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Seminary Optimism

Swiftly the summer months are passing. Soon vacation days will be ended and the Seminary will once more open its doors to receive the youth of the Eastern Canadian Union. Never did the Seminary approach the time of opening with such bright prospects for a large attendance as now. Indications are that the capacity of the institution will be taxed to the limit.

At a meeting held by the writer with the school family shortly before the close of school it was agreed by all that we ought to set our goal for students enrolled for the coming year at one hundred which would be nearly double that of former years. A scroll was prepared containing the goal mark and the following statement:

"With God's help we, the undersigned, intend to attend the Eastern Canadian Missionary Seminary during the school year 1917-'18, and will do our best to be there at the opening September 12, or as soon thereafter as possible. As opportunities arise we will endeavor to interest other young people in the Seminary."

This was signed by nearly all the students present. A few desired to wait until they could consult with their parents. Cards containing a similar pledge were also prepared and given to the teachers and students as well as conference laborers throughout the Union to use in securing recruits for the school. The scroll was turned over to Professor A. J. Olson, the newly elected principal, and he used it to good advantage at the campmeetings in Quebec and Ontario where he did some vigorous campaigning for the school. As a result of the combined efforts of all more than one hundred have already registered their names either on the scroll or the cards and there are a number still to be heard from. A few of those who have thus promised to attend may possibly be prevented by one circumstance or another

from coming, but we have every reason to believe that our goal will be more than reached.

The Seminary board has taken steps for developing and strengthening the school in various ways. The faculty has been enlarged, some valuable additions are being made to the library, a ministerial course has been added, a principal's cottage is being built and other matters are receiving attention.

The new catalog is now on the press and will soon be ready for mailing. A copy of the same may be had free by applying to the principal, A. J. Olson, Oshawa, Ontario.

Let all students plan to be on hand for the opening day or as soon thereafter as possible.

A. V. OLSON.

ONTARIO

The Harvest Ingathering Campaign

In order to be sure of getting the Harvest Ingathering *Watchman* in time this year, we are sending in the Ontario order now. We have asked the publishers of the *Watchman* to duplicate the orders of last year and send a few more to each address than were sent of the *Signs* last year. Therefore every church and isolated Sabbath keeper will receive the Harvest Ingathering *Watchman* this year in good time and get a better supply than last year.

We are sure all will approve of this early ordering of the *Watchman*. There are many other conferences sending in their orders now and unless we get our order in at once we shall be delayed in getting our papers and thus delayed in starting, whereas, we of Ontario want to be extra early this year and make a better record than ever before in this missionary campaign.

We want to profit by past experiences and not wait until the weather gets cold, but start early in September during the nice weather.

We are planning for a real Harvest Ingathering for missions campaign this year, and in order to accomplish our aim and secure our portion of the Ingathering fund we will need to organize in a definite way. The conference will be divided into several districts with a leader over each. Every church will be visited, organized and instructed in this good work. We will have special campaign days. The church members will be given their portion of the city on these campaign days, and will go out two and two and work their portion of the town.

Each isolated member will receive his papers by mail and will work in his part of the field.

We will plan to give an outline canvass and instruction through the MESSENGER as to how to present the paper to the people, making it easy for all to take part.

The different districts and the names of the leaders will be made know later.

We feel sure that this plan will help us in the Ingathering work this year and that all will join in and help us make this Ingathering Campaign a grand success.

H. M. J. RICHARDS,
JOSEPH CAPMAN.

How to sell the "World War"

A brief canvass, to the point, in few words, as a rule is the better way.

Sister Carlston of Hamilton came to my home a few days ago and said she wanted ten "World War." She said, "I am going to visit my sister and on the way there I will call at the homes and sell the ten." "But," she said, "you must tell me what to say." "Alright, let us have a little drill. Now you repeat these words, . . ." After going over them a few times, she said, "I can do it alright." There were fourteen on the table and she said, "I will take them all." In a short time she came back with a smile and said, "They are all gone." I said, "What did you say to the people?" "Why, just what you told me."

While in Toronto Thursday, I met Miss Ruth Ross, who is having splendid success with the "World War." She said, "The books are going fine, they sell easily." I said, "How do you sell them Ruth, and what do you say. I would like to know so as to tell others." "Why," she said, "I say just what you told us to say at the campmeeting and the people buy them."

For the sake of those who purchased so many at the campmeeting, and for others who have a mind to work, I thought it well to tell you how we sell "World War." This in brief is what we have used successfully.

"Friend, here is something interesting on the war. It tells the cause and the meaning of this terrible

war, and weaves in the Scripture and makes it plain. They are only twenty-five cents. Take one." These words if spoken in a frank, pleasant, confidential, earnest and courteous way will in the majority of cases cause them to yield up the coin. You will have placed the truth of present war conditions in the hands of "one of the least of these my brethren," for Jesus sake.

J. CAPMAN, *Field Sec'y.*

MARITIME

The Campmeeting

We are glad to announce that the work in Maritime is onward. We have begun meetings in Oxford with an outside attendance of from 50 to 80 of interested listeners. At least thirty of them have attended every night and we are expecting to see good results. Brother and Sister Wasell and Miss Vira Milton are assisting the writer in this effort, and at the same time getting things in readiness for campmeeting. The campmeeting is to be held in Oxford August 30 to September 9. Let all our people in Maritime plan to be there. I am glad to report that quite a number have written in saying they are coming and still the names are coming in.

Among the workers outside the conference we are expecting Elder and Sister Haskell with a number of others. We have lengthened the time of the meeting, feeling that there is so much necessary instruction to be given owing to the fearful conditions. Surely this must be the time referred to in Zeph. 2:1-3, "Gather yourselves together, yea gather together O nation not desired." Let me urge you brethren and sisters not to neglect this opportunity of coming up to this feast of tabernacles. We are securing rooms among the people of the town for those who come. Rates have been secured on all government lines, the Halifax and Southwestern Railroad, and we hope to get rates on the C. P. R. and other lines. In order to take advantage of the rates secured you must buy a first-class ticket to Oxford and at the same time ask the agent for a standard certificate, which you take care of and give to Miss Frank when you arrive. She will sign it for you. This will return you to the place from which you purchased your ticket free. If tickets are purchased at different points be sure to get a certificate from each agent. Be careful to see that you get this certificate or you will have to pay your fare home.

We are glad to announce that Elder E. M. Chapman and family have arrived from Manitoba and are now laboring in Halifax. We are glad to welcome these faithful workers to Maritime.

Let us know as soon as you can what accommodations you will need at campmeeting so that we will have everything in readiness for you.

J. L. WILSON.

QUEBEC

Quebec Notes

Our last campmeeting scored a record as far as French attendance was concerned. Twenty-eight French speaking persons attended part or all the meetings, seven being from Quebec City, while four were not Seventh-day Adventists. Among these were two Bible colporteurs who took part in several testimony meetings and greatly enjoyed being with us. Left to themselves as lonely pilgrims in this Catholic province, they seemed to feel the need of Christian fellowship.

A new departure is also to be registered with satisfaction. For the first time the French brethren at the campmeeting had their regular devotional meeting and Bible study once a day. This was very helpful as it enabled several to take an active part who would scarcely have done so in the English meetings.

Have you heard of the prayer-mills and prayer-flags of Pagan India? Quebec has something like them. A few doors from our church building in Montreal is a large convent recently built, and owned by nuns from France. At 6 A. M. you hear them chanting their prayers. If you step into the small chapel some Sunday morning you see it filled with worshippers. In the front, separated by a railing, some twenty or thirty nuns, veiled in white from head to foot, sing while they kneel and keep repeating the same litany for an hour at a time. As you go out through a long corridor, you see the tapers burning, and you can read the following announcement typewritten on a piece of paper: "Hindered by their affairs and by the various occupations of life, many, to their great regret, cannot often come at the feet of our Saviour to bring unto Him their needs and their wishes, and ask of Him help and assistance. The little lamp is a pious thought of the church in order to help them in these circumstances, and if they wish, they can find in its faithful, continual flame, an ever-abiding substitute which, throughout the day, will offer their adorations and desires to our divine Lord." Here is the rate charged. One lamp burning one month, \$1.00; two weeks, fifty cents.

This province is passing through one of the most serious crises of its history. The French population almost to a man, opposed to conscription and further participation in the war, feels that compulsory service is aimed at them. Many protestation

meetings are being held all over the province, serving to fan the flame of race and religious prejudices. At the same time an anti-clerical sentiment is being expressed at some of these meetings, charging the clergy with duplicity.

Our flying squadron has run in and all around Montreal, scattering "World War and "L'Europe, le Monde et la Paix," and now we are ready to plunge through the heart of Catholic Quebec, as both south and north of the St. Lawrence river, as we did last year.

I have just finished preparing the manuscript for a French Ingathering number, which will be number three of *Les Signes De Temps*, and which will be I hope, widely used by all in the coming campaign. Number two is an excellent paper well printed, beautifully illustrated, and filled with attractive reading matter adapted for French Catholics.

If you have neighbors, customers, or acquaintances speaking this language don't fail to order some copies through the Canadian Publishing Association.

JEAN VUILLEUMIER.

"Coming to our Doors"

The other day I was talking with an elderly sister about the opportunities for service on the part of some of our sisters who cannot leave their homes very often.

"Oh yes," she remarked, "they are coming to our very door." And she went on to tell me of a vegetable man who calls at her door each week.

One morning he asked our sister about the treatment for pellagra. She gave him some copies of *Life and Health* in which suggestions were made regarding the diet of persons thus afflicted. This information was greatly appreciated. Later our sister made up a package of *Our Little Friend* for the man's children. Inside these papers she placed certain copies of the *Signs of the Times* intended for the older members of the family. An interest was created. The vegetable man offered to carry some *Signs* to his neighbors. The interest grew and now our sister has had to secure help in visiting and instructing the several interested families in the valley where the vegetable man lives. Results will doubtless follow such seed sowing. Let us show ourselves friendly to the tradespeople coming to our doors, speak the warning message kindly, and place some reading matter in their hands. Here is a mission for every mother in our ranks—at her own door.

I would be quiet, Lord,
Nor tease, nor fret;
Not one small need of mine
Wilt thou forget.

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Who Will Help The Instructor?

In view of the fact that tobacco and liquor are the two great national brain and conscience destroyers, the strongest weapons of evil in the hands of Satan, and he knowing full well the sooner in life he begins his work with them, the sooner will he accomplish his end, we ought to be very active in working against both of these evils. In this work we would be doing much toward preserving the moral and spiritual nature of men for impressions of gospel truths and the significant signs that indicate the soon closing of this world's history.

The forthcoming issue of the anti-tobacco *Instructor* will expose the ambition-destroying, brain-destroying, vitality-sapping, cigarette in such an effective manner, it will deserve the support of all who know, with John Ruskin that "tobacco is the worst of the two national curses of modern civilization;" all who can say with John G. Whittier, "I feel a great interest in any effort to check the pernicious habit of tobacco using. It is not only a nuisance, but a moral and physical evil, and a shame to our boasted, refined civilization;" all who, through observation, are forced to admit that cigarette smoking is a short cut to the insane asylum; all who can agree with Edison that "the tobacco smoker is a degenerate, retrograding toward the lower animal life," and by all who would save the youth of the age from the over-hanging shadow of nicotine—death.

The *Instructor*, entering in a special way upon this stronger campaign against the tobacco habit needs and solicits the full support of all who recognize the evils of tobacco using.

Commandment and Memory Verse Cards

Information comes to us that several of the Sabbath School lessons in the month of October in the children's division will be on the ten commandments.

The little folks will learn the commandments more readily if they have a set of the Ten Commandment cards. The set consists of ten cards, one for each commandment. On each is a large figure, with the text of the commandment inside. The children either cut out or sew the large figure containing the words of the commandment, and as they work they learn the commandment with its right number.

Each child should have a complete set of these commandment cards. The price is five cents a set.

We have on hand a number of sets of Memory Verse cards for the third quarter, July to September. This is an excellent way to teach the children their memory verse as there is a colored picture on the card illustrative of the text. There are thirteen cards and the price is five cents a set.

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Colporteurs' Report, Weeks Ending Aug. 3, 1917

Ontario

Name	Book	Hrs	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
T Martin	BR	40	\$109 50	\$2 50	\$112 00	
A Yansickle	BR	10	14 00	7 50	21 50	\$ 1 50
R Walsh	BR	44				881 00
W Duclos	BR	53	191 50	75	122 95	
Annie Swenson	BR	35	75 00	6 25	80 25	
Freda	BR	33	81 50	3 75	85 25	
G Hubbard	BR	37	58 50	3 50	62 00	
R Libby	BR	24	16 00	3 50	19 50	6 00
Robt Ross	BR	15	19 00		19 00	
E Lamont	BR	41	121 00	2 00	123 00	
P Van Nese	BR	12	42 50	9 00	51 00	
L King	BR	40	49 00	4 80	53 80	
M Campbell	BR	51	58 00	2 25	59 75	
Myrna	BR	33	54 50	7 25	61 25	
A Dagg	BR	14	42 50	3 50	46 00	
Jane Thwaites	BR	15	42 00		42 00	
*F Thomwood	BR	31	227 50	7 25	234 75	
*J Sturdy	BR	29	27 50	2 75	30 25	
Total		610	\$1,159 50	\$65 55	\$1,225 05	\$88 50

Maritime

C Dauphinie	BR	20	\$29 50	\$8 25	\$32 75	
P Bugden	BR	28	53 00		53 00	
Thos Evens	BR	24	91 50		91 50	
Fred Hartin	BR	13	24 00		24 00	
Nina Hunt	BR	22				41 25
Elsie Heisler	BR	34	5 50	2 25	7 75	128 50
Lily	BR	26				91 75
A Kierstead	BR	28	95 00		95 00	
gattie Oickle	BR	28	18 50		18 50	
Miss Porter	BR	4		5 25	5 25	5 25
Greta Hubley	BR	5		2 00	2 00	2 00
L Steele	BR	41				224 50
Ethel Steele	BR	41				155 00
V Van Buskirk	BR	25				100 00

Totals 340 \$317 00 \$12 75 \$829 75 \$748 25

Grand Totals 950 \$1,476 50 \$78 30 \$1,554 80 \$1188 75

*2 weeks