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

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## THE BOOK OF BOOKS.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

All would pronounce the Bible the most interesting book they ever perused if their imagination had not become perverted by exciting stories of a fictitious character.

If we study the word of God with interest, and pray to understand it, new beauties will be seen in every line. God will reveal precious truths so clearly that the mind will derive sincere pleasure and have a continual feast as its comforting and sublime truths are unfolded.

To the diligent Bible student, new light, new ideas, new gems of truth will constantly appear and be eagerly grasped, for it is impossible for any mind to comprehend all the richness and greatness of even one promise of God. One catches the glory from one point of view, and another the beauty and grace from another point, and the soul is filled with the heavenly light.

After the first acquaintance with the Bible the interest of the earnest seeker grows rapidly. The discipline gained by a regular study of the word of God enables him to see a freshness and beauty in truth that he never before discerned.

The Bible may be studied as a branch of human science would be; but its beauty, the evidence of its

power to save souls that believe, is a lesson that is never thus learned. It is a leaf from the tree of life, and by eating it, by receiving it into our minds, we grow strong to do the will of God.

Those who bring to the investigation of the Word a spirit of which it does not approve, will take away from the search a spirit which it has not imparted. We should take up the study of God's word with humble hearts. All selfishness, all love of originality, should be laid aside. Long cherished opinions must not be regarded as infallible.

Those who study the Bible simply to find texts to prove their theory or vindicate their opinion, will not be enlightened by the Spirit of God. Not through controversy and discussion is the soul enlightened. We must look and live. We must search the Scriptures in order to receive life for the soul.

When the heart is brought into harmony with the Word, a new life will spring up within, a new light will shine upon every line of the Word, and it will become the voice of God to the soul. Then the truth of God's word will be regarded with new interest, and will be explored as if it were a revelation just from the courts above. Every declaration of inspiration concerning Christ will take hold of the inmost soul of those who love Him. Envy, jeal-

ousy and evil surmising will cease. The Bible will be regarded as a character from heaven. Its study will absorb the mind, and its truths will feast the soul.

Several times each day, precious, golden moments should be consecrated to prayer and the study of the Scriptures, if it is only to commit a text to memory, that spiritual life may exist in the soul. We should take one verse and concentrate the mind on the task of ascertaining the thought which God has put in that verse for us until it becomes our own, and we know ' what saith the Lord.'"

The mind must be restrained and not allowed to wander. It should be trained to dwell upon the Scriptures; even whole chapters may be committed to memory, to be repeated when Satan comes with his temptations. Even while you are walking on the streets you may read a passage and meditate upon it, thus fixing it in your mind, and God will flash the knowledge obtained into the memory at the very time when it is needed.

We should open the Scriptures with reverence, and never allow one expression of lightness and trifling to escape our lips when quoting Scripture. As we take our Bible into our hands let us remember that we are on holy ground.

There is little benefit derived from hasty reading of the Scriptures. One may read the whole Bible through and yet fail to see its beauty or comprehend its deep hidden meaning. One passage studied until its significance is clear to the mind, and its relation to the plan of salvation is evident, is of more value

than the perusal of many chapters with no definite purpose in view and no positive instruction gained.

If Christians would earnestly search the Scriptures more hearts would burn with the vivid truths therein revealed. Their hopes would brighten with the precious promises strewn like pearls all along through the sacred writings. In contemplating the history of patriarchs and prophets, the men who loved and feared God and walked with Him, hearts will glow with the spirit that animated these worthies. As the mind dwells on the virtue and piety of holy men of old, the spirit which inspired them will kindle a flame of love and holy fervor in the hearts of those who would be like them in character, and as they gather the golden truths from the word, the heavenly Instructor is close by their side.

In the word is poetry, wisdom, history, biography and the most profound philosophy. Here is a study that quickens the mind into a vigorous and healthy life, and awakens it to the highest exercise. Studied and obeyed, the word of God would give to the world men of stronger and more active intellect than will the closest application to all the subjects which human philosophy embraces. It would give men of strength and solidity of character, of keen perception and sound judgment; men who would be an honor to God and a blessing to the world, for it enlarges the mind, expands, elevates and endows it with new vigor, by bringing its faculties in contact with stupendous truths.

Even unconsciously we imitate that with which we are familiar.

By having a knowledge of Christ His words, His habits, and His lessons of instruction, we instinctively borrow the virtues of the character which we have so closely studied, and become imbued with the spirit which we have so much admired.—In "Infidel Number" of "The Life Boat."

[NOTE: Among the recommendations passed unanimously by the Fall Council of the General Conference Committee is one to the effect that a general collection be taken up in all our churches the first Sabbath in November—Nov. 5—in behalf of the work among the colored people in the Southern States. In view of this recommendation, we regard the following appeal as timely.—EDITOR.]

### The Work Among the Colored People.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

To my brethren and sisters in America: We are thankful that the light of present truth has been shining in the Southern States, and that a few laborers in this field have been working wholeheartedly to communicate the truth to the colored people. Those who have not borne the burden of opening up the work among the colored people can know comparatively little of the trials, the prayers, and the wrestling of those who have been pioneers in this work.

In the face of the most trying circumstances, a good beginning has been made in this needy field. The Lord now calls upon us to come up to His help. Again and again He has placed before our people the needs of the work among the colored

race, but there are many who have done very little to help

The Lord has put the seal of His approval on the work done among the colored people in the South. Mistakes have been made; but have not mistakes been made in every other missionary field? When you watch for mistakes, and put out your hand to discourage where God approves, you are working and talking against the Master. God is very much displeased with every one who has placed any hindrance in the way of the advancement of the work for the colored people.

Some may think that the work in the Southern States is already receiving from the General Conference more than its share of attention. But if the south were not a neglected, needy field, if there were not a pressing necessity for more work to be done there in many different lines, why should the Lord keep the question constantly before His people as He has done for so many years? We must redeem the time. Without delay this long-neglected field must be worked.

I present before you, my dear brethren and sisters, the work among the colored people as the object of your liberality. The mission schools, the training school at Huntsville, the Nashville Colored Sanitarium, the ministers and Bible workers devoting their time to the salvation of the colored people,—all these and many other agencies are in great need of funds. The work must go forward. Every penny that can be spared should be invested in the Lord's cause. Let us see if the November collection can not result in thousands of dollars flowing into the treasury.

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### ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Bro. T. H. Robinson, of London, Ont., was a Toronto visitor on the 23rd ult.

Bro. F. M. Arnold, of London, was an over Sabbath visitor in Toronto, on Sabbath, Oct. 22.

Mrs. E. Patchett, of Lorne Park, Ont., spent the Sabbath with Toronto friends recently, attending church on Argyle St.

Bro. B. B. Neftzger, secretary of the Ontario Conference, made a brief business call at the office in Toronto last week, and reports the work in Ontario as prospering.

Bro. Grant Priddy has again taken up the canvassing work, selling "Daniel and Revelation," and expects to devote his whole time to it, henceforth. We trust he may have the support of his brethren in the Ontario Conference.

Bro. H. D. Carr is meeting with success in delivering his books. While he has lost a few orders, his direct sales more than make up for those lost. Bro. Carr is of good courage. Pray for his continued prosperity. Write him at Gore Bay, Ont.

Bro. John Pengelly is still taking orders for "Coming King" and is selling a good-

ly number of other books, such as "Steps to Christ" and "Best Stories." His address is Guelph, Ont., from which place his letters will be forwarded to him.

A new edition of "Coming King" is soon to be issued bearing the imprint of this association, which we trust will be read by all our people in this country. We greatly need the co-operation of all our people in Canada in the distribution of our literature, and we need the financial encouragement the purchase of this book will give.

Bro. Judson Baker, residing at Victoria Road, Ont., writes that he is taking up the canvassing work again. While he is living in a thinly settled country, he feels a burden for the people in that part, and is going to give them an opportunity to know the truth. May he have the prayers of the brethren. He will be glad to hear from you.

Bro. and Sr. G. W. Sowler, Parry Sound, Ont., are canvassing up in the northern part of Ontario, and will be much pleased to tell you of their experience if you will write to them, and we are sure they are having an experience which will be interesting to you. They are selling "Patriarch and Prophets." They may be too busy to write you often, but they will be glad to hear from you.

We regret to learn that the health food factory in London formerly owned by Bro. T. H. Robinson, has been burned down. We have not learned the particulars, and do not know with how much loss the company has met, but we trust they may be enabled to rebuild, as a large number of people were using the foods manufactured there, and will be sorely disappointed not to be able to continue. The food company has our sympathy.

Doctor Carrie Lemon, who has for the past two years or more been associated with her husband, Dr. E. A. Lemon, in the management of the Newfoundland Health Institute, was a caller at the office in Toronto during the third week of October. Owing to ill-health and a desire to qualify for work in Canada, the Drs. Lemon will leave the Island and come to Ontario for

the present. We hope to see them ere long again established in treatment rooms.

Bro. Herbert Knister, who is employed by the Academy at Lorne Park, was in town recently, and returning took to the Academy the printing press and outfit for the printing house, and it is expected that the next issue of THE MESSENGER will be printed at the Academy, under the direction of Elder Leland, who has been chosen as editor. All contributions to the pages of this paper will, hereafter, be sent to Elder Eugene Leland, Lorne Park, Ont.

The situation looks quite favorable for treatment rooms to be opened up soon in Lindsay, Ont. Sister Baker has for a long time, recognized a call being made for this work in that city, and has at last found the way opening for it. We trust nothing will occur to prevent the carrying out of the present plans. Should anyone feel interested in this project, and desire to assist in a substantial way, we are sure Sister Baker will be pleased to correspond with them. It seems certain to us, that where there is an opportunity for this work to be done, steps should be taken to establish the work. In not every place in Ontario is there an opening such as it is reported there is at Lindsay, and we are certain that no mistake is being made in improving the opportunity.

## FROM THE FIELD.

### MARITIME.

Fredericton. N.B.

I reached home from the conference at Knowlton Sept. 13. Since that time I have spent two Sabbaths with the church here, one with the church in St. John and one with scattered Sabbath-keepers in the upper part of the province.

Here in the city the work is onward, and the little company are faithfully holding up the light of truth; and so brightly is it shining that several new ones are becoming interested, and we expect to see them take a stand fully with us in the near future.

Sabbath, Oct. 1, we celebrated the ordinances, and the tender spirit of the Lord was present in a marked degree.

During our visit to the St. John church we held several meetings, and as the mes-

sage in its present prospects both at home and abroad were rehearsed, the hearts of the brethren were greatly encouraged.

The writer also spent one day with Bro. and Sister Baxter at Long Reach. For the past year and a half Bro. Baxter has been almost confined to his bed, and his suffering has been very great. He still loves the message, and was rejoiced to hear of the prospects of its speedy triumph.

The next place visited was Woodstock, where Sister Lindsay now lives. She is in her 95th year, and is now, evidently, very near her journey's end. Sister Lindsay accepted the truth in Maine many years ago, and although suffering intensely and separated from all of like precious faith, and after many years of waiting and watching her faith is still firm, and she rejoices in the hope of a soon-coming Savior.

Sabbath and Sunday, Oct. 8 and 9, I spent at the home of Sister Smith, in Summerfield. It was just six years ago last Sabbath that Sister Smith and her mother accepted the truth under the labors of Eld. H. J. Farman. Bro. and Sister Brown, who live 23 miles farther north came down. These dear souls do not often have the privilege of meeting with others of like faith, and it was a pleasure to present the word of life to them. We held meetings on both days, and the one on Sunday afternoon was an occasion long to be remembered. I have attended many meetings, many large gatherings, and have seen great manifestations of the power of God in the salvation of souls, but never did I witness the melting influence of the presence of the Holy Spirit in such power as in the little gathering in that old farm house on that Sunday afternoon.

That, we are in the time of the "latter rain" is evidenced by the showers that are falling here and there. We read this passage in Vol. VII.: "Already many are receiving the Holy Spirit, and no longer will the way be blocked by listless indifference."

The highest ambition of my life is to possess this power to such a degree that I may be an effective soul-winner. To this end I ask your prayers.

W. R. ANDREWS.

Renew your subscription to the CANADIAN UNION MESSENGER, 35c. per year. The only S. D. A. paper published in Canada.

## QUEBEC.

Dear brethren and sisters of the Quebec Conference: We are glad that we can tell you that by the blessing of God, who has led so many of you by His Spirit to be faithful in bringing in your tithes and offerings, we have been able, besides carrying on the work of the conference, to pay at least two-thirds of the conference debt during the past year. We are very grateful to God for this, and sincerely thank you for all that you have done, for it has rolled off a heavy burden from my mind, and you who have had a part in this good work have placed yourselves where the rich blessings of God can rest upon you. Now we hope that all, this coming year, will join in these duties and privileges, so that all may participate in the blessing of God, and so that He can fulfil the promise He has made to all who are faithful in the discharge of their obligations in this respect. He says: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove Me herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Mal. 3: 10. Let us all prove Him, brethren, and the cause will prosper, souls will be saved, the rest of the debt will be removed, and all receive a rich blessing.

Please send tithes and offerings to the secretary and treasurer, Darwin Dingman, South Bolton, but send the Sabbath school and missionary offerings to Mrs. Cynthia Jones, Sutton. Order all books, tracts, periodicals and Sabbath school quarterlies of S. D. Hartwell, 167 Dundas St., Toronto. H. E. RICKARD.

## ONTARIO.

## The Indian Camp-Meeting.

This gathering was held eight miles south-east of Brantford. The tent was erected in Dr. Hill's grove, but it being so late in the season, the weather was so cold that most of the services were held in the church building near by. There was a number from the Oneida Reservation in attendance, and on Sabbath and Sunday they drove in from the Hagersville church, some seven miles distant.

Three services were held each day. Brother A. G. Smith was our interpreter. He does it very readily.

This was the first opportunity I have enjoyed with these brethren. They have made much progress in civilization. What they need to enable them to compete with the white man is Christian education. They have a fine tract of land, and are learning the art of cultivation.

Brother Noftger was present the first of the meeting. We were pleased to have Bro. T. H. Robinson with us for two days, laboring in the interests of C.O.L. work. If we all would do as he has done we would have orders for our five thousand books. We much appreciate his good counsel in other departments of the work.

Elder Miller stayed all through the meetings. The themes dwelt upon were the close proximity of Christ's coming, Real Obedience, and Christian education.

The outside attendance was quite good, sometimes filling the house to overflowing. Six were baptized. Arrangements were made for a church school to be given the first of November.

*(Continued in our next issue.)*

### The Family Bible Teacher.

I have been impressed very much of late with the utility of the above publication, and I am led to call upon all our people to send for, at least, one set of this "teacher" and use in your homes, and with your neighbors this coming winter.

It would be of great benefit to our people if each family would get a set, and set apart two or three nights each week to devote to Bible study on the themes of present truth. Many of our youth are unacquainted with the fundamental principles of this message. In this way they can be interested and helped, and the souls of the parents will be watered by the effort to help the young people. And then as each reading has been studied at home it can be loaned to their neighbors, and then taken up and loaned to a second, and a third, and so on till it is worn out, and the truth thus passed on to our fellow men.

These readings cost but ten cents per package of 28 readings, and may be ordered of the Canadian Publishing Association, 167 Dundas St., Toronto. Send in your order today and go to work at once, and the Lord will bless you richly. W. G.

### Life and Health.

The November and December issues of Life and Health will be special numbers with special rates to agents for new yearly subscriptions and copies to sell. For particulars write us for agents' special rates.

The following are some of the good things that will appear in the November number:

A Last Generation Religious and Food Reform, revealing the necessity and significance of such a reform.

"What a Doctor Learns from his Patients,"—a physician's own story and experience.

"Letters from a Physician to His Son,"

—setting forth the importance of having a right ideal.

"Feeding the Multitude,"—an illustrated and inspiring article by Mrs. E. G. White.

The Medical Missionary Work,—reports and experiences from field workers.

The Question Corner,—containing a large number of very practical and interesting questions which a practiced physician answers.

The Healthful Cookery Department, containing special practical recipes for the use of the olive, a fruit that deserves to be better known in the East than it is now.

News and Notes, a brief account of what is being done by health boards and in other ways for the improvement of the public health.

These special numbers of Life and Health will be especially adapted for use in connection with the great winter campaign. They ought to be circulated by the thousand. Agents will receive liberal rates on these two numbers.

Make all orders to the Canadian Publishing Association, or direct to Life and Health, 222 North Capitol St., Washington, D. C.

### Quebec Conference Proceedings.

The twenty-fifth annual session of the S. D. A. Conference of Quebec convened at Knowlton, Que., in connection with the camp-meeting and the bi-ennial session of the Canadian Union Conference, Sept. 1-12, 1904.

The president, Eld. H. E. Rickard, in his opening remarks, briefly reviewed the work in the conference. During the past year there had been two tent companies in the field; the Sanitarium work had been moving along nicely, and the religious liberty work; all together had made it a busy year. While the tent work had not yielded the visible results we had desired, yet the seed has been sown, and by the blessing of God, souls may yet be garnered in.

The chair was then empowered to appoint the usual committees, which were announced as follows: On Resolutions, W. H. Libby, Eld. S. A. Farnsworth, Eld. Wm. Guthrie, S. D. Hartwell and G. A. Cushing, on Auditing—Eld. W. H. Thurston, S. D. Hartwell, Darwin Dingman, John Booth, in connection with the executive committee of the conference; on Credentials and Licenses—Eld. W. H. Thurston, Eld. W. C. White, J. H. Ham-

mond, D. E. Gustin and G. F. Rickard :  
On Nominations—Harrison McClary, G. A. Cushing, Earnest Wright, Geo. Taylor and W. S. Gladden.

Delegates to the Canadian Union Conference, appointed from the floor, were as follows: W. H. Libby, Darwin Dingman, G. A. Cushing, W. H. White, M.D., and Harvey McClary.

The following resolutions were presented for consideration, and after due discussion and deliberation, were adopted: Resolved, That we approve of the action of the C. U. Conference in returning to the original plan of supplying all agents direct from the Toronto office, and that we turn over the tract and periodical work to that office.

Whereas, The policy recommended by the General and Union Conferences calls for such a step, therefore, Resolved, that we organize a medical department of the conference, with a board of management of seven members, four to constitute a quorum, with power to act, for the management of the Sanitarium in the conference.

Resolved, That the salaries of the doctors and helpers in the Sanitarium be paid by the institution hereafter.

Whereas, There is imperative need of making improvements in the Knowlton Sanitarium, therefore, Resolved, That we ask the co-operation of the General Conference in raising means for that purpose, we promising to raise, within the conference, one dollar for every three dollars raised by the General Conference, the total not to exceed \$4,000; and further, Resolved, That an effort for this purpose be made at this meeting.

After these resolutions were adopted the last one was put into practice by asking a call for means, which was responded to with \$124 in cash, and \$280 in pledges; total, \$404.

Ministerial credentials were granted to Elders H. E. Rickard and S. A. Farnsworth; ministerial license to Walter Holden, and missionary credentials to Miss Hattie Marston.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, H. E. Rickard; Secretary and Treasurer, Darwin Dingman; Executive Committee—Elder H. E. Rickard, Elder S. A. Farnsworth, W. H. White, M.D., Harvey McClary and Darwin Dingman; Auditor, W. H. Libby; Secretary and Treasurer of S. S. Department, Mrs. Cynthia Jones.

The report of the S. S. Department was as follows: Total amount donated to missions from June 30, 1903, to June 30, 1904, \$108.22; expense for postage, 40c.

W. H. White, M.D., gave a very interesting report of the work of the Sanitarium, showing that it had been very successful in every way.

The financial report showed that the indebtedness of the conference had been reduced during the year by over \$800, leaving the balance of the debt at the end of the conference year only about \$400.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

During the time since our last session of the Canadian Union Conference there has been in the Quebec Conference two church schools in operation, one at South Stukely, being taught the first winter by Miss Minnie McLeod, and the second winter by Eld. S. A. Farnsworth. The school at Fitch Bay was taught both winters by Prof. H. W. Ingham.

Two tents were in the field during the season of 1903. One effort was made at Scottstown, by Elder J. M. Ellis and family, assisted by Bro. Luke Chamberlain, and the other at Bishop's Crossing, by the writer and family, assisted by Bro. Walter Holden. As a visible result we have a Sabbath school at Bishop's Crossing of nine members. The season closed with a camp-meeting at Ayers' Flat, Sept. 3-13, at the close of which four were baptized.

During the season of 1904 two tent efforts have been made. One at Durham, by Eld. S. A. Farnsworth and wife, assisted by Bro. Percival Holden and wife and daughter, and Miss Grace Derby. The other at Sutton Junction by the writer and family, assisted by W. W. Holden. The season closed with camp-meeting in connection with the C. U. Conference, at Knowlton, at which sixteen were baptized.

At the request of the Union Conference I spent several weeks at Ottawa, doing what I could towards staying the threatened attempt to secure the passage of a Sunday law in the Dominion Parliament. I labored to the best of my judgment, and with what results we cannot say, further then no act has as yet been passed by that body, whether through any act or influence of mine or not; but if so, to God belongs the glory.