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Tithe and Mission Offering Standing

Early in the year each conference in this Union laid plans for an aggressive campaign to increase the tithe during 1916. Ontario planned to reach \$15,000, which would represent an increase of \$4,000; Maritime set \$5,000 as their aim. This would be an increase of about \$1,600 over the previous year. Quebec set \$4,000 as the goal they would seek to reach, which meant a gain of \$1,000, and Newfoundland decided to aim at \$1,000 tithe income, representing a gain of \$850. Now it would be interesting to learn how each conference is progressing with its purpose in this direction. The following table represents the tithe paid for the first eight months of this year as compared with the first eight months of last year and shows the gain or loss in that period:

	Tithe paid Jan. 1 to Aug. 31, 1915	Tithe paid Jan. 1 to Aug. 31, 1916	Gain	Loss
Ontario	\$6468 90	\$8279 10	\$1810 20	
Maritime	2198 20	2047 40		\$150 80
Quebec	1780 70	2217 40	436 70	
Nfld.	296 69	581 53	284 84	

The above table shows material gain in three of the fields and a loss in one. We hope each church member will take a personal interest in this showing and do his best to help the conference in which he lives to reach the goal.

The standing on Mission Offerings to Aug. 31 is as follows:

	Due	Recd.	Short	Over
Ontario	\$3811 50	\$2833 48	\$978 02	
Maritime	1843 38	1152 91	690 47	
Quebec	1039 50	637 06	402 44	
Nfld.	429 66	462 96		\$33 30

Ontario is behind \$1.78 a member.

Maritime is behind \$2.59 a member.

Quebec is behind \$2.68 a member.

Newfoundland is ahead 54 cents a member.

Three of the fields in the Union are considerably behind on their mission offerings as shown by the table above. What can we do about this? We surely do

not want this record to continue longer. Supposing we make the fourteenth Sabbath offering, which comes the last Sabbath of this month, such a splendid one that it will sweep this entire deficit overboard. Let Ontario, Maritime, and Quebec make a real effort to catch up with Newfoundland.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

Who Will Help?

There is a young man and also a young lady, both of whom give promise of becoming good workers in this cause but who, because of devotion to duty were unable to go into the canvassing field or to take up other remunerative work this summer and are consequently unable to enter the Seminary this year as they would greatly desire. I am writing this appeal to ask if there are not those in this field who would esteem it a privilege to give one, two, three, or five dollars a month toward a fund which will be used to put these two young people in the Seminary, with the understanding that the money so expended shall be returned to this fund by annual payments from those who have the benefit of it this year. Thus this fund can be used to help students each year and prove a blessing that will multiply itself many times.

A gentleman here in Oshawa not connected with our people has agreed to give \$25.00 a year to help students in the Seminary. Recently a brother in Indiana sent in \$75.00 entirely unsolicited for the same purpose, so our school is attracting attention from a distance as well as at home. This \$100.00 is being used for other worthy students who need help. We hope this appeal will strike home to the generously disposed among us—and there are a number of such—and lead to such a response as shall enable these two students to come to the Seminary this year. Address the writer.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

"Forgiveness is the beautiful perfume the flower gives to bless the one who crushes it."

ONTARIO

Toronto

We are sending word to our brethren throughout the field to let you know that we are of good courage and pressing on in the work the Lord has given us to do. In this great centre of 550,000 inhabitants we have made the people within a radius of one mile know that something has been going on over at the big tent located on the corner of Brock and Bloor. Some people were made mad, and some were very glad, and now we are all rejoicing to see a goodly company coming to our church every Sabbath and testifying of their gratefulness to God for his blessings and untold mercies to them through life, and for the third angel's message that has guided their feet into the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

We labored eight weeks in the tent against all the noise of a double car line and cars passing every minute. The great wagons rolling over the brick pavement echoed and re-echoed with our singing like a great bass drum in the Salvation Army; still through it all the crowds came, and night after night the Lord added his blessing through the preaching of the word.

Our brethren in the central and west side churches have been faithful in attending the meetings, singing in the choir, distributing literature, and helping in every way possible to make the meetings a success.

Our tent has been taken down and shipped to headquarters. We have secured the large Park Theatre located on the corner of Bloor and Lansdowne which has a seating capacity of twelve hundred. Sunday night, the 10th, was our first meeting, and we were glad to seat in this building that night about seven hundred people. We are planning our advertising for the coming week and trust, with the blessing of God, that the auditorium will be filled with interested listeners to hear the writer speak upon the question of "Will Germany be the Next Universal Empire, If not Who Will, and Who Will be King?"

Our work is broadening and many people are asking for literature and personal visits. The conference has supplied us with thirteen dollars' worth of literature for free distribution, but with hundreds attending the meetings every night this literature did not last long and now we are stranded for the printed page. We are wondering if there are not many of our brethren throughout the field in our Ontario conference who would be glad to wrap their *Signs of the Times* and magazines and send them to us, postage prepaid, for free distribution at our meetings. We can use from four to seven hundred copies every

Sunday night. If there are any in the province who do not have literature to send and would like to help in this great, needy field, and share the blessing of the ripening harvest and the gathering in of the precious sheaves, send us your contribution and we will purchase literature suitable for each subject.

We are glad the message is hastening to its final close, and as our people read the *Signs of the Times* and see that Greece and Roumania have gone in with the allies, and the great drive now is up through Greece to the Bagdad Railroad to cut off German supplies from Turkey, we can see the beginning of the end. The Turk must soon move when "he shall come to his end, and none shall help him"; then our Saviour will come in the clouds of heaven to gather in those who have been garnered in through the efforts of those who have given of their means to help spread the message to all the world. May God hasten the day when we can all go home.

Remember us in your prayers.

J. W. McCOMAS,

EVELYN CASE.

Send all literature and money orders to the following address: J. W. McComas, 604 Brock Ave., Toronto, Ontario.

A Good Way to Gather Missionary Money

There are many ways to solicit funds for missionary work with the Harvest Ingathering *Signs*. The plan I am following is proving very successful, and I thought I would like to pass it on. First, talk it over with the Master. Then start out with a good number of papers because that looks as though you expect to do something. Go to your territory with confidence, knowing that you are engaged in a noble work and that you are doing humanity a kindness. Ring the bell or knock at the door, greeting the person with all the sunshine and courtesy you can muster. Then in a pleasant frank way, say something like this: "I am gathering money for missionary work. I have here a missionary paper (showing both sides). I am not selling it but simply asking for funds. There is no price on it but if you feel impressed to give me something toward this work, it will be appreciated very much. The publishing house has given us one million copies of this paper and we plan to raise one hundred thousand dollars to be used in India, China, Africa, and the Islands of the sea. I would like you to have a part in this most worthy cause, you may give me anything you feel free to give."

These few words said in the right way will get the money. I have only spent a short time soliciting and now have twenty-four dollars and fifty-five cents. My goal is one hundred dollars. I have planned my work, and now I am working the plan. Wont you

try? It is easy. Your talents will increase if you put them out to the exchangers. The Lord will reward you at his coming. He will say: "Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren you have done it unto me." We have been praying for a long time, "Thy kingdom come," but the Lord says, this work will never be finished until the church arouses to her duty and helps finish the work. "Take the plunge before the chill comes on."

J. CAPMAN, *Field Sec.*

Opening of the Seminary

Wednesday, Sept. 13, at 9.30 a. m. the students assembled in the chapel of the Eastern Canadian Missionary Seminary to attend the opening exercises of the institution for the present school year. Forty-three students of all grades were in attendance and matriculated. This is a larger number present at the opening of school than any previous year. After singing, scripture reading, and prayer, Professor Spangler, the principal, made an address outlining the general policy of the institution in its relation to faculty and students and extended a welcome to those present. The writer followed with a brief address. Elder A. V. Olson, president of the Ontario Conference, and Elder J. W. McComas of Toronto each gave addresses that were much appreciated by the students. Professor Miller, who carries the science and Bible work in the Seminary, spoke some well-chosen words in closing.

The work of classifying the students and arranging the class periods was then taken up. We feel that we are blest with a fine class of young people in the school this year, and with the strong faculty that has been provided it should be a very successful year. Since the opening day several more students have come in and still others will arrive during the coming week. Of those present at the opening, thirty-three were from Ontario, seven from Quebec, two from Maritime, and one from Newfoundland.

The Ladies' Missionary Sewing Circle of the Hamilton Church presented the Seminary with a pretty quilt on which the names of two hundred persons had been worked. Each of these persons contributed a small sum which made a nice amount in the aggregate and was used to help maintain the Hamilton church school. Thus the quilt has rendered service to two schools. M. N. CAMPBELL.

WE urge all our readers to give the article on "Tithe and Mission Offering Standing" a careful and thoughtful reading. Observe where your conference stands in the list and then consider what you can do to help.

QUEBEC

The Third Angel's Message at the Seat of the Beast

Quebec, the "Rock City", and ancient capital of Canada, has, for several weeks, had the third angel's message preached within its limits. This old French city has thirteen Roman Catholic churches and thirteen Roman Catholic chapels connected with its religious communities; convents, nunneries, Catholic schools and other Catholic institutions abound on every side. On nearly every street one meets with sombre garbed ecclesiastics. This is, indeed, the seat of the beast on the American continent. It is a veritable citadel of priestcraft. The Jesuits and other religious orders control most of the real estate of the city, as well as other affairs pertaining to the city.

The city has a population of nearly one hundred thousand, and only one in about every nine speaks English, nearly all the rest being French. There are only four thousand Protestants and many of these are about to leave the city.

The city government is like the old French monarchical system, and the papal flag, as well as the French monarchical flag, which can not be displayed in the republic of France, have full sway here. This province is called New France, but it has been misnamed for they are far from keeping pace with the people of the republic of France, the priests having kept them in ignorance.

As may be expected, the work has met with bitter opposition from the beginning, but the Lord has given us favor with the officials of the city, and, thus far, we have been protected from serious harm or injury. Knowing our purpose in coming here, they have been determined that we should get no hold whatsoever. They charge us exorbitant prices for nearly everything. At times, we have had to pay for special police protection.

Shortly after I began my effort here, I received a Black Hand letter. I have been stopped on the street three times by a group of men who asked me to desist my work here; threats of different kinds have been made, but the Lord has verified his promise, Psalms 34:8.

I met four men on the street the other day and they told me that they, with about forty-six others, had resolved to tear down the tent and burn it up, police or no police. Some of them came to hear the lecture the night of their intended raid, and, afterward said, "If that small fellow dared to come here and preach like that in this city, we had better leave him alone." They told me this themselves and promised not to molest me.

Our effort has been in the English language and

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it is not a small task to advertise so as to reach the four thousand Protestants who are scattered among ninety thousand French-speaking people.

Since beginning our work here, we have been on the lookout for a hall in which to hold our services, as we must soon take down our tent, but at the present writing we have found nothing, and it will take a good deal of money to secure a place in which to hold meetings here. Our attendance has been small all the time, but some are beginning to keep the Sabbath. Many, we are told, have stayed away from the tent for fear of the stones or other trouble. Many stand outside the tent and listen to my lectures. The police and other city officials have told us that they cannot understand how it is our tent has stood so long and that we have not been mobbed long before this. I have been told repeatedly not to go out alone, but I never have any fear. We praise God for his wonderful protection and care. This city is like a foreign field and will have to be worked as such. It will require hard work and means to establish a permanent work in this place.

Please remember us at the throne of grace. The writer has preached every night, except Saturday night for the last six weeks, and, with the care and anxiety connected with an effort like this, it has told on his health and he makes a special request for the prayers of God's people in his behalf.

L. F. PASSEBOIS.

WANTED—Old copies of *Signs* weekly and monthly for missionary use. Send by mail to J. E. Gould, c/o Seminary, Oshawa, Ontario.

Colporteurs' Report, Week Ending Sept. 9, 1916 Ontario

Name	Book	Hours	Value	Total	Del.
John Pengelly	CK	45	\$38 75	\$ 88 75	
Oscar Cardey	BR	32	97 00	101 50	
Total		77	\$135 75	\$140 25	

Quebec

*Rose Guertin Ar., WC,	129	75 25	75 25	
*Alma Guertin "	123	65 25	65 25	
*H Vuilleumier "	129	94 75	94 75	
*S Vuilleumier "	123	60 50	60 50	
Total	504	\$295 75	\$295 75	

Grand Total 581 \$431 50 \$436 00

*3 weeks

MARITIME

Yarmouth

Thinking that a word concerning the progress of the message in Yarmouth would be of interest I give in brief the facts.

Wednesday, July 19th, we held our first public meeting in the large, well seated, and electric lighted tent which was pitched in a central location on the main street. The privilege of holding meetings on this lot was extended to us free of all cost through the kindness of a resident of Yarmouth. We circulated five hundred hand bills, inserted in the daily paper a large display advertisement, placed a large card announcing the time and place of the meetings outside of the post office, and then prepared and waited for the expected crowd, but it did not come. However the people passed in hundreds on their way to the picture show. That evening a fierce gale blew which threatened to tear our tent to pieces. We saved it only by lowering it. For three weeks we had rain and fog incessantly. We thought probably this was the cause of our poor attendance, so as soon as the rain ceased and the fog lifted we started all over again, but with very little improvement. The people of Yarmouth seem to be entirely indifferent to religious meetings. We were pleased to have Elder Skinner with us for a week, but even the announcement of such an experienced speaker as the president didn't seem to move them at all. After holding the fort for another week we decided to put away our canvas. There are five adults keeping the Sabbath. We are by no means discouraged but rather a little disappointed and are willing to press the battle to the gates if it is thought advisable. Pray that our apparent defeat may be turned into victory.

WILLIAM WASELL.

"It is well to think well; it is divine to act well."