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A Moment in the Morning

A moment in the morning, ere the cares of day begin,
Ere the heart's wide door is open for the world to enter in;
Ah, then alone with Jesus, in the silence of the morn,
In heavenly sweet communion let your duty day be born,
In the quietude that blesses with a prelude of repose,
Let your soul be soothed and softened, as the dew revives
the rose.

A moment in the morning take your Bible in your hand,
And catch a glimpse of glory from the peaceful promised land;
It will linger still before you when you seek the busy mart,
And like flowers of hope will blossom into beauty in your heart;
The precious words, like jewels, will glisten all the day,
With a rare, effulgent glory that will brighten all the way.
When comes a sore temptation, and your feet are near a snare,
You may count them like a rosary, and make each one a prayer.

A moment in the morning—a moment if no more—
It is better than an hour when the trying day is o'er,
'Tis the gentle dew from heaven, the manna for the day;
If you fail to gather early—alas! it melts away.
So, in the blush of morning take the offered hand of love,
And walk in heaven's pathway and the peacefulness thereof.

World's Crisis

It is urged that the "World's Crisis" is by far the best small book for missionary work ever issued by our publishing houses. It is reasoned this way: It is well timed; it deals with subjects in which every normal person is interested; it presents the Eastern Question, Armageddon, the signs of the times, and the gospel for this generation most convincingly and in a manner least likely to arouse prejudice; its 128 pages are well illustrated with fifty-five pictures of soldiers in trenches, munitions of war, fighting craft, historic places, diagrams, charts, etc.; its low price of twelve and one-half cents a copy to those who order ten or more makes it comparatively inexpensive for giving or mailing to friends, and the 25-cent selling price allows a good margin of profit for the canvasser.

One of our publishing houses, underestimating the demand, printed a first edition of but 15,000 copies. Telegraph, telephone, mail, and personal orders literally poured in on them, and in about ten days' time it was found necessary to rush three presses on a second edition of 25,000 copies.

The mail man handed a sample copy to one of our brethren as he was about to board a car for town. Before reaching his destination, he sold four, and while attending to business, took orders for four more. Another, travelling on a train, passed copies across the aisle to fellow passengers without solicitation. In almost every instance, they kept the books and handed him the price, 25 cents.

Many similar reports have been received, and the campaign has only just begun. Among them is the experience of one who canvassed his neighbors and sold thirteen copies in less than two hours. The best report of a single day's work comes from southern California, where before five o'clock an enthusiast sold seventy-five copies.

The president of a neighboring conference felt so impressed with the value of the book, that he presented it to one of our churches on Sabbath, 134 copies were ordered at once. Another church took 319 copies; a third, 200.

Quoting a tract society secretary: "It is absolutely the most attractive and comprehensive presentation of the prophecies relating to the present war in Europe and other signs of our times that we can offer the people now. We are getting orders every day. Increase our order from 500 to 1,500 copies."

It looks as if the Lord were stirring our people to unprecedented activity, doesn't it? And it is fortunate indeed; for where an occasional inquiring mind was found a short time ago, the number is now multiplied many fold. Results—and that is what we want—were never more likely to follow work done with the printed page than at present.

Ontario

President, M. C. Kirkendall, Oshawa
Sec-Treas., T. D. Gibson, Oshawa
Field Missionary Agent, Joseph Capman, Oshawa

Brantford Convention

The Brantford convention was held February 13 and 14, and all who had the privilege of attending will testify that it was a grand success.

The following conference workers were present: Elder M. N. Campbell, Prof. T. D. Rowe, Joseph Capman, Miss Margaret Shanks, Miss Sadie Baker and the writer. Besides these workers several of our people were in attendance from nearby churches and companies, and all seemed to be full of courage and eager to catch any new suggestion as to how the message might be given more quickly to the people. Of the members of the Brantford church it can be truly said they are possessed with the spirit of genuine hospitality, as well as other Christian virtues. Plans are being laid in this church to take advance steps in every line of missionary work with the view of enlisting every member in the service of Christ. We have in the Brantford church an excellent class of young people who understand the value of a Christian education. Some are already in Buena Vista Academy. Several expressed a desire to have a church school established in this city.

Papers were written and freely discussed on the Sabbath School Work, Book and Periodical Work, various other lines of Home Missionary and Educational and Young People's Work. While the object of this convention was educational in its character, time was given to consider our spiritual needs.

The question box was a feature of the meeting at Brantford, and was full to overflowing with questions covering a wide range of subjects. A very good interest was manifested in the consideration of the questions asked. At the evening service Elder Campbell spoke on "Will this War End In Armageddon?" and the hall was packed full of people to hear, although there were all manner of other attractions staged in the other churches to draw the crowd. The Brantford convention was one of the very best that has been held so far and it is believed to have been a success from every standpoint.

F. C. WEBSTER.

Lindsay

Friday, Sabbath and Sunday were spent with the brethren of the Lindsay church. Three meetings were held. The first was with the young people who had been assembling for some time with Miss Brenda Nesbitt as leader. The subject outlined in the Morning Watch Calendar had been given out the previous week, and the young people came prepared to recite texts and to take part in the service. We hope to see these promising young people in our school, preparing for more efficient work, as the way may open for them to leave their homes.

On Sabbath we had the usual Sabbath school followed by the after service, and on Sunday a number of neighbours with friends, not of our faith, were present.

They all seemed pleased with the remarks which were on the "Near Coming of Our Lord."

The church and young people are all actively engaged in the circulation of literature. My time was fully occupied with the meetings and visiting interested

families to whom, in company with Brother Noble, we gave two Bible readings. We pray that the seed sown may bear fruit.

C. D. TERWILLEGAR.

Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society

Report of missionary work for quarter ending December 1914.

Number of members	96
Letters written	119
Letters received	67
Missionary visits (personal work).....	411
Bible readings or cottage meetings held.....	146
Papers sold	483
Papers mailed, lent, or given away	2,667
Books sold.....	53
Books lent or given away.....	35
Tracts sold	32
Tracts lent or given away	8,710
Hours of Christian Help work	111
Articles of clothing given away	70
Number of meals provided	16
Boquets given	3
Treatments given	8
Offering for Foreign Missions.....	\$323.57

M. B. SHANKS.

Buena Vista Current

Brother C. D. Terwillegar spent Sabbath with the church at Lindsay, Ontario.

Prof. T. D. Rowe attended the Sabbath School and Young People's convention at Brantford and visited with the Hamilton church on his return.

A splendid set of Universal History in 8 volumes has been added to our school library. We much appreciate these books as our library is lacking in historical works.

Prof. Spangler visited Toronto to purchase equipment for the laboratory. The students in that department will be better enabled to pursue their studies.

Quebec

President, A. V. Olson, Montreal.

Sec-Treas., F. E. Dufty, Montreal, Que.

Montreal

Since my last report to the MESSENGER I have visited Lawrenceville, South Ely, Dixville, Coaticook, Sherbrooke, South Stukely and Waterloo. At all of these places I found our people of good courage and determined to press the battle until victory is won. All seemed profoundly impressed with the solemnity of the times in which we are living. It is the unanimous opinion that our time on earth is short, and that it therefore behooves us to prepare to meet our God. At Sherbrooke we celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house. This was a new but blessed experience to the members of this newly-organized church. The spirit of God was present in a marked manner and we were all made to realize our need of a closer walk with God.

While at South Stukely I accompanied the trustees of the church to Waterloo where they transferred the deed to the church property to the conference to be held

in trust. Now the conference holds the deeds to all our church properties in the province.

Here in Montreal we are endeavoring to do what we can to sow the good seed. Our English church used a large quantity of the Harvest Ingathering papers and thousands of pages of papers and tracts have been given away. At present our members are using regularly about five hundred copies of the Present Truth Series extras. Brother Jones and Sister Mildred Smith are devoting practically all of their time to selling magazines. We believe that the silent seed thus sown will sooner or later yield its harvest. Recently I had the privilege of bap-

tizing three candidates. Two of these, a man and his wife, were the result of Bible studies conducted at their home once a week when I have been in the city this winter. The third one, a lady, has been brought into the truth by the faithful efforts of Brother and Sister Blythe.

Ever since Sister Hillyard went away we have been greatly in need of a Bible-worker for this city. For months all our efforts to secure one seemed in vain, but I am glad to say that we have at last succeeded in getting just what we needed in the person of Miss Evelyn Case, of Halifax. She is a splendid Bible worker and also an

Ontario Report of Tithes and Offerings for the Month of January, 1915

Churches	Tithe	Miss.	Sab. S.	H. I. Fd.	Misc.	Total
Albana	\$ 15 97	\$ 2 50	\$	\$	\$	\$ 18 47
Buena Vista	70 03	2 00	1 00			73 08
Brantford	97 22	12 57	14 18	7 55		131 52
Belleville	30 50					30 50
Central Toronto	15 75	2 75	9 42		32 34	60 28
Cnatham	29 07	5 00	23 87			57 94
Eas. Toronto	15 68		10 76			26 44
Galt	18 01			1 00		19 01
Hamilton	127 46	59 25	17 72	7 27		211 70
Individuals	2 95	3 55		100 00		106 50
Kingston	18 05		3 90			21 95
London	86 16	5 30		90		92 36
Lynden	21 40	1 55	7 77	4 95		35 67
Muskoka	5 00					5 00
Oshawa	33 16	8 50	6 20			47 86
Ottawa	30 66		8 02			38 68
Peterboro	14 20				15 00	29 20
Petrolia	9 55					9 55
Selton		1 30		12 60		13 90
Simcoe				1 30		1 30
St. Catharines	3 20			2 75		5 95
Toronto	75 84	3 18	17 72	2 95	75	100 44
Totals	\$ 719 91	\$107 45	\$120 56	\$141 27	\$48 09	\$1,137 28

Quebec Conference Report for January, 1915.

Churches	Tithe	Que. Work	Annual	H. I.	Missions	Sab. School	Total
Dixville	\$ 21 85	\$	\$	\$	\$ 17 50	\$ 6 50	\$ 45 85
Namur	1 00					1 28	2 28
Fitch Bay	41 35		5 00	2 00		2 88	51 23
S. Stukely	61 87	5 00	1 00		1 00		68 87
Montreal French	43 92	10 00		6 43	10 00	17 56	87 91
Sherbrooke	15 50		50	2 50		4 00	22 50
Montreal English	58 80		1 00	3 34	3 08	21 01	87 23
Individuals	15 00	10 00		17 25		12 97	55 22
Totals	\$259 29	\$ 25 00	\$ 7 50	\$31 52	\$31 58	\$66 20	\$421 09

F. E. DUFTY Sec-Treas.

Colporteurs' Report, Two Weeks Ending Feb. 13, 1915

Ontario

Name	Book	Hours	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
John Pengelly	C. K.	48	23	\$23 00	\$22 00	\$45 00	
J. Heaver	D. R.	49	8	24 00	1 50	25 50	
R. Gage	G. C.	40	13	42 00	21 00	63 00	
G. W. Sowler	Mag.			17 25	5 45	22 70	\$ 22 70
Totals		137	44	\$106 25	\$49 95	\$156 20	\$ 22 70

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efficient stenographer. I feel that Quebec owes the Maritime Conference a debt of gratitude for so kindly releasing one of their best laborers at our urgent request.

I am sure that all the members of our conference will be sorry to learn that, because of his failing health, Brother and Sister Armeneau have been compelled to lay down their work in our field and go West for an extended rest with Brother Armeneau's people on a farm. We had all learned to love and appreciate these devoted laborers, and it was with sorrow that we saw them go from us. Let us follow them with our prayers that God may restore him to health and strength and that they may again be enabled to resume their chosen work. A letter received from them this morning states that they have arrived safely at their destination, Gull Lake, Saskatchewan, and that he is slowly improving.

Sister Armeneau's leaving left us without a conference Sabbath school secretary again. The Conference Committee has asked Sister Case to fill this vacancy, and all correspondence intended for the conference Sabbath school Secretary should therefore in the future be addressed to Miss Evelyn Case, 280 Villeneuve St., W. Montreal, Quebec. A. V. OLSON.

Maritime

President, M. M. Hare, Amherst, N. S.
Sec.-Treas., Lulu Van Buskirk, Amherst, N. S.

St. John N. B.

The MESSENGER family will be glad to hear from St. John again after so long a silence. The writer is glad to report recovery, after about six weeks of illness, and will soon be able to take up the work again. During the month of December our interest was at its height, the hall was filled and some nights people were turned away for lack of seats. We were just entering upon the Sabbath truth, the people waiting anxiously for this phase of the message, when Satan, who is an experienced general, knew when to strike his blow. It has been a trial to lay down the work with the interest manifest at the time, but the work is the Lord's and we can trust him to look after his own. We shall endeavor to learn the lesson which is in this experience for us.

The St. John church held its quarterly and annual meeting at the close of the year, at which time officers were chosen and reports rendered. We are glad to

report progress for the year past, and we start the new year with courage and hope, placing our faith in our great leader, Christ. Officers were installed as follow: Elder, the writer, Deacons and Deaconesses, Brother James Hannah and wife and Brother Burt Farris and wife; clerk, Miss Sadie Hannah; Treasurer and Librarian, Sister W. H. Cook.

Thirteen persons were received into the church during the year, seven were granted letters to other churches, and there was one death, leaving a gain of five members. Our present membership is 44. The tithe for the year was \$603.45; missions for the year \$346.77; other offerings \$18.29, a total of \$968.51.

The church also paid \$1,000.00 for a lot and hope soon to have a place of worship of their own.

Over \$200 worth of literature was sold and distributed during the year. Thus the seeds of truth have been faithfully sown and as a result may many souls be added to the kingdom. GEO. H. SKINNER.

Is Spring Coming, or Here?

Already in some sections a few warm days have reminded us that spring is coming, the time of the summer's harvest. But the seeding time is already here in the gardens of our lives, and those who neglect these precious days of opportunity will some day join in that bitter wail, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."

One worker writes of a little group of young people who are endeavoring to improve the precious spring time of their lives. "There is a circle of us who are trying to learn all the Morning Watch verses to remember. Each day we repeat the verses already learned so as to impress them upon our minds. After repeating a verse each day for three months we will not be likely to forget it."

Can anyone tell me the value of those precious seeds of God's word imbedded thus in the individual life? Is there any doubt that they will spring up and bear fruit in the daily work, in times of sorrow or disappointment, when temptations assail, or when the soul is brought face to face with some decisive question?

Now is the sowing time. The time will come when fair virgins and young men will faint for thirst while searching for the word of God and shall not find it. Amos 8:12,13.

"Of all sad words of tongue or pen,

The saddest are these, 'It might have been.' "

Dear friends, the Morning Watch Calendar was prepared for one purpose only, to help you form the habit of daily Bible study and prayer. Are you forming the habit? If not send to your Tract Society to-day for a copy of the Calendar. Begin at once. Redeem the time.

M. E. Kern.

THE World's Crisis should be circulated everywhere.