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

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LIBERTY.

We welcome thee, Liberty, beautiful Star,
Thy bright beams have cheered us though seen
from afar.
We would thou wert nearer, thy beautiful light
Would scatter the darkness of error's long night.
Thy beauty has faded. Thy lustre, of lead.
Oppression has dimmed thee, thy glory has fled.
O Liberty, Liberty, light of all men,
Leave thine obscurity. Shine out again.
Banish oppression with sin and its sadness.
Bring to thy votaries freedom and gladness.
Shine out from thy hiding, O Liberty fair,
And save thy sad children from doubt and despair.
In Eden, glad Eden, thy course was begun,
Outshining in splendor the light of the sun.
In Eden, sad Eden, Oppression's dark blight,
With darkness more dense than the darkness of
night,
Obscured thy bright beams, dimmed thy radiant rays,
And with sorrow and sadness embittered our days.
But though through the ages but dimly we see
The light and the glory still shining from thee,
We know that here long with the might of God's
power,
Thy light will shine out again, haste the glad
hour!
When bright as thy beams shone in Eden of yore,
The whole earth be lighted to dim nevermore.

E. L.

A DEFINITE CALL TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. FROM THE WRITINGS OF MRS. E. G. WHITE.

We have an army of youth to-day who can do much if they are properly directed and encouraged. We want our children to believe the truth. We want them to be blessed of God. We want them to act a part in well organized plans for helping other youth. Let all be so trained that they may rightly represent the truth, giving a reason for the hope that is within them, so that they may honor God in any branch of the work where they are qualified to labor.

Who of our youth will give themselves to God for the purpose of laboring for their fellow youth? Who will put their talent out to the exchangers? Who

will feel their sacred accountability, and put to use every faculty given them of God to win souls?

Young men and young women, God has a work for you to do: take up your cross and follow Christ, or you are unworthy of him. While you remain in listless indifference, how can you tell what is the will of God concerning you? And how do you expect to be saved, unless, as faithful servants, you do your Lord's will? . . . God calls upon you to work, work for him. Make an entire change in your course of action. You can do a work that those who minister in word and doctrine can not do. You can reach a class whom the minister can not affect.

Will the young men and young women who really love Jesus, organize themselves as workers, not only for those who profess to be Sabbath-keepers, but for those who are not of our faith?

Young men and young women, can you not form companies, and as soldiers of Christ, enlist in the work, putting all your tact and skill and talent into the Master's service, that you may save souls from ruin. Let there be companies organized in every church to do this work.

The formation of small companies as a basis of Christian effort has been presented to me by One who cannot err. If there be a large number in the church, let the members be formed into small companies, to work not only for the church members, but for unbelievers. If in one place there are only two or three who know the truth, let them form themselves into a band of workers. Let them keep their bond of union unbroken, pressing together in love and unity, encouraging one another to advance, each gaining courage and strength from the assistance of the others.

Even though pastors, evangelists, and teachers should neglect the seeking of the lost, let not the children and youth neglect to be doers of the word. Let young men and women and children go to work in the name of Jesus. Let them unite together upon some plan and order of action.

Can you not form a band of workers, and have set times to pray together and ask the Lord to give you his grace. Then put forth united action. You should consult with men who love and fear God, who have experience in the work, that under the movings of the Spirit of God, you may form plans and develop methods by which you may work in earnest and for certain results.

It would seem that the foregoing embraces all our young people. The church officers and every member of the church should encourage this line of work.

All can assist in this good work and help much in keeping the bonds of union, pressing together in love and unity, and encouraging advance. What is your church doing along this line?

"The work that centuries might have done
Must crowd the hour of setting sun."

W. H. THURSTON.

A CAUSE FOR REJOICING AND A GREAT NEED.

A look at the MESSENGERS for Dec. 15 and Jan. 5 will disclose the fact that the tithe of the Maritime Conference for the four months ending Nov. 30 was \$669.06. At this rate our tithe for the year would be \$2007.18. This is as it should be, and shows that the Lord is moving upon the hearts of his people to be faithful in their labor of love for those in the home field who have not yet heard this blessed truth. Oh what joy there will be when the sheaves are gathered in, and the dear ones here who have been faithful in tithes and offerings shall see of the travail of their souls and shall be satisfied.

We are all gratified to see that our offerings for missions for the same period was \$58.72. This is also good, and the Lord will bless our sacrifice to the good of souls. But what a change there would be in this sum if all could give the ten cents per week. But as all cannot do this, can not some of us do more, and so make the sum reach as near the ten cent average as possible? Is there not some little luxury or even some necessity that we can deny ourselves so that our missionary workers abroad may have their allowance in time to keep them from suffering. Only the other day I received a letter from the General Conference, stating that there is a great shortness in the mission fund.

I tell you this that you may know the great need, and I am sure that you will use the talent the Lord has given you to help all you can to relieve our workers, and aid in sowing the truth in other lands. Then when the great harvest time shall come, you shall return and discern between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not. Then shall we see of the travail of our souls and be satisfied.

WM. GUTHRIE.

THE HOLY SPIRIT.

The Spirit of God is ever seeking to break the spell of infatuation that holds men absorbed in worldly things, and to awaken a desire for the imperishable treasure. It is by resisting the Spirit that men become inattentive to, or neglectful of, God's word. They

are responsible for the hardness of heart that prevents the good seed from taking root, and for the evil growths that check its developments.

The Holy Spirit will take the things of God and show them unto you, conveying them as a living power unto the obedient heart.

FROM THE CANVASSING FIELD.

Our brethren have asked me to write a report of my canvassing work for our little paper, and being at leisure for a short time this evening, I will do so, hoping I may encourage some who have left the canvassing work to come back to the field. The canvasser's path is rough and thorny, but I believe the Lord is with him; and I would rather go through hardships with the Lord, than have the comforts and luxuries of life without him. I am sure that God will grant his presence to every person who puts all his time, strength, and soul into His service.

Last September I was canvassing the district south of Clinton between that town and Exeter. I worked hard, but did not succeed in selling many books. I could find very few people who wanted good literature. I felt very much discouraged, and went to the Lord in prayer. I told him all the circumstances, and asked him to tell me where to go if he wanted me to leave that part. After that I went twenty-five miles north to Wingham, and had excellent success. The people said that their minister had told them to be very careful in choosing books for their children. They thought the Lord had sent me, the books were so good; and I have no doubt he did.

I was working up a large order for my December delivery, when the people began telling me that the minister was preaching from the pulpit against the "Coming King", saying that it was an Adventist book, and that it teaches error. He warned the people to burn the book if they had taken it. As this minister preaches at three appointments which ran almost straight across my territory, my work was much hindered. The people liked the books, but did not feel free to buy what their minister had condemned.

About this time I called on a man named Wm. Hays, who is a Sunday-school teacher. I sold him a copy of the "Coming King", and made arrangements to spend the night with him. When I returned, he called my attention to a notice in the "Christian Herald", which read: "Beware of book-agents handling books printed by the Review & Herald Publishing House at Battle Creek, Mich. They are Seventh-day Adventist literature. One of them, called the "Coming King", teaches the annihilation of the wicked, and that the world cannot be saved by

the gospel. The friends of the "Christian Herald" should be warned against such literature."

"But," said Mr. Hays, "your book is printed at Toronto, is it not?"

"No," I said, "it is printed at Battle Creek, and I am one of those Adventists."

"Now," he said, "I want you to tell me about your religion; I have never met one of your belief before."

We talked for several hours; both Mr. Hays and his wife were deeply interested. I explained to them everlasting punishment, the sleep of the dead, the Sabbath question, and the two laws. He said it was all Bible, and thought the editor of the "Christian Herald" need not be alarmed.

I expected to have great difficulty in delivering my books, and prayed very earnestly to the Lord that he would be with me and give me success; and that he would help me to show a Christian spirit. And I believe he helped me wonderfully.

Before I had delivered many books, I called on the minister to see why he condemned the "Coming King". I asked him first if he had read it. He said, "I have not, but was going by what others say about the book." I said, "Do you think it is fair to condemn any book before you examine it yourself?" He said, "The book teaches that the wicked have an opportunity to repent after death, and that Christ will reign on the earth a thousand years before the resurrection." I requested him to tell his congregation that he had misrepresented the book. "For," I said, "I am sure that the book teaches neither of these things." "Well," he asked, "what does it teach?"

We spent an hour talking on religious subjects. He seemed puzzled, and owned that he did not know which was the Sabbath. There was no ill feeling between us, and we had a good talk.

After my interview with the minister I knew better how to meet the objections of the people, whom I found very reasonable. Some who had decided not to take the book, changed their minds on examining it again, and said it was just the book they wanted.

On my whole delivery I lost only six orders for the "Coming King", and most of these were replaced by other books. Financially I lost very little on account of opposition; spiritually I gained much of the blessing of the Lord.

I am sure I have reason to thank the Lord and the dear brethren and sisters who were praying for my success. Our Saviour said, "If two or three shall agree on earth as touching anything they shall ask, it shall be done for them." In this case it has proved true, and I believe it always will. Let us pray again that God will send his spirit to work with the books, so that they will bear fruit for the Kingdom of God.

J. PENGELLY.

QUEBEC.

The last Sabbath of the past year I spent with the church at South Bolton. The blessing of God attended the effort, and we enjoyed a precious season together. Three who were baptized at our camp-meeting last fall were received into the church, and others are expected to join by letter soon. A good staff of officers was elected, and everything seemed more encouraging than it has been for some time. We trust that by the blessing of God brighter days are in store for this little church.

On the following Sunday, Jan. 1, we visited the Sanitarium at Knowlton, and assisted in organizing a church there. Ten members from among the nurses and other laborers of the institution were united in church fellowship, and we hope that others will soon follow their example. I was glad to hear the good report of the work which is being done in this institution. I hope that all the friends of the cause will contribute as liberally as possible to this worthy enterprise, so that the means can be raised to make the much needed additions and improvements to the building.

I was with the Montreal church Jan. 7 and 8 during their quarterly meeting. The attendance was rather small on account of the storm that was raging over the city; but we had a good meeting with those that were there. All seemed to be of good courage in the Lord.

January 11-16 I was at Bethel, and held eight meetings, which were well attended considering the weather and the state of the roads. The brethren here have recently sheathed their church on the inside with matched lumber, which adds much to the comfort as well as to the appearance of the building.

In all these, and many other places, we need more labor and laborers. If all will bring the tithe and offerings into the storehouse of the Lord, we will have plenty to send more workers into the field that is already ripe for the harvest. We hope that all will be faithful in this and every other Christian duty and privilege, so that the work may move forward in every line, and many precious souls be garnered in as the result.

H. E. RICKARD.

STAND NOT aloft apart;
Plunge in the thick of the fight.
There in the street and the mart,
That is the place to do right;
Not in some cloister or cove,
Not in some kingdom above;
Here on this side of the grave,
Here we should labor and love.

--Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

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LITERATURE WANTED.

We have been thinking for some time of writing to some of our large churches, asking them to have the children save their "Little Friends", and send them to us once or twice a month. One of the best ways of reaching some parents is through their children. There is scarcely a family within five miles on any side of us but has from one to eight children. In visiting these families we could use to advantage numbers of "Our Little Friend", "Youth's Instructor", "Signs", etc. Address

MRS. J. A. BAKER,
Victoria Road, Ont.

APPOINTMENTS.

No Providence preventing, I will meet with the church at Hamilton, Sabbath and Sunday, Feb. 4 and 5, as Brother Noftger may arrange; with the Lynden church on Sabbath, Feb. 11, at the usual place; with the Brantford church on Monday and Tuesday evenings, Feb. 13 and 14, as Sister Shanks may arrange; and with the Galt church on Sabbath and Sunday, Feb. 18 and 19. If there is an interest at the latter place, will follow it up.

A. O. BURRILL.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY TRACTS.

We have just received a small stock of the Religious Liberty tracts being issued by our brethren in the States. While it may be that they are better adapted for use in the States, yet it is certainly true that the principles taught are as well adapted to one country as another. Then too, it is well for us to know just what is being done in the States, where the "Image

to the Beast" that will be an example to all nations, is to be formed. We trust that our small stock will soon be ordered, and that good use will be made of them by the brethren. Price one-half cent each, 40 per cent. discount, with post added, for 50 or more. Address

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151 Hunter St., West,
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A LETTER.

Lindsay, Ont., Jan. 22, 1905.

TO THE MESSENGER:—

The work in Lindsay is progressing. The people of the town seem to be looking with favor upon our work here. A number have asked in particular concerning our work, so as to be able to recommend it to inquirers. The business men have treated us with the highest respect and courtesy. All the material, such as lumber, paints, and oils, were given us on time and at reasonable prices.

From the way in which the business men have received us, we are encouraged to believe that in the course of time the principles taught from the Third Angel's Message will be understood; and as a result some influential people accept the Truth. As the right arm is a strength to the body so the medical work must strengthen the church.

Sister Johnston and myself have been kept very busy getting the rooms ready for patients. We have a space of room 63x33, and all of this had to be scrubbed. The women of the church were so kind as to help us; our rooms now are clean and attractive. We want our rooms to present such a respectable appearance and such a lively and healthy atmosphere that our patients will feel that God is with us in all our undertakings.

We have had our space divided into six rooms,—bath-room, treatment room, kitchen, large bedroom, reception room, and front room. The rooms are partially fitted up, and we hope to be ready for hard work soon. We would be thankful for any donation from our brothers and sisters in Ontario, such as rugs, towels, sheets, pillow cases, dishes, etc. We have realized what it means to start up housekeeping. Anything will be appreciated.

We trust some young people may be permitted to come here by and by to help us, and in so doing get a training for the upbuilding of humanity. We trust that a medical school will be started somewhere in Ontario for the young people of the province.

We are of good courage, and are looking for better things.

Yours in His service,
SARIE BAKER.