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It was a difficult thing to pick up family, children, possessions; to load them onto wagons and to head north for the St. Lawrence River. It had been a beautiful place, this lovely, comfortable, and fortified spot given to the British and Scottish settlers by the King of England years before. The soil had produced well and the beauty of the farms in the Mohawk Valley were much like those that they had left in England and in Scotland years before.

Now because of the war and the increasing tensions of those who were determined to break away from English rule, those who remained loyal were forced to leave security and their strong homes to head into the unknown and into deprivation. Of course they had been through the struggle years before and now older and perhaps wiser, they headed toward the St. Lawrence River across and up to the village of Picton. Eventually, continuing north they came to Belleville and then further north to Stirling. It was there that the strongest and the most courageous of the group had finally come to a new land in Mohawk territory with hostile Indians nearby. But they called upon their God just as Moses had done in his wilderness wandering, and somehow God had given them the clothing that they needed, the strength to forge ahead, and the provisions which though often scant were somehow sufficient.

Thus, it was that the Empire Loyalists, the group from the Mohawk Valley in particular, came to Stirling, arriving there as the autumn leaves were falling in 1784. The Reid family again built a humble dwelling and began to till the ground which gratefully was fertile and provided for them as the years unfolded. It was there eventually that John, Hugh and Peter William Reid were born. Peter William became a physician and practiced in Hastings County in Madoc before emigrating to the United States where he studied Eclectic Medicine at Cincinnati in the 1860’s. Eventually, he settled in Port Huron, Michigan where 3 generation later William, Robert, Georgia, and Rita Reed were born. Dr. William Reed became a surgeon and strangely enough when he became the Honorary President of Christian Medical Foundation of
Canada, came to Belleville and Madoc, Ontario, which areas are now the center for the Christian Medical Foundation of Canada and its work in the Dominion of Canada. Throughout the migration of the Reid family to Canada, to the United States, and eventually back to Hastings County in Ontario, it is the mark of the cross of Christ and God’s provision which has been characteristic of the Reid family throughout its existence, its wilderness wandering.

At this time, in the Spring of 1994, as Honorary President of Christian Medical Foundation of Canada, I want to thank the Canadian doctors and nurses and the people of Canada for the privilege of having in our background, the lineage and the strength of Christian Canadians. As we go to Belleville for our national CMF conference this year, it is with great honor and pride that we look forward to what should be the greatest meeting in Christian, Charismatic Medicine that we have ever had to date.

This year’s conference will be held at Emmanuel Baptist Church, May 13, 14 and 15. Dr. Reed will be speaking on the morning of May 14 at Emmanuel Baptist Church. Sunday he will be speaking at Calvary Temple Church at 11:00 a.m. and Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m., at the Bible Standard Church at Ivanhoe. Great problems face Medicine worldwide and Canada is no exception. We shall be looking into the ethical considerations of total patient care including the spiritual aspect of patient care in this year’s meeting. Speakers will be: Donato Gugliotta, M.D., William Standish Reed, M.D., Barry de Veber, M.D., John Patrick, M.D., Robert Aikman, M.D., and William P. Wilson, M.D.

Please plan to attend. It will be a great time of fellowship of doctors and nurses and concerned laypeople as we seek God and His guidance for the days and years immediately before us.

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