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The Oshawa Effort

The series of meetings conducted here in Oshawa was brought to a close April 5, as the hall could not be retained longer than that time. Twenty-eight meetings were held with a good attendance from first to last. Thus far nine persons have taken a definite stand for the truth. Several others are on the point of decision, and we look for them to step out shortly. It is a great encouragement to the members of the Oshawa Church to have these new faces among them, and the Sabbath school membership has been materially increased. It will be necessary to follow this effort up carefully by visiting and holding meetings on the Sabbath and Sunday nights in order to develop fully the result from the meetings held. A good hall has been secured for Sabbath and Sunday evening meetings. We plan on baptism in about four weeks, and we expect twelve to be ready for the ordinance then. Two of those awaiting baptism were brought into the message by the labors of Brother Wagar. The rest came out as a result of the meetings recently held. The church has faithfully distributed tracts and Brother and Sister Capman, when they lived here, visited and sold literature which has borne fruit in leading souls to heed the message when presented by the living preacher.

We greatly appreciate the help of the students who distributed reading matter and in other ways contributed toward the success of the meetings. The assistance of the young people of the church in visiting among those who were showing an interest helped me greatly. Special singing was provided for each evening service either by Miss Edna Leach or students from the Seminary. So all have worked together faithfully in the proclamation of the message here and all will share in the reward.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

SINCE Elder Campbell wrote the above, six more have decided to keep the Sabbath. This makes fifteen so far from the Oshawa Effort.—EDITOR.

ONTARIO

Who Will Go?

"Go work in my vineyard. The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few." This scripture was brought very forcibly to my mind one day a week or so ago. While calling on one of the business firms here to get some advertising work done a gentleman stepped up to me and asked what my business was. I quickly replied, "I am one of the King's messengers." It soon became evident to me that he was a minister. I handed him one of our weekly *Signs* and told him I thought if he would buy a copy of the book "Bible Readings" it would be a great help to him. Just in a few moments I sold him "Bible Readings" "World's Crisis," "Vatican and the War," "His Glorious Appearing," and gave him twelve numbers of the *Review Extra*. A day or two later I met a man who asked me if I knew of any good books that would be a help to him in the study of the prophecies. I sold him "Great Controversy," "Daniel and Revelation," "Bible Readings," "Steps to Christ" and some other small books.

Since I began Sunday night meetings in October last I have sold nearly a hundred dollars worth of books and other literature. I did not spend thirty minutes all told in selling, as that is not the business I am engaged in. But I was just thinking of a number of individuals in this conference who might hear the voice of the Master saying, "Go work in my vineyard today." What a grand opportunity we have to give the message to the people by selling them our books and magazines. Nearly everybody is inquiring today for some good books or papers to read, and if some of our people who are not engaged in other lines of work for the Master would just take hold of this part of the message and make it their business, they could help finish the work and at the same time make means

for themselves. The Lord is calling every individual who belongs to him to work today. Do not wait for a more favorable opportunity. It will never come. When I heard this truth I just stepped out and began to work, and the Lord has opened the way for me to continue in it. I began to sell our books and I enjoyed it immensely, and believe I could have made a success of that work. Anyone can who will devote his time and energies to it.

MATT. J. ALLEN.

Notice

To all our people in Ontario we are glad to be able to announce that it has been decided to hold our annual campmeeting and conference at Brantford this year from June 19-25. Because of the campmeetings having been held east of Toronto for several years, there has been a strong feeling that we should go west of our metropolis this time. Brantford is located on the main line of the Grand Trunk Railway, sixty-three miles west of Toronto.

In view of the solemn times in which we are living, this will be the most important meeting of its kind ever held in this conference, and it ought to be the largest. No one can afford to be absent from this gathering of God's people. Let us all begin now to pray and plan to be present. A. V. OLSON.

London

On Sabbath, March 11, four candidates went forward in the ordinance of baptism. Two of these were from Exeter and have lately embraced the truth. Elder Errington officiated assisted by Brother T. H. Robinson and the writer. Special music was rendered by Sister J. J. Robinson. The service was greatly enjoyed by all and especially so as it was the first time we had used the new baptistry. I expect we will have another baptism shortly when all candidates will be ready. About twelve are now waiting, so I hope to have a good report to offer soon. Surely the Lord is impressing the honest in heart to make their decision. The field is ripe for more workers. This war is forcing men and women to ask, "What do these things mean?" On the trains, street cars, in the streets and everywhere we turn the topic is war. All are very much concerned over present conditions.

Our church missionary society has begun a very aggressive work. Such literature as the *Maple Leaf* series of tracts, *Present Truth* series, "Armageddon" and the *Signs* is being used. The people seem to be hungry for just what this literature contains. Everything indicates the soon closing of the message and just now is our opportunity to work. Remember the work in this part of the field at the throne of grace.

WM. H. BOYCE.

Missionary Sewing Circle

A few weeks ago Brother Capman told you of the forming of different bands in the Hamilton Church, all working for the Master, but along different lines. He also said that from time to time the leaders would let you know of the progress their bands are making. I am pleased to report the success of the Ladies' Missionary Sewing Circle. We organized February 23. The members are as follows: Sisters Capman, Henderson, Hubbard, Reid, Carlson, Legg, Ducheno, Walton, Gosnay, Miss Kathleen Gosnay, Mrs. Ford and myself. The object is two fold. First, to help clear the mortgage on the church; and second, to do sewing for a small sum for those who cannot do it themselves or who cannot afford to pay a regular seamstress. If in any case nothing can be paid the work will be done free. The missionary thought is the one kept uppermost in the mind.

Here is the method we have taken to secure a continuous income: It costs five cents to join the meetings. They are held at the homes of the different members every Thursday afternoon beginning at 2 o'clock. At each meeting we pay one cent. If later than 2:30 we pay an extra cent, and if absent we pay two cents. Each member is supposed to donate material to make such saleable articles as her means will allow, also to either buy or sell at least one ten cent article a week. When selling among strangers we take tracts with us to leave with the people, and wherever possible we talk to them along missionary lines. We make such articles as our people would buy at a dry goods store, and as a great deal of the material is donated by outside friends we are enabled to sell the articles cheaper than they are sold in the stores. The money for the goods goes into the Lord's treasury instead of in the cash box of some merchant. Those who have not been able to donate money on the church mortgage can now feel that they are doing so and that they will have a share in the blessing that God always pours out on his faithful stewards. At the end of each month the amount realized is handed to the church treasurer to apply on this mortgage.

All the members are enthusiastic and are working in a spirit of unity. At each meeting someone is appointed to read. Thus far most of our selections have been taken from Sister White's writings. Sister Henderson is to give us a health talk in the near future.

Since organizing we have held five meetings. Each one lasted two and a half hours making a total of eleven hours, and we have turned into the church treasury \$17.10. There are but twelve members, and one of these has been ill and not able to attend at all. Five garments were given away, so we realized nothing on these. We hope to do even better in the fu-

ture. I trust that this report will be an inspiration to other churches.

EFFIE DEER.

Hamilton

I have been greatly helped by reading reports of different ones through the MESSENGER and hope that a word from me may help someone else.

I have very much to be thankful for and want to bear witness to all who read this of the power of God. I was critically ill, past all human aid, but was restored to health by the Great Healer through special prayer and the laying on of hands by some of God's ministers. This experience has been a blessing to me and it brought with it greater responsibility and burden for souls. It is my determination to work for the Master. I have been spending some time selling literature. I came across a lady who was anxious to know more about God's word, and arranged to take her reading matter, which I did until I was taken ill. I could not visit her for three months. Before I sent word of my illness the lady thought she was about to lose what she had found, but I assured her I would return later and she was much pleased. I have been to her home since regaining my health and have been studying the Bible with her. She started to keep the Sabbath when I had only given her four studies, and we had not yet studied that subject, but what truth I had presented seemed clear to her and she felt that the Spirit of God was revealing his word to her as she never saw it before. She said she knew the seventh day was God's Sabbath and that she would accept it and not lose any more blessings. This woman's son, who has joined the army, has promised that he will do his best to keep the Sabbath even though he is at the front.

I have also found several others who are interested in the word of God.

I feel that we do not know the blessings we are forfeiting by not going out to seek for honest souls. I trust that God will impress upon our minds the importance of house to house work, and that we will rally to the work and not be found sleeping when the Master comes, but rather may go out to meet him bringing our sheaves with us.

CARRIE M. DUCHENO.

Missionary Volunteer Day Sabbath, May 6

We trust that the leaders of our churches in this Union will take note of the fact that Sabbath, May 6, is designated in the North American Division as Missionary Volunteer Day, and a special program has been provided for that occasion. It is not designed that the Missionary Volunteer Society as such shall have charge of the program, but it is to be in charge of the regular church leaders. The program is as follows:—

Song: "Christ in Song" No. 480

Scripture Lesson: Joel 2:12-17; 28-32; Isa. 40:24, 25

Prayer

Reading: Conference Greetings

Reading: "What the Missionary Volunteer Work is Accomplishing," by M. E. Kern

Special Music: "As a Volunteer" (quartette, in the *Instructor* of February 29)

Reading: "The Missionary Volunteer Work and the Mission Fields," by A. G. Daniells

Song: By the children or the young people

Reading: "The Missionary Volunteer Work a preparation for Service," by L. H. Evans

Report: Annual report of Missionary Volunteer work in your church by the society secretary

Presentation: Presentation of Certificates by church elder

Song: "Christ in Song," No. 678

Closing prayer

The readings are to be found in the *Review* of April 20, and the president of each conference will send the greetings to each church.

This occasion should result in awakening a deeper interest in our young people's work. We are sorry to say that this department has been sadly neglected in this field, but it is to be hoped that we may redeem the time and secure a genuine awakening among our churches on this subject, for we feel that "he who saves the children saves the church." Blessed be those among us whose hearts go out to the young people and who are earnestly striving to hold them to the truth for this time.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

MARITIME

What Am I?

1. I make weekly visits to where I am invited.
2. I cheer the faint hearted.
3. I gladden the heart and lighten the cares of many.
4. I give help whereby all may grow spiritually.
5. I speak encouraging words to the discouraged.
6. I help mothers with the perplexing problems that come in the training of their children.
7. I take the place of the minister to the isolated believers.
8. I keep you in touch with the signs of the times
9. I tell of the results of the tithe used in the home land.

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NETTIE KNISTER, *Treasurer* " "10. I tell of the result of your free-will offerings
for foreign lands.11. I should visit every Seventh-day Adventist
home.12. You can afford my visits, but you cannot af-
ford to be without them.13. I make a weekly visit for a year for two
hundred pennies.14. I am now only making thirty-four weekly
visits in the Maritime Conference, when I should be
making many more.15. I will begin my visits to your home at the
earliest opportunity upon receipt of your invitation
at the Maritime Conference, 184 Winslow St., West
St. John, N. B. or at the Canadian Publishing Assn.,
Oshawa, Ontario. I am the good old *Review*.

LULU VANBUSKIRK.

Seminary Current

On the evening of April 10 the music students gave a recital in the Seminary chapel. The weather being favorable, the chapel was well filled with listeners, who, by their applause and satisfied expressions when leaving, told that the selections rendered had been carefully chosen and the musical talent well developed.

The boys are at work planting trees and fixing up the school campus. Already marked improvements have been made, but we need shrubbery and plants to set out. This is your school. Would you not like to help beautify it by sending some shrubbery or hardy plant, express prepaid? Please send your gift at the earliest date possible along with the name and directions as to the care of it.

We are sorry that Clarence Justason has been called from his studies to help his father at home. Clarence intends to do a full year's work here next year.

Monday night, April 17, the Seminary chapel was filled with the many friends and students of the school to attend a Temperance program given under the auspices of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society. Seated on the platform were Professor Rowe and Mrs. Stalter, president of the W. C. T. U., Oshawa. The former gave the introductory remarks and the latter read the report of a recent Temperance rally held in Toronto. Then followed many selections consisting of dialogues, songs and recitations all voicing Temperance.

Recruiting

Since the publication of the former list of recruits others have signified their purpose to enlist in the work of selling our literature, and the list at present stands as follows with others to be heard from:—

John Pengelly	John Heaver
Charlotte Wallis	Frank Salway
O. D. Terwillegar	Hubert Martin
Terrance Martin	George Butler
Charles Joyce	Mrs. Chas. Joyce
John Finch	Gertrude Smith
Annie Telford	Oscar Cardy
Howard Capman	Minnie Abray
Fred Hosking	Mrs. Fred Hosking
Mrs. Crosby Smith	Mrs. Effie Deer
Robin Smith	Inez Cowles
Minnie Levy	Lyman Gray
James Archibald	Harry Cogle
Everett Crawford	Five American young people

This brings the list up to thirty-two. We plan on at least forty, and are working for sixty. Let us hear from others.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

Weddings

Fred W. Hosking and Miss Delma Nisbett were married at Lindsay, Ontario, April 3, Elder A. V. Olson officiating.

Frank M. Hadcock and Louisa J. Wilton were married at Chatham, Ontario, April 11. Reverend J. T. Marshall officiated. They had arranged for Elder Post of Detroit to perform the ceremony, but found at the last moment that this could not be arranged.

Mahlon Myers and Georgina McKinnon were united in marriage by Elder A. V. Olson at the home of the bride's parents at Brantford, April 15.

We wish each of these married couples every blessing and much happiness.