are naturally interested in what is being done at the large council of our leading men at Loma Linda, California. The council has now been in session for two weeks and is drawing to a close. Questions of large proportions affecting every part of the earth have been under consideration. Probably the greatest question of all is the matter of enlarging our foreign missionary operations in the Asiatic field. The funds appropriated for foreign missions run close to \$700,000 for 1916 and many more laborers are being called for to fill the openings that await us. Just now we are wrestling with the question of whether we shall raise the standard of offerings from twenty cents a week to twenty-five cents for 1916. If it is at all possible to operate our work on the present basis of twenty cents a week for another year it will be done, but we may be compelled to raise the standard to meet the increasing demands. We now have fourteen hundred Sabbath-keepers in Korea and three thousand in China, and the number is increasing at a rapid rate as our movement gains momentum and is being better organized.

To avoid multiplicity of big general gatherings and cut down expense of administration the Union Conference term has been increased to four years and the local conference to two years. This latter action will not change the plan of annual campmeetings however.

The standard of the ministry has been raised so that a candidate for ordination is now required to previously complete the equivalent of fourteen grades of school work.

These are a few of the important matters under consideration here. We have followed the strenuous program in our sessions beginning our meetings at six o'clock in the morning and continuing until 9:30 and sometimes 11 p. m. with only short intermissions for meals. The Lord's presence has been clearly manifested in our deliberations and I fully believe that the influence of this gathering will be far reaching in its effects for good.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

"Do not waste time in explaining your mistakes; show that you have profited by them."

Just before going to press the following from Elder Campbell was received and we attach it to the foregoing article.

The Close of the Council

After two and a half weeks of arduous labor the Fall Council of the General Conference and North American Division Committees came to a close Sunday afternoon November 21, and that evening I took the train for home and now while crossing the desolate wastes of the great American Desert I will prepare a report of the concluding actions of these bodies and particularly those which affect our work in Eastern Canada.

As a result of the European war it has been found necessary to regroup our fields in Europe. The British Isles and colonies in Africa are now grouped by themselves with a general secretary in charge. Elder Fitzgerald, formerly president of the British Union Conference has been chosen for this post. Similarly the Germanic nations and colonies are to be grouped, and the Latin countries as well. New conditions make new plans necessary for the carrying of the third angel's message.

It was finally decided not to raise the standard of mission offerings for 1916 but it is nevertheless hoped that the people themselves will decide to increase their offerings so that more than twenty cents a week per member will be available at the close of the year.

The work of the Loma Linda College of Medical Evangelists was given much time and thought. It was decided to encourage its work as a full medical college and definite plans were laid to help it out of its financial difficulties.

In the matter of appropriations our Union was treated very liberally. One thousand dollars extra was voted to Quebec to enable that conference to deal with its French problem, which is the biggest problem in the Eastern Canadian Union. The Maritime conference also had its allowance increased.

It was recommended that Elder Passebois of Vermont make Quebec his field of labor as an evangelist among the French speaking people.

The General Conference committee recommended by vote that I take the presidency of the British Union Conference which includes the British Isles. I must confess to a feeling of keen regret at the thought of leaving the Eastern Canadian field which has become very dear to me through intimate association with its people. Should this matter develop in accordance with the recommendation above referred to it would not be necessary for me to move to England before spring.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

How About Your Messenger Subscription?

It is doubtless known to all to whom the MESSENGER pays its weekly visits that all subscrip-

tions expire December 31. As that date is close at hand we wish to remind our good people in this field that the sending of fifty cents to the office to pay for the 1916 subscription is in order. Some have the impression that the MESSENGER is furnished free to all our people now. This is an error. Each conference has arranged to send the MESSENGER to those of our people who are too poor to subscribe for themselves, as it was felt that this paper should be in every Sabbath-keeping home in Eastern Canada. All others are expected to pay their own subscriptions. Surely few in this Union would want to miss the weekly visits of our little paper which gives us reports of our ministers, Bible workers, and other laborers, and lays before us the plans of work devised by the various conference committees in this Union. In our widely scattered condition it is very essential that we have some medium by which each of us can be kept in close contact with the plans for carrying forward our work in Eastern Canada. There is no room in the *Review and Herald* or in the *Signs* for such matter, hence we must have a means of our own for that purpose. This need the MESSENGER supplies.

Now, dear readers, while the matter is fresh in our minds, let us set aside fifty cents and at the first opportunity send it in to either the local conference office or to the EASTERN CANADIAN MESSENGER, Oshawa, Ontario.

Ontario Conference

The General Meetings

The announcement has already appeared in these columns of the general meetings to be held over the next three week-ends. The first will be at Kingston, December 2-5; followed by one at London, December 9-12, and one at Brantford, December 16-19. The members of these churches have undertaken to entertain all who may come.

We take this opportunity of urging a large attendance of our people who may live at points from which the meetings may be readily reached. It did not seem practical for us to hold a campmeeting this year and consequently we were deprived of the blessings which such a meeting would have afforded. These general meetings have been arranged to supply, at least in a measure, this lack. We are planning that efficient help will be in attendance that the meetings may be definitely helpful. We expect that Elder Campbell, who has just returned from the Loma Linda Council will have much from this gathering to present to us. As far as possible let all attend. This is an opportunity for our isolated believers to meet with others of like faith. Take the matter into serious consideration and plan to be present.

M. M. HARE.

Gleanings

Plan to attend the general meeting nearest to your home. See reference to them in this issue.

Brother Capman has been spending the past week at Brantford and Lynden. He reports an encouraging visit with each of these churches.

In conjunction with her efforts with the Ingathering Campaign Miss Hillyard is visiting isolated Sabbath-keepers. She has called at Owen Sound, Shallow Lake and Perry Sound.

Elder Johnston sends encouraging word from Ottawa. Sabbath attendance is from forty to fifty and a full house on Sunday evenings at the theatre. Pray for the work in Ottawa.

The Young People's Society of the Academy desire clean copies of the *Signs* for use in their missionary work. Send all papers to Miss Beatrice Sterling, the Society's secretary, care of Academy, Box 308, Oshawa.

Where are your Ingathering papers? In the hands of your neighbors or carefully stowed away somewhere, either in the church or at home? Remember the parable of Luke 19:12-26. Read especially 20-24.

Good reports reach the office from our two church schools at Hamilton and Toronto. The older children in the Toronto school have recently added Domestic Science and Cooking to their studies. Once a week a busy and interesting class of boys and girls, eleven in all, meet in the basement of the church for class work.

Miss Mabel Hillyard gathered \$50 last week with 100 Ingathering *Signs* in Parry Sound. This in addition to a cheque for over \$70 sent in to the office a few days ago gives her a good showing. She considers that she is just beginning on her effort of the season. Her last letter reports \$14 in one day, and \$2 of this from a Catholic priest. Who says it can't be done?

The past week brings encouraging reports from some of the churches busy in the Ingathering Campaign. At the close of this month let all hand in what they have to date to the treasurer that we may have a good report to send on to Washington. However let us keep up our efforts. Any money sent in between now and December 31 will help out on our standing on missions. We are by no means clear yet. Let us keep at it.

Quebec Conference

In Catholic Quebec

At least once since campmeeting I have felt a little lonely to see a Seventh-day Adventist, but when

tempted to leave this place one morning I decided to first pray over the matter fearing I might make a mistake by going away. I read the experience of Jesus and that soon settled it: "I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me."

Our leader in the French campaign of this province, Brother Vuilleumier, wrote sometime ago about my being mobbed in Quebec, and what it means to work here in this Catholic place. Since then I called on an old priest who asked me a question I had long expected would arise in papist circles. He said, "What is your object in selling this literature to the French Canadians?" I replied, "To give them light. We feel that they are held in darkness." He said "Don't you think we know our religion?" I answered emphatically, "We don't question it." He did not see fit to question me further, and our short, earnest interview closed.

I need your prayers for my work here.

A. M. TAYLOR.

Newfoundland Mission

Resuming Our Travels

Before leaving Englee I received word from Sister Welshman of Shoe Cove that she and her family were just about to leave that place to take up winter quarters at South West Arm, Green Bay; hence my next call was there. As only the larger coastal steamers travel the Laborador route it was necessary for me to take passage to a point called Nipper's Harbor and there change to a smaller boat that called at the various ports in the surrounding bays. At Nipper's Harbor I learned that a sister who had accepted the Sabbath last year was just moving there, so I visited her. I learned of others who were interested there and they requested that literature be sent them. I shall hail with joy any papers that have the message in them, as there are many calls for papers and magazines coming to me that I cannot fill without help from others. Leaving Nipper's Harbor on the steamer Clyde I was surprised to meet Sister Welshman en route to her new home. On account of her not being settled we had to forego the pleasure of a visit and push on to Three Arms, but we tried to fill in the few hours we were together in a profitable chat about the message and its progress in this field.

At Three Arms we visited some old acquaintances and friends, and at once solicited the use of the Methodist church in which to lecture on prohibition. This was readily granted. At the close of the meeting everyone stood and pledged his hearty support to the movement on election day.

About three or four miles from Three Arms is a larger settlement which is easily reached by rowboat.

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Amount at 20 cents\$1342 30
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Shortage to date\$181 77

NEWFOUNDLAND

Amount at 20 cents\$528 26
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Shortage to date\$112 01

UNION

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Amount received.....6121 48
Shortage to date.....\$2538 52

although when windy the sea has rather a rough lop on when turning a headland that lies between the two places. As I expected to have to stay in that neighborhood about a week before the steamer would call again I determined, if possible, to arrange for a lecture in that place. The merchant who resides there invited me to stay at his home, which I did, and as he is the leader of the M. E. people of that place, it was easy to arrange for the use of the hall. I had several Bible conversations with him and his book-keeper, who also requested literature, and this merchant told me of another place five miles distant called Jackson's Cove, which could be reached by walking across a neck of land, so next morning I walked on to that place and arranged with the adjutant of the Salvation Army and the M. E. minister for a joint meeting on prohibition Friday evening, as the boat was not expected until Sabbath about noon; then having to return to Three Arms I walked back to Harvey's Harbor intending to row from there to that place. On my way I met a Millennial Dawnist and had some straight talks with him about the period of time that would intervene between the resurrection of the just and the unjust spoken of in Revelation 20. I was glad to learn that he was going to the same place as I was as I would then be assured of help in the boat rounding the headland. The meeting for Harvey's Harbor was arranged for the next night and a number of people promised to attend, but in the

morning a heavy breeze sprung up raising a nasty sea, so that my chances of getting back to that place did not look very bright. First one and then another backed out until at last darkness settled down and as I pictured the people in my mind, gathering to hear the lecture, I became desperate enough to venture alone. I could see the lights from the houses so there was no fog. My Millennial Dawn friend was at last persuaded to accompany me and we made it O. K. I had borrowed a boat for the occasion. We had an excellent meeting; the hall was filled and the people showed a deep interest.

A telegram reached us saying the steamer had made up its lost time so the appointment at Jackson's Cove had to be given up. The next morning I walked there, cancelled it and returned to Harvey's Harbor by noon.

As the wind had again freshened and the sea was still rising I wondered how I could return to get my baggage at Three Arms and be there to catch the steamer. Just then a man came hunting me up as a person had taken very sick with severe pain and dizziness. After an hour and a half the person recovered, with God's blessing, by the simple treatment given. The man of the house felt so grateful for the help rendered that he pulled out a five dollar bill and gave it to me. Besides this he called a few men together to help him launch his motor boat that had been hauled up on the beach for repair and took me around to Three Arms in a little while.

The steamer arrived about midnight and I took passage to a place called New Bay for my next stop.
W. C. YOUNG.

WE are highly pleased to see that the Maritime Conference occupies the proud position at the head of the list of conferences that have already made up their share of the \$100,000 to be raised for missions by means of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. The *Review* of November 11 prints the list for the first time.

Important Notice

All those sending one dollar to the Canadian Publishing Association for a year's subscription to the *Watchman* will receive absolutely free and post-paid a copy of Dr. Magan's new book "The Vatican and the War." If you are not a subscriber send a dollar at once.

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