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### Notes

Brother J. W. Davis has returned to the office from a trip to Quebec conference. He reports a good interest in the book and magazine work in that conference.

Elder Vuilleumier is working on material for a new book in the French language which is to be ready for the colporteurs early in June according to present plans.

The Colporteurs' Institute to be held at Ottawa April 2-12 will have an attendance of at least twelve and perhaps considerably more.

Several students who came into this Union to canvass from the States last year and sold \$1000 worth of books each, are planning to return and "do it again" this year.

In renewing his subscription to the MESSENGER Elder M. J. Allen gives his present address as 510 E. Wayne St., Fort Wayne, Indiana. He is conducting a successful hall effort in the city beside two large Bible classes. He says in closing "It is a snap to work in Canada in comparison to Indiana."

Miss Lulu Van Buskirk writes from Melrose Mass. where she is undergoing sanitarium treatment that the doctors pronounce her ill health due to stomach and nerve trouble. Her lungs are declared to be sound. We all hope the treatments will prove of great benefit to her and result in a complete restoration of health.

The week of prayer for our schools is being observed this week at the Seminary. Meetings are held each day. The Lord is blessing the students.

The statistical report for the fourth quarter of 1916 is just out. We are glad to see that the Eastern Canadian Union is one of the unions that show a distinct gain in membership for that period. We have passed the 1200 mark. Let it go to 1500 by the end of the present year. At the close of 1916 the membership of each section of this Union was as follows:—

Ontario.....	609
Maritime .....	262
Quebec .....	209
Newfoundland.....	61
Union .....	1201

Brother Beazley reports a good interest at Brockville. He has secured a good hall and holds meetings Sunday and Tuesday evenings with an attendance of from 90 to 100 on Sunday evenings and from 40 to 50 on Tuesday evenings.

Don't fail to notice the article in this issue calling attention to the fact that extra postage is charged on Present Truth Series in Canada. The Review and Herald has charged us over \$10.00 postage on orders sent in March which will be charged back to those who sent in the orders. Present Truth Series is not kept in stock here. We have a good supply of the Maple Leaf tracts on hand. Look over the list in this issue.

## QUEBEC

### In Quebec City

Sabbath, March 18, while Elder Passebois and family were attending service in the city a telephone message was received from the neighborhood where they lived, that their home was on fire. Before they could reach the place everything in the house was destroyed, leaving them with only the clothes they were wearing. Having already planned to visit Quebec in behalf of the coming season's campaign with our literature in that district, we hastened at once to see what assistance would be necessary.

We feel deeply grateful that Elder Passebois had made provision to cover his possible loss by fire with a good insurance company. Thus his provident care will prevent what might have been a severe setback.

The neighbors (French) had arranged among themselves for the care of the family even before they arrived at the scene of the fire, and were disap-

pointed to hear that some of the Sabbath keepers in the city had foistalled them in making provision for the immediate needs of the family. Quite a number of messages from friends and acquaintances expressing their sympathy is a good indication of the esteem in which the family is held.

Providentially Elder Passebois had already made arrangements to move to town and occupy a place where he could have some large rooms opening one into the other for meeting purposes. The halls in the city are either refused him or are held at prohibitive prices, hence it was planned to secure a place in some good locality that would fill the bill, and the dear Lord surely associated in acquitting that very thing. Elder Passebois did not expect to move until about the first of May but fortunately he could move into part of the premises at once.

It was my privilege to meet with a goodly company that filled the large rooms mentioned and speak to them Friday evening and the next day, Sabbath morning, a company of 19 met to hear the word of God, while five who would have loved to be there were unavoidably absent. This speaks well for the future of the work in Quebec.

Recently Brother Argyle Taylor while selling Bibles at Levis, opposite Quebec, was arrested and spent the night in prison for the misdemeanor of distributing the word of God. The chief of police, influenced by religious persons, sought to stop the dissemination of the Word. As Brother Argyle is engaged by the British and Foreign Bible Society the president of that society is taking up the case and will probably bring about a better condition of things in that papal centre of bigotry. WM. C. YOUNG.

### Manchuria

Do you know where Manchuria is? Can you tell anything about it—its climate, people, customs, etc? If you cannot, just get out a geography or encyclopedia and hunt it up. For even in that country is this message fast gaining headway.

In the accompanying picture you will see two young people, natives of that country and among the first fruits of the preaching of the everlasting gospel in Manchuria. I want you to take a good look at this young man, Hu Wen Hwen, and his wife, for they are two of the native workers the missionary volunteers of the Eastern Canadian Union purpose to support this year. They are our missionaries. That means that we have a real, live work to do in supporting real, live men and women in Manchuria, while they spread the glorious news of a soon coming Saviour. Since they are real people, working from day to day, they need food and clothing as do we. Let us then, when eating, or when clothing ourselves, remember their needs and be ever mindful of what we may do for them.

We can work for Christ all day here, and when we retire at night, and day is breaking in Manchuria far across the waters of the broad Pacific, we can rest assured that our work is still continuing, as these faithful workers on the other side of the world are about to take up the burden of the work. Thus we can put in a 24 hour day of work.



In a recent letter to Professor Kern Elder Petersen sends the following words from Manchuria:

"When I returned from Soughat, I was quite busy, as I knew there would be some candidates waiting for baptism. About two months ago I baptized six here in Mulden; and just a little over a week ago eight more were baptized here. Yesterday I returned from one of the outstations where three were baptized, and last week there was one baptized at another station. So you see the work is going onward. After being here nearly two years there are now more than thirty baptized believers here in Manchuria, with a number more who are studying the truth. Though we are far from satisfied with what we have done, we are thankful, nevertheless, to the Lord for what he has done for us. We have now reached the time when we can begin to use the language more efficiently, as we are becoming better acquainted with the people and their language.

As far as young people are concerned, we have very few as yet, but still we made use of twenty "Morning Watch Calendars" at the beginning of the year. We put some of the older people among the younger generation and had quite a number of them get the Morning Watch Calendar. I believe it is a good habit for our young people to acquire, and I advocate it whenever I have a chance, and it is good for the old as well. Even the older ones say they enjoy it very much. Next year I think we will get our young people's work better organized, as we will then have more young people. Then we will train them in to do missionary work for their own people.

I note that you say the young people are supporting workers in other parts of China, and that you will be glad to help us in Manchuria. We appreciate this very much, and wonder if the young people would like to support a native worker in Manchuria. A short time ago I received a letter from Brother Knox stating that a brother had become interested in Manchuria, and wished to support a worker. We have one for him to support. Now I wonder if the young people would not wish to support a native brother by the name of Hu Wan Hwan. In the budget his salary is based at \$8 a month. I am enclosing a photo I took of him and his wife a short time ago. His wife was baptized only a short time ago. She had never belonged to any church before, but is a very fine woman and looks clean and nice, more so than one usually sees here in China. I expect to see this couple become efficient workers here in Manchuria. They are both young people, he (Hu Wan Hwan) being but 28 years of age. Both of them are real earnest Christians, and are very anxious to do what they can to warn their fellowmen now that they themselves have learned of the third angel's message. I have never met a Chinese young man who has been so ready and capable at studying our doctrine as has this young man. He was baptized just about a year ago. When he was studying the message, he put his entire mind and soul into it. When I had studied one subject with him, I could review it the next time, and he would know every text and would answer intelligently. I would be glad to have them both attend the Shanghai training school this year, but fear we cannot spare them from the field, and we have only a few workers as yet.

We are looking forward to the time when the brethren from the General Conference will arrive here in our field. It has been planned for half the party to visit this northern field, together with Korea and Japan. They will arrive here in Manchuria, February 21. I hope at that time they will bring fur coats with them, as it will be very cold here at that time. When I left Shanghai only a few days ago, it was so warm there that the heat was almost unbearable, even at night. When I reached Manchuria, I found I became very cold, coming from such heat. The first night on the train, it started to freeze a little. Soon we can expect real cold weather here. Manchuria has extremes of both heat and cold, but we enjoy the cold, bracing winter months. We have beautiful sunny days during the winter, and it tends to make it very cheering. It is seldom that the sky is clouded in winter, only when a snowstorm comes up, but as soon as it is over, the sky is clear and blue again, and the sun shines brightly.

We are very busy here in Mukden just at present, as we are putting up two dwelling houses. We shall be glad indeed when we can get into them, as we have lived in Chinese quarters ever since we came here, and these houses being damp, our health will no doubt be greatly benefited by the change.

BERNHARD PETERSEN,  
Mukden, Manchuria."

September 26, 1916.

Doesn't that appeal to you? Something genuine about the ring of it? Let no one think of putting off this good work until next month or next fall, but, week by week, give an offering through the missionary volunteer society. Let us see if we cannot more than raise our mission money each month. It means only \$45.85 each month for the whole Union. Can we do it? Of course we can.

"Think you can't, and you can't, and that's the end of it; think you can, and push; and that's the start of it." How can you start it? Nothing finer than

the *Temperance Instructor* as a means of raising money was ever provided. It will sell readily. Not alone will you be spreading the Temperance message, but you will be receiving a substantial profit. Then you can give your profit from the sale of the paper to your missionaries in Manchuria.

Cut out this picture and hang it where you can see it every day and always keep in mind to pray, give and work for the young people's missionaries.

N. H. SAUNDERS.

M. V. Seely.

### The Seminary Week of Prayer

The week of prayer at the Seminary from March 25-31 proved a beneficial one to all. The meetings carried on throughout the week were sources of blessing but were in no wise emotional. God's spirit was made manifest Friday morning when we were overjoyed to see some decisions made that we pray will be lasting. Others were strengthened in their resolves to lead consistent Christian lives; and all, with but one exception, gave praise to God who had so blessed us. This one, however, asked for special prayers.

A full report cannot be given of all the meetings, but following is the gist of the subjects as presented:

#### The Sinner's Need of Christ

M. N. CAMPBELL

Man was originally perfect but became weakened by sin.

Of ourselves we cannot escape from sin. No one can bring a clean thing out of an unclean.

All need a personal Saviour as did Jacob when he fled from Esau.

We may have education and culture but it will not bring a change of heart.

It is necessary to be born again to be saved.

God says, "My son, give me thine heart."

#### Repentance and Confession

H. S. MILLER

Repentance a gift of God. He gave the spirit of repentance.

Repentance is a complete turning about.

We will not prosper if we cover our sins. Prov. 28:13.

We confess our sins to God; our faults to man. Public confession is necessary only so far as the public is concerned in the matter.

#### What To Do With Doubt

F. A. SPANGLER

This is an age of doubt. Men doubt if they really exist.

Higher critics cannot understand God's ways so they doubt.

If man knew all he would be equal with God.

Man can understand if in earnest. John 7:17.

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We must take the future by faith. The pathway  
will become constantly brighter.

"Lord I believe; help thou my unbelief."

**Faith and Acceptance**  
M. N. CAMPDELL

First we are to believe that we have sinned.

We cannot know our heart. No one knows what  
he will do until given a chance.

The French revolution was caused by the mad-  
ness which dwells in the human heart.

The first essential to man's redemption is a sub-  
stitute, John 8: 16; 1 John 3: 16.

Repentance is the only way to get rid of sin.

No matter how deep we are in sin God calls us.

**Privilege of Prayer**  
F. A. SPANGLER

To get results we must have faith when we pray.

A spirit of forgiveness toward others is essen-  
tial when we ask for blessings.

Be perseverant in prayer. The "importunate"  
neighbor received the loaves after asking repeatedly.

God will answer prayer if we keep his law. Prov.  
28: 9.

Pray for: enemies, to be prepared to meet him,  
not to be led into temptation, healing, forgiveness,  
wisdom.

Secret prayer is the life of the soul.

**Test of Discipleship**  
H. S. MILLER

As quickly as we make up our minds to follow  
Jesus we become his disciple.

Christ draws us, not drives us.

"Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy  
laden and I will give you rest."

We will never be called on to suffer affliction but  
that He will be our yokel-fellow.

The great test is: will we follow? will we respond?

**Consecration**  
A. V. OLSON

What shall I do with Jesus?

Christ does not retain by force the place we have  
given him. Therefore we must decide each day  
what we will do with Christ.

If you had Jesus and prison on one hand and lib-  
erty on the other, what would you do with Jesus?

Always try to catch a glimpse of the Saviour be-  
fore deciding what to do with him.

He gave his life for us, what ought we not give  
for him?

Pilate gave his decision against Christ. Will  
his decision be ours? F. A. SPANGLER.

## Notice to Toronto Members

The regular quarterly meeting of the Toronto  
church will be held the first Sabbath in April. We  
trust all members will be present, and that those liv-  
ing at a distance will send in their report and tithe  
to Brother Marvin Woods, 149 Ossington Ave. We  
are hoping for a full attendance on this Sabbath and  
trust each will come praying the Lord's special  
blessing upon us.

Our plans for the coming Summer are large, as  
each member of the church knows. A new church  
to be built and a large tent effort to be conducted  
will keep each hand and heart busy. We must raise  
about twelve thousand dollars to make this work a  
success. It is certainly encouraging to have differ-  
ent members call you up over the 'phone, or write a  
short note sending their check or pledging a good  
amount to be placed in the church fund. If every  
member of the church will take this to heart, the  
Lord's blessing will rest upon us, and when we are  
ready to dedicate next fall, we shall be able to meet  
every item of expense

J. W. MCCOMAS,  
EVELYN CASE.

## Please Read This Second Notice!

Higher Rates on Present Truth in Canada

Hereafter a single subscription to the Present  
Truth will be 49 cents instead of 25 cents as former-  
ly. This is because the Canadian Government will  
not give the publishers rates to American publica-  
tions. However six papers can be sent for one cent  
of postage so that six numbers of the Present Truth  
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