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An Appeal for Canvassers

The year 1915 should be a big year for the canvassing work in Eastern Canada. The time is ripe for placing our books by the thousands over the broad expanse of this union field. Unquestionably, one of the main reasons why the Lord permitted war to break upon the earth, was to awaken the people of the world from their slumber to a realizing sense of the shortness of time. And the Lord is depending on his remnant people to whom he has committed the last warning message, to arise and take advantage of the situation and hurry out with the printed page to enlighten the people with regard to the meaning of present conditions. Fully a hundred canvassers should be at work this summer with our publications. It would be well for each church in this union to carefully consider the question of furnishing one or more recruits for this branch of service. There is deep anxiety in the minds of thousands of people as to the meaning of this terrible convulsion of the nations and they will gladly buy a book that throws light on the question. The experience of those now in the field shows that this is true.

There are books like the "Great Controversy," "Daniel and Revelation," and "Coming King" that sell readily and afford a good living to those who engage in their sale. Then there is that little book "The World's Crisis" which sells for 25 cents. It sells at sight. We can hardly keep up with the demand for it. Many of our sisters and young people in every church could do well selling that. The agent gets half of the sale price on each of these books.

Arrangements will be made to help those get started in the work who wish to take it up. Credit will be extended to properly recommended persons as long as they are prompt in sending in the payments after each delivery.

For those who wish to enter the canvassing work in Ontario an institute will be held in Hamilton, April 19-26. Free entertainment will be furnished and train fare will be allowed those who enter the work.

We trust a good response may be made to this call.
M. N. CAMPBELL.

"Life is made up of little things. It is but once in an age that occasion is offered for doing a great deed. True greatness consists in being great in little things."

Ontario Conference

Office Address, Oshawa

Toronto

Sabbath, April 3, I spent with Eldier Allen and the company of Sabbath keepers in the central part of the city. The hall which they occupy is on the corner of College and Brunswick Ave., and is much more commodious than the one they first used. Twenty-nine adults were present at the service and gave close attention as the rise and progress of the Third Angel's Message was presented before them. Their faces and their hearts responded as incidents were related showing how the work of God for this time is making sure and rapid progress in spite of the bitter opposition that meets it at every turn. This central company has made a good record for itself thus far. One sister who lately embraced the truth and gave up a lucrative position to do so is now selling magazines and is making a fine success of it. Most of the members seem to be enthused with the missionary spirit—which in reality is the spirit of Christ. In tithes and offerings they have proved their devotion to the cause of God. For the five months from October 1, 1914 to February 28, 1915 the tithes and offerings of this company amounted to \$491.43. My impressions of this group of Sabbath keepers were of the best. They average up well with any of our churches in intelligence and devotion and I trust that this nucleus will ultimately develop into a strong church.

Sunday afternoon, April 4, I attended the quarterly business meeting of the West Side church. Plans were laid to arrange for the holding of a church school the coming fall. It is to be hoped that these plans will go through successfully for there is a fine lot of young people and children connected with this church.

Sunday evening I spoke on the meaning of the present war to a good sized audience. The work in Toronto is evidently onward. I understand that about twenty more persons are to be baptized as the result of the labors of the five workers in that city. M. N. CAMPBELL.

St. Catherines

We are glad to report that we are of good courage and enjoy reading the reports of the brethren in the con-

ference. On a recent Sabbath I visited the company of believers at Niagara Falls and found them of good courage and doing work for the Master with the printed page.

I was glad to see a former student of Buena Vista active with those of her associates. After Sabbath-school instead of having a preaching service we conducted a question box and were made glad by the questions raised by the young and we trust that the answers given may bear fruit in the kingdom. God will use the young if they give themselves to him without any reserve and while young is the best time to do it. Eccl. 12.

We have been carrying on a quiet work here with the "Home Bible Studies" visiting about 150 homes each week and conducting studies with individuals wherever we could find opportunity. One has decided to obey and others are in the valley of decision. We ask the prayers of our brethren in behalf of these that they may decide upon the side of truth. LEONARD PAYNE.

Espanola

Further word from Sister Mabel Hillyard in regard to the work in Espanola, taken from a recent letter, will be read with interest.

"The feeling against the truth is very strong. I am able to hold most of the people who have become interested. I have been told it has been made known at the works if the men encourage me in studying in their homes they will lose their jobs, and I had to drop some on this account. Those who have taken their stand are very firm. They have had their share of persecution. I never saw greater opposition than has been put up here. The enemy has come in like a flood. The Lord will lift up a standard against him I believe."

Let the readers of the MESSENGER remember Miss Hillyard and her work in prayer that the blessing of heaven may continue with her and those who have recently begun the observance of the Sabbath in Espanola.

Dresden and Turnerville

Elder M. C. Kirkendall reports most encouragingly from Dresden, where he has been holding meetings among the people. Last Sabbath a company of twenty-five attended the services of the day. Among those accepting the truth is a splendid class of young people. During the present week Elder Kirkendall is laboring in the neighborhood of Turnerville, where a good interest is developing. Let all remember him in prayer that large success may attend these efforts.

Maritime Conference

Office Address, 184 Winslow St., W. St. John.

Emergency Missions Campaign

Maritime has started her Emergency Missions Campaign and all should have a card with my address on it, to

be sent in with a promised amount for missions. We have begun to receive these cards and the plan promises to be a great success. I believe that we shall find this a move in the right direction. Just a few expressions from some of the replies—

"I am enclosing your card with a promise of one dollar a week."

"I am heartily in favor of foreign and home missions."

"I received your appeal for missions which I most heartily approve of."

"With God's help I agree to pay the stated amount on my card each week to missions."

Thus as we link ourselves with all the world and with our missionaries and with the God of our blessed message, we shall have a part in the great work of hastening the coming of Christ.

If there are those who have not received a card just address the office and we will be glad to send one to you.

We hope that all will be prompt in returning these cards as a report is to go into the MESSENGER and we wish that Maritime may show her usual missionary zeal.

Let us work while the day of harvest lingers lest some grain be left ungathered, and our work be unfinished when the reapers are called home.

GEO. H. SKINNER.

A Letter

We desire to take this opportunity of bidding farewell to the friends in Maritime. During the year and nine months that it has been our privilege to be associated with the work in the Maritime field we have become personally acquainted with many of our people throughout the conference whose friendship we have learned to appreciate sincerely. While we have responded to a call to connect with the work in Oshawa, yet we do not feel that we have completely severed our connection with the work in Maritime, since we will still continue to keep more or less in touch with this field.

Gladly would we write personally to all with whom we have become acquainted, but this is hardly possible. However we wish by this to express to all our sincere appreciation of the kindness shown us during our sojourn in the Maritime conference, and the ready co-operation that has been manifested in the efforts put forth in the field, and will ask that this expression be accepted as a personal one to all.

With a prayer that Heaven's richest blessing may abide with you all, sincerely,

ELDER AND MRS. M. M. HARE.

Sydney Mines

After the Union Conference Committee meeting in company with Elder Young we made a brief visit to the Sydney Mines church.

According to prearranged plans Elder Young spoke two evenings in the Orange Hall in North Sydney. He

is a member of the Patriotic Committee St. John's, Nfld., which accounted for his receiving the hall.

His message was well received, and made a deep impression on the people. The attendance was large and appreciative.

We requested the hall for a third meeting and the committee complied with the request. The writer presented—"The Roman Catholic Church in the Bible" to a large congregation. The audience was pleased with the discourse, and received light on this vital topic.

These meetings constitute a victory for our work in this section and served to allay prejudice and misunderstanding. Besides, we held meetings in Florence and Sydney Mines with satisfactory results. The deep moving of the Spirit was manifest and the "still small voice" spoke to hearts. It was encouraging to see the brethren respond to the counsel of heaven, and to witness the supreme determination on the part of all to be loyal to the principles of the message.

Brother and Sister Wassell are untiring in their efforts and as a result of their labors some have decided to obey God. They enjoy the co-operation of a united church which is a vital factor in the extension of the work.

The general financial depression was keenly felt in this section the past winter, but in the face of these conditions the brethren rejoice in the possession of the priceless treasure which insures contentment and satisfaction amid perplexing problems. A number of the members are planning on attending the annual meeting. We trust the same is true of all our companies and isolated members. Now is the time to plan.

The work is onward. D. J. C. BARRETT.

Gideon Band

The Maritime conference wishes to place itself on record as to missionary zeal, not to boast, but to encourage others and inspire them to hasten Christ's coming by their gifts. In our emergency we can not resort to socials, sales, and theatricals, etc, as the world does to raise money, and the Lord would be dishonored if his people had to be hired to give in this way. We simply ask

every one to give as the Lord has prospered him, not unwillingly but freely. Now you will always find some who will not cooperate with plans of this kind, but let us push the work of God on to victory. I believe that it would be a good plan to call all who come up to the help of the Lord at this time Gideon's Band. This emergency campaign is not an extra gift or offering, but that we start right in at the first of the year to bring in our mission offerings. We can put this offering into our Sabbath-school envelopes, and second Sabbath offering, mid-summer offering and Christmas offering, but make it average what we place on our cards, or so much a week. Here is a statement from a brother and a sister who are over 70 years of age, "Please find inclosed from wife and I the cards signed for the amount named. For the last two years we have averaged more than this, and with God's help and blessing will not come below it this year." From a sister, "I have received your letter of the 25th inst., and will inclose the card with this note. I wish that I could do more. If it is possible through the year to average more than the amount pledged will be glad to do so." The amount up to date is \$6.85 per week and the cards are coming in every mail. May the Lord richly bless all the believers in Maritime is my prayer. Yours for success,

GEO. H. SKINNER.

Will You Respond?

Our people in Maritime should take advantage of the wonderful opportunity God has given us at this time to distribute our literature. Since this terrible war has begun there has been a readiness upon the part of most people to read anything that treats upon the war especially if considered from a Bible point of view. Why should not many of our people take one or more of our books on the Second Coming of Christ and The Signs of the Times and canvass for them? Many are having splendid success selling these books. Let me hear from any who would like to take up this line of work. I would like to have all who have canvassed in the past or who intend to canvass this summer, and any who are interested in taking up this line of work, come to the workers' meeting which will precede the conference in Halifax, beginning June 3rd,

Colporteurs' Report, Week Ending March 27, 1915

Ontario

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| C. Wallis | Mag. | 18½ | 103 | 10 30 | | 10 30 | 10 30 |
| Wm. Bryson | Mag. | 18 | 84 | 8 40 | | 8 40 | 8 40 |
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and we will ask the publishing house to send us a man to
give instruction; in fact have a short canvassers' institute.
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they want it. "Go work today in my vineyard," says
Jesus. GEO. H. SKINNER.

Newfoundland Mission

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Catalina

"And they brought up an evil report of the land
which they had searched." This is the record the inspired
pen gives concerning the ten spies who had proven untrue
to their trust. The result of that evil report was forty
years of sojourning in the wilderness when Israel should
have been in Canaan.

"Now all these things happened unto them for ensam-
ples and they are written for our admonition upon whom
the ends of the world are come." The miracles in Egypt
and the still greater manifestation of Jehovah's power at
the Red Sea did not suffice to establish Israel's faith in
God. But when the doubters died, "by faith the walls of
Jericho fell down." "And this is the victory that over-
cometh the world, even our faith."

Walls built to heaven crumble and fall before those
who, behind the shield of faith, meet the assaults of the
Devil. This town presented a perplexing problem as was
made plain in Elder Young's report. We have been re-
minded of 2 Chron. 20:17. The words "set yourselves"
have a significance. This, under God, we tried to do
whilst we witnessed Jehovah's power defeat the plans of
the enemy.

In the first meeting of the Orange Society in which
a vote was to be taken regarding our having the hall for
February, we won by a majority of one. When the vote
for March came, we had thirteen majority. Thus the
walls of prejudice are crumbling to the ground before the
weapons of truth.

The services from the first have been well attended.
This interest continues under the testing truths of the
message. Unseen forces have been working in a most
marvellous way, the heavenly agencies combining with the
human to convince of sin, of righteousness, and of judg-
ment.

There are already seventeen adult Sabbath keepers
beside a number of young people, as an evidence to the

mighty workings of God's spirit. The time for entering
Canaan has come. The border land is reached, and the
enemy's castles must fall.

The Sabbath services are encouraging and refreshing.
The fervent prayers and unfeigned interest show that the
radiant faces are but indexes to warm hearts which rejoice
in God's saving message.

Elder Young returned the 29th. of March, and we
were made glad to have him with us again. Tears of joy
were mingled with the morning meal he shared with us as
we joined to talk of the good work God had been doing.
The interest is good and the prospects are bright. Help
Catalina with your prayers.

R. A. AND MRS. HUBLEY.

Armageddon

A new and attractive derivation for this word was
recently proposed by Professor Louis Ginzberg, of the
Jewish Theological Seminary, New York. He criticized
the usual derivation from the Hebrew "harmagedon"
(mount of Megiddo) as being unmeaning, Megiddo being
a city in the plain to which it gave its name. He pro-
poses to derive the compound expression from the two
Hebrew words "herem" and "gadol" (great destruction),
the last syllable being either Hellenized by a Greek ter-
mination or being misunderstood through a defect of voice
or ear. Herem is the Hebrew for "ban, banned, accursed,
destroyed, destruction." The significance of the passage
in Rev. 16: 16 is at once cleared and enhanced by the ren-
dering proposed: "The place which is called in Hebrew
Great Destruction"—the place of the final catastrophe.

The Homiletic Review, April 1915.

World's Crisis

People everywhere have grown thoughtful in regard to
the meaning of the present European war. They are anxious
to learn something other than that which appears in the daily
press. The "World's Crisis" will answer many of their
questions and place the truth in regard to these things in
their hands. It sells readily. An exchange tells of one who
sold ten copies while waiting between trains,—just a very
short time. And of another, a sister, who sold ten simply by
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