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Maritime Conference

Are We Doing Our "Bit" for King and Country

We hear much these days, of war and patriotism, about "doing your bit for King and country." When the life and property of a nation is in peril those who have derived benefits from that country feel that they are in duty bound to help defend their homes and deliver them from the impending danger.

The people of God confess that they are strangers and pilgrims on the earth, for they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly; for God has prepared for us a city which hath foundations. Heb. 11:10-16.

Our sovereign is the Lord of lords and the King of kings, for whom we are all looking to take us to our home and country. In this home we will never be sick or sad, weary or discouraged; and we may enjoy the association of loved ones with no more partings. But my dear brothers and sisters, we receive, day by day, benefits sent to us by our Sovereign, while we are in the enemy's land. There are many of our King's subjects held by the enemy and bound by sin and error, who are His by creation, and again by the purchase of redemption. Can you enjoy freedom and leave them in bondage? The call to all now is, "Come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty." "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." And I saw, said John, those who had gotten the victory stand on the sea of glass, singing that triumphant song of victory before the throne of their Sovereign.

At the call of the King all must do their "bit" to hasten on the work of God to victory, that we all may go to our homeland. "And they loved not their lives unto the death." Will we allow pride and selfishness to deprive us from serving our great King and our heavenly country, and not be found doing our "bit" in every campaign that is waged?

Do your "bit" in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign this year and win another victory for King Jesus. The King expects every Christian to do his duty.

"Ho! my comrades, see the signal waving in the sky!
Reinforcements now appearing, victory is nigh!
Fierce and long the battle rages, but our help is near;
Onward comes our Great Commander, cheer, my comrades,
cheer!"

"Hold the fort for I am coming," Jesus signals still;
Wave the answer back to heaven, "By Thy grace we will,
Since I must fight if I would reign, increase my courage Lord;
I'll bear the toil, endure the pain, supported by Thy word."

What will be our prayer to the King, and what shall we answer him? GEO. H. SKINNER.

Newfoundland Mission

The Call to work, a Sign of the End

As each year rolls by we are reminded that the end of the race is fast drawing near. At no time in our denominational history have the calls for help been so urgent as at the present time. Notice the power attending the calls to be co-laborers with God. Everywhere men and women are springing into line, they feel the call to help close up the work. All seem to be imbued with one thought—giving up to the work. The dread of being found "settled down upon our lees" should fill every heart upon which the light of the gospel has shone.

The immensity of the work would appeal to any other people. But with the Sabbath truth, telling us that the God who is calling is the Creator of heaven and earth, consequently unlimited in power; and the knowledge that we are to be co-laborers with God; surely there is no cause to be discouraged because of its magnitude. With eyes fixed on Him the smaller is swallowed up or lost in the greater. This is no time to complain of being weary, any more than when running the last lap in the race is the time for the runner to

complain of the effort demanded of him. The great crowd that watches the race is an inspiration to the racer. So in our race for eternal life; as we near the goal the call of the perishing heathen should give us a stimulus. The earnest longing of angels, as they seem bent with eagerness to fill the places of those who drop out (see Ps. 103:20, 21 and "Steps to Christ" p. 99), is to hear the parted lips of the Judge say "Well done." Those words will never be said unless we have done well. It is surely time to give our calling a proper estimate. While there are not many of the rich of this world among us, and it is not to be expected there would be, for how hardly shall those that have riches enter the kingdom of heaven was voiced by One who is "the same yesterday, today and forever." (Heb. 13:8). Yet God has given the assurance that the riches "of the gentile shall come unto thee." So with a divine assurance of means; with a call that is divine; with a work that is divine; let us take hold of the work with the Harvest Ingathering *Signs* in such a way that the plan that originated in the mind of God may be fully met in us.

We had a solemn baptism in St. John August 29. All present were deeply touched at the meaning of the ordinance as the Scriptures were unfolded.

The work in Newfoundland is onward. In the next letter will be given the details of its growth and evidences of a new awaking in our island home as an answer to prayer. Will you pray more for us in this lonely field? WM. C. YOUNG.

Ontario Conference

Buena Vista Current

Students and teachers are beginning to arrive for the opening of school. Among those already at the school are Miss Roth, Miss Tenny, Ruth Ross, Ruth Tenny, Lewis Hartin and Sydney McElroy. Prospects are good for a full school.

Prof. H. S. Miller will have charge of the science and mathematics departments. His long experience as a teacher will be of great benefit to the school.

Crops on the school farm are excellent when we consider the very heavy rains that have proved so damaging to other farmers.

Again we desire to express our appreciation to the many friends of the school who in days gone by, have given liberally to help on the building, then later to send furniture, and now are giving of their means to help poor but worthy students

to get an education. May heaven reward them for their faithfulness.

Remember the school in prayer as it begins its work for another year.

School opens September 15.

Ontario's Harvest Ingathering Campaign Week September 20--24 Get Ready!

Canvassing Items

Miss Edith Myers, of Branchton, Ontario, has sold 800 "World's Crisis" this summer. This little book is an easy seller, and gives a very good synopsis of our message.

Miss Gertrude Smith, of London, has been very successful this year in placing our magazines in the hands of the people. She has disposed of 1000 periodicals and 108 "World's Crisis." This is Miss Smith's first experience with our literature. She has done good work.

Howard Capman had a very successful delivery only losing a few orders.

Quebec Conference

Notes

Ten adults have already begun to obey the truth as a result of the tent effort at Lennoxville.

Elder A. V. Olson spoke in the tent at Lennoxville one night last week on his return from Fitch Bay where he united Mr. Reginald Noble and Miss Eva Rickard in marriage.

Attention

What are the children and young people in your church reading? How many church elders and Sabbath School superintendents can answer that question? The question of reading should not be left entirely for the parents to wrestle with. It is sufficiently important to merit the studious attention of every church officer and every church member who is interested in the salvation of children and youth. The Missionary Volunteer Department wishes to cooperate with you in giving our children and youth a desire for good, wholesome reading, in supplying them with good books at the lowest cost, and in reading them systematically during spare moments.

The courses conducted by the department begin about October 1. The books may be obtained from your tract society. If you have a Missionary Volunteer Society, will you not help its officers to obtain the largest possible enrollment? Let as many older people as possible take the courses for the encouragement of the children and young people. If you have not a society will you not write to the conference Missionary Volunteer secretary for information and lead out in this important work?

The books in both courses should have a place in your church or Missionary Volunteer library and as far as possible, one or both sets should be in the library of every home. The books in the Junior Course cost \$1.75 postpaid. Those in the Senior course can be obtained for \$2.35 postpaid.

The first book in the Junior Course is a thrilling story of Livingstone's work in Africa; the second acquaints the reader with the children of the Bible; and the last book will cause every boy and girl who reads it to take a new interest in nature and learn many things from this wonderful lesson book. No junior can afford to miss this excellent series.

The Senior Course is equally important. The first book is one of the most interesting and urgent appeals for India that ever came to our American youth; the second book unearths to one the false foundation on which Sunday keeping rests, and equips one with historical facts concerning the observance of the true Sabbath in the early Christian era, through the dark ages, and down to the present century; the third book is the story of the man who had courage to declare in the face of the ridicule of the world his belief of the soon return of our Lord. Let not one young person within the sphere of your influence fail to read these books if you can interest him in them.

Family Worship

Family worship! What a great anchor to the soul! The seasons spent in a home where family worship is conducted as it should be will leave in the memory a fragrance that time cannot efface. No young man or young woman can ever forget those seasons of grace, when, around the family circle, petitions mingled with thanksgiving have been offered to the Father's throne for his care and protection, and for his guidance in the future.

There is nothing else that so sweetens the home life. True family worship is a fountain that brings streams of holy influences into every part of the household. It is a vase of perfume that sheds fragrance over all. It softens asperities. It

quells anger. It quiets impatience. It settles differences. It subdues evil passions. Hearts that are drawn together at God's feet every day cannot get very far apart. The frictions of the day are forgotten when all voices mingle in the same heavenly song. As the tender words of inspiration fall with their benign counsels, all feeling of unkindness melts away. The altar in the midst wondrously hallows and sweetens the home fellowship. Besides, it puts new strength into every heart. It comforts sorrow. It is a shield against temptation. It smooths out the wrinkles of care. It inspires strength for burden bearing. It quickens every religious sentiment, and keeps the fires burning on every hearts' altar.

The manner in which the family worship is conducted is very important. It should be made so pleasant as to be looked forward to with gladness even by the youngest children. Too often it is made tedious, monotonous, or burdensome. Men fall into a stereotyped order which they never vary. Long passages are read, and the prayers offered are not only long, but are the same every day from year to year, with no adaptation to the home life, or to the capacities of children. There is no reason why the family worship should not be the most delightful exercise in the home life. It should be the continual study of heads of households to make it bright, interesting and profitable. To make it dull and irksome is treason to true religion.

It is impossible to give more than the merest suggestions and hints as to methods. A part in the service should be given to each child. Questions may be asked each day on the passage read the day before. Incidents may be introduced to illustrate the lesson. Hard words may be explained. One practical thought at least may be selected from the scripture read which will bear upon the day's life. Cheerful songs may be sung. Then in the prayer some part should be given to the little ones. Sometimes it is good to have all follow in the prayer, repeating it phrase after phrase. And all may unite in the Lord's prayer at the close. When there are quite young children in the family, it may not be best to read the Bible in course, but to select portions in which they will be easily interested.

For an exercise so sacred and fraught with such influences, it is not too much to say that the most careful preparation should be made. It is probable that there are few duties for which so little preparation is actually made. If thought were given to this matter beforehand, the exercise need never be dull or wearisome. The passage may not only be selected but studied, and some point

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Amount at 20 cents \$3337 49
Amount received 2018 01
Shortage to date \$1319 48

MARITIME

Amount at 20 cents \$1411 31
Amount received 1024 11
Shortage to date \$387 20

QUEBEC

Amount at 20 cents \$988 86
Amount received 788 26
Shortage to date \$150 60

NEWFOUNDLAND

Amount at 20 cents \$569 49
Amount received 186 16
Shortage to date \$183 33

fixed upon for practical enforcement. A bright incident or little story may be read to help fix the lesson. The prayer may be thought over or even written out. A few minutes given every day to preparation for family worship will serve to make it, as it should be, the most pleasant and attractive incident of the day.—*Week Day Religion*, pp 79-81.

A Real Treat

The staff of workers at the College of Medical Evangelists, Loma Linda, California, have arranged with the publishers of the *Signs* weekly for a special medical missionary number, and it is an exceedingly valuable and interesting number indeed.

The college staff has provided the articles and illustrations. While it is unique in that it departs

from the regular plan of the paper, still it is a most instructive number and contains an invaluable message of health. It is a well-rounded out missionary number, both from the medical and doctrinal standpoints. Its readers will be well pleased with it and many of them will wish to preserve a copy. It could profitably be mailed to people throughout the country. Good lists of names should be sent in to your tract society office and individuals should secure a few copies for their personal use.

This special issue will bear the date of Sept. 14, 1915, and is now ready for mailing. Prices: single copies 5 cents; five or more to one person, 2½ cents each; five or more to separate addresses, 3 cents each. Order through your tract society.

A New Offer on "Stories Worth Rereading"

We are pleased to be able to announce that it has been arranged for that much desired book, "Stories Worth Rereading," to be furnished with all *Instructor* clubs for 50 cents extra on each book ordered. The number of books that may be secured with each club may range from one to the number of papers included in any club, but cannot exceed that number.

Through this arrangement it will be possible for our Sabbath Schools to secure for its members as many of these books with their *Instructor* clubs as they have papers, and each book will cost only 50 cents in addition to the price of the club. The offer is perpetual and applies on any club, no matter how small or how large, or for how long the club is to be taken. We hope all of our boys and girls will now be able to secure a copy of this inspiring book.

Colporteurs' Report, Week Ending Sept. 4, 1915

Ontario

Name	Book	Hours	Value	Total	Del.
Hubert Martin	GC	11			\$ 86 75
Geo Butler	GC	45	\$ 29 00	\$ 31 50	135 00
L Chamberlain	PG	40	37 00	37 00	
J Finch	PG	38	27 00	27 00	
P Van Ness	WC	14	2 50	2 50	19 75
C D Terwillegar	GC		3 00	16 20	
*Gertie Smith	Mag		100 00	127 00	127 00
*Miss E Myers	WC		200 00	200 00	200 00
Mrs F A Smith	WC	33	14 00	18 90	10 75
J B Hayes	GC				287 70
Total		181	\$412 50	\$440 10	\$856 95

Maritime

C Joyce	PPF	28			292 35
Grand Totals		209	\$412 50	\$460 10	\$1089 30

*During season