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## If I Could Know

If I could know

Life's every step, and view its winding way,  
There would be no surprises for each day;  
I would not lean so heavily on his might  
If all the paths I tread were in the light,  
And so I could not learn his gracious love,  
Nor could He lead me to His home above.

If I could know

Whate'er befalls the way I fain would choose,  
How much of discipline my life would lose;  
And e'en the angel's in the courts above  
Have borne the test to trust God's sovereign love,  
My self-will on the altar is my need,  
That I may hinder not where he would lead.

But this I know:

He leads through pastures green to waters still,  
Where every want my fainting soul may fill;  
E'en through death's shadow I need have no fear,  
For still the mighty One is ever near,  
He who is wisdom chooses best for me,  
That I may dwell with him eternally.

*Worthie Harris Holden.*

## Colporteurs' Report for February

To those who have received and studied the Bible messages for this time, present day events are most thrilling. It is not difficult to discern that we are really in the time of perplexity to which we have so long been looking forward. We are told that there is on an average one soldier killed every four and one half seconds. This is a very serious time in which to live. Yet many of us are careless with regard to the truth in our own lives, and we are doing but little to give it to others. Shall we not pledge ourselves to do more in the spread of the truth during 1917 than we have done before in any one year? The end is near and it is high time that we are working for the lost about us.

Our colporteurs' report for the month of February is not as large as we would like to see it. There have been only few working, but now as spring

is coming on we hope to see a large corps of colporteurs in the field. Plan to come up to the institute which is to be held at Ottawa, April 2-12, as announced in a previous issue of the MESSENGER, and we will do all we can to help you get a fitting that will aid you in joining the colporteurs in their great work of giving the truth in the printed form to the people in this Union. Notice this striking statement in "Manual for Canvassers." "The canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order, and is as good and successful a method as can be employed for placing before the people the important truths for this time." This colporteur work is "ordained of God" as a means of giving the last call of mercy to a lost world.

The prospects are very good for a large sale of literature during the present year in the Eastern Canadian Union Conference. There are at least forty, and we hope many more, planning to canvass in the Ontario conference alone, when students are out of school. We expect a large number of students from the schools of the States to come over and canvass in Ontario this summer, as the result of past successful work done in our Union by students from the various schools. We appreciate these students and they will do a mighty work with the large number who are going out from the Eastern Canadian Missionary Seminary and Williamsdale Academy, but it appears to me that we ought to have a good corps of regular colporteurs who sell books the year round. It may be you will find that in winter it is a little harder, but yet it is then that the men are at the house and they are anxious to have someone come in and visit with them. So looking at it from this angle it is the best time of the year to canvass. Other men work right along, and does it not seem that this truth ought to be so important that we are willing to give our entire time to its circulation?

Our hearts are stirred as we look at these fine people and realize that many of them have not heard

of the third angel's message. The opportunity for work is going to pass one of these days. Men will say, "If you had told me of the truth I would have gladly accepted it."

May God bless the dear brothers and sisters of this Union Conference as they join in giving this truth to the many many souls who are yet out of Christ, and also many who are Christians and living up to all the light they have, but as yet have not received the truth.

J. W. DAVIS,

*Field Missionary Secretary.*

### Notes

Elder A. V. Olson has returned from his trip to Emmanuel Missionary College in Michigan and the Swedish Seminary in Illinois. He reports that several canvassers from each of these institutions are planning to canvass in Canada this season.

Word reaches us that quite a number of students from Washington College will come to this Union to canvass at the close of school.

Miss Lulu VanBuskirk leaves this week for the New England Sanitarium at Melrose. All her friends will unite in praying for her speedy recovery of health.

Elder Skinner writes that coal has been found on the Williamsdale school farm. We hope it may prove to be sufficient for their needs.

Brother J. W. Davis, our Union field secretary, is spending a week or two in the interest of the book work.

We are beginning to ship out books from the C. P. A. office at a lively rate these days. Can't you plan to use a few "Armageddon" in your neighborhood.

Miss Sadie Baker writes encouragingly of the progress of affairs in Kingston. Some new Sabbath-keepers are coming in and the attendance at the Sabbath meetings is growing.

The work is progressing well in Toronto. As a result of the recent series of meetings held by Elder McComas about fifteen have decided to obey and others are hopeful cases.

The three Toronto churches having united last year the church building on Awde St. proved altogether too small to accommodate the membership. An Anglican Church was rented near the corner of Bloor and Delaware streets, which has been used since early in January. A campaign is now being launched to raise money for a new church building. Doubtless many of our people outside of Toronto will be disposed to help on this enterprise.

## QUEBEC

### Quebec Annual Meeting

Recently the writer interviewed the officers of the Sherbrooke Board of Trade to see what concessions could be secured toward bringing our annual meeting to that city. The secretary after consulting with merchants of the city decided to meet the requirements necessary to secure our annual meeting and agreed to furnish this conference the following conveniences: The art hall as a meeting place, the large room downstairs for our cafeteria and still another room for our children's meeting—all free of charge to this conference.

The time decided upon for our annual gathering, July 2 to 8, is at the most unsettled part of the summer when rain is quite frequent, so the committee thought that provision being made to attend the meeting free from the unpleasantness of both rain and mud would be appreciated by all our people.

The hall is hung with many works of art, is electric lighted and will be provided with electric fans. It is seated with four hundred opera chairs. Besides these comforts it has the advantage of being located in the center of the city with street car service from all parts of the city and suburbs. We can look forward to our annual meeting with prospects of real comfort.

The Board of Trade has agreed to advertise for and secure a list of rooms to rent at the time of our meeting so we expect to be able to suit the requirements of all who write beforehand for accommodations.

Later we will print a program of the meetings with full particulars of the various committees having the different responsibilities in charge.

As there will be no business other than committee work, report of the president and of each laborer in the conference, the time will be devoted to a strong effort for the spiritual uplift of our people and an evangelical effort for the people of the city, so do not let any excuse hinder one needy soul from coming. Begin to plan now.

WM. C. YOUNG.

### South Stukely

We are glad that God in his Providence saw fit to establish a school here where children can be trained in harmony with Christian principles. We are thankful also that through the efforts of Brother John Booth we have been able to secure some good school desks, which we hope to have ready for us soon. A large unabridged dictionary which we have long felt the need of is another blessing. It was given to the school by Elder Young and we surely appreciate it.

We wish to express our gratitude for the interest which the ministering brethren have manifested in our school by their visits and words of encouragement and advice.

The attendance has been good and the students are making excellent marks in their examinations. All are looking forward to the time of maple sugar, spring flowers and song birds when we can come into closer touch with nature.

H. W. INGHAM.

## MARITIME

### Wanted

A life saving crew. A messenger of good news. A forerunner of the message. And all these calls can be answered by the believers in Maritime within the next few weeks.

The field secretary of the Eastern Canadian Union Conference is to be in Maritime the latter part of April to arrange for the canvassing work, and I believe there are quite a number who will respond to the call and be the means in the hands of God of winning souls for the kingdom. Maritime is to have a field secretary also who will devote his entire time to helping the colporteurs who are in the field this summer, and we are sure that the cause of God will be greatly strengthened by the earnest work of every one who will enter the field.

We are arranging for a canvasser's institute to be held at Williamsdale Academy May 16-20 when all who wish special instruction in this work may come together for prayer and study and receive the help that those who have had experience in this work can give.

The time of probation is hastening, and we may be hearing the eleventh hour call, "Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive." We would be glad to hear from those in the Maritime Conference who can devote all of their time or a part of it to this great and important work of carrying the truth-filled literature to those who know not that the day of salvation is almost ended. Most of the people in Maritime do not know that the tempest is soon to break upon the frail bark of error's building. We will expect to hear from a number very soon. Who will be the first to volunteer?

G. H. SKINNER.

"The best things are nearest—breath in your nostrils, light in your eyes, flowers at your feet, duties at your hand, the path of God just before you. Then do not grasp at the stars, but do life's plain, common work as it comes, certain that daily duties and daily bread are the sweetest things of life."

### Earnest Seeking

An old man once lost a bank note in his barn. He looked for it several times, but could not discover it. At last he said to himself: "That note certainly is in the barn somewhere, and I will search for it until I find it." Accordingly he went to work and carefully removed straw and hay, hour after hour, till he at last found the note. A few weeks later the old man sat by his fire, musing over his spiritual state, for he felt he was not right with God. Turning to his wife, he said, "What must I do to be a Christian?" "You must seek for it," she replied, "as you sought for the bank note." The words made a deep impression on him; he followed her advice, and ere long was rich in spiritual joy and blessing.

### The Unseen Ear

A new marvel has appeared in the world of science. A tiny instrument has been invented to register sounds. It can be hidden in a room and it will catch the faintest whisper that passes between two persons who may be sitting there, and can afterwards be made to repeat what has been recorded on its disc. The instrument has its obvious advantages in detecting crime, for it can be made to record what men are talking about in prison cells, although they are entirely ignorant that this little ear of science is open to their every word. The Bible tells us that the Lord's ear is not heavy that he cannot hear. Wonderful as science may be it can never invent an ear that listens, as God's ear does, to the unuttered thoughts.—*Selected.*

### Alone With God

This stirring little book is a timely and stimulating call, first to prayer and then to service, which, of course, is the true order. It is a call to young and old to "live in the highlands with God" and then go forth with his Spirit to battle for the souls of men in the lowlands of sin.

In her quiet convincing manner, Miss Erickson reminds us, with well chosen illustrations and intensely interesting bits of biography, that God's mighty men in all ages were those who had been in "the school of God"—the secret place with him alone. And in that solitude, hallowed with the Divine Presence, men were and are equipped for the battle.

The reader of this genuinely helpful little volume will surely be drawn into closer fellowship with the Son of God and have his faith in the power of prayer greatly enlarged.

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## Report of the Colporteur Work in the Eastern Canadian Union Conference for February 1917

	Agts	Hrs.	Ords	Value	Helps	Tot. Val.	Val Del.
Ontario	3	187	81	\$133	\$3 35	\$136 35	\$48 75
Maritime							
Quebec							
Nfld							
	3	187	81	\$133	\$3 35	136 35	\$48 75

## Standing on Mission Offerings to Jan. 1917

	Mem	Due	Recd.	Short	Over
Ontario	508	\$998 32	\$849 12	139 20	
Maritime	283	492 42	167 58	325 89	
Quebec	167	290 58	164 09	125 89	
Nfld.	61	106 14	203 88		97 74
Union	1019	\$1777 32	\$1161 34	\$593 24	

## OBITUARIES

**DUFFETT**—Mrs. Rehekah Duffett died at her home in Catalina, Nfld. February 27, 1917 at the age of 31 years. Sister Duffett accepted the message two years ago when it was presented in this town and was among the first to be baptized and share in the organization of the Catalina church. Though a widow and acquainted with poverty her liberality in tithes and offerings evinced a true devotion to God and His message. Her fervent prayers and cheering testimonies will be missed in the little church of which she was a member. Two sons and two daughters are left to mourn their loss of a mother whose piety adorned her profession. Of her it may truly be said, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord henceforth." R. A. HUNLAY.

**DELHORNE**—Ed A. DeLhorbe was born at Chattean Terry, France, a small town near Paris and died at Toronto Mar. 19, 1917. He was 70 years and 9 months old. At the age of sixteen Brother DeLhorbe with his parents sailed for America landing at New York. From there they moved westward and settled in Iowa where they lived many years. He was married at the age of twenty-seven to Miss Martha Worth and to this union six children were born. Those present at the funeral were: Mrs. Sallows of Bartle Creek, Mrs. Dr. Cella Tomlinson of Des Moines, Mrs. Ruth Bowen of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Dr. Florence McCormick of Toronto and Elder Worth DeLhorbe of Elmira, N. Y. Brother DeLhorbe accepted a position at the Minnesota State University as foreman of the agricultural department where he served for some time very acceptably, but desiring a change he with Mrs. DeLhorbe came to Toronto making their home with their daughter and son-in-law, Drs. Mr. and Mrs. McCormick. There they enjoyed many pleasant days until his death. Brother DeLhorbe accepted the truth about thirty years ago by reading our publications and was a faithful believer in every point of the truth until his death. He did everything he could to bring the message to his family and neighbors and had the privilege of seeing several of them walk in the light before he died. Brother DeLhorbe took sick Thursday, March 1, with pneumonia and lived just ten days. It was the writer's privilege to sing and pray with him just an hour before his death. He was happy in Jesus and was ready to go. While he will be missed from the family circle and from our church services, we are thankful to know that Jesus will mark his resting place and remember him at the first sound of the trumpet. The writer assisted by Elder Olson spoke words of comfort from Ps. 116:15 and he was laid away to rest waiting the call of the Lifegiver. J. W. McCOMAS.

## Wanted

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