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Church Schools

We are glad to learn that the number of church schools in this Union is to be increased by the establishing of new ones this fall. This is a source of encouragement to all who have our educational work at heart. Seventh-day Adventists now have a complete and thoroughly organized educational system, beginning with our church schools and carrying the student through the intermediate and training schools. In addition to this we maintain a well-equipped medical school. Our system of education is looked upon by prominent educators as excellent to a high degree, and as a people we have no occasion to feel ashamed of it. On the contrary, we have every reason to be thankful for what the Lord has done for us in this respect.

The most careful thought and study has been devoted to perfecting our educational system by our leading educators, and an outline of work has been adopted by the denomination to govern the different classes of schools. In arranging for a church school, the church should take pains to study this outline and counsel with the educational secretary of the conference.

Independent ideas of carrying on the school work, gained from schools of the world, should not prevail. The education of our children and youth is too important a matter to be trifled with. The Lord has given this people clear instruction through the Spirit of Prophecy as to the character and work of our church schools, and this instruction should carry weight in the minds of leaders in our churches. It is a serious mistake to attempt to carry work beyond the eighth grade in a church school, and it is often a question whether work as advanced as that can be profitably taught. When a student has advanced to the place where he can take eighth grade work, he should take advantage of association with the more experienced teachers that are connected with our academies. Parents, who have their children's future

interests at heart, will reflect on this and give due weight and consideration to it.

Careful thought and attention is necessary to arrange for the financing of the school. All should share in the expense whether they have children in the school or not. The conference educational secretary should, of course, be consulted in the matter of securing a competent teacher to take charge of the school. The location of the school is a question that requires careful attention. Sanitary surroundings and conveniences, light, heat, ventilation, space for recreation, etc., are matters that must receive attention.

Let us keep to a high standard in our plans, and we may rest assured that the Lord will be with us in our efforts to provide a Christian education for our children.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

ONTARIO

St. Catharines

For a long time Brother and Sister Sowler have been doing faithful home missionary work in St. Catharines. They have sold and given away thousands of copies of magazines, pamphlets and tracts, and have held Bible readings in various homes as their time and circumstances have permitted. The seed thus sown is now beginning to bear fruit. Several persons have commenced to keep the Sabbath and others are deeply interested. One of the new converts was baptized at the campmeeting and during a recent visit to St. Catharines it was the writer's privilege to baptize three more. It was a happy day indeed, for Brother and Sister Sowler, when they saw these precious souls, the fruit of their labors, follow the Master into the watery grave.

Truly there is no greater joy in this world than that of seeing souls for whom we have labored giving their hearts to God. All heaven rejoices over one

sinner converted, and dear reader, if you would know true happiness, go win a soul for Christ, and your heart will leap for joy.

A. V. OLSON.

Belleville Effort

Having been put to considerable inconvenience in the city of Brockville by the authorities refusing us the center of the city, and having had to pitch our tent too far on the outskirts of the city, we pulled our stakes and shipped our outfit to Belleville. After preaching under the most discouraging circumstances and giving it a fair trial for twelve days, we felt justified in leaving instead of losing the whole summer. In Belleville we secured a favorable central location and began our meetings Sunday, August 6, with a full tent. We feel safe in saying that our average attendance ever since has been about one hundred. This we think is good, considering that this is a city of a few thousand people.

To date (Aug. 23), we have not yet held meetings three weeks. Our object is first to gain the confidence of the people which we feel we have so far. Next Sunday night we will deal with the Sabbath, having laid a good foundation for it. This is the crucial point of course, and we need the petitions of God's people at this time, that the Lord might give us results.

Thus far we have secured a number of names and Brother Beazley has taken up the work of visiting and is placing suitable literature in the possession of the people. Whatever the results may be we have no particular basis for a prophecy, but we do have the assurance that "his word will not return unto him void." Pray for us and the work.

Our address is "Gospel Tabernacle," corner of Victoria Avenue and Pinnacle Street.

F. W. JOHNSTON.

Delivering Books

Terence and Hubert Martin have had good success in delivering their books in Wellington, Dufferin and Grey counties.

It is encouraging to one who has the oversight of a work to see it succeed.

Believing it would be interesting to you to know how the people living in the "highways and byways" of the country districts are receiving the precious volumes. I will relate to you some of our experiences.

We found most of the people waiting for us with the right change as a result of the notification cards. One lady said, "I am glad you have come. The children have been looking for the book, and I have the money ready for you." Another woman said, "John is not going to take the book, it is too dear." Brother Martin asked her where John was, and she said, he

was over at a neighbor's pressing hay. We found John was up in the mow forking hay to a hay press. So climbing the ladder, I said to him, "I have your book for you, isn't it a beauty?" "Yes, but I don't think I shall take it, it is too dear. Anyway, the fellow I ordered it from said that I didn't have to take it unless I liked, when he came with it." "Now John look here, that is too thin, you have signed this order and you also gave him fifty cents on the book. Now you know if you should tell that to a judge in a courtroom he would decide against you. You are in for it John, and you might as well save your time. Where is your money?" "Well, it's up to the house and mother will give it to you." We wrote out an order and told John to sign it, and tell mother just where she would find the money. So he did, saying the money was in the cupboard. We drove to the house again. The lady came to the door and I told her that John had decided to take the book after all, and that he had sent her a note saying to give us the money; that she would find it in the cupboard. She said "That's not John's writing and I'll not take the book." "Oh yes it is. How would I know where the money is, unless he told me. If I came up here and told you the money was anywhere else, you would know at once I was telling you a story. Then too, you know where it is. Now I am in a hurry, I have a lot of books to deliver." She turned away and went to the cupboard and began to search, and finally said, "I can't find the money." "Well," I said, "I'll help you." She had boxes, papers and dishes all spread out over the table. We looked them over and searched them carefully but found no money. Going over to the cupboard I began to move the dishes carefully, and as I moved a large vegetable dish that sat in a corner, I spied a fat, black purse, containing about fifty dollars. I said "I have found it, how fortunate I am, see here it's full of money too." She counted me out the price of the book rather reluctantly and said "It's a shame to make people take things they don't want." "Lady you need that book; there is something in it for you and the enemy is trying his best to keep it from you. But I am glad the Lord has outwitted him this time. Good bye." Shaking her hand heartily saying, "I hope you study the book so that it leads you to search your Bible and find the Saviour; I would like to meet you in the kingdom," I wish you could have seen the surprised look on her face as I turned and hurried back to the buggy.

Another man had cancelled his order but we thought we would call and see him, and find out why he refused to take the book. We knocked at the door. His wife invited us in and gave us chairs. Mr.— said, "I thought I told you not to bring that book." "Yes, you did, but we thought we would like to have a friendly chat with you and find out why you did

not want to take it. We thought possibly that you might have been misinformed regarding our book." "No," he said, "you are a Seventh-day Adventist, aren't you?" "Yes sir, we are." "Well, I don't want it. I have some of your books now." "And don't you find them good? Are they not good clean heart-searching reading that causes one to think?" "Well, yes; but I would like to know why you people keep Saturday instead of Sunday." "Well, I am glad you have asked that question and that you want to know. Get your Bible and we will give you the reasons from it why we keep Saturday." After giving the Bible reasons, both in the Old and New Testament for Sabbath keeping, we opened our book and read quotations from Catholic writers showing how they boasted of substituting Sunday in the place of God's chosen day. Then too, we explained that there were twelve studies on the question making it plain. Aside from that, there were one hundred eighty-eight other studies covering practically every phase of the Bible. We could not see how he could afford to be without it. They were two interested people, and as they looked at each other he said to his wife, "Mother, I guess we will take the book, get the money." We thanked them and with a hearty handshake said goodbye.

We thanked the Lord for helping us get these orders, and for the same power that attended us in delivering them. We have seen his hand and guiding power manifested in many things to-day.

J. CAPMAN.

St. Thomas

In harmony with the wish of the Conference Committee, we have taken up our work in this place. In coming here we are leaving behind us many dear friends in London. However, not being far away, we expect to help them in their missionary work.

St. Thomas is known as the railroad city because of the many railroads running through it, among these being two electric lines having a terminal at London. The population is made up principally of railroad people. So far we have found them very genial and easy to approach. We are looking forward to good results from the labors we are entering into and solicit the prayers of our people that this may be so. We believe that prayer has much to do with success. Considerable seed has been sown here in the past, the latest effort being conducted by Elders Campbell and Kirkendall. Although a short effort it had results and we hope to revive the work then started and carry it on to a successful issue. We are organizing a missionary society and expect to do our part in the coming Harvest Ingathering Campaign. The urgent call for funds to prosecute the great volume of work now going on in foreign fields should

be an incentive to greater effort on the part of all God's remnant people. Surely we all want to see the work finished and inherit the land of peace and rest. So with this thought in mind we go forward in this campaign believing the Lord will bless the feeble efforts of his children and crown them with success. In London last year the church took up the work and every one felt they had something to do. After asking the Lord's benediction upon the effort, they went forward in the work and the money came flowing in from all quarters until it far outreached their expectations. We found at the close of the campaign that had we begun earlier the results would have been even much better. This should be kept in mind by all engaging in the campaign, to start early. We want to see the \$100,000 goal reached and it can be done. Who knows but that this might be our last chance to serve the Lord in this way. Let us give of our best to the Master and receive the credit on the record of heaven.

Address us at 73 Pearl St., East, St. Thomas.

MR. AND MRS. WM. H. BOYCE.

Progress at Ottawa

We are pleased to report that the progress of the work in Ottawa is most encouraging. Upon returning from campmeeting we set about to organize the company here for service. All have responded with a good will. A Missionary Sewing Circle has been started in which all the sisters of the church are becoming deeply interested and are making excellent progress. They expect to gather in a neat sum for missions by the end of the year. Visiting committees have been appointed to visit the sick and the interested ones. Many are taking an active part in the distribution of literature.

Our services are well attended in spite of the hot weather. Sunday evening we hold public service in a hall that will seat between seventy-five and one hundred people and this is filled except on extremely hot nights.

We enjoyed very much a visit from Elder Olson, Sabbath and Sunday, August 12 and 13. After his discourse Sunday evening a call was made for those who desired to surrender themselves to the Lord to stand, and nine stood up at once. Many more stood when we asked for those who would like to be prayed for. Seven have taken their stand for the truth and are keeping the Sabbath. These have made their decision since campmeeting. Others we are working and praying for will, we feel sure, take their stand for the truth later on.

We are surely in the finishing of the work. We ask the readers of the MESSENGER to remember Ottawa in their prayers.

W. J. HURDON.

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QUEBEC

Experience in Montreal

As an illustration of the spirit of intolerance and religious bigotry, I wish to mention further developments in the case of Brother VonGuntzen who was recently so ruthlessly denounced by one of the pastors in the city of Montreal.

Brother VonGuntzen came to Montreal from Switzerland a little over a year ago, and has been endeavoring hard to earn a livelihood for his family who were unable to come with him at the time. While thus laboring he has shown himself to be an earnest Christian worker. Once a week he has been conducting a Bible study in the Italian Y. M. C. A., with the result that some have become deeply interested in the truth. This has seemingly enraged one of the Italian pastors who has sought to cast discredit upon his work by endeavoring to make it appear that our brother is a German spy, and teaching doctrines which are anti-British. Brother VonGuntzen has been summoned the second time before the military authorities and not only threatened with deportation, which would be a great calamity to him and to his family, but also forbidden to attend the Italian Y. M. C. A. So persistent have been the efforts of this minister to defame our brother that we decided to address the following letter to him:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—

The undersigned have learned with sorrow the circumstances that have passed between you and a member of our church, Mr. VonGuntzen, whom you have denounced as a spy, as a German and as an anti-British agitator. The military authority to which you have borne this threefold accusation (Office of Alien Enemies), has twice summoned our brother, first threatening him with deportation, then with immediate arrestation if he did not promise that he would no longer visit the Italian Y. M. C. A.

As Christians, though not belonging to the same Protestant church as you, we consider it our duty to call your attention to the anti-evangelical character of your procedure. As you could easily find out, this threefold accusation was false, gratuitous and defamatory. And the threats made to our friend by the military authorities would, if carried out, mean an irreparable disaster to him and to his family.

The time should be past, it seems to us, when a brother shall deliver his brother unto death (Matt. 10:21), at least among the members of the various evangelical churches, which have the greatest need of being united in front of the old enemy of the Bible and liberty of conscience.

And if there is a precept of Christ which it behooves his special representatives to practice and to preach—in a time when blood is running in torrents on the battlefields of kindred nations—it is certainly the one in which our Saviour tells us "not to bear false witness," not to harm our neighbor, but to love one another, so that the world may know that God has sent his Son to the world.

We consider it proper, reverend sir, for you to make to Mr. VonGuntzen a loyal reparation of honor, and we trust that in your character both of a Christian and as a minister of the Gospel, you will feel it the proper thing to do. In this expectation we beg to remain

Yours sincerely in Jesus Christ,

J. Vuilleumier,

F. C. Webster,

Pastors of the Seventh-day Adventist church in Montreal.

We solicit the prayers of God's people for this brother who is being persecuted, and that as a result of this experience the cause of God may be advanced.

F. C. WEBSTER.

Colporteurs' Report, Week Ending Aug. 26, 1916 Ontario

Name	Book	Hours	Value	Total	Del
Louise Dedeker	BR	58			\$452 10
Terence Martin	BR	47			253 75
Hubert Martin	BR	22			204 00
John Finch	BR	30			168 50
Frank Haddock	Ar.		\$17 50	\$17 50	17 50
Mrs F Haddock	Ar.		8 00	8 00	8 00
John Pengelly	CK	45		32 75	
Oscar Cardey	BR	37	82 00	86 25	
Roy Sager	BR	35	12 00	31 75	
Mrs S M Clark	BR	16	3 00	5 70	
C D Terwillegar	GC		10 00	19 50	
Total		290	\$132 50	\$201 45	\$1103 85

Quebec

Raymond Libby	Ar., SB	21	\$18 75	\$18 75	\$18 25
*Rose Guertin	Ar., WC, Mag	102	55 00	55 00	
*Alma Guertin	"	78	43 50	43 50	
*H Vuilleumier	"	90	39 00	39 00	
*S Vuilleumier	"	119	65 75	65 75	
Total		410	\$222 00	\$222 00	\$18 25

Grand Total 700 \$354 50 \$423 45 \$1122 10
*2 weeks

Standing on Mission Offerings to July 31, 1916

	Mem.	Due	Recd.	Short	Ahead
Ontario	550	\$3333 00	\$2524 09	\$808 91	
Maritime	266	1611 96	1081 30	530 66	
Quebec	150	909 00	581 38	327 62	
Nfld.	62	375 72	426 98		\$51 26
Union	1028	\$6229 68	\$4613 75	\$1667 19	\$51 26

"It is not difficult to trust God when everything goes smoothly, and we see no difficulties before but such as we have been accustomed to meet and to conquer; but to trust him when we are face to face with those that we cannot see our way through,—that is true faith."