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"THIS GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM SHALL BE PREACHED IN ALL THE WORLD FOR A WITNESS"

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tion in his own field, feeling himself a part of the organized, united work; for where "one shall chase a thousand," "two thousand shall be put to flight." Thus in reporting his work, he is carrying out what would be required by any general on the field of battle who must know how his forces are disposed, in order to successfully meet the foe.

The canvasser should also be a recruiting officer, always awake to the opportunity of interesting others in this line of work wherever he may be, at school, in the field, or when attending conference meetings. His is the greatest work as a means of developing the individual, the constant contact with varied minds bringing out all the strong, positive traits of character.

"I have described what canvassers ought to be; and may the Lord open your minds to comprehend this subject in its length and breadth, and may you realize your duty to represent the character of Christ by your patient courage and steadfast integrity. Remember that you can deny him by a lax, undecided character. Young men, if you will take with you into the canvassing field the principles of righteousness, you will be respected, and many will believe the truth you advocate, because your daily life will be a bright light which will give light to all that are in the house. Even your enemies, though they war against your doctrines, will

respect you; and your simple words will have a power that will carry conviction to hearts." *Manual for Canvassers, page 27.*

G. W. MILLER.

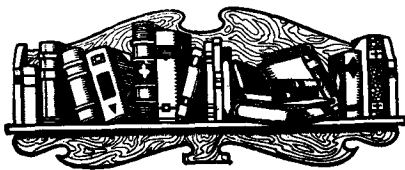
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Why I Left The Catholic Church

Not long ago a Protestant minister in this city, while out visiting his people, chanced to call at our door, and learning that the Seventh-day Adventist minister lived there, requested to see me. He greeted me in a friendly manner; and in the course of our conversation, asked how it was that when I left the Catholic Church, I passed by all the greater denominations, and joined myself to that small sect, the Seventh-day Adventists.

I thought to myself, what a golden opportunity, and said, "Brother I will gladly answer you. I became dissatisfied with the doctrine of purgatory. I did not seem to understand just how it was that God would require an individual to spend a few million years in such a place in order to fit him for eternity, I thought it rather a peculiar way to get the gift of eternal life, so I ventured to secure a Douay Version of the Bible; and on examination I found that



The Canvassing Work

(Continued)

There is no work like evangelistic canvassing to awaken the powers of the soul; as, intuition, self-reliance, and trust in God; to draw forth all the reserve energy, skill, tact, courage, and faith, and to round off the rough corners, giving a polish to the character. There is no better introduction to public life for a young person than to be an "ambassador of the King of kings," carrying his message in the form of the printed page.

The canvasser who, like Daniel, has a settled "purpose" will not for the sake of gain, engage lightly in the work to sell pictures, mottoes, or books bearing no special relation to the message. He will feel that now he must go forth, improving the golden opportunities to labor for the Master.

He ought not to go a "warfare at his own charges," but should act in harmony with the plans of organiza-

man was not rewarded until after the resurrection which takes place at the coming of Christ. Now, I said, I was compelled to reject either the Catholic Bible or the Catholic teaching, for they contradicted each other. I could find no purgatory in the Bible, then why, I thought, should the priests require money from my mother to pray my father out of such a place. The only authority I could find for purgatory or even the doctrine of rewards at death was a dream of Pope John in the thirteenth century."

By this time the minister became restless; he saw tradition making void the word of God, and his own church was in danger.

"Then," he said, "it was more because they were Adventists than because of the Sabbath question that you joined them."

"Yes," I replied, "for any child of fourteen could plainly see that the seventh day is the Sabbath."

"But, Mr. Allen, you know there are so many beautiful points of faith that there is no clear verse and text for. Did you ever notice the beauty of the Lord's day based on the resurrection?"

"No," I said, "I never noticed that the Lord's Day was a memorial of the resurrection. I thought the seventh day is the Lord's day, and was given as a memorial of creation. But go on, my brother, I shall be glad to listen to you concerning the beauty of the Lord's Day and the resurrection even though you have no verse and text for it, perhaps I may be mistaken in taking the Bible; probably what Rome says is true,— 'The Church is above the Bible.'"

"O, I must be going," said the minister, looking at his watch.

"But," I said, "brother, you have been a minister for forty years; if I have been taught error, will you not invite me to your home and teach the Scripture to me; I appeal to you not to let me be lost. Don't you repeat the ten commandments in

your church, and ask God to incline your hearts to keep them?"

Without even replying, he went out, and has not called since to instruct me in the beautiful doctrine of the Lord's Day based on the resurrection.

MATT. J. ALLEN.

A Word of Thanksgiving

I feel glad to be able again to express my thankfulness and praise to God for his goodness and mercy to me in sparing my life through my recent illness. Indeed at one time I did not know that I would ever have the privilege of helping spread this message, but God heard the prayers of his people; and I am being restored to health, and hope to take up the work again. Truly it is God who healeth all our diseases.

While I was very sorry to have to lay down the work at Napanee just at the crisis, and leave my fellow-laborer alone (yet not alone, Matt. 28:20), I was glad to meet on the Sabbath recently with those who have stepped out in faith to obey the truth. As I visited them, and heard their encouraging testimonies of God's saving grace, I rejoiced at having had a part in the work. I am glad to see that some are already doing active work with that good pioneer, the *Signs of the Times*, and are interesting others in the truth. I pray that more may yet step out into liberty.

I spent a part of Sabbath, April 6, at Belleville with the brethren and sisters there, and was glad to see the friends of good courage, and endeavoring to hold up the light of truth. What a great and glorious privilege we who know these truths have of warning the people around us of the terrible times ahead, so that they may not be suddenly rushed to destruction with the "peace and safety" cry as were the passengers in the recent ocean disaster.

I am glad to read the encouraging

reports of the brethren and sisters in the MESSENGER each week. I hope soon again to be able to report regularly of progress in the service of our Saviour. Let us all take heed to the counsel given in Joshua 1:5-9, and seek God for power to do it.

LEONARD PAYNE.

Huntsville

Dear MESSENGER Readers,—

I want to tell you how pleased I am to get the MESSENGER, and to read of the work being done. I am especially interested in the reports from Oshawa, Hamilton, St. Catherines, and Lindsay; and am cheered and helped by them. Being isolated myself, it does fill me with courage to know the work is going on.

The Lord is very precious to me, and I try to be of use in his vineyard. He has blessed my labors, and I am waiting and trusting for a bountiful harvest, because you see the work is his, and he can do great things. It is ours to work and trust, and expect God to give us the sheaves, which he is sure to do if we work in faith and sow the seeds of truth.

I often come across souls really hungering for the truth. They are so glad to sit and listen; and they heartily request me to come again and bring that book ("Bible Readings") with me. It is so interesting they say.

Yours in the work,
MRS. M. HOOEY.

Hamilton

The Hamilton church is enjoying much of God's blessing. Never before has there been a better interest than at present. The Spirit of God is certainly working with the people. Our Sunday evening meetings are well attended, and we feel sure that a large number will soon take their stand for the truth. Brother Allen is holding meetings every night and many times during the day.

There are so many false teachers in the world that people are hungering and thirsting to know what is truth. Dear brothers and sisters, what are we going to do? Are we going to let these people starve for the word of God while we pass by on the other side? What we need in this city is three or four good, consecrated Bible workers to assist Brother and Sister Allen, as they are unable to respond to all the calls that come to them from day to day to enter new homes. My prayer is that the Lord will raise up workers for these large cities so that the message will penetrate every home, and every one have a chance to make his choice.

We have also a fine interest in our Sabbath-school; and we are trying to bring our school up to a higher standard so that when new Sabbath keepers come in, they will see by our conduct in the house of worship that we are really God's people.

May God help each one of us to realize the time in which we live, and be ready to meet him when he comes in the clouds of glory. Pray for the work in Hamilton, for we feel that the work here is not nearly completed.

A. E. HENDERSON.

Quebec

W. J. TANNER,
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So. Stukely

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Secretary,
So. Bolton

The French Work

My work from house to house has had to be waived to some extent of late by additional work on the second number of the *Sentinelle*, our thirty-two page French magazine. There are still a few hundred copies of the first number on hand. I know of no better or cheaper means of approaching and reaching our French Catholic neighbors than with this magazine.

For the last four weeks my time has also been absorbed by preparing

and giving a few lectures before a club of French Free-thinkers. Brother Louis Gobeille, who was the means of introducing me before the club, spoke once, and last night was chosen chairman for the evening. Each lecture was followed by a lively debate, which gave us the opportunity of answering many questions relating to Christianity, Catholicism, the existence and the teaching of Christ, the morality of the Bible, the authenticity of the Gospels, etc. Many bitter and slanderous accusations against God and the Bible were made, several of which made our ears tingle. On the other hand, we were pleased to hear several expressing among themselves sentiments favorable to the truth heard.

Our people see here a good opportunity for opening up regular Sunday evening meetings at the chapel. I distributed my invitations among the members of the club at the meeting last night, which was the last for the season. We trust that a few will thus be brought to a saving knowledge of the Saviour.

These meetings will for a time take the place of those held thus far at Sister Gobeille's. These Bible studies have been precious seasons. They have been attended by several outsiders from whom we expect to see fruit.

Last Sabbath and Sunday we enjoyed the visit of Brother E. R. Allen, who has pledged his co-operation in placing the French canvassing work on its feet. There is indeed a great demand here for one or more canvassers to place our *Sentinelle* in tens of thousands of French homes, thus preparing the people for the reception of the truth by breaking down barriers of prejudice, ignorance, and superstition.

Remember us, dear brethren and sisters, at the throne of grace.

J. VUILLEMIER.

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"Duty makes us do things well, but love makes us do them beautifully."

Maritime

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Amherst, N. S.

I am glad to report to the MESSENGER again, for it gives me real pleasure to read the reports telling of other's experiences; and I note with gratitude the accounts of progress made in the Canadian Union Conference.

The meetings at Amherst are gaining in public interest, although they have been broken into by calls from other places that had to be attended to; yet after the postponement of several week end meetings, almost the usual number greeted us on our return, and gave deepest attention.

Several are already inquiring about the Sabbath and its relation to the people of to-day, although as yet we have not spoken upon the question; but hope to do so this coming Sunday. We ask for the prayers of God's people in behalf of speaker and hearers; for we believe you are already interested as the writer is.

Every Friday evening we are holding in our home, cottage meetings, at which several families are represented. Our Heavenly Father has richly blessed us upon these occasions; and we not only look for a continuance of his blessing, but a fulfilment of the promise that his word shall not return unto him void.

During the winter we went to Dorchester every two weeks, and tried to gather in some fruit from the interested ones there. It is with gratitude to our Heavenly Father that we report four new Sabbath keepers there.

While in the post-office recently, we met the minister of the largest and most popular church here. After introducing himself, and speaking on current topics, the conversation drifted to the distinctive differences between us and other Christian bodies

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He said that he had not spoken on the Sabbath question, and would not unless I made it too lively for him. I assured him that every bit of energy of which I was capable would be used to that end. He smiled at this, and after further conversation we parted in a kindly manner.

I find it takes much longer to get the confidence of the people in the East than in the West; but I am not at all discouraged, for the work is in the hands of Him who holds "all power in heaven and in earth." We pray that we may not take it out of His hands, but place ourselves where He can best use us to his glory
WM. C. YOUNG.

Change of Address

After May 1, 1912, the address of Elder J. O. Miller will be Williamsdale E., N. S.

Correction

We are sorry that, through a misunderstanding, the report of work done by the Paris, Ont., church appeared in our last issue as a part of Brother William Brown's report.

Last week we received six subscriptions for *Protestant*, two of which came from college libraries. In sending his subscription, one librarian said, "I do not think there is a magazine on our tables that is read by a larger percentage of our students."

Obituaries

GRAHAM.—Fell asleep in Jesus, at the home of her parents in Magundy, York Co., N. B., Wed., April 10, 1912, Emma Rhea Pearl Graham, aged 11 years, 1 month, and six days. Death was caused by pulmonary meningitis, after an illness of a week. She was an unusually bright child for her years, and she loved and served the Saviour with a child's devotion that was touching and worthy of imitation. When the Advent message was presented to her, she accepted it without hesitation, and largely through her influence her parents and sister were led to obey the truth. She was a mild-mannered, sweet-tempered little Christian; and was beloved by all who knew her. She delighted in singing the songs that tell of the love and soon coming of Jesus; she was always in her place among the singers at a meeting, and the clear, tender tones of her dear little voice added much to the beauty and impressiveness of the services. She is the first to be taken from the company of believers at Harvey Station, and we miss her more than words can tell; but our sorrow is softened and sweetened by the blessed assurance that "when he cometh to make up his jewels," little Rhea will triumph over the grave, and shine in the kingdom of heaven as the stars forever and ever.

The funeral took place from her

home, Friday afternoon, April 12, and was attended by a large throng that comprised all the people in the community and for several miles around. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Matt. 5: 35, 36 and Zech. 8: 5.

J. A. STRICKLAND.

Mc GUGAN.—Died at his home in Hamilton, Ont., Archibald Mc Gugan, a native of Belfast, Ireland, aged 63 years. Brother Mc Gugan was the only Sabbath keeper in his family, and until six weeks before his death, had been a member of the English Church, yet his wish was that we have charge of the funeral services. He began to attend our meetings last November, and as soon as he learned of the true Sabbath, he accepted it, and died rejoicing in the thought that the Lord would raise him at the first resurrection.

MATT. J. ALLEN.

Items

One sister and her son have taken two hundred and fifty Temperance *Instructors* and will sell them in a town near their home. The spirit is willing. Who will be next to join the ranks of temperance workers?

Brother and Sister R. A. Hubley, who have worked during the past year in St. John's, Newfoundland, are now located in Bay Roberts, one of the outports on the east shore of the island. We wish them success in winning souls.

Magazine Work

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	TOTAL
Ontario	1476	1150	3377	6003
Quebec	752	2012	2654	5418
Maritime	220	358	893	1471
Newfoundland			204	204
Totals	2448	3520	7128	13096

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Name	Place	Book	Hours	Orders	Value	Helps	Delivered
J. Pengelly,	Galt, Ont.	C K	50	8	\$11 00	\$36 95	
Mrs. M. Briggs,	Harvey, N B	C K	5	7	10 50	13 50	
Total			55	15	21 50	50 45	