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The Autumn Council No. 2

Since writing the last article on the council at Washington I returned to Union headquarters. The last week of the council was a busy one. The accounts of all the missionaries were audited and appropriations voted to each field in accordance with the needs and the funds available.

Quite a number of men and women were recommended to fill calls from the fields abroad and the steady stream of recruits to the mission fields is not lessening in any sense.

The representatives of our publishing houses appeared before the council and presented the situation confronting them, as a result of the enormous increase in the price of paper, printing ink and binding material. Our books and periodicals are now being printed at a heavy loss to our publishers and to continue at the present rates would be suicidal to our publishing house. In view of this a raise of fifty cents was authorized in the retail price of all our subscription books except "Desire of Ages." The increase on that is one dollar on each binding. "Christ in Song" is raised from ten cents to twenty-five cents according to the binding. The magazines will remain unchanged in price but will be reduced from forty-two pages to thirty-two. The *Review and Herald* will be raised to \$2.25 a year and our other periodicals proportionately. These new prices take effect January 1, 1917. We would therefore advise our people to hurry in all orders for books and periodicals while the old prices hold good.

Serious consideration was also given to the clearing of our denominational indebtedness. Considerable progress has been made in this direction during the past year and we plan to make even greater headway during the year 1917. We hope that by February 1919 every dollar of indebtedness on any conference or institution in the Eastern Canadian Union Conference will be wiped out.

As the council was closing Elder and Mrs. Daniels and Elder and Mrs. Knox started on their journey to visit the Asiatic mission fields. The presence of these experienced brethren will be a source of strength and encouragement to the missionaries in those fields.

We are saddened by the news of the death of Dr. David Paulson who passed away at Ashville, North Carolina, after a long illness following a nervous breakdown.

This has been a harmonious council and we feel that the Lord was present to direct in the plans laid for the furtherance of the work of God in the earth.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

Seminary Comments

We desire to express our thanks to the brethren in Ontario who subscribed to the Equipment fund at campmeeting last June. Our chemical laboratory is fitted up as a result but cannot be paid for in full until all the pledges are in. The laboratory is a big asset to the educational side of the school and we assure our patrons that we will make good use of it.

We have recently added a good Jersey cow to the stock on the south farm.

In Chapel Wednesday morning, the twenty-fifth, Elder Campbell gave us an interesting account of the General Conference and North American Division Conference Committee meetings recently held at Washington. We were glad to hear of the advancement made and the large appropriations granted for the coming year. The following Friday evening he continued his subject and also gave an account of the crisis our elementary school at Brantford is passing through. Let us remember this school in prayer, as the matter will again come up Wednesday, November 1. We hope for a final settlement.

Our Sabbath school is keeping its aim in mind. Each Sabbath we have a certain mark to reach in order to attain our final aim of \$100 for the quarter. We are now 26 cents behind but we feel assured we can raise that shortly and then keep ahead. All are taking hold and are demonstrating that many hands make the burden light.

Mr. Eric Jones left Saturday night, the twenty-eighth, for his home. We hope to see him return in a few days.

The Young People's M. V. Society has not been idle. At a recent meeting fifteen half-year subscriptions to the weekly *Signs* were given, and correspondence bands have been created to mail these papers and write follow-up letters.

As a result of sending out a Harvest Ingathering *Signs* by mail, one of our students received a ten-dollar bill in answer. We find it pays. Why not try it?

ONTARIO

Belleville

Although we have not advanced any recent information concerning our work in Belleville we have a good report. As all are aware the city authorities prevented our erecting a tent in the centre of Brockville and we were compelled to pitch on the outskirts of the city, so we finally moved our outfit to this place. The wisdom of doing this has been proved since by the results. Notwithstanding our reverses in Brockville the Lord gave us two accessions to the truth.

We began our meetings here on August 16 and closed them September 17. We had an excellent attendance in this short time, but as the nights were getting cold toward the last and the attendance endangered we decided to hold our meetings in a hall. The location is a desirable one on the ground floor. We have it nicely fitted up and everything is moving satisfactorily. It is an encouragement to the few old believers to see new recruits coming along. Since coming to our hall this month four other accessions have been realized. One of these is a promising young man about twenty-five years of age—a mechanic, who had the courage to tell his employer of his convictions. He is still retaining his position.

We are holding four services a week and our attendance has been far beyond our expectations. Forty adults were present last Sabbath afternoon to the preaching service. Our Sabbath school membership is thirty-one including children.

Financially speaking we have much to be encouraged for. Our collections right along have been

above our expenses and from every stand-point we can say the Lord is blessing our work. As we look over this eastern field we surely feel encouraged. Nor do we forget the old places we have left. Our hearts are made glad as we read the reports of the various workers.

We hope the Lord will continue to bless that we all may rejoice in finishing the work.

F. W. JOHNSTON.

QUEBEC

The Sutton Effort

It may have seemed at one time as though we made a mistake in selecting Sutton for our field of labor this summer. The prince of the power of the air first blew our tent to pieces, then after we moved into a hall he created such an excessive heat that the people could not attend there with any comfort. However, we had decided after earnest prayer that that was the place to go and we decided not to move from that neighborhood until we had definite evidence that it was contrary to the will of God for us to remain there.

We next began meetings in a school house six miles from Sutton, still visiting those who showed some interest in the town. These meetings on the mountain began August 28 and culminated in the organization of a church with a membership of twenty-four on October 7. These are not all new members, but are made up of the isolated Sabbath-keepers of that section and nine that were recently baptized as the result of the effort. Some years ago this conference had a church organization and building at Abercorn within one and a half miles of the school house where the members now meet. This organization was disbanded, the building sold and the scattered Sabbath-keepers were without any church fellowship or membership for a number of years, some living nine miles away, some five and others six. The following table outlines the situation in this new church:—

Members belonging to churches 20 miles away	4
" " " " in U. S. A.	6
" without any church affiliation	5
" baptized during this effort	9

On account of the distances and the mountainous aspect of the country we decided to organize two Sabbath schools, one at each extremity of the district and have arranged that the quarterly meetings be celebrated alternately at each place.

The officers of the new organization are as follows:

N. H. Saunders, Elder

Mrs. Alice Gage, Clerk

Mrs. Arthur Morse, Treasurer

Miss Pearl McKinney, Missionary Secretary

It is indicative of the work of God that slaves to habits are made free and three of these new members can vouch for the truth of John 8:32, having been slaves to the tobacco habit, but now are free.

N. H. SAUNDERS.

AILEEN SAUNDERS.

WM. C. YOUNG.

Quebec Notes

Elder W. C. Young occupied the pulpit in the Montreal church Sabbath, Oct. 14. At the close of his address an offering of \$57.00 was taken up for the Ellen G. White Memorial Hospital. Sister Young also spent a few days in Montreal.

Sister E. Rickard, of Fitch Bay, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Eva Noble, of Armstrong, British Columbia.

Brother Darwin Dingman, of South Bolton, has been auditing the Conference books the past week.

Elder C. F. McVagh, president of the Western Canadian Union Conference, stopped off two days on his return from the Council in Washington and preached in Montreal last Sabbath.

Two new Sabbath schools have been added to the Conference the past quarter, one at Sutton, where Elder Young and Brother Saunders have been holding meetings, and the other by Elder Passebois in Quebec city. A Sabbath school has also been re-organized in South Ely by Elder Vuilleumier.

Professor Merlin Davies of Montreal gave a vocal recital in New York city last week. While there he had the privilege of meeting many of our people.

Elder and Mrs. Young spent last Sabbath in South Stukely.

Reports from our people throughout the conference indicate larger returns from the Harvest In-gathering Campaign this year than that of any former year.

The people are looking for just the information found in "Armageddon." Don't keep it from them any longer.

While in Washington Elder Campbell addressed the students and faculty of Washington College on the subject "Our Work in Canada." A deep interest was aroused and several of the students plan to canvass in Canada the coming summer as a result.

SABBATH SCHOOL

Teacher's Memory Gem

"Would you a scholar attempt to teach,
Study his habits, nature, speech:
Make him tell you all he can,
From this knowledge form your plan;
Begin with that which he does know;
Tell him little and tell that slow:
Use words that he will know and feel;
Review, call back, draw out at will;
Consult his tastes, help him to climb,
And keep him working all the time;
Be firm, be gentle, love is strong;
Look to Jesus you'll not go wrong."

How to Have Good Lessons

(This good article was written by that veteran Sabbath school worker, Professor G. H. Bell, and published in the "Instructor" in 1870. The suggestions given are as valuable now as then.)

The main reason why so many fail of having good lessons, is because they do not begin in season. Sabbath afternoon is none too soon to commence learning the lesson for the next week; and, in most cases, it can be completely mastered before the day closes. Yet how often it happens that the lesson is put off from day to day, thinking that there is "time enough"; but, as Sabbath draws near, this or that unlooked-for circumstance comes in to hinder,—perhaps a friend calls just at the very time you had set apart to study your lesson, or it may be that you are needed to go on an errand,—and so one opportunity after another is lost, till the Sabbath arrives, and your lesson is imperfect.

But if you should succeed in learning your lesson at the close of the week, you are liable to be disappointed when you come to the recitation, by finding that you have forgotten some point in the lesson, and cannot possibly recall it. You think you know it perfectly,—you recited it, perhaps, just before you left home,—yet you cannot think of it.

Now the reason for this is that thoughts had not time to take root in the mind, and a very slight brush of the wing of time swept them away.

I know some children who have not had an imperfect lesson for a long time. They are very ordinary children; but they succeeded by observing the following.

Recipe for Good Lessons

1. Learn your lesson the first of the week, commencing with the earliest opportunity.
2. Keep your Bible near you, and improve every spare minute in study.
3. Review the lesson one or more times every day during the week. Try this recipe, and see if it is not infallible.

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OBITUARY

CUSHING—Mrs. Electra Cushing was born in Peachland, Vermont, and died October 9, 1916, in Dixville, Quebec, aged 87 years. Sister Cushing was converted at the early age of eleven years and joined the Baptist Church. Thirty-eight years ago she heard the third angel's message from Elders Rodney Owen and D. T. Bourdeau and accepted it. Its blessed truth has shone as a beacon ever since calling her to a close walk with God. A large company of friends followed Sister Cushing to her last resting place. We laid her beside her husband who three years before left all of earth's cares and together they await the sound of that voice they loved to follow. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Rev. 14:13. W. C. Young

He Was Impressed

It is an encouraging story, particularly concerning the president of a large corporation, one of our faithful sister canvassers, and the *Signs* magazine. This man of affairs saw a copy two years ago in a Philadelphia business office, and was greatly impressed by it, and ever since had wished to subscribe for it. Happening to overhear our sister give a canvass to another, he loitered near by until she was through, and then addressing her, he said, "I have just been waiting to get that magazine. What is the subscription price?"

Get a copy of the December number now ready, and see why the *Signs* magazine is popular with so many. Then tell your tract society secretary how many you want for your neighbors.

Armageddon is coming. What are you doing to let your community know about it? Put the little book "Armageddon" in their hands.

MARITIME

Pay Tithe, Ye Should Not Leave It Undone.

Matt. 23:23.

In teaching the great truths which were to lead the people from Judaism to Christianity, Christ associates judgment, mercy, and faith, with faithful tithe paying. One is of little value without the other. The gospel of Jesus is a complete message. He leaves nothing out and places nothing in but what is necessary to the success of his purpose. His purpose is to seek and to save that which is lost, but he wants every one who is lost to know that a way is provided for his salvation. Is this complete message taking possession of your life, that its success may bring glory to its author and finisher? Have you been satisfied with carrying out the weightier matters of the law, as judgment, mercy, and faith, and leaving the other undone? Do not leave it undone longer. Send your tithe to the conference office.

GEO. H. SKINNER.

Notice

The annual meeting of the Executive Board of the Province of New Brunswick in connection with the Seventh-day Adventist church of the Maritime Provinces will be held at St. John, N. B., on November 4th, at 7:30 P. M.

G. H. SKINNER, *Chairman*
J. C. PORTER, *Secretary*

Standing on Mission Offerings to Sept. 30, 1916

	Mem	Dec	Recd.	Short	Over
Ontario	550	\$4306 50	\$3747 72	\$558 78	
Maritime	266	2082 78	1587 07	495 71	
Quebec	150	1174 50	935 30	239 20	
Nfld.	62	485 46	738 23		\$252 77
Union	1028	\$8049 24	\$7008 32	\$1293 69	\$252 77

Birth

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Dufty, Montreal, Quebec, a son on September 29.

"Armageddon" sells for 25 cents in paper, 50 cents cloth. Those ordering in lots of 10 or more are allowed a commission of 50%. Freight charges are allowed on orders for 200 or more.