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

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THE MASTER'S TOUCH.

In the still air the music lies unheard;
In the rough marble beauty hides unseen;
To wake the music and the beauty needs
The master's touch, the sculptor's chisel keen.
Great Master, touch us with Thy skilful hand,
Let not the music that is in us die;
Great Sculptor, hew and polish us, nor let,
Hidden and lost, Thy form within us lie.
Spare not the stroke, do with us as Thou wilt;
Let there be nought unfinished, broken,
marred;
Complete Thy purpose, that we may become
Thy perfect image, O our God and Lord.

—Bonar.

TEN-CENTS-A-WEEK.

At a recent council of the General Conference Committee the following was recommended:

WHEREAS, The ten-cents-a-week plan for the support of foreign missions has been recommended by the General Conference, as well as adopted by most local conferences, a plan by which, if generally accepted, our means for the support of foreign missions would be greatly increased; and,

WHEREAS, The opening providence of the Lord in the regions beyond are an imperative call to this denomination to rise to the great opportunity to send this message throughout these distant lands, where, in so far as our missionaries have entered, many souls are embracing the truth; and,

WHEREAS, It is impossible for the Mission Board to answer this call of the hour unless the means to support more workers can be produced, therefore,

WE RECOMMEND, that each conference committee make it a part of their conference work to co-operate with the officers of various churches to establish in each church in their territory the ten-cents-a-week envelope plan of giving for the support of foreign missions, by means of the envelope plan, a sum equal to ten cents per week per capita.

I have given the recommendation in full that all of our churches may have the privilege of reading it. Some of you may have read it previous to this

in some other paper, but it will do you good to read it again.

The fact that our donations are not sufficient to warrant the enlargement of our work to any great degree, should appeal to every Seventh-day Adventist. Prosperity is attending our work in foreign fields and our missionaries are meeting with success in almost every place that our people have entered.

This is all encouraging, and reminds us that the harvest is ripe for the sickle.

The open door is world-wide and the Macedonian cry for help is universal, and the great question that confronts us in responding to the calls is the finance.

All may help solve this problem by adopting the ten-cents-a-week envelope plan, a systematic giving to missions, and none need to hesitate in regard to this plan, fearing that it will embarrass their conference funds, or the people who donate of their money. The sum is comparatively small, and if every Sabbath-keeper will adopt this method of giving, a goodly sum will be realized this year for the support of missions. Some may think it is not possible to do this, but just make an effort every week this year, and see the results.

Just stop and consider how much we save every year by being Seventh-day Adventists.

The money that other people spend for tea, coffee, tobacco, liquor, and going to dances, theaters, horse races, and other luxuries and amusements, we save every year. Why not give that to missions?

Ten cents a week would not be a tithe of what many people spend in luxuries and amusements, and I believe that if every Sabbath-keeper could realize, as we all should, the importance of our missions and message, and appreciate the fact that the Gospel work is to be finished in this generation, we would not only adopt the ten-cents-a-week envelope plan, but would give larger amounts by times as the Lord prospers us.

Some of our churches have adopted this plan of giving, and we hope that all our churches in the Canadian Union Conference will take it up, and at the end of the first quarter let all report that we may see what an increase there will be in our offerings by a systematic effort.

Who would embarrass the Lord's work by not giving?

Let us all reform in this matter and give willingly, freely, and systematically, and receive the blessing in giving. We are homeward bound, let us give.

W. H. THURSTON.

TANTALLON, N. S.

About the middle of November, I received a letter from the Moncton church to "come over and help us." Upon arrival there I found that the enemy had been at work through the boys. Many window panes were broken and other damage done to the church, making it impossible for the building to be used for services.

This company, which is composed of women, was discouraged, and about to disband. After consulting the Mayor of the city and the Chief of Police, I wrote a letter to the *Transcript*. The worthy editor of this good paper gave our grievance a prominent place on its first page.

After repairing more than twenty broken panes, we came together for prayer and social worship.

Owing to removals by death and otherwise, this company, which was once the strongest in the province, has become very small. But they are faithful for the most part in tithes and offerings. Though somewhat neglected, they have averaged about \$100 each year since 1900 in tithes, besides offerings, donations, etc. Their offering for the week of prayer was \$14.50, with \$4.75 to the Industrial School.

This little company is also supporting an aged invalid sister, paying her rent, fuel, grocery bills, etc.

Moncton being the railway hub of the Maritime Provinces, with government machine shops which employ from twelve to fifteen hundred men annually, to say nothing of other industries in the city, we feel that treatment rooms, (or a sanitarium), would be appreciated by this people. At present there are individuals from here receiving treatment in the States. Only persons of some means can afford to go so far from home in search of health; whereas, if we could furnish the desired help here, scores would come, who, because of circumstances, have to remain at home, suffering untold misery.

The proposed new railway from the Pacific will add greatly to the hum of this city. Already the terminus grounds have been secured here, and I am told that contractors cannot build tenement houses fast enough to meet the demand. I do not know of any town in the Maritime provinces for which, from a business standpoint, the prospects are so good. Treatment rooms established here would not only be a blessing to the people of this field, but would also give character to the Third Angel's Message.

LEVI LONGARD.

REPORTING.

Reporting and remitting are two important features of our church work. We ask our laborers to report monthly and to pay their tithes monthly, and I believe all do this. We asked some time ago that all of our churches report and remit monthly to the Conference treasurer; and some have adopted this plan, while others have not. Some months the tithe is small, and they reason that it may as well be held until the end of the quarter and then have more to send in, but it will be more satisfactory to the Conference if all the churches will send in at the end of each month what tithes, offerings, and other money they may have in hand that is to go to the Conference.

Our churches are at liberty to report to the MESSENGER collectively or individually, as often as they please, and we would be pleased to have them please to do this frequently; but please adopt the plan of reporting and remitting to the Conference treasurer monthly.

It is hoped that all the churches will adopt the ten-cents-a-week envelope plan for the support of missions. This money should be sent in monthly with other moneys. If you have not adopted these methods, brethren and sisters, give them a trial, and enjoy the blessings of giving and receiving.

W. H. THURSTON.

\$45,790.21.

The above amount is still needed to complete the appropriation of \$100,000, made by the General Conference in October, 1903, for the purpose of building a sanitarium, a training school, and the General Conference offices in Washington, D. C. You will be glad to notice that nearly eleven-twentieths of the amount needed has already been supplied. We are very anxious that this work shall be finished before the General Conference opens here on the 11th of May.

We have come to a great opportunity and a great crisis in our work here in the capital city at the present time. Washington was never stirred by the Sabbath truth as it is to-day. Our public meetings in the Pythian Temple on Ninth Street have been well attended, and a great interest is manifested by the people in Washington. For less than one half the usual rent,—in fact, at the bare cost of lighting and heating,—there has been secured for our meetings beginning with the first Sunday in February one of the most popular places in Washington. This place is Lafayette Theater, which is situated practically only across the street from the White House, the

home of the president. The president himself spoke on a question of public interest in this place a few days ago. This place is beautifully fitted up, and although used as a theater, there is nothing connected with it that unfits it to be a most excellent place for religious services.

The Y. M. C. A. of Washington hold their great meetings here every Sunday afternoon for men only. They are often attended by senators and the leading men of Washington. On Sunday, Jan. 22, the theater was packed on the occasion of the fifty-third anniversary of the Y. M. C. A. I was present, and heard, among other noted men, Mr. McFarland, the Chief Commissioner of the District of Columbia; also Mr. William Jennings Bryan, twice candidate for the presidency of the United States, who gave a most striking address on the great miracle of conversion, and the infinite value of one soul saved.

To this place we may invite the leading people of the United States; and we ask every one who reads this article to pray that a mighty work may be accomplished. Truly the Lord is leading his people. "There is a sound of a-going in the tops of the mulberry trees. There is a shout of a King in the camp."

J. S. WASHBURN.

A LETTER

FROM BROTHER CLARKSON.

To the readers of the MESSENGER,—

I wish to say to the readers of the MESSENGER that letters in its columns from brethren and sisters in the truth, are very dear to me. I have not heard a sermon since the camp-meeting in London last June; but the letters and papers which I have received are very encouraging to me.

About ten years ago I received the light on present truth through hearing the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation explained. I was especially interested in the warning message against the worship of the beast, and in his image in the book of Revelation; also in reading about the divine rest which remains to the people of God, mentioned in Heb. 4:4-9. Comparing this with the prophecies concerning the four universal empires, and especially with the fourth which was to change times and laws, I was led to see the truth upon the Sabbath question. This knowledge, I could see, would cost me a great sacrifice; but nevertheless I received it with praise and thanksgiving to the God of heaven, and immediately began to obey.

This sinful world will soon pass away, but by prayer and watching we may escape the destruction which is coming as a snare upon all them that dwell upon the earth. We must come out from the world

and be separate, and touch not the unclean thing, and God will receive us, and will be a father unto us.

My first step in the work of conversion was secret prayer. The next step was to change from customs and habits of living in which the world indulged, but which are plainly contrary to the teachings of the word of God.

I am determined to consecrate myself and my time to the service of God, to the end that I may be the means of spreading the truth of the Third Angel's Message, and be able to gain the victory over self and sin, and finally the victory over the beast and his image.

Your brother in Christ,

Thedford, Ont.

ALEX. CLARKSON.

ONTARIO OFFICE NOTES.

Elder Burrill recently spent several days at the office.

Sister Day of Brantford has recently moved to this city.

Brother C. A. Gibbons, elder of the Lynden church, called at the office the 7th inst.

The total annual offering to Feb. 8 is \$349.52. \$9.40 of this was received through the circulation of the Christmas Offering cards.

There are 974 *Signs* coming to Canada every week. Of these, 813 are taken in clubs, and 161 are single subscriptions. We wish as many of the *Watchman* were coming each week.

We have just sent to the treasurer of the General Conference \$89.55, as follows: To Foreign Missions \$81.80, of which \$20 was Sabbath-school offering; and to the \$100,000 fund, \$7.75.

Brother William Gosney's large barn, situated on the brow of Hamilton Mountain, was destroyed by fire on the night of Feb. 4. Nothing was saved. These friends have our sympathy.

We are glad to get large orders for campaign literature from Ottawa and Chatham. Sister Crackel of Chatham writes that their M. P. elect goes to Ottawa instructed to vote for more stringent Sunday laws.

Sister A. E. Toop of Almonte sends her tithe and a generous offering. We had not heard from this family of lonely Sabbath-keepers for a long time, and had begun to wonder why. This letter explains. Her husband died last May. For four years they have been the only family of Sabbath-keepers in that vicinity, and had not seen one of like faith in all that time. Sister Toop is of good courage, and expects to meet her husband in the first resurrection; but she feels sadly bereaved, and asks the prayers of all the brethren.

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UNION OFFICE NOTES.

Canvassers are still at work, though the weather remains cold, and the snow is deep.

Brother Grant Priddy, Markham, Ont., is still selling books, and makes a February delivery. He is selling "Daniel and Revelation."

Brother Randall of South Bolton, Que., has taken up the canvassing work in that province. Brother Argyle Taylor is also engaged with "Desire of Ages."

The new edition of "Coming King," bearing the

Canadian imprint, is a larger book than the old one was, but sells at the same price, \$1.00 and \$1.25. Address this office.

The "soiled" books advertised on this page are not greatly damaged, and are as good for reading as any on the inside, the covers only being soiled. The "40%" list are all in good condition.

WANTED! Canvassers in each conference in the Canadian Union to act as agents in their locality for the sale of our Subscription Books, Trade Books, and Periodicals, to whom a liberal commission will be given. Write to this office for particulars.

REPORT OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS OF THE
MARITIME CONFERENCE
FOR DECEMBER 1904, AND JANUARY 1905.

| | Tithes | Weekly Offering | Annual Offering |
|---------------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|
| HALIFAX | \$57.56 | \$8.57 | \$20.00 |
| FARMINGTON | 6.76 | | 6.70 |
| TANTALLON | 55.65 | 7.00 | 4.49 |
| INDIAN HARBOR | 4.00 | 2.00 | 11.00 |
| TIVERTON | 34.30 | | 7.00 |
| SCOTT'S BAY | .75 | | 11.00 |
| ST. JOHN | 57.00 | 5.00 | 16.00 |
| MONCTON | 31.94 | | 14.55 |
| FREDERICTON | 35.71 | 5.65 | 14.00 |
| GOTHEN | 27.50 | | |
| HOPEWELL CAPE | | 2.20 | 13.20 |
| TOTALS | 311.17 | 30.42 | 117.94 |

ALBERTA MCLEOD, Sec.

BOOKS! BOOKS!

In our annual stock taking we have found a large number of books slightly soiled by moving and shelf wear, and we propose to sell those books at greatly reduced prices. Note the following:—

| | | former price | | post paid | |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|--|-----------|--|
| Patriarch and Prophets, | Gilt, | \$2.75; | | \$1.50 | |
| Great Controversy, | Gilt, | 2.75; | | 1.50 | |
| " " " | Half Morocco, | 3.50; | | 2.00 | |
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| His Glorious Appearing, | Cloth, | .40; | | .15 | |
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| | | List price | | reduced price | |
|-------------------------|--------|------------|--|---------------|--|
| History of the Sabbath, | Paper, | \$.50; | | \$.30 | |
| Making Home Happy, | Cloth, | .50; | | .30 | |
| " " " | Paper, | .25; | | .15 | |
| Gospel in Creation, | Cloth, | .50; | | .30 | |
| Gospel Reader, | Cloth, | .75; | | .45 | |
| " " " | Board, | .75; | | .30 | |

The number of the soiled books is limited, and the first to order will be the first to be served. Let orders be sent at once to the Canadian Publishing Association, 167 Dundas St., Toronto, Ont.