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Newfoundland Mission

Further Interesting Experiences

Arriving at New Bay Sunday afternoon, I at once sought the home of a man I had met on the steamer at the beginning of my trip north, with whom I had had some talks on the Bible, and to whom I sold four books: "Thoughts on Daniel," "Thoughts on Revelation," "World's Crisis," and "Friendly Talks." This person ran for member of the House of Assembly, holds a position of respect in the community, is a trustee of the M. E. Church and proprietor of some local industries. I found it was about two and a half miles to his house so left my grips at another home and started out.

Passing the Salvation Army barracks I called on the officer in charge, arranged for her assistance in a joint meeting and received her promise that nothing else offering, I could use the barracks.

I was received graciously at the home I visited. After tea I went to the M. E. Church and arranged with the trustees to hold our prohibition meeting in their building as it is the largest and most attractive in the place. After church we held a Bible study until nearly midnight, and before breakfast the next morning began studying the Word. Although the garden needed attention, the man of the house told his family that as they did not have many such opportunities they might all stay with the study, which they did until dinner time, and as I had to leave to make further arrangements in the village, I bade them adieu.

The church was well filled that evening, and I could not have asked for better attention than was given me. A vote of thanks was extended to the lecturer, and the chairman, one of the merchants of the place, wrote a glowing account of the meeting to the St. John's papers.

Next morning I started afoot to reach Exploits, and as a steamer was due only once a week I knew that I must accomplish the distance by walking and by row or motor boat, or else wait a whole week in that place. The day of election for prohibition was

fast drawing on so I could not afford to lose any time. Fortune Harbor was reached after a walk of three and a half miles. I visited the Catholic lady whom I wrote of last year. This lady was deeply concerned over the laxity of her priest regarding the question of prohibition. On several occasions she had witnessed scenes of misery and trouble in that community caused through drink, so seemed deeply stirred at the apathy of her spiritual adviser. I offered to go and talk with him and see if he would join me in an effort to stir the people up to the advantages of total prohibition. The lady seemed delighted, and got a man to row me across the harbor about a mile and a half to save me a walk of nine miles around it. When I arrived at the priest's home he was at breakfast. He listened to me courteously but told me they did not need prohibition there as no one was allowed to sell under local option. I saw it was of no use to spend further time arguing. I left and was rowed across the harbor, then walked three miles to a place called Waldron's Cove. After dinner I hired a boat and got two young men to row across the bay to the Pilot Station. Then I had a further walk of two and a half miles to Exploits which is quite a good-sized settlement. There I called on the adjutant of the Salvation Army and the M. E. minister and arranged for a public meeting the following night in the large Orange Hall. As there are a couple of believers living in charge of the light house about three miles out I walked there and spent the night with them. They were delighted to have some one open the scriptures to them. Next day after dinner I walked back to Exploits and found that the committee had perfected all arrangements, announcing in each of the school rooms the evening's meeting. When the time came the Methodist minister took the chair, the adjutant led in prayer, and the member for the district spoke a short time on the subject of prohibition. After words of appreciation from the chair and from several attending, the meeting closed with the national anthem. The chairman wrote an account to the press at St. John's, thus bringing us into prominence as a temperance people.

The steamer would not reach there for several days yet, so I inquired the cost of a motor boat to my next point and found that it was more than last year, so I decided to stay and spend my time visiting the people, distributing literature, and collecting for the Harvest Ingathering. The adjutant wished me to speak to the children of the school the next afternoon so I did. He also asked me to speak at the barracks the night I left and I accepted this invitation. Every seat was full, and the Lord gave me freedom for which I thanked him. Just as I closed the discourse the steamer blew her whistle warning the people that the boat was going ashore for passengers, so I hurriedly left, caught the boat in time, having previously seen that all was ready to raise at her arrival, and started for Moctou's Harbor next.

WM. C. YOUNG.

Ontario Conference

Week of Prayer at the Academy

Friday evening, Dec. 10, our regular student's prayer and social meeting marked the beginning of our week of prayer services. Brother Wagner took charge of the meeting.

The first reading entitled "Victory over Sin Through Faith in Christ," was enjoyed by all, the quotations from Sister White's writings furnishing us with ample subject for thoughtful consideration.

Elder Allen of Toronto was present. We were glad to have him with us on Sabbath also. He pictured to us many of the hardships and evils resulting from a course pursued in the broad way. The basis of his remarks was taken from Isa. 55:1-7, the principal thoughts being expressed from the seventh verse.

Miss Tenny and Mrs. Rowe conducted the Sunday evening service. The reading brought up the question of our duty to our neighbors in scattering the printed page with the truth-filled message for this time. The hearty response showed that God's Spirit will work when the flesh is willing.

Monday evening Professor Rowe and Professor Miller, having returned from their visits to the neighboring churches, were with us. Elder Olsen and Elder Campbell were with us also. The evening's subject gave us renewed courage to press on till the goal is reached.

Tuesday evening after the usual reading a call was made for renewed fellowship with God that the Spirit might have its perfect work in us. Many responded.

Thus our meetings were continued throughout the week.

The children's meetings were conducted apart from the adult's and youth's. Here too, God worked upon the hearts of the "lambs of the fold."

Our offering cannot be estimated yet as all the donations have not come in.

Academy Current

All are planning on a happy vacation this Christmas-tide.

Brother Allen's visit to the school was much appreciated by students and teachers. His talks were very interesting and helpful.

Four more students have enrolled during the past two weeks. After the holidays, we expect to have an enrollment of about seventy, including those living outside the home.

It is the prevailing opinion that this week of prayer has been a season of great refreshing. The Holy Spirit was a welcome guest, even though its chief work was to show us our sins. A spirit of confession, and forgiveness, took possession of all; and we believe that in many lives a permanent work was begun. As teachers we are anxious that the holiday spirit shall not draw our dear students back to the world. To this end we earnestly entreat each parent to cooperate with us by prayer and planning, that the students shall return to school stronger spiritually because of their visit home.

Quebec Conference

Interesting Experiences

One day while canvassing in Quebec I sold a copy of *La Sentinelle* and two copies of the 1914 Temperance *Instructor* to a Catholic merchant. When he saw the picture of the mother and child on the front page of the *Instructor* he declared that it was none other than the virgin Mary and the infant Jesus. He seemed very anxious about my soul's welfare, and after assuring me that he believed I was sincere he urged me to accept the "true religion." He invited me to accompany him to an upper room and there showed me a scourge with metal links at the end with which he scourged his body by way of doing penance. Pointing to the scourge he exclaimed, "This is what the Devil hates." He then took it and administered a severe lash to his body. How sad that these people know nothing of him by "whose stripes we are healed."

A little later in the day I came to a fine looking institution and upon pressing the button at the outer gate was admitted. In the main entrance to the right was a beautiful image of Jesus with the wounds in his hands, his feet and his side realistically displayed. At the left was a large grate door through which friends and relatives might converse with their loved ones who were confined within. I then discovered

that I was in a Roman convent and wished that I were safely on the outside. However, having rung the bell I waited for a response. Soon a young woman came up to the grate and peered through at me. Her appearance was ghastly and she looked to me like one who had come out of the grave. As there was no opportunity for a transaction of business there I passed on.

The Catholics here claim that if it had not been for Luther and Protestantism this present war would never have broken out. I am praying daily that the spirit that actuated Luther may be breathed upon the people here, that the reformation spirit may break in and free this people from the shackles of error and superstition.

A. M. TAYLOR.

WE were pleased to have Elder Olson call on us on his way to Québec from the council at Loma Linda, when he stopped off to pay Elder Campbell a visit. On Monday night he addressed the students at the Academy and his words were much appreciated. While there he gathered the Quebec students together and spent some time with them. We are always glad to have the brethren pay us a visit when convenient.

NUMBER four of the Maple Leaf Series is just off the press bearing the title, "The Bible: Its Inspiration and Importance." This is an exceptionally fine tract and should have a wide circulation. It is somewhat larger than the preceding numbers, having six pages instead of four. The price of this tract is \$3.50 a thousand; \$1.75 for five hundred, express not prepaid; sixty cents a hundred and thirty-five cents for fifty, postage prepaid. Send in your orders for a good supply. The next number which will be out in about ten days is entitled "Is Man Immortal?" Succeeding new numbers of the Maple Leaf Series will appear at the rate of one every ten days from now on.

After Six Years

"Some six years ago, a friend gave me your little book, *Signs of the Times*. I have just read it after all that time and will you kindly mail me a copy?"

This is an experience that is often seen with our good pioneer missionary paper. It convinces us that old copies of the *Signs* will still accomplish that whereunto they have been sent if we are only faithful in passing them on. Let us collect all old copies we have and get them into someone's hands. The articles and studies they may contain, while possibly old to us, are living, vital, current truth to the one unacquainted with this great movement; and will be duly appreciated, as indicated by this experience.

If your old copies are all gone you can secure a supply from the publishers at these astonishingly low prices: Weekly *Signs*,—50 cents a hundred, \$3.75 a thousand; magazines,—\$1.00 a hundred, \$7.50 a thousand. These will not last long. First come, first served. Order through your tract society.

To Our Readers

As it is customary at this time of the year to omit an issue there will be no paper printed next week. This issue is No. 50, and we thereby pass another milestone in the history of our conference paper. In January we start volume 16, thus entering upon the sixteenth year of our existence.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank our contributors for their efforts to make the MESSENGER a success, and to express our hope that future articles from their pens may be received by us to pass on to the brethren.

As we wrote several weeks ago, upon the receipt of this issue all subscriptions expire. To keep our paper alive it is necessary for you to subscribe at once. We feel confident that none of us desire the visits of the MESSENGER to cease as all wish to keep in touch with the affairs of the Union and local Conferences.

We wish all our readers a happy holiday season, and God's blessing to begin upon a bright and prosperous New Year.

EDITOR.

Eastern Canadian Union Conference

Notice is hereby given that the eighth biennial session of the Eastern Canadian Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at Toronto, Ontario, in the West Side church, January 11-16, 1916, for the election of officers for the ensuing term and for the transaction of such other business as may require consideration. The first meeting is called for three o'clock, January 11, 1916. Each conference in the Union is entitled to one delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for each one hundred members. The members of the executive committee of the Union are delegates ex-officio.

M. N. CAMPBELL, *President*.

EDNA P. LEACH, *Acting Secretary*.

Notice

The Maritime Conference Executive Committee and also the School Board will convene the latter part of December at the Williamsdale Academy. If any of the members throughout the Maritime Conference have any question to present before either of these committees, kindly send word of same to the President, Elder Geo. H. Skinner, at 184 Winslow St., St. John, N. B.

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Mission Funds Statement to November 30, 1915

ONTARIO	
Amount at 20 cents	\$5251 00
Amount received	3428 05
Shortage to date	\$1822 95
MARITIME	
Amount at 20 cents	\$2220 40
Amount received	2270 65
OVER	\$50 25
QUEBEC	
Amount at 20 cents	\$1477 15
Amount received	1277 21
Shortage to date	\$199 94
NEWFOUNDLAND	
Amount at 20 cents	\$681 35
Amount received	497 40
Shortage to date	\$183 95
UNION	
Amount at 20 cents	\$9550 00
Amount received	7484 10
Shortage to date	\$2065 90

Seven Billion Slain

Wars have claimed this number of men, so statisticians tell us. An article in the January *Signs* magazine contains this information in connection with a rental of the taking of Babylon by Cyrus, when he diverted the flow of the Euphrates and with his soldiers entered the city. With this introduction the writer then proceeds to explain Rev. 16:12-14,—"and the water thereof was dried up."

New Songs

Bro. C. P. Whitford, the "Sweet Singer of the South, is mailing six of his favorite songs for thirty cents. The words are beautiful and the melodies are pleasing. Address C. P. Whitford, Orlando, Florida.

Birth

On Thursday, December 9, to Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Saunders of Sherbrooke, Quebec—a daughter.

THE Morning Watch Calendar for 1916 has been completed and is ready to be mailed. The price is five cents as usual. There is great good accomplished by systematic study of the scriptures such as is encouraged by the Morning Watch Calendar, and we trust we may receive many orders for it from our people in this field. Order from the Canadian Publishing Association, Oshawa, Ontario.

WE learn that the general meetings held at London and Brantford were very profitable and helpful occasions. We are promised a full report of these meetings from Elder Hare soon.

Obituary

"BLESSED ARE THE DEAD"

RICHARD—This gentleman was saddened on hearing of the death of Mrs. C. F. Richard which occurred following a few hours' illness Thursday night, November 18, at the home of her brother in Richmond, where she was then visiting. The body was brought home to Fitch Bay on Sabbath afternoon, and the funeral took place Sunday afternoon at two o'clock, in the Seventh-day Adventist church of which the deceased was a member, the Reverend Mr. Vaughn officiating. The funeral was largely attended, indicating the general esteem in which Mrs. Richard was held. She was laid to rest in the Brookside Cemetery to await the coming of the Lord, when she will come forth crowned with life and immortality. She leaves to mourn their loss a husband, one daughter, Mrs. William Stratton of Fitch Bay, two sons, George, who is in school at Oshawa, Ontario, and Elmer, who lives at home.

MRS. EURETTA RICHARD

Colporteurs' Report, Week Ending Dec. 11, 1915

Name	Book	Ontario			
		Hours	Value	Total	Del.
P Van Ness	WC	24	\$19 75	\$19 75	\$2 75
C D Terwillegar	GC		3 00	6 75	
Total		24	\$22 75	\$26 50	\$2 75

Quebec Conference Report for November, 1915

Churches	Tithes	Miss.	Sub. S.	Misc.	Total
Name	\$ 00				\$ 00
Individuals	45 00	\$24 00			69 00
Mont'l French	27 50	20 00	\$11 54		59 04
South Stukely	15 02	2 10	2 80	\$5 00	25 22
Fitch Bay	14 88	8 05	1 81		24 74
Mont'l Eug	31 85	20 08	5 15		57 08
North Hatley	5 00		6 09		11 09
South Bolton					
Disville					
*Sherbrooke	35 97	4 22	7 94		48 13
*2 months	\$176 47	\$79 35	\$37 33	\$5 00	\$298 15