

# MESSENGER

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## ONTARIO

### A Deep Interest in Ottawa

You may have wondered what had become of us or whether we were lost in the bush since you have not heard from us for a few weeks, but we have been exceedingly busy in the Lord's work. In addition to the responsibilities of the conference, which are constantly pressing upon us and requiring our attention, we felt we would much desire to personally lead out in a public effort for those not in our faith, and finding what we considered a providential opening in the city of Ottawa where one of the finest theatres was available on Sunday afternoons at a moderate rental, we decided to undertake a Sunday afternoon series of Bible lectures in this theatre. It is the Regent theatre on the corner of Sparks and Banks Streets, the two main business streets of Ottawa, and only two blocks from the government buildings. There is a fine ten-thousand dollar pipe organ and we have secured the services of Professor Horace Wilson, associate of the Royal College of Organists, who gives a sacred organ recital of half an hour, from 2.30 to 3 o'clock and then plays our hymns for us during the remainder of the service.

Our little church in Ottawa has recently felt the need of new additions. It has forty members but quite a number of these have gone into the colporteur work so that the number has become reduced in this way. We feel very anxious that there shall be built up a strong representative church in this city which is the capital of the Dominion, that our message may be properly represented here before the heads of the government. This was God's plan in the early gospel days so that one of the strongest Christian churches of that time was built up in the city of Rome itself, the capital of the Roman world.

We are now prepared to report something of the result of our undertaking. We are glad to tell you that the Lord has given us a large and interested hearing. From Sunday to Sunday the people continue to come and the average attendance has been one thousand. One very encouraging feature is that the audience is composed of a good, solid, intelligent class of people and the large percentage of men is

noticeable. The warm handshakes which they give us and expressions of appreciation of the message of Bible truth which they hear, encourage our hearts and we are glad to report that as a result of the seven Sunday afternoon meetings already held more than one hundred have requested reading matter on the subjects presented and many of these desire personal Bible studies in their homes. Already more than a half dozen have commenced to keep the Sabbath and many more are seriously considering it.

Brother W. J. Hurdon, who has been doing faithful work here in the past, and has rendered very valuable assistance during these services, and Brother Howard Capman, who came to help during these meetings, are finding more than they have time to do in following up the interest created, and they will continue the work. We feel sure that within the next few months there will be a very material increase in the membership of the Ottawa church as a result of the meetings which have been held in the Regent theatre. The interest will be followed up in house-to-house work and in the services which these brethren will conduct in a hall which we have secured right across the street from the theatre. I shall personally assist them at every opportunity and we ask you to pray for the interest here that God, through the faithful efforts of the conference laborers and the church members in Ottawa, will build up a strong church membership which shall stand as a monument for the truth of God at the head of the nation. Every Sabbath keeper in Ontario, and in fact throughout the Dominion of Canada, is naturally interested in the success of the work here, for as the truth is represented in Ottawa so shall we be judged by the men forming our government.

We must here gratefully acknowledge the interest shown in this effort by our people in the province of Quebec. Sister Merlin Davies, a gifted soloist of Montreal, has freely given her time and talent to sing at the Sunday theatre meetings and Brother Merlin Davies, who is one of the best known singers in Canada, sang at our meeting Sunday afternoon February 24, at which time Elder A. G. Daniels, our General Conference president, spoke on the foreign mission work which is now being carried on under the third angel's message. It certainly is encourag-

ing to see in a city no larger than Ottawa one thousand people coming together from week to week and attentively listening to the truths of the third angel's message.

Brothers and sisters, pray for the work and the workers in Ottawa, that he who has begun a good work may carry it on to glorious victory in the gathering of many souls who shall love and nobly represent his truth here and shine eternally as bright jewels in the Master's diadem.

H. M. J. RICHARDS.

### Hamilton Sewing Circle

Thursday evening, Feb. 14, at the invitation of the Hamilton Sewing Circle one hundred and ten persons met at the home of Brother and Sister Henderson 35 Grant Avenue.

The sight that met the eyes upon entering the spacious parlor and dining room was a prettily arranged display of useful articles for sale. The sale lasted about an hour and a half and when the last of the mighty-nine articles had been sold, the proceeds were counted and to the surprise of all a net profit of forty-five dollars was found.

After the sale a most enjoyable two hours was spent in listening to the program of solos, duets, readings, recitations and instrumental numbers which had been arranged.

Refreshments, consisting of cake, sandwiches and cereal coffee were served and we dispersed for our various homes tired but happy.

The sewing circle has pledged itself to raise the rent each month for the church school room. We meet every Thursday afternoon with an average attendance of fifteen ladies. Neither food nor gossip are permitted at any session.

Our church school is doing nicely under the supervision of Miss Edna Trout who holds a bachelor's degree from the Washington Seminary. We feel especially favored in having a teacher so capable and proficient and one who loves the truth as she does, and now that she has consented to remain with us next year we are thankful indeed.

MRS. B. M. HEALD.

### Canvassing Notes

Wm. Duolos of Ottawa secured \$70.20 worth of orders for "Bible Readings," and sold \$10.20 worth of small books in 34 hours one week recently in Dundas county out in the country among the farmers. Books can be sold in the winter. In fact, the winter is a splendid time to work among the farmers. You will generally find him at home around the out-buildings caring for his stock, making some repairs or attending to the general work around the farm.

Brother Duolos has proven this winter that the canvasser, like the butcher, baker, and milkman can go right on with his work the year round and sell just as many books at one time as another.

Brother Chamberlain writes that he and Brother Vance have their sleeves rolled up ready for business Monday morning. He said, "I put in 5 hours on Friday, and secured \$11.00 worth of orders for 'Bible Readings,' one order in full leather and one in half leather."

I am glad that some of the canvassers are beginning to feel like the colts in the barnyard in the spring who look out on the green fields and long to be there. Many are preparing and slapping up their work to attend the institute at Oshawa, April 29-May 8. Good help is promised. J. CAPMAN.

## MARITIME

### A Call to Action

The Lord says, "I am the vine, ye are the branches; he that abideth in me and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me ye can do nothing." Then the Lord purgeth us that we may bring forth more fruit. For, saith he, "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." This blessed privilege of bearing much fruit is especially true here in Maritime. As our work grows our responsibilities increase, which compels us to send out call after call to our loyal brothers and sisters. The response is unyielding. I say again I cannot but thank the Lord for the privilege of being associated with this people.

We are now starting a campaign to raise about \$2500 for a new building at Williamsdale, in which we can have a chapel, class rooms, dining room and kitchen. The present buildings are too small and some of them unfit for what they are used. For instance, the cottage is old and dilapidated. I was out there a few days ago and saw large pools of water on the floor which was caused by the condition of the roof. I found the teachers and students all of good courage even though things were so disagreeable, with no fault to find, but wishing that better facilities could be provided. I asked how many would like to help in the erection of a new building. Every hand went up. So we are now taking up the work of raising the above amount. I have written to nearly all of our people in Maritime telling them that to raise this amount of money we would sell "Christ's Object Lessons," and "The Cross and its Shadow." If every Seventh-day Adventist in Maritime would sell ten copies of one or the other, or of the two of these books and turn the whole amount into the

treasury, we would have the amount of money necessary to put up the buildings, and furnish them. By return mail some responded by saying, "Send me ten books." Some said we will do our best. Thank God for this.

I have just received a letter from Elder Haskel. He offers us his three books at a very low price, if we wish to use them. His books and selling prices are as follows,—*"The Cross and Its Shadow,"* Marble \$2.00, The cheaper edition has all been sold. *"Daniel the Prophet,"* \$1.75; *"The Seer of Patmos,"* \$1.75; and we are using *"Christ's Object Lessons"* which now sells for \$1.50.

As I read the "Testimonies," and see there what the Lord through his Spirit has said of the relief of our schools, I believe this is a divine plan. "Testimonies" Vol. 6, p. 475. "Through the work for the relief of our schools a four-fold blessing will be realized,—A blessing to the schools, to the world, to the church, and to the workers." By placing these books in the hands of the people the judgement alone will give the results.

Order the books at once. They will cost you fifty-five cents each. This you can take out when you have sold the books. Let there be no doubters, or fault-finders in this effort, but let all take hold with a firm determination, thus carrying the truth to your neighbors, and helping your school, that these young people of Maritime may be gathered in and get an education that will fit them for a place in this message. The young people are the greatest asset we have, and they are the heritage of the Lord. I hope to see you all take hold of this matter at once, and finish it up before campmeeting.

I must tell a story. A little boy was out sleigh-riding. He had a dog pulling the sleigh, and going up the hill the dog stopped and began to bark furiously. A gentleman passing at the time said to the boy, "Johnny, what is the matter with your dog, what is he barking at?" The boy, standing by patiently waiting for the dog to get through, said coolly, "He is barking because he don't want to pull." Moral,—don't stop to (bark) find fault, but take hold and lift.

J. L. WILSON.

### The Williamsdale Sabbath School

One of the most interesting and progressive Sabbath Schools of the Maritime Conference is to be found at Williamsdale Academy, and one of the features which help, to make it so is the teachers meeting held each week. Another is the splendid interest shown by the members in the study of the important lessons from Sabbath to Sabbath. Not only is our Sabbath School a church at study but Mr. Hubert Martin, the superintendent, is training several of the young people to act as officers.

Recently we received a visit from the Conference Sabbath School Secretary, Miss Frank. She encouraged us in our aim to make this Sabbath School a leader. The teachers, in order to be better qualified for their sacred duties, are taking the Teachers' Reading Course. Miss Frank presented fifteen of the members with Perfect Attendance Cards for the last quarter. We expect at least to double the amount of cards this quarter.

This winter has been especially stormy and cold, yet several children of the Primary department who live several miles away attend regularly. Miss Carrie Dauphinee has charge of this division. The Picture Roll and the blackboard illustrations are without doubt impressing important lessons upon even the youngest members.

Our goal for the quarter is sixty dollars. An Honor Roll has been drawn on the blackboard. Every Sabbath the classes that reach their quota are placed on this roll. Up to the present no class has failed to come up to the mark. We appreciate especially the faithfulness of the Primary division as sometimes they double their quota.

We trust that this Sabbath School with the help of the Lord, will be a power for good here at home and that the sacrifice of its members may speed the message in regions beyond.

GARLAND BOUTILIER, *Secretary.*

### Seminary News Notes

Only eleven weeks more of school!

The committee on graduation has been busy "checking up" the students who plan on finishing this year. A large class will be organized.

Mrs. C. S. Joyce has suffered a great deal the past week with an ulcerated tooth.

Who says we are not on "lucky street?" A car of coal arrived the very day Mr. Martin shoveled the last mite into the furnace.

Violet Sheidow has been placed in charge of the laundry. Woe to any dirt now that is not easily and quickly dislodged.

"A wise old owl lived in an oak,  
The more he knew, the less he spoke;  
The less he spoke, the more he knew.

And I think this should apply to students too."

Mrs. La Grippe still continues to haunt our premises.

Miss Sterling, a former student of E. C. M. S., who is teaching church school in Brantford, spent several days at the Seminary week before last.

Miss Oickle, an Ontario church-school teacher, visited at the school a few days.

Elder and Mrs. Heald from Hamilton were guests of the Seminary family over Sabbath and Sunday

# Eastern Canadian Messenger

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Entered as second-class matter. Price, 50 cents a year  
in advance.

Saturday night they conducted a home missionary program, which was greatly enjoyed by the student body and friends. Sunday night, Elder Heald gave an interesting stereopticon lecture.

Mabel Eaton has been transferred from the hospital to the Dingman home in Toronto, and is doing nicely. She hopes to be able to return home the first of this week.

Here's to the girls who reached their goal first, having reached their one hundred and twenty-five dollar mark Tuesday noon! The boys heartily rejoiced with them, as they had felt some concern lest the girls would peter out and fall by the way.

Mrs. MacKenzie, Mr. Martin and Mr. Pearson are preparing for a "library benefit" to be given in the near future.

The program at the last Young People's meeting was on "Soul Winning." Those taking part were Mes Hartin, Miss Brown, Miss Sharp and Edison Mann. An appropriate song "Win Them One by One," was used to close. Next week the Juniors will have charge of the meeting.

The grade slips this period show the highest grades of the year, which goes to show the students are applying themselves.

Much interest is being manifested in the Canvasers' Class which is under the able direction of Professor Miller. The chapel hour each Friday is devoted to this valuable phase of our school life. Those going out from our halls this summer will be a mighty factor in soul winning.

## General Conference Bulletin

Have you ordered your General Conference Bulletin? Remember the conference begins March 20. All orders should be in the hands of the publishers early to enable them to have a completed list prior to the opening date. Order of your tract society. Price 50 cents.

A number of requests have come to the publishers for the Bulletin in bound form. All who wish it thus can secure it, but the order must be placed in advance of issuing the first number. We will bind in cloth only, and just the number that are arranged for. Price postpaid, \$1.75.

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## A Word From France

Now that so many of our young men are called upon to show their mettle and the worth of their religion and the strength of their faith in Christ to a critical world, I feel sure that the readers of the MESSENGER will be interested in an incident occurring to a man who is truly a standard bearer for his Master and who, in following the dictates of his conscience met with persecution of the hardest kind.

Because I cannot mention the names of units, places, etc., I must be a little vague.

The brother whom I have indicated enlisted in an infantry battalion and did faithful work for his God and his medical officer as a stretcher-bearer in the firing line and in "no man's land," but finding it probable that he would be obliged to serve as a fighting man he seized the providential opening of the moment to transfer to the C. A. M. C. (Canadian Army Medical Corps).

At first his work with the C. A. M. C. was in no way connected with the sick or wounded, but was of a nature that called for his scrubbing wards on the Sabbath. This he felt obliged to decline to do, with the result that he was "crimed" and imprisoned.

He was tried by the C. A. M. C. and was remanded for Field General Court Martial. He pleaded well his own case before the Court Martial but only to receive 14 days F. P. (field punishment) No. 1.

Possibly you have heard of F. P. No. 1, but if not, I can only say that it is very serious, next, in fact, to capital punishment.

But the silver lining of his case lies in the fact that after serving his sentence he was given ward duty—attending the needs of sick and wounded, and the opportunity to keep the Sabbath.

And so I thank our Father for these experiences which tend to strengthen us and to show us that he will make possible what we attempt for him.

R. GAGE.

## Elder Campbell's Safe Arrival

Just as we are going to press the most welcome news is telephoned to Mrs. Campbell that Elder Campbell has arrived in Toronto. We are all glad to hear that he has had a safe journey home and to grasp his hand once again.

## Colporteurs' Report, Two Weeks Ending March 2, 1918.

Ontario						
Name	Book	Hrs	Value	Helps	Total	Def.
L Chamberlain	BR	55	\$ 63 00	12 55	75 55	17 00
Win. Vance	BR	40	41 00	3 00	44 00	2 50
Totals		95	\$104 00	\$15 55	\$119 55	\$19 50
Maritime						
F A Stubbert	BP	20	\$118 00	7 00	\$125 00	7 00
Grand Totals		115	\$322 00	\$22 55	\$244 55	\$26 50