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Happy New Year

With this issue of the MESSENGER we are entering the year 1916 and we take this opportunity to wish each reader a happy and prosperous New Year.

The year that has just rolled into history has been the most momentous period in the history of this troubled old world with the exception of the year of the flood and the year of the crucifixion and resurrection of our divine Lord.

What 1916 will bring forth is yet to be seen, but it can scarcely be less fruitful of sorrow and blight to the race than its predecessor has been.

Of one thing we may be certain: the close of human probation is not far distant. We are assured that "he will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness for a short work will the Lord make in the earth."

May this year be one of sanctified activity on the part of each of the waiting and watching ones.

It is quite customary at the beginning of the year to make resolutions to guide the individual conduct during the months to come. This is quite right and proper on the part of the Christian. Let us at this early date take a square look at our spiritual standing. Have we fallen behind the Message? Let us "catch up." Are we the ones who are frequently late to Sabbath School and prayer meetings? Resolve to be on time this year. Have we been critical and fault-finding? Resolve to abolish the abominable practice. Have we been withholding our tithe? Let's square up and be honest with God the coming year. Has any particular sin been holding dominion over us? Let us claim the promise "Sin shall not have dominion over us."

The year 1916 should see a very perceptible advance move all along the line in every home, church and conference. How would it be for each church to resolve to keep up the twenty cent-a-week for missions fully each week? To help in this let each Sab-

bath school resolve to set an advance mark in giving, in scholarship, in the number of students won to Christ. All these resolutions carried into effect will insure each of us a Happy New Year.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

Program of Union Conference Session

In counsel with Elder I. H. Evans the following program has been agreed upon for the Union conference session:

- A. M.
- 8:45-9:30 Prayer and Social Meeting
- 9:45-10:45 Bible Study
- 11:00-12:00 Bible Study
- P. M.
- 12:30-1:30 Dinner
- 2:30-3:30 Bible Study
- 3:45-5:00 Union Business Meeting
- 6:00-7:00 Supper
- 7:30-9:00 Preaching Service

Each delegate to the session should note that the first meeting of the Union session convenes Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Jan. 11th. Let each delegate plan to be in his place at that hour.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

Accommodations for Union Conference

We would invite all who plan to attend the soon-coming session of the Eastern Canadian Union Conference to be held in the West Toronto church and desiring accommodations, to get in touch with the Ontario Conference by correspondence stating just what accommodations are desired and the request will be placed in the hands of the Entertainment Committee. This word should reach us early, in no case later than the 10th of January, so that ample provision can be made to entertain all who may come. It would be well for the delegates to notice this request, especially if they plan to be accompanied by any members of their families. Lacking this, provision will be made for men. This applies only to delegates.

The Entertaining Committee is arranging with local restaurants for suitable meals and a list of furnished rooms is being secured available in the vicinity about the church. These and the meals may be secured at a very reasonable charge, consistent with service and comfort.

In closing we would urge upon our brethren and sisters in nearby churches to plan to attend this session of the Union Conference. The help which will be rendered by visiting ministers and the very occasion itself should appeal to many as well worthy of the effort to attend.

The church is located on Awdé St. Take a Bathurst car at the front of the Union Station in Toronto, and upon paying the fare ask the conductor for a transfer to the Bloor; or the Bloor car may be taken just one-half block east of the entrance to the Union Station on Front Street. Ask the conductor of the Bloor car to put you off at Dufferin Street. Turn south and the first street on the right hand side of Dufferin is Awdé St. The church is the first building on the south side of this street.

Write for accommodations to the Ontario S. D. A. Conference, 486 Montrose Avenue, Toronto.

M. M. HARE.

ONTARIO

Recent Visits

During the week of prayer it was my privilege to visit Buena Vista Academy and the Brantford church. The students at the school are the happiest family I ever visited. Friday evening, I think every member took part in the testimony meeting which was conducted by Brother Wagar.

The Sabbath School was an intensely interesting one. Brother Hubert Martin acted as superintendent. The time of the review was taken by the younger members in which an excellent program was rendered, each one taking his part exceptionally well. This speaks well for those who are in charge of the school.

At three o'clock a nice company of faithful Sabbath keepers of the Oshawa church met at the home of Elder and Mrs. Campbell to listen to the reading, after which a social meeting was held. Every one present took part in praising God for the many blessings of the past year.

Thursday evening at 7:30 Elder Hare, the conference president, and myself, arrived at Brantford, arrangements having been previously made to hold a series of meetings. I had looked forward with much pleasure for the time of those meetings, and to meet with the members of the Brantford church where Sister Allen and I labored for ten months. A report of

the meetings no doubt will appear in the MESSENGER. I was so glad to find all the members of good courage, especially those who had embraced the truth while we labored there. I was glad also to meet quite a number of our friends who had attended the meetings when we were there. Although they have not fully identified themselves with our church they are convinced that we have the truth, and some have promised to obey it fully before long. At this place we enjoyed the kind hospitality of Sister Connell, Brother and Sister Whitaker, and Sister Shaver, and had invitations from others, but for lack of time could not accept them.

Just a word about our meetings in Toronto. October 4 we began our Sunday night meetings in the Orange Hall on College Street. Thus far we have held twelve meetings with a good attendance each time although all manner of attractions, from a theatrical performance to a recruiting rally, were put forth by the churches to hold their audiences. We reached the Sabbath question December 12, and advertised it under the heading, "A Challenge from two Catholic Priests offering \$1,000 for a text of Scripture." We examined the question carefully and at the close of the meeting almost the whole audience agreed that the seventh day was still the Sabbath, and that the power of the Papacy could never change it. However one lone Samaritan came forward and said that he could win the money in five minutes. I was as liberal with him as I could be and gave him a whole week to get a text and I would furnish the cash. The week passed and last Sunday evening almost the same good audience was back again. I called for the man to come forward and claim the money, but he did not answer the call. I inquired if there were any others who had found any authority for the change of the Sabbath, but none responded.

On my recent visits, I found some who had already kept last Sabbath, and were rejoicing in the truth.

We are of good courage and believe the Lord will find some honest ones among the people who will still obey God rather than man. MATT. J. ALLEN.

London, Brantford and Hamilton General Meetings

The London and the Brantford general meetings, occurring respectively at the beginning and the close of the week of prayer, were both seasons of spiritual help and uplifting.

At the former, Elder Campbell and Professor Rowe, with Brethren Capman, Boyce and the writer represented the conference help present. We were pleased to see representatives of the St. Thomas, Chatham, Dresden, Petrolia and Exeter churches in attendance as visitors. The presence of these brethren and sisters with the London church was truly ap-

preciated. Definite blessing was experienced as the Lord's presence was sought. The keynote of the message borne was: personal and individual victory over sin, a preparation for successful service here and translation at last into the kingdom of God. The response of those present indicated that the occasion was one of blessing and the meeting closed with all feeling that it had been a profitable occasion.

At Brantford, Elders Campbell and Allen and Brethren Manual and Capman were present with the writer. The opening service was held Thursday evening the 16th. The attendance at this meeting was quite small but on Friday and Sabbath a number of visitors were present from nearby churches. Among others we noticed representatives of Paris, Galt and Lynden, as well as of the two churches on the Reservation, Iroquois and Kenyengab. Similar messages to those of the London meeting and a good response was apparent.

The following Sabbath was spent with our brethren and sisters in Hamilton. The day, Christmas, was a very unpleasant one owing to the storm that prevailed over at least quite a portion of the country. On this account the attendance at the services was smaller than it doubtless would have been otherwise. Still a fair number were present and definite blessings were experienced.

Following the Sabbath-afternoon meeting a business meeting was held when officers for the coming year were elected. The Hamilton church is to be congratulated on its splendid complement of officers and our prayer is that with the blessing of heaven upon their labors definite victories may be gained and advances made.

M. M. HARE.

Programs of Toronto and Hamilton Church Schools

The many kind friends and parents who assembled in West Toronto church, Tuesday evening, December 21, were pleasantly entertained by the program given by the pupils of the church school. After the opening prayer Elder Hare introduced to those assembled a bright array of boys and girls. As the sixteen voices blended in the opening chorus, "Marching in His Name," every word was understood and the talent displayed cheered our hearts. Songs are sweet from youthful voices. Throughout the program in the readings, in the recitations, and in the songs, the sentiments of all would voice that it pays to have a church school. Mr. Howard Capman pronounced the benediction.

The parents and friends in the Hamilton church also were entertained by the pupils of its church school, Thursday evening, Dec. 23. Brother Joseph Capman presided. God's blessing was asked. The children are nearly all little tots, but they can say

the commandments, without any mistakes. Is not this an incentive for us who are older?

All the selections were interesting and instructive. The call is "Boys Wanted," "Girls Wanted," for none are "Too Little to Come In." The interesting feature at the close of the program was when Miss Gosnay was presented with twelve dollars as a token of the love and esteem of the parents whose children have enjoyed the privileges of the church school.

These programs were decided successes, and showed careful and painstaking preparation on the part of pupils and teachers.

These children are where they should be—in church school—for this age of the world's history. I am sure angels were pleased to be with us each evening as the selections on both programs were rehearsed.

Let us unite and, with one accord, pray that the church school spirit may extend beyond the border of the cities of Hamilton and Toronto.

IT PAYS TO HAVE A CHURCH SCHOOL.

E. V. JOHNSTON.

Oshawa Sabbath School

Though but a small company, the Oshawa Sabbath School is keeping up in interest as well as donations. Last May we lost many of our members but several new ones were added. In spite of the reduced membership we have striven to respond to the increased needs of the mission fields, and our results have been encouraging. Our thirteenth Sabbath offering for the last quarter was indeed a "Dollar Day," as from a membership of fifteen the sum of \$15.50 was received.

Below is the summary for the year:

	Average Mem.	Average Att.	13th Sab. Off.	Total Offerings
First Quarter	24	16	\$ 1 06	\$11 75
Second "	19	16	4 65	16 69
Third "	15	10	3 80	15 46
Fourth "	15	13	15 50	33 28
			Total for year	\$77 18

Mrs. A. L. Beazley, Sec.

MARITIME

Attention, Young People

Do you think your opportunity for attending school this year has gone by? Have you thought of coming in the second term which began January 3? Read what the students say of Williamsdale Academy, then resolve to be here as near the opening of the second term as possible.

Remember that, "With God, all things are possible," and that he will help every earnest young man or woman who comes to him. I quote from the pen of Sister White, "Balanced by religious principle, you

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may climb to any height you please . . . Jesus loves the precious youth; and he is not pleased to see them grow up with uncultivated, undeveloped talents. They may become strong men of firm principle, fitted to be intrusted with high responsibilities, and to this end they may lawfully strain every nerve."

What an inspiring word is this! How it should stir our hearts! Do you not wish to be trained for God's work? Time is so short and the Lord needs you so much that you cannot afford to lose a minute in preparation. Sacrifice for him, and he will reward you abundantly.

"So nigh is grandeur to our Dust,
So near to God is man,
When Duty whispers low, *Thou must;*
The youth replies, *I can.*"

When I read from the spirit of prophecy, that upon the young, the strong and the educated, will rest the burden of this fast closing work, it thrills me with a new purpose. Does it thrill you the same? Come to a Christian school, receive a Christian education, and then do a Christian's work. God will help you. We would be very glad to hear from you in regard to your desires and also the obstacles in your way, perhaps we may help you to remove them. God calls for you. Answer that call. L. O. MAURLAN.

New Songs

Bro. C. P. Whitford, the "Sweet Singer of the South," is mailing six of his favorite songs for thirty cents. The words are beautiful and the melodies are pleasing. Address C. P. Whitford, Orlando, Florida.

Eastern Canadian Union Conference

Notice is hereby given that the eighth biennial session of the Eastern Canadian Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at Toronto, Ontario, in the West Side church, January 11-16, 1916, for the election of officers for the ensuing term and for the transaction of such other business as may require consideration. The first meeting is called for three o'clock, January 11, 1916. Each conference in the Union is entitled to one delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for each one hundred members. The members of the executive committee of the Union are delegates ex-officio.

M. N. CAMPBELL, *President.*

EDNA P. LEACH, *Acting Secretary.*

THE ladies of the Hamilton church again entertained the children in the church school room, Monday evening, December 27. Many games were played, all present having a happy time. The usual favors of sweets, nuts and fruits were provided.

Maritime Tithes and Offerings for November 1915

Churches	Tithes	Misc.	Misc.	Total
Sydney Mines N S	\$36 00	\$160 67		\$196 67
N Sydney N S	29 00	164 96		193 96
*Moncton N B	88 54	35 08		121 62
Tantallon N S	11 00	62 91		73 91
Halifax N S	31 85	40 68		72 53
St John N B	42 43	25 02		67 55
Individuals	6 00	45 09		51 09
Indian Harbor N S	16 25	30 85		47 10
Hopewell Cape N B	10 55	16 00		26 55
Williamsdale N S	16 32	2 70		19 02
Scotts Bay-N S	12 00	7 00		19 00
Lake George N B	12 88			14 49
Conference Church	7 14	1 00		8 14
Barrington N S		6 00		6 00
Jeddore N S				
Tiverton N S				

Total \$319 96 \$597 67 \$917 63

*2 months

L. VANBUSKIRK, *Treas.*

Colporteurs' Report, Week Ending Dec. 25, 1915

Ontario					
Name	Book	Hours	Value	Total	Del.
Inez Cowles	BR	7		\$ 25	\$ 4 50
*C D Terwillegar	GC		\$3 00	22 00	
J Pengelly	CK				469 40
Total		7	\$3 00	\$22 25	\$473 90

Maritime					
Name	Book	Hours	Value	Total	Del.
*F Salway	SP	66	43 75	43 75	28 00
Grand Total		73	\$46 75	\$66 00	\$501 60

*2 Weeks

The "Maple Leaf Series"

Watch this notice each week. In it will appear the issues of the "Maple Leaf Series" as they are published from time to time. The following are now ready for distribution:

No.	TITLE	No. Pages
1	Signs of the Day of God	4
2	The Return of Our Lord	4
3	How Esther Read Her Bible	4
4	The Bible—Its Inspiration and Importance	6
5	Is Man Immortal?	6
7	The Church and the World (Poem)	4

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