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Many parts of Ontario is experiencing one of the greatest droughts known for many years. The special feature about it, and that makes it so disastrous, is that it began so early in the spring. Spring grain in some districts will not be worth cutting. In some districts, when the pasture failed, farmers turned their cattle in their oat fields. The amount of rain at Coldstream thus far this year is 6.16½ inches, while the snow water mostly ran off on account of the ground being frozen when it melted.

The hay is scarcely half a crop; millet came up poorly; corn is looked to with hope. The apple crop will be almost a failure, being killed by the late frosts; grapes entirely so; berry

crop about half; grain, perhaps half; honey, scarcely enough for the bees to winter on. The outward prospect looks very discouraging, but there is always comfort if we turn within. Behold a well of water there springing up into everlasting life, and manna supplied daily from an inexhaustible source.

Charles A. Zavitz, B. S. A., Experimentalist at the Ontario Agricultural College, and Director of Co-operative Experiments in Agriculture in Ontario, started on 7 mo. 5th for a three weeks' trip of inspection of seedsmen's trial grounds and experimental stations. He goes to Ottawa, then to New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and New York. Charles has made his department the most extensive of the kind on the continent, and of great value to the farmers of Ontario. He is a member of Lobo Monthly Meeting of Friends, younger brother to the publisher of YOUNG FRIENDS' REVIEW, and son-in-law to Isaac Wilson, of Bloomfield, Ont.

In a brief sketch of the career of the different members of the Ontario Agricultural College Staff, the *Farmers' Advocate* has the following to say of C. A. Zavitz: "He is a son of Daniel Zavitz, and was born at Coldstream, Middlesex County, Ontario, August 25th, 1863. After leaving Public School he gained entrance to Strathroy High School in 1881, where he procured a second-class certificate in 1884. In 1886 he completed his second year at the Ontario Agricultural College, obtaining an associate diploma. In 1888 the University degree B.S.A. was procured. In 1889 he passed the Agricultural and Arts Examinations, winning 1st prize for general proficiency. Mr. Zavitz started work in the experimental department of the Ontario Agricultural College, June 18, 1886, having finished the final examinations for the college diploma two days previous. He has continued at