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

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## ON HILLTOPS

Only the hilltops catch the golden splendor  
Of slowly sinking suns,  
While valleys lie within the deepening shadows,  
Where earlier twilight comes.

So shines a light where souls, through earnest  
striving,  
Have gained life's higher ways ;  
These human peaks of lofty thought and  
purpose  
Catch bright, celestial rays.

Press on with hope, clasp hands with those  
above thee,  
Strive for a glorious goal,  
Look not behind : the future holds life's  
promise,—  
Wealth to enrich the soul.

Rise to the hilltops of thy moral being,  
Bask in that sunshine's glow ;  
And radiant beams, that reach not lower levels,  
Will light thy path below.

—Selected.

## THE WASHINGTON SANITARIUM

BY MRS. E. G. WHITE.

A sanitarium is greatly needed near the city of Washington. In the providence of God such an institution will be the means of bringing a knowledge of the truth to those in high places. Sanitariums are the right hand of the gospel. In them the sick are to be taught that sin is the transgression of the law, and that it is this transgression that brings disease and suffering. In our sanitariums temperance in all its bearings is to be taught. Those who are suffering as the result of a wrong course of action are to be shown the necessity of reform in their habits of life. They have violated the laws of health. By the eating of flesh-meat and of rich, highly-spiced food, they have injured the digestive organs, and if they would get well, they must adopt a simple wholesome diet.

Those in charge of our sanitariums are to give clear instruction regarding these things. Medical mission-

aries are to be ministers of the gospel, showing the sick that by violating the laws of life and health, they are deranging the machinery of the body. There are many who do not realize the necessity of carefully guarding the living machinery. Their minds are to be aroused to the harm they are doing themselves by indulging in wrong habits, by intemperance in eating and drinking. They are to be shown the necessity of discarding the use of alcohol and tobacco in every form. Our physicians are to go to the root of the matter, showing that sickness and suffering do not come from God, but are the result of a wrong course of action.

Our sanitarium work opens doors whereby suffering humanity may be reached with the glad tidings of healing through Christ. In these institutions the sick may be taught to commit their cases to the great physician, who will co-operate with their earnest efforts to regain health, bringing them healing of soul as well as healing of body.

A sanitarium is needed at Takoma Park, and this work may be carried forward. Will not those who have means regard it as a privilege to give something toward this work, the needed fund may soon be raised. The Lord will certainly bless those who will cheerfully return to him his own.

I call upon our people, while the way is still open, to do earnest work, to rally round the standard, to answer the call that has been made for the completion of the one hundred thousand dollar fund. Come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty. This work is the Lord's, and he calls upon those who have means to bring their gifts to the treasury for the advancement of his work.

## PATIENT CONTINUANCE IN WELL DOING

Eternal life is granted, by him who will render to every man according to his deeds, to those only "who by patient *continuance* in well doing, seek for glory and honor and immortality." All the blessings of the gospel are for those who "continue in the faith." Hope may be deferred, but "in due season we shall reap, *if we faint not.*" Jesus, endured the cross, and we are exhorted to "consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds."

Are there some who, because of a lack of this "patient continuance in well-doing," have not yet received the fulness of the blessings promised to those who would faithfully do their part in the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons."

J. S. WASHBURN.

Secretary of the Relief of Schools committee.

From an encouraging letter recently received regarding the "Object Lessons" work in Wisconsin, we quote the following:—

"The churches and members that have done their work faithfully have been made happier and stronger because of the experience which they have gained. Some have missed a great blessing by with-holding themselves from this good work. There are many fields yet waiting for this book, and rich experiences may be gained by those who will go forth with courage and work for them.

"In some localities churches have been organized as the result of work introduced by the sale of 'Object Lessons.' One of our licentiates and his wife selected a new field, and proposed to begin work there by canvassing it thoroughly for 'Christ's Object Lessons.' They disposed of about fifty copies in the neighborhood, and then followed the interest with the *Signs of the Times*, and this by giving Bible readings. After a time they called the people together and held meetings with them, until a company of commandment-keepers was developed. Then followed the organization of a church. The brother who went there first writes, 'We now have a beautiful congregation here. . . . Our church school is becoming established, and is proving a great blessing to the church. We have a good teacher, and a good work is being done.'

"Success in the 'Object Lesson' work is not confined to those who devote the whole or a large portion of their time to the effort. During the time of the principal 'Object Lesson' campaign, a brother living in one of our cities started out from his house at 11 A. M. one day, carrying with him twenty copies of 'Object Lessons' for sale. Although he had no orders to fill, and the territory where he was to work had but recently been canvassed for the book, he told his wife to wait about dinner until he had sold out his stock. He disposed of the entire lot for cash, and got home to eat his dinner at 5 P. M. Another time this brother sold eleven 'Object Lesson' in going from his home to the church, and did not spend much extra time on the way.

"Another brother who has learned and accepted the whole truth since the sale of 'Object Lessons' began, has during the last two years endeavored, as far as possible, to devote one day in a week to the sale of our books. He has not been able to find

time every week to do this, but he has sold nearly five hundred copies of 'Christ's Object Lessons,' and has turned over all the money thus obtained to the tract society. He has also sold other of our books to persons who purchased 'Object Lessons' from him. The commission which he gets on all books and papers except 'Object Lessons' he devotes to different interests connected with the third angel's message, which call for money. His sales on 'Object Lessons' have averaged fully ten copies a day for each day that he has given to this work. He has often sold as many as twenty copies a day. He writes about the excellent favor with which the books are received, and hundreds of missionary visits which he makes with individuals and families. The work he has done was not to get money for himself, but because he wished to help the Lord's cause, and also desired to save souls. The experience that the Lord gave him in selling 'Christ's Object Lessons' has made this brother strong for various lines of missionary and evangelic work.

"WM. COVERT."

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## FROM THE FIELD

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### SUMMERFIELD, N. B.

After reading Elder Thompson's letter, I began to question whether I was one who expected you to furnish "brick without straw." So concluded, the dear Father helping me, to send in at least a few words of cheer.

Six years ago last fall God sent Elder Farman to our home. He had been holding tent meetings three miles from here, but we had never attended them, because I always felt condemned when I left the work God had given me to do, to run after anything else. So He who knew the integrity of our hearts brought the truth to our door. I invited the stranger in, and when he immediately began to talk about God's word, I called my aged mother into the room.

I took my dearly loved Bible, doubly dear since then, and searched to see if the amazing things he told us were true. My heart was almost transfixed when he explained Christ's work in the heavenly sanctuary, and I exclaimed with wonder, "Why have we never been taught these things!" I always had a deep reverence for the law of God, the ten commandments, and I saw in a moment that the day God told me to keep holy was being trampled under my feet. I knew that Jesus was the only one who could change it, and that if he did so he would say so, and that I would find it in the Gospels if he did.

After the Elder left I took my Bible and searched, and was fully convinced that he did not do so, but

instead, declared, "Till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law till all be fulfilled." So the second day after the Elder called, my mother and I both decided to be true to God and walk in all the light he chose to send us. We were each wholly unconscious of the other's decision. We had not spoken a word to each other on the subject, but each took the matter to the Lord alone. The Elder held a meeting in a neighbor's house that night, and we each publicly took our stand for the Truth. Going over to the meeting I told my husband of my decision. He stood aghast. "Why, how can you ever do it?" he exclaimed. I do not know, that is none of my business. My Lord commands, I must obey, and leave the consequences with him."

Six years have passed. Are we sorry we obeyed? Are we sorry we did not quibble, and twist, and squirm, and seek to evade the plain, simple word of the Lord? Ask Enoch if he is sorry he kept the commandments of his God for three hundred years. It was a very long time to bear what some religious teachers call a fearful "yoke of bondage." Ask Moses if he is sorry that he stayed in the mount alone with God, and received the law fresh written by our Saviour's own loving hand. Ask him if he is sorry he chose to suffer affliction with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin (the transgression of God's law) for a season.

Regret it? Regret a closer walk with God? regret a greater light on his blessed word? regret an increase in knowledge and heavenly wisdom? regret a greater understanding of the nature and attributes of God? regret the increased ability to teach diligently these statutes to my little boys when I sit in my house, when I walk by the way, when I lie down, and when I rise up?

I wonder that any one can ask such a foolish question. Scores upon scores of times my heart has poured out thanksgiving to God for sending his last glorious message to the door of his unworthy handmaiden.

Yours in the love of the truth,  
MRS. BRADFORD SMITH.

### LONDON, ONT.

It was my privilege to meet, together with Elders Burrill, Spear, and Miller, and Miss Ellen Burrill, with the London church April 8 and 9. Two services were held on Sabbath, and three on Sunday. The Lord came very near in every meeting.

The subject of the Sabbath morning service was, "The Latter Rain." This outpouring of the Holy Spirit is necessary to finish the gospel work, and to

prepare God's people for translation. It is therefore of the greatest importance that we pray most earnestly every day for the latter rain.

Elder Burrill spoke in the afternoon on the coming of the Lord as presented in the parable of the ten virgins.

In the evening, after the Sabbath, the workers met to counsel in regard to the work of the summer. It was decided that Elders Burrill and Spear pitch a tent the latter part of July on the School farm, where also the camp-meeting is to be held in the fall; and that Elders Miller and Isaac pitch a tent in some town about twenty miles from the School, so that they may be able to help those laboring at Lorne Park, or receive help from them, if necessary.

On Sunday morning Elder Miller spoke on Zeph. 2:1-3. This word of the Lord was given especially to those who live in the last days and will witness the close of probation. We should live as though this were our last day. Would we change our course if we knew this was to be our last day? Then we must change it now.

In the after-noon Elder Burrill told us of the financial condition of the school and of the spiritual condition of those in attendance, both of which are very encouraging. After that Sister Ellen Burrill gave a very important address on Africa, and our work there. Our hearts were stirred, and we all felt a desire that the same spirit might live in us that moved our missionaries in that dark continent to go through great hardships, and even lay down their lives for the salvation of those benighted heathen. At the close of this service Brother J. T. Smith was ordained Elder and Brother McConrill as deacon of the London church.

Elder Spear spoke in the evening. Our attention was called to the different means through which God speaks to mankind. We are admonished not to harden our hearts when the Lord speaks to us. The Lord not only forgives us our sins, but he also promises to give us power to live above the power of sin. He places our feet upon the Eternal Rock where we find refuge from the wily foe.

JOHN ISAAC.

Those who desire to do a great deal of good in our world must be willing to do it in God's way by doing little things. . . Steady progress in a good work, the frequent repetition of one kind of faithful service, is of more value in God's sight than the doing of some great work, and wins for His children a good report, giving character to their efforts. Those who are true and faithful to their divinely-appointed duties are not fitful, but steadfast in purpose, pressing their way through evil, as well as good, reports. --White.

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ONTARIO OFFICE NOTES

Have you sent in your Haskell Home Offerings?

We are still receiving orders for "APPEAL TO CLERGY."

You can get the *Watchman*, *Good Health*, and the *Medical Missionary*,— all three, for \$1.50.

Sister Baker writes encouragingly of the work in Lindsay. Miss Ethel M. Lyng of Belleville will unite with the work there.

The first number of *The Watchman*, formerly called "The Southern Watchman," comes to our table full of PRESENT TRUTH. Subscribe for it now.

The writer spent last Sabbath and Sunday with the Indian church at Hagersville. We enjoyed a good meeting on Sabbath and two on Sunday.

Orders and renewals for the *Review* are coming in well. No one seems to want to miss the reports of the General Conference proceedings.

For some reason we have received orders for about fifty quarterlies more than usual, and therefore have not been able to fill orders as promptly as we would like.

It will be necessary to make out the Sabbath-school report earlier than usual this time. Will all the secretaries who have not already done so, please make out their reports and send them in?

I have just received the books from the treasurer of the "Object Lesson" fund. In looking them over, I find that we have sent out from this office, since

last camp-meeting, 1042 books. Only 616 of these have been paid for, leaving a balance of 426 still in the hands of the brethren unpaid for. Please remember that as long as they remain there, they will not benefit Lornedale Academy any. The Academy would greatly appreciate a remittance whether you have sold your books or not. What an excellent thing it would be— what an "object lesson"— if all these were sold and paid for before next camp-meeting time, and then all come up to the meeting ready to take as many more. We can no longer plead cold, snow, and bad roads. The weather is fine, and the roads are good. I am sorry to say that some of the churches have not sold any of theirs, others but few.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The financial Secretary of the General Conference desires to make a full report of the "Object Lesson" work at the Washington meeting in May, and in order that he may do this it will be necessary for every church to report.

I would be pleased to have every church in the Canadian Union Conference report to-morrow to the Secretary of the conference to which it belongs, (local conference) the number of "Object Lessons" sold up to Jan. 1, 1905, and then to have the conference Secretary make up the report of the conference and send it to me by the next mail. If you are not able to give the exact number, give it as near as you can.

Please attend to this now. Let all act promptly and we will have a whole conference of acts. As soon as you read this notice please comply with the request before taking up again your usual pursuits. Please act promptly.

W. H. THURSTON.

DEAR MESSENGER,—

Through your columns I wish to present a worthy case to which my attention has recently been directed. There is a blind brother who is running a small business near Moncton, N. B. He is greatly in need of about \$100 to buy more stock. This is his only means of gaining a livelihood. If any of the brethren or sisters could loan him the whole amount for one year without interest, or if a number could loan small sums and send to me with their full address, it would help this poor brother in his need. "Whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, how dwelleth the love of God in him? 1 John 3: 17.

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