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

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RELIANCE.

Not to the swift, the race;
Not to the strong, the fight;
Not to the righteous, perfect grace;
Not to the wise, the light.

But often faltering feet
Come surest to the goal;
And they who walk in darkness meet
The sunrise of the soul.

A thousand times by night
The Syrian hosts have died;
A thousand times the vanquished right
Have risen glorified.

The truth the wise men sought
Was spoken by a child;
The alabaster box was brought
In trembling hands defiled.

Not from my torch, the gleam,
But from the stars above;
Not from my heart life's crimson stream,
But from the depths of love.

—Henry van Dyke.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

In the days of the great Reformation, when the princes assembled at the Diet of Spires, in 1529, it seemed that the hope of the world was about to be crushed out. To this assembly was presented the emperor's decree restricting religious liberty, and prohibiting all further dissemination of the reformed doctrines. Would the princes representing the states of Germany accept the decree, and consent that the blessed light of the gospel should be shut out from the multitudes that were still in darkness? Mighty issues for the world depend upon the action of a few heroes of faith. Those who had accepted the truths of the Reformation met together, and their unanimous decision was, "Let us reject the decree. In matters of conscience the majority has no power." And they drew up their protest, and submitted it to the assembled states.

The banner of truth which these reformers held

Those reformers whose protest has given us the name of Protestants, felt that God had called them to give the light of the gospel to the world, and in aloft, God has in this last conflict committed to our hands. Those whom he has blessed with the knowledge of his word are held responsible for this great gift.

doing this they were ready to sacrifice their possessions, their liberty, and their own lives. Are we, in this, the last conflict of the great controversy, as faithful to our trust as were the early reformers to theirs? In face of persecution and death, the truth was spread far and near. The word of God was carried to the people; and all classes, high and low, rich and poor, learned and ignorant, eagerly studied it for themselves; and those who received the light became in their turn, messengers to impart it. In those days the truth was brought home to the people through the press. Luther's pen was a power, and his writings, scattered broadcast, stirred the world.

The same agencies are at our command, with facilities multiplied a hundredfold. Bibles, publications in many languages, setting forth the truth for this time, are at our hand, and can be swiftly carried to every part of the world. We are to give the last warning of God to men, and what should be our earnestness in studying the Bible, and our zeal in spreading the light! Let every soul who has received the divine illumination seek to impart it. Let the workers go from house to house, opening the Bible to the people, circulating the publications, telling others of the light that has blessed their own souls. The preaching of the word will have power in reaching a class who would not receive the truth through reading; but the ministers are few, and where the living preacher can not come, the published truth can reach. Personal effort will accomplish far more than could be accomplished without it.

The truth must be proclaimed in the dark places of the earth. Obstacles must be met and surmounted. A great work is to be done, and those who know the truth should make mighty intercessions for help now. The love of Christ must be diffused in their own hearts. The Spirit of Christ must be poured out upon them, and they must be making ready to stand in the judgment. While they are consecrating themselves to God, a convincing power will attend their

efforts to present the truth to others. We must sleep no longer on Satan's enchanted ground, but call into requisition all our resources, and avail ourselves of every facility with which Providence has furnished us. The last warning is to be proclaimed "before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings;" and the promise is given, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

THE NEW YEAR BOOK. 1905.

In Many Respects Superior to Any Heretofore Published.

The matter usually published in our Year Books, such as Table of Contents, Introductory Notes, Statistical Tables, Directories of the Denomination by Union and State Conferences, Public Institutions, Constitution and By-laws of various organizations and institutions, is given in better and more complete form; for instance, the addresses of all officers and ministers in each conference are given in the Conference Directory, and all lines of work carried forward in each conference, excepting sanitariums, educational and publishing institutions, which have special boards and separate directories, are represented in connection with the conference in which the work is done. Cable addresses are given with the directory of each organization, instead of one general list of cable addresses.

In addition to these important improvements, the new Year Book will contain the Fundamental Principles of the belief of the church, a clear and concise review of the Rise and Progress of the denomination, with the historical data pertaining to the organization and the institutions of the same.

These Fundamental Principles together with the history of the rise and progress of the denomination will be of great service in missionary work, for there is a constant demand from honest, inquiring people not of our faith, for "a statement of the belief of Seventh-day Adventists," which could not heretofore be supplied in a condensed form, but can now be furnished in the form of the statement of the Fundamental Principles of the denomination, separate and apart from any semblance to a creed.

Those who secure the new Year Book from which to obtain the belief of the church will also have with it a history of the Rise and Progress of the denomination together with a display of its present thorough systematic organization in all parts of the world. These facts will cause them to consider more seriously and favorably the divine origin of the denomination and the importance of its present work.

The new book, therefore, will be a good pamphlet for missionary purposes, and the very best ever

issued for our own people. Not only every worker, but every family in the denomination, should have a copy for reference and study, and thousands of copies should be placed in the hands of honest, inquiring people not of our faith. It will be kept by every state tract society, and the price, 25 cents, post-paid.

HALIFAX, N. S.

DEAR MESSENGER,—

The work in this city has been somewhat retarded by the terrific snowstorms and cold weather. Several of our regular services had to be omitted as the people could not attend.

Our health lectures are attended fairly well, considering the condition of the weather. The outside people are getting interested, and we hope, when the weather improves, to have good audiences.

One sister had an interesting experience a few days ago. She and her two daughters keep the Sabbath and love the truth, but have not yet united with us as church members. They had been members of the Baptist church in the States, and have been in the province about a year. One of the Baptist ministers here visited them a few days ago to have them join his church; but they told him that they had become Seventh-day Adventists. Of course that was not pleasant news to him, and he said many things about us which were not true; but he bore one good testimony. He said that in almost every home he visits he finds Seventh-day Adventist literature. That was good news to us, and we are more determined than ever to keep as many homes supplied as possible.

At the ferry we have a reading rack which we keep supplied, and it is well patronized. If any have clean copies of *The Signs*, *Review*, *Instructor*, *Little Friend*, or *Life Boat*, and will send them to my address, 282 Maynard St., Halifax, they will be thankfully received.

We are of good courage. Pray for us.

Your Brother,

J. Greer Hanna.

VICTORIA ROAD, ONT.

Dear Brethren,—

I never like to say what I am going to do, but for the encouragement of others I wish to tell what we intend to do by the Lord's help with the tract "AN APPEAL TO CLERGY."

We are planning to send it to everyone to whom we have sold books, and to all our old neighbors in Canada.

We have mailed twenty-five to the most influential

people of Woodville, my wife's former home; and with this mail we are sending twenty-five more.

In addition we intend to send as many as we can to all the towns in our territory, which includes Victoria Co. and the northern half of Ontario Co. By folding the tract once it fits into an ordinary envelope, and goes for one cent.

Would it not be a good plan for all our colporters who have not the time to send these tracts to their former subscribers, to furnish lists of names to be used in this way by the members for the local tract societies and isolated sabbath keepers.

These tracts are just what are needed. Let us scatter them like the leaves of autumn.

Your Brother,
J. A. BAKER.

FROM CHATHAM, ONT.

THE MESSENGER, —

As we watch from week to week for the little MESSENGER, and read the reports from all parts of the field, we are led to rejoice that the Third Angel's Message is being heralded through city, town, and country. And we have decided to tell you how we in Chatham are progressing.

For a long time the Lord has been saying to us, "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." But we always read it in our own way, — "You are to shine, and I am to look on." But to day we thank God that we, not some one else, are the ones to whom he is talking. Again, "And his glory shall be seen upon thee;" or us. Then he makes the promise, "The Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising." So, relying on the promise, we have begun to sow our seed "beside all waters." We do not know which "shall prosper;" but God knows, and we press forward, leaving the result with him.

Believing that the best results are obtained by the use of literature, we began, on the first of February, to distribute it. Since that time, through mailing and house to house work, we have disposed of over eleven thousand pages of tracts and books.

We decided, after discussing the matter quite freely at one of our council meetings, that it would be best to mail the literature to all lawyers, doctors, and school teachers. After dedicating each package to the Lord, we took them to the post-office for distribution. The rest have been taken to stores and private houses.

Now we have only begun. We intend putting one in every house in the city. Not until all, from the least to the greatest, know the call of the "Third Angel," will our work be done.

The writer's humble prayer is that every soul that has heard the call, "Arise, shine," may awaken to action. Brethren and sisters, if we do not do this, the day will come when we shall meet our neighbors and friends, and they will confront us with the terrible accusation, "You knew these things, and did not tell us."

The Lord is coming; let us work while it is day.

ALICE A. CRACKEL.

ONTARIO.

On March the first a letter came from Brother J. B. Currier, stating that his family were in much sorrow. The doctor had said that his wife must go on the operating table the following Monday, and that another member of the family must also have an operation. In their great distress they sought the Lord. Mrs. Currier was impressed that if she would call for the Elders of the church to pray for her, anointing her in the name of the Lord, she would be healed. This they did, and from the time that she and her husband decided to do so, she began to improve.

It was Friday, March 3, before I reached their home. We followed the directions in the fifth chapter of James. She seemed to be steadily improving, was up and dressed, and of a cheerful countenance.

This was my first visit to their home. On Sabbath morning I accompanied Bro. Currier and his mother to Chatham, and spoke to the church there that afternoon.

A. O. BURRILL.

BRANTFORD, ONT.

On Sabbath, Feb. 4th, Elder Miller was with us, and we celebrated the ordinances. The presence of the Lord was very manifest. One young woman united with the church. On Sunday night a goodly number came to hear the Sabbath question presented, and God gave Elder Miller much liberty. At the close of the meeting one dear young girl whom we all love gave herself to the Lord's cause. Our hearts were made glad to see the precious lambs coming into the fold.

Our work received much benefit by the sermons of Dr. Gamble in this place. We all prayed earnestly to God to over-rule this, and thanks be to his holy name, he has more than answered our prayers. God is in this work, and our hearts burn within us as we talk to-gether by the way.

MRS. R. CORNISH.
Grand View, Ont.

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ONTARIO OFFICE NOTES.

Just now is an excellent time to do missionary work.

We have received orders for more than five thousand of the tract "AN APPEAL TO CLERGY."

Presuming that the Annual Offering is all in, we present a report by the churches this week.

The brethren Brown, who live near Ottawa, sent for a large order of the tract "REPLY TO GAMBLE" and distributed them where Dr. Gamble was holding meetings.

Is your church faithfully keeping up the "ten cents a week" offering for Missions.

Write to Brother J. J. Robinson, B. C. Health Food Co., London, Ont., for special rates on Life Chips. These rates are for a limited time only.

Mrs. C. O. Hickok writes from Muskoka that although the roads are very badly drifted, their little company all meet together each Sabbath. She says, "We would like to see a living minister once more." It has been a long time since they have seen one. However, each family in the little company enjoys the weekly visits of the best minister in the denomination, "the good old *Review*."

ITEMS FROM KNOWLTON SANITARIUM.

Miss Sheidow is away nursing.

The house has been well filled with patients lately, every private room, as well as the wards, being taken.

Several serious but successful operations have been

performed here recently by physicians of this place and specialists from Montreal. The patients are recovering rapidly.

Dr. Boettger arrived last evening from Ottawa, bringing a patient with him. Elder Rickard also came last evening. Both the doctor and Elder Rickard expect to remain a few days.

OBITUARY.

MRS. HELEN M. CHAPIN was born in 1828, and died in Beachville, Ont., March 7, 1905, being 77 years old. Her husband, James W. Chapin, had preceded her about seven years. Two daughters and a son of the immediate family, are left to mourn their loss.

Mrs. Chapin's Christian experience began with the Methodist church. After her marriage she connected with the Baptist church to be in fellowship with her husband, he being a member of that church.

Last year when the tent was pitched in Beachville to proclaim the truths of the Third Angel's Message, she was a faithful attendant at the services. Being convinced that this message is "present truth," she accepted it as her rule of faith. In November she joined the church recently organized in Woodstock. She was a constant reader of the *Review*, which was a great aid in keeping her firm in the truth. Thus we hope to meet our sister in the "resurrection of the just."

The services were conducted in the Baptist church by the local minister.

A. L. MILLER.

During a recent visit to Brantford, two were added to the church.

A. L. M.

ANNUAL OFFERINGS OF ONTARIO CHURCHES.

LYNDEN	\$ 5.50	WOODSTOCK	\$ 2.25
HAMILTON	33.50	PETROLIA	5.25
OTTAWA	6.	LINDSAY	12.97
EXETER	13.	SELTON	15.85
BOUCK'S HILL	7.	LONDON	79.18
TORONTO	23.05	IROQUOIS	1.43
BELLEVILLE	5.32	INGERSOLL	.40
MUSKOKA	15.10	GUELPH	12.
BRANTFORD	15.85	OIL SPRINGS	9.65
ONEIDA	4.	GALT	18.
ST. THOMAS	28.25	PETERBOROUGH	2.35
INDIVIDUALS	15.30	CHATHAM	5.50
ALBUNA	14.39	LORNE PARK	5.03
TOTAL			\$353.12.