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## Union Conference

### How We Stand

The remittances from the various conferences of this Union are now in the Union office, and we are able to figure out where we stand on our twenty cents a week. Our standing is not particularly reassuring, and the following table showing it should receive careful study on the part of each conference president and church elder, for unless we address ourselves to the matter of materially raising the standard of mission offerings between now and the close of the year there is serious danger of our failing to reach the mark for the first time in three years. Not one of us will view such a prospect with equanimity. These figures will not have a depressing effect on our energies I trust. Let us determine, on the contrary, to win in spite of conditions and put forth thorough-going efforts to assure success. The standing of each conference to September 30 is as follows:—

ONTARIO	
Amount at 20 cents .....	\$4297 80
Amount received .....	2501 98
Shortage to date .....	\$1795 82
MARITIME	
Amount at 20 cents .....	\$1817 40
Amount received .....	1353 05
Shortage to date .....	\$464 35
QUEBEC	
Amount at 20 cents .....	\$1209 00
Amount received .....	1051 30
Shortage to date .....	\$257 70
NEWFOUNDLAND	
Amount at 20 cents .....	\$475 80
Amount received .....	258 50
Shortage to date .....	\$217 50
UNION	
Amount at 20 cents .....	\$7800 00
Amount received .....	5164 63
Shortage to date .....	\$2735 37

It is to be hoped that the Ingathering Campaign now in progress will help to reduce this heavy shortage. At all events the situation calls

for the hearty co-operation of every Sabbath-keeper in the Eastern Canadian Union. Foreign missions must not be allowed to suffer, war or no war. I feel assured that all will take hold with a will to help mend the situation. M. N. CAMPBELL.

## Ontario Conference

### Recent Committee Actions

The following items of business gleaned from the minutes of a recent meeting of the Conference Committee will doubtless prove of interest to our people in Ontario.

#### GENERAL MEETINGS

It has been decided to hold general meetings at various points in the conference during the fall and early winter. The first of these has been arranged for Dresden and Chatham the coming week-end, October 15-17. It has been suggested that others be held in London, Brantford, and Kingston. It is planned that these be attended by as many as possible from the territory adjacent to these churches with which these meetings will be held. While we are not able to give the precise date of these meetings at this writing, yet we trust that as many as possible of our people will plan to attend the meeting which in each case is closest their home.

#### MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER AND SABBATH SCHOOL SECRETARY

Miss Margaret Shanks, who for a considerable time has served in the capacity of S. S. and M. V. Secretary, tendered her resignation from these offices which was accepted by the committee. At the present writing no one has been appointed to succeed Miss Shanks, but due notice of such appointment as may be made, will appear later.

#### CASE OF ELDER MATT. J. ALLEN

As known to the most of our people, Elder Matt. J. Allen has not been connected with the

aggressive work of the conference for the past four or five months. Not feeling free to labor in harmony with the counsel of the Conference Committee Elder Allen withdrew from active work last May which is the reason for his not having been associated with the work as a laborer during the intervening time. Recently, however, a harmonious adjustment of these matters has been arrived at, and Elder Allen has given the committee an assurance of his desire to work harmoniously with his brethren and cooperate in carrying forward the work of the conference. The differences which resulted in his withdrawal from the work having thus been disposed of, the way has been opened for him to take up work again, and his commission as a laborer in this field has been restored to him.

#### CREDENTIALS AND LICENSES

In the absence of an Annual Conference session this year it was voted to renew Credentials and Licenses in the case of all regularly accredited laborers of the conference.

#### CONFERENCE CHURCH

At present we have no Conference Church Organization to which our isolated church members may belong. Lacking connection with some duly organized church, isolated members cannot secure delegate representation at our annual conferences. To provide for this and promote a closer affiliation among us as Seventh-day Adventists, it was voted that immediate steps be taken toward organizing an Ontario Conference Church into whose membership our isolated baptized believers might be invited. We would take this opportunity of urging all our people who may be eligible, but are not members of any local church, to either unite with the conference or some other church organization. A meeting of this church will be held each year in connection with the annual conference session. We would solicit correspondence from our isolated believers relative to this matter. M. M. HARE, Pres.

#### Trout Creek

I am glad to report that we have made a small beginning in the canvassing work and hope soon to be able to devote our entire time to it. Thus far I have not been successful in selling very many books, but the weather has not been favorable for doing much work, it being damp and cold, and this affects my throat and lungs. However, I was permitted to sow a little good seed.

I gave away a number of tracts to people I met while canvassing. As I talked with them I endeavored to find what they needed most and would give them one on that subject. Then I felt

that they were getting the very thing they needed.

The book, "Bible Readings" for which I am canvassing is a very helpful one. There are few people who cannot be interested in some of its many subjects if they are rightly presented. I hope to become so familiar with the book that I can intelligently present every phase of it to the people. I feel that I need training in the canvassing work and the rest of my family would also be glad to have some help from Brother Capman. It is our desire to continue in this work. W. H. COWLES.

#### Harvest Ingathering Notes

The latest report shows Ontario's orders for the Harvest Ingathering *Signs* to aggregate almost 8,000. Have you ordered yours yet?

The campaign is on in earnest, and we are learning of encouraging experiences. London has set about the task to win out.

The West Toronto and Central Toronto churches are working hard at it. One of the sisters in East Toronto came into the office a few days since for a parcel of papers.

An isolated sister sent in \$9.50. From Kingston comes word of one member, Sister C. D. Terwillegar, collecting to date over thirty-one dollars. What are you doing?

## Maritime Conference

#### Halifax Sabbath School

It may be of interest to the readers of the MESSENGER to notice that the aim set in this church since the beginning of the year 1915 has been an impetus to each member in reaching the desired goal. Each quarter a diagram was drawn on the blackboard, first using the thermometer which was helpful, as you will see by the report of the first two quarters of the year.

The thirteenth Sabbaths were days of rejoicing to us. We saw our anticipations culminate as we watched the mercury rising to the top and running over the desired aim.

The quarter that ended in September also reached the anticipated project, through a cluster of thirteen grapes, each grape representing a Sabbath. With the multiplied blessings of our Heavenly Father the last Sabbath was a day that brought courage to our hearts because of the highest aim ever reached in the donations for this Sabbath school since its establishment. Looking forward to greater blessings it will stir us to set our goal higher this coming quarter and reach it,

because of the great needs of the mission fields and of the solemn appeals of heaven to the Laodicean church to "be zealous and repent." Do not limit your means, church members, in establishing the work of God among heathenism today, but, "give of your best to the Master while it is called today, because the night cometh when no man can work." It is hoped that every church member will avail himself of the privilege of subscribing for the *Sabbath School Worker* and that it will be used in the Sabbath schools. Our testimony is that it has been a stimulus to us as far as we have gone, and has helped us in reaching the mark set. We hope to see reports of other Sabbath schools in the MESSENGER.

LYMAN R. GRAY.

### Report of Halifax Sabbath School for Quarter Ending September 30, 1915

Membership.....	25
Average attendance.....	18
Offerings.....	\$56 19

#### QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 1914

Membership.....	28
Average attendance.....	18
Offerings.....	\$32 04

#### QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 1913

Membership.....	20
Average attendance.....	16
Offerings.....	\$22 21

Since January 1915 an aim has been set by our Sabbath school for the three quarters following:—

Quarter Ending	Aim	Reached
September.....	\$55 00.....	\$56 19
June.....	50 00.....	53 90
March.....	35 00.....	38 80

### Williamsdale Academy Notes

Williamsdale is an excellent place to grow physically, mentally and spiritually.

Our present enrollment is twenty-six, and several more are yet to come.

"The decision to be an educated person is in itself one-half an education."

Several improvements have been made this year which have added much to the appearance and comfort of our school.

Every room in the boys' corridor has been papered and the woodwork freshly painted. All the living rooms for students are now papered as the girls' rooms were papered last year.

We have also a fine new hardwood floor in our chapel and main hallway. The waiting room and hallway in the "Cottage" have been newly papered and the woodwork re-painted.

We have just harvested our potato crop—three hundred bushels.

"Not failure but low aim is crime."

We have about seven hundred quarts of canned fruit for the winter's use.

Are you going to get an education? No means to go to school? Remember, "A man in earnest finds means, or, if he cannot find, creates them."

Fourteen of our students are planning to graduate this year. We hope to see all these at Buena Vista next year.

### Additional Numbers of the "Maple Leaf Series"

Since our new printing press has been installed and other improvements have been made we are in a position to go ahead with our plans for completing the *Maple Leaf* series of tracts and other publications especially adapted to our field. The following new numbers of the *Maple Leaf* will soon be ready to offer our people:—

The Bible; Its Inspiration and Importance

Is Man Immortal?

Last Day Deceptions and How to Meet Them

The Sabbath

Candid Admissions

The Church and the World (a poem)

The Faith of Seventh-day Adventists

D. M. Canright in a Nutshell

Which Day do You Keep, and Why?

These will be followed by others until a complete series of from twenty-five to thirty tracts covering the principal features of our message are ready for use. We would appreciate suggestions from our workers and members as to tracts which they would like to have issued. Some of the above are reprints of our standard denominational tracts; some are written especially for this series. We would also call attention to a reduction in price on the *Maple Leaf Series*. All numbers of four pages will hereafter sell for \$2.50 a thousand; \$1.25 for five hundred, express not prepaid; 40 cents a hundred and 25 cents for fifty, postage prepaid. Later announcements will be made as the tracts are ready for shipment. M. N. CAMPBELL.

### Others May, But You Cannot

If you are a Christian worker you belong to God. All that you have, are, or hope to be, has been deeded over to his service, and his service alone. The price that Deity has paid is the highest ever paid in the history of the universe—the life of the Son of God. 1 Cor. 7:23. Therefore "ye are not your own."

Others may question things, but you cannot. Others may speak careless words, but you cannot.

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W. St. John  
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St. John's

Others may delight in thoughtless actions, but you cannot. Why not? Because you belong to the Christ who would not do these things.

Many go to the theatre and find forgetfulness amid its visions of crime and folly, but you cannot. Why? Because Christ would not lend his eyes to such scenes, or his time to such. Life is too sacred for the artificial.

Many go to the concert, revel in the songs, and cheer its items that amuse, but you cannot. Why not? Because Christ would not sing the songs you hear in the concert hall. The witticisms heard and the loudness often seen there do not belong to the outfit of the Christian worker. Your association there will not elevate the throng, it will only bring you down to their level.

Many go to the horse race, indulge in the wild excitement of the hour, and cheer with the thoughtless multitude over the winner, but you cannot. Why not? Because the angelic messengers would not attend scenes where profanity, falsehood, boasting and cruelty make up such a large part of the programme. There is nothing there for you to learn but the sordid depravity of the human heart, nothing there that you can do for God, and your presence there will only weaken your influence for good where good might be done.

Many go to picture shows, gaze amused and enraptured at its living drama, catch its spirit of forgetfulness, and follow with attention its stories of crime and fallen life, but you cannot. Why not, it is such a popular and expensive form of amusement? Because your eyes are dedicated to Jesus Christ, and are to be turned away from evil and

from vanity. Because the education afforded by the picture show appeals to all the lower side of human nature. Its tendency is downward. It has never been known to elevate or bless. The money spent in that way is your Lord's money not to be devoted to service of Satan.

Many declare for national greatness, learn the art of war, and thrust with the sword to kill men, but you cannot. Why not? Because your God is the "God of peace," your Christ is the "Prince of peace," his gospel is the "gospel of peace," and the only sword that his servants can use is the "sword of the Spirit." Eph. 6:13-17. Your mission is to save, not to destroy.

Many are careless as to what company they keep. Forgetful of the fact that character is moulded by its environment, they walk with the giddy, the thoughtless, and perhaps the profane, but you cannot. Why not? Because human nature levels down more easily than it levels up, and if you seek such companionship you cannot but be like them. Christ loved the sinners and died to work out their salvation, yet he did not habitually associate with sinners. He brought them the message of life, and yet kept himself "separate from sinners." Heb. 7:26. "Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go: lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul." Prov. 22:24, 25. Workman of God, the way that leads to life is narrow. The world loves the broad way, but you are not of the world. Seek not to be like it. Let it see in your life a picture of the Christ-life that you profess to preach.—Sel.

## Quebec Conference Report for September, 1915

Churches	Tithes	Miss.	Sab. S.	Misc.	Total
North Hatley	\$14 30	\$	\$ 4 62	\$	\$ 18 92
Individuals	5 50	3 00	37 48	45 45	91 43
Sherbrooke	54 47	1 85	11 00		67 12
Mount'l French	11 10	20 00	25 63	126 00	182 73
South Stukely	17 43	44 12	13 42	102 50	177 47
South Bolton	47 22	4 00	6 40	5 00	62 62
Dixville	44 70	4 00			48 70
Namur	7 40				7 40
Fitch Bay	15 48		2 76	10 00	28 24
Mount'l Eng	79 75	2 65	20 45		102 85
	\$297 35	\$79 42	\$121 76	\$288 95	\$787 48

## Colporteurs' Report, Week Ending Oct. 9, 1915

Ontario					
Name	Book	Hours	Value	Total	Del.
P Van Ness	WC	20	\$ 9 25	\$ 9 25	\$28 80
C D Terwillegar	GC		3 00	12 25	
J Pengelly	CK	50	13 00	35 00	
Inez Cowles	BR	8	5 00	7 25	1 25
C A Wallis	Mag	20	10 30	10 30	10 30
Total		98	\$40 55	\$ 74 05	\$39 55