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Work

Let me but do my work from day to day,
In field or forest, at the desk or loom,
In roaring market-place or tranquil room;
Let me but find it in my heart to say,
When vagrant wishes beckon me astray,
"This is my work; my blessing, not my doom;
Of all who live, I am the one by whom
This work can best be done in the right way."
Then shall I see it not too great, nor small,
To suit my spirit and prove my powers;
Then shall I cheerful greet the laboring hours
And cheerful turn, when the long shadows fall
At eventide, to play and love and rest,
Because I know for me my work is best.

MARITIME

Success in Maritime Campaign

Here at the Maritime office we anxiously watch the mail day after day for the return of the mission pledge cards, and we are glad to report that many times we are not disappointed. We wish, through the columns of the MESSENGER, to thank those who have already responded, and we pray that God will prosper each of you in both spiritual and temporal things.

A very encouraging letter was received from one of our faithful church elders recently, in which he stated that, with the exception of two or three whom it appears have lost their interest in the message, every member was ready to pledge; and the same mail brought the cards containing their pledges. We are grateful indeed for the unity manifested among the members of this church, and may every church follow their worthy example. It will mean only the support of every believer.

While many are situated so as to be able to pledge liberally to the cause of God, there are a few who are not, and these we would ask to remember the widow's

mite. If the widow, because she had so little, had kept it for herself, what a blessing she would have lost! So if your pledge must necessarily be small, remember that it is not always the amount that counts, but the self-sacrifice and willingness. Let this not hinder your pledging.

If you are one of those who have delayed in this matter, will you not as you lay aside this paper place upon your card your weekly pledge for missions (not the full amount for the year) and either mail direct to us at 184 Winslow St., St. John, N. B. or hand in to your church elder at the first opportunity.

LULU VANBUSKIRK

Hopewell Cape, Salem and Hillsboro

On Sabbath, February 26, our church here at Hopewell Cape was refreshed and encouraged by the presence of Elder W. C. Young. We are always glad for the spiritual feast we are sure to receive from his visits.

On Sunday afternoon Elder Young occupied the pulpit of the Baptist church at Salem, giving an able and helpful address. In the evening he spoke to the large Baptist church in Hillsboro on Temperance. The subject was handled in a manner not often heard by the people of Hillsboro and was greatly appreciated by those present.

On Monday evening Elder Young gave a lecture in the public hall in Hillsboro on the war situation dealing with the subject from the standpoint of history and prophecy. In this meeting the chair was occupied by the Hon. C. J. Osman.

About twenty years ago the message was thoroughly preached in the communities around Hillsboro and was largely turned down resulting in much prejudice. In these days this is being rapidly overcome and I believe Elder Young's meetings at this time will result in giving the message a higher standing in these places. As evidence of the above Elder

Young was courteously received by the Baptist minister, Mr. Schurman, who entertained him over night at the parsonage in Hillsboro. I have had two articles published in our county paper and the third is on the way. I believe the time is rapidly approaching when a good tent effort in Hillsboro would accomplish a great work.

W. G. STEEVES.

ONTARIO

How I Began House to House Work With a Series of Tracts No. 2

At the first home the maid answered the bell. I handed her the tract and asked how she enjoyed the first one on the Inspiration of the Bible. She said the lady of the house was not in, but that she would see that she got the tract I was leaving.

At the next home the lady said, "I do not want your tracts." I asked her if she was a Protestant. She said, "Yes, but I do not want your tracts." Then I asked her for a reason. She said, "I do not have any faith in Russell, and I don't want any of his literature." I said, "I agree with you lady: neither do I have any faith in him, and he has nothing to do with these tracts." "Well then," she said, "who does publish this literature?" I replied, "The Seventh-day Adventists." She asked, "Are they not very much alike?" "No, indeed. There is as much difference as between daylight and darkness. His is the darkness. Did you read that first tract?" "No, but I have it yet." "I am sure if you read it you will be pleased with it. This one is on the Origin of Sin." She said, "I beg your pardon, I will read them both."

A man met me at another door and said, "Oh, these are Russell's papers, are they not?" I said, "No sir, they are published by the Seventh-day Adventists." He replied, "The Adventists are fine people, and I am sure I shall enjoy reading their tracts."

The next person said, "My husband and I looked the texts up and found every one of them in the Bible. We greatly enjoyed the study, but he said that before we go any further we ought to find out what they are." I told her (evading the question) that our missionary society had formed a literature band, that we took up an offering among ourselves to buy the tracts, and that we were doing this as home missionary work. I added that if she would like to help us in our work we would appreciate it. She promised me an offering.

Another lady said, "I have several small children and I can't get out to church, so I studied your paper on Sunday." I said, "By the way, we have formed a Bible workers' band and our Bible teacher expects us to go into the people's homes and study the Bible with them. There are some ladies in the class, and

one young lady said if I could find someone for her to study with she would gladly do it. How would you like her to come to your home and spend an hour one afternoon each week? It will not cost you a cent, and I am sure it will help you both." She hesitated a moment and said, "When would she come?" I said, "How would to-morrow afternoon do, say from two o'clock to three?" She replied, "Well you may tell her to come." I thanked her and said, "You may look for her to-morrow at two." In the next article I will relate how Miss Laura Sharp succeeded with her Bible reader.

JOSEPH CAPMAN *Miss, Sec'y.*

Toronto Central Church

October 3, we began our Sunday night meetings in the Orange Hall on the corner of College Street and Euclid Avenue. Thus far we have held twenty-three meetings in this hall besides a number of cottage meetings. The attendance has been good all through. We have endeavored to give the people the message in a clear way, and have presented every point of our faith. Thus far fifteen have accepted the truth. Five of these are to be baptized next Sabbath, the others preferring to wait till spring when they can be baptized in the lake. Besides the ones who have already taken their stand there are from forty to sixty who attend regularly every Sunday night. Some of them are paying tithe. There is one man who places his envelope on the collection plate every week with \$4.00 tithe in it besides an amount for hall expense. I expect to see him baptized in the spring.

We thought of moving to another location the first of March, but the attendance here has kept up so well that after counselling with Elder Olson, our president, we decided that it might be better to continue in the same hall and go over the message again. So last week I distributed new advertising cards, and the attendance has been considerably increased. This is very encouraging.

There are from twenty to thirty out on Sabbaths which makes a nice little company. We are all of good courage. Besides the public work Sister Wallis is selling over five hundred magazines each month while others are giving away literature and holding Bible studies. We all join in praising the Lord for what he is doing for the Central Church.

M. J. ALLEN.

We Did It

Did what? Why we raised and paid off one hundred dollars of the mortgage on the Hamilton Church. How? We drew twenty-five blocks on the blackboard. The top row sold at ten dollars each making fifty dollars. The second row of squares sold for five dollars each, and they brought twenty-five dollars.

Then the next two rows of squares went at two dollars each, and the last one dollar each, making the total of one hundred dollars. The money all came in on time and was paid over. We now have a thermometer with two hundred degrees on it. Each represents a dollar, and we plan to make the mercury rise as the money comes in. We have the silver enamel and paint brush ready. We will tell you about this later.

JOSEPH CAPMAN.

Sacredness of Vows, No. 6

I saw that many withhold from the cause while they live, quieting their consciences that they will be charitable at death; they hardly dare exercise faith and trust in God to give anything while living. But this death-bed charity is not what Christ requires of his followers; it cannot excuse the selfishness of the living. Those who hold fast their property till the last moment, surrender it to death rather than to the cause. Losses are occurring continually. Banks fail, and property is consumed in very many ways. Many purpose to do something, but they delay the matter, and Satan works to prevent the means from coming into the treasury at all. It is lost before it is returned to God, and Satan exults that it is so.

If you would do good with your alms, do it at once lest Satan get it in his hands, and thus hinder the work of God. Many times when the Lord has opened the way for brethren to handle their means to advance his cause, the agents of Satan have presented some enterprise by which they were positive the brethren could double their means. They take the bait; their money is invested, and the cause, and frequently themselves, never receive a dollar.

Brethren, remember the cause, and when you have means at your command lay up for yourselves a good foundation against the time to come, that you may lay hold on eternal life. Jesus for your sakes became poor, that you through his poverty might be made rich in heavenly treasure. What will you give for Jesus, who has given all for you?

It will not do for you to depend on making your charity gifts in testamentary bequests at death. You cannot calculate with the least degree of surety that the cause will ever be benefited by them. Satan works with acute skill to stir up the relatives, and every false position is taken to gain to the world that which was solemnly dedicated to the cause of God. Much less than the sum willed is always received. Satan even puts it into the hearts of men and women to protest against their relatives doing what they wish in the bestowment of their property. They seem to regard everything given to the Lord as robbing the relatives of the deceased. If you want your means to go to the cause, appropriate it, or all that you do not really need for a support, while you live.

A few of the brethren are doing this, and enjoying the pleasure of being their own executors. Will the covetousness of men make it necessary that they shall be deprived of life in order that the property which God has lent them shall not be useless forever? Let none of you draw upon yourselves the doom of the unprofitable servant who hid his Lord's money in the earth.

Dying charity is a poor substitute for living benevolence. Many will to their friends and relatives all except a very small pittance of their property. This they leave for their superior Friend, who became poor for their sakes, who suffered insult, mockery and death, that they might become sons and daughters of God. And yet they expect when the righteous dead shall come forth to immortal life that this Friend will take them into his everlasting habitations.

The cause of Christ is robbed, not by a mere passing thought, not by an unpremeditated act. No. By your own deliberate act you made your will, placing your property at the disposal of unbelievers. After having robbed God during your life-time, you continue to rob him after your death, and you do this with the full consent of all your powers of mind, in a document called your will. What do you think will be your Master's will toward you for thus appropriating his goods? What will you say when an account is demanded of your stewardship?

Brethren, awake from your life of selfishness, and act like consistent Christians. The Lord requires you to economize your means, and let every dollar not needed for your comfort flow into the treasury. Sisters, take that ten cents, that twenty cents, that dollar which you were about to spend for candies, for ruffles, or for ribbons, and donate it to God's cause. Many of our sisters earn good wages, but it is nearly all spent in gratifying their pride of dress.

The wants of the cause will continually increase as we near the close of time. Means is needed to give young men a short course of study in our schools, to prepare them for efficient work in the ministry and in the different branches of the cause. We are not coming up to our privilege in this matter. All schools among us will soon be closed up. How much more might have been done had men obeyed the requirements of Christian benevolence! What an influence would this readiness to give all for Christ have had upon the world! It would have been one of the most convincing arguments in favor of the truth we profess to believe,—an argument which the world could not misunderstand nor gainsay. The Lord would have distinguished us with his blessing, even before the eyes of the world.

The first Christian church had not the privileges and opportunities we have. They were a poor people, but they felt the power of the truth. The object be-

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fore them was sufficient to lead them to invest all. They felt that the salvation or the loss of a world depended upon their instrumentality. They cast in their all, and held themselves in readiness to go or come at the Lord's bidding.

We profess to be governed by the same principles, to be influenced by the same spirit. But instead of giving all for Christ, many have taken the golden wedge and a goodly Babylonish garment, and hid them in the camp. If the presence of one Achan was sufficient to weaken the whole camp of Israel, can we be surprised at the little success which attends our efforts when every church and almost every family has its Achan? Let us individually go to work to stimulate others by our example of disinterested benevolence. The work might have gone forward with far greater power had all done what they could to supply the treasury with means.—*Testimonies, Vol. 5, pp. 154-157.*

Colporteurs' Report, Week Ending March 3 1916

Ontario					
Name	Book	Hours	Value	Total	Del.
*J Pengelly	CK	95	\$28 75	\$58 20	
C D Terwillegar	GC		1 50	1 50	
Total		95	\$30 25	\$59 70	

Maritime					
Name	Book	Hours	Value	Total	Del.
*F Salway	WC SB	67	48 50	48 50	\$60 25
W. Kierstead	PPF				13 25
Total		67	\$48 50	\$48 50	\$73 50
Grand Total		162	\$78 75	\$108 20	\$73 50
*2 Weeks					

Notice

The new book Armagaddon of which a special Canadian edition is being prepared will be ready for distribution in two weeks. Orders are coming in for the book and these will be filled as soon as the book arrives. We would call attention to the fact that the American edition has the American flag on the front cover but this will not be on the Canadian edition. Send in your orders and secure one of the first copies issued. It is an exceptionally fine book. Price 25 cents.

"CONTENTMENT consists not in great wealth, but in few wants."

THE effort Elder Campbell is conducting in Oshawa is being well attended, and the people are showing a deep interest in the truths that are being presented. This week the Sabbath question will be introduced and we are looking forward to that occasion with great anxiety as that will be the deciding question. We look for a good ingathering of believers from this effort.

Our Standing for January

	Membership	Due	Recd.	Short
Ontario	550	\$ 478 50	\$305 66	\$172 84
Maritime	260	231 42	97 39	134 03
Quebec	150	130 50	32 76	93 74
Newfoundland	62	53 94	24 76	29 18
Union	1028	\$894 36	\$464 57	\$429 79

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3	How Esther Read Her Bible	4
4	The Bible—Its Inspiration and Importance.....	6
5	Is Man Immortal?	6
6	Last Day Deceptions.....	8
7	The Church and the World (Poem).....	4
8	Candid Admissions from Sunday Observers and Writers.....	4
9	Which Day Do You Keep and Why?.....	4
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11	The Faith of Seventh-day Adventists.....	6
12	D. M. Canright in a Nutshell.....	6
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15	The Unchangeable Law	4

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Four page tracts—\$2.50 per 1,000, \$1.25 per 500, not prepaid;
40 cents per 100, 25 cents for 50, postpaid.
Six page tracts—\$3.50 per 1,000, \$1.75 per 500, not prepaid;
60 cents per 100, 35 cents for 50, postpaid.
Eight page tracts—\$4.00 per 1,000, \$2.00 per 500, not prepaid;
80 cents per 100, 45 cents for 50, postpaid.