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Are You One of Them

In looking over the books of the Canadian Publishing Association, we find that there are about two hundred fifty persons who are owing accounts to this Association, amounting altogether to the sum of \$4,266.54. This money belongs to the cause, but is now in the pockets of persons who have no right to it, and who are using it without the permission of the Association.

The Canadian Publishing Association is the missionary branch of the Eastern Canadian Union Conference. Efforts have been made for some time in the past to strengthen this part of the work, and upon its success and activity largely depends the success of the work in this field.

The Association is sadly in need of equipment suitable to enable us to publish the literature that is needed in this field, but it is entirely unable to purchase the needed equipment because its money is held by persons who fail to pay it over. In this way the cause of God in the Canadian field is being seriously hampered because those who ought to be its friends fail to put forth the necessary effort to turn in the money. This is a sad situation, and one that cannot possibly meet with the approval of God.

Repeated efforts have been made during the past few years to collect the amounts due to the cause, and some success has attended the efforts. Some of those who are owing considerable sums have adopted the plan of paying in a certain amount each month to apply on their accounts, and by this means they are rapidly reducing them. Others seem to regard it as an insult to be asked to pay their honest obligations. It is to be hoped that every one whose eyes rest upon this article who are in debt to the Canadian Publishing Association will make definite arrangements to pay a certain amount on their account each month until it is entirely liquidated.

It is a sorrowful condition to have the cause held in check by its professed friends, when if they would set themselves seriously to clear off their obligations it could be readily accomplished, and the work in this field greatly helped.

This \$4,266.54, if paid in, would enable the publishing house to provide itself with a good cylinder press and facilities to manufacture and bind the books and other

literature that is required in our territory. As it is we are compelled to import almost everything that we use and pay heavy duty. At the present time we have two little worn out job presses with which to do our work. Our type is becoming worn out. We hardly have enough money to keep that replenished. Many opportunities come to us to do printing that we are obliged to turn aside, because we have not the facilities with which to do it.

Now, brethren, I want to make a strong appeal to every person who owes from 5 cents up to \$200 to get down to business and begin paying over his account. There are few cases where there are some reasons why payments cannot begin to be made. This cause is your cause, and none of us can feel justified before the Lord in resting easy while we are owing the cause money which it sadly needs to carry forward this work. Let us turn our hand to anything that we can possibly do to earn money to pay off these accounts, and let us be systematic, decided, and regular in our payments until our accounts are clear.

Do not feel hurt or indignant when you receive pressing appeals to settle your account. Let it, on the contrary, stir you up to devise ways and means to liquidate. I trust that this earnest appeal may bear fruit.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

The Value of Good Literature

It is astonishing how soon the whole conscience begins to unravel if a single stitch drops; one little sin indulged makes a hole you could put your head through.—*Charles Bunton.*

And in the morning rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place and there prayed.—Mark 1:35. Christ has set us an example for our daily life, and if he guides at all, he must guide in the little things. It may appear a small matter for us to read our chapter and to commit to memory a verse every morning; or we may feel at times that to neglect it for a few mornings will affect our experience but little: but "his life is an example of obedience and service," and if we allow sin to degrade our faculties, we cannot exclaim with David "Thy word have I hidden in my heart that I might not sin against thee." Now, before we take up the duties of the day, before we enter into the hustle of a new

day, let us commune with God; for "if the Saviour needed prayer, how much our need to-day." The Morning Watch Calendar has been designed for this purpose: Morning, because in the quiet we can be refreshed by the "still small voice;" Watch, because the commission is "Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation;" Calendar, because it is a systematic register afforded us—for God is a God of order.

In another place Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." How many know the truth? How many are free? Someone has said, "That the first element in conversation is truth." Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth." If our conversation, then, is depending upon our knowledge of truth, we must strive to learn what is meant by this truth for our own safety as well as that of others. There is current in the world to-day truth genuine and truth counterfeit. Without a knowledge of the genuine how are God's people going to detect Satan's counterfeit of the last days? How are the true going to stand? How did Joseph stand?—What supported him in the trying hour? Was it not a personal knowledge of the word of God,—the truth? God says, "Bow down thine ear . . . and apply thine heart unto my knowledge." Again, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Review the characters of Daniel and his companions: what enabled them to stand? Was it not a personal knowledge of God's word? Jesus' prayer at one time was, "Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth." A careful, prayerful, systematic study of God's word will strengthen the mind and make possible greater activity. God's promises are many to the student who studies diligently; for through the spirit of prophesy he promises, "Those who come to me in a lowly spirit, seeking for truth, will be aided in their search by angels of God." And again, "Great truths which have been neglected and unappreciated, will be revealed by the Spirit of God, and new meanings will flash out of familiar texts."

But this study is two-fold—for ourselves and for others. "Character is not built in a day, a month or a year, it is the work of a lifetime." Our daily association tend either upward or downward. If our personal connection is with God, others will be attracted to that source, and the influence will be for Christ. Thus comes the true test and "every student may enjoy the consciousness that he has stood on Christ's side." In school so many fear the test—the examination. How many young people can show what is taught in the Bible concerning the Sabbath, the Second Coming of Christ, the Nature of Man, the Punishment of the Wicked, the Sanctuary, etc.? None but those who have filled their minds with these truths contained in the word of God. This is the standard of attainment for our young people. We are living in an evil hour and from Great Controversy we read, "that the precious hours instead of being given to pleasures, to display, or to gainseeking, should be devoted to an earnest, prayerful study of the word of truth." The

work is soon to close. The opportunities to help others are slipping by. Someone is watching you, is watching me, to help pilot him through to the Kingdom. May we not respond before it is "too late to help."

To help strengthen our fortifications the Standard of Attainment was first launched at the Sabbath School and Young People's Convention held at Mt. Vernon, O., July, 1907. The membership is growing steadily. One subject is studied at a time—say Bible doctrines—then our examination is taken, but the principle is to get the thought. We can review these texts at the table or in walking or riding. What a blessed privilege we have in school to perfect our conversation in the first element—truth. It will cost you nothing but study and the cost of providing helps—books.

(To be continued)

Ontario

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Canvassing Prospects

Prospects look good for a great work this summer with the printed page. Several of the boys and girls at the Academy are planning on doing real missionary work with our large books and magazines. At present we have four men giving all their time to this work. I have a mark set at twelve men giving their time to selling our large books before this year is over. Can we reach it?

The Colporteurs' Institute at Hamilton, April 19-26 ought to encourage enough men in Ontario to make up this number. Ontario is a large field and we have only commenced to work it. Time is short. We will never have a more opportune time. Others can do it, why not you? Write me for particulars about the Institute.

J. CAPMAN.

From the Field

Having received encouragement from reports in the MESSENGER from time to time, it occurs to me that my experiences may prove helpful to others. I enjoy the canvassing and am thankful to our Heavenly Father for the blessed privilege given in this way to warn the people of Christ's soon coming, and talking to them personally about their soul's salvation. Brother Capman was with me and helped me deliver every book. I had ordered eighty-two. Surely the dear Lord had gone before us and prepared the way. The people everywhere gladly welcomed us, and received their books cheerfully, and gave many pressing invitations to return, making it a pleasure to deliver them. At one place in particular, a settlement of Latter Day Saints, where an evangelistic effort was being held, I was successful in placing several books in the homes of recent converts. I was also able to place a Daniel and Revelation in a Catholic family.

In looking back I see God's promise of help fulfilled. The way looked dark at first but I find I am learning to do by doing. I am glad I did not give up, and am looking forward to a life of usefulness.

JOHN HEAVER.

Buena Vista Current

Aggressive farm work is now in progress. The new road is under completion and the work of repairing the barn is begun.

The 1915-16 calendar is now in the hands of the printers who plan to have it completed for the students to take with them at the close of school.

The baseball season is now on at the Academy. After the chores of the day we gather and have a brief but exciting game. Elder Campbell recently gave us a talk upon baseball which we enjoyed.

If the earnestness of the "embryo orators" in the public speaking class has any significance, the summer's campaign ought to be a success. A number are planning to enter the work this summer in some capacity.

Because of the sickness of Sister Davies, her three children, Blanche, Mabel and Leslie were forced to leave school. Professor Rowe went with them to their home in Toronto. We are sorry to lose these students but hope to see them return next year.

Last Thursday, April 1, the Juniors entertained the Seniors and Faculty at the home of Miss Gladys Capman, one of their members. All voted the Juniors to be good entertainers. The Seniors were especially pleased with the remembrances presented to them by the Juniors.

Elder Hare, who recently brought his family to Oshawa, gave the students a profitable and interesting talk in the chapel last Sabbath morning. He spoke of the incident where Joseph and Mary lost Jesus for three days on their return from the passover, and emphasized how easy it is for us to lose the Saviour and how hard to find him again.

**Huntsville, Muskoka, Missionary
Volunteer Report**

Letters written.....	5
Letters received.....	2
Papers sold.....	22
Papers mailed, lent, or given away.....	25
Books sold.....	1
Books lent or given away.....	1
Tracts lent or given away.....	2
Eastern Question Extra.....	1
Present Truth Series.....	2
Tithe paid to the church treasurer.....	\$.37

LURA ROBSON.

Notes

Brother and Sister Roy Hadcock are selling our truth-filled magazines at present in St. Thomas. Sister Hadcock is planning on visiting Chatham, Windsor and Walkerville when she finishes this place.

Brother John Heaver of Petrolia, who is canvassing Lambton Co. with Daniel and the Revelation, is meeting with good success. He just finished his March delivery, and placed eighty-two books without losing one order. Books can be delivered in Ontario.

Cash or Credit

So much has been said of late about doing business on the cash basis in our work, that it almost seems out of place to add anything further. However in visiting the various offices, one is brought face to face with the fact that all of our people have not yet been converted to the "pay-as-you-go" policy. And still more to be regretted is the fact that there is still a large percentage of people among our number who never pay at all. "Brethren, this ought not so to be."

God has told us in his Word that we are to "owe no man anything," and without altering its intended meaning we could just as properly read, owe no tract society or institution anything. This is just as plain as the commandment which says, "Thou shalt not kill," and yet everywhere we go we find people who seemingly make no effort to pay their honest debts, or keep from contracting more.

With a certain class of people it seems to be the accepted rule to pay every other obligation before they do one to a tract society or one of our institutions. Since it is the "cause" they feel little or no responsibility as to the time of settlement. As a result such people gradually acquire the name of being dishonest, and often our institutions are brought into disrepute and financial embarrassment. In consequence our tract societies are unable to meet their accounts with the publishers, schools cannot pay running expenses, etc.

Our tract societies are not organized on a money-making basis. They are given a small percentage of profit, simply to meet necessary running expenses, and no allowance has been made for accounts that cannot be collected. They are required to pay cash every month for the stock they handle and it is not fair for our people to expect

Colporteurs' Report, Week Ending March 27, 1915

Ontario

Name	Book	Hours	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
John Pengelly	C. K.	48	18	\$ 26 50	\$15 20	\$ 41 70	\$
Reginald Gage	G. C.	33	19	58 50	13 50	72 00	
J. Heaver	D. R., C. K.	45	58	133 00		133 00	133 00
C. Wallis	Mag.	14	81	8 10		8 10	8 10
Wm. Bryson	Mag.	22	100	10 00		10 00	10 00
Totals		162	276	\$236 10	\$28 70	\$264 80	\$151 10

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them to carry their accounts for an indefinite period, and perhaps after months of worry and fruitless efforts at making collections, transfer them to a place in the ledger named Doubtful Accounts, Bad Accounts, or possibly Dead Accounts, where they are a warning for future generations against extending further credit to the individuals named, and a target for remarks of every nature, except complimentary. Any one who knows how his name looks in such a place, much prefers to have it written elsewhere.

Often large accounts are contracted by colporteurs and even conference field agents. Credit is necessarily extended for a time until the books can be delivered, and then instead of paying their account the money is used for other purposes.

The spirit of prophecy speaks very plainly on this point. "When men cannot by canvassing bring into the treasury every dollar that belongs to it rightly, let them stop just where they are."

Notwithstanding the fact that this statement is so explicit, this is a question which has given those in charge of our work perhaps more trouble and worry than any other feature. The man or woman, whether colporteur, conference employee, or lay-member, who receives literature from the tract society and does not pay for the same, is not honest, and under such conditions it is feared that a high profession will avail little in the sight of God.

We have no desire to be harsh or unreasonable, but we do wish to impress our people everywhere with the fact that "honesty is the best policy," even among believers, and if a large number of those who read these lines are induced thereby to pay their accounts with the tract society or school, the object of this brief article will have been obtained. "Now is the accepted time."

A. H. BRIGHAM, in *Western Canadian Tidings*.

Canvassers' Institute

Attention is again called to the Canvassers' Institute that is to be held at Hamilton, Ontario, April 19-26.

There should be a large attendance of prospective colporteurs at this Institute as the time is ripe for a great work to be done in this field. The conflict in Europe has aroused the minds of the people and they are anxious to read the books that will throw light on the meaning of present events. The experience of several of our brethren who have been canvassing through the winter months is evidence that there is a real demand for our books.

Thousands of dollars worth of books should be disposed of this season and we trust that a goodly number of substantial men and women will decide to take up the sickle and enter the harvest field. I shall be pleased to hear from those who plan to attend. M. N. CAMPBELL.

Without Excuse

In carrying forward the work of God on the earth many and various agencies must necessarily be employed. We would not discount any one of these, for they each have their part and place; but we desire to speak particularly regarding one of the most effective agencies. "If there is one work more important than another it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures." *Vol. IV, p. 390*. "It is an eternal law of Jehovah that he who accepts the truth that the world needs is to make it his first work to proclaim this truth." *Vol. VII, p. 13*. "We are held accountable by the Lord for making the most of our opportunities to enlighten those in need of present truth; and one of the principal agencies he has ordained for our use is the printed page."

Never in all the history of the world were the opportunities to work for God more plentiful than now. Things of the most startling character are occurring every day. People are eager to read; they want to know what these things mean. God has given us the light. He bids us go forth into the whitened harvest field and gather precious sheaves for the heavenly garner. In his providence God has gone before us. He has led in the establishment of our great publishing houses. To-day they are meeting every demand of the field. We appeal to our dear people everywhere to wake up and join in scattering the printed page like the leaves of autumn.

Have you a set of the Berean Library? You will surely want this to lend to your neighbors. Thousands have this most excellent set. If you have not as yet procured one, let me urge upon you the necessity and virtue of doing so now. You can use these to lend to those who have been receiving the *Signs* weekly.

The latest addition to our great soul-winning campaign equipment is the "Present Truth Series." This most excellent four-page document is to be issued monthly as an extra to the *Review, Signs, and Watchman*. We cannot speak too highly of it, and it surely will meet a long-felt want. Here is an opportunity for every believer in this great message to give the light of truth to both friends and neighbors. Just think of it! 15 copies for 10 cents; 25 for 15 cents; 50 for 30 cents; 100 for 50 cents, and 1,000 for \$4.00. It will sell readily. People will read it every line. Surely we have reached the time, in this great reformatory movement, with everything to hand, when those who refuse to act will be without excuse. Let every soul take hold as never before, and use this wonderful agency that God in his providence has provided, that the light of present truth might come to those still in the darkness.

F. W. PAAP.