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ONTARIO

Winter Campaign with Present Truth Series

Now that October is over and we have had such good experiences with the Harvest Ingathering *Signs* in meeting the people, (not that we should stop if we have any papers on hand, but let us continue until every paper is disposed of) suppose we plan for a winter campaign with the Present Truth Series and give the message to those within our reach. The people are ready. They are stirred over this war and present conditions. I have heard more than one say that they believe this war is in fulfilment of Bible prophecy, and that the end is near. Then too, we will be working in cooperation with God in his work. He has made it plain through his servant that this is the very work he wants us to do at this time. It will fit and prepare us for the reform that is to come in among this people and arouse us from our lukewarm condition. All who put away sin and take an active part in His service will be prepared to receive the latter rain and help finish the work. God's Holy Spirit will seal us for eternity and prepare us to go through the time of trouble and the seven last plagues.

We will need to organize. First we should appoint an active leader, one who has a working spirit. Then we should do some planning, where we are going to work and how many families we are going to visit weekly. Some will decide on ten, others will take twenty or twenty-five and others fifty or more. We can get these papers in thousand lots at four dollars a thousand and can order as high as twenty different numbers to make up the thousand if need be. All can take part. Anyone can give away a paper. "The world is to hear the message through the evangelizing ministry of the Word in our books and periodicals."

Let us arouse and give the message without delay. Isolated members can take up this work and visit their friends and neighbors, and if you ask the people to help you, they will respond. You can make this work self-supporting if you try. May the Lord stir you to do it.

JOSEPH CAPMAN.

Ontario Notes

On a recent Sabbath Elder Olson organized a church of about twenty members at Windsor. Prospects are that this new church will soon develop into a strong factor in our conference.

Our conference is now more than one hundred dollars ahead on the twenty-cent-a-week fund.

Brother Oscar Cardey who has lately finished a very successful delivery is taking up ministerial work in the conference.

Good reports continue to come in from our people who are actively engaged in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. Have you finished distributing all your papers? If not, now is the opportune time. We hope that by the end of December not one paper will be found on the shelf.

MARITIME

Visiting the Churches

It was my privilege to stop for a few days at the Academy while on my way to Halifax. The teachers were bending every energy toward drilling the students in study and recitations, and the students were busily pursuing their studies and performing their appointed tasks. The enrollment has reached thirty-seven, which is very encouraging for the school. A room was fitted up in the basement for some of the boys, so there is always room for one more. Brother Watt Steeves has taken a great interest in the water

system and his help was much appreciated. He prepared the pipes ready to lay in the ground and two of the boys have taken the contract to lay them. We expect to have the water running into the Academy building shortly. This will be much appreciated by the patrons of the school.

Friday, October 27th, I arrived in Halifax and in the evening conducted prayer meeting in the church. All took part and God's presence was manifest. Sabbath morning, Brother Lyman Gray conducted a youth's meeting. The entire program was carried out by the children, who did splendidly and responded enthusiastically to the interest taken in them. The children are planning to support a native worker in some mission field. The boys and girls are going to be missionaries through the day; their missionary will work on the other side of the world while it is night, and so they will be working all the time. We should encourage the children to work for some definite object. May the Lord bless these little missionaries.

Sabbath afternoon, we met for Sabbath school which is being successfully carried on under the superintendency of Sister McDiarmid. Preaching service followed and all seemed glad to hear the message in sermon again. Sunday night service was held with good interest.

I was called away to conduct the funeral service of Brother Joseph Cook and returned to hold a business meeting Wednesday night. Plans were laid for the advancement of the work, and Brother Hugh Moore was elected deacon and ordained to that office. All present pledged themselves to make the meetings and the work of the church a success. There are some good workers in the Halifax church and we look for successful work to be done there.

GEO. H. SKINNER.

A Letter

There is a matter of Christian practice which I wish to bring to your attention, and I believe when you understand it better, you will be as faithful in it as you are in other privileges and duties. The matter of the gospel plan of supporting the ministry, let me place before you in the form of a Bible study.

2 Cor. 11:8. "I made a levy on other churches, taking wages of them to do you service." Paul was an earnest worker for Christ. He had very promising prospects in the world. These he gave up when he became a Christian minister. Listen to his testimony after enumerating some of his prospects, "But what things are gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ, . . . for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and so count them but dross that I may win Christ." Phil. 3:4-8. While he labored for the church in Corinth, he actually was in want, but the church

there did not help him, but brethren from Macedonia brought him his wages. 2 Cor. 11:8, 9. Paul asked them to forgive his mistake in not requiring them to do their part toward the support of the ministry. His report of this church was that they were inferior to other churches. 2 Cor. 12:19. Paul considered it wrong for him to allow them to fail in this important matter. Paul so loved them that he hesitated to urge the support of the ministry upon them, lest they would take offence, but he says, as a result of his course, "the less I be loved." 2 Cor. 12:15. In both of the letters Paul wrote to this church, he endeavors to correct the mistake he made while laboring with them and counsels them to do their part. He writes, "If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?" 1 Cor. 9:11. The following conclusions, which are principles of the Christian church, are drawn from the above:—

1st. Many who devote their lives to the ministry have given time and money for their training and given up prospects in secular enterprises, therefore should receive wages which will supply their needs.

2nd. The proper love for souls will lead the worker to teach the gospel plan of supporting the ministry, and this will lead the believers to have greater love for him.

3rd. That believers who have received spiritual things should give of their carnal things.

Paul sets forth clearly the gospel plan of supporting the ministry so that proper wages can be paid the laborer that he may devote all his time to the work. He gives the plan that God gave and man has never improved upon it. Paul's letters to the Corinthian church give us quite plainly the plan adopted in the Christian church. In 1st Corinthians the 9th chapter he lays down the principle that the ministry is to receive its support from its work, then in verse 18 he asks the question, "Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things, live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?" Do ye not know? asks Paul. We may know by a brief study of the Bible. You will find the answer in Numbers 18, "Behold, I also have given thee the charge of mine heave offerings, of all the hallowed things of the children of Israel." Verse 8. The families of the priests were to partake also. Verses 9-19. One of the holy things which the priest was given charge of was all the tenth of Israel, which he calls the tithe. Verses 21-24. The priests were to pay tithe to Aaron. Verses 26-28. The priests were warned not to misuse the holy tithe lest they die. Verses 30-32. This is in brief God's plan:

1st. The priest was to live of the holy things, also his family.

2nd. The priest was to have charge of the tenth or tithe of Israel.

3rd. The priests were to pay tithe.

4th. The priest was to be careful how he handled the holy tithe.

Paul now makes his point when he says—"Even so [exactly, in like manner or degree,—Webster] "hath the Lord"—Who? The Lord, "ordained" [appointed, instituted,—Webster] "that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." 1 Cor. 9:15, 14. Even so, exactly, in like manner or degree, as the priest and Levite were supported, the Lord appointed, or instituted, the same plan for the church:

1st. They which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.

2nd. The ministry is to have charge of the tenth or tithe of the church.

3rd. The ministers are to pay tithe.

4th. The minister is to use the sacred tithe carefully.

Since the Lord ordained that the ministry should be supported by the tithe, and that it should be placed in the treasury, to be used wisely, since it is sacred, are you willing to carry out your part in this plan? Your part is stated in Malachi 3:10,— "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there will not be room enough to receive it."

Are any excused from this obligation, because their income is small? Let me tell you about a man who had to leave home. All that he carried with him was his lunch, but he remembered God and even gave part of his lunch to him. Could you do less than this? Surely some one would say that he would be excused, but let us read, "And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he put for his pillow and set it up for a pillar and poured oil upon the top of it." "And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and give me bread to eat and raiment to put on, of all that thou shalt give me, I will surely give the tenth unto thee." Gen. 28:16-22.

As soon as we receive our income, it should be tithed; for the Lord gets very few of the dollars that are spent. It is not pleasing to the Lord when we use the tithe for our own needs, as it is often never paid back. "Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first-fruits of all thine increase." Prov. 3:9, 10. Lev. 27:30, 31.

Those who have a love for the truth and for souls would like to have a son in the ministry or a daughter in the Bible work, but if God's way of supporting them were not carried out by his people, it would not be possible. You are to carry out the golden rule. If some of your family, or yourself,

were ready to enter the work, and you do not pay tithe now, would you wish all to follow your example and not provide for your needs or theirs? We do not believe in the worldly way of raising money to support the workers of the Lord, such as fairs, socials, teas, sales, festivals, etc; for as one has said, "Man's ways may succeed, but God's ways never fail."

We need more workers in this conference, and we believe that if you with others will join with the Lord and carry out God's plan, there will be enough to support another worker. We are working for this aim. Begin now and prove the Lord. Mal. 3:7-11.

Ever yours for the success of God's work

GEO. H. SKINNER.

Some Excellent Literature Cheap

The publishers of *The Watchman* have on hand a quantity of back numbers of *The Watchman* magazine which have accumulated during the past two years. In order to clean their shelves of these magazines they are offering them as long as they last at \$1 a hundred, postpaid. We think this is a splendid opportunity for our people to get some exceptionally good literature at an exceedingly low price for free distribution among their friends and neighbors. Most of these magazines have been issued since the European war and contain some very valuable and interesting matter.

Those desiring some of these magazines should order from the Can. Pub. Assn., Oshawa. No doubt there are some of our ministers and other workers who will want a good supply to use in their work. These magazines contain the truth in *The Watchman's* own live and interesting style.

Family Worship

"There is nothing else that so sweetens the home life. True family worship is a fountain that brings streams of holy influence into every part of the household. It is a vase of perfume that sheds fragrance over all. It softens asperities. It quells anger. It quiets impatience. It settles differences. It subdues evil passions. Hearts that are drawn together at God's feet every day can not get very far apart. The frictions of the day are forgotten when all voices mingle in the same heavenly song. As the tender words of inspiration fall with their benign counsels all feeling of unkindness melts away. The altar in the midst wondrously hallows and sweetens the home fellowship. Besides, it puts new strength into every heart. It comforts sorrow. It is a shield against temptation. It smooths out the wrinkles of care. It inspires strength for burden-bearing. It quickens every religious sentiment and keeps the fires burning on every heart's altar."—*Week Day Religion*, Page 79.

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Notice

Will the local church elders and the Quebec Conference workers please note the following appointments for the coming week of prayer commencing December 2 - 9 inclusive.

Montreal (both French and English) L. F. Passelots.

Namur J. Vuilleumier
Sutton Wm. C. Young
Fitch Bay and Bolton F. C. Webster
Sherbrooke and Hatley N. H. Saunders
South Stukely H. W. Ingham

Let the workers arrange with each local elder beforehand as to date of arrival and best time and method of conducting the prayer season, so that local conditions may be best complied with.

WM. C. YOUNG.

Colporteurs' Report, Week Ending Nov. 11, 1916 Ontario

Name	Book	Hours	Value	Total	Del.
John Pengelly	CK	135	\$ 1 50	\$120 33	180 40
Oscar Cardey	BR	12	36 00	36 00	
Louis Antoine	BR	31	10 30	10 40	14 75
*C D Terwilligar	GC		18 00	22 75	
James Campbell	BR	20	39 00	51 10	
Total		207	\$99 80	\$249 80	\$495 15
*Three weeks					
*Two "					

Rockefeller's Billion

It is said that 16,300 men would be required to lift that thousand million dollars if done up in dollar-bill packages. This is one of the points made in a November *Signs* magazine article entitled "Heaping up Riches." Other signs of our times appear under the headings:—Depravity in Dress; The Great War; A Great Calamity Averted (threatened railway men's strike); Pleasure, Extravagance, Lust; Why God's Judgments Visit the Earth; The Harvest of Criticism. Do you want your neighbors to read them? Don't trust your memory; send for some today.

Up to the close of October, Harvest Ingathering *Signs* had been ordered in the following quantities: Maritime, 5,880; Ontario, 15,526; Quebec 5,600; Newfoundland, 4,000. This represents a large number more of Harvest Ingathering papers than were used last year. The increase is as follows: Maritime 910; Ontario, 3,661; Quebec, 3,200; Newfoundland, 1,993. None of these papers should be allowed to lie idle. They are too valuable for that. Everyone who has them on hand should put them in circulation and in such a way as to bring in returns for the cause. It costs four cents to produce each paper, and the contents are of great value in opening up to our fellow citizens the fact that we are an energetic missionary people. For years in the past our opponents have charged us with being "proselyters, going only to members of other churches to secure converts and they often ask us why we do not go among the heathen with our message. The Harvest Ingathering *Signs* is a most effective answer to this question.

Notice to Sabbath School Workers

All who have satisfactorily completed the study of any part or all of the studies of the present series of the Sabbath School Worker's Training Course are entitled to a certificate. Only three requirements are necessary:—

1. Send your name and address to your conference Sabbath School Secretary.

2. State whether or not you have completed the three studies included in the course. If you have not taken all the studies, name those which you have taken. The three studies are as follows:—

"The Seven Laws of Teaching"
"Testimonies on Sabbath School Work"

Training Course Articles in the *Sabbath School Worker*.

3. Write a short paragraph setting forth the points on each study which have been of greatest help to you.

The certificate is issued in Washington, and the above information must be sent to the General Conference Sabbath School Secretary that the certificate may properly be filled out.

Standing on Mission Offerings to Sept. 30, 1916

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Ontario	550	\$1774 00	\$4892 07		\$118 07
Maritime	266	2308 88	2049 71	259 07	
Quebec	150	1302 00	1291 88	10 12	
Nfld.	62	598 16	657 15		318 99
Union	1028	\$8923 04	\$9090 81	\$269 29	\$437 06