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"Should all the weight of life
Be laid across our shoulders,
And the future, rife
With woe and struggle, lie before us,
We could not go, our feet would slip:
And so God lays a little on us every day;
And never, I believe, on all the way,
Will burdens bear so deep
Nor pathway lie so rugged and so steep
But we can go, if in God's power
We bear the burden of the hour."

Ontario

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From the Field

I appreciate very much reading the articles from the workers in the conference and members of the MESSENGER family which are from time to time printed in our Union Conference paper, and I believe that persons will appreciate reading a report from an old canvasser. In this report I will endeavor to give a little of the experience that has come to me recently.

I called at the home of a family by the name of Renshaw. None of the family were at home except one girl, and she told me that the others were working in the potato field. I went out into the field and found the man, his wife, and one daughter picking potatoes. I asked for a few minutes to explain the object of my call and this was very quickly granted me. I showed them the book Coming King, and as it was almost twelve o'clock Mr. Renshaw invited me to the house to have dinner with the family. However before we ate dinner I sold him copies of Coming King and of Best Stories and Steps to Christ, and Mr. Renshaw said, "I know you are an honest man, so I will pay you now."

This was on Friday and I made arrangements to stay at this home from Friday night until the following Sunday. On Sunday I gave Bible readings on some of our doctrinal points, and the members of the family all seemed interested. I also made arrangements to stay with this family over Sunday when I came to deliver. I got there Friday evening, and the next morning Mr.

Renshaw asked me if I did not intend to stay over Sunday with them. I told him I would like to very much, but that this was the Sabbath, and he said, "It will be all right for you to stay." Of course I was glad for the opportunity.

Sunday afternoon they invited some of their neighbors to come into the home and there was a nice little company gathered together. I gave them a Bible reading on the Sabbath. I talked about an hour and a half to them and the reasoning seemed so plain that they all appeared to understand that it was the truth. The next Monday and Tuesday were very stormy days and hardly fit for man or beast to be out, so I stayed with Mr. Renshaw until Wednesday, continuing my Bible readings on the subject of the Sabbath on both Monday and Tuesday nights. As one result of the readings given six people have promised to keep the Sabbath including Mr. Renshaw and his wife, their two daughters, the hired man and one of the neighboring women. If one-half of these should step out to keep the commandments I would think that I would be well paid for my stay with them.

On Wednesday morning I asked Mr. Renshaw how much my board bill would be, and he asked me if I wanted to insult him, as he would not charge me anything at all. I was not satisfied with this however, and I am sending him two of our good papers for one year. This is one of the canvasser's opportunities.

JOHN PENGELLY.

St. Catherines

Another year has passed with its joys and sorrows, and we are launched out on the tide of the new year with its many opportunities and possibilities. As we look back over the past year and notice how suddenly the war cloud broke while many were preaching peace and safety, and when we think of the dire results that must follow and the changes that must take place, and above all when we think of the bearing these things have on the finishing of the last message of truth that is to go to the world, it surely ought to cause us to make haste and do what we can to carry the truth to those in darkness. Surely the night is coming when no man can work. When the famine comes in the land there will be many people seeking this truth who will not be able to find it. Let us therefore

labor so that none will be able to say in that day that we neglected to warn them. In the past few months we have seen some put their hand to the plow and then look back, and it makes us feel sad when we remember what Jesus said about that class. But we must labor on sowing the seed knowing the fowls will gather up some of it. The stony ground and the thorns will also have a part to act, but we trust that some will fall in good soil and that in due time we shall reap if we faint not.

We are still placing our good literature in the hands of the people, and we believe that sooner or later results will come. In the past two weeks we have circulated literature in the following languages: English, Italian, Polish, Slavonian and Jewish.

A Hebrew youth told me quite sharply that he did not believe in missionary work and that I had no business to come into his store and tell him that my religion was better than his. I looked at him and smilingly said: "I did not say my religion was better than yours, did I?" He admitted that I had not said so. Then I told him that I believed in missionary work, because when I was a Sunday keeper a missionary told me I was astray, and he showed me the true Sabbath and proved to me from the Bible that I should not eat pork. I also told him that there was a time when the Jews were not so much opposed to Christianity as they are to-day, and that much of the hatred had been caused because of the persecution the Jews had received at the hands of the Roman and Greek Catholic churches. He said that was true, and after I had talked with him over half an hour and was about to leave he took some money from his pocket and bought a set of Elder Gilbert's pamphlets from me. We parted good friends.

During the week of prayer we visited Niagara Falls and Attercliffe. The readings were an inspiration to us, and we trust were the means of doing much good. We wish all our friends who read the MESSENGER a happy new year and success in the work. G. W. SOWLER.

Winter Canvassing

Books can be sold during the winter months more readily to farmers than during the summer months. In the first place the canvasser usually finds the farmer at home doing his chores, or working at odd jobs around the farm. The farmer as a rule is a genial fellow, especially at home, and will take time to listen to your proposition. He is even more willing in the winter time, because as a rule he is not nearly so busy as in the summer months. Then, too, during these long winter evenings he has both time and opportunity to read. I remember canvassing a farmer not long ago for the book "Great Controversy." After showing him the different bindings, and telling him that I had two dates set for delivery, one in February and one in May, so that I could make it convenient for those who felt they could not afford to have a book at this time of the year, he said for me to

bring him one in February, as he wanted to read it before seeding time.

Our books can be delivered. All the canvassers in this field have had good success with their winter deliveries. Brother H. K. Martin handed me his report to-day, and out of fifty dollars' worth of orders he only lost one thirty-five cent order. Brother Heaver, of Petrolia, delivered all his orders at his Christmas delivery. Brother Barefoot, of Toronto, spent a part of his two weeks' holiday, a short time before Christmas, canvassing in the country. He secured forty-five dollars and sixty-five cents' worth of orders, and delivered forty dollars' worth. Stanley Rusk, of Omeeme, finished his delivery just before Christmas, and he, too, reports a good delivery. Brother John Pengelly is now canvassing near Georgian Bay, away up in the northern part of Bruce county. He says the snow is so deep that he has to wear snow shoes. This dear brother has canvassed for eighteen years in this field. The last time I was talking to him he said: "I want to remain faithful until the Lord comes, and be found engaged in his work, so that he may say, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.'" The canvassing work is ordained of God and will go on with increased success unto the end, and whether it is a dry or wet time, or a cold or hot time, hard times or war times, the message must go to the people. God looking down through the ages saw that his faithful followers would take up this line of work and go out into the highways and byways and bid the people to his wedding feast. He has told us that "men in the common walks of life would leave their ordinary employment, come from behind the counter, from the shops, and from the plow, to give this message." I know of men who have done this very thing, and I believe there are others who will be impressed by the spirit of God to leave their work and take up the colporteur work. I will be pleased to hear from any who have a desire to enter this work.

JOSEPH CAPMAN, Field Agent,
Oshawa, Ontario.

Kingston

Good meetings were enjoyed at Kingston and Napanee during the week of prayer. It was the privilege of the writer to spend Sabbath, Sunday and Monday with the Napanee company and all were found of good courage and expecting great things of the Lord. Surely the Napanee company can be called the faithful few. We met at the home of Sister Alberton, who was kind enough to open her home and allow us to use two of her best rooms for the service. The Lord came very near to us in our Sabbath meetings, and the believers resolved to try to bring some one else to the meetings on Sunday. We appointed our prayer meeting an hour earlier than usual for our own people, and at 8 o'clock for outsiders. We made a special subject of prayer that the Lord would work and send the people in to hear. I am pleased to say

that at the hour appointed the room was nicely filled, and I spoke of the nearness of our coming Lord and the importance of being ready to meet him, to which good attention was given. On Monday night some others came in and we had about all the room would hold. At the close they expressed their desire to learn more of this blessed truth, so I made plans to hold one meeting a week at Napanee. We are having some real good home missionary meetings at Kingston. We are visiting about 100 families a week with the Home Bible Studies, and if any of the MESSENGER readers could step into our Wednesday night meeting they would hear some interesting experiences. We are determined to scatter the printed page and let the Lord do the rest. We are hoping to see new ones added to the company here. Remember us before the throne of grace that we may have success in our work.

MR. AND MRS. NATHAN WAGAR.

Following the preaching service we had a business meeting. Reports were received from the various officers of the church and officers were elected for the coming year. The reports showed not only good work on the part of the church, but also faithful service on the part of the officers. One or two items of interest might be culled from the report. Twenty-seven members were added to the church during the year, mostly through the labors of Elder and Mrs. Allen. At present there are several who are interested, and we hope they will soon be ready to join us in keeping the Sabbath and in finishing his work. The treasurer's report showed a total amount of conference funds handled during the year of \$1,241.42, of which \$905.89 was tithes. We feel that this is a very good showing for our little company, but, of course, we are planning bigger and better things for the future.

Brother Allen was chosen elder for the coming year.

FLOSSY SHAVEE.

Brantford

The Brantford church enjoyed the company of Elder Allen from December 25 to 28, during which time we enjoyed some excellent meetings. On Sabbath we celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house, a good number of our membership being present, and about forty taking part. On Sunday night a large audience was in attendance, and listened to a very interesting and instructive discourse.

Toronto

At the close of our tent effort September 6, 1914, after counsel with Elders Campbell and Kirkendall, we organized a new company in the central part of the city, with eleven members. The average attendance during the quarter ending December 31 was nineteen in our Sabbath school, with a larger attendance at the after meeting.

Maritime Report of Tithes and Offerings for Month of November, 1914.

| Name of Church | Tithe | Sab. S. Off. | Har. In.* | Miss. | Total |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Sydney Mines, N. S. | \$32 74 | \$ 9 59 | \$151 06 | | \$193 39 |
| St. John, N. B. | 59 25 | 9 34 | 23 55 | \$4 00 | 96 14 |
| Moncton, N. B. | 43 60 | 9 23 | 2 20 | 96 | 56 04 |
| Halifax, N. S. | 21 96 | 5 70 | 16 95 | 2 06 | 46 67 |
| Williamsdale, N. S. | 24 73 | *22 00 | 2 00 | | 48 73 |
| Hopewell Cape, N. B. | 10 00 | 1 16 | 19 00 | \$ 45 | 33 61 |
| Conference Church | 8 00 | 5 85 | 9 00 | | 22 85 |
| Scott's Bay, N. S. | 9 50 | 2 23 | 8 27 | | 20 06 |
| Lake George, N. B. | 10 00 | 2 00 | 5 00 | | 17 00 |
| Tantallon, N. S. | 12 00 | | | | 12 00 |
| Amherst Company | 10 00 | | | | 10 00 |
| Barrington, N. S. | | | 5 00 | | 5 00 |
| Individuals | 4 60 | | 34 06 | | 38 66 |
| Totals | \$246 38 | \$67 15 | \$276 09 | \$10 47 | \$600 09 |

*Two months

LULU VAN BUSKIRK, Treas.

Colporteurs' Report, Week Ending Jan. 5, 1915

Ontario

| Name | Book | Hours | Orders | Value | Helps | Total | Del. |
|----------------|-------|-----------|----------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| W. Barefoot | G. C. | 11 | | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ 40 60 |
| Stanley Rusk | C. K. | | | | | | 15 50 |
| L. Chamberlain | G. C. | | 2 | 6 00 | | 6 00 | 67 90 |
| John Heaver | C. K. | 33 | 6 | 9 50 | 2 00 | 11 50 | |
| H. K. Martin | | 15 | | | | | 50 00 |
| G. W. Sowler | Mag. | | | 20 85 | 22 80 | | 43 85 |
| Total | | 59 | 8 | \$36 35 | \$ 24 80 | \$ 17 50 | \$217 75 |

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At our business meeting held January 3 the treasurer's report showed that there had been paid into the treasury \$277.65, divided as follows: Tithe \$115.75, Harvest Ingathering \$90.55, Missions \$17.67, Sabbath school \$42.54, church expense \$20.79, needy poor .75. Of this amount \$256.61 was sent to the Union Conference treasurer.

Our little company is rejoicing in the truth, and is of good courage. One of our sisters has taken up periodical work and is meeting with good success. She had previously been engaged as a bookkeeper, but lost her place on account of obeying God.

During the week of prayer our company united with the West Side church for an evening and enjoyed a good spiritual blessing.

I enjoyed a visit with the Brantford church the last Sabbath of the year. The ordinances were celebrated, and more than forty persons took part. At the business meeting the reports of the church officers were submitted, and these showed the church to be in a good, healthful and prosperous condition. The officers and members have fulfilled their duties well during the year.

MATT. J. ALLEN.

Elder W. C. White's Visit

Buena Vista academy has been highly favored during the present school year in receiving visits from a number of the leading brethren. On New Year's Day Elder W. C. White, of St. Helena, California, arrived and remained until the following Sunday night. He spoke three times at the academy and once in the Oshawa church meeting place down town.

In each of these discourses he related interesting facts and experiences in connection with the exercise of the gift of the Spirit of Prophecy by his mother, Mrs. E. G. White. These talks served to strengthen confidence in this important gift and were much enjoyed by the students.

During his visit we had the benefit of his counsel with reference to plans for the extension of the Lord's work in this half of the Dominion. He urged that work be opened up without delay in places where the truth had not yet been proclaimed, and warned against the short-sighted policy of keeping workers in places where the

truth had been taught for years. Often times conference officers are brought into great perplexity by the insistence of city churches that ministerial help be permanently located with them year after year, while other sections of the Lord's vineyard are, as a result, totally neglected. In view of the fact that the perils of the last days are closing in upon us and the opportunities for labor will ere long be cut off, it is of the utmost importance that our workers shall be pushed to the points that are yet unwarned, and all our people need to rise up and care for the defences at home.

Elder White called attention to council in recent testimonies calling on families of our people to go into sections where the truth is unknown and live among the people as self-supporting missionaries, thus bringing the message to places now unwarned. There are opportunities for this kind of labor in each of the conferences of this union.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

Hamilton Convention

Beginning Friday evening, January 15, a Young People's, Sabbath School and Missionary Convention will be held at Hamilton, continuing until Sunday night. A special program has been prepared covering Sabbath and Sunday that will be profitable and full of interest, and we look forward to an especially helpful season at this gathering. Elders Kirkendall and Webster, Miss Shanks, Brother Capman and the writer will be present to assist. The young people, Sabbath school workers and all who can attend from the nearby churches and companies are cordially invited to be present.

PROF. LOUIS MACHLAN, principal of Williamsdale academy, returned last week from Massachusetts, where he had been called by the serious illness of his wife following an operation at Melrose Sanitarium. The operation did not prove a success and his wife died. Her untimely death is especially sad, in view of the fact it occurred one year after they were married, when both were entering on their plans for a life of usefulness in connection with the cause of God. The MESSENGER family unites in sending deepest sympathy to the grief-stricken husband and other relations. Prof. Machlan brings with him an infant son, who was born just previous to his wife's death.

WE are sorry to report that Elder G. H. Skinner has been seriously ill with diphtheria in St. John, N. B., and had to be removed to the hospital for infectious diseases in that city. Last reports indicate that he is much improved and doing well. The MESSENGER family unites in wishing him a speedy recovery and a happy and prosperous year of service in the cause of the Master.