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Canadian Union Messenger.

"As the cold of snow in the time of harvest so is a faithful messenger."

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GOD STILL LIVES.

One day when Luther reached his home
Discouraged, worn, and sad:
He found his home was draped in black,
His wife in mourning clad,
"What is the matter, darling wife?
What can this mean?" he said.
"Why, don't you know?" she made reply,
"Why, Martin, God is dead!"

What? God dead? No, he cannot die!
What do you mean, dear wife?"
"Why, Martin, you have told me, dear,
That never in this life
Would you become discouraged here
While God did live," she said.
"So when I saw you were cast down
I thought, God must be dead."

Dear reader, learn the lesson well,
That Luther found that day:
God is the same forevermore,
He changeth not his way.
And as He lives and rules above
Just trust His guiding hand;
Press on in faith, nor be dismayed—
"Some day you'll understand."
—N. P. Neilson in "Wisconsin Reporter."

STRENGTHEN THE HANDS OF THE BUILDERS.

Let the work in Washington move forward. Let everyone act his part in self-denial and self-sacrifice. Our people are not to wait for more appeals, but are to lay right hold of the work, making those things which appear impossibilities, possibilities. Let each one ask himself, Has not the Lord entrusted me with means for the advancement

of His cause? Has he not bidden His servants in Washington arise and build? Shall I, at this time of great importance, withhold my means, which God asks me to invest in raising up materials for Him? Let us be honest with the Lord. All the blessings which we enjoy come from Him; and if he has entrusted us with the talent of means that we may help to do His work, shall we hold back? Shall we say, No, Lord; my children would not be pleased, and therefore I shall venture to disobey God, burying His talent in the earth?

There should be no delay. The cause of God demands your assistance. We ask you, as the Lord's stewards, to put His means in circulation to provide facilities by which many will have the opportunity of learning what is truth.

The temptation may come to you to invest your money in land. Perhaps your friends will advise you to do this. But is there not a better way of investing your means? Have you not been bought with a price? Has not your money been entrusted to you to be traded upon for Him? Can you not see that He wants you to use your means in helping to build meeting-houses, in helping to establish sanitariums, where the sick shall receive physical and spiritual healing, and in helping to start schools, in which the youth

shall be trained for service, that workers shall be sent to all parts of the world?

If they will be faithful in bringing to His treasury the means lent them, His work will make rapid advancement — many souls will be won to the truth, and the day of Christ's coming will be hastened.

God will prepare the way before His faithful people, and will greatly bless them. The righteousness of Christ will go before them, and the glory of God will be their reward. There will be joy in the heavenly courts, and joy, pure, holy joy, will fill the hearts of the workers. To save perishing souls, they are willing to spend and be spent. Their hearts are filled with gratitude and thanksgiving. The consciousness of God's love purifies and ennobles their experience, enriching and strengthening them. The grace of heaven is revealed in the conquests achieved in winning souls to Christ.

So God's work in this world is to be carried forward. The church here below is to serve the Lord with self-denial and self-sacrifice and the most glorious triumphs are to be won.

ELLEN G. WHITE.

A CALL TO ACTION.

It is not my desire to be absent from our home field, but it seemed best just now for us to make a trip to Iowa and Missouri in the interest of our school work. The general conference has generously offered to help us to raise \$2,000 to help on that work. We are to raise \$500 in our home field by the sale of Christ Object Lessons and donations. We have just received an offering of \$50 from Sister Cleary, of Charlottetown, and we trust many more will feel impressed to contribute to this

good cause. You may send cash or pledges to Gertrude Williams, Farmington, Cumberland Co., N. S. These pledges may be paid any time between this and the 1st of Sept., 1905.

While I am working conjointly with the general conference to raise the \$1,500, which is their part of the work, Brethren Andrews and Hanna and Sister Alberta McLeod will be hard at work raising the \$500 in our field. They will solicit donations and sell Christ Object Lessons and other books to help on this good work.

Now is the time to help in this enterprise, and I trust all will take hold in earnest and send in the result of your work in cash or pledges.

Let us press the work till December 20th, and trust the Lord to help us.

WM. GUTHRIE.

HELP FOR GALT.

This little body of believers have a debt on their church building of six hundred dollars, and nearly one year's interest. They are unable to pay it alone. Of course we would not contract such a debt, but now that it is done, rather than lose the property, which cost some seventeen hundred dollars, we ask each Sabbath-keeper in the conference to assist this church.

The conference committee has set Sabbath, October 1, as the time for a collection in all our churches for the relief of the Galt church.

A. O. BURRILL.

OFFICE NOTES.

All will please notice the change of the Ontario office address. It is now 151 Hunter St. W., instead of 140 S. Wentworth St., Hamilton.

Hereafter a statement will be sent

to all the Ontario Tract Societies and individuals having accounts with the office, each month. The publishing houses have written them that, since they are not doing commercial work any more, they are in need of the money to carry on their business. Ontario cannot send them money until it is sent to Ontario.

Tithe has come in very slowly this month. Perhaps the time of year has something to do with this. We trust it is not unfaithfulness.

The Object Lessons work is getting started in Ontario. One brother has sold almost all he ordered. Others have sold a few. This is a good time to take the orders even if they cannot be delivered before the holidays. Write T. H. Robinson for a printed canvass, if you desire it.

Please send in the invoice contracts to the Ontario Secretary as fast as you get the books.

A SURE TEST.

"As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." This is the test and herein lies the demonstration. The "led" are the "sons." Not as many as are touched by the Spirit, whether once, twice, or many times; but as many as are led. There is a constancy of Divine action, the steady, even pressure of the Holy Ghost; and on the part of the man, there is a ready yielding to this gentle force; "led" not dragged; "led" not goaded; "led" not even coaxed. And when, by our Godly behavior, we show that, in conduct and feeling, we are led by him, then indeed "the Spirit Himself beareth witness with our spirits that we are the children of God."

"Life and Health."

The September number of "Life and Health" is now ready and will be furnished

regularly to agents and those who desire to sell it for \$3.00 per hundred, post paid.

We encourage its circulation by inducing persons to solicit for it, the special offer made for August is extended through the month of September. This special offer is to give free of charge one hundred copies of the October issue to all who sell one hundred copies of the September issue and pay the regular agent price of \$3.00 for them. The limit of this offer is one hundred copies.

The gift of one hundred copies of the October issue in addition to the regular agent's discount is expensive advertising for the publishers and will not be continued longer than through September. The journal is fast becoming popular, and agents find it is not at all difficult to interest people in it.

The Canadian Union Conference Proceedings.

The second bi-ennial session of the Canadian Union Conference convened at Kowloon, Que., in connection with the twenty-fifth annual session of the Quebec Conference. Elder Thurston, the president, presided, and the following delegates were seated:

At Large—Elders W. H. Thurston, H. E. Rickard, Wm. Guthrie, A. O. Burrill, S. A. Farnsworth, S. D. Hartwell.

Quebec—W. H. Libby, G. A. Cushing, W. H. White, M.D., Harvey McClary.

Maritime—W. R. Andrews, J. Greer Hanna, Mrs. Wm. McLeod (alternate), Alberta McLeod (alternate).

Ontario—Wm. Hurden (alternate), Mrs. Wm. Hurden (alternate), Mrs. S. Hurden (alternate), Flossie Vandusen (alternate).

Elder W. C. White, representing the General Conference, was also present at the first meeting. A committee of three, composed of Elders W. C. White, W. R. Andrews and J. G. Hanna was chosen from the floor to act with the Executive Committee to nominate the session committees. This committee reported to the conference at its second meeting and the following committees were appointed:

Nominating Committee—A. O. Burrill, Geo. Cushing, W. R. Andrews, Wm. Guthrie, S. A. Farnsworth.

Credentials—H. E. Rickard, J. G. Hanna, W. H. Thurston.

Plan of work—S. D. Hartwell, W. C. White, A. O. Burrill, W. H. White, M.D., Wm. Guthrie.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Two new Sabbath-keepers have been reported at Hamilton, and one at Galt, Ont., recently.

Sixteen persons were baptized in the lake near Knowlton at the recent meetings of the Canadian Union and the Quebec Conferences.

We are a little late with this issue of The Messenger owing to the extra work incident to the close of the Canadian Union Conference meeting,

Brother Noftsgger, secretary of the Ontario Conference, writes that he has been having the grip, and was hardly able to be about the first of the week.

Elder Thurston will make a tour in Wisconsin while in the west, if arrangements can be made with that conference, in the interest of the medical work in Quebec.

An order has been received at this office from Bro. H. D. Carr, who has been canvassing for Coming King and other books. This consignment was ordered to Little Current, Ont.

The executive committee of the Union Conference voted to turn over to the management of the Lornedale Academy the printing, editing and mailing of The Messenger, and it is expected that this will soon be done.

Elder Burrill spent one day at a camp-meeting in New York on his way home from Knowlton, Que., and at the request of the General Conference is at present in attendance at the East Michigan camp-meeting at Flint.

Elder Guthrie spent one day in Toronto, looking over the office of the Canadian Publishing Association, while on his way to the Western States. We are glad to have the brethren become acquainted with the office and its work.

Elder Wm. Guthrie, of the Maritime Conference, has gone on a soliciting tour in the interest of the Maritime Intermediate School, to his former home conference, Iowa. He expects to be away from home about two months.

Brother John Pengally has sent in another good order for books which he expects to deliver soon. Let us all follow up these books by at least praying that God's spirit may impress the truth upon the hearts of those who read.

Brother Sowler writes us from Midland, Ont., enclosing an order for books, which he desires to deliver before it gets too cold to live in his tent. Success has attended his canvassing work since he has been at that place, and he is of good courage.

It was voted by the Canadian Union Conference Committee that the writer should attend the meeting of the East Michigan Conference, in the interests of the Knowlton Sanitarium, and on business in connection with the publishing work in Canada.

Owing to illness, Sister White did not attend the Conference at Knowlton, Que., as was expected, neither was she able to fill her appointment in Maine. While Elder W. C. White attended the meeting at Knowlton, his mother was at the Melrose Sanitarium.

Elder W. H. Thurston and family took their departure from Knowlton on the 13th, he to attend the General Conference Committee council at College View, Neb., and Sister Thurston to visit friends and relatives in Wisconsin. They spent a day in Toronto at the home of the writer.

Elder J. W. Watt, of the Vermont conference, was in attendance at the meetings in Knowlton, and gave valuable assist-

ance in the meetings. Elder Watt's sermons were all appreciated by the Canadian people, as well as by the Vermont brethren, many of whom were present.

The test is coming closer and closer, and many persons are soon to make a decision as to whom they will worship or obey. Are we doing all we can to influence people to worship the Lord and obey Him? There are many ways in which we may do this. Write this office for particulars as to how.

Elder A. G. Daniells, president of the General Conference, spent three days at the Knowlton camp-meeting, where his study of the field and counsel to the workers was much appreciated by the Canadian brethren. He left on the 9th for Washington, to prepare matter for the General Conference Committee council.

We have learned that the cases of Brethren Sweeten and Boettger have been appealed to a higher court, but we have not learned when the trial will be. These brethren should have the prayers of all our people, that God may interpose in their behalf. All should learn lessons from this experience, as it only shows what is before all those who choose to obey the Lord in a world the enemy claims.

FROM THE FIELD.

ONTARIO.

Midland.

We came to Midland on the steamer City of Toronto, Aug. 24th, and set to work to find a place to pitch a tent to live in while canvassing the town. After looking around for about two hours I found an excellent spot on the residence of a friendly Roman Catholic family, and pitched our tent that evening, and set to work the next day to canvass for Patriarchs and Prophets.

Midland is a pretty little town of about 5,000 inhabitants, situated on one of the pretty harbours of Georgian Bay, world-renowned for its beautiful scenery.

Bible Readings have been sold here, and some of our other books have been brought here by people coming from other places.

Times are dull here this summer, partly on account of the small quantity of grain handled by the elevators. Last summer

at this time they had handled about eleven million bushels, whereas this summer they have only handled one and a half million.

We meet a number of people who are interested in our books, and although we have not sold a great number of books so far, yet we believe that our efforts will not be in vain.

We think "Patriarchs and Prophets" is an excellent book and that there should be fifteen or twenty energetic canvassers pushing the sale of it in Ontario. But there should be a cheap edition of it published for about \$1.00, because the majority of people who want our books cannot afford to pay a high price, and the departmental stores in the cities sell large books so cheap that we are not able to compete with them.

It is high time our people who are in charge of publishing houses should awake to a knowledge of this fact, and set to work to furnish cheap editions of all our best books, to meet the demands of people who are not able to buy expensive books.

As a people who have the truth for these times, we should take advantage of every honest available means to get our literature into the homes of the people.

We ask all our brethren and sisters to remember us at the Throne of Grace, that our work may be effectual in bringing many souls to a knowledge of the present truth.

G. W. and MRS. SOWLER.

Lindsay.

The little church here was very much favored Aug. 17th to 23rd by having Elder Burrill with us. The quarterly meeting was held on the Sabbath, and a service was held each evening in the church. After the address on Monday evening a business meeting was held. The reports given were very good and show that we are by no means standing still; they showed that during the two years Sister Baker has been with us about five hundred and fifty dollars had, through different sources, passed through the treasurer's hands. A full report may be looked for soon in the "Messenger." Elder Burrill also visited the homes of the members and his visits and Bible talks were much appreciated. One brother joined the church by baptism. A lady has begun keeping the Sabbath with her two children, attends the Sabbath services, also supplies the place made vacant by Sister Henderson.

M. L. SOANES,
Church Clerk.

Elder Burrill's Report.

LINDSAY.—My first labor with this church has just closed. We were with them from the 17th to the 23rd of August. Held meetings each evening and in the daytime Sabbath and Sunday. Sister Baker's labors have been blessed of the Lord. She has continued her effort until there are visible fruits—a little place of worship where the church meets each Sabbath and Sunday. The male members had all moved away, but one other brother was baptized and united with the church the last day of the meetings. There are interested men, whom I am hoping will soon begin to obey the Lord.

On Sunday Brother Noble and I drove out to his former church, 13 miles, and being invited by the minister, I addressed the congregation upon the coming of the Lord.

Sister Baker is teaching this church to pay tithes and offerings, and take part in all branches of the work. The treasurer's report showed that since the work began there, they had paid in, from all sources, \$550.16. They have on hand at present, \$7.

The Medical Work.—Sister Baker has done some work in the hospital which has been greatly blessed of the Lord. Some remarkable recoveries have taken place. One of the leading physicians offers to furnish all the patients that two nurses can attend to, provided a bath-room can be opened. It seems to me that it is a good opening for this work. I have written to the conference committee to obtain their advice about sending another nurse to assist Sister Baker.

We gave the C.O.L. work considerable attention. Several copies were sold to those not of our faith. We did not see the co-operation in this that we had desired. One student expects to go to Lornedale Academy.

PETERBORO.—There was formerly quite a company of Sabbath-keepers here. Most of them have moved away to other places. We held five services in three different homes. One of these was at the home of Brother Washington Morse. He has passed his 88th birthday, but is still quite well. His faith in the soon coming of the Lord is unabated. His wife is quite feeble. We took two subscriptions for the "Messenger," and sold and delivered one C.O.L. and took four orders to be delivered later. These books go to those not of our

faith. Sister Farnum has ten C.O.L. to sell, but this is not many for one who has been so successful in the past. Peterboro seemed to be a good field for book selling. It is a pity that we cannot bestow more labor on such cities. If the few who are left will work unitedly, there will be visible fruits in the near future. There are several young people there who ought to attend Lornedale Academy the coming year, and would be glad to if they could be provided with the means.

BELLEVILLE.—I could remain with this church only from Friday noon until early Monday morning. So far as I know this is the first place in Ontario where a S.D.A. church was organized. I was not aware of this until my visit. Some have become discouraged, many have moved away, so only a few are left. We spoke to them twice, and on Sunday night in a little mission chapel.

Only three families are left here. There are some promising youth in this church. One from this church is nearly through with his medical work at Battle Creek. He is arranging to go to England to graduate from some school there, which will enable him to practice in any part of the Empire. Then he has it in mind to return to Ontario for his field of labor. Two of the families are so much interested in the Lornedale Academy that they took fifteen "Object Lessons." One individual sent \$5.20 for the missions, on the ten cents a week plan.

On Monday, with horse and buggy, I accompanied Brother W. S. Tenn from Belleville to Tweed, twenty-five miles. At noon we dined with Sister Annie J. Grills, who, with her three little children, live alone in the country. She gave a subscription for The Messenger and took one C.O.L. She seemed to love the message.

It was four o'clock when we arrived at Tweed and called on Sister Elizabeth Wheeler. She is all the Sabbath-keeper in that village of one thousand or more inhabitants. She had read herself into the truth. For some time she had been wanting to receive baptism. We were not aware of this until nine o'clock at night and we had to take the train at 2:03 a.m. So she spoke to her husband about attending to it there. He consented, and after a Bible study upon the subject and the necessary heart preparation, a few of us went to the river nearby and she was buried with her Lord. Few would have the courage

to go into the water at night. They bought a C.O.L. and subscribed for The Messenger. She desires to have her membership with the Galt church for the present. We enjoyed the occasion much. Three hours waiting at the depot and the train rolled in. The night was cold, and the coaches were without heat. At daylight we could see there was a white frost. We reached Ottawa at 8 a.m.

OTTAWA.—It was my first visit. From The Messenger list we located Sister Gibson, rested for a while, when she took me from home to home of the Sabbath-keepers. It had been three years since a conference minister had been there. They had discontinued their regular Sabbath meetings. I felt like weeping to see how they had been left to drift without a shepherd. We remained three days, and visited in and out of the city as far as we could.

We ought to have a good work in progress at the capital of the Dominion. In this city are found the first families of the federation, men of influence, who made the laws for all Canada. Shall this most important of all cities be left? What do you say, brethren?

Brother and Sister Boettger have struggled along for five years. Now they have a good set of bath rooms and a good patronage. We took a number of subscriptions for the Review and Messenger.

A. O. BURRILL.

Beachville.

Sunday evening, September 4th, we closed our meetings. A goodly number was present, and many expressed a desire to be true children of the Lord and reign with Him forevermore.

Three, during the meetings, have decided to keep the Sabbath and to fully obey the Lord. Another, we have hopes, will soon take hold.

The whole town is much stirred over the Sabbath question. One week ago Sunday night the Methodists, in the absence of their pastor, requested a Baptist minister to speak in their church upon the Sabbath. He told them that the seventh day was the Sabbath instituted at creation, that it is still the Sabbath and will remain so forever. But at present we are justified in keeping the "Lord's Day."

In conversation with the above minister we found him unsettled upon this question

and in harmony with us on many points of truth—"The coming of Christ in this generation," "The state of the dead," "Punishment of the wicked," "The millenium," etc. We left him literature upon the Sabbath question and sold him an "Object Lesson."

The Methodist minister will, in a week or two, speak in reference to the Sabbath.

Last Sabbath we held Sabbath school in the tent. The entire school from Woodstock and some from Ingersoll were present. After the services four precious souls were baptized, three of them from Woodstock and one from Beachville. The next day one from Ingersoll was baptized.

We purpose frequently visiting Beachville, to more firmly establish those who have decided to obey, and to look after other interested ones.

A. L. MILLER.
JOHN ISAAC.

MARITIME.

Halifax.

We have been much encouraged since coming here by the interest manifested by our people in the work for this time. There is a willingness to co-operate with God.

That source of spiritual development, the prayer meeting, is well attended, and the testimonies and prayers have the true old-fashioned ring.

The Young People's Society, which meets every Sabbath evening, is advancing. Parts of the lesson are assigned to various members each evening, and thus the interest is held and speakers are being developed.

A great amount of literature has been circulated by the society. A number of the "Southern Watchman" have been sold, a supply of "Life Boats" have just been received for hospital work and to sell. Several members of the church are devoting time each week to circulating consecutive numbers of the "Family Bible Teacher" among their neighbors. We hope the result of these various efforts will be souls fitted for the Kingdom of the Lord.

We were pleased to have Elder Guthrie with us for several days recently. His counsel and cheering words of encouragement were much appreciated.

We are of good courage, the work is onward.

J. GREER HANNA.

A Four Section Special Signs.

After months of careful consideration and counsel with Presidents of Conferences, Missionary Secretaries, and those of long experience in the circulation of our periodicals, we have decided to issue a series of four special Signs of the Times.

DESCRIPTION.

This series will be packed full of short, pithy articles on the Third Angel's Message. Such subjects as the Soon Coming of Christ, the Sanctuary, the Sabbath, the Three Messages, the State of the Dead, Capital and Labor as a Sign of the Times, and the Judgment will be given prominence. Different phases of each of the foregoing subjects will be treated in each number, and the titles of other phases to be treated in other papers will be given at the close of each. In this way the series will be bound together, so to speak, and the person who reads one will want to read all. A story in four editions, and excellent articles on "The Home" will appear also. An attractive cover design has been prepared by a prominent artist, which will add materially to the saleable qualities of the series. There will be other and appropriate illustrations throughout. A table of contents will also appear on the cover of each number.

GENERAL TITLE.

The name of the series will be "The Third Angel's Message Series."

THE OBJECT.

The objects of the series are :

1. The presentation of the whole system of Truth connected with the Third Angel's Message.
2. To encourage missionary workers with the Signs to follow up the interest created by each sale or visit.
3. To prepare the way for a larger and broader campaign for the circulation not only of the Signs of the Times, but other Message filled publications as well.

TIME OF PUBLICATION.

These special's will take the place of the regular weekly issues of November, and will be mailed weekly during that month. This will give a week to circulate each number, which will be ample if rapid work is done.

IN SETS ONLY.

As the series is really a large special number divided into weekly sections, each reader should have the opportunity of studying each section, therefore we expect to print an equal number of each, and all orders must be for complete sets.

WHEN TO ORDER.

The first number of the series will go to press about October 15, by which time it is hoped a large portion of the orders may have been received. If orders are received thus promptly, we can print more economically than if several editions are to be manufactured. But do not think because you may not have the opportunity of ordering that early that you cannot get papers, for we will do all in our power to supply the whole series to those ordering throughout the month of November, so order early if possible, but order later if you must.

HOW TO ORDER.

It will be found more satisfactory to order through your Tract Society, but if this should be inconvenient for any reason, order direct from the Pacific Press Pub. Co. at its new address, Mountain View, Cal. In ordering clubs to your own address, the following is a good form to use:

Please enter my name for sets of Third Angel's Message series Signs of the Times, for which you will find enclosed.

If you wish the series sent to different names and addresses, say :

Please send one set of Third Angel's Message series Signs to each of the following names, for which you will find enclosed.

PRICE,

From one to four sets of four papers each, 20 cents a set ; five or more sets to single names and addresses, 15 cents a set ; five to twenty sets to one address, 12 cents a set ; twenty-five or more sets to one address, 10 cents a set.

Report of Tithes and Offerings of the Ontario Conference for the month of August, 1904.

| | Tithes. | F.D.O. |
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| Hamilton..... | \$ 30.15 | \$4.71 |
| Individuals..... | 1.30 | |
| Brantford..... | 45.00 | 2.00 |
| Toronto..... | 13.00 | |
| St. Thomas..... | 70.30 | |
| Ottawa..... | 11.00 | |
| Oil Springs..... | 1.00 | 2.00 |
| Petrollea..... | 40.00 | |
| Picton..... | 5.61 | |
| Lindsay..... | 4.71 | |
| Albuna..... | 16.50 | |
| Ingersoll..... | 24.36 | |
| London..... | 5.00 | |
| Chatham..... | 13.00 | 1.75 |
| Total..... | \$280.93 | \$10.54 |
| S. S. Offerings, Ottawa, \$2.50. | | |
| Contingency Fund, Ottawa, \$1.00. | | |
| School Fund, H. A. Niergarth, \$25.00. | | |
| B. B. NOFTSGER, Treas. | | |