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## A Splendid Institute

The accompanying picture of colporteurs was taken during the colporteurs' institute held at the Eastern Canadian Missionary Seminary at Oshawa April 3 to 10. Elder M. N. Campbell, president of the Eastern Canadian Union Conference, opened the meeting with an address on the importance of the book work. Elder Campbell related how literature had taken a prominent part in carrying on the Lord's work in the past. He told us the Bible was the first book printed on a printing press, and that God has ordained the book work in these last days as a means of giving the message. In conclusion he urged all present to take an active part in the distribution of our literature.

I was assisted by Professor Miller

in giving general instruction on principles and methods. A good interest was manifested during the whole time. One feature of this institute of special interest was the fact that each one present set a goal. The young men have for their goal twelve weeks work of forty hours each, and six hundred dollars worth of books delivered during the school vacation. I believe they can do it.

Elder A. V. Olson, president of the Ontario Conference, preached an impressive sermon the last Sab-

bath of the institute which stirred our hearts. In the testimony service which followed many confessions were made and several resolved to have a closer walk with God. J. CAPMAN, *Field Miss. Sec.*

## A True Test

The true test of a man's religion is not necessarily found in his profession nor in his staunch ad-



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herence to some system of belief; it is not found in his attendance at church service, nor in his observance of the ordinances. The true test is found in his daily life. A man's wife, his children, his neighbors can far better judge if he is a Christian or not, than the conference president or the churchelder. These latter only see him on special occasions—at Sabbath service, at

conference meetings, where he conducts himself in a religious manner; but those who have daily business dealings, or are with him year after year within the four walls of his home, are able to form a true estimate of the genuineness of his faith, and of his practical Christian experience.

While canvassing last summer, it was my privilege to visit some of the homes of our church members. In one home where the lady was the only Sabbath keeper, it was sad to find that the main thought

throughout her conversation was that of criticising the church members and the elder. Then she mentioned how her husband would not yield to the influences of the gospel; but her conversation and her impatient bearing towards her children readily answered this question.

Fellowship with God is more than a profession. It means the enthronement of Christ in the fortress of the heart, the abolishing of imaginations, and bringing the thoughts under the sweet influence of the Master; the purifying of the heart from the dross of envy, pride, jealousy, and hatred; it means the same sacred regard for principle and right in the silent recesses of the heart, as it does in the outward actions. This is an experience, which must be wrought in the life of each one until it is rooted and grafted into the mind. How important it is to cultivate true, genuine, heart religion.

When we can come so near to God that we will serve him, because we love him, and that we will put aside our way and choose his way, because we know to do otherwise would grieve his heart; when those requirements which at one time appealed to us as duties become privileges, although they may bring about pain and suffering, because we do them for the One we love, this is true fellowship; this is the sweet communion to which Christ invites us; and by entering into it we shall find joy, peace, and love, which are the true fruits of the indwelling spirit.

HUBERT K. MARTIN.

### Language

There is nothing that shows education in an individual more than his ability to speak more than one language. We do not consider a person educated unless he can speak a language other than his mother-tongue.

It is an excellent thing to be able to speak several languages, but we must not neglect our own language, in order to study a foreign one. Too often the study of Latin and French is begun before the student has a thorough knowledge of English. It is much better to master one language than to know a little of two or three. "More important than the acquirement of foreign languages, living or dead, is the ability to write and speak one's mother-tongue with ease and accuracy."

If, as workers, we intend to study some foreign language and leave our homes to labor in other lands, we will not find it so hard to master the foreign language if we have acquired a good knowledge of English. If our work is to be among our own countrymen, it is all the more necessary that our language be as nearly perfect as we can make it. God wants this message given in the best language.

"The chief requisite of language is that it be pure and kind and true,—'the outward expression of an inward grace'." Our speech may be almost perfect; we may have good command of the English language, yet it may be of such a nature as to displease our heavenly Father; then it is worse than useless to us. God says: "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just; whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." And if such are the thoughts, such will be the expression.

L. H. HARTIN.

### Music

Music is one of the sweetest joys of heaven. The angels worship God with their sweet songs and exquisite music from their harps. On earth, as in heaven, music draws to the Creator. He is pleased to have us render praise in such an ideal way.

"This is God's gift, which was to be his voice of love to us, and the medium of communicating our praise and joy to him." It can also, more than anything else, express our emotions—joy, sorrow, hope, loneliness, courage. It comforts pain, allays fear.

Satan recognizes the power of music, and uses it to serve his evil purposes. Under his direction it is a dangerous attraction with which he lures untold numbers to destruction.

Music, vocal or instrumental, is one of the best things in life, and as a talent given by God, should be cultivated and used to his glory.

"A man in whose soul is no music, lacks the gentlest qualities, and needs a new creation, a new soul. . . . Let God give you a true, noble soul, then your music will win and save."—*Review*.

MABEL EATON.

### "Stand by the Ship"

In a few weeks hence another school year will have ended, and the usual separation from the pleasant associations of teachers and fellow-students will take place. For some this will be in all probability only for a few months, while for others it will, doubtless be forever.

Now, what are we as students, representatives of Christ, and ambassadors of heaven going to do with the time that may be ours this summer? We must by all means remember that we are to render an account of the way in which we use it. "Of no other talent he has given will he require a more strict account than of our time." *C. O. L. p. 342; C. T. p. 475.*

Some are looking forward to the pleasure of visiting friends; others are contemplating a busy summer on the farm, in the shop, etc.; while there are

others (and a goodly number too) who have decided to engage in the two-fold work of earning a scholarship, and giving, to a small section of the world at least, the glorious truths of the Third Angel's Message in the form of the printed page.

Some may think that owing to the state of unrest all over the world, people's money being tied up, the high prices on food and clothing, etc. the people will not be interested in books, but we cannot afford to stop for that. Those things do not defer the coming of Christ, or prolong probation. We must expect these trying conditions as the end approaches, but we must not plan to dodge them. Let me illustrate.

A sea captain has passed his examinations, and been given command of a ship, which means that hundreds, yes, thousands in some instances, of lives have been entrusted to his care. A storm arises and it becomes very unpleasant and disagreeable on the bridge. The winds roar, and the storm rages furiously, and being on a windward shore, he has no hope of securing shelter unless he leaves all and goes below. In his mind's eye he sees all on board enjoying all the comforts that the ship affords, and asks why cannot I do the same and let all drift together where wind and tide may take us? He accordingly telegraphs the engineers to stop the engines, and leaves his post of duty, caring not for the precious lives entrusted to his care, hopelessly drifting to their doom amidst the foam and surf of a hopeless grave. No doubt we would condemn such a man as that; but our responsibilities are just as great. God has given us the light. We have studied the chart and compass, his Holy Word, and he expects us to use it in guiding those who know not where the shoals are. He has entrusted to our care thousands of souls who have not heard the truth for this time. But the storm of opposition arises; times are not as favorable as they were; the people criticise us and say that we are lazy, trying to obtain an easy "living off" the farmers for little or nothing. They also say that we would look better in a uniform. You have heard such expressions before. And we yield to the storm, and, like the captain, telegraph the engines of our stick-to-it-iveness, and resign our post of duty, while thousands on the enemy-of-our-soul's ship are drifting on the rocks of infidelity, superstition, and sin. Can we afford to do this? No, not by any means! So let us all as canvassers this summer "Stand by the Ship" in the strongest winds and roughest seas, knowing that Christ our great Captain is at the helm and will guide us safely to the ports of the hearts of those who are anxious to know the truth as it is in Jesus.

GEORGE BUTLER.

"LIFE is mostly froth and bubble;  
Two things stand like stone:  
Kindness in another's trouble,  
Courage in our own."

## The Teacher

A half century ago the teacher did not receive the high estimation that she does at the present time. The one who trained the nation's rising generation was given little attention. But in the last few years, a wonderful advance has been seen in the education system of our country. The physical, mental, and moral powers of the child have been carefully studied with the aim of making a harmonious development of the three. To accomplish this aim, efficient, cultured, refined, brilliant teachers are required. So now the teacher holds a primary place in the field of learning, and efforts are being put forth to secure a thorough training for teachers.

It is well to consider the methods of the world's educators, but the great Teacher of mankind must not be forgotten. His instruction was given from the Bible and nature, where abundant material is obtained for the development of a symmetrical character. It is natural that the world's teachers should follow the educators of the world, but it is the aim of Christian teachers to follow Christ, and in so doing to mould the characters of those under their care in the likeness of their maker.

Seeing, then, the responsibilities placed upon those who have the care of the children, is it not necessary that young men and women be thoroughly equipped for this high calling?

GLADYS CAPMAN.

## Inseparable Studies

We are living, today, in an age when the Bible is a much neglected book. And it may seem strange and even absurd to think of writing in its defense, but as loyal adherents to that much-prized treasure, we must take our stand.

Everywhere men are being led astray by cunningly devised fables. The deceptions of New Thought, Higher Criticism, and Evolution are fast killing the spiritual life of the human race. Faith in God is dead. But why does this condition exist?—It is because of the lack of prayerful study of the Bible; of misunderstandings, and misapplications of the theories of "science falsely so called." The Bible's chief recommendation is its authorship. It contains unmistakable proof of its origin. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." This was the beginning. "Behold, I make all things new." This is to be the close. Of the millenniums which intervene these two statements, we have the Bible record. It tells the complete story of God's dealings with men in endeavoring to bring "many sons unto glory."

The Bible tells of the rise and fall of nations; of the unrelenting warfare being waged between Christ and Satan for supremacy in man, and of the ultimate

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"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together . . . and so much the more as ye see the day approaching."

Ontario	Brantford	June 19-25
Quebec	.....	June 26-July 2
Maritime	Norton, N. B.	July 3-9
Newfoundland	St. John's	July 14-18

BROTHER PENGELLY starts on his semi-annual delivery Monday, May 15, and expects it will take him about three and a half weeks. He requests the prayers of our good people that he may have a successful delivery.—ED.

end of all that live ungodly. Surely wisdom and power has manifested itself in the Bible as in *no* other book. It can answer the questions of the mind and satisfy the longings of the human heart. It is a revelation of the living God.

In spite of the marked evidence of the authenticity of the Bible, many skeptics ridicule and scoff at its teaching. The fault is not with the Bible. If we would rightly understand and appreciate the Bible we must have a thorough knowledge of history; for the Bible and history go hand in hand. To the student of history, the Bible is of inestimable value. It makes plain the most obscure and difficult history. While on the other hand, the Bible student is able, by the help of secular history, to clear up the many apparently contradictory statements, when he has a knowledge of the historical setting. The Bible anticipates history. History is the accomplished results of that anticipation.

Our object in studying Bible and history should not be merely as a matter of curiosity, or for argumentative purposes, but that we might learn the lessons of past experiences that will help us in our own lives. As we study humanity, we discover the divine principles of life as applied to sinful man, and see the operation of cause and effect which enables us to make better decisions on questions arising daily in our Christian experience. Let us, therefore, take heed to the words of the apostle Paul, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

C. S. JOYCE.

## Science

What is science? First, the gathering of knowledge through observation; second, the classification of such knowledge. Again science is classified knowledge. It gives a view of the world and all its interests and usefulness. It is an essential branch of education because it is useful in every day life and will quicken the mind and uplift the soul.

There are two kinds of science, false and true. "The science of redemption is the science of all sciences." We read that prayer and faith are sciences. Therefore should we not acquire them?

"In the study of science, as generally pursued, there are dangers equally great. Evolution and its kindred errors are taught in schools of every grade, from the kindergarten to the college. Thus the study of science, which should impart a knowledge of God, is so mingled with the speculations and theories of men that it tends to infidelity."

Science in our school is correlated with the Bible. In this way we are led to acknowledge God as the creator.

In our every day walks the many things that were once of no interest have become more beautiful; because in their new setting is shown the handiwork of God. As is so fitly expressed by a writer,—

"A weed to him that loves it is a flower."

BEATRICE STERLING.

The MESSENGER this week is edited by the members of the Seminary Literature Class, of which Miss Johnston is the teacher. All the articles are original, written by the class.

Thursday evening, May 4, was the scene of a literary program given in the Seminary Chapel, and rendered by the pupils of the Literature Class. Song, recitation, and dialogue voiced the poetic and prose echoes of those who lived and wrote and now sleep—yet live on in memory.

The good feeling and heartiness of the class were still further manifest through camera and "fudge" Friday afternoon and Saturday evening respectively.

The Auditing Committee, Brethren Ireland and McNeal of Washington, D. C. are with us for a few days auditing the school books. In Chapel talks Brother Ireland has given us some very interesting information concerning the work as it is progressing in the West Indies' Union Conference.

Brother C. D. Terwillegar is also at the Seminary.

Brother T. H. Robinson paid us a flying visit Thursday of this week.

Our annual school picnic was held on the school campus Wednesday, May 10th. Yes, it rained! But after a happy, hearty dinner in the Seminary dining-room some games were played until the sun gave evidence that it would be safe to venture out.