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"TAKE HEART"

Take heart, O weary, burdened one, bowed down
 Beneath thy cross ;
Remember that thy greatest gain may come
 Through greatest loss.
Thy life is nobler for a sacrifice,
 And more divine.
Acres of bloom are crushed to make a drop
 Of perfume fine.
Because of storms that lash the ocean waves,
 The waters there
Keep purer than if the heavens o'erhead
 Were always fair.
The brightest banner of the skies float not
 At noonday warm ;
The rainbow traileth after thunder-clouds,
 And after storm.
Thy faults are needed, lest thy weakness be
 Too soon forgot.
God never gives his tenderest care to those
 Who need it not ;
Nor canst thou rest till thou hast labored well ;
 So, set for thee,
Are Alpine heights to climb, ere thou canst dwell
 In Italy.

—Selected.

STRENGTHEN YE THE WEAK HANDS

By J. S. WASHBURN.

One of the marked signs that the coming of the Lord is near is thus described in Luke 21:26: "Men's hearts failing them for fear." Trembling, discouragement, fear of dangers present and future, the reaction from the terrible nerve, mind, and heart strain under which humanity is laboring to-day, — this is one of the marked signs that the day of the Lord is at hand. If Satan can discourage God's people in the work given them to do, they will accomplish nothing. How comforting, then, are the words found in Isaiah 35:3,4: "Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense; he will come and save you.

To our loyal brethren and sisters in every part of the world, whose eyes are turned toward Washington at the present time, I am thankful to say that the largest, and in many respects the most encouraging meeting ever held by Seventh-day Adventists in Washington, D. C., was the meeting at Lafayette opera house, Sunday evening, Feb. 19. A large number of people of a most excellent class filled the main auditorium and the first gallery. There were also quite a number in the gallery above. Elder Luther Warren spoke on the power and working of Satan as contrasted with the power and working of Christ in the last days.

Let us take up any work that God gives us with courage. The end is in sight. Let us be strong to do his work. Now, dear brethren and sisters, there is one special work which is not finished. Let us finish it while the day lasts, for the night soon cometh, when no man can work. I refer to the work of selling "Christ's Object Lessons." In future I shall give a few statements from those who have had interesting experiences. I can quote in this article only one statement, and that from Brother W. C. Sisley, with whom nearly all our people are well acquainted.

"I have had a very precious experience in selling "Christ's Object Lessons" both in the States and in England. I have sold over three hundred copies without interfering in the least with my regular work. Most of the books were sold to business men, and I have been surprised to find how many of these men are interested in spiritual things. One notable case: A keen business man when approached I found to be a Sunday-school superintendent. We were both melted to tears while I showed him the pictures illustrating the Prodigal Son. I could see nothing but the amazing love of Christ in these pictures. He bought thirteen copies, — one for each of his twelve teachers, and one for himself. The blessings received while selling these books are still invaluable to me."

A GOOD IDEA

A brother in West Virginia has been successful in securing the publication of the new Religious Liberty leaflets in a daily paper in his city. They are

published in sections, thus making a series of articles which are run through the paper.

All can see that if this method of getting the truth before the people can be successfully worked in one place, there is no reason why it may not be done in many other cities and towns throughout the country with equally good results, and thus many souls be brought to a knowledge of the truth who might not otherwise be reached.

There certainly could be no way more economical to get the message before the people. Think of a newspaper of twenty-five thousand circulation publishing an eight page tract and placing it in the hands of its readers free of charge! This would be a saving of one hundred dollars, estimating the tracts at four dollars per thousand, to say nothing of the expense and effort it would require to get them before the people.

This idea opens up a field for those who do not possess talents as writers for the public press. Any careful and judicious person can select from the great volume of our literature, choice matter that we now have on all points of the truth, that would make excellent articles for the newspapers.

This matter for the press should be copied with a typewriter, or neatly written out by hand, always remembering to place quotation marks at the beginning and close of what is quoted, before signing and presenting for publication.

If there should be an issue on the Sunday question in your community, something appropriate might be selected for publication on that subject; or, if some labor trouble should arise, matter pertaining to that issue might be selected from our works; and so, matter appropriate for any questions might be selected from the great fund of information that is at our command.

It might be remembered that we have been exhorted by the Spirit of the Lord to utilize the public press in getting this message before the people.

Let those who are impressed with this idea, whether brother or sister, see what they can do, and report the result.

K. C. RUSSELL.

LINDSAY, ONT.

On Thursday, March 30, at the request of Elder Burrill, the writer went to Lindsay, to fill the appointment of Elder Leland, who had been called to another part of the province to attend a funeral.

This was my first visit to this church, and it was a pleasure to meet with the brethren and sisters there. Mrs. Hartwell accompanied me, and we greatly enjoyed our visit with the friends there, as well as the

privilege of worshipping the Lord with them in their snug little meeting house.

It must have been a disappointment to the church in not seeing Elder Leland, since he had sent an appointment, yet they did not allow this to interfere with their cheerful participation in the meetings held, or in co-operating with the Lord in the work of encouragement. Four meetings were held, and by the attentive interest manifested, and the response given as he endeavored to hold up the Saviour as the source of Life, the heart of the writer was much encouraged, and he trusts some good was done.

Sister Hurdon of Peterborough, Brother Baker of Victoria Road, and Brother Williamson from Toronto were also present and contributed considerably to the encouragement of the company at Lindsay.

The treatment rooms at Lindsay are being well patronized, and are doing much to open the way for the Three-fold message of Rev. 14, to be presented there with power. It is being demonstrated that the medical work is an important part of our work, and where it is properly represented, and connected with the work as it should be, it is proving to be indeed the "right arm of the message."

S. D. HARTWELL.

Lindsay, Ont. Apr. 5, 1905.

TO THE MESSENGER,—

Our work here is still progressing. We are of good courage, and indeed we have much to praise the Lord for. Each day brings its own duties and blessings. Truly the Lord is at the head of this work. We are glad to be counted among his followers. It means much to follow the lowly Jesus. His life of self-denial, his sorrow, cares and suffering, was spent for us, that we might enjoy eternity with him; so how little our "reasonable service" seems, compared to his great sacrifice.

We were glad to have Brother and Sister Hartwell with us over Sabbath, last week, also Sister Hurdon and Brother Judson Baker. The meetings were well attended and all expressed a desire that Brother Hartwell should return at some future time.

Yours in His service,

ANNIE JOHNSTON.

IMPRESSIONS AT KNOWLTON SANITARIUM

During the brief meeting to which I referred in my last article I became acquainted with the different advantages and disadvantages, opportunities, possibilities, and necessities of the Sanitarium.

The brethren informed me regarding their arranged improvements consisting of: First, wiring the whole building, thus giving a much needed and

superior facility for lighting, meaning more lights and better ones. Second, the installing of a larger furnace. The present one is inadequate and too expensive in its running. It will be seen at once that both improvements mean safety and saving, although the immediate outlay is an item nearly approaching \$1000, if I am not mistaken in the amount given me. And as there is no reserve fund from which to draw, great economy, fore thought, and judicious management must be exercised.

While the foregoing will undoubtedly be of great service and general benefit, it will, after all, affect only the shell of the work, and not the Sanitarium and its office specifically.

The Sanitarium has been established to promote spiritual work through human agencies. A Bible-reader without a Bible would work at a disadvantage. A sanitarium without proper equipment or with incomplete facilities could not possibly do efficient work. Our Sanitarium has an excellent superintendent, good nurses, and some appliances; but not sufficient armamentary. It would take entirely too much space to go into details of the needs, or to point out the advantages of such an equipment; but suffice it to say that some apparatus of this kind is almost indispensable. The appliances are not too expensive or out of reach, but the present financial condition will not warrant the outlay.

The absence of these appliances means reduction in income—their presence, proportioned additional income. Now, while there is a constant need, or cry, for aid here and there, can we not put our shoulder to the wheel and give a lift? My suggestion is that the different apparatuses might be obtained from the different churches. In this way we surely could obtain the necessary help. Now let us make an effort to help the Sanitarium—help those in charge as well as those who go there to seek help, and I am sure the Lord will help us all.

Give this matter your careful and prayerful consideration, and if you think of a better plan let us know it. Any member of the Sanitarium Board of Managers will be grateful to hear and note your interest. Further particulars may be learned from Dr. White, Elder Rickard, or Elder Farnsworth.

I am sure the Lord wants us to be at our best, to do our best. He will impress you and direct you, and his blessings will continually attend you.

C. V. S. BOETTGER.

HALIFAX, N. S.

Dear MESSENGER,—

The Lord has blessed our labors here by adding one more soul to our membership. Others are in-

terested, and are waiting for milder weather, to be baptized. To the Lord be the praise.

We met with fair success in getting signatures to the petitions, until Mr. Shearer and Mr. Moore of the Lord's Day Alliance came to Halifax and denounced us and our work in their meetings. Their wrath was stirred, and the ministers of different churches joined in the denunciations.

Since then we have had difficulty in getting signatures, as the ministers' influence sways the minds of the majority. However we secured several hundred names, many of them the signatures of business men, doctors, etc.; so we find there are some yet who are in favor of liberty and truth. The results of this work have been that openings have been made for presenting the truth, and a quantity of literature has been circulated.

Our Sunday night services are encouraging. We are presenting the "Religious Liberty" phase of the Message, and a good interest is being manifested.

Pray for us and the prosperity of the work.

Your brother,

J. GREER HANNA.

THE CANVASSING WORK.

A young man from Manitoulin Island came to our school at Lorne Park last fall, but was obliged to give up the school on account of matters at home. He tried to find employment in the city of Toronto, but was unable to succeed on account of the Sabbath. He then resolved to go canvassing for our books, and he has met with remarkable success. Last week he sold twenty-four dollars worth in two days, and there has not been a day that he has not made good wages. There are many of our young people who could do equally well if they would devote all their energies to the work. Shall we not see a goodly number enter the canvassing work the present summer.

The following is a report of one week's work from Brother H. D. Carr, who has been canvassing among the lumber camps of Manitoulin Island.

1 Home Hand Book (Lib.)	\$5.50
1 " " " (Cloth)	4.50
1 Man the Masterpiece (F. Mor.)	4.50
1 " " " (Cloth)	3.00
1 Patriarchs and Prophets "	2.25
4 Coming King (Gilt)	5.00
1 Christ's Object Lessons	1.25
1 Bible	1.50
1 Best Stories (Board)	.50

Total \$28.00

These books were sold in three days and a half.

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ONTARIO OFFICE NOTES

We have just received 200 of the *TEMPERANCE* number of the *Life Boat*, and find them excellent.

The new Year Book is the most complete ever published. Every family should have one. Price 25 cents.

If you have not received a sample of the *Southern Watchman*, send for one. We hope to get orders for large clubs of this excellent paper.

Now is the time to subscribe for the *Review*. It is 75 cents for the next six months, and you get a full report of General Conference proceedings.

Through a misunderstanding, our Year Books did not reach the office until the 5th inst. We now have a good stock of them, and all orders have been filled up to date.

"Colds, Their Prevention and Cure," a beautiful little book, as well as a very practical one, has just reached our table. Send for one; only 25 cents. Orders can be filled at once.

OBITUARIES

WALTER KNISTER of Ruscomb, died very suddenly on the morning of Wednesday, March 29. Walter had not been well for a number of years. An accident which happened to him a number of years ago, seemed to stop his growth so that he appeared to be not more than ten or twelve years of age, though in reality he was nineteen. Together with his father, two brothers, and one sister, he began to observe the sabbath of the Lord about twelve years ago when he was a mere lad; and though an invalid during the greater portion of that time, his Christian ex-

perience was such that "we sorrow not as others which have no hope," believing that he will have a part in the first resurrection. As a testimonial of the respect in which the family are held, more than forty teams followed the hearse to the grave, after listening to a discourse on the "Christian's Hope" from Job 11:18. * *

GLADDEN.—Died suddenly of heart disease at Glen Sutton, P. Q., March 23, 1905, Willard S. Gladden, aged 69 years and 22 days. Brother Gladden accepted the truth under the labors of Elder Rodney S. Owen, fifteen years ago this present month, and was an active member in the church. He took a deep interest in the Sabbath-school and church school work, also in the prayer meetings, social services, and other church gatherings. He was ever ready to lend a helping hand in every way that he could to assist in carrying forward the message.

He leaves two sons, five daughters, and other relatives and friends to mourn their loss, but not without hope.

The writer was assisted by Mr. J. H. J. Kerr (Episcopal pastor) in conducting the funeral services.

H. E. RICKARD.

**REPORT OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
RECEIVED DURING MARCH
ONTARIO**

	Tithe	First Day Offerings	Religious Liberty	Sabbath-school Offerings
ALBUNA	\$ 23.51	\$	\$2.44	\$
GALT	19.12	.80		
TORONTO	27.57			
HAMILTON	101.28	3.15	2.65	10.53
MUSKOKA		.50	.75	
OTTAWA	12.50	.80	2.	2.30
BOUCK'S HILL			.50	1.55
KENYENGHE	1.50			
LINDSAY	1.95			
CHATHAM	4.30		1.25	
LONDON	81.85	7.89	5.25	
LYNDEN	5.35	.70		
BELLEVILLE			1.35	
WOODSTOCK			.45	
PETROLIA	23.			1.
OIL SPRINGS	1.			
MARKHAM				.40
BRANTFORD	14.90	1.44	3.	
PICTON	1.55	.10	.10	
ST. THOMAS		10.		
PETERBORO	4.80			
INDIVIDUALS	39.62			
TOTAL	\$363.80	\$25.38	\$19.74	\$15.78
HASKELL HOME, HAMILTON	\$6.55			