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## MARITIME

## A Retrospect and Future Plans

The work in Maritime has been greatly blessed of God during the past year. The close of 1917 shows an increase of twenty per cent in the membership of our churches, sixty-five per cent increase in the tithe receipts, and a twenty per cent increase in the mission offerings. These figures represent honesty in the paying of tithe and sacrifice in the giving to missions. We feel to thank our heavenly Father that his prospering hand has been over our work, and to thank the brothers and sisters of this field for their faithful and generous support. We have found nowhere a more loyal people than the people of this conference. With such co-operation under the blessing of God the work is bound to be a success.

I have just returned from a visit to the St. John church. It is like "A watered garden whose waters fail not." Here there are some who are denying themselves of some of the necessities of life in order to help along the cause of God. What is true of St. John is true of the others. A few days ago I was called to Moncton to attend a funeral service. While talking with the brethren there they said that their mission goal was set for the year and they were determined to reach it month by month. The young people at Williamsdale are trying to break all past records in donations to missions.

It is encouraging to note the earnestness with which our people are taking hold of this work at the beginning of the year. Last year at the end of June we were almost seven hundred dollars behind in our quota on the twenty-cent-a-week fund which made us have to work very hard during the last six months of the year in order to catch up. Thank God that with his help we did it and raised more than three hundred dollars over our quota. With 1917 closing with an overflow on our mission funds we can face with courage the twenty-five-cent-a-week mission goal of 1918, knowing that all are resolved to lift from the beginning of the year, and we believe that this year will be even more successful than last.

Preparatory to an aggressive summer's work in the field the students at Williamsdale are busy working on some tents. Plans are being laid to hold, if possible, three tent efforts in Maritime, therefore we are watching with interest the progress of the tent making at the school. We wish to state that the payment of the pledges made at campmeeting for the Tent and Equipment Fund has made possible the purchasing of the material for these tents. A few pledges remain unpaid as yet but we believe these will come in as the money is needed. Here again is manifested the faithfulness of our people, and they will rejoice with us when they see souls saved in the kingdom of God as a result.

We have before us a bright prospect for this year. May we, by the help of God continue to be faithful in the discharge of the work he has laid upon us, that we may still claim his blessings, and at last receive his approbation and a place in his home.

J. L. WILSON.

## Maritime Notes

Elder and Mrs. Wilson were pleased to welcome from the West their sons, Joseph and Stephen, who arrived January 12. The boys are now busy making arrangements to attend school for the remainder of the year. We trust they will feel at home here in this part of the Master's vineyard.

During Elder Wilson's absence Brother Butler has been visiting the interested people in Oxford. In addition to those who have definitely taken their stand for the truth, and who meet each week with the Sabbath School, there are many who are seriously weighing the matter, and willingly open their homes for Bible study.

A note from Elder Chapman from Halifax states that they have secured a hall in which to hold their meetings. This will be quite a contrast to their former meeting place in the comfortable little church. However, they are courageously going forward with the work there, and ask us to remember them at the throne of grace.

"Can't sell our books and magazines at the new prices," you say? Well, we can! There is no such word as can't. This has been proved. Miss Porter

writes from the stricken city of Halifax that the magazines sell just as readily at fifteen cents as they did at ten cents. She averages a sale of fifty copies an hour.

On his way to the annual meeting of the Williamsdale Academy Board, Brother Salway of New Glasgow spent a day at the office. His report of the few believers there was encouraging, and he was pleased with the progress of the work in general throughout the conference. It is a pleasure to see new faces at the office.

We were pleased to have Brother Budgen and his son, Gordon, from Newfoundland visit the office, after spending a few days with his son, Preston, who is a student at Williamsdale. Brother Budgen was pleased to find Preston in school as a result of his success in the canvassing work last summer, and is laying plans to have Gordon in the Academy next year.

It is encouraging indeed to see the interest the young people of the conference are taking in the Reading Courses. So far twenty-seven sets have been sold. Some have already reported the course finished. The same interest is manifested in the other branches of the volunteer work. Do you plan to be one of those who will finish the course and receive a certificate?

Returning from a recent trip to St. John Miss Frank reports a well-organized Sabbath School in that place. They have set their goal at a hundred dollars. We consider this a splendid undertaking with a membership of only thirty. Of course, they plan to increase the membership. Brother La Pierre, as superintendent, is whole-souled in his work. He has drawn a tree upon which for every dollar placed in the Sabbath school envelope will hang a cherry. Several have volunteered to hang three cherries during the quarter. It is true this is expensive fruit, but this is a day of high prices and a hundred-dollar tree for missions is not too much.

### Williamsdale News Briefs

Professor Taylor has gone to Halifax for a few days to transact some business for the school.

Our Elocution Class with Mrs. Taylor as teacher, is making fair progress, and is very much appreciated by the students.

We are sorry that Miss Hannah, one of our teachers, has been obliged to leave us for a few days, to visit her mother who is ill. We sincerely hope that she will soon return to us, and that God will grant her mother a speedy recovery. Mr. George Bullock is teaching Miss Hannah's classes for her.

Our former students may be interested to learn that we have begun our Sunday night meetings in the "little church across the river," with fair results.

Mrs. Martin, our preceptress, was surprised on the evening of her birthday, the 17th inst., when on visiting the Cottage, she was captured by some of the girls, and pushed into the waiting room, where the remainder of the student body awaited her arrival. Refreshments were served, after which games were indulged in, until a late hour, when we reluctantly retraced our steps homeward.

Mr. Preston Bugden was agreeably surprised last week, when his father, brother, and Brother Lane, paid him a visit, remaining for the week-end. Mr. Bugden, who has visited Australia, told us many interesting things about the island continent, where the chief industry is "Rabbit Raising." We were all pleased to have a visit from these Newfoundland brethren, and hope they will call again.

Our school enrollment is growing, and we haven't quit enrolling yet. Mr. William White of Newfoundland is our latest arrival, but we are expecting two other new students soon; namely, Messrs. J. and S. Wilson, the sons of our Conference President, Elder J. L. Wilson. We can still accommodate more students, for when the Home is filled, we've got a fine large barn left, so don't get discouraged; "there's always room for one more."

The Chapel presents a dangerous appearance on Saturday evenings, when both teachers and students arm themselves with clubs and dumb-bells, and go through their physical exercises. Mr. Martin, who has organized these classes, has found that he has quite a task on his hands, as we are by no means adepts, as yet, in the art of swinging clubs.

## QUEBEC

### Quebec Notes

Brother Argyle Taylor is working with our books in Hull. We are glad to see our brother put his energy into the truth-laden literature and have a part in the third angel's message again.

Elder Young visited Montreal Sunday the 24th, and attended the down town meeting held in Coronation Hall by Elder F. C. Webster. A good interest is being developed. Elder Webster is being assisted by his father who also is an ordained minister holding credentials from the Ohio conference. Sister Anna Blythe is rendering splendid help with her Bible Readings and visiting. The members of the Montreal church are standing by the effort splendidly and have much hope of seeing some fruit from it.

Sabbath, January 29, quarterly meeting was conducted at Stukely and the good presence of God's Holy Spirit was felt. Four souls presented themselves for acceptance into church fellowship. All present were touched by the tender influence of the heavenly visitor.

Elder Young took a trip to Ottawa, Ontario, to see Brother W. Duclou about coming to Quebec to work as field secretary. When he returned a broad smile gave evidence that God had blessed his mission. Elder Young is around stirring up canvassers for Quebec Province so it looks like there is something doing or going to be done along literature lines.

During a recent visit to Knowlton we were glad to meet Brother Rodney McClary and wife and stayed a day with them. Brother Harvy McClary has had a severe attack of nervous trouble but was much better when we visited him.

Whilst enroute to Sutton Mountain to hold quarterly meeting there, we stopped over at Sutton visiting Sisters Poirier and Reed and then walked out to visit Brother and Sister Percival Holden, and the two Derby Sisters. We were glad to find them all well and of good courage in the Lord.

When visiting lately we were glad to hear of a minister of another denomination visiting our brethren to inquire the meaning of some of the passing events. It is a good time to secure some of those new tracts published by the Review and Herald on "The Return of the Jews," and read the editorials in our good old church paper.

The churches in this Province are getting down to spring cleaning and dealing with all non-resident members asking that they secure letters to the churches nearest to them. This is a good work. Quebec's quota now includes \$520 for non-resident members from whom they never hear a word.

As we visit the people of this conference our hearts are glad to note the courage and confidence of all.

There is some good news that we are holding back until the campmeeting. It will be in the President's report so be sure and be in at the first of the meeting. Remember the time of the meeting, — July 4-14, and the place is South Stukely, Quebec.

WM. C. YOUNG.

### Montreal

The ball effort in the city is continuing with increasing interest. Many are now considering the Sabbath question, and we believe some of them will decide to take their stand for the truth. Several articles on the Sabbath question have appeared in the Montreal *Daily Star* the past week, which show that there is quite a general interest in the subject.

My father, Elder C. C. Webster, of Ohio, is assisting in this effort, and Miss Anne Blythe is rendering efficient service as Bible worker, and Miss Mildred Smith is selling our literature. Our other members are making themselves useful by helping wherever they can. Our offerings thus far have amounted to \$368.87, which averages about \$26.00 for every meeting we have held. This has more than covered the expense of advertising, janitor services, literature used, and the rent of the hall.

During the past year the membership in our Sabbath School has doubled, making it necessary to organize several new classes. Our last thirteenth Sabbath offering was more than \$100. We have recently organized a Missionary Volunteer Society which now has a membership of twenty-five.

The treasurer's report shows an increase over the previous year in both tithes and mission offerings. In the Harvest Ingathering campaign we went above our goal of \$250, reaching the amount of \$634 a member. The total offerings to foreign missions for the year amounted to more than thirty-one cents a week a member.

F. C. WEBSTER.

## ONTARIO

### Ottawa

After the close of my work in Hamilton, I came to Ottawa to help in the effort now taking place. This is a beautiful city, and anyone who has been here must have observed how clean and pretty is the capital of our Dominion.

Brother Hurdon who has been here for the past twelve years has watched the company grow until there is a well-organized church. Any Seventh-day Adventist would be glad of the privilege to worship with this church. It is a busy one which is the secret of every live church. Not long ago Brother Hurdon and family held Sabbath School in their own home. There were no others of like faith in the city. Now there are forty-three members who meet in a hall for Sabbath service. Most of these have learned the truth through having Bible readings in their homes. Certainly souls can be won to the truth in other ways than preaching a sermon.

There are many children here. You should see them all in church school some morning. Miss Abbie Culbert has made her services indispensable to them. In the Sabbath School one notices immediately the effect that the church school has over the children. Last Sabbath every one out of twelve stood and separately repeated two memory verses. They are memorizing Eccl. 12. It pays to have a church school.

We have started into a large effort this month to get some more souls into this glorious message.

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in advance.

Already we have a good supply of names to which we are distributing tracts and books. We all know from experience that many have read themselves into the truth. After taking the tracts to them and getting them interested in these topics as they are at present, we shall hold Bible studies with them in their homes. Brother Hurdon and I expect to be as busy as bees in a couple of weeks. Eldar Richards is holding meetings in a large theatre, and as we visit in the homes we find those who say they enjoy the Sunday meetings. Some who have attended only the theatre meetings have said they want to attend the week night meetings but cannot because of their work in the government.

We solicit the prayers of God's people in this effort.

HOWARD J. CAPMAN.

## Maritime Conference Report for December, 1917

Churches	Tithes	Miss	Sub. S.	Misc.	Total
Conf Church	\$ 85 59	\$50 25	\$45 55		182 39
Haltfax	91 52	52 84	53 92	\$4 15	202 44
Hopewell Cape	42 06	10 05	6 80	4 35	63 26
Indian Harbor	35 55	38 00	17 05		90 60
Lake George	36 10	5 80	3 30		45 20
Moncton	79 90	52 28	40 50	1 00	173 77
North Sydney	91 43	73 55	53 33		318 31
Scott's Bay	29 56	9 50	4 09		43 15
Sydney Mines	25 10	9 10	13 42		47 62
St. John	81 81	60 62	39 15	5 00	186 58
Tarantton	44 59	42 68	15 53		103 80
Tiverton	33 25	11 00	12 80	1 00	58 11
Williamsdale	65 29	27 29	33 43		126 00
Total	\$884 75	\$492 75	\$940 08	\$15 51	\$1623 09

AMY FRANK, Treasurer.

## Colporteurs' Report, Week Ending Jan. 12, 1918 Ontario

Name	Book	Hrs.	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
*W Duclou	BR	55	\$83 00	11 85	99 50	11 85
L Chamberlain	BR			7 40	1 40	76 15
Totals		57	\$88 00	219 25	\$107 25	\$88 00

\* 2 weeks.

"CHEERFULNESS, looking always on the bright side of things, determined always to stand in the sunshine rather than in the shadow—this it is that makes life, with its knotty problems, continually easier. It's the "oil of gladness" that helps in doing the work."

## The Teachers' Training Course of the Sabbath School Worker for the New Year

What has been in the world since the days of Eden, but has been very little understood though every human being knows it experimentally?—The child.

How many young men and women still cherish the root of bitterness in their hearts because of wrong treatment, unfair judgment, mistaken kindness, they received during the growing-up years, admitting, however, that parents and teachers intended to do the right thing, but failed through lack of insight into individual needs.

Now these same young people are beginning their duties as parents and teachers. Ask yourselves these questions seriously: What is my mental and spiritual equipment for knowing the young mind? for understanding the shy, brooding, yearning heart? for suiting training to the demands of each peculiar nature?

You, young teacher, are you putting your pupils through the same educational mill, expecting each one to grasp on the fly what is suited to his nature?

You, devoted young father and mother, earnestly striving to give your children the best as they grow up, can you analyze each flash of personality, and adjust your discipline and training to each unusual temperament?

The Teachers' Training Course of the Sabbath School Worker for 1918 is planned to help teachers and parents to study their pupils and children in the home, in the Sabbath School and in the day school. We purpose to co-ordinate the available instruction on child study into a series of year's lessons. The two text books: "Thoroughly Furnished," Part I, "The Child," by Coleman, and "Talks to the Training Class" by Margaret Slattery are used to outline the subject and furnish topics. Reference from other works will be given, especially to those of the Spirit of prophecy. Many hours are devoted to the planning of the lessons, and the result is offered to any and all who are interested in this mystery,—the child mind and how it should be trained for God.

The lessons are for Sabbath school teachers, secular teachers, fathers and mothers.

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

"LOVE is the golden chain which binds bleeding hearts to one another in willing bonds of friendship, tenderness, and faithful constancy; and which points the soul to God."

"GOD bids you with one hand, faith, take hold of his mighty arm, and with the other hand, love, reach perishing souls."