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Ontario Campmeeting

The Ontario campmeeting was held at Brantford, June 19-25, on grounds very suitable for the purpose, and located within twenty minutes walk from the center of the city. It was estimated that there were fully 800 in attendance the last two days of the gathering. Considerable rain and cool weather were in evidence the early part of the meeting but the last half of the period was very pleasant. But neither rain nor cool weather could dampen the ardor of those in attendance. From the very first a deep spiritual interest developed which intensified as the meetings progressed. The evening meetings were devoted to the various phases of the message and the attendance from the townspeople was large. A real interest was awakened and we trust the brethren of Brantford will be able to follow it up and develop it.

Elder J. W. McComas, who lately connected with this conference from the Northern Union, preached with his characteristic vigor, and his message was well received. He has been asked by the Conference Committee to take charge of the work in Toronto and he will conduct a tent effort there this summer.

There was a large number of young people in attendance and two meetings were held each day in their interests. Professor Kern who is in charge of the Missionary Volunteer department of the General Conference gave splendid help in these meetings, and the young people will long remember his words of counsel. His sermons to the general congregation were also greatly appreciated.

The meetings of the Conference session passed off very harmoniously. Action was taken to adopt the delegate plan, and as most of the churches had previously elected their delegates, the present session was operated on that basis. Elder A. V. Olson was re-elected as president for the ensuing year with the Executive Committee made up as follows: A. V. Olson, F. G. Hill, J. W. McComas, Joseph Capman, and W. J. Hurdon.

Miss Olive Leach was elected secretary and treasurer and secretary of the Sabbath School department and will remove to Toronto shortly.

The treasurer's report indicated a very encouraging increase in the tithes and mission offerings since the first of the year.

The reports of the conference laborers were of a most cheering character. Nearly ninety new members were reported as having been baptized and added to the churches since the first of the year.

The baptism took place after the writer left the camp ground but he is informed that the number baptized was eighteen.

The meeting in which the colporteurs made their reports was of especial interest. A remarkable degree of success has attended their work this spring and summer in spite of the rainy weather. The sales have reached almost \$1,000 a week. It is evident that people are becoming greatly aroused over present-day conditions and are anxious to buy books that will throw light on their meaning.

On the Sabbath the writer occupied the morning hour which was followed by a revival meeting in which the movement of the Holy Spirit was plainly evident. A very impressive service was held in the afternoon. Elder Olson spoke and at the close of the sermon he, with his conference committee and the conference laborers assembled on the platform and in the presence of God and his people dedicated themselves anew to service. In response to a call the people then came forward and all joined in a consecration service, pledging themselves to faithfulness in supporting the Lord's work and workers by their prayers and tithes. At the Sabbath School about \$150 was contributed besides jewelry which would bring the total offering up to \$200.

Sunday morning pledges were taken for the local conference work and to provide equipment for the Seminary. A total of over \$1500 was pledged.

Over \$900 worth of books and tracts were sold at the bookstand.

Brother Capman and his assistants provided good meals to the people at a very reasonable price. Everybody seemed satisfied with the provision made.

Professor Kern, from Washington, and the writer constituted the help from outside the conference.

We believe that a wave of influence will go out over the conference that will give a great impetus to the work of God and hasten the day when the membership of the conference will be doubled.

A further report will doubtless be furnished soon by Elder Olson, giving the arrangements for the laborers for the summer as well as other matters of interest.

M. N. CAMPBELL

QUEBEC

Our French Work

As the claims of our French work press themselves upon our notice,—the Divine commission to carry the third angel's message to every tongue and people, the calls for help by the workers engaged in that work as well as the needs of the people,—I feel sure that you all will rejoice to hear that Elder L. F. Passebois, lately of Laconia, U. S. A., has secured him a home in the suburbs of our ancient capital, the City of Quebec, to labor for its people.

This quaint old city is full of reminiscences of the past; its very streets point to days at least a century old, its gates and battlements point the mind back to the times of Frontenac and Montcalm, of Phipps and Wolf; but it is the desire of Elder Passebois to direct the thought of its citizenship forward to the greatest event of all ages—the coming of our Lord.

Let us all pray that the patient seed of Brother Argyle Taylor, who for years past has stood the buffetings of the Catholic priesthood and the prejudice of its laity, may be developed into a harvest of souls made ready to greet their Saviour.

Elder Vuilleumier has finished translating that valuable book, "The World's Crisis," into the French language and remodeled it to suit the needs of this field, using quotations that will especially appeal to the French people of this Province. May the dear Lord abundantly bless all these efforts to fulfill his command to publish the gospel to the world.

Elder Vuilleumier and his wife are planning to go out with a band of workers and sell our literature among the people of that tongue (French) during the coming summer.

Surely God's smile will rest on the young people who, during the summer vacation, labor to secure means to further fit themselves for this great work and reach this benighted people.

WM. C. YOUNG.

Arrival in Quebec City

We arrived in this city the second of May and after spending four days in one of the hotels while looking for a house, we found one three miles from the city. We have a beautiful view of the city as well as of the St. Lawrence River from our place. Here we met Brother Argyle Taylor, who tells us that for five years he has been scattering our literature in the city and its surroundings. Surely this should bring forth some fruit.

One who has been living in the States and then comes suddenly into a city like Quebec cannot help but notice many things out of the ordinary. What prospects do we find here however for the work of giving the last message? There are 50,000 Catholics speaking French, less than 10,000 English speaking people, and more than half of these are Irish Catholics. One-seventh of the city's real estate and wealth belongs to the Jesuits and most of the remaining part to the Catholics. There is not a single Protestant or Englishman in the city government. All the business transactions are carried on in the French language.

We searched for three weeks for a vacant lot on which to pitch the tent. At last we found one and bargained for it. When the time set for the making of the papers came, they were ready and the money on hand, but the priest had gotten hold of it, and someone claiming to have an option on the lot came and paid for it. This of course broke our contract. At this writing we have investigated thirty-two lots of which twenty-seven belong to the priesthood. We have now two lots in view which we probably can have if we are willing to pay one hundred dollars for the use of them for two months. We are told that one night only a few years ago the Salvation Army had twenty-seven policemen stationed around their hall with drawn revolvers to protect the congregation from the mob. There is at present a bitter feeling between the French and English speaking people. Notwithstanding all this we see omens that the Lord has led us here and gone before us. We are hoping to be able soon to hold meetings in a school house a few miles outside the city among the English speaking people until such time as we can begin tent meetings. I have been invited to take the Presbyterian pulpit and also to speak in one of the churches in Lauretteville, a suburb of the city. Thus we see the Lord preparing the way for the work to be done here. We crave an interest in your prayers that the Spirit of God may direct us and that we may have power with the people who are chained by the fetters of Romanism. L. F. PASSEBOIS.

A neglected Bible means a starved and strengthless spirit, a comfortless heart, a barren life and a grieved Holy Spirit.—M. B. MEYER.

ONTARIO

Hamilton Sewing Circle

A very interesting communication was recently received from Sister Effie Deer of the Hamilton church which we are unable to publish in full for lack of space, but we call from it the following items:

Three new members were received at the meeting April 27 and an additional one since. The Circle is busy making various useful articles, the proceeds from the sale of which are used in missionary work. A considerable sum was contributed to purchase shrubs to beautify the Seminary campus, and plans are now in operation to help support the church school. A spirit of unity and christian love prevails and all are seeking to advance the cause of the Master. \$40.00 has been raised by the Sewing Circle and put in the church treasury the last two months.

The Sabbath School Quarter at Oshawa

We are glad to report progress in the Sabbath School work at Oshawa. Our first quarter of 1916 ended with a membership of 14; the second began with 24 members, and the last two Sabbaths 41 were enrolled. The average membership was 32 with an average attendance of 29.

At the beginning of the quarter we made a clock to keep account of our mission offerings. This registered up to \$60, and as our quarter's aim was \$50, we allowed \$10 for an overflow. We are glad to say we "broke" the clock, as the donations for the quarter totaled \$78.52, an average weekly donation of \$6.04, or 19 cents from each member each Sabbath. This exceeded our donations for the entire year of 1915 by \$1.34. At the close of the school each week the clock was changed to the standing for the day and all were deeply interested to see the hands go forward. We passed the thirteenth Sabbath envelopes early in the quarter and as a result \$22.21 was realized. This we considered good as all the envelopes have not yet come in and some was given in at campmeeting without the donor's name on the envelope.

Every Sabbath each child receives a card and upon returning twenty-five of these he is given a Bible or some good book, and the children are becoming more interested in the school. The Bibles, cards, etc., as well as the clubs of *Instructor* and *Little Friend* are paid for by taking up birthday offerings.

The spiritual interest is excellent. Our new members, brought in by Elder Campbell's series of meetings, have developed into earnest Bible students, and we are striving to imitate the Bereans by searching "the Scripture daily, whether those things were so."

F. A. SPANGLER, *Supt.*

MYRNA CAMPBELL, *Secy.*

A RECEPTION was accorded to Elder F. W. and Mrs. Johnston on the eve of their departure from Ottawa. The new and old believers, together with many others friendly to the truth, met at the home of Brother and Sister Hooper and presented some tangible evidences of appreciation of the services held during the past eleven months. After a brief introduction by Brother Hooper, in which he expressed the feelings of the church toward the individuals concerned, Brother Hurdon made a presentation address and the church presented Brother Johnston, his wife and little girl, each with a gift. The recipients give expression to their heartfelt thanks and declare that while they already had evidence of the members' appreciation of the truth and the services of those who brought it to them, yet they felt to express an additional word for such a pleasant occasion.

MARITIME

Williamsdale Academy

The farm has been left in my care since the close of school and everything is green and fresh. The crops are about all in and some are growing nicely. We expect the Lord to bless our crops this year and we are looking for abundance and variety to supply the table with for next winter.

We have three boys and two girls on the farm and the work is moving along nicely.

The prospects are good for a full school and we expect every loyal believer in Maritime to stand by the school. Professor Taylor will be here in a day or two, we are pleased to say, and he comes with the best of recommendations. Williamsdale Academy will endeavor to do the best this coming year that has been done for years.

Plan to attend.

GEO. H. SKINNER.

Scotts Bay

Meetings in Scotts Bay began Friday, June 2. All the believers were present and the hour was spent in a brief study, with prayer and praise service following. All were of good courage, and I enjoyed meeting and visiting with the different families. The meetings continued until Sunday, June 11. Several nights there was a good attendance of outside friends, who listened to the subjects, "What was Abolished at the Cross," "The Two Covenants," and others of importance. We trust that the seed sown will not return void but that it may give an increase.

Several from Scotts Bay are planing to attend the conference, and several of the young people will attend the school the coming year. Most of the church are faithful with their tithes and offerings, and we are looking for all to so appreciate the bless-

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ings of the Lord and of this blessed Message that they will return to the Lord that which He requests.

Sabbath, June 10th, after a sermon on Baptism, two were accepted into church fellowship. We then went down to the beautiful beach, where both were baptized.

May the Lord bless this church, and may it do its part to carry the great message and be ready for Jesus when he comes. GEO. H. SKINNER.

Yarmouth

The truthfulness of the Apostle's words found in 2 Cor. 13:8, "for we can do nothing against the truth but for the truth," was recently demonstrated in this part of the Lord's vineyard. After having held two services, by permission, in the Methodist Church located at Yarmouth Bar, a small fishing village across the harbor from Yarmouth, we received notice from the pastor to the effect that we must discontinue our services as I was a self-confessed Adventist holding doctrines he could not endorse. This I did, but announced I would hold an open air service the following Sunday. When the time arrived for our service to begin seventy-five persons had gathered on the shore of the ocean and listened attentively to the glad tidings of a soon-coming Saviour. When asked, at the close of the service, if they would like the services continued, they unanimously expressed themselves in the affirmative.

It is with regret that we are compelled to discontinue these meetings, but trust this interest which has been awakened can be revived at some future time. The work is onward in Yarmouth. There are two Sabbath keepers and others whom we feel quite confident will embrace the message. We solicit the earnest prayers of God's people on behalf of precious souls in this place. WM. WASELL.

Noble-Sheperd

At the home of the bride at West Bolton, P. Q., Elder Wm. C. Young officiating, Miss Mary A. Sheperd was united in the bonds of wedlock to Jason R. Noble of Fitch Bay, P. Q., Wednesday, June 7.

The wedding was quite private, yet kind hands prepared a beautiful bower of evergreen boughs brightened with lilacs and apple blossoms, which reminded those present of the first marriage ceremony ever per-

formed under the boughs of the trees in Eden. The young people will spend a short time visiting relatives and then join a gospel tent company which is to labor in New Hampshire the coming tent season. They carry with them a very general wish of their Quebec friends that God's good hand will be open towards them.

The French "World's Crisis"

The French issue of "World's Crisis" (*La Crise du Monde*) is just off the press and ready for distribution. It was translated and edited by Elder Vuillemin who arranged it especially for the French speaking people of this field, and was printed by our printing department at Oshawa. The book is well illustrated with cuts taken from the English edition. We trust a number of our French brethren will take up the work of selling this book among their neighbors and friends and those who "know not the truth." Send now for a copy and write for canvassers' rates. Single copy 25 cents. Address the Canadian Publishing Association, Oshawa, Ont.

WORD has been received from Ottawa that the bill to incorporate the Eastern Canadian Union Conference passed both houses of Parliament and has received the royal assent. The new corporation bears the name of the Eastern Canadian Union Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists.

Study at Home

The Fireside Correspondence School will show you how. Agents wanted. Send for our "Nutshell" Calendar. Address, C. C. Lewis, Principal, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

Colporteurs' Report, Week Ending June 17, 1916 Ontario

Name	Book	Hours	Value	Total	Del.
*John Pengelly	CK	40	\$22 00	\$ 39 45	\$596 68
Oscar Cardey	BR			106 00	
Hubert Martin	BR	17	42 00	45 00	
Terence Martin	BR	41	21 00	35 50	
George Butler	BR	47	86 00	86 00	
Ora Whitmore	BR	34	78 00	82 50	
Mrs Louise Dedeker	BR	31	38 00	38 75	
W Latham	BR	56	62 00	67 25	
L King	BR	50	65 00	68 75	
Mrs S M Clark				1 25	
Porter Smith	BR	35	57 00	57 00	
Chas. Joyce	BR	63	36 00	42 25	
Mrs. Joyce	BR	29	22 00	29 75	
Eric Jones	BR	2	10 00	10 00	
Miss Telford	Mag.	32	23 00	23 00	23 00
Miss Abray	Mag	32	27 70	27 70	27 70
Geo. Sowler			50 00	50 00	50 00
Total		509	\$639 70	\$843 15	\$697 38

*Two weeks