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

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AT EVENING

How softly fall the evening shadows pale,

Golden and purple sunsets blend and fade;
Night robes earth quietly with mantling veil,
And peace and rest the gentle hour pervade.
Great nature soothing with her potent power,

Breathes to the world-worn heart her sympathy;
And 'mid the tranquil of such spell-bound hour,
The memories of the past steal tenderly.

Atwart the scene the moon with golden trail
As erst with pitying glance and mellowed light,
Sweeps through the empty space with steady sail,
And floods with beauty the enchanted night.

It is the hour for sweet and tender thought,
And wh'isperings of the life that is to be,—
And Faith and Trust with holy impulse fraught,
Speak to the soul in nature's poetry.

Unconscious of our selves we sink to sleep,
And bright-robed beings round our couches
stray,

In sacred stillness holy vigils keep,
And night assumes the sceptre of her sway.

—Mrs. Emmeline B. Wells.

THE WAGES OF SIN

Justice demands that when punishment is inflicted upon a criminal, it should be in proportion to the offense. This rule has not always been followed in dealing with criminals, but in many instances capital punishment has been inflicted for really petty offenses in some of the most civilized nations of the earth, and that not so many years ago. But there is one kind of offense that should never be dealt with by any civil government, and that offense is sin.

The Bible says that the wages of sin is death. Whether death should be considered as a penalty, or as a natural consequence, is a point that we will not stop to consider in this connection, as it is all the same to our argument whichever position is taken. We shall speak of it as a penalty, and if any are disposed to question it, we shall not enter into an argument upon the subject with them.

He only who understands the nature of an offense is qualified to say what punishment is in proportion to that offense. An earthly judge may be able to

make a distinction between ordinary crimes, and to apply a penalty in proportion to the distinction which he has made. But when it comes to sin, there is no earthly judge who is qualified to understand the nature of it, and therefore he would be disqualified from pronouncing a penalty against sin.

When the statement is made that the wages of sin is death, no distinction is made between greater and lesser sins. Sin, however it may be regarded by us, whether as little or great, has but one penalty attached, and that penalty is death; but there is no human power on the earth that would be justified in pronouncing the death penalty, for every sin. Even if they would be justified in pronouncing the death penalty for any sin at all, they certainly would not be justified in inflicting the death penalty for every sin that may be committed; *yet the wages of sin is death!*

But even the fear of death which God has pronounced as the wages of sin, is not sufficient to prevent men from committing sin. How then can it be expected that the same penalty threatened by a man, can have the effect to change the sinner's heart, and thus prevent him from sinning. But if the death penalty is not sufficient to restrain men from sinning, surely a less penalty would have no effect upon them; and therefore neither the death penalty, nor any other penalty of any character whatsoever, should ever be inflicted upon any man by any other man, or by any association of men, as a punishment for sin. When the government has dealt with criminals as they should be dealt with, its work is done. Sinners should be left for God alone to deal with, and the wages of sin is death.

THIS MAY HELP YOU

BROTHER FRANK FRY, who is doing successful work with Christ's Object Lessons, has had a cover printed for the book, which reads as follows:—

(FRONT)

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(BACK)

TESTIMONIALS

William Jennings Bryan says: "What I found on pages forty-five and sixty-three was worth alone the price of the book to me."

"Above all teachers stands the Christ, above all literature is the Bible. In this our day of materialism, this Teacher and his truths are inexcusably neglected. I do desire to most heartily commend the book 'Christ's Object Lessons' to the public, as a book worthy of reading. It is full of rich suggestions, and practical as well as interesting. No one can lay down this work after reading without being a better man or woman than when it was taken up.

"C. N. ROCKEY,

"Pastor Lutheran Church, Wanesboro. Pa.

"November 15, 1904."

"After carefully examining the book called 'Christ's Object Lessons,' I am much pleased with it. Such a work I can heartily recommend, feeling sure that it will be helpful to the reader. It is just the kind of book to buy for our friends. We can make no mistake in this.

"J. R. HUTCHINSON,

"Pastor United Brethren Church,

"Wanesboro, Pa., Dec. 3, 1904."

THE AUTHOR'S DESIRE

The author designs that her share of the proceeds shall be devoted to educational institutions; and the publishers join heartily in this excellent work by donating the labor of manufacture. Thus the profit that usually accrues to author and publisher will be used in educational lines.—*Preface.*

In a letter written April 19, Brother Fry describes this method of selling the book as follows:—

"I have prepared a printed cover for the book (a copy of which I am mailing to you to-day) which I think is a great help to those of our people who claim that they 'can not canvass.' With this cover on the book it is the idea to take copies and go to the better class of people, or into homes where one would expect the people would have intelligence and good sense enough not to damage or soil the book, and leave it for their examination, as is mentioned on the cover itself. Access can be gained to homes in this way, and sales can be made in this way where any other method would fail. I have

placed the book in some of the very best homes in this way, and when I would come the second time, if they liked the book, they would hand me the price and keep the book. I have laid this plan before the people of this State, and in some churches I have had them take as many as one hundred books and more. . . . I believe with you that it must go through to ultimate success, and I assure you that there is no one who is waiting more anxiously than I for the time to come when the jubilee song of freedom can be sung throughout our borders."

J. S. WASHBURN.

A TESTIMONY FOR NON-TITHE PAYERS TO CONSIDER

A BROTHER, in remitting eight dollars tithe, says: "This is on a salary not yet earned—I am paying tithe in advance. I have contracted to teach a school that will net me about eighty dollars. I used to hunt schools and discuss the old question, 'How can a poor man pay tithe and live?' I now discuss the new question, 'How can a man live and not pay tithe?' and let school directors hunt me up. Beside letting them hunt me up, I let them pay about as much as I can earn. In this case it is about forty-five dollars per month, what they offered me. I find Mal. 3: 10-12 is worth its face in gold—both the gold of heaven and of earth. If you know of any of our brethren who are discussing the old question, just tell them to change and discuss the new one."

—*Iowa Bulletin.*

FROM THE CANVASSING FIELD

WHEN I came into the truth and entered the Lord's work, there was no duty that I abhorred more than the canvassing work. Yet I knew that it was in part my calling from the fact that it was through the influence of good literature, carried by one of those heaven-sent messengers, that I was shown the error of my way, and called out of darkness into his marvelous light.

From the time the first ray of light began to shine in my soul I felt a desire to place the same book in the hands of my perishing fellow men. So being filled with the spirit, I made an immediate start, which met with success. I worked about five weeks in which time I sold and delivered about one hundred and fifteen dollars worth of Coming Kings. Some prejudice was raised, but apparently some of the books had a good effect, for while attending last fall's fair, I met several who welcomed me warmly, and thanked me that such good books had been brought to their homes.

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While delivering I learned of the camp-meeting to be held at London. So preparations were made, and I went to it, that I might be baptized. After returning home my time was occupied in farm work until late last fall, when I came to Lornedale Acad- to take a term at school. Scarcely had half the term expired, when, owing to the straightness of circumstances at home, I was obliged to leave. I felt that I should again go canvassing, but as above stated I dreaded it. So I tried to get employment in various places, but found none where I could hold my position and keep the Sabbath. There were now two gates open before me,—I must either enter the Lord's work, or cease to be an heir of salvation. I chose the former. How true it is that man's extremity is sometimes God's only opportunity. I have been canvassing in the vicinity of the school during the past month, and have gained a rich experience and had excellent success. Brethren and sisters, pray that other workers may be raised up, and that the good seed already sown may take root and bring forth fruit at the meetings to be held here in the near future.

J. H. MCEACHERN

OBITUARIES

BAXTER.—April 2, 1905 Frederick B. Baxter, of Long Reach, N. B. in the sixty-first year of his age. Brother Baxter accepted present truth under the labors of Elders Webber and Richardson, in St. John, N. B. A devoted wife and one daughter survive him. Brother Baxter has been sick for several months, and had expected the end would come ere long, and was fully resigned. At the time the roads were well nigh impassible, and none of our ministers could be secured for the services, and the Methodist minister of the neighborhood offered a prayer at the house, and the minister of the English church pronounced the burial service at the cemetery.

S. D. HARTWELL.

HILL.—Died May 1, at Kenyengeh, Ont., Sister Alice Hill, wife of Dr. Hill, the Indian Chief who has become so well known to our people. It is now about seven years since she and her husband began to observe the Sabbath under the labors of Elders Spear and Simpson. This woman has had a home for the poor and outcast all these years. No one was turned away from her door. She will be much missed by her husband, her two adopted children, her neighbors, and the church.

The funeral was largely attended. Brother A. G. Smith interpreted the words which were spoken to the neighbors who more than filled the little church.

Her grave is first in the new yard which is in the rear of the church building. Sister Hill died just before she would have reached forty. Words were spoken from Ezek. 37 : 1-14.

A. O. BURRILL.

TO THE MOURNER

IN hours of grief, oppressed with tribulation,
When storms beat sore within the troubled
breast,

How sweet to know the author of salvation
Said: "Come to me, and I will give you
rest."

Those words attend, O mourner sad and lonely;
Our Lord on earth was often lone and sad.
When loved ones sleep the thought of Jesus
only

Can dry our tears and bid the heart be glad.

The day draws nigh—how joyous the reflect-
tion;—

When Christ shall come in glory from above.
The Lord Himself, our life and resurrection,
Shall crown us His whom now unseen we
love.

—Dryden Wm. Phelps.

MANY are sad and discouraged, weak in faith and trust. Let them do something to help some one more needy than themselves, and they will grow strong in the strength of God. Let them engage in the good work of selling our books. Thus they will help others, and the experience gained will give them the assurance that they are God's helping hand. As they plead with the Lord to help them, He will guide them to those who are seeking for the light. Christ will be close beside them, teaching them what to say and do. By comforting others, they themselves will be comforted. —Mrs. E. G. White, in "Words of Encouragement to Workers."

LIFE is a leaf of paper white
Whereon each one of us may write
His word or two, and then comes night;
Greatly begin! Though thou hast time
But for a line, be that sublime!
Not failure, but low aim, is crime.

—James Russell Lowell.

BROTHER JOSEPH WOODRUFF, who has had pneumonia, is now suffering with his lungs. He is able to be up but little.

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OFFICE NOTES
ONTARIO

Brother John McEachern has just finished a successful delivery of more than sixty books in the neighborhood of the Academy.

The May number of *Life and Health* is the best that has come to our table. It is well adapted to the needs of the people for the season of the year.

"POINTERS TO SUCCESS" by Bro. E. R. Palmer, has just reached our table. It is a veritable little mine of information for all missionary canvassers, and is rich in practical points. It will be ready for circulation a little later.

We have received some very good offerings for the work in Washington, since last issue. Others are sending their offerings direct. We trust that by the close of the General Conference the \$100,000 will all be in hand and we can turn our attention to the "regions beyond."

LIFE CHIPS AT REDUCED RATES

We are informed that a lot of Life Chips which has been on hand for some time is now offered for sale to Seventh-day Adventists at two dollars per case. These goods are guaranteed to be perfectly sweet and by placing in a hot oven for a few minutes are as good as new, and at the price they are offered at, there is certainly a saving in using them. Address the factory at London, Ont.

S. D. HARTWELL.

REPORT OF SABBATH-SCHOOL OFFERINGS
FIRST QUARTER, 1905.
(Ontario)

	Member- ship	Average Attd.	Total Off.	Expenses of School	Donations to Missions
KOQUOIS	24	12	\$1.58	\$.80	\$.78
BRANFORD	24	17	7.79	.90	6.89
LYNDEN	10	8	2.20	.45	1.84
WOODSTOCK	16	13	7.18	7.18	
CHATHAM	19	12	5.01	2.33	2.68
GALT	13	10	6.31	2.30	4.01
KENYENGH	23	17	2.65		2.65
* GUELPH	13	10	10.65	1.30	5.16
LORNE PARK	22	20	3.09	.50	2.59
TORONTO	42	25	5.84	4.84	1.
SELTON	26	15	2.19	.56	1.84
† HAMILTON	25	21	18.14	2.60	10.53
LONDON	41	31	11.49	2.60	8.89
MUSKOKA	10	8	2.41	1.07	1.34
‡ BELLEVILLE	14	10	3.14	.49	1.30
BOUCK'S HILL	13	11	2.29	.74	1.55
ALBUNA	15	6	2.55	2.55	
MARKHAM	4	4	.40		.40
PETERBORO	8	7	2.	2.	
ST. THOMAS	16	13			
EXETER	22	20	5.		5.
LINDSAY	22	15	4.31	2.50	1.81
TOTALS	422	305	\$105.82	\$35.51	\$60.26

* Donated \$2.40 to Tent Fund, and 90 cents to Religious Liberty Fund.

† Donated \$5.01 to the Haskell Home.

‡ Donated \$1.35 to Religious Liberty Fund.

REPORT OF TITHES AND WEEKLY OFFERINGS
RECEIVED FROM FEB. 1 TO MAY 1, 1905

(Maritime)

	Tithe	Weekly Offe. 1 g
HALIFAX	\$57.69	\$10.26
TANTALLON	17.	
SCOTT'S BAY	35.	
FARMINGTON	7.41	.15
ST. JOHN	54.85	3.
FREDERICTON	20.	5.42
MONCTON	8.87	
HGPEWELL CAPE	17.15	2.64
INDIAN HARBOR		3.50
TOTALS	\$217.97	\$24.97

ALBERTA MCLEOD, Treas.

BROTHER S. D. HARTWELL returned from a business trip to the Maritime Conference on the 3rd inst., remained at home for one week, and departed for Washington on the 10th, to attend the General Conference.