

"THIS GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM SHALL BE PREACHED IN ALL THE WORLD FOR A WITNESS"

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# Union

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#### \*The School Work in Newfoundland

I feel that I have much to praise the Lord for at this time. Soon school will close for this year [written June 2]; and as doubtless the brethren will be looking for a definite report of the work done, I thought this a good opportunity to let you know what progress has been made.

I reached St. John's October 6, just one month after all the other schools had begun work, so most of the pupils who would have come to our school were already in school, and obligated to stay until the first of the year. Then as the school room was in a state of repair, we spent ten days more in getting it ready so that the opening was delayed until October 16. Some of the brethren worked hard and faithfully to get the room ready.

Before I arrived, a plan had been agreed to whereby the material for the repairs and also the furniture was to be paid for by the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons." The furniture is up-to-date, making a great improvement over the benches formerly used. On the whole we have a very respectable looking school room; and although we are short on some material, yet we have enough to get along with, and will endeavor to improve the supply from time to time.

School opened October 16 with but fourteen pupils present, and during the first two weeks no additions were made. But since that time there has been a steady increase, until now if all enrolled came on the same day, we could not find desk room for them. Our seating capacity is forty. In all forty-five have been enrolled during the year. Of these, four were taken out on account of work, leaving our present enrollment stand at forty-one. Eight of these have come in during the last two weeks, so will be of little help financially this year.

It has been our plan to run the school on good business principles, and to this end bill heads have been printed, and bills sent out each term six weeks before they are due. The term consists of twelve weeks. A fee is charged according to the grade, the smallest being one dollar and the largest \$2.50 for the term. We allow a ten per cent discount if there are two from the same family, and a fifteen per cent discount if there are three or more. In addition to this we allow a five per cent discount on bills paid within ten days from the date of issuing.

For this last term the fees have amounted to a little over forty dollars. Of course this is not all paid in yet, but I have good reason to believe it will be soon as I had little difficulty in collecting for the other terms of this past year. I, myself, have acted as treasurer as it was difficult to find any one else with time to do the work.

At present all grades are represented up as high as the eighth, with the exception of the sixth. I have but one in the eighth grade, four in the seventh, one in the fifth, eleven in the fourth, and the remainder in the lower grades.

For myself, I am not altogether satisfied with the work done, especially the Bible in the lower grades. I am planning a big improvement for next year. In grade eight I have had two pupils in "Old Testament History" all winter, in grade seven I have used "Christ's Object Lessons," and in grade five "Christ Our Saviour." In the lower grades the work in Bible has not been so systematic, but I expect to introduce our primary "Bible Series" next year. I would have done it during the past year; but the brethren had been under considerable expense, and some thought that to do so might keep the outsiders' children away, so I decided do my best without the books.

In other branches to the best of my ability full justice has been done to the work, in English and Mathematics the same text books being used as at Williamsdale and South Lancaster.

The prospects for a good attendance next year are very encouraging. Of course we have advantages

<sup>\*</sup>We publish the above report which was sent to the Canadian Union Conference, believing it will be of interest to all our readers.

here that are not found in Canada or the United States. All schools are private, and in all fees are charged, so we have as good a chance to build up as any. Our fees, too, compare favorably with the others.

Brethren, I need your prayers. I feel the weight of the solemn responsibility that is placed upon me, and I know that nothing can be done in my own strength. It is often perplexing to know just what to do, but I am trusting all to him who knows and sees all.

> Your brother in Christ, W. C. HANNAH.

# Ontario

M. C. KIRKENDALL, C. D. TERWILLEGAR President, Secretary, 96 Bartlett Ave., Toronto Oshawa

#### **Ontario** Conference

(Continued)

The sixth meeting opened with resolution No. 9, which read as follows:---

"Whereas, The Lord has through his Spirit told us that if there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the people, thus leading them to search the scriptures, and—

"Whereas, This branch of the work for which God has made us responsible is not in the most flourishing condition in our conference, therefore,—

"*Resolved*, That we take steps at once to place the colporteur work in Ontario in the position its importance demands.

(1) By establishing a tract society with an efficient secretary.

(2) By employing a field agent as soon as the proper person can be found for this work.

(3) "By the encouragement in every way possible of those engaged in the sale of our literature, and by urging others who have the ability to take up this work."

Relating to this Elder Kirkendall said that the profits coming to the tract society will support the laborer in Ontario. He thought we should have a home for it without payment of rent. Elder Guthrie said the sales would have to be increased from three thousand dollars a year to ten thousand and seventy dollars in order to enable a central union tract society to exist.

10. "Whereas, The larger part of our work lies in the regions beyond, and—

"Whereas, There is a great need for more men and means for the the prosecution of this work, therefore,—

1I. "Resolved, That we pledge ourselves by the help of God to raise a fund for missions during 1912 to or greater than fifteen cents a week per member."

A motion was made covering the whole of these resolutions, voted upon, and carried; also that a report of the conference proceedings be published in the MESSENGER.

The Committee on Credentials and Licences reported the following which was voted upon and carried:—

For credentials: Isaac Sanburn, W. J. Blake, M. C. Kirkendall.

For ordination and credentials: Matt. J. Allen, J. T. Errington, F. W. Johnston.

For ministerial license: Leonard Payne, Walter Holden.

For missionary license: J. C. Williamson, Wm. Boyce, Grant Priddy, Joseph Capman, G. W. Sowler, C. D. Terwillegar, Sadie Baker, Barbara Sherk, Mrs. J. T. Errington, Mrs. Joseph Capman, Mrs. William Boyce, Mrs. J. C. Williamson, Mrs. Grant Priddy, Miss Margaret Shanks, Miss Lura Robinson, Mrs. G. W. Sowler, Mrs. Matt. J. Allen.

Relating to a question as to the release of mortgage of ten and three quarter acres of land described in a statement sent by Mr. Robert Taylor, the matter was brought before the conference, and the letter read. It was moved by Brother Robinson that such release be made according to request on consideration of receiving two thousand dollars on the Taylor and Mussen loan, and that the Conference Committee in behalf of and for the conference be duly authorized to make such release.

In explanation of the above I may say that Messrs. Taylor and Mussen have effected a sale of a portion of the Lornedale Academy property upon which we have a loan of eight thousand dollars, and they have offered to pay us two hundred dollars for a release of that portion.

> M. C. KIRKENDALL, Pres. C. D. TERWILLEGAR, Sec. (To be concluded)

## Hamilton

On July 7 we opened our meetings in the tent on the corner of East King and Tisdale Sts. to an audience of about three hundred. During the week the attendance was not large, but on Sunday night the tent was filled, and many stood outside; probably four hundred in all heard the "Millennium." Surely we see the fulfillment of the Spirit of Prophecy that it takes something extraordinary now to arouse the people.

We have organized a Missionary Volunteer Society, the members being nearly all young people. They go from door to door distributing tracts, and inviting the people to the meetings. In this way we expect to create a good interest, as well as give our young people and as many of the older ones who wish to join with us, an opportunity to have a part in the work. They have agreed to pay twelve cents a week toward a fund for papers and tracts for the tent effort.

We are of good courage.

MATT. J. ALLEN.

#### Paris

We have come to the end of another quarter, and we thank Almighty God for his loving kindness in sparing our lives while so many around us have been taken away. We know that he will be with the people who

put their trust in him: he has promised that the angel of the Lord will encamp round about them that fear him, and deliver them. As we begin a new quarter, may his Holy Spirit guide us all the way.

Two persons who are very much interested, know that Saturday is the Sabbath, but seem to be afraid to step out. Remember them in your prayers. The Paris company are enjoying God's blessing and hope to do much more for his cause and kingdom in the future than in the past. Pray that the Lord will keep us all faithful.

During the past quarter the following work was done by the church: Periodicals loaned or given away 24 Periodicals sold 20 Books loaned 2 Tracts distributed 15 Letters written 2 Letters received 3 Bible talks 1 MARY KEMPTHORNE.

## Maritime

J.	O. MILLER,	LULU VANBUSKIRK				
	President,	Secretary				
	G.W. MILLER,	Field Miss'y Agent,				
	Williams	dale East, N. S.				

### A Solid Kick, But Not at Football

[The following letter under the above heading, written by Elder W. C. Young, who is now located in Sydney, C. B., appeared in the Sydney "Daily Post," of July 9. The letter was called forth by the interference of the mayor and police with a number of seamen from a French warship lying in the harbor, who engaged in a game of football in Victoria Park on Sunday afternoon.-Ed.]

"One can easily understand why the officials should exercise themselves when the laws of the land are being violated. But-and it is a question that looms large in my mind-what excuse can we give our French visitors that such iniquitous laws are found on our statute books? How can we explain to them that the game which they played on Sunday, if engaged in on Saturday or Monday, in fact upon any other of the six

days of the week, would be called an innocent, harmless recreation; but when entered into on Sunday, its very nature is changed and that which was innocent becomes criminal?

"Time and again have the Lord's Day Alliance assured our citizenship that it does not stand for the union of Church and State, and that it is opposed to anything that savors of religious legislation, and seeks only in its efforts to secure to the poor working class a day of civic rest instead of a religious one- one that will preclude the possibility of hiring toilers in whatever capacity upon one day out of the week (that which is called the Lord's Day). If the nature of this Act, the Lord's Day Act, is purely civic, why then is it that that which is not only legal but laudable upon civic holidays, becomes a crime on Sunday, and otherwise peaceful citizens become criminals? Is it not right to engage in these pastimes upon all other civic rest days? Surely any one can see past the speciousness of this claim; for none were hired to toil, none even deprived of their God-given right to rest if they so desired.

"It seems to me that this very experience not only tears aside the mask from the nature of Sunday laws, but also from those who formulate them; i. e., that Canadian inquisition called the Lord's Day Alliance.

"If the person who reported the game to the mayor felt that his religious devotions were being disturbed because the rest of the community did not see fit to worship according to the dictates of his conscience, I would like to suggest that his religious instructor draw his attention to Rom. 15: 4-6.

"As a decendant from one of those who stood by and saw King John sign that glorious document, the Magna Charter, and as one who reads the past history of all enactments and their dire consequences, not only in old England, but in the Netherlands and America and elsewhere, I desire to raise my voice against any approach to the union of of Church and State, having seen recorded how these very things became a lash in the hands of bigotry, and recognizing that the true-hearted Christian only requires a 'thus saith the Lord' to carry him through the requirements of Christian doctrine even though hedged in by stake, death, and persecution as evidenced by the past history of all churches.

"In closing, Mr. Editor, it appears. to me that if any form of religious dogma can not stand on purely religious foundations, then its appeal to legal force for strength is in itself. a stultifying evidence of its weakness.

> "Sincerely yours, "Homo"

### **A Request**

Much enthusiasm was shown at both the camp meetings in the Union this summer regarding the temperance work and our duty therein. Resolutions were passed pledging ourselves to renewed efforts along this line. At the meetings when these resolutions were discussed, several instances were related of how the Temperance Instructor had helped individuals to quit the use of drink or tobacco. Now what we very much desire is that all persons knowing of such instances write the same out for us. Please do this at once, and send to the undersigned. We will not use names, but believe a good work can be done by these testimonials to the value of the work we are trying to do with these special issues of the Instructor. Please do not forget the request, but comply with it at once.

E. R. Allen.

## Who Was It?

Some one has written us on a picture post card with a scene on Wyndham St., Guelph on it; and the writer did not sign his name. If the name is sent, we shall be glad to find out about his club of Signs, and send the tracts wanted.

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## **Our Broken Walls**

Over a winding wayside wall,

Ragged, and rough, and gray, There crept a tender and elinging vine,

Tireless day by day.

At last its mantle of softest tint

Covered each jagged seam;

The straggling wall, half broken down, Became, with that leafy, tinted orown,

Fair as an artist's dream.

Oh for the kindness that clings and twines Over life's broken wall,

That blossoms above the scars of pain, Striving to hide them all!

Oh for the helpful ministering hands,

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Beneficent, willing feet,

That spread rich mantles of tender thought O'er life's hard places, till time has wrought

Its healing-divine, complete.

—Lanta Wilson Smith.

#### **Obituary**

BOYCE .- Isaac L. Boyce, born in the county of Leeds, Ont., in 1847, died of pneumonia at his home in Petrolia, Ont., Sunday, June 23, 1912. In 1855 his parents moved to Woodstock, Ont., where he became interested in the oil fields which led him at the age of 18 to Pennsylvania to engage in that industry. Later he went to Bethuele, and finally settled in Petrolia. He was united in marriage with Miss Carrie Vincent, who survives him. Besides his wife four children are left to mourn their loss: William, of London, Ont.; Russel, of Louisiana; Lewis, of Petrolia; and George, of Wallaceburg. About six years ago while a tent meeting was being conducted in his home town, Brother Boyce recognized the truth, and in the face of difficulties stepped out to keep the commandments of God. When the little church at Petrolia was organized, he was called to the position of Elder, thus the burden of caring for the little flock was laid upon him; and it can be said of him that he bore it nobly and well. therefore, we have the full assurance that "when the chief Shepherd shall appear, he shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away." Brother Boyce was loved and respected by all who knew him. His meek disposition made him an attentive husband, a loving father, and kind neighbor. The funeral services were conducted by the writer in the presence of quite a number of friends and neighbors who came to pay their last respects to one who had set before them an exemplary Christian life. We laid him to rest in the beautiful cemetery west of Petrolia to await the call of the Life Giver.

M. C. KIRKENDALL.

"The Lord God is a sun and shield."