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

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JUST FOR TO-DAY.

Lord, for to-morrow and its need,
I do not pray;
Keep me from every stain of sin
Just for to-day.

Let me both diligently work
And duly pray;
Let me be kind in word and deed
Just for to-day.

Let me be slow to do my will,
Prompt to obey;
Help me to sacrifice myself
Just for to-day.

—Selected.

SOUND AN ALARM.

"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

Notice some things that are being said to-day. Rev. J. K. Mason asks,—"Why should the Lord come again?" and then he says, "Manifestation was the real meaning of what is properly called his second advent. Through his word he is ever coming with greater and greater power into the life of man."

Rev. Mr. Mason thinks that the disciples misunderstood the Saviours' words relative to his second coming "in like manner." Please read again John 14: 1-3, and Acts 1: 9-11 and see if it is hard to understand.

Rev. W. N. Clark, D. D., Hamilton, N. Y., says in his work on theology; "No visible return of Christ to the earth is to be expected, but rather the long and steady advance of his spiritual kingdom. The expectation of a single dramatic advent corresponds to the Jewish doctrine of the nature of the kingdom, but not to the Christian."

Rev. Johnston Myers, of Chicago, says: "The Bible has, for the multitude, ceased to be a book of divine authority. The facts are, that by a majority of people, it is never looked into from one year's end to another, and that in our cities it is the rarest exception where it is read in the family, or taught to the children in the home by the parents."

What a falling away from the simple faith in the word of God of half a century ago.

Rev. T. T. Munger is reported as saying: "Research

into the source and history of the documents has gone so far that we are no longer sure that we have a single sentence in the entire Bible in the exact form in which it was originally written, though we are sure of the substance and drift of it."

A great discovery! We are "sure of the substance and drift" of the Bible, but with the present trend of modern criticism, how much longer can we expect even the "substance and drift" to be spared us?

Truly this is a time to sound an alarm. "Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in thy holy mountain; let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is near at hand." Joel 2: 1.

All may have a part in sounding the alarm; and now, just now, is an opportune time to enter the campaign which should never cease until all have been warned of the great day of God.

Ye brethren are not in darkness that that day should overtake you as a thief in the night. But many are in darkness and you are debtor to them for the light. Will you prepare to pass on the light and then pass it on?

"Night is swiftly coming, behold the setting sun!
You may save some." W. H. THURSTON.

THE LAST OPPORTUNITY.

And when he came near he beheld the city, and wept over it, saying: "If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes." Luke 19: 42.

The last opportunity will come to each individual, and to each work, and if this be passed unimproved there will be loss to those who have neglected such privileges.

Sodom was unmoved by her last opportunity to repent; and the Jews were rebellious when John came with the call, "Prepare to meet thy God". But the Ninivites gave heed to the message God sent to them, and improving the last opportunity, found a sure retreat and safe hiding place in the arms of their deliverer.

We are living in the time of our visitation, and we should be wise and make full use of our opportunities lest we meet our Lord unprepared.

Shall we not now put forth strong efforts to save

those about us, and thus warm our own souls in the service.

It is an excellent time to make use of the Family Bible Teacher, while many have the long winter evenings for study. With a very small outlay we may carry the truth to many of our fellows. Let us carry these with us as we go out with the Signs, but especially let us use them in our work with our neighbors. Induce them to study the lessons one by one. Many will thus become interested in the message for this time. This is the time of good things; who will say "send me"? Let him know that he which converteth a sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death and hide a multitude of sins.

WM. GUTHRIE.

FROM A LETTER.

The canvassing work should be regarded as part of the great work of spreading the gospel message. The canvasser carries the word of life to lost sinners just as the ministers do; and if the love of dear souls, for whom Christ died, is his motive in entering the canvassing work, why should he not be looked upon as a gospel worker?

He comes in contact with many that the minister in the desk never reaches. He does not wait for a congregation to gather at his tent or place of meeting, but goes out into the highways and hedges to break the bread of life to the people. He enters the homes, the fields, and the workshops, humbly sowing seeds of truth, whether financial gain be much or little.

When he meets those who are downcast and discouraged, crushed by the trials and burdens of life, he has an opportunity to speak words of hope and cheer; when he meets those who are in the slums of skepticism or infidelity on account of the inconsistencies of professed followers of Christ, he can point them beyond these stumbling-blocks to a better example, a better pattern. To those who are sighing and crying for the abomination done in their midst, even in their own churches, and by their ministers, he can bring glad news, telling them that these are but omens of the last days, and that the coming of the Just One is near, even at the doors. When he meets those of deep Christian experience, he has the blessed privilege of exchanging thought with them, and imparting to them precious truths they have not known before, thus awakening in their hearts new courage and a desire to search the precious word and learn the whole truth.

Thus the faithful canvasser has many privileges and opportunities to carry the seeds of truth to benighted homes. Why should he not be encouraged and regarded as a gospel worker? Is he not a laborer in the Master's vineyard?

C. BLACK.

FIVE DAYS IN OTTAWA.

The committee advised that on my return from College View I visit Ottawa and see if I could arrange to locate there.

I reached Ottawa Friday P. M. Nov. 18, and on Sabbath and Sunday visited the believers at their homes. All seemed of good courage, but feel much the need of a shepherd. Dr. Boettger and wife have very well equipped treatment rooms, and are quite busy in their medical work. They have built up a good practice and are well liked. They desire to be released for a time that they may finish their medical course.

I looked the city over quite thoroughly, but did not succeed in finding a suitable house. Perhaps something will open up later. It is a bad time of the year to rent houses in Canada. I found a few large houses for rent, ranging from twenty to forty dollars per month. There are opportunities for procuring rooms and board. Ottawa is a nice city, good climate and friendly people; and it should have a permanent laborer proclaiming the message until the work is finished.

It seems to me that we should locate men in our large cities, such as Ottawa, Toronto, and Montreal, and have them take up the work systematically and keep at it.

We are expecting three or four ministers of experience to take up work in Canada and to be supported by their home conferences until they become self supporting, and we hope they are forthcoming. I left Ottawa Nov. 23 for Montreal and Knowlton.

Something must be done for Ottawa; and if I do not locate there we will try to provide some one else in the near future. We would ask the believers in Ottawa to continue to make this matter a subject of earnest prayer.

W. H. THURSTON.

"LIFE AND HEALTH."

The cover of the December "Life and Health" is very neat and attractive. It is made up of a picture of the Bartholdi Fountain covered with ice as it appeared on the day of McKinley's second inauguration, with the Capitol buildings appearing in the background. The following contents of this issue will be found very interesting and profitable:—

Health by Chewing.

The Rationale of Exercise.

The Doctor and his Patients.

Foods and Customs in China.

The Doctor to his Son.

Christ a Lover of Nature.

How to Arrange the Dessert.

In addition to the above topics, the December issue contains editorials on Muscle Heat vs. Stove

Heat, Stuffey Rooms, What are Health Foods?, Pure Foods, Communicable Diseases, Sanitation, Hygiene, Questions and Answers, Reviews of Recently Published Books on Health, Health Hints for Winter, A Cure for Dandruff, etc.

All this valuable reading in a single issue of "Life and Health" costs only five cents a copy, and only fifty cents a year by subscription.

This journal has been tendered a hearty reception. Everybody seems to like it. Agents are having excellent success in soliciting for it. Special rates are given to agents on the November and December issues. Terms will be furnished on application.

Address, Ontario Tract Society, 151 Hunter St., West, Hamilton, Ont.

WHAT CAN BE DONE.

When the campaign came on in connection with the Maritime Industrial Academy, we laid the matter before the church. An expression of the congregation showing their interest in the cause of the Lord decided in favor of a donation. One of the aged sisters collected in one day among unbelievers \$5.54 which with the donation of the church amounted to \$14.

Another sister who is a domestic in a hotel at the head of St. Margaret's Bay sold two copies of Christ's Object Lessons to the guests in as many weeks. The next Sabbath she called for two more copies, and last Sabbath reported the sale of another copy.

On the 19th of November we presented the missionary news letter to the church with recommendations for a good annual offering toward the \$80,000 called for by the General Conference committee in support of foreign missions.

LIVE LONGARD.

ONTARIO.

We were with the London church for three days last week, but owing to a heavy snowstorm the meetings were not very well attended.

A commendable interest has been shown in the C. O. L. work. The first number of the Messenger printed at the Academy reached us here, and all were much pleased with its appearance. Several new subscriptions were taken for it, and also for "Life and Health".

We improved the opportunity to counsel with brethren Robinson and Smith regarding conference work.

While there we ordered the furniture, (stove, bathtubs, etc.) for the Lindsay treatment rooms, which are nearing completion.

We spent a very profitable evening with an attorney and his family who have kept the Sabbath for many years. Several young people were present. On

being requested by one of them to tell a story, the writer related such Bible incidents as he judged would be interesting and instructive. The history of Daniel's captivity, his loyalty to God, and his wisdom in interpreting the king's visions and managing the affairs of the kingdom, seemed to interest them. The youth seemed quite familiar with the history of that time, and the mother showed a thoughtful interest in the fifth kingdom.

We managed to leave with them a C. O. L., and to send them the Review and Herald for three months. It seemed that if this family could only have the opportunity to study the message for this time, they would with joy receive it.

A. O. BURRILL.

FREE READING BOX.

My wife and I have recently moved to our present location, six miles north of Victoria Road, Ont. Desiring to get the truth before our neighbors as quickly as possible, the idea occurred to us to put up a Missionary Reading box.

There is a cross-road about thirty rods from our house, and on the side of a large stump we nailed a box about the size of a free delivery mail-box. It has a cover to keep out the rain and snow. On the side is the following: *Choice Free Reading Matter*, and on each end of the box is written: *Free Take One*. On the under side of the cover, is tacked heavy paper with the following notice, which can be read when the lid is raised, opening the box:—

NOTICE

These papers and tracts are free to all who open this box. Please read with care: then hand to a neighbor or friend. Come again and take more.

The best part of it is that the papers are being taken out and read, although the box has been up but a few days. Thinking that others could do the same work, I describe this one. I have travelled over quite an area of country during the past few years, and this is the first box of the kind I have ever seen. It is a novelty to many. Grown people are like children in many respects; they want to see what is inside the box, and then they are almost sure to take out something to read.

JUDSON A. BAKER,

VICTORIA ROAD, ONT.

MORSE. Died at Peterborough, on Monday, November 14th, 1904, Mary Jane Emory, wife of Brother Washington Morse, aged 68 years. The funeral left the family residence, 119 James Street, on Wednesday, November 16, 1904, at 2.30 p.m., and proceeded to the Little Lake Cemetery for interment.

THE MESSENGER.

This is the third number of the paper which has been printed on the Lornedale Academy press, recently installed at the Academy.

Although the number of pages has been reduced to four, the smaller size of the type used, the extra length of the column and of the line, and the increased frequency of publication, will much more than make up for the reduction in the number of pages.

The type-setting and press-work, to say nothing of the editorial work, of the present number was done almost entirely by students who, three weeks ago, had never been in a printing office before.

Possibly the many friends of the Messenger would like to become acquainted with our office hands, so we give them.—

Mr. Henry Pengelly has charge of the press-room.

The type-setting department is under the direction of Miss Maude Pengelly.

The editorial work thus far has been done by Miss Victoria Robinson, while the proof-reading is given into the hands of Miss Iva Sumner, assisted by others.

We must not forget to mention the mailing department which is conducted by all the students together; and when the papers are all ready for mailing, the principal of the school takes them to the post office.

If the readers of the Messenger take as much pleasure in perusing its columns as the students do in composing them, I am sure that the "Messenger" family is the happiest one in existence.

We hope to present some articles from the students as soon as the press of matter occasioned by the week of prayer, and the Missionary campaign, is disposed of.

OFFICE NOTES.

ONTARIO.

If you do not have a copy of the week of prayer reading, we can supply you.

Some of the Hamilton people are earning money for the annual offering, by selling our literature,—the best way in the world.

The Pacific Press writes that they have printed over 100,000 sets of the specials, or nearly one half million papers.

The annual offering last year amounted to \$340.54. We will have to do well to double this, but soon it will be coming into the office from all directions.

We have received a large number of orders for books, tracts, and papers the last few weeks, but they were mostly small orders.

Annual offering envelopes have been sent to all the isolated Sabbath-keepers. Last year they contributed a full share of the offering, and we believe that these envelopes will soon return well filled.

Last year some of the Annual Offering was not received until March. We presume that pledges had been made at the time for the offering.

As the bad weather comes on, we trust that the Sabbath-school officers will distribute the home department envelopes recently sent them, among the members who cannot attend regularly, and thus keep up both the attendance and the interest of the schools.

B. B. NOFTSGER, Sec.

REPORT OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
OF THE ONTARIO CONFERENCE FOR NOV., 1904.

	TITHES	F. D. O.	S. S. OFF.
LINDSAY	\$ 9.10		\$ 8.98
ONEIDA	1.25		
INDIVIDUALS	21.80	5.60	
BRANTFORD	9.40	2.20	
GALT	39.19		
TORONTO	26.		
HAMILTON	11.20	3.65	7.25
IROQUOIS	10.25	.40	
OTTAWA	8.		
BOUCK'S HILL			3.
PICTON	6.		
PETERBOROUGH	2.75		
LONDON	66.97		4.65
SELTON			1.10
ST. THOMAS		11.25	10.
BELLEVILLE			1.45
OIL SPRINGS	1.50		
ALBUNA	3.85	.67	2.22
KENYENGHEH	5.		
TOTALS	222.26	23.17	38.65

Washington Fund,—Alex. Clarkson \$1.

S. S. Off.,—Peterborough \$1.25.

Camp Fund,—Jane Good \$1.

Galt Church Building,—Lindsay \$.50, Brantford \$5., St. Thomas \$5; Total \$10.50.

B. B. Nøftsger, Treas.

Our readers will be glad to hear that a new Sabbath keeper is reported at Lindsay.

J. PENGELLY reports 192 hours' work, 58 orders for Coming King, Value \$69. Value Helps \$43.50.

Brother S. D. Hartwell, former editor of the Messenger, has gone to the island of Newfoundland in the interests of the Medical Missionary work and he is not expected to return until after Christmas.

Norman Williamson who was a student at the Academy last year, called at the office last Sunday on a visit and spent the day in setting type.

Miss Violet Patchett, and Miss Victoria Robinson are each teaching a class in the Academy in addition to their regular school work.