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QUEBEC

French Canvassing in Quebec

Here are a few of the recent experiences from the French canvassing field. Sisters Rosa and Alma Guertin have been selling *La Sentinelle* in Montreal this winter. They go from house to house together. Their best sales are made in the offices down town, where they are known and find liberal-minded customers. They have sold this winter something like 3,200 copies of our French quarterly. The following incident from their experiences will be of interest to the readers of the MESSENGER. They were just finishing a solid French Catholic section and had only one short street left when a corpulent gentleman in a black gown came straight to them, and said: "I beg your pardon, but would you kindly show me your license to sell." Without giving any time to answer, he continued: "What reason have you for going to our people to deceive them? Your paper even contains the pope's prayer, and you don't believe in him."

"That prayer is all right. Anything good can be republished."

"You do not see our Catholic people go from house to house with papers and tracts."

"We have a truth, a message, and it is our duty to give it to all."

"Aren't they terrible," he said smiling. "Then you do not believe in our holy father, the pope?"

"Our Holy Father is God."

"But he must have a representative on earth."

"His representative on earth is the word of God which you forbid your people to read."

"We preach to them every Sunday, but we do not allow them to read the Bible for fear they might not interpret it correctly."

"What you tell the people is all in Latin, so they

cannot understand it. What good is it to them?"

"You Protestants all talk alike. You seem to be well rooted in your ideas."

"When we accepted the truth we knew what we were doing."

"My, these girls are simply awful," he said good-naturedly. "Now do as you please, but do not be surprised if I report you to the police. I hope, however, that you will not be angry at me. We have had a good little discussion."

They shook hands as they parted. On the following Sunday this same priest denounced them, telling the people to oust them out of their houses with the broom stick, and he instructed those who had bought the papers to burn them. The two sisters are of good courage, and ask an interest in our prayers that they may have wisdom in meeting the people, and that many may be led to the truth and be saved in the kingdom.

Brother Argyle Taylor is keeping up his solitary fight in the city of Quebec, which, from all accounts, is the most priest-ridden city and therefore the most bigoted in the whole province. He has had an opportunity to teach a notary in the French language from the book "Steps to Christ", one of which he purchased.

He has recently canvassed sisters in a convent. When asked if the papers he is selling are Catholic he answers: "These publications are Protestant the same as myself." Some will buy notwithstanding. I think this is a frank and effective answer. Those who buy with that understanding will not burn the papers afterwards. One young lady said, "These are forbidden books." "Oui mademoiselle," was the reply, "the Catholic Church forbids them, but God approves them."

Canvassing is not easy in this field. It takes grit and courage to carry it on. And yet it must be done. There is no prospect at present for our going into the towns and villages (hardly even in the cities) to hold

meetings in a tent or a hall. The only thing in sight is to send the quiet, fearless, God-fearing canvassers from one end of the province to the other. Unless we make up our minds to do that, I see no hope of ever winning this French Catholic field. I am glad for the prospect of placing the "World's Crisis" in French in the hands of our canvassers this summer, and pray that God's blessing may rest on this work.

JEAN VUILLEUMIER.

ONTARIO

Among the Indians

After taking our tent down last fall at Ohsweken, it was nearly a month before we could secure a place to continue our meetings. We finally decided to take an empty hall that we could get at four dollars a month. After cleaning it we started meetings, but it was so cold we could only keep it one month, and as there is no other place to be secured we will be obliged to wait for the warm weather when we will pitch our tent again.

One Sister there, who accepted the truth last summer, has been bitterly opposed by her husband. He attended the tent meetings and when we began meetings in the hall still seemed interested. But the Baptist minister visited him and by using Carrington's book persuaded him that we were wrong. He forbade his wife to come near us any more. This has made it very hard for her as she was hopeful that he would keep the Sabbath with her.

The Baptist minister attended our meetings but only for the purpose of opposing us more successfully. "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in." There are two churches in Ohsweken, the Baptist and the English. The pastors are located there and watch their flocks very closely. Needless to say, they have done all in their power to hinder the truth and keep the people in darkness. The Baptists had a new man come as soon as our meetings closed. The best way, he thought, to settle the whole question, was to tell the people that the Adventists are not Christians and that they therefore should have nothing to do with them. It is very easy to keep these people in darkness, but it takes time for the light of truth to shine into their lives. The truth must be repeated again and again before they seem to grasp it. Many do not understand the English language and it is difficult to make the truth clear to them.

Since our effort in Ohsweken we have been spending more time with the churches. We held a series of Sunday night meetings in Iroquois from which

there seemed to be some fruit. We have also held a number of cottage meetings. In order to attend some of these we have had to drive as far as twenty miles. These drives are not always pleasant on cold winter nights. Brother Peter Johnson has helped out in this connection. He has a good horse and is always ready to use it to attend meeting. We have been encouraged by seeing some respond to the truth.

Sunday, March 19, we visited the Plymouth Brethren at the west end of the Reserve. They were pleased to have us visit them. We had the privilege of speaking on the conditions in the "near east" and urging these people to prepare to meet their Lord. They expressed themselves as believing the end to be very near and desirous of making it known to others. Before closing the meeting the leader gave thanks and they broke bread. They had an ordinary loaf of baker's bread which the leader broke in two. It was then passed around and each one broke off a piece to suit himself. At the close of the meeting we were invited to come again. We will tell you about our next visit when we write again.

B. E. MANUEL.

Church Schools

It was my privilege last week to visit the church school at Hamilton. This school and the ones in Toronto and Oshawa are the only church schools in the conference, and with the exception of the one in Newfoundland, are the only ones in the Union.

The school in Toronto is giving satisfaction to the church, which voted to continue the school next year. Brother Howard Capman has done faithful work as a teacher, and the loyalty and untiring zeal of Sister Baker have been a source of great blessing to the school. The church school in Toronto is a living witness to Sister Baker's interest in the young people.

At Hamilton, Sister Amy Gosnay is doing splendid work, and the church wishes to continue the school with the same teacher another year.

These schools are in their infancy. They will grow stronger with age. Other churches may have the same blessings. Why not plan now for next year? True, we have not many teachers, but two more schools can be started in September. "Where there are six children there should be a school."

Let the watchword, "Safety First," apply to our children. Let us see that they are safely cared for physically, and spiritually.

Dear parents, pray about the matter of having a school. Many will say, "It cannot be done," but when the Lord says it should be, it can be.

We have some consecrated young people to whom you can commit your children with safety.

May the Lord bless the parents of our children.
T. D. ROWE.

Notice to Sabbath School Secretaries

In many conferences there seems to be a difference in the actual money handed over to the conference treasurer by the Sabbath schools and that reported to the conference secretary. You will be surprised to know that when the totals were calculated there was six thousand dollars more of Sabbath school money at Washington than the secretaries had reported to the department. This was shown by the statistical secretary's report for the last quarter of 1915, and as his figures came directly from the conference treasurers, their accuracy cannot be questioned. Not only this, but the treasury department shows nearly two thousand dollars Sabbath school money which is not listed in the statistical secretary's report. Now, what has Ontario to do with this? Naturally we are more concerned about our home conference. We are told by Mrs. Plummer (the secretary of the department) that for the last quarter of 1915 Ontario's report from her Sabbath school secretary showed \$597.70, while \$657.00 had really been sent to the treasurer of the conference. This is a difference of \$59.30 for one quarter.

To get at the root of the matter, individuals or maybe a church or two do not report their Sabbath school offerings to me each quarter, therefore it is impossible for me to report to Mrs. Plummer at Washington. Now, if there are any persons not doing this kindly inform me, and I will send you blank reports at the end of each quarter to fill out and return to me. Those at the head of the Sabbath school work certainly want to get credit in their summary for all that rightfully belongs to the Sabbath school. We can easily help them out if a little care is taken in reporting all Sabbath school offerings to the one acting as conference secretary of that department. It is not enough to simply send your money to the conference treasurer, as she does not know that you have not reported the amount to the right source.

This really applies to isolated members more than to churches I think, and we would like very much to get in touch with these persons.

The Sabbath schools are doing a large part in sending the gospel to all the world in this generation, but Ontario is not doing as much along this line as some other conferences, at least her name has not appeared on the "honor roll" in the *Sabbath School Worker*. Let us increase our Sabbath school offerings to the amount of fifteen cents a week if at all possible, not for any special honor we might get, but because "the Lord loveth a cheerful giver," and we must give for the message to go.

MARGARET B. SHANKS.

"A friend is a fellow who knows all about you, but likes you."

Oshawa Sabbath School

On the last Sabbath of the first quarter of 1916 the secretary of the Sabbath school at Oshawa read the result of the thirteenth Sabbath offering, and it amounted to \$16.42. The membership is 14 so the offering averaged a dollar and seventeen cents for each member. This is very good in view of the fact that there are but six wage earners in the membership. The total offerings for the quarter amounted to \$45.29, average of \$3.23 a member for the quarter or 23 cents a week a member of the Sabbath school. Our superintendent and secretary keep a sharp eye on this matter of the offerings and that accounts for this good record. Here is a hint for other superintendents and secretaries.

EDITOR.

Ontario Tithes and Offerings for February 1916

Churches	Tithes	Miss	Misc.	Total
Albion	\$ 14 40	\$ 2 18		16 58
Attercliffe	10 00	6 00		16 00
Belleville				
Brantford	123 93	21 76		155 69
Bouck's Hill				
Chatham	52 69	5 98		58 67
Dresden	45 00	4 00		49 00
Exeter	10 60	11 44		22 04
E.C.M.Seminary	39 95	12 74		52 69
Galt	39 20	5 00		44 20
Hamilton	218 55	38 06		256 61
Iroquois	15 15	85		16 00
Individuals	50 14	3 70		53 84
Kenyengah	15 45			15 45
Kingston	57 40	1 00		58 40
Lindsay	5 74	6 84		12 58
London	58 05	15 26	\$2 55	75 86
Muskoka	3 00	80		3 80
Niagara Falls				
Napanee				
Ottawa	50 38	80		51 18
Oshawa	54 40	22 55		76 95
Paris	45 00			45 00
Peterboro				
Petrolia	11 11			11 11
Selton		2 50	2 05	4 55
St. Catharines				
St. Thomas				
Toronto Central	70 00	15 67		85 67
.. East	19 83	5 89		25 72
.. West				
Total	\$1,019 97	\$183 02	\$4 60	\$1,207 59

MARITIME

A Word to the Faithful

Maritime as a conference has endeavored to do its best in the work of God and to proclaim the third angel's message throughout its own territory, also to pass the message on to the mission fields abroad. Our field is in great need of more workers, and we wish to secure some who are willing to pass by more enticing fields and labor with us here. The Union Confer-

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ence voted that Elder J. T. Errington and Sister Sadie Baker of the Ontario Conference be released to labor in Maritime, and Ontario was favorable to this recommendation. We are rejoiced to know that the Lord is directing these workers to our assistance.

It is our desire that all our people in Maritime will make this year the best this conference has ever had. Now we as workers are planning to labor harder than ever before to make a success of the work, and we want every member in this conference to work with us. Do not allow week after week to pass without the reading of your Bibles with much prayer. See that you secure some tracts, magazines, or some of the new books just off the press entitled "Armageddon", which should be in the hands of every one seeking for truth and light in these days of darkness. Let us sow the seed now while we have the opportunity, that we may rejoice in the time of the harvest.

In order to cooperate with the workers in this conference, we should each return to the Lord a tenth of our income, that in these troublous times we may have his help and prosperity in our temporal and spiritual affairs. To make this year our best, each day must be an improvement over the past one. Let us make each day's labor a march toward the kingdom. We know not how many days God may yet grant us in which to finish his work. Do you feel, my dear brother or sister, that your work is finished? Do you expect to have it finished some day? If so, do your part of it to-day; for we know not what a day may bring forth. We often say to ourselves, I must have a better Christian experience, I must read my Bible more, I must pray more often, I expect to get some literature to pass out to my friends and neighbors, I expect to be faithful sometime in tithes and offerings, I expect to be ready to meet Jesus with joy when he comes. If we expect to reach this experience, we must do our part of it to-day. A man in St. John attended our meetings for several years and expected to bring his life into harmony with all the truth sometime but delayed the step he intended to take, thinking not to-day, not this week, not just this month, and so several years passed, until without a moment in which to ask God to forgive him he passed into eternity. Our time is NOW, let us all do our duty and be ready to meet our record when our cases come into review before the great tribunal of heaven.

G. H. SKINNER.

Special Charts

The following is a list of charts which will prove a help to gospel workers:

Weekly and Yearly Sabbaths	45 in. x 90 in.
The Two Laws	48 .. x 72 ..
The Sanctuary	48 .. x 72 ..
The Seal of God	96 .. x 72 ..
Mark of the Beast	96 .. x 72 ..
Protestant Admissions	96 .. x 72 ..
The Seven Churches	96 .. x 84 ..
The Sabbath Bridge	96 .. x 72 ..

These charts are hand finished on the best of goods, and can be purchased, with many others not mentioned, from Lyman R. Gray, Sydney, Cape Breton.

Notice Regarding Armageddon

We have been greatly pleased over the splendid response of our people to the call to circulate the new book Armageddon. We are sorry not to be able to send the sample copies out at once but some changes had to be made in the Canadian edition that took more time than we had anticipated so we ask our friends to be patient a little longer and we will hurry the books out just as quickly as they are ready.

CANADIAN PUB. ASSN.

PROF. M. E. KERN of Washington, D. C., formerly president of the Washington College, has been assigned to visit the campmeetings in this Union this summer. The young people will be especially pleased to know this as he heads the Young People's Department of the General Conference.

Study at Home

The Fireside Correspondence School will show you how. Agents wanted. Send for our "Nutshell" Calendar. Address, C. C. Lewis, Principal, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

OBITUARY

WORDEN.—Alberta Pitt was born in Greenwich Hill, King's County N. B. and died at St. John, N. B. March 8, 1916, aged 43 years. In 1897 she was united in marriage to A. W. Worden, who survives her with two sons and one daughter. She was a member of the Church of England from youth, and when twenty-three years of age accepted the third angel's message and became a member of the St. John Seventh-day Adventist Church. Several years ago she had a stroke of paralysis, which rendered her incapable of attending church services and worshipping with God's people. We look forward to the resurrection, when all the faithful ones will again be able to praise God and worship with all his people from Sabbath to Sabbath.

GEO. H. SKINNER.

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