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An Encouraging Report

It is encouraging to all workers to know that the lay members are standing by them faithfully, not only in paying their tithe, but also in going from house to house seeking out the honest hearts that are to be found everywhere an effort is made. Eastern Canada is still proving that her interests are in the salvation of souls. More members are falling into line each month. The fact that success is attending the winter efforts is a great encouragement to our faithful members. You have been paying your tithe and offerings honestly with the prayer that God would bless them in gathering out a people to stand on the sea of glass; and when you hear of twenty converts here, fifteen there, and thirty-five in another place, you feel repaid, for Christ would have given all for only one. Such faithfulness in conjunction with house to house work by all the members will sound the Loud Cry.

The following report will show that a greater number from the ranks are getting in earnest. Compare the first quarter of 1920 with the first of 1921—

Comparative Report of Home Missionary Work in the Eastern Canadian Union

Number of Churches and Companies.....	62	
Membership of Churches.....	1575	1583
No. Persons Reporting.....	166	548
Letters Written.....	377	1069
Letters Received.....	138	399
Missionary Visits.....	588	3665
Bible Readings or Cottage Meetings.....	182	562
Subscriptions for Periodicals.....	95	335
Papers Sold.....	2803	7571
Papers Mailed Lent or Given.....	7994	24275
Books Sold.....	1303	777
Books Lent or given.....	167	1110
Tracts Sold.....	52	139
Tracts Lent or Given.....	22506	8612
Hours Christian Help Work.....	630	10920
Articles of Clothing Given.....	197	1013
No. Meals Provided.....	203	1034
Treatments Given.....	136	555
Signers to Temperance Pledge.....		
Offerings to Home Mission Work.....	\$74.38	\$214.89
No. Conversions Reported.....		12

Five hundred forty-eight reporting as compared with one hundred sixty-six—35 per cent against 10.5 per cent. This with the gain in letters written, missionary visits, Bible readings, literature distributed and treatments given proves that we are moving along right lines.

Our goal is that at the end of 1921 we will have 50 per cent at least reporting. We ought to have 100 per cent, for it is all God's people working that constitutes the Loud Cry which we believe is going today. Will every reader join the class represented in the 35 per cent, beginning today?

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“For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey. Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two. But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.” Matt. 25: 14-18.

“What am I doing for Jesus?” This should be the question that every Seventh-day Adventist is asking himself, for there will surely come a time when account will have to be given for the use made of the talents supplied. This account will have to be given to the Lord at the end of life's journey. How careful we ought to be that at the close of each day we can say, “I have given to the Lord the best of my time.”

Too often selfishness gets into the human heart and crowds out every desire to work in the Master's vineyard, although we have the Master's word, saying, "Go work in my vineyard and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive." The devil says, "Don't you do it. You will be asked to sell books, and if you do, that will hasten the end of the world. You had better sell something that will protect or beautify the homes and help the people to settle down here in carnal security. Why help to scatter the printed page like the leaves of autumn?"

The devil hates the book and magazine work and he is as busy as he can be, incarnating his spirit into men. When men and women take up this work and begin to have success, it is suggested that there are other things they can sell and make much more money. Some of them at once lose sight of the object of their entering the colporteur work—soul-saving, hastening the coming of the Lord—and seek for money rather than the saving of souls, thus saying in their hearts, "My Lord delayeth his coming."

How much we need to "watch and pray that we enter not into temptation," and that God will help us all to be willing workers for him. We are glad that we have some loyal men and women in the Maritime Conference who are "as true to God as the needle to the pole." Some of these are in the colporteur army, and others are joining to help give this gospel of the kingdom in all the world, "which is now meat in due season." To such the Lord will say, "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Matt. 25:23.

The Maritime Conference colporteur institute will be held at Memramcook, June 7-12. All who wish to attend and receive a training that they may help to finish this work, write to the Maritime Tract Society.

J. L. WILSON

"While down town yesterday, I asked John, the elevator boy, how business was? His reply was, 'Up and down, Boss, but when I ain't busy I likes to stay up at the top.' That is something like our spiritual experience isn't it? Sometimes up and sometimes down but when the Christian isn't busy he is most generally at the bottom."

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Short Sermons with Short Titles

FAITHFULNESS REWARDED

"If our churches will take their stand upon the Lord's word, and be faithful in paying their tithe into his treasury, more laborers will be encouraged to take up ministerial work. More men would give themselves to the ministry were they not told of the depleted treasury. There should be an abundant supply in the Lord's treasury, and there would be if selfish hearts and hands had not withheld the tithes, or made use of them to support other lines of work." *Testimonies, Vol. 9, page 249.*

"If all the tithes of our people flowed into the treasury of the Lord as they should, such blessings would be received that gifts and offerings for sacred purposes would be multiplied tenfold, and thus the channel between God and man would be kept open. The followers of Christ should not wait for thrilling missionary appeals to rouse them to action." *Testimonies, Volume 4, page 474.*

"Strict compliance with the requirements of heaven brings temporal as well as spiritual blessings."—"*Prophets and Kings,*" page 546. E. A. JONES

Are You Guilty ?

Many can say with Isaiah "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" This voice has come to many hearts, sometimes in a whisper, and then somewhat louder and louder, as the individual did not respond with "Here am I, send me." In the meantime souls have been drifting farther and farther from God whom they might have helped, some of them going down into Christless graves. What excuse can be offered when these are met in the judgment?

With a time of trouble "such as never was" right before us, that voice still calls—this time in thunderous tones—"Who will go? Whom shall I send?" Many know positively that God

wants them to carry his truth, through the printed page, and warn the people, yet they continue to hold back, fearful and unbelieving. The call comes for at least

Twenty-five Magazine Workers

who will devote their time and strength to the circulation of the *Canadian Watchman* throughout the eastern provinces during this summer. Some hesitate, fearing they cannot put up big records because of present day conditions. We do not expect conditions to improve, this old world is nearing its end, and unless we give the warning now we shall find many places almost too difficult to work at all in the very near future.

If twenty-five earnest, consecrated young men and women sold but an average of twenty-five copies a day, six days a week (taking in work which could be done on Saturday night) for the next five months, this would place thousands of magazines in the homes, to be read by many more thousands, and who can estimate how many would be saved in the kingdom of God as a result? This would give a good living wage, and we know that many would average more. Our records show that those devoting their full time to this work are doing much more than this.

That voice will cease to call sometime. It is not safe to disobey. Will you not settle the matter now and write us, so that territory may be arranged? Our field missionary secretaries and lady assistants are ready to help you. Respond today, tomorrow may be too late.

LIZZIE M. GREGG

God's Great Combination Program

Much is said in the Scriptures and the Testimonies concerning the work of women in connection with the work of God. This ought to be an encouragement to our sisters, especially to those who are graduating from our schools and colleges. There are always demands for Bible workers, teachers, nurses and the Christian colporteurs.

From statements in Testimonies, Volume 6, page 118, it would seem that the colporteur work may be a combination of each of these. We read in the chapter devoted to women workers that—"The women who take up this work carry the gospel to the homes of the people in the highways and byways. They read and explain the Word to families, praying with

them, caring for the sick, relieving their temporal necessities. They present before families and individuals the purifying, transforming influence of the truth. They show that the way to find peace and joy is to follow Jesus."

Hence our sisters may do untold good as they carry the literature to the homes of the people—reading, praying, caring for the sick, teaching the truth. The colporteur work is surely broad and far reaching in its influence. We are glad so many of our sisters are planning to enter this branch during the coming summer months. There will not be many more opportunities to warn perishing souls. Probation's hours are closing, the time of trouble is drawing near. The harvest will soon be reaped. We must have sheaves to present to the Master. Many more should heed the call and enlist for service now.

CAN. WATCH. PRESS

God's Recipe for Good Health

Spring is here. Nature invites us outside. Health awaits us in God's great out-of-doors.

The promise is "Thine health shall spring forth speedily" if we comply with certain conditions. Health is the greatest temporal blessing we have. It makes life worth living. Millions are paying out large sums of money to obtain it. Many are travelling from one end of the world to the other searching for it, but few are willing to take God's recipe. A few have tested it and proved its value. It is free to all and is found in Isaiah 58: 6-8. When we think of others less favored than ourselves, and we go out to help them in a practical manner, we have the promise "thine health shall spring forth speedily."

In our search for this treasure, and as we plan to stay out in the sunshine a few hours each week, let us take some of our good literature,—books, tracts, magazines—and give the people around us an opportunity of hearing more about God's last message to them. Busy mothers, taking the children out for an afternoon, can do this, and as they come in contact with other busy and tired mothers, the Lord will give them a message of comfort to cheer them on the way. They will return happier and stronger. Life will be brighter. They have helped others, and their health has improved. Let us test it out, and order the literature today ready for service at once.

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Colporteur Report

WEEK ENDING APRIL 30, 1921

ONTARIO

Name	Bk.	Hrs.	Ord.	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
F. Thunwood	B.R.	27					139.00
W. M. Duclos	B.R.	69	16	112.00	10.75	122.75	8.00
J. Simpson	B.R.	24	17	102.50	4.00	106.50	4.00
J. E. Gould	O.D.	36	14	61.50	11.10	72.60	1.75
J. Robinson	O.D.	58	28	85.50		85.50	17.50
Bert Brown	B.R.	38	7	40.00		40.00	

Total 252 82 401.50 25.85 427.35 170.25

OBITUARY

Brother Salem Coolen of St. Margaretts Bay died at Fox Point, N. S., April 18, 1921, in his sixty-first year. Brother Coolen had not been well since having influenza two years ago, and was confined to his home for almost a year. He had been one of the veteran fishermen of the Bay and was successful in his work. Brother Coolen was one of the first in the province to accept present truth, but was not baptized until about two years ago by Elder Joyce. He leaves to mourn a wife, eight sons and three daughters, all of whom are Sabbath keepers. A large funeral was conducted at the home and we laid him to rest in a beautiful spot on his own land selected as an adventist burying ground. We expect to meet our brother in the resurrection morning.

E. M. CHAPMAN

"We can no more sustain our spiritual vigor and health without feeding daily upon God's holy word than we can maintain physical power without eating our daily bread. The taste for it grows with the partaking."

Rules for Churchgoers

On the door of the old Priory Church in Dunstable, a church which dates back for hundreds of years, are the following suggestions for modern churchgoers:

On Your Way

On your way to the Lord's house, be thoughtful. Say but little, and that little, good. Speak not of other men's faults. Think of your own, for you are going to ask forgiveness.

When You Reach the Church

Never stay outside; go in at once. Time spent within is precious.

In Church

Kneel down humbly, and pray. Spend the time that remains in holy thought. In prayer remember the awful presence into which you have come. Never look about you to see who are coming in, or for any cause whatever. It matters nothing to you what others may be doing. Attend to yourself. Fasten your thoughts firmly on the holy service. The blessed Spirit will strengthen you if you persevere.

When Service is Over

Remain kneeling, and pray. Be silent. Speak to no one until you are outside. Do not cover your head until you have left the porch. The church is God's house, even when prayer is over.

On Your Way Home

Be careful of your talk. The world will soon slip back into your mind. Love prayer and praise best. Preaching is but a help to the holy work.

Watch This Space

MISSIONARY LEADER

Are you perfectly satisfied that you did your very best to make collection of May 7 a success?

Have you seen to it that the offering of May 7 was kept separate from all other moneys and labeled "Watchman Subscription Fund?"

Be sure that all money from Big Week effort is turned in not later than the last Sabbath in May. It applies on "Missions Publishing Fund."

See that the missionary secretary collects the cost of material from members and pays the tract society.

Did you see the home missionary report in this issue?

Will you assist the secretary in making the second quarter the best?

Thank you for your co-operation. It spells success for the future.