

Northern States Mission

WE PRESENT HEREWITH some HIGH-POINTS in the instruction of Sylvester Q. Cannon, member of the Council of Twelve Apostles, given during the recent tour of the Northern States Mission:

ELDER CANNON INSTRUCTS MISSIONARIES

1. The most effective way for a missionary to reduce his expenditures is to increase his tracting activities. Such activities lead to more visits in the homes and to greater hospitality by families visited. The more time spent in tracting and other proper missionary routine, the less time spent at drug stores, confection shops and shows.

2. Missionaries should accept hospitality from non-members and members alike, wherever it is tendered. Elder Cannon frequently quoted passages of the 84th Section of the Doctrine and Covenants, emphasizing the promise contained therein that a blessing would come to all those who feed or otherwise assist the missionaries of the Church.

3. Whenever one member of a family—parent or otherwise—is contacted and is interested in the message of the Gospel, an effort should be made to bring the message to all members of the family. For example, if the mother is reached through day-time tracting, the missionary should seek an evening appointment with the entire family.

4. Missionaries should cultivate enthusiasm in all their activities. They should approach each day's work with courage and assurance. Their manner and their voices, as they are greeted at the door, should exhibit enthusiasm and cheerfulness. Enthusiasm is radiant, it is contagious, it captivates people, it wins friendships and confidence.

5. Missionaries should manifest kindness and sweetness of spirit in all their labors. A kind expression, or a kind act, will often dispel opposition and indifference and invite tolerance and consideration. Missionaries can have no better manners than kindness and enthusiasm. "Kind words are sweet tones of the heart." Perhaps there is no better approach in any contact than a kind voice and gentle, quiet manner.

6. The missionary should become acquainted with the mayor of the city, the postmaster, other city and county officials, and with the governor of the state, if he lives where the missionary is laboring. Making an acquaintance with such individuals will give courage to the missionary.

7. Missionaries should plan their daily and weekly activities with care. Then they should follow such plans faithfully. Haphazard activities waste time and defeat progress. Diligently pursued tracting is the fundamental activity of missionaries. It is still the best-known means of reaching people. The questions and problems encountered in tracting become an effectual stimulus toward the study of the Gospel. The success of a missionary depends upon the nature and amount of his tracting activity more than upon any other missionary labor.

8. Missionaries should proclaim the Gospel of Peace. They should advocate peace, harmony and love, not alone for the individual, but for families, communities and nations. If they proclaim peace, they will be the more graciously received in the more particular message of the Gospel they bring.

9. If missionaries adopt simple diets and practice moderation and regularity in eating, sleeping and working, they will keep well and will be successful in their missions.

10. Absolute purity in personal conduct should be the standard of all missionaries. Pure living begets strength of mind and of spirit. One cannot promote the work of the Lord whose life is not set in channels of purity and uprightness.

11. The Lord expects each missionary to give his best and wisest efforts to this labor. It is the duty of the missionary to strive with all his might to find the "honest in heart" and those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness" and to give to them the message of life and salvation.

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12. The personal testimony of the missionary is one of the most effectual agencies of conversation. Whenever it is appropriate, the missionary should bear a quiet, humble and sincere testimony of the truthfulness of the message he carries. This practice will stimulate faith in the hearts of those who receive the message, and it will also enhance the testimony and personal power of the missionary.

INSTRUCTION FROM SISTER WINNIFRED CANNON

Sister Cannon, wife of Elder Cannon, instructed the missionaries in the following matters:

1. The care of health through simple diet, regularity in eating, ample sleep, and proper exercise.

2. The cultivation of spirituality through prayer and scriptural studies.

3. The maintenance of a humble spirit in all missionary activities.

4. The maintenance of the highest Latter-day Saints standards in conduct and living.

The counsel and instruction given by Elder and Sister Cannon was imparted to the elders in a sweet spirit and with an unfeigned desire to bless the missionaries and to strengthen them in their labors.

L. D. S. Lists Speakers At Meetings Preconference Program

Set for Week End

Tribune, Sept. 27, 1940

Last L. D. S. church stake quarterly conferences prior to the church's semiannual general conference scheduled for October 4, 5 and 6, will be held Saturday night and Sunday.

Appointments of church general authorities, welfare committee members and other representatives to address the stake sessions, follow:

Liberty stake, Salt Lake City, Dr. Joseph F. Merrill; Nampa stake, Nampa, Idaho, George Richards and J. Frank Ward; Santaquin-Tintic stake at Santaquin, Sylvester Q. Cannon and Sterling H. Nelson; St. George stake at St. George, Joseph Fielding Smith and C. M. Brown; Blaine stake at Jerome, Idaho, Charles A. Call; Utah stake at Provo, Dr. Rich R. Lyman and Robert L. Weber stake in Ogden, R. A. Widtsoe; Zion Park Hurricane, Stephen L. Ric

Elder Cannon Visits Canada

Active Mission Work Reported By Leader

Des. News, Sept. 14, 1940
The Canadian Mission and its people are active in Church affairs and prosperous in business, Elder Sylvester Q. Cannon of the Council of the Twelve said today as he returned from a tour of the Mission.

Elder Cannon made a three weeks tour, accompanied by Mrs. Cannon, 19 days of which was spent in the Canadian Mission.

The 130 missionaries of the Canadian Mission are nearly 100 per cent in good health and all are active and diligent in pursuing their labors, the returning traveler reported. Elder Cannon, who traveled through the entire mission with Pres. David A. Smith, mission president, told of holding 23 meetings with members, investigators and missionaries and seven special missionary priesthood meetings. The entire trip totalled 3,100 miles of travel within the mission.

The Canadian people are deeply loyal to England and active in taking their part in the war and in preparing to enlarge that part in the future, but the people are calm and unexcited, going about their work in quietly businesslike fashion, Elder Cannon said today.

Business is moving briskly, with the war stimulus, and with a record wheat crop expected from the western provinces, it is expected to be as good or better next year.

The Canadian Mission includes all of the eastern Canadian provinces of Quebec and Ontario. About 75 per cent of the inhabitants of Quebec are French Canadians, only one-fourth English speaking and of Anglo-Saxon descent. Elder and Mrs. Cannon made a visit to the famed Dionne quintuplets while in Canada.

Students Honor Constitution

Sept. 12, 1940 Tribune

Special assemblies honoring the one hundred fifty-third anniversary of the adoption of the constitution were conducted throughout the state Tuesday by elementary and high school student bodies.

A special feature of Constitution Day was a broadcast over station KSL in which Sylvester Q. Cannon, member of the L. D. S. council of twelve apostles; Philo T. Farnsworth Jr., attorney, and the Very Rev. Franklin L. Gibson, dean of St. Mark's Episcopal cathedral, spoke.