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

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THE LOVE OF GOD.

No one can ever expect to attain success in the Christian life until "the love of God is shed abroad in the heart by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." With firm, unswerving purpose, the eye will ever be fixed upon the love of God as the one object toward which every energy of the mind and body will be directed. With Paul the determination will be to know nothing save Jesus Christ and him crucified. With the love of God shed abroad in the heart, coupled with such a determination, one will not fail to live a godly life; and in him will be fulfilled the teaching that "they that will live godly in Christ Jesus must suffer persecution."

It is the love of God shed abroad in the heart, and fixed determination to know nothing but Jesus Christ and him crucified, that brings persecution. But even this is as it should be, for the tribulation of persecution "worketh patience, and patience experience, and experience hope, and hope maketh not ashamed because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."

Such a course of training is far in advance of any kind of training that can be acquired at the best institution of learning in the world. One may become proficient in the arts and sciences, he may acquire many honored titles at the seats of learning, but the course of training which begins with the love of God shed abroad in the heart, and which ends with the confident assurance of victory over self and sin, is of greater practical value than all the titles that ever were created in the world. What is an empty title, or proficiency in the wisdom of this world, compared to the wisdom that cometh from above, acquired by a course of training such as is outlined in the scriptures referred to above?

But such a course of training is expensive. It is so expensive that the wealth of this world can not purchase it. It can be acquired only by faith, the gold tried in the fire, of which the scripture speaks. Believe, firmly, confidently believe that the love of God is shed abroad in your heart, then as firmly and confidently determine to know nothing but Jesus Christ and him crucified, and you have begun the course. But this firm, confident determination will work patience, for there will be much tribulation to meet. It will work experience, for the patience

that can endure tribulation will surmount every difficulty, it will overcome every obstacle, it will stop short of nothing but victory; in brief, it will work an experience. But how many professed Christians there are who are living, or rather dying, for want of an experience. They can point to no victories gained, no heart-felt, soul-struggles with sin, no triumphs over evil passions, but their life-long experience, if such it may be called, has been one constant defeat. The result of this dying without a living experience, is to destroy hope. "But experience worketh hope, and hope maketh not ashamed." Of course one will not be ashamed of a hope begotten of a living experience. And what a beautiful experience it is to live without shame of continual defeat in the daily conflicts with self and sin. To face with confidence the world, and the flesh, yea, even the devil himself, knowing that through him that loved us we have many times been more than conquerors.

It is such an experience that begets hope, and maketh not ashamed. It is constant defeat that makes one ashamed, because it destroys hope. We are not ashamed to tell of the victories we have gained in our life struggles with the world. We point to them with pride. We love to speak of them. It is constant defeat that makes us ashamed and causes us to bow our heads like a bulrush. Yet, hoping without hope, struggling on year after year, our hearts are filled with shame because we have no experience. Oh! let the love of God be shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us! Keep the eye single toward the love of God. Firmly resolve by living faith to know nothing except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And then, "being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

A WEEK OF GIVING.

By the time this reaches our readers we will probably have reached, and entered into, the week of prayer, a week of giving. While we are to pray without ceasing, and to give continually, ourselves for service, and of our means, December 10-17 has been appointed as a special time for all to pray earnestly, and to give freely of their means for the cause of Christ, the great work of giving the gospel

to the world. During this week we should give ourselves anew to Him for service, and give willingly and abundantly of our means as God has blessed and prospered us.

Let there be a thorough consecration, an earnest asking in His name, until we can all respond in spirit and in truth, "Here am I, send me"; use me and my means to proclaim the Advent Message and finish the work."

There are great blessings for us during this week, and help and strength for all future time, if we rightly relate ourselves to God and his work.

In case there has been a shortage in your income this year, do not begin economy and retrenchment of expenses by with-holding all contributions for missions. The blessing of the Lord does not come by with-holding, but by giving, imparting to others.

Let all give. Let the children give. I once read of a boy who received two five-cent pieces. "One," said he, "is for candies, and the other for missionaries." But in his play one was lost. It was perplexing to the lad, and might have been answered sooner by some old Christians. With one hand in the empty pocket, and looking anxiously at the remaining nickel, he struggled to the solution: "Tommy has lost the missionary nickel."

This conclusion is liable to come into the church; but listen to the calls for help from China, India, and other lands, and let all respond freely.

I would urge that our brethren and sisters in the Canadian Union Conference lay aside their work as far as possible, and devote the week to prayer, study, and attending meetings; and when we come up to the Sabbath for the offerings, give liberally as God has prospered you.

As a conference, we are receiving financial help every year, and in turn let us help the needy.

I trust that our offering this year in Canada will greatly exceed that of last year. The church treasurer will at once send the offerings to the conference office, and the conference treasurer will forward them to the union office.

W. H. THURSTON.

ONTARIO.

While with the Chatham church from Thursday until the following Wednesday, we held nine meetings, which were well attended. All were refreshed by the good spirit which prevailed. Their Sabbath-school is growing: there are three new Sabbath-keepers. One of them has received baptism, and another will at his first opportunity.

The elder and sisters have been quite faithful in paying tithes and offerings. They sent in by the writer \$23.86, most of which is for the "regions beyond."

This church and others gave me ten subscriptions for the "Messenger," three for the "Review," and one for "Life and Health." With what I could help them, they took seventeen C. O. L's. Any time I could spare from other work, I went out with them soliciting orders; they will do the delivering.

One day I accompanied Brother Gee to Darrell, and we have made arrangements to have a series of meetings there before long. We have secured a good meeting house that has been unoccupied for two or three years.

A. O. BURRILL.

MY LESSON.

FRANCES L. WATSON, BOSTON, MASS.

The day was dark and dreary,
My heart was full of care,
And thinking of my trials,
My lot seemed hard to bear.

And then as through the city
I went with hastening feet,
I saw an aged woman
Upon the crowded street.

Poor, and old, and feeble!
The surging crowd moved on;
And as I looked with pity
The trembling form was gone.

There soon appeared before me
A girl with shabby dress;
Her face was pale and weary,
And marked by deep distress.

The next a boy,—a cripple,
Went bravely on his way;
And poor, it seemed and needy
Were those I saw that day.

I thought of all my blessings—
Of home and friends and health,
And seemed to hear a whisper:
"Go share with those thy wealth."

And to my room at even
I went with thankful prayer
To Him who gave the lesson,
And keeps me in His care.

The following letter is from Sister Crackel, who, as many of our readers will remember, was for several years a Bible-worker in Toronto and other cities of Ontario.

Chatham, Ont., Dec. 11, 1904.

The Messenger;—

As Elder Burrill has just been here, and has written up a report of the good meetings

held and the work done while he was with us, I will only tell you of a victory gained since he left.

Just two weeks before Brother Burrill's visit to this place, Brother Smith, a young man whose abilities promise much, decided to obey God and keep all his commandments, and was baptized by Brother Burrill while here.

He works in one of Chatham's largest factories. When he stepped out on the promise of God, the said factory had closed down for a couple of weeks to take stock. When it opened up he went back to work. On the first Friday he did not tell them of the change he had made. On Sabbath he heard that he was to be discharged. However he resumed work as usual on Monday morning, and on Friday the test came. In the meantime we had been pleading with God in his behalf. He went to the foreman and told him that he could work no more on Saturday, as it was the Sabbath of the Lord. Although he had been praying God to open the way before him, he was hardly prepared for the reply, which was: "I have nothing to do with that, it is between you and your God; but come back to work on Monday morning." The victory was gained by prayer.

I trust the experience of this brother may encourage some other man or woman who is in the "valley of decision". "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever." Heb. 13:8.

TANTALLON, N. S.

It has been some time since the readers of the Messenger have heard anything from this quarter, but we have not been idle. The writer returned in October, closing up the summer's work in the canvassing field for the present, having delivered about 350 books on present truth, also some bibles.

These books have been sold on the south shore from Jeddare to Marie Joseph, a distance of seventy-five miles. Having been canvassed so often with our books, the people are now anxious to hear the living preacher, in fact I have never seen such a strong desire to hear as is manifested on the part of some of them. By invitation, the writer held a few meetings at Marie Joseph, where the interest was all that could be desired. The congregation, though members of the Church of England, conducted the singing most creditably, using the Gospel Hymn Book. The free use of their hall is offered with a strong appeal for more preaching. I left them with the promise of returning as soon as convenient. Am now hurrying my autumn chores in order to return before the weather gets too cold for the long journey of 150 miles from Tantallon without one mile of railway.

At Harrington Cove, where I was but once privileged to speak publicly to the people, my heart

was touched when bidding adieu to an old Baptist brother, who held my hand and with tears in his eyes said, "Are you not going to preach to us again? I believe you preach the whole truth." Here also the free use of a hall, with organ, etc., is offered.

At Spry Bay we have had repeated invitations to preach in the Presbyterian Church. We could name other places in this county that are open to us.

We feel that God is surely working upon the hearts of the people on these shores.

Halifax County has now four organized companies. We are hopeful of extending the work east and west of this centre and Capital, until the Gospel's joyful sound rings out from Cape North to Cape Sables.

I ask every reader of this article to remember not only the work, but the workers, in your prayers, that God may bless our feeble efforts to the salvation of souls and the glorification of His name.

LEVI D. LONGARD.

FROM THE FIELD.

I held meetings December 3rd and 4th at South Stukely, and while there visited the most of the believers at their homes.

At our missionary meeting fifty sets of the special number of the SIGNS and a few "Life and Health" were ordered. This means missionary work, and the Lord will bless every faithful effort put forth.

A young peoples' society was organized with Albien Taylor as leader, and Lura Libby as secretary. A collection amounting to \$2.11 was taken as a start in purchasing literature for the society. Many one, five, and ten-cent pieces will go into this fund which would otherwise be used to no purpose.

These young people will enjoy many blessings and do much good by imparting the truth to others.

The church school at South Stukely is going on well with Albien Taylor as teacher; and several scholars not of our faith are in attendance. The school should continue until May, instead of closing in February. Why not?

W. H. THURSTON.

We would be very much pleased, and I am sure that much good would be accomplished by it, if our brethren and sisters, especially those who are isolated, would write an occasional letter for the MESSENGER. I well remember when our good church paper, the REVIEW, was not so very much larger than the MESSENGER is now; and that which we looked for most was the letters from the brethren and sisters. We came almost to be acquainted with those of like precious faith whom we had never seen. Let there be a revival of those good old days.

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A LETTER.

Farmington, N. S.,
Oct. 30, 1904.

To the Messenger,—

The school at Farmington is progressing nicely. We are having some very encouraging young peoples' meetings at present, and our school-room is often seated to its fullest capacity. We have lately had an interesting temperance meeting the question being taken up on the broad platform from which we as a people regard it. It is encouraging to see how willing the students are to assist in these meetings, even the younger ones sometimes taking part.

Mrs. G. E. Price.

ITEMS.

God's truth conveyed to the heart of men in God's way is the gospel; but some man's idea of religion, enforced by the power of the civil law, is a perversion of the gospel.

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imagination. Send in your notes and they will be published without fear or favor.

"All things are yours; . . . and ye are Christ's, and Christ is God's."

The gospel received by the heart is the mystery of godliness. Religion and religious practices enforced by the power of civil law under the name of the gospel, is the mystery of iniquity.

More dear in the sight of God and his angels than any other conquest is the conquest of self, which each man, with the help of Heaven, can secure for himself. —Dean Stanley.

Brother Conrad Knister has sufficiently recovered to resume some of his duties. All are grateful that his life has been spared.

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HALIFAX	\$75.74	\$12.29
SCOTTS' BAY	43.27	
FARMINGTON	18.92	
TANFALLON	26.42	
INDIAN HARBOR	25.	5.40
MONCTON	20.13	
HOPEWELL CAPE	70.35	10.35
GOSHEN	16.69	
ST. JOHN	154.12	4.
FREDERICTON	50.37	9.02
INDIVIDUALS	4.	
TOTALS	\$504.41	41.06