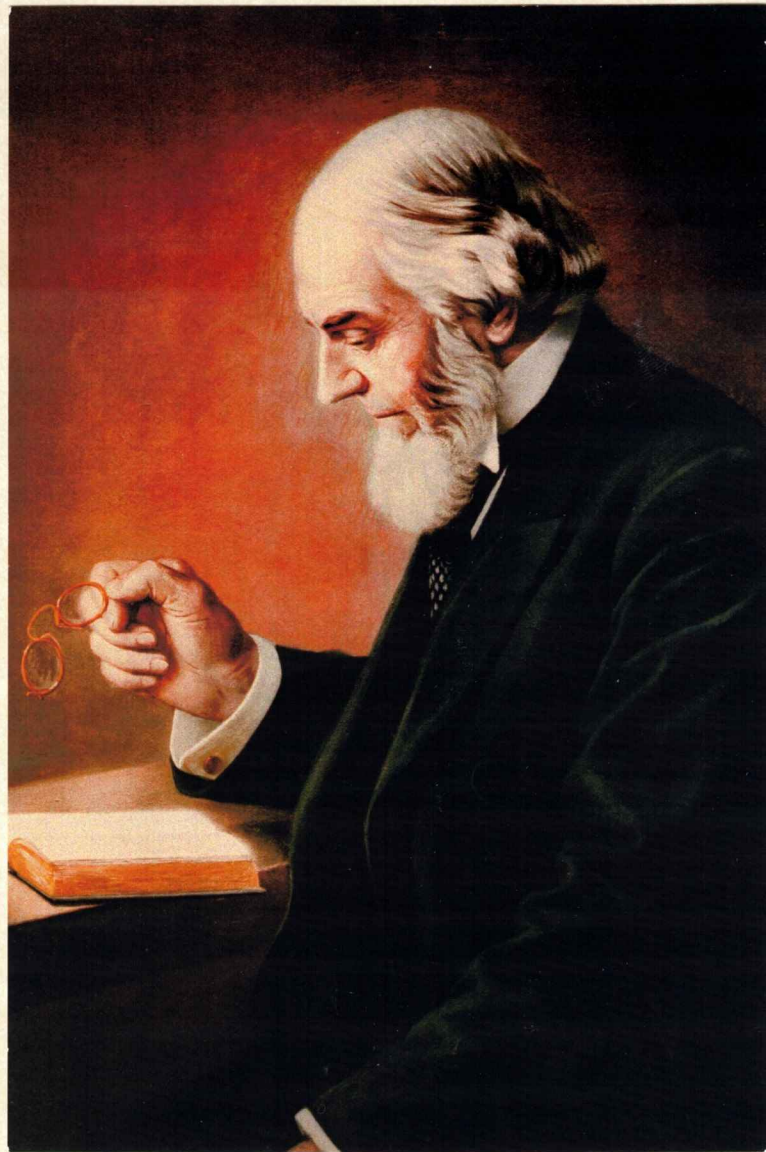
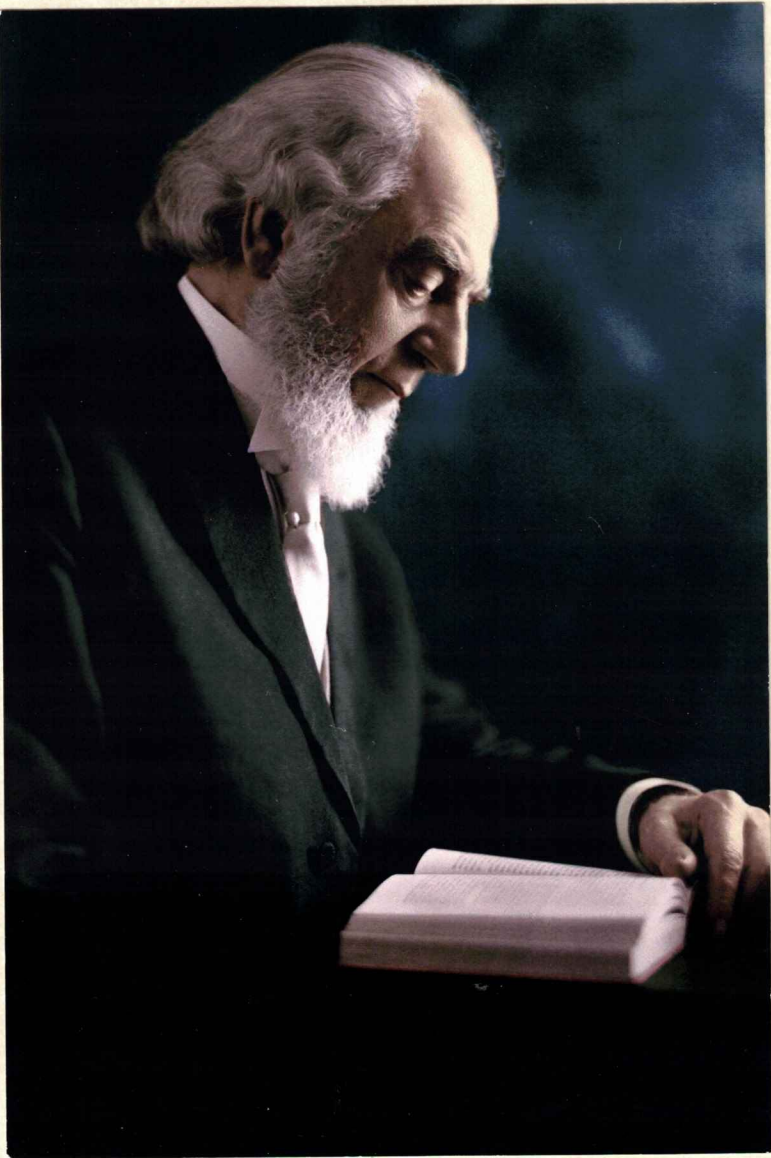


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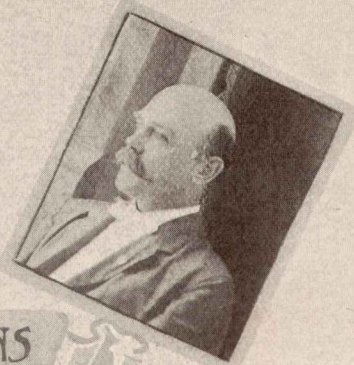




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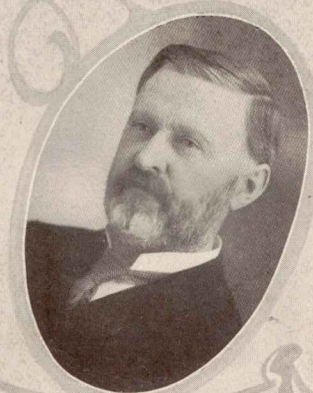


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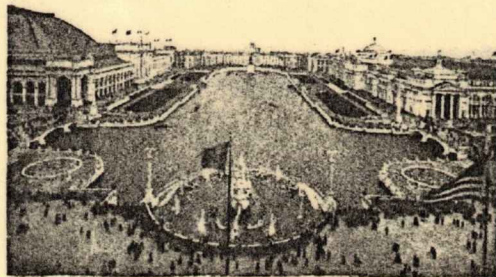
WE have been assured by letters since received, as well as by many of the friends while the meetings in Chicago were in progress, that many, if not all, who attended the Chicago Convention were greatly blessed and strengthened in the good way.

The location was all that could be desired, facing Washington Park and near the lake front.

Our meetings were held in a large pavilion. The number in attendance was about 360, of whom fully 300 came from a distance, California, Oregon, Washington, Texas, Florida, Ontario, Manitoba, New England and Nova Scotia, as well as the nearer states, being represented.

The services of each day began with a prayer meeting followed by a short testimony meeting in which present experiences only, were in order. There were special topics assigned to the prayer meetings for each day, and from these it will be seen that the absent ones were not forgotten. The topics were as follows:

- (1) The WATCH TOWER office and its laborers.
- (2) The Colporteurs, and all laborers in the general harvest field.
- (3) The Little Flock, walking in the light of present truth.
- (4) The Consecrated yet in the darkness of error.
- (5) Prayer for more laborers in the vineyard, and for greater wisdom, love and zeal for all engaged in it.



View of the "Great Columbian Fair"

Source: Chicago Historical Society

Following these services came a discourse of about an hour and a half, then an adjournment for dinner, after which the afternoon, from 2 until 5, was devoted to the public answering of questions. The last day was devoted to the interest of the Colporteur work; and on the day after the close of the Convention, some of the experienced Colporteurs remained with some of the less successful and the beginners, and held a school of colporteur--giving instructions, pointing out good and bad methods, manners and expressions, etc.

It was a happy looking gathering, and the soul present that received no blessing has good reason to feel that considerable of the fault lay in his own state of unpreparedness to share the blessing bestowed upon others. But we heard only of blessings; and, thanks to the Giver of every good and perfect gift, we trust and believe that as results of the meetings our Lord's honor was increased and a number of his saints refreshed and strengthened. And we hope that the influence of that Convention may extend to the families and neighborhoods of those present, whose lights we trust will shine brighter and brighter, hereafter, before their fellow-saints, before the nominal church and before the world.

The Calvary Baptist Church of Chicago very kindly granted us the use of their baptistry; and, in all, seventy symbolized their baptism into Christ's death by immersion into water. The proportion of brethren and sisters was about equal, and their ages ranged from 17 to 70 years, the average being about 35 years. These who thus witnessed to their consecration had generally been Christians for considerable time, although there were among them some new converts.

Remaining for a few days after the Convention, to have private interviews with some, as well as to get a glimpse at the great Columbian Fair, the Editor's last public address was delivered on Sunday evening, August 27. About fifty, chiefly colporteurs, remained, and the subject was Prayer. He sought to show that it is a mistake to suppose that the Lord Jesus may not be addressed in prayer, as well as the Heavenly Father,--showed that our Lord's expression in John 16:23-27 did not mean that our Lord Jesus should no more be recognized in prayer, but rather



Flyer for World's Columbian Exposition

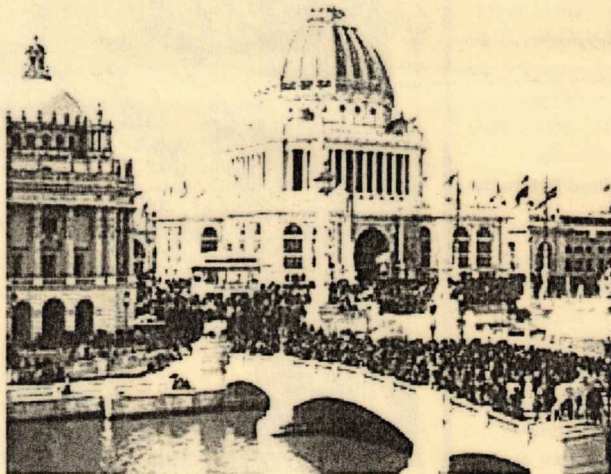
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that, as the disciples had freedom toward Christ, and confidence in approaching him, he was showing them that the time was coming when they could approach the Father direct, in his name, "because the Father himself loveth you," and that, as soon as the sacrifice of atonement would be completed and accepted, he could recognize these, because redeemed with the precious blood.--'John 14:13'.

Prayer, it was shown, consists not merely of petition or request, but as a general term also includes invocation, adoration, communion and thanksgiving. It was pointed out that the prayers of "babes in Christ" are usually requests for earthly His prayers are usually thank offerings and communion seasons--telling the Lord (the Father or the Son, either or both, for the Father, as well as the Son, loves us;--'John 16:27' --and we have promise of communion with both;--'John 14:23' --both are to be worshiped and loved equally, for "all men should honor the Son **even** as they honor the Father;" --'John 5:23' --but intercourse with the Father can be had by us only in the name and merit of his Son our Redeemer;--' Heb. 10:19') of all his trials and troubles and temptations, and calling to mind the gracious promises of his Word, but not attempting to urge his will upon the Lord--fearful even to move the Almighty's arm, which, with his super-human wisdom, is pledged to cause all things to work together for good to them that love him, the called ones according to his purpose. Concerning earthly blessings our Lord remarked, After all these things the Gentiles seek-- but your Father

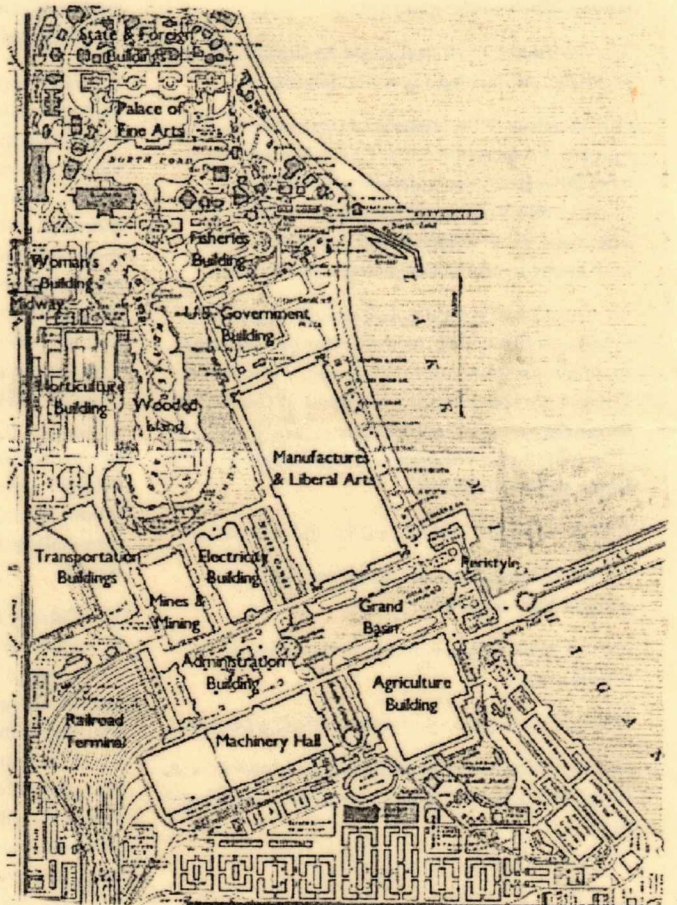
knoweth [better than you do] what things ye have need of. The requests of the advanced saints are for **spiritual** favors, concerning which our Lord said, Your heavenly Father is more willing to give the holy spirit to them that ask it, than earthly parents are to give good (earthly) gifts to their children.--'Luke 11:13'.

One thought particularly impressed throughout the meetings was the necessity for a **heart** religion; and that any who have this should be and will be glad to get as much intellectual knowledge of the divine will and plan as possible; but that those who cultivate merely a head knowledge, and whose hearts and lives do not accord, will surely be permitted to follow their own or other people's false reasonings into the outer darkness and confusion in which the world and nominal Christians are at present groping.



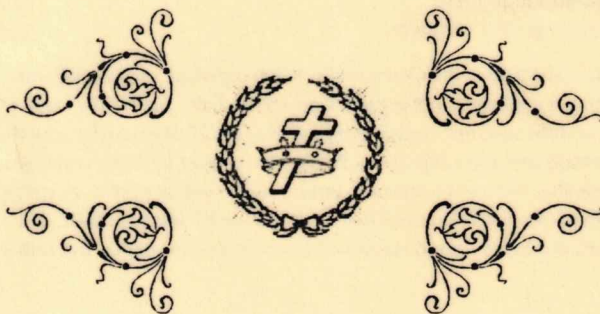
More than 700,000 people attended the World's Columbian Exposition for "Chicago Day," on October 9, 1893. Chicago Day commemorated the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871.

Source: Chicago Historical Society



Map of the Fair Grounds

Map Source: A History of the World's Columbian Exposition



Textual Source: Reprint 1580 entitled "Our Chicago Convention" details the Convention 112 years ago, during the Columbian Exposition. Except where noted.



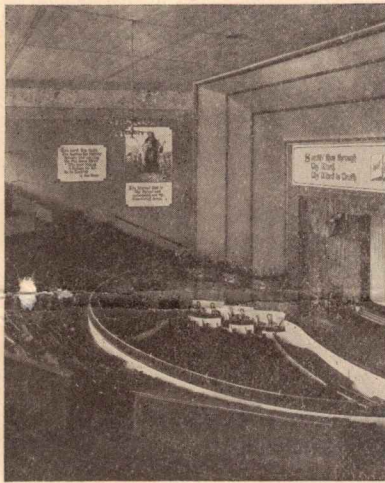
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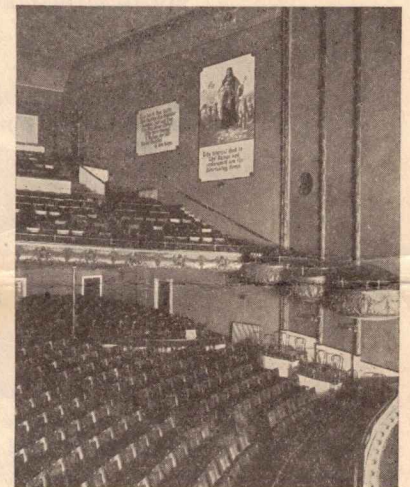
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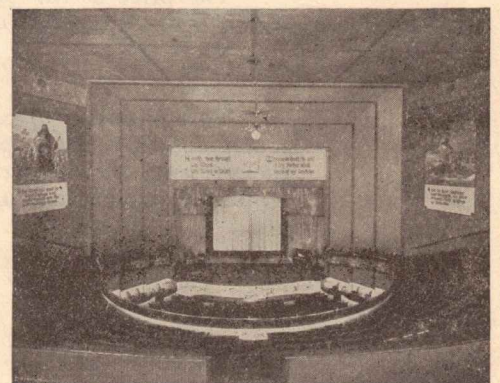
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MAIN ENTRANCE.



GENERAL INTERIOR VIEW.

Our Roots Our Heritage

Excerpt from *Our Roots, Our Heritage*

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By Sr. Joy Foss Kandel





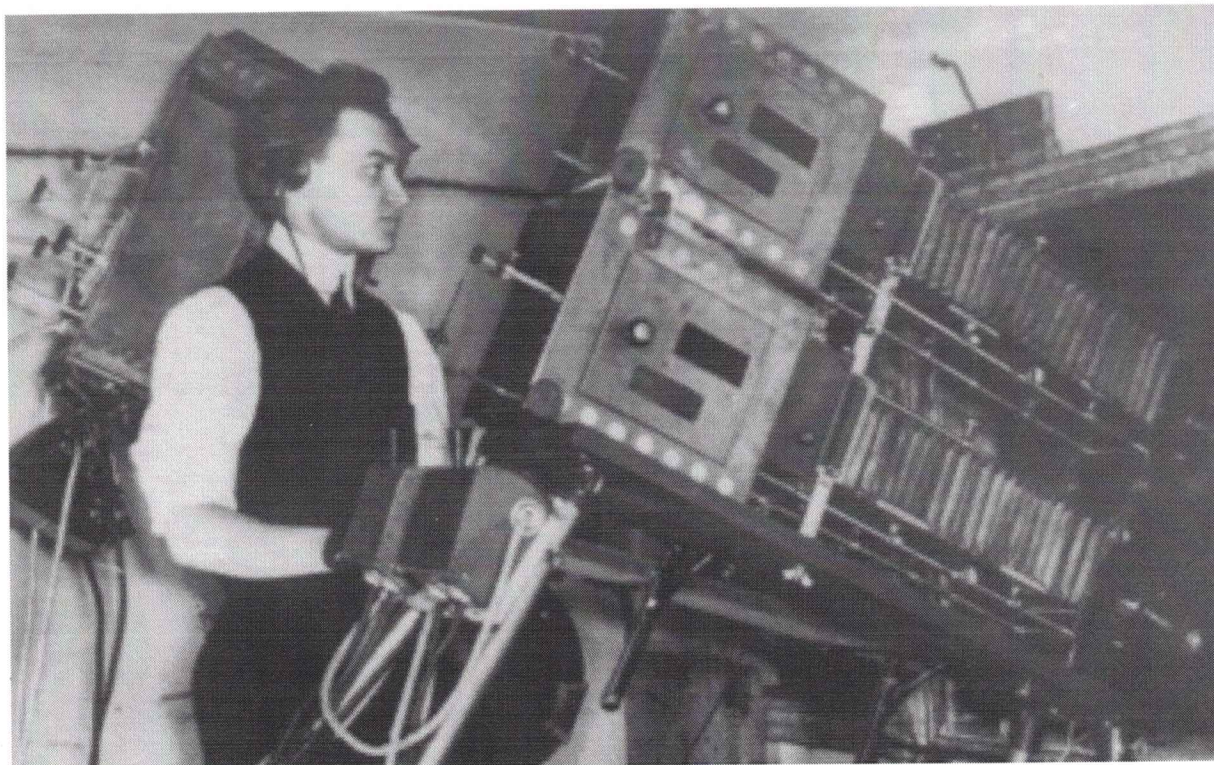
Above is the picture of the building where the Chicago Ecclesia sponsored the Photo-Drama of Creation. The nucleus of the workers lived there. Among them were my uncle and aunt, Bro. Dan and Sr. Nodie Morehouse, and my father, Bro. Irving Foss. Uncle Dan was about 28 years old, Nodie about 19, and my Dad about 15.

Nodie was the “mother” of the group. She had been a married woman for three years, always active in the Lord’s service as colporteur or whatever.

When my father came back from a store and mentioned how pretty the clerk was there, Aunt Nodie told him, “You shouldn’t be looking at worldly girls. I have a sister. I’ll introduce you to her.” So my Dad and Mother “met.” (They had been in the same large ecclesia ever since my Mother was nine, when her family came into the Truth. But she only remembers my Dad as the child who shocked her by following the watch night service in his house by marching through with a loud alarm clock to welcome the New Year.)

My mother, Hulda Bell, did not live in the round house, but served as an usherette during the showings of the Photo-Drama. She always remembered having to scrape the gum from the bottom of the seats in that theatre.

My parents “went together” from the time they were 15 and 16 until they were 19 and 20. My paternal grandfather wasn’t thrilled. He told my dad, “At least wait until you’re 20 to marry.” So my parents were married on Dad’s 20th birthday. These are literally my roots.



Here are Everett Mark Woodley and Polly Jolly Woodley working behind the scenes of the Photo-Drama. In Bro. Woodley's late years, he used his middle name, Mark. I remember his parents and sister as being in the Truth, too. Polly's brother was the famous Raymond Jolly, and her parents and at least one other brother were also in the Truth. As a child, I remember Polly transporting us somewhere, and one of her passengers said, "You can just take me to the streetcar." But Polly said, "My car doesn't stop before it takes my passengers all the way home."





**Possibly a photo of the Woodleys
who were projectionists for the
photodrama**



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NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y.

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**Chicago Ecclesia itinerary to the
Niagara Falls Convention
An entire train was rented for the occasion**

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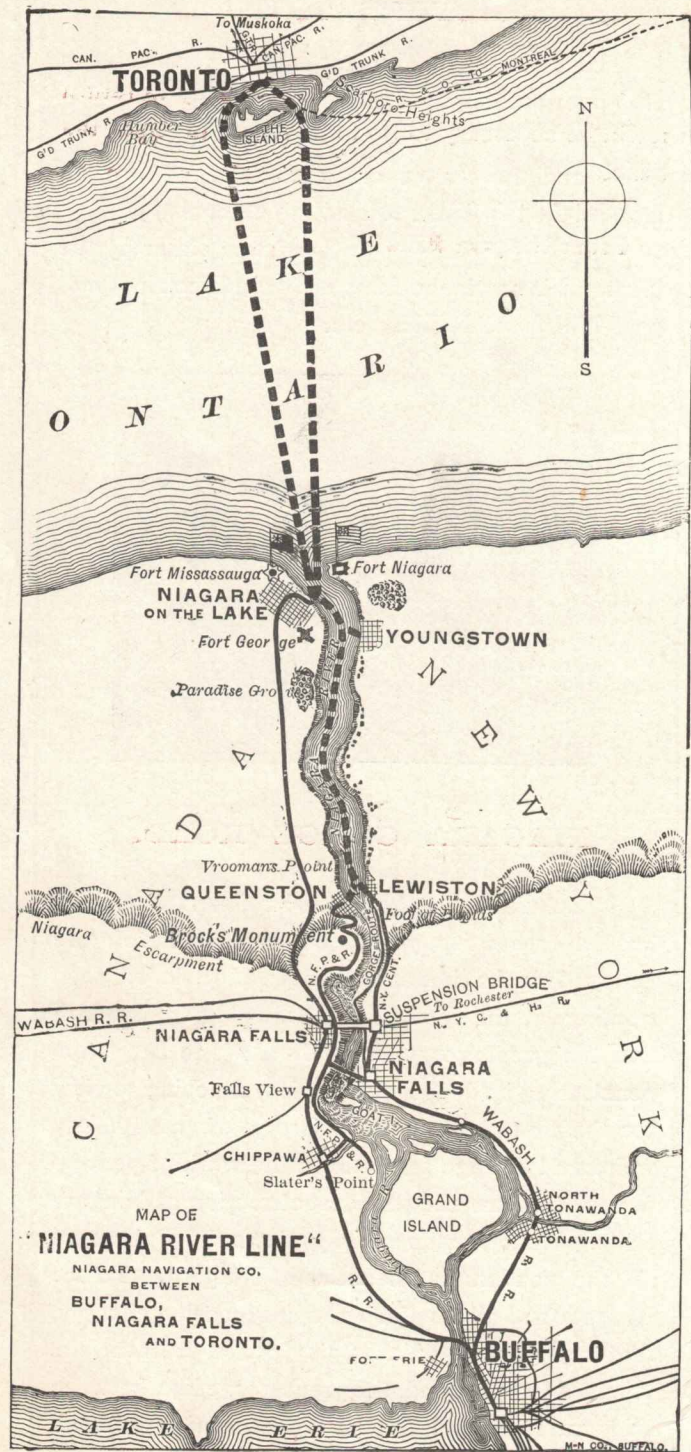
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Niagara Falls Convention
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THIS Convention promises to be one of the most interesting and one of the most largely attended of any of the Conventions of the Watch Tower Society. In addition to the Convention blessings, which are paramount to everything else connected with the trip, there will also be many outside blessings and things of interest, such as Niagara Falls itself, which is one of the world's greatest wonders, and so of special interest, etc. We therefore urge all that can possibly attend the convention to do so.

As in the past, traveling together in a body has been a time of special blessing and fellowship with those of "like precious faith," so arrangements have been completed as follows:

ROUND TRIP TICKETS
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The CHICAGO CLASS and friends from vicinity will travel from Chicago via the WABASH in their SPECIAL TRAIN, and the entire train will be placed at our service for this special occasion; it will consist of fine reclining chair cars with all the modern comforts and conveniences.





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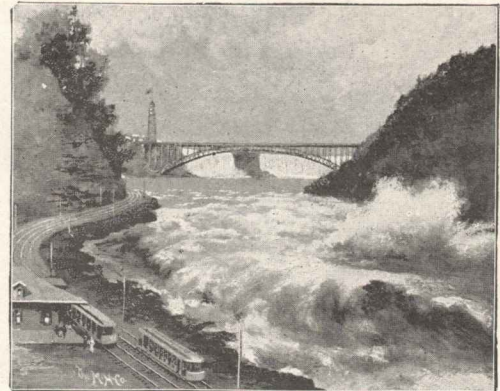
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This special \$14.05 ticket is good for a ten-day stop-over at Niagara Falls. **When ready to return it will be necessary to go to Toronto to sign the ticket** and the routes are optional, and are **all included in this ticket without any extra charge.**

From Niagara Falls to Lewiston, either by the steam train or via the famous Gorge Electric Road, past Whirlpool Rapids, etc.



NIAGARA GORGE ROAD.

The building of the Niagara Gorge Road has been a dream for years, but a feat heretofore believed to be impossible. An electric railroad running at the foot of the frowning walls which line the great gorge from the Falls to Lewiston, penetrating its deepest mysteries, exposing to view for the first time in the history of man many weird and strange formations, the work of pent-up forces of nature, the grandest attraction at Niagara Falls. No one who simply views the Falls sees all the wonders and beauties of Niagara. To see Niagara and all its glories, to see it easily, cheaply, thoroughly and quickly, is to see it from the Niagara Gorge Road, the great gorge line between Niagara Falls and Lewiston, connecting with all railroads and steamboat lines from the East and

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The trip via the D. & B. Line up the lake from Buffalo to Detroit defies description. Think of an evening on deck, with the moon beaming down and its glimmering track across the lake, and then the scenic wonders of the early morning as the steamer moves up the Detroit River with the sun in all its glory and arrives in Detroit at 7:30 o'clock, on time.

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Friends east of Chicago wishing to join the Chicago Class to Niagara Falls can purchase their tickets from their local agent via the WABASH. All intending to do this should communicate at once with the undersigned for full particulars.

Make every effort yourself to attend and join the Chicago friends; also induce as many others as possible to go with you; also **notify us whether you expect to join us at Chicago or en route**, and

HOW MANY, so that we may have plenty of room on the train for all.

The railroad officials are making arrangements which assure everyone a most enjoyable trip, and a representative will accompany us on the trip to look after the comforts of all.

We are very anxious to have the pleasure of your company on the trip, and we request that you bring the matter **AT ONCE** to the attention of all at your place and vicinity, and we trust to receive a favorable **REPLY** from you at an **EARLY** date.

Your ticket will be good to stop-over at Niagara Falls. In order to secure this privilege it will be necessary to deposit your ticket, immediately upon arrival, with the agent at Niagara Falls, who will give you a receipt to be presented when you resume your journey.

The Special train will leave the DEARBORN STATION, Dearborn and Polk Streets, at 3 p. m., on THURSDAY, August 29th, arriving in Niagara Falls at 6:48 FRIDAY morning, August 30th.

(If enough friends wish to travel in a sleeper, one will be attached to the special train at Detroit, providing we guarantee 18 berths. Each berth will cost \$1.50, but will accommodate two people. This charge is in addition to the above ticket. If you wish a berth, notify the undersigned.)

Yours in the One Hope,
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