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Sabbath School Work

The people who are looking for the Lord's return are always pleased to learn that progress is being made in any department of the work, and I take this opportunity of telling you of the advancement of our Sabbath-school work here in Ontario. Last quarter the Sabbath Schools here gave more to missions than ever before. This is encouraging and it shows that the members are taking a deeper interest in Sabbath-school work, and the spreading of the world-wide gospel message in this generation. Our largest per capita during 1914 was 6.2 cents, and now we are told it is 7.6 cents. Another jump and Sister Plummer tells us we shall be on the "honorable mention" roll. Maritime, Quebec and little Newfoundland have already appeared on the "honorable mention" roll. Is there any reason why Ontario should not be there also? Let us do our best the remainder of this quarter, and when the call comes on the thirteenth Sabbath to give to the Spanish American mission fields may we be happily surprised by the liberal donations that have been made for the 25,000,000 people there who are calling for our help at this time.

Very few have enrolled thus far in the Sabbath-school Workers Training Course. We should be very glad if more of our Sabbath-school teachers and workers would follow these excellent helps in their teaching. Those who are following the course and have not sent in their names, or those who even yet wish to take it up, kindly send your names to me without delay.

There are a number of the little red covered books of Matthew still for sale, and the Sabbath-school department would like our people to have the benefit of them. They are especially nice for the youth and children, and cost but five cents apiece. We would also like to dispose of some birthday cards here in Ontario. Would it not please the little ones and bind them to the Sabbath School for their teacher to remember them with one on their birthdays? They have appropriate little verses on them and can be obtained for one cent each.

Now just a word about our worthy little paper *The Sabbath School Worker*. We would like to increase the circulation of this paper and our goal for it is not less

than 10,000. Are you taking it? Not as many have it as we would like to see. This paper supplies the best possible helps to teachers of every grade on current Sabbath-school lessons, and no teacher can afford to do without it. The price for a single subscription is fifty cents a year; two or more to one address, thirty-five cents each.

The Sabbath School has proved to be a real training center, and from its doors we are told many will go forth to impart to those who sit in darkness the lessons they have learned while faithfully attending there. We can still see room for improvement, so let us grasp hold of opportunities as they come. One will be given Sabbath, June 26 to make it a dollar day. "Someone needs your willing gifts."

MARGARET SHANKS.

With the Colporteurs

I spent last Sabbath and Sunday with Fred Hosking and George Butler at Guelph. The boys came in from the country Friday afternoon quite tired after a hard week's work. They were glad to see me and to have me with them during the week end. Six Sabbath keepers gathered at Sister Leach's home where we held a Sabbath School. After an interesting review of the previous Sabbath's lesson we studied the lesson for the day and then took up an offering for missionary work. The family was glad to have us with them, as they are the only ones here keeping the Sabbath. At the close of our meeting we visited a sister who at one time was a Sabbath keeper. She still believes it is the truth and often talks to others about it, and gives them tracts as she has opportunity. She said if meetings were held here she would reunite with us.

Sunday night we held a cottage meeting at Sister Leach's home at which several of the neighbors were present.

Monday morning George Butler and I started early for our field and were very successful in securing orders for the precious volumes. We secured an order at almost every house for either a large or a small book. The people were very kind to us. One lady paid us for her book in advance. Another lady said she bought three good books from a man some time ago. They were, "Coming King," "Making Home Happy" and "Steps to Christ." She spoke very highly of "Steps to Christ" and

said she had read it many times, and it always helped her live nearer to her Saviour. I expect the man who sold her the book was Brother Pengelly. When I told her "Great Controversy" was written by the same author she gave me an order for it. I find our books in the people's homes wherever I go. At another home the people asked me if my book was an Adventist book, I said that it was. They had listened to Elder Simpson preach our message and said they realized that the things he taught were true and that they were actually coming to pass. We secured an order for "Great Controversy" from them.

When I left George he was of good courage and felt confident that he would make his scholarship quite easily.

J. CAPMAN, *Field Agent.*

A View of Service

While in school we often read with sincerity the great commission of Matt. 28:19, 20, and earnestly long for the time to come when we shall be properly prepared to respond to that command from the lips of Him who has promised to go with us and stand by us to the end.

In Luke 10:5 we read, "The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few," but not until one becomes acquainted with the fact by experience, does he begin to realize the truthfulness and true meaning of the statement. We many times look upon this text as referring particularly to foreign countries, but nevertheless it is true of our own so-called Christian country, our own province. This fact has impressed itself solemnly upon my mind during my brief experience with the people of Wellington County these past few weeks. In my conversations with the people, I find many who believe that the present condition of affairs in Europe, and the new world as well, corresponds to that time of trouble spoken of in the sacred Word, and are willing to listen to any information on the subject. O that they all might have the opportunity of soon learning what we as Seventh-day Adventists have gained from the Bible! Truly, of all people, we ought to be the most thankful, ever rejoicing in what great things the Lord has done for us.

I also find some who have never heard of a Seventh-day Adventist denomination. Some of them have written the name in their memorandum books and expressed the desire to know something about that unheard-of sect.

I firmly believe that that little book, "The World's Crisis," will have a telling influence for good upon the hearts of many of those people who have a desire to know the way, and who have not had the opportunities as we have had.

May the Lord help us all, as canvassers and other workers, to cooperate with Him and with one another in bringing the blessed truths of the glorious message which we so much love to those who know it not. I am glad that I have taken up the canvassing work, and am thankful for the many helpful experiences the Lord has given

to me thus far, and earnestly pray that, with you, I may prove faithful to the end, and that we may never grow weary in well doing. But why should we, seeing we have such a helper, even Jesus in whom is all strength. The experience of Philip who was directed by the angel of God to make himself known to one who desired to know the truth; of Cornelius, whom God favored with a message from heaven; of Peter, not only bound in fetters between two soldiers, but also condemned to death, yet led safely out by the angel,—all prove to us that our heavenly Father is interested in our work for him.

GEORGE BUTLER.

A Canvasser's Note

The MESSENGER family will likely remember a previous article in regard to my experience with Mr. and Mrs. Merchant in giving them Bible readings on the Sabbath question while taking orders last winter. When I delivered I stayed over night with them, and they told me they had sold all their hogs and were not going to eat any more pork. They have their farm for sale and when sold they will keep the Sabbath. I hope all the readers of the MESSENGER will pray that Mr. and Mrs. Merchant will keep the Sabbath before they sell their farm.

JOHN PENGELLY.

Maritime Conference

The Halifax Campmeeting

According to appointment the annual conference and campmeeting of the Maritime conference convened at Halifax, June 6-13. A lot had been secured on Robie Street, on the north side of the city not a great way from our church building. On this lot the large meeting tent, the book tent and the dining tent were pitched. The day's program opened with a devotional meeting at 9 o'clock, conference session at 9:30, and Bible study at 11. The afternoons were devoted to convention work: Young People's meeting at 4 o'clock, canvassers' meeting at 5 and evening preaching service at 8 o'clock. The attendance was very good, there being over 70 in the Sabbath School on the Sabbath. Eleven out of the thirteen churches were represented by delegates, and the business of the conference went forward with smoothness and dispatch. Elder Skinner was elected president with the following persons as conference committee: Elders G. H. Skinner and D. J. C. Barrett; Brethren Machlan, Wasell and Farris. On account of the questionable state of Sister Lulu VanBuskirk's health it was considered advisable to relieve her of conference work to enable her to devote her energies exclusively to building herself up physically, and provision is being made to enable her to do so with suitable support. Her faithful labors as secretary and treasurer of the Maritime conference have been greatly

appreciated by both the local and Union conference management. The task of finding a secretary and treasurer was left to the conference committee and they requested Sister Mabel Patterson to take the work. Sister Patterson is well known to our Maritime brethren and sisters and to most of our people in the Union as well, as she was formerly editor of the MESSENGER. All will welcome her back into the work in the Canadian field again.

Among other resolutions passed was one authorizing the raising of \$500 to provide an adequate water system for Williamsdale Academy for fire protection and bathing facilities. \$300 of this was subscribed by the believers present.

It is planned to leave the large tent pitched where it now is and Elder Barrett and Brother Wasell will conduct an effort there.

The evening meetings were well attended by those not of our faith, and a real interest seems to have been awakened by the campmeeting.

Personally I do not remember of ever attending a better campmeeting than was held at Halifax. This was the testimony of all in attendance. A sweet spirit of brotherly love and mutual confidence prevailed all through the session, and on the last Sabbath morning the Lord blessed us with a special manifestation of his presence and all our hearts were revived.

Professor Sorenson, of Washington College, and the writer constituted the outside help present.

The outlook for this conference is very encouraging. Everything is looking up, and the time has come for an aggressive work to be accomplished. Twelve persons signified their intention to enter the canvassing work at once. We trust that enough young people in Maritime and Newfoundland will decide to enter Williamsdale Academy this fall to fill it to its utmost capacity.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

Newfoundland Mission

Distributing Our Literature

Knowing that it is impossible for me to write each individual an account of the different steps taken to advance the cause in these parts of the Lord's vineyard, it has been my custom to give a summary of the work done and of any incidents of general interest through these columns.

After leaving Catalina I reached East Trinity. There I had the privilege of distributing, in a large number of homes, either a paper or a tract, oftentimes both. On a number of occasions the people gave evidence of a deep interest in the signs of our times, and spoke of the present struggle in the war zone and the unrest among the laboring classes in the homeland.

Port Rexton lies within easy reach of East Trinity so we walked there, and between both places we reached

111 homes and distributed 221 papers and 227 tracts. We left Trinity by boat for Hearts Content, which is largely a cable town, and there visited 55 homes and distributed 110 papers and tracts.

From that place we took stage for Carbonear, stopping off at a village named Victoria, at which place the wives of a number of men who are working at Sydney Mines live. They have heard more or less of the message at that place from Brethren Barrett and Wassel. There we received an invitation to return and preach to them the message for these times, and we are considering how best to answer this call.

Walking from Victoria to Carbonear, a distance of only three miles, we reached the terminal of the railroad and caught the train for Bay Roberts. Here we were kindly entertained at the home of Brother and Sister A. J. Woods. At Bay Roberts we held two public meetings besides several meetings with the church people, joining with them in the observance of the ordinances of the Lord's house. Besides visiting the homes of the different Sabbath keepers we visited some who are not fully decided. Leaving that place we arrived home again the afternoon of the seventh at St. Johns.

A telegram was awaiting me there to arrange for the transportation and care of the body of Miss Margaret Strong; who died on the way to visit her mother, Mrs. Hy Strong, of Three Arms, and a sister to Mrs. James Dower, of Englee, both of whom are members of our church. As soon as the steamer Stephano arrived we arranged for the transportation of the corpse, and in response to an invitation by wire to accompany it, we took train for Louisport. We reached this place the following day but found further progress blocked as five of the coastal steamers were jammed in the ice at a place called Herring Neck. However a motorboat was sent to carry us to our destination. The men in charge had to pole it along amidst the pans of ice to get here. We are hoping that a strong wind will blow the ice clear of the land and allow us to proceed on our way. While waiting here in Louisport we have distributed 263 tracts in the different homes and are relying upon the promise, "My word shall not return unto me void but shall accomplish that whereunto I have sent it."

This may be the last opportunity I will have of writing you until the Arctic ice leaves our shores and is lost in the warmer waters of the Gulf Stream thus opening up navigation.

WM. C. YOUNG.

Miscellaneous

Present Truth Series

Though the "Present Truth Series" was not launched until January this year, it now has a subscription list of 60,000 copies, besides having orders for copies in bulk totaling nearly one-quarter million copies a month. Up

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Mission Funds Statement

ONTARIO

Amount at 20 cents to April 30 \$1873 40
Amount received 1029 67
Shortage to date \$843 73

MARITIME

Amount at 20 cents to April 30 \$792 20
Amount received 447 74
Shortage to date \$344 46

QUEBEC

Amount at 20 cents to April 30 \$527 00
Amount received 379 61
Shortage to date \$147 39

NEWFOUNDLAND

Amount at 20 cents to April 30 \$207 40
Amount received 101 11
Shortage to date \$106 29

to June 1 six numbers had been printed with a total of
1,064,000 copies.

This series is a babe as yet in the family of periodicals,
but its possibilities in the finishing of the work are
only limited by the missionary efforts of our churches.

Notice

As it is customary to omit an issue of the paper
about this time each year, the next issue will
be dropped, so there will be no MESSENGER dated
June 29. However send in your copy as usual, and
hereafter all copy for any special issue should arrive
here the Thursday previous to date of issue. The
limited help in the office this summer makes this
arrangement necessary.

Ontario Report of Tithes and Offerings for the Month of May, 1915

Churches	Members	Tithe	Miss.	Total
Albana	17	\$ 51 00	\$	\$ 51 00
Belleville	6	30 00		30 00
Buena Vista	31	33 65	13 53	47 18
Chatham	14	29 11	2 25	31 36
Central Tor.	11	25 10	10 40	35 50
East Tor.	12	20 00	12 49	32 49
Hamilton	65	221 22	42 74	263 96
Individuals		15 45	43 88	59 33
Kingston	24	23 00	4 02	27 02
London	33	81 00	14 72	95 72
Muskoka	3	8 00		8 00
Napanee	7	7 15	1 60	8 75
Oshawa	24	11 41	8 65	20 06
Ottawa	15	8 22	5 48	13 70
Petrolia	8	11 55		11 55
Peterboro	*	11 35		11 35
St. Catharines	6	6 61	44	7 05
St. Thomas	19	52 40		52 40
West Toronto	69	65 82	20 54	86 36
		\$712 04	\$180 74	\$892 78

*Membership not reported.

Quebec Conference Report for May, 1915

Churches	Tithes	Miss.	Sab. S.	Misc.	Total
S. Stakaly	\$23 00	\$ 1 05	\$ 5 88	\$ 6 00	35 93
Sherbrooke	61 00		7 17	2 11	70 28
Individuals	5 00			10 00	15 00
Mon'l English	60 93	4 02	11 08	35 00	111 03
Fitch Bay	47 40		2 70		50 10
North Hatley	10 44		4 23		14 67
Mon'l French	22 89	20 00	15 84		58 73
East. Can. Un.		5 51			5 51
Totals	\$230 66	\$30 58	\$46 90	\$53 11	\$361 25

F. E. DURY, Sec'y. Treas.

Colporteurs' Report, Week Ending June 12, 1915

Ontario

Name	Book	Hours	Value	Total	Del.
John Heaver	D. R.	51	\$ 20 00	\$ 27 50	\$
Howard Capman	G. C.	40	102 00	118 45	
Hubert Martin	G. C.	38	57 00	57 00	
Ruth Tenny	W. C.		8 75	8 75	
Edith Van Dusen	W. C.		12 50	12 50	
Miss Wallace	Mag.	4½	6 40	6 40	6 40
J. B. Hayes	G. C.	45½	16 00	27 75	
Total		179	\$228 65	\$258 35	\$6 40

Maritime

Walter Kierstead	P. P. and V.	31	0 00	10 95	4 95
A. Kierstead	S. P.	42	12 50	25 00	
		73	\$18 50	\$35 95	\$4 95
Grand Totals		252	\$247 15	\$294 30	\$11 35

Do not squander time for it is the stuff life is
made of.—Franklin.