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## Newfoundland General Meeting

The first general meeting of the believers in the Newfoundland mission field was held in the Seventh-day Adventist church at St. John's, July 14-18. The attendance was good all through the meeting. Representatives were present from Bay Roberts, Catalina and other points on the Island. The daily program began with a devotional meeting at 6:00 A. M. These early morning meetings were well attended and were of a deeply spiritual character. At 9:30 a Bible study was held; 11:00, preaching; 2:30 P. M., general instruction; 4:00, young people's meeting; 8:00, preaching. It will be seen from this that the time was fully occupied. Professor Kern, from Washington, D. C., was present and gave valuable instruction to young and old, but his work for the young people was especially appreciated. Professor Taylor, the principal of Williamsdale Academy, was another laborer from abroad, and his work in behalf of the Academy bore good fruit as quite a number of the young people from St. John's and Bay Roberts plan to go there this fall. Attention was given to the local educational work and the Mission Committee voted to bring their school into harmony with our denominational educational standard. Miss Nettie Knister taught the school the past year but is returning to the Seminary at Oshawa to complete her normal work. Brother Gordon Smith and wife are coming to the Island and he will teach the school the coming year.

Elder D. J. C. Barrett is now superintendent of the Newfoundland Mission field and he is taking hold of the work with his characteristic energy and zeal and we look for decided growth. Elder R. A. Hublely and wife have been laboring successfully at Catalina where they have raised up a nice company of believers and have a new church building well on the way toward completion.

The general meeting just closed was a great inspiration to our people and we believe that they go

to their homes with an enlarged vision of the work and with a determination to each do his part in building up the work in Newfoundland. Attention was given to the book work and we hope ere long to see some substantial men devoting their time to this line of work. Altogether this general meeting was a pronounced success.

As Professor Kern and the writer were leaving the Island we were happy to meet Brother and Sister Gordon Smith on their way to St. John's where they will take up school work.

Next week a picture of those in attendance at this meeting will be published.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

## ONTARIO

### A Visit to Hamilton

The writer recently spent a few days with the Hamilton church. I arrived there in time for the Friday evening prayer meeting which was well attended and much enjoyed by all present. On the Sabbath the ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated. Our hearts were made warm and tender as we together engaged in this sacred service that points back to the scenes of Calvary where the body of our blessed Lord was bruised and broken for our transgressions and his blood spilt for our cleansing. After the communion service three precious souls were buried with their Master in the watery grave of baptism, and we believe they arose to walk in newness of life. In addition to these three there are others keeping the Sabbath that we hope will soon be ready for baptism. The Lord is blessing the faithful labors of Brother and Sister Capman and the many active members of the Hamilton church.

Because of the heavy demands made upon him by the canvassing and home missionary work throughout the Province, Brother Capman is compelled to be away from Hamilton most of the time. I was pleased

to find him at home while I was there and appreciated very much the privilege of counseling with him upon various matters relative to our conference work. Before separating we arranged for him to visit Dresden, Chatham, Petrolia, Selton, Windsor and other places in the western part of the Province.

A. V. OLSON.

### Our Brockville Initiation

We entered this little town of about 9,000 inhabitants the first week in July, selected a splendid central location for our tent and after receiving verbal satisfaction from the authorities to the effect that there was nothing in the by-laws that prevented the erection of a tent, we proceeded to do so and had gotten our two small tents up in time before the Sabbath. During our quiet rest over Sabbath, to our complete surprise, a notification came to us from the city solicitor, acting under the direction of the mayor, that if we proceeded with the pitching of tents we would be prosecuted under the fire by-laws. I went to the mayor, after securing a copy of the by-laws in which it said nothing about tents, and asked the reason why such notice had been served on me. I told him the by-laws stated no such regulations and he admitted it, and after a series of interrogations compelled him to admit that such was not the reason why they wanted me to vacate the grounds. He said that certain neighbors in that wealthy neighborhood objected to preaching there and used the fire by-laws as a subterfuge to expel us. "Very well then," I said, "I shall go ahead since there is no law against it and all of this is simply a scarecrow." He replied that if I did he would call the council together and make a law in half an hour rather than have me go contrary to the wishes of the people. I said, "Very well, if I do not erect the tent I will preach anyway without one." This of course, as I realized afterward, would be an impossibility, as the weather would be against me. So I went to the mayor again and told him that since he had dealt so unjustly with me I would vacate the grounds on one condition only, and that was that he would allow me an adequate compensation to meet my expenses. He agreed to the fairness of this proposition and secured from the chief objector the amount of \$35 and gave me.

Knowing I could do nothing else, we secured another plot of land outside the fire limits which practically places us on the outskirts of the city. The consequence is, that since the place is not so favorable, and notwithstanding the extensive advertising etc., we have not been able to obtain but a very slim attendance. This is truly a trying time and a problem almost beyond my ability to solve. The question has been with me, "Shall I stay or not? Shall I put up with a few attendants or go to some other city where

I can get a better attendance?" After having preached to such large audiences in every previous place this surely makes it all the greater trial to me.

I have not given up courage however, but am still full of zeal for the blessed truth for this time. It shows to me that the dragon is wroth with those who keep the commandments. Pray for us here that the Lord may give us results even though they may be small.

F. W. JOHNSTON.

P.S. Since writing the above our attendance last night, Sunday, was increased 100 per cent. F. W. J.

### News Items

The Toronto tent effort conducted by Elder McComas and his associates at the corner of Brock and Bloor opened Sunday night, July 16, with every available seat filled and a large number standing outside. The attendance and interest have both been excellent thus far and prospects are good.

Elder and Sister Allen left Toronto Wednesday, July 19, for Windsor, their new field of labor.

Miss Johnston, our Educational and Young People's secretary, recently visited the Brantford church with the result that a church school is to be opened there this fall.

### Toronto Central Church

Sunday, July 16, we had an open air gathering in High Park to bid farewell to Brother and Sister Allen who have labored so faithfully among us for a year and a half and are leaving us to take up work in Windsor. The afternoon was spent in social intercourse followed by a picnic lunch, after which the group was photographed. We took this occasion to acknowledge our deep and sincere appreciation of the faithful service rendered us by Brother and Sister Allen, and tendered them a tangible expression of the same in the form of a morocco "Christ in Song" each, with their respective names printed in gilt letters. Prior to leaving for the opening tent service we had a song service, prayer by Brother Allen and a solo by Sister Allen.

We regret very much to lose our beloved leaders but we know our loss will be somebody's gain, and our increasing interest and prayers will follow them and their work wherever they go.

C. A. WALLIS.

IF the Midsummer Offering was overlooked in your church last Sabbath, take it up the coming Sabbath. The mission treasury is very low. Let us give a good lift at this time.

## MARITIME

### Resolutions Adopted at the Recent Maritime Conference Session

*Whereas*, the blessing of God has been upon our work and workers during the past year,

*Resolved* that we express our thanks to Almighty God by pledging ourselves anew to the work of soul winning.

*Whereas*, it is very important for the giving of the message to these provinces that we should have more regular colporteurs in the field and that all our church members should be aroused to activity in working for souls,

*We recommend* that the Executive Committee secure a capable man to act as home missionary secretary and field agent, who shall organize our churches for active soul-winning work and enlist and train regular colporteurs.

*We recommend* that our churches be organized into one or more working bands, according to size and ability, with suitable leaders for each band, and that the bands be organized for the following purposes:—

- (a). The distribution of periodicals, magazines, tracts, pamphlets, and forty per cent books.
- (b). For holding Bible readings and cottage meetings.
- (c). For medical missionary work.
- (d). For missionary correspondence.

*We recommend* that our church officers give special attention to the encouraging and fostering of the missionary spirit among the church membership.

*We recommend* that each family of Sabbath keepers supply themselves, as far as possible, with volumes 6-9 of the "Testimonies," and undertake to read them this fall and winter.

*We recommend* that the service on each fourth Sabbath in the month be given to the consideration of plans and methods of home missionary work by using the programs in the *Church Officers' Gazette*.

*Whereas*, the harvest ingathering for missions has proved a great blessing both in acquainting the world with this great movement, and in raising funds with which to extend the work, therefore

*Resolved* that we undertake to raise an average of five dollars a member during 1916, and that we use the pledge cards prepared for this special campaign.

*Whereas*, the "Lord has appointed the youth to be his helping hand," and is greatly blessing the efforts now being made to enlist and train all our young people in his service,

*Resolved* that our conference M. V. Secretary endeavor to bring to all our youth, both the isolated and the others, the benefits of this organized movement; such as the Morning Watch, the Reading Courses, the Standard of Attainment, the Bible year, and plans for missionary work.

*We recommend* that our workers make a special effort to inform themselves on M. V. plans and methods and assist in this work.

*Whereas*, God has reserved to himself, for the support of the gospel work, one-tenth of our income,

*We recommend* to all our people that they deal carefully and honestly in the matter of tithe paying, that the Lord's work may be prospered. And that the church treasurer be encouraged to visit the people and gather the tithes and offerings.

*Resolved* that the term of office in this conference be two years instead of one, and the regular conference sessions biennial instead of annual, and the constitution is hereby amended in harmony with this action.

*Whereas*, the Maritime Conference, in connection with the Quebec and Ontario Conference, has secured a Dominion Parliament act of incorporation for the holding of denominational property,

*We recommend* that as a conference we avail ourselves of this means of holding our denominational property and hereby authorize the New Brunswick Legal Association and the Nova Scotia Legal Association to deed over to the new corporation known as the "Eastern Canadian Union Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists," all property now held by them in trust for the Maritime Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

## QUEBEC

### Items of Interest

Brother Gordon Smith and wife who have gone to St. John's, Newfoundland, to take charge of the school there, visited Elder and Mrs. Webster last week while passing through Montreal.

There is a live interest throughout the conference in missionary work. Most of the churches and companies now have their work organized so as to bring the message quickly before the people in their respective territory.

Brother Van Gunten was arraigned before authorities in Montreal last week to face a charge preferred against him by one of the Protestant ministers who stated that Brother Van Gunten was teaching doctrine that was pro-German and which was designed to stir up rebellion against the British government. A member of the church of which this

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minister is the pastor has become much interested in the truth through Bible studies which Brother Van Gunten has been conducting. The authorities, understanding the situation, have decided to permit Brother Van Gunten to continue his work.

Elder Webster states that last Sabbath was a good day for the Montreal church. The ordinances were celebrated, and a lady who has been attending our Sabbath services for one month united with the church. About ten years ago she accepted the truth, but after keeping a few Sabbaths she gave it up. This was a great disappointment to the little company then in Montreal, but some of its members have never ceased praying for her. Their prayers are now being answered. In her testimony last Sabbath she stated that during the ten years she had remained away she had never been satisfied. Tears of joy were shed as we saw the Lord bring back his own. Elder Webster is holding a Bible reading each week at her sister's home, and she is also at the point of taking her stand for the truth.

## OBITUARIES

**WILSON**—David Munroe, aged 76, died at the home of his son, Henry Wilson, July 13. Thirty-five years ago Elder D. T. Bourdeau brought the message to the place where Brother Wilson lived and he at once accepted it. Since that time he has been a support to the work in this conference, ever ready to assist with his means and in every other way possible. One week before his death he bore testimony to God's saving grace at the church service in Lennoxville. The funeral service was conducted in the Baptist church at Moe's River where Brother Wilson had served as deacon for a long time. Many friends were present among whom he had lived for seventy years. The Baptist minister at my request assisted in the services, and on the way to the church he asked me to bring in something about the second coming of the Lord, mentioning that he had attempted to do so on several occasions but he thought that such a message might be received better from a stranger. I was pleased to satisfy his request and based my remarks on 1 Cor. 15:21-26. The body was interred in the Baptist cemetery at Moe's River, to await the return of the Lifegiver.

WM. C. YOUNG.

**GOBELLE**—Mrs. Adele Gobeille, age 79 years and 4 mos., died at the home of her daughter in Montreal, Quebec, July 13, 1916. In 1888 Sister Gobeille, with her husband, accepted the Sabbath by reading the Bible, and as they continued their search for knowledge of God's truth the various points of doctrine held by Seventh-day Adventists opened up before them, and they accepted. Her husband was laid to rest ten years

ago, having been a faithful member of the church. Eight children were born to Brother and Sister Gobeille, four of whom are left to mourn the loss of a mother who was known by her many friends as one possessing a marked degree of contentment. Funeral services were conducted in French by a Presbyterian pastor, assisted by the writer. Interment was made in Mt. Royal cemetery.

F. C. WEBSTER.

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George Butler	BR	37	53 00	54 00	
L King	BR	50	65 00	81 00	\$3 75
W Latham	BR	56	92 00	92 75	
John Pengelly	CK	50	44 50	44 50	
Ora Whitmore	BR	19	63 00	70 50	2 25
Louise Dedeker	BR	33	29 00	31 25	1 50
Porter Smith	BR		15 00	15 00	
Terence Martin	BR	47	40 00	52 75	
Hubert Martin	BR	51	70 00	93 00	
Miss Telford	Ar.	25	27 00	35 80	
Miss Abray	Ar.	28	32 50	35 80	75
John Heaver	BR	29	65 00	66 50	
C D Terwillegar	GC		0 00	24 50	
Oscar Cardey	BR	35	99 00	101 50	
<b>Total</b>		<b>495</b>	<b>\$738 00</b>	<b>\$833 85</b>	<b>\$8 25</b>

Quebec					
Raymond Libby	Ar., SB	14	\$14 25	\$14 75	
Maritime					
Frank Salway	BR	37	\$68 00	\$72 25	
Mrs. M. Kierstead	Ar.	35	14 00	17 90	\$4 65
<b>Total</b>		<b>72</b>	<b>\$82 00</b>	<b>\$90 15</b>	<b>\$4 65</b>
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