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

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NEW YEAR LONGINGS.

Keep us near thy side, O God!
This new year of grace;
Make us what we ought to be—
In our service wrought for Thee—
Pure and true and kind and free,
Worthy of our place.

Keep us near thy side, O God!
Father of us all;
Soothing, as we live, Earth's care,
Breaking e'er its black despair,
Pointing man to thee so fair,
As we heed thy call.

Keep us near thy side, O God!
This and all the years;
Let our wills be only Thine,
And with love and purpose shine,
Till we reach the land divine,
Saved from sin and tears.

—*Rev. Calvin Weiss Laufer.*

THE EVERLASTING COVENANT.

Righteousness is attained "without the law." Rom. 3:21. That is to say, one becomes a Christian "without the law." But though that statement is strictly and absolutely true, yet it is just as true that this righteousness which is attained "without the law", is "witnessed by the law", and the very same verse says so. And it is just as true that no one in all the wide world, at any time during the history of the world, has ever attained to righteousness by, or because of, his obedience to the law; but any man, and every man, who has ever attained to righteousness, at any time, or in any place in all the world, has done so by faith alone.

But how is this faith by which one attains unto righteousness expressed?— We answer, it is expressed by simply believing what God has said. And what has God said?— He said to Abraham, "In thee shall all nations of the earth be blessed." Abraham "believed God" when he said that, "and it was imputed unto him for righteousness". "So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham." Gal. 3:6-9. Faith, then,—the faith which secures the imputation of righteousness to us now,

or to any one at any time,—is expressed by simply believing the promise, or covenant, made with Abraham.

But we wish to show how this covenant was confirmed to Abraham. "For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swear by himself, saying, Surely, blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee. And so after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men verily swear by the greater; and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife. Wherein God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it with an oath." Heb. 6:13-17. See also verses 18-20.

From the reading of Gen. 17:9,10, it may possibly be thought that circumcision is the covenant which God made with Abraham. "And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore: thou and thy seed after thee in their generations. This is my covenant which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; every man child among you shall be circumcised." And again we read in the sermon for the preaching of which Stephen was stoned to death; "And he gave him the covenant of circumcision," etc. Acts 7:8.

Now, although at first reading this language may seem to some minds to be very conclusive evidence that the covenant made with Abraham was circumcision, yet there are many very strong reasons for objecting to this conclusion.

First, it is contrary to the general idea of what constitutes a covenant.

Secondly, it is contrary to the direct statement of Scripture of what constitutes the covenant,— "the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall thine kindreds of the earth be blessed". Acts 3:25.

Thirdly, the covenant, or promise, is plainly distinguished from the law in Gal. 3:15-18, and elsewhere in the Bible; but circumcision, whether as first given to Abraham, or as afterward incorporated in the law of Moses, is distinctly and plainly a law, and in no sense whatever can it be considered as a promise. Ishmael was circumcised, but the covenant was not established with him. Gen. 17:20,21.

Fourthly, if circumcision is the covenant or promise, upon which the inheritance depends, then it

follows that instead of being *nothing*, as Paul declares in 1 Cor. 7: 19, it is *everything*, not only to the Jew, but also to the Gentile as well; for the only hope of either Jew or Gentile is in the fulfillment of the promise, or covenant, made with Abraham.

Fifthly, it does not look reasonable that God would involve so much as the salvation of the whole human race in the practice of a mere rite or ceremony which included only the males of a single race.

And lastly, if circumcision is the covenant, or promise, does not its fulfillment depend more upon man's work than upon God's? In short is it not justification by works?

To be continued.

ONTARIO.

We left Selton Monday to go to Lindsay, stopping off at Lorne Park for twenty-four hours. While we were there three more arrived, Henry and Maude Pengelly, and Florence White.

After this we hope that the MESSENGER can be mailed each week on Wednesday morning, so that it will reach the subscribers before the Sabbath.

On Wednesday, Jan. 3, a telephone message found me at Toronto, asking me to attend Sister Weitzel's funeral. This brought us back to Selton that evening. The following day was pleasant, and the church building was well filled. Sister Weitzel had lived there many years, and was among the oldest citizens of that vicinity. When we were looking for a place to put up the tent ten years before, we found a most inviting spot in the grove on their farm. Their home was always open for us. When the resting time came this family became steadfast friends of its principles.

As there were several who were interested, we remained until the following Sunday evening. Services were held each evening, and in the day time on Sabbath and Sunday. We are hopeful that it will result in another obeying this message. It seemed that we could not leave until all the interested ones had decided to obey the Lord.

The Lord's coming is upon us. This generation is to see the personal advent of our Saviour. "But the day of the Lord will come", suddenly and unexpectedly. We are to watch and be ready.

A. O. BURRILL.

MOVED TO OTTAWA.

At our campmeeting last September I was advised to locate in Ottawa as soon as convenient.

On my return from the States in November I visited Ottawa, but was unable to find a desirable location. During the week of prayer I looked the city over again, and found a house that I could use until

spring. Deciding to make the best of it, and feeling that I should not wait longer, I loaded my goods at Knowlton Dec. 27, and then went direct to Ottawa to see what I could find while my goods were on the way. I made the matter a subject of prayer, and asked the Lord to guide me to a suitable place.

I first went to the Real Estate agent, and asked if he had anything new since I had been there before. He gave me street and number of three houses. As I started out I felt impressed with the second house on the list, and went directly there. I found a very desirable place. The man occupying the house had just moved into his own house five days before, but was keeping fire in the former to prevent the pipes from freezing.

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes. I thought I would like to tell the brethren and sisters about this experience for their encouragement. The Lord is good and greatly to be praised.

My family will reach Ottawa not later than Jan. 9.

I expect to labor in Ottawa the remainder of the winter. My permanent address is 555 McLeod St., Ottawa, Ont. Friends passing through the city are invited to look us up.

W. H. THURSTON.

PETROLIA, OIL SPRINGS, CHERRY GROVE, AND EXETER.

It was my privilege to visit some companies and isolated sabbath-keepers, during the week of prayer.

I spent three days with the company in Petrolia. We experienced the rich blessings of heaven in all our meetings and bible-studies. The brethren and sisters are of good courage in the Lord. Being already readers of the "Review", they subscribed for the "Messenger" and the "Sabbath School Worker".

Two have been added to their number since last fall as a result of some faithful Bible-work done by Sister Boyce, formerly Miss Hattie Allen. There are five or six waiting for baptism.

From here I went to Oil Springs where I found three Sabbath-keepers. They all read the "Review" and "Messenger" I received their subscription for the "Sabbath-school Worker". Fifteen dollars and sixty-five cents was handed to me in tithes and offerings.

From what I have found I am led to believe that there are some here who could be brought to take their stand for the truth if some good Bible-work could be done with them. Sister Boyce of Petrolia being willing to go to Oil Springs as often as she can to give readings to those that are interested. Brother Bartrem of that place kindly offered to pay her fare. We hope to see the work built up here.

I went to Cherry Grove, six miles south of St. Marys to visit brother and sister Daniel Smith the

only Sabbath-keepers at that place. They are firm in the truth and of good courage. They also gave me their subscription for the "Review".

So the representatives of the "Third Angel's Message" are scattered all over the land to witness for the truth. May God bless and uphold them.

But we must not forget our company at Exeter. The annual offering at this place amounted to thirteen dollars. I am glad to report that our people here love the message, and as a result they are growing in the knowledge of the truth.

JOHN ISAAC.

VICTORIA ROAD, ONTARIO.

We moved to this place Aug. 20, and since then have succeed in placing some of our good literature in many homes.

THE READING BOX is proving a success. During November, someone became angry and tore the box down. We nailed it up again and it continues to witness for the truth.

Besides writing missionary letters we have circulated the following amount of literature.

PAPERS.		PAGES OF TRACTS.
Sold	37	
Given away	109	1946
Loaned	70	
Mailed	84	64
Taken from Box	90	464
Totals	390	2474

We sewed the four Special Signs together. I called at twenty three places and succeeded in placing 17 sets in seventeen homes. Selling some and loaning the rest.

While showing the papers one lady said, "Are you still selling that book Christ's Object lessons." We decided to take one just after you were out of sight when you were here before.

We also sent 12 sets of Signs through the mail to interested parties. We expect to follow up the work as providence indicates. We have begun to hold Bible studies with some of our neighbors.

Pray for the work here. God is just as willing to bless and to give success as in Korea.

MR. and MRS. J. A. BAKER.

VICTORIA ROAD, ONT.

KNOWLTON SANITARIUM.

We are glad to report the continued successful work at the Sanitarium.

Jesse Booth, who has been spending some time at Richford, Vt., giving treatments, returned last Friday night, bringing a patient with him.

Eider Rickard visited the Sanitarium on Jan. 1,

for the purpose of assisting Elder Farnsworth in organizing a church. There were ten members, and we hope more will follow. Although the members are few we trust a good work will be carried on here.

The Sanitarium family spent a very pleasant evening on Dec. 26, at the "Nurses' Home" where a Christmas tree was held. The programme was short, consisting of hymns, an address by Eld. Farnsworth, and selections given by those present. An important feature was the reading of the "Sanitarium Advocate" which caused much merriment.

The tree was well loaded with presents, both nurses and patients being remembered.

OBITUARY.

WEITZEL.—Died at Selton, Ont. of old age, Rachel Everitt Weitzel; aged 82 years, 8 months, and 17 days. Her birth was in Harwich, Kent county, She leaves a husband, seven children, and eight grandchildren.

For nearly fifty four years they lived on the same farm. When the Sabbath message and coming of Christ was brought to this country home, she, her husband, one daughter, and a grand-daughter received it. It was in their grove that the tent was set, and on the same spot the church was built. In this church her funeral was held. The church was filled on the funeral occasion while the writer spoke to them from Johh 12:24.

A. O. BURRILL.

TAYLOR.—Died at South Bolton Que., Dec. 18, 1904, Mrs. Carolina Eveline Taylor. Sister Taylor was born in Devonshire England Jan 31, 1873, and embraced the Third Angel's Message in Sept. 1898. For about two years she manifested her love for the light she had received by earnest faithful labor circulating literature to spread the truth in her native land. Sept. 7, 1900 she was united in marriage to Argyle M. Taylor, and soon afterwards came with him to his home at South Bolton, Que. with the hope of being able to assist in the canvassing work in this province. But her health soon failed, and the disease that caused her death, (carcinoma of the stomach) gained steadily upon her. Although disappointed in not being able to go on with her work, yet she was resigned to His will who doeth all things well, and fell asleep in Jesus with a bright hope of having a part in the first resurrection.

The funeral services were conducted by the writer assisted by Elder S. A. Farnsworth.

H. E. RICKARD.

"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him."

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TO OUR READERS:—

When requesting change of address, be sure to give both old and new address.

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LIFE AND HEALTH was the name given to the Pacific Press Health Journal when it was transferred, last July, from the Pacific Coast to the REVIEW AND HERALD, Washington, D. C. In its neat new dress, with its message of the a b c principles of life and health, it is rapidly becoming more popular with the masses, as is demonstrated by the following report from one who is working with it:—

"I received the sixty copies of **LIFE AND HEALTH** the day before yesterday, and sold them all except two the next day. Could easily have sold many more, but was feeling bad and could not work longer as my health is poor."

Many others are doing fully as well as the one giving the above report. It might be well for some of our readers to send for sample copies of this excellent health journal and place it in circulation in their community.

MARITIME NOTES.

Elder Wm. Guthrie has just returned from his trip to Iowa and Missouri, and reports \$950 gathered for the Farmington Academy.

At a meeting of the Conference Committee held at St. John Dec. 29 and 30, it was decided to erect a new building at the school, large enough to accommodate about thirty students.

The conference will be held at Farmington, as early in the fall as the school building can be completed.

The Conference has secured the services of Elder E. E. Gardner to take charge of the school for the coming year. Elder Gardner has had experience both as a teacher and a preacher, and we bespeak for

him a very cordial welcome in the Conference, when he arrives about Mar. 15, 1905.

It was recommended that Elder Guthrie visit Tiverton, Indian Harbor, and Fredericton during the winter; and that an effort be made in each place to lift the standard of truth higher.

Brethren Andrews and Hanna are to continue the work in Fredericton and Halifax until the April council.

Brother Levi Longard was present at the council at St. John. He will visit West Jeddore in the near future.

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

	TITHES	ANNUAL OFFERINGS	FIRST DAY OFFERINGS.
	\$	\$	\$.95
GALT			
GUELPH	21.		
ST. THOMAS	124.94	28.25	
OTTAWA	7.10	1.	
HAMILTON	23.70	30.90	1.65
LYNDEN	10.55	5.50	
ONEIDA	3.23	4.	1.43
CHATHAM	1.38		7.93
LONDON	52.75		
LINDSAY	12.53	12.97	
EXETER	2.75	13.	5.20
BOUCK'S HILL		7.	
TORONTO	9.	23.05	
BELLEVILLE		5.32	
MUSKOKA	7.27	15.10	
BRANTFORD	12.80	13.65	2.
KENYENGH	3.05		
IROQUOIS	.82		
ALBUNA	13.29	8.39	.70
WOODSTOCK		2.25	
PETROLIA		5.25	
INDIVIDUALS	19.20	4.	
TOTALS	326.36	178.63	18.91

SOUTHERN FIELD

Galt	\$1.20
Chatham	\$2.45
Individuals	\$1.

SABBATH-SCHOOL OFFERINGS

Lindsay	\$2.64
Guelph	\$5.21

CONTINGENCY FUND \$1.

WASHINGTON FUND \$4.75

B. B. NOFTSGER, Treas.

Brother S. D. Hartwell returned from Newfoundland on Sunday, Dec. 25. He spent Sabbath, Dec. 24, at Montreal.