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Unforgotten

I cannot tell why there should come to me
A thought of some one miles and years away
In swift insistence on the memory,
Unless there be a need that I should pray.

Old friends are far away; we seldom meet
To talk of Jesus or changes day by day,
Of pain, pleasure, triumph, or defeat,
Or special reasons why 'tis time to pray.

We are too busy even to spend thought
For days together of some friends away;
Perhaps God does it for us, and we ought
To read His signal as a call to pray.

Perhaps my friend just then has fiercer fight,
A more appalling weakness or decay
Of courage, darkness, some lost sense of right;
And so in case you need my prayer, I pray.

Friend do the same for me. If I intrude
Unasked upon you on some crowded day,
Give me a moment's prayer as interlude;
Be sure I need it, therefore pray.

MARIANNE FARNINGHAM

Church Schools

It is a matter of keen pleasure to the writer to observe the reviving interest in church schools that is evident in this field. It is a sign of genuine life in our churches when they become burdened for the spiritual welfare of their children to the extent that they arrange to employ a Christian teacher to direct in their education. Present day methods of education lead the mind away from simple faith in God. Human theories are taught which directly contradict the Scriptures. This bears fruit in developing in the young doubt and questioning concerning the eternal realities. Jesus looking down the ages to the present asked, "When the Son of man cometh shall he find faith on the earth?" The schools of the world educate the young for *this* world and it is little wonder that so many of the children of Sabbath-keepers who

secure their education in worldly schools go to the world eventually. Our heaviest denominational losses consist of the loss of our children, and our earnest attention should be concentrated on plans for remedying this. Church schools are the surest means of accomplishing this desired result. Where the youthful mind is fed on the pure wheat of truth it will continue to demand it in later life and will have no care for the chaff of error. "What is the chaff to the wheat?"

We are now entering upon a new stage of our work. A crisis is before us and we must prepare for it. Soon the voice of the messengers will be silenced. Then God will call upon the children to bear witness to the truth as he did in the 1844 movement. Our church schools are designed of God to prepare our children for this experience:—

"When properly conducted, church schools will be the means of lifting the standard of truth in the places where they are established; for children who are receiving a Christian education will be witnesses for Christ. As Jesus in the temple solved the mysteries which priests and rulers had not discerned, so in the closing work of this earth, children who have been rightly educated will in their simplicity speak words which will be an astonishment to men who now talk of 'higher education.' As the children sang in the temple courts, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he that cometh name of the Lord,' so in these last days, children's voices will be raised to give the last message of warning to a perishing world. When heavenly intelligences see that men are no longer permitted to present the truth, the Spirit of God will come upon the children, and they will do a work in the proclamation of the truth which the older workers cannot do, because their way will be hedged up.

"Our church schools are ordained by God to prepare the children for this great work." *Testimonies*, Vol. 6 pp. 202-203.

Churches which maintain Christian schools invariably grow to be strong centres of light and blessing. We trust that a number of our churches will plan for schools the coming autumn.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

QUEBEC

Our New Field

After an absence of ten years it was my privilege recently to spend a short time at our Academy in Mount Vernon, Ohio, where I had spent several years in preparation for the work. Only those who have had like experiences can understand the pleasure which this visit afforded me. While there I spoke to the students at different times and at the Sabbath service.

Returning to Canada en route to our new field of labor we had the pleasure of stopping off for a night and a day at Hamilton, Ontario. We were met at the station by several of our dear friends who escorted us to the hospitable home of Brother and Sister Henderson. We met with a very happy surprise a couple of hours after arriving there, when the members of the church gathered for a social evening. Courage seems to be in the hearts of our people in Hamilton, and the work is in a prosperous condition. It was hard for us to break away from the dear ones there, but we were compelled to start on the last part of our journey.

At Toronto our train had a short wait and here we found a company of our East Side members. Our short visit with them meant more to us than we can tell, and as our train rolled on out of the Province of Ontario we felt as though we were leaving home and dear ones. But Montreal had something for us too, for upon our arrival we were greeted by friends whom we had never seen before. We are now at home in Montreal and thankful for the privilege of laboring with such earnest members as we find in this church. While we face new and untried conditions here, yet the same God which let Israel through the parching desert, opened seas and cast down city walls, is still the leader of his people, and our courage is good.

F. C. WEBSTER.

ONTARIO

Further Word

Sunday, March 26, we made our second visit to the Plymouth brethren. They received us kindly and as before gave us the full time to speak. I took up the institution of the Lord's supper, showing how it succeeded the passover, and that at the time of its

institution all leaven had been put out of the homes of the people; therefore the kind of bread that Christ used at the first supper was unleavened. I also showed them from 1 Cor. 5:6-8 that leaven represents sin, so could not be used to typify the body of Christ. At the close of the meeting these people said this was just what they had been wanting to know. We were invited to come often and promised the time to speak. Since then, however, the snow has gone and the roads have been very muddy so we have not held any more meetings with them. We expect to visit them again soon though.

There has been a good deal of sickness here during the past winter. Several of our older members have suffered greatly. Sister Isaac Henry, who is about eighty years old has been staying with us for the last six weeks. She is afflicted with shaking palsy, and when we took her she was suffering also with LaGrippe. She has improved a little and hopes in a few days to be able to return home again.

One year ago last October we started to build a four room mission house. This was a big undertaking for the little company here, but the Lord has blessed us in the effort. Three months after we began we moved into it and waited until spring to do the plastering. At the close of the first year we had paid out one hundred and fifty-one dollars, and all this, with the exception of about five dollars, was paid by the Iroquois church alone. When we think of the way in which these people, with their limited means, have helped, we realize that they really love the truth. Their faith is shown by their works.

Pray for the work among the Indians.

B. E. MANUEL.

A Neighborly Act

A pleasant surprise was recently given to the members of the Toronto church school by the Hamilton school which under the auspices of the Church Sewing Circle made some neat little penwipers, and presented one to each student. Each penwiper has a smooth leather cover with the pupil's name on it. Our children greatly appreciate this gift, and feel that it is a token of friendliness that they will not forget. The teacher also was remembered with one of these and with a leather bookmark bearing hand painted pear blossoms and his initials. There are only two church schools in Ontario apart from the one at the Seminary at Oshawa. The Lord has blessed the efforts put forth in these schools, and he will also bless other schools that are established for the training of the children. H. J. CAPMAN.

"Men are born with two eyes, but only one tongue, in order that they should see twice as much as they say."

Some Reasons Why We Should go to Campmeeting

The Lord says we should go to campmeeting.

We cannot afford to miss the spiritual feast that our hungry souls crave.

Meeting with those of like faith and hearing from their lips the progress they are making gives us courage to press on.

We hear of the progress the message is making in other lands, and we have an opportunity to share in the reward of the missionaries by giving of our means to help them in their work.

We need to know how our local conferences are managed, how our schools are being conducted, and what has been done with the tithe and other offerings.

Attending campmeeting will help us spiritually, mentally, and socially. Life will seem brighter, and the time lost from our home duties will be more than redeemed by being able to do better work after returning home. So plan to go to the campmeeting.

T. D. ROWE.

Wasting Away Their Substance

The following article taken from a recent issue of the *Mail and Empire* published in Toronto, under the above heading, fully illustrates the disposition of this generation to be lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God:—

"Dr. Charles W. Eliot has prepared a table of certain expenditures of the American people. He says they spend every year for:

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Intoxicating liquors | \$2,200,000,000 |
| Tobacco..... | 1,200,000,000 |
| Jewelry and plate..... | 800,000,000 |
| Automobiles..... | 500,000,000 |
| Church work at home | 250,000,000 |
| Confectionery..... | 200,000,000 |
| Soft drinks | 120,000,000 |
| Tea and coffee..... | 100,000,000 |
| Millinery | 90,000,000 |
| Patent medicines | 80,000,000 |
| Chewing gum..... | 13,000,000 |
| Foreign missions..... | 12,000,000 |
| Total..... | \$5,565,000,000 |

"This must not be set down as representing the extravagances of the people, for there are too many items in the list which do not represent extravagances. Liquor, chewing gum, tobacco, confectionery, soft drinks, tea, coffee and jewelry, in the main are extravagances; much of the money spent for automobiles is to be rated 'extravagance' and likewise patent medicines and millinery. Missions represent an investment."

"JUDGE yourself with the judgment of sincerity and you will judge others with the judgment of charity."

Seminary Current

We acknowledge with appreciation the gift from the Hamilton Missionary Sewing Class. With this money we will purchase two nice shrubs.

Professor Graf, president of the Emmanuel Missionary College at Berrien Springs, paid us a short visit recently.

When we see the botany class out rambling for flowers, and the boys plowing and preparing the soil for seed, we begin to realize that spring is truly here. We are glad, but it means that within three weeks we will all be separated.

Ontario Tithes and Offerings for March 1916

| Churches | Tithes | Miss | Misc. | Total |
|-----------------|------------|----------|--------|------------|
| Albana | | \$ 6 00 | | \$ 6 00 |
| Attercliffe | \$ 2 50 | 4 50 | | 7 00 |
| Belleville | | | | |
| Brantford | 144 40 | 36 89 | | 181 29 |
| +Bouck's Hill | 6 42 | | \$1 25 | 7 67 |
| Chatham | 24 26 | 10 74 | | 35 00 |
| Dresden | 20 00 | 7 54 | | 27 54 |
| Exeter | 9 12 | 5 42 | | 14 54 |
| E.C.M.Seminary | 103 39 | 25 06 | | 128 45 |
| Galt | | | | |
| Hamilton | 139 83 | 16 23 | 1 42 | 157 48 |
| Iroquois | 12 85 | 9 72 | | 22 57 |
| Individuals | 45 51 | 26 59 | | 72 10 |
| Kenyengah | | | | |
| Kingston | | | | |
| Lindsay | 6 54 | 4 41 | | 10 95 |
| London | 307 66 | 29 12 | | 336 78 |
| Lynden | 4 43 | 5 00 | | 9 43 |
| Muskoka | | | | |
| Niagara Falls | | | | |
| Napanee | 3 00 | | | 3 00 |
| Oshawa | 17 50 | 25 49 | | 42 99 |
| Ottawa | 54 17 | 26 98 | | 81 15 |
| Paris | 30 25 | 23 30 | | 53 55 |
| Peterboro | 22 75 | 2 31 | | 25 06 |
| Petrolia | 8 95 | 6 72 | | 15 67 |
| Selton | | | | |
| St. Catharines | 9 51 | 10 03 | | 19 54 |
| St Thomas | 39 48 | 57 02 | | 96 50 |
| Toronto Central | 78 06 | 20 10 | | 98 16 |
| " East | 22 05 | 15 27 | | 37 32 |
| " West | 145 95 | 53 75 | 25 | 199 95 |
| Total | \$1,258 58 | \$428 19 | \$2 92 | \$1,689 69 |
| *2 months | 13 months | | | |

"WHEN the word is spoken, you should remember, brethren, that you are listening to the voice of God through his delegated servant. Listen attentively. Sleep not for one instant, because by this slumber you may lose the very words that you need most,—the very words which, if heeded, would save your feet from straying into wrong paths. Satan and his angels are busy creating a paralyzed condition of the senses, so that cautions, warnings, and reproofs shall not be heard; or if heard that they shall not take effect upon the heart, and reform the life."

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

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Notes

Word reached us of a daughter born to Elder and Mrs. W. C. Young, April 26.

A sister writes: "Send me forty 'Armageddon' at once. This book seems to be just what people are asking for."

We are sorry that in the MESSENGER of last week the wrong total appears in the Maritime tithes and offerings report for March.

Elder Barrett reports a successful issue to his meetings in St. John's, Nfld. Eight have decided to go forward in baptism and others are likely to follow soon.

Sister Albertson of Napanee received ten copies of "Armageddon" last week and disposed of them immediately. She has sent in an order for fifty more. Sister Albertson thought at first that on account of her health and household duties she could not do anything along this line. There may be others who could do equally well if they would try.

Word just received from Brother Capman states that he was out canvassing with Chester Shaw and in seven hours they had sold \$39.50 worth of books. They were canvassing for the new edition of "Bible Readings for the Home Circle." Brother Capman adds: "Tell those who are planning to canvass not to fear. 'Bible Readings' sells well. The people are stirred over this war, and are ready for just such a book."

We never know for what God is preparing us in his schools—for what work on earth, for work in the hereafter. Our business is to do our work well in the present place, whatever that may be.—*Dr. Lyman Abbott.*

OBITUARIES

The funeral service of Sister Rosanna Switzer was conducted by the writer at her home on Friday, April 21, with many friends in attendance. Words of comfort were spoken to the mourners from Revelation 14:12, after which the body was interred in the 'Bell's Corners Cemetery.' Sister Switzer was 72 years of age, a native of Nepean Municipality, Carleton County, Ontario, and leaves six brothers and one sister to mourn their sad loss. For the past six years she has suffered considerably from intestinal carcinoma, which caused her death on April 19. We are glad to state that Sister Switzer has been a believer in the third angel's message for fifteen years or more and died in the blessed hope of Christ's soon coming and the first resurrection. We extend to all the mourners our sincere sympathy in this their time of bereavement.

F. W. JOHNSTON.

RUDLAND—Infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudland, Hamilton, Ontario, died April 14. Sister Rudland is a member of the Hamilton Church. A large number of friends attended the funeral service which was conducted by the writer.

MATT. J. ALLEN.

HERKIMER—Eva Herkimer, daughter of Brother and Sister David Herkimer of the Six Nations Reservation, Ontario, died April 10, 1916. Her age was 25 years, 6 months and 18 days. The funeral services were conducted, from the home of her parents, by the writer.

B. E. Manuel.

Maritime Tithes and Offerings for First Quarter Ending March 31, 1916

| Churches | Tithe | Miss. | Misc. | Total |
|-------------------|----------|----------|--------|-----------|
| Conference Church | \$17 50 | \$30 80 | \$1 00 | \$49 30 |
| Hopewell Cape N B | 43 97 | 19 33 | 1 00 | 64 30 |
| Halifax N S | 85 51 | 61 13 | | 146 64 |
| Indian Harbor N S | 13 40 | 30 40 | | 43 80 |
| Tantallon N S | 44 00 | 22 79 | | 66 79 |
| Individuals | 1 00 | 14 72 | | 15 72 |
| Jeddore N S | 15 00 | 15 45 | 3 00 | 33 45 |
| Lake George N B | 11 15 | 1 85 | | 13 00 |
| Moncton N B | 176 80 | 58 19 | 3 20 | 238 19 |
| N Sydney N S | 56 37 | 13 39 | | 69 76 |
| St John N B | 121 16 | 56 85 | | 178 01 |
| Scotts Bay N S | 58 74 | 19 49 | 1 77 | 80 00 |
| Sydney Mines N S | 89 15 | 31 96 | | 121 11 |
| Tiverton N S | 15 12 | 6 65 | | 21 77 |
| Williamsdale N S | 95 08 | 18 55 | | 113 63 |
| Total | \$843 95 | \$401 55 | \$9 97 | \$1255 47 |

L. VANBUSKIRK, *Treas.*

Colporteurs' Report, Week Ending April 29 1916

| Ontario | | | | | |
|-----------------|-------|-------|----------|----------|---------|
| Name | Book | Hours | Value | Total | Del. |
| J Pengelly | CK | 182 | \$46 75 | \$128 20 | |
| C D Terwillegar | GC | | 20 00 | 46 50 | |
| Inez Cowles | BR | 50 | 52 00 | 56 05 | |
| Total | | 232 | \$118 75 | \$230 75 | |
| Maritime | | | | | |
| *F Salway | WC SB | 71 | 52 00 | 52 00 | \$28 00 |
| Grand Total | | 303 | \$170 75 | \$282 75 | \$28 00 |