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INTRODUCTION

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Camp meetings and Conventions were the scene of most of Simpson's great missionary sermons. These great gatherings were also a major reason for the rapid growth and influence of the Alliance. At these meetings Simpson imbued the vast audiences with his own missionary vision and burden.

Many of Simpson's missionary sermons were printed in his periodicals. Below you will find a listing of them and the bibliographical data. His periodicals began with The Word, Work and World, 1882-1887 and continued with The Christian Alliance through The Alliance Weekly, 1888-1919. A couple of missionary articles were also found in another Simpson periodical Living Truths, 1902-1907. They are noted among the missionary sermons.

Simpson did not publish a specific book of missionary sermons. The closest publication is a travelogue of his trip around the world in 1893 (January-July) to visit the mission fields. Two books were published posthumously, Missionary Messages, 1925 - (eight sermons) and The Challenge of Missions, 1926 (five sermons).

Before the list of missionary sermons, you probably would like to know something of the time and place of the conventions. All of the places listed were summer meetings with the exception of the October convention at the Gospel Tabernacle, New York City. You will note too that the majority of them occurred in northeastern U.S.A. and in the Toronto area of Canada. The

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conventions began:

1. In New York State

1884-1919	The Gospel Tabernacle, NYC
1890-1892	Round Lake, north of Albany
1893-1896	Keuka Lake
1909-1911	Keuka Lake
1897	Tully Lake
1902-1908	Tully Lake
1897-1919	Nyack Heights
1898-1900	Binghamton, O'Neil Park
1908-1919	Binghamton, Bennett or O'Neil Park
1901	Syracuse, Empire Hall

2. In New England

1886-1919	Old Orchard, Maine
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3. In Ohio

1887-1890	Linwood Grove, Vermilion
1891-1919	Beulah Park east of Cleveland

4. The Mid-West

1889-1891	Western Springs, west of Chicago
1899	Pine Lake, LaPorte, Ind.
1900-1909	Indianapolis, Ind.
1904	St. Louis, Mo.
1905-1908	Chicago
1911	Wheaton, Ill.

5. In Pennsylvania

1896	Harrisburg
1897, 1898	Williamsport
1899	Scranton and Bradford
1900-1918	Rocky Springs, Lancaster
1914-1919	Mahaffey

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6. In Canada

1901-1903	Monroe Park, Toronto
1904, 1905	Zion Congregational Church, Toronto
1906	Grimsby Park, near Hamilton
1907-1909	Zion Congregational Church, Toronto
1912-1918	Toronto Bible College
1919	Y.M.C.A. Hall

Canadians also attended the Old Orchard camp in Maine.

The above list indicates the more regular and continuous area conventions in the northeast, but there were other less regular camps that were also influential.

7. Mountain Lake, Md.

1889-1896
1914, 1915

8. Asbury Park, N.J.

1892-1894
1914, 1915

9. Boone, Iowa

1905-1910

10. Springtown, Pa

1912-1919

11. Camp Hebron, Attleboro, Mass.

1914-1919

A few conventions were also held in the southeast and the far west. In the southeast:

12. Atlanta, Ga.

1899-1909
1916, 1917

13. Eliada, Ashville, N.C.

1915, 1918

