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Get an Education

To the young people of the Maritime conference, I wish to address this question, What are you planning to do this coming school year? Of the fathers and mothers, I wish to ask, What are you planning on having your children do this coming school year? These questions are vital ones, and should receive thoughtful and serious attention from all.

- I quote from the book "Education," "Our ideas of education take too narrow a range, there is a need of

men and young women for the best in this life and for the eternal joys of the life to come.

Every young man and woman in this conference should be at Williamsdale this coming year, and to go a step farther, you can be here if you desire. Remember, we get what we want in this world providing we want it bad by enough. Seize every opportunity from now until time to enter school next fall, and without a doubt you will be here. It is the idle young person, not the great worker, who always complains that he has no time or opportunity



broader scope, a higher aim. True education means more than the perusal of a certain course of study. It means more than a preparation for the life that now is. It has to do with the whole being, and with the whole period of existence possible to man. It is the harmonious development of the physical, mental, and the spiritual powers. It prepares the student for the joy of service in this world, and for the higher joy of service in the world to come."

Christian schools have been established throughout all of our conferences. For what purpose? To fit young

Some young men and young women will make more out of the odds and ends of opportunity, which many carelessly throw away, than others will get out of a whole lifetime.

Begin to plan to be in school. God wants you here. Another quotation from the book "Education," "Higher than the highest human thought can reach is God's ideal for his children." This alone should spur us on to the highest and best within the range of our possibilities.

The portentous times in which we are now living, the vast amount of sin that is prevalent and the trouble of

all kinds which is sweeping over the world like a great tidal wave, should stir us as we have never been stirred. You can sacrifice nothing too great for God, or his work. Get an education at any cost. The soldier must have training to be of very much service to his country, so must we be trained before we can efficiently and successfully fight the gigantic battle that is ours to win.

God needs men and women of stamina and Christian character, and we know and have evidence that the Lord is here at Williamsdale to bless and strengthen those who come here with a desire to become trained workers for his service. It is the skilled workman, the educated person, in the world today, who climbs to the top and is in demand for the best positions of honor and trust; so much more must the young people have a training in our Christian schools that they may be the main stay of the work, the ones who fear no foe and with God's help will "press the battle to the gates."

Decide to attend school, put forth every effort. It matters not if we are poor. God helps a poor man just as much and oftentimes more, than a rich man. There should be no such word as failure to an active, able-bodied, wide-awake young person. A glance at the history of our country will show that the majority of our successful men in every field, were poor boys at the start, so none need despair.

Begin to pray now and the Lord will reveal to you the course to follow in order to be in school. You will each receive a catalog for 1915-16, and I would be pleased to hear from each young person with reference to his plans. If you can see no way to attend, write me, perhaps I can help you out by some suggestions.

We are counting on a full school for 1915-16 of earnest young people who can be trained for service in the great work that we all love. We solicit your hearty co-operation and prayers for the success of Williamsdale Academy.

Be sure to read the testimonies of the students in this issue.

L. O. MACHLAN, Principal.

Bible

It seems rather absurd to write in defense of Bible study and yet experience shows that it is sometimes necessary.

The chief recommendation for its study is its authorship. Its author is God. "In the beginning God created." So our Bible account starts. The closing is the same. "Behold, I create all things new." Between the two statements is the account of the history of God's dealings with men in endeavoring to bring "many sons unto glory." This account is filled with the lives of many noble characters, men like the rest of us, who have won the battles of life through the power of the gospel.

The gospel is powerful. It is moving. Every live person is drawn to the Scriptures because of this quality. We like to have things go.

What is the secret of its power? (1) It has a divine author. "Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God." (2) Its teaching is pure and makes for purity of life. (3) Its unity admits of no ridicule or adverse criticism. Only the ignorant see apparent flaws in it. (4) It comprehends all phases of life by giving counsel, warning, encouragement, instruction, and approval for each one according to his needs. (5) It is in its prophecy that it manifests particular power. It doesn't wait for history to be made. It anticipates history. It therefore commands our respect and careful study. It is only by a careful, systematic study that it is profitable, and no time offers more promise than youth and no place is more suitable than our Christian school.

In the study of the Bible, with its noble characters, and its account of the love of God and the workings of God with men, we are brought close to the source of all power and unquestionably our lives are influenced for good.

If it were for nothing more than the study of the Bible, the year at Williamsdale would be well spent.

N. H. SAUNDERS,
Instructor in Bible.

History

History and Bible go hand in hand. To the student of history the Bible is invaluable. It makes otherwise obscure history plain. All recent discoveries have corroborated Bible history, so the Christian historian has an additional source book that the non-Christian refuses to use.

So also, to rightly understand and fully appreciate the Bible one must have a good grounding in general history. Many apparently contradictory statements are easily cleared up, then one has a knowledge of the setting.

Very often we get the best understanding of a subject by considering the proper definition of it. What then is history?

"History has been called a narrative of the life of humanity." No one can truly understand the subject without taking into consideration the purpose for which man was created; the abnormal conditions under which the world now exists; and God's plan to restore man to the perfect state from which he fell.

For these millenniums this warfare between Christ and Satan has been waged for the supremacy in man; history is the record of this conflict. Let it be borne in mind that while evil seems everywhere largely to prevail, God has not yielded the supremacy to the evil one, but through his providence and through his appointed agencies he is working out his own will, and right will triumph in the end.

Mere history, then, is the record of the life of humanity on the earth viewed as the battle ground of the great conflict between good and evil. And he who would rightly study history must keep his eye fixed on the great

scheme of human salvation. So much for a definition. What is the object of historical study?

"We study the life of a man not merely as a matter of curiosity, but to learn the lessons from his life that will help us in our lives. So we study the life of humanity to discover the divine principles of life as applied to sinful man; to imitate the virtues and avoid the follies of the past; to know God's dealings with men and nations of the past that we may understand his providences in the present. Thus history becomes clarified experience. McCurdy in his "History, Prophecy and the Monuments," says, "It fixes our attention upon the world of men and human society, widens our horizon of sympathetic observation, varies indefinitely the subjects of our reflection, and perpetually changes our point of view. It thus corrects narrow inductions, rectifies hasty judgments, and steadies and sobers the practical imagination for the affairs of life."

"We see the operation of cause and effect and are better able to make right decisions on questions that arise in our own affairs, in the church, the community and the State." "Ker's Notes."

We are told that experience is the best teacher. When it is personal it is a rather hard and expensive one. It does not need necessarily to be our own experience. By proper application we can force the history makers of the past to work overtime for our benefit.

The study of history makes for broad-minded, far-sighted, sympathetic, practical men and women. Therefore, we must conclude that a good course in history is essential to a successful life.

N. H. SAUNDERS.

Instructor in History.

Efficiency

It is said that this is an age of specialists; a man seldom becomes brilliantly successful in the eyes of the world unless he patiently concentrates his efforts on a particular phase of his work or profession. Hence the allusions innumerable to "concentration," "having a high aim," etc.

If these are the requirements of worldly standards, it should make a vast difference to teachers and students in the schools of the Church, as to the character and standard of its (the Church's) educational system.

Certainly no one needs to be convinced of the extremely high character of a work in which God himself, has graciously given direction. His ideals for his children are "higher than the highest human thought can reach."

For the building of the tabernacle in the olden days of Israel, skillful workmen were required, and not less essential is such requirement now.

Students, what is your standard? Are you making your scholarship simply as good as that of the world, or infinitely better, because of your lofty purpose? Do you

remember the quotation,—"A man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what's a heaven for?"

We have endeavored to keep high standards in mind this year in our school work. The students in the English and Music departments, as well as in other departments of the school, have already proven the worth of "attempting great things," and the value of having an ideal—a high ideal, that calls out the best that is in one, assisting toward the realization of astonishing possibilities in whatever one undertakes.

One of our maxims is, "He can who thinks he can." Then we have Paul's "I can," with its still more boundless possibilities,—"I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me."

GLADYS G. MACHLAN,

Instructor in English and Music.

What Williamsdale Does for Young People

Dearest to me, next to my home is the Williamsdale Academy. I cannot tell all the benefits I have derived from my stay here. However I feel that I must tell at least one. Having an aim in life, and working toward that aim, has proved one of the greatest blessings to me. I have certainly appreciated the untiring interest in behalf of the students, by the teachers. My only regret is, that Williamsdale does not offer any higher grades. Owing to this, I am forced to leave the dear old place.

VIOLET MORGAN.

Williamsdale Academy has done for me much more than I can express in a few words. Since coming to this school I have made advancement in spirituality, which is the greatest essential in life. I have learned many good, practical lessons from all my teachers both of former years, and also this present year. One thing I regret is, that I shall have to leave Williamsdale soon. I would be glad if another grade were added.

ELSIE FORWARD.

Williamsdale Academy will always be remembered by me; not only for the education which I received, but because while attending there I was led to accept Christ as my Saviour. To those who have a desire to get a Christian education, I would say, "Plan to attend Williamsdale next year."

LEWIS HARTIN.

Indeed Williamsdale Academy has been a great help to me, both in my education, and spiritually, and I can truly say this year, especially, has been a good one for me,—yes the best one in my experience because I have found the Saviour, and have determined to follow him, no matter what the cost. This is my only desire, to serve him faithfully, and when he comes, to be able to meet him in peace; and my experiences here at school from day to day are ones I will always remember because I feel Christ is surely with us here.

OLIVER. B. STEVENS.

As a member of the graduating class of 1915, I wish to say a good word for Williamsdale Academy before leaving. I have received much, during my three years'

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stay here, both educationally and spiritually. I feel that every young person in Maritime who feels the need of a Christian education, ought to be here. I recommend heartily Williamsdale to all in Maritime who are anticipating attending school next year. C. S. JOYCE.

I feel that Williamsdale Academy has helped me in many ways. The faculty have been conscientious, God-fearing persons, as also the students. They have helped me in my spiritual life as well as my educational and I earnestly pray that every young person in the Maritime Provinces will strive to be at Williamsdale for 1915-16.

MRS. C. S. JOYCE.

Williamsdale Academy has helped me very much during my stay here. I have been helped spiritually. I know the Lord has blessed me since I came here. It is my intention, if the Lord is willing, to attend this school the coming year, because it is my prayer and determination to get as much training as possible to fit me for some work in God's cause. FRED HARTIN.

I am glad to say that the Williamsdale Academy has been a great blessing to me. And I am sure that every boy or girl who attends the Williamsdale Academy will be repaid for all his effort. We derive so much more from this school than from the public schools.

MANCHESTER RYDER.

Williamsdale Academy has done much for me. I have been helped in many ways by my stay at Williamsdale. I can not speak too highly of our school, and would think it a severe hardship if I could not attend next year.

ARTHUR KEIRSTEAD.

I have spent about four years at Williamsdale, and I feel I have received many blessings both in the school work and in trying to prepare myself for future work in the Lord's cause. I hope if it is the Lord's will I shall

be able to come here another year, and gain many more blessings, for Williamsdale Academy has done much for me.

CARRIE HUBLEY.

This is my first year at the Williamsdale Academy and I can truly say that I have received many benefits, spiritually as well as mentally. I have decided to enter the canvassing field this summer that I may, with God's help, earn a scholarship and have the pleasure of attending next year.

JOHN HEISLER.

I want to say along with the rest of the students, what the Williamsdale Academy has done for me. After I accepted the message, I was encouraged by a student who had graduated at Williamsdale to make up my mind to attend, the coming year of 1912, and I came to Williamsdale with an earnest desire to fit and prepare myself for some part in the Lord's work, whatever it may be. I shall never forget my school days at Williamsdale, and the blessings I have received. I am in the ninth grade this year, and hope to graduate next year. And I am going to put forth a greater effort to finish at least twelve grades of work, and be a worker in His cause.

THERESA GRAHAM.

I can indeed say that Williamsdale has done much, very much, for me. I knew very little of the Third Angel's Message when I first came to Williamsdale, and I feel now that I have a clearer view of God's great love for his children although this is only my second year here. My prayer is that every young person of our Maritime conference may have the privilege of attending Williamsdale the coming year, and prepare for the Master's service.

IDA POLLOCK.

Williamsdale Academy has afforded me rich blessings since I have been here. It has helped me in gaining a Christian education. I am very thankful for the privilege of attending this school. It is my earnest desire to be back next year, that I may gain a speedy preparation for the Lord's work.

AMY DICKEY.

I WOULD like to have the privilege and pleasure of talking with the parents of the young people in Maritime conference. I have a clear message to bring. Williamsdale is a good place for your boy or girl.

We might say with Moses "Come with us and we will do thee good."

N. H. SAUNDERS.

WAS it a bit of clever diplomacy on the part of Germany to drag Turkey into the war? Constantinople may prove an apple of discord between Russia and England, between whom there cannot be said to be any very strong tie. The driving of the Turk from Europe will be but the "beginning of sorrows." Just a hint of what one will find under the title of "Another World War" in the June *Signs* magazine.

"The Lord would have us careful to do our best."

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Maritime Conference

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We are looking for a good attendance at our conference meeting to be held at Halifax June 7-13. This year the meeting will be of one week's duration and every delegate should be present at the first meeting that the business of the conference may be finished early, that we may devote as much time to Bible study and prayer and our spiritual needs as we can.

To unify our conferences in this Union, the delegate plan has been recommended and adopted, and each church is entitled to one delegate for the organization, and one additional delegate for each fifteen of its membership. All ordained local elders are delegates by virtue of their office. All conference employees should be delegates at large. Delegates should be persons who are members of our churches in good and regular standing, who have some knowledge of the Gospel plan of organization, and of the interests of the work of the Gospel. The operation of the conference affairs will be conducted in an intelligent way and God's cause will prosper. The work of the conference is transacted by the delegates in council with each other and decided by their votes.

Each church should be represented that the field as a whole receive careful attention.

Come to the conference. GEO. H. SKINNER.

Reduced Fares to Delegates

The railroad companies operating in our conference are as ready now as in former years to grant concessions to those attending our annual session. To secure these reduced rates a Standard Delegate's Certificate must be obtained from the ticket agent when purchasing a first-class ticket for Halifax, N. S. This certificate when duly signed by the conference secretary will permit the delegate a free return, over the Intercolonial if there are twenty-five in attendance; or over the other railroads should the attendance be fifty. When there is less than the required number of delegates for a free return, only a small portion of the usual rate will be charged upon returning.

Those travelling over the Intercolonial will take note that they must purchase their tickets May 31-June 9 inclusive, and return not later than three days after the close of the session. The reduced rates may be secured on all other railroads any time during the meetings with the same privilege of returning three days after the close.

Workers will kindly purchase first-class tickets to Halifax, securing certificates, and not use the usual permit.

L. VANBUSKIRK.

Maritime Annual Conference

The Maritime conference of Seventh-day Adventists will hold their Thirteenth Annual session at Halifax, N.

S., June 7-13, 1915. The first meeting will be called Tuesday, June 8, at 9:30 a. m. in the S. D. A. Church. May we look for a full delegation from each church. Each church is entitled to one delegate for the organization, and one additional delegate for each fifteen members. Officers will be elected and such other business as may properly come before the conference will be transacted.

GEO. H. SKINNER, Pres,

L. VANBUSKIRK, Sec.

Notice

The third annual meeting of the Executive Board of the Province of Nova Scotia in connection with the Seventh-day Adventist church of the Maritime Provinces will be held in Halifax, N. S., Thursday, June 10, at 3 p.m., at the time of the conference session held there at that time.

L. O. MACHLAN, Secretary.

Wedding

Halifax, N. S., April 27 - A quiet wedding took place this morning at the home of Mrs. Sweltzers, Maynard Street, when Miss Minnie Boutilier was united in marriage to Mr. Thomas Blakeney. The bride was becomingly attired, and presented an neat and tasty appearance.

Sister Boutilier is a member of the Tantallon church, and was beloved in the community in which she lived.

On Sabbath the 24th the church presented her with an autoharp as a token of their appreciation of her kind services rendered to them. She was organist of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Blakeney will reside temporarily in Halifax and then locate in Jeddore. They are earnest Christians, and we can look forward to good reports from that section of the harvest field.

They have the best wishes of their many friends for a happy and prosperous wedded life.

D. J. C. Barrett conducted the ceremony.

Quebec Conference

Notice

The thirty-sixth session of the Quebec conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held June 17-24, 1915, in connection with the campmeeting at South Stukely, Quebec, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, and the transacting of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Delegates' credentials should be sent immediately to the conference secretary, F. E. Dufty, 18 Calumet St., Montreal. Each church is entitled to one delegate for its organization and an additional delegate for each ten of its membership. The first session of the conference will be held at 9 a.m. Friday, June 18. All delegates should be present for the first session.

A. V. OLSON, President,

F. E. DUFFY, Secretary.

Have you mailed your Mission Card to the Conference Treasurer?

Ontario Conference

ELDER M. C. KIRKENDALL left Oshawa Sunday morning the 16th for the Chesapeake conference of which he has been elected president. This conference embraces the states of Maryland and Delaware. It is quite likely that Elder Kirkendall will make his home at Takoma Park, D. C. We will miss his genial and helpful presence from our midst but we trust that he will enjoy his new field and make as many friends there as he has in Ontario.

WE feel to thank the church members and church officers for their efforts to secure the good home missionary report. Still it is small compared to what it might be if all would realize the benefits, the far-reaching influence, and the results of such a report. If we will take an active part in this home missionary work, and endeavor to bring to others a knowledge of saving truth, our own characters will develop, our faith will grow strong, our zeal will become more steady and earnest, our love for God and for perishing souls all about us will become intensified, and many will be saved as a result of our efforts. Then too, if we will keep a daily record of work done, and hand in our report at the weekly home missionary meeting, it will encourage others to engage in this most important work. Surely no loyal Seventh-day Adventist

can remain inactive at this time, when there are so many opportunities to impart the light which God has given us. Let us be faithful. Let us work while it is day.

J. CAPMAN.

Obituary

"BLESSSED ARE THE DEAD"

VANBUSKIRK—Rhoda Jane Lidstone was born in Free-town, Prince Edward Island, April 21, 1867, and died April 10, 1915, aged 47 years. She was married to Albert A. VanBuskirk in 1888 in the city of Moncton, N. B., where she resided for 27 years. Four daughters were born to this union, three of whom survive, the father having died several years ago. The eldest daughter, Lulu, is well known in the Maritime conference having served as conference secretary for several years. Sister VanBuskirk was a member of the Baptist church until she received the truth of the Third Angel's Message through Elder Farman about 18 years ago, when she became a member of the Moncton S. D. A. church. She was a great sufferer, having been stricken with tuberculosis for several years, but patiently she bore her sufferings and trials and just before she passed away her comforting thought was the scripture, John 14: 1-3,—looking for that blessed hope, common to all God's people, of the return of Jesus to gather his faithful, weary children to himself. Maritime conference extends sympathy to the faithful daughters in their bereavement, but we know that they sorrow not as those who have no hope. The funeral service was conducted by the writer from their home, and we laid Sister VanBuskirk to rest in a quiet spot about five miles from Moncton to await her call when she shall answer to the summons of the Lifegiver.

GEO. H. SKINNER.

Report of Home Missionary Work for Ontario Conference for First Quarter, 1915.

| Name of Church. | Membership | No. Reporting | Letters Written | Letters Received | Missionary Visits | Bible Readings and Cottage Meetings | Subscriptions for Periodicals | Papers Sold | Papers Mailed, Lent or Given | Books Sold | Books Lent or Given | Tracts Sold | Tracts Lent or Given | Hours of Christian Help Work | Articles of Clothing Given | No. of Meals Provided | Treatments Given | Offerings to Home Missionary Work | No. Conversions | Signatures for Temp. Pledge |
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Colporteurs' Report, Week Ending May 15, 1915

Ontario

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| R. Gage | G. C. | 28 | 16 | 32 00 | 6 00 | 38 00 | |
| L. Chamberlain | G. C. | 36 | 1 | 3 00 | 19 00 | 22 00 | |
| Mrs. Roy Hadcock | Mag. | 9 | | 19 00 | | 19 00 | 19 00 |
| Win. Bryson | Mag. | 50 | 313 | 31 30 | | 31 30 | 31 30 |
| Totals | | 198 | 347 | \$118 85 | \$54 30 | \$173 15 | \$50 30 |