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

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## Resignation

HE always wins who sides with God.  
To Him no chance is lost;  
God's will is sweetest when  
It triumphs at His cost.

All that God blesses is our good,  
And unblest good is ill;  
And all is right that seems most wrong,  
If it be His sweet will!

When obstacles and trials seem  
Like prison walls to be,  
I do the little I can do,  
And leave the rest to Thee.

I have no cares, O blessed Will!  
For all my cares are Thine;  
I live in triumph, Lord, for Thou  
Hast made Thy triumphs mine.

—Faber.

## "The Field is the World"

BEFORE preparing his fields for the seed, the wise husbandman makes a careful examination of them to see what their condition is, and what is necessary to be done in order to prepare them for the seed. When he has fully decided these questions in his own mind, he proceeds to prepare the soil accordingly.

No less careful should the spiritual husbandman be to take into consideration all the conditions of his field before he proceeds to scatter the spiritual seed. "The field is the world" and "the seed is the word of God."

As we enter upon the work of sowing during the New Year, we take a glance over the field to see its condition so that we may know what kind of labor to bestow upon the particular portion of the field to which we have been assigned.

## THE DOMINION OF CANADA

For "the common people," in some respects at least, no more desirable place can be found to live than in some parts of the Dominion of Canada. It is blessed with a fertile soil, with many natural re-

sources necessary to the sustenance of life, and with inhabitants who are thrifty and enterprising. The climate is somewhat severe, even in the more favorable part of the Dominion, while the northern portion is uninhabitable owing to the extreme severity of the climate. Nevertheless the country is one which is very healthful. Perhaps there is no place on the face of the earth more free from diseases of a malignant form than is the Dominion of Canada.

In regard to religion, the people make a high profession. Almost every sect is represented, and the people are quite tolerant toward dissenters. I say dissenters, for there is an established religion in some of the provinces of the Dominion as truly as ever there was in any country of the earth, and

## THIS ESTABLISHMENT

is one of the noxious weeds toward which the laborer in this field must especially direct his attention when preparing to sow the seed of the word of God.

We are well aware that this statement of the existence of an established form of religion in some portions of the Dominion of Canada will be resented greatly by the great majority of the professed Christian bodies, and that is the great reason why the weed is the more noxious, and the more difficult to eradicate. It probably never will be eradicated, but its roots will deepen, and its body will become more strong, until it has fixed itself as a national institution. Nevertheless there are a few who will see the character of the evil thing, and from their minds as individuals the wicked thing will be wholly eradicated.

## WHAT IS IT?

An established form of religion does not necessarily imply an established church. Indeed there is no established church as such in the Dominion of Canada, but there is an established form of religion in some of the provinces, and unless something is done to hinder it, the thing will become established all over the Dominion.

Practically an established form of religion is as bad as an established church, and in some respects it is a great deal more dangerous, because the people do not recognize the fact that they are enforcing a form of religion upon themselves. They can see that an established church would require some-

thing of them against their will, but they will not see that an established form of religion requires something of somebody else against his will, and virtually it is doing the same thing for themselves.

When the majority of the religious denominations of the land take some form of religious worship, and use their influence to secure a law requiring everybody, saint and sinner alike, to conform to that requirement, they have an established form of religion. And this has been attempted in the province of Ontario by trying to secure a law which will require

#### THE OBSERVANCE OF SUNDAY

This is one of the noxious plants which hinder the free growth of the seed of the Word of God in this beautiful province of Ontario. The Gospel of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, is, "Whosoever will *may* come." "Whosoever will" what?—Whosoever will obey, whosoever will stop sinning. Whosoever will stop Sabbath-breaking, along with every other sin, may come. But this law would provide fines and penalties of various kinds for those who will not stop working on Sunday. Yet there is not a man among them but will tell you that the observance of Sunday is a religious practice, when asked whether he considers it to be civil or religious. As an illustration in point we quote from an address made by Mr. Councillor John Jenkins, J. P., president of the Trade Union Congress, and who was elected president of the British Workingman's Lord's Day Rest Association at its 39th annual meeting. He said,—

"The gift of our Sunday comes not from Governments nor Parliaments, it is distinctly a Divine dispensation decreed by Almighty God at the creation and handed down to us through the generations by religious men of varying sects and races."

And again,

"The opening of museums, of picture galleries and exhibitions, the holding of Sunday concerts, and running of excursion trains, are so many "devices of the enemy" for breaking down the religious character of Sunday—*Which after all is its chiefest defence*—and turning it into a day of labor and secular pursuits."

Space will not permit us to quote from the multitudes of those who favor the observance of Sunday by law, and who have invariably spoken of it as a religious form of worship. Indeed it cannot be spoken of intelligently, nor honestly as being anything else. To be sure Mr. Jenkins says that "the religious character of Sunday is its *chiefest defence*," implying that it has some other defence. We would be pleased to have Mr. Jenkins or any one else tell

what other defence can be offered for the observance of Sunday. We make bold to say that it has no other defence. The observance of the Sabbath "is distinctly a Divine dispensation decreed by Almighty God at the creation, and handed down to us through the generations by religious men," as Mr. Jenkins says. We repeat that the observance of the Sabbath is simply a form of religious worship, and nothing more. And to require its observance by law is to form a religious establishment.

We are aware that in undertaking to eradicate this noxious weed we have undertaken a great work, but we are sure to win; for

"Truth crushed to earth will rise again,  
The eternal years of God are hers."

In our opposition to this religious establishment, we shall deal with principles, not with men; for we believe that many of those who favor a law for the observance of Sunday, are conscientious in their belief that the day should be protected by law and in their efforts to secure the law.

But the fact that a man is honest in his convictions is no evidence that his convictions are right. Multitudes of people have lost their lives because some one was honest in his conviction that they ought to die, when the truth was that the sufferers were in the right, while the man who caused their sufferings was simply a persecutor. Paul was an honest persecutor before his conversion, and those who advocate the observance of Sunday by law will come to see some time that they are in the same condition of mind that Paul was in. What we would like is to have them see this before it is too late. And to this end we shall work.

#### The Ontario Camp-Meeting

THE opening meeting of this gathering took place Thursday evening Sept. 8 on the school farm where the camp is located. There are twenty tents on the ground besides the pavilion, and a large tent for other meetings. At the present writing there are about sixty campers, and more coming on every train.

Besides the local workers in the conference, Elder McVagh, from Pennsylvania, is on the ground; and Elder Thurston, Elder Spicer, and Elder A. G. Daniels are expected to arrive soon.

The work of the Conference has been organized by the appointment of committees, and a spirit of unity and good-will pervades the camp.

Sabbath was an especially good day. After the morning service, a call was made for those who desired especially to dedicate themselves to the service

of God, to come forward, and nearly every one in the camp responded.

The weather has been all that could be desired, and with all these favorable conditions, we look for one of the best camp-meetings we have ever enjoyed in Ontario.

### Lorne Park, Ont.

OWING to unavoidable delays caused by late trains I did not reach here until the Sabbath day. I found the tents pitched in a beautiful grove on the Patchett farm, and a goodly number of delegates from different parts of the province enjoying a spiritual feast in this secluded spot.

The attendance from the outside was small, but I am sure that the influence of the meeting will be felt in all the churches and companies in Ontario. There is a disposition on the part of all and especially on the part of the young to consecrate themselves and their all to the service of the Master.

The outlook for the future of the school and farm is brighter and those connected with this work are correspondingly encouraged. I am especially impressed with the abundance of talent in the young people which bespeaks glorious victory for the third angel's message when all these are educated and trained and go out as canvassers, Bible workers, teachers, ministers, and medical missionaries. Personally I am enjoying much of the blessing of the Lord. Those who do not attend these yearly feasts do not at all realize what they miss. Elders Daniels, Thurston, and Spicer are expected this week.

C. F. McVAGH.

### The Quebec Camp-Meeting

It was my privilege to meet the friends of the Quebec Conference in their annual camp-meeting at South Stukely. Many of the old veterans in the truth were still at their post of duty, though some had gone to their rest since we last met with them seven years ago.

It was especially encouraging to see the spirit of unity and brotherly love that prevailed among the brethren in all their deliberations. Elder W. H. Thurston, Eld. W. A. Spicer, Eld. Wm Guthrie, and the writer were the ministers present, in addition to the regular laborers in the Conference.

Though the meeting was small, there was a spirit of determination on the part of the brethren to advance the work as rapidly as possible, and do all that was in their power to warn the people of what is coming upon the earth.

We spent one day at the Knowlton Sanitarium,

and were especially pleased to notice the spirit of love and true Christian piety that pervaded the institution. Doctor White has already won an enviable reputation as a physician and surgeon, not only among the people of Knowlton, but among the physicians of the place as well.

A class of trained nurses will leave the institution soon to enter the Medical Missionary work wherever the Lord may open the way.

### FROM THE FIELD

HALIFAX, N. S., SEPT. 3, 1905.

DEAR MESSENGER,—

Since my last report I have had the privilege of spending a few weeks with the churches at Tantallon and Indian Harbor. In both places the enemy has been trying to cause trouble.

Doctor Gamble, the Sunday champion, has been touring the provinces, and especially where our people are. So he visited these places and denounced the Seventh-day Adventists in a very un-Christlike manner. But the truth has triumphed and the cause of the enemy has been weakened. Wherever he has lectured the people wish he had not come, so he has only made confusion worse confounded. I reviewed his theory in each place, and had good audiences. I trust some seed has been sown to bring forth fruit to the glory of God.

While in Tantallon we organized a young people's society; and we hope to see it grow and prosper and be a strength to the church and a means of saving the young.

I will leave for Jeddore to-morrow to spend a week or more there.

We feel keenly disappointed in regard to the help promised us by the General Conference. Owing to lack of funds we cannot receive any addition to our corps of laborers. It is becoming more and more evident that the only place to look for laborers is our own conference. We have young men and women who by attending our conference school for a few terms and consecrating their lives to the service of the Lord, can become efficient laborers in the Master's vineyard.

The Lord has given this conference a good farm, school buildings, and good teachers. Now it is for every individual to rally to its support. Let all who have the interests of the Lord's work, the training of laborers, and the spread of the message at heart, plan to help in every possible way. Furnishings for the school will be needed—bedding, dishes, cooking utensils, etc. Make arrangements to help supply these. The time for drying apples will soon be here: dry some for the school. Do something,

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and thus have a share in the good work.

We have planned to have the annual conference session there in October, and you ought to be planning to attend. This will be one of the most important sessions we have yet held, and you cannot afford to miss it. The definite time and other arrangements will be announced later.

The Spirit of Prophecy says: "It is important that the members of our churches should attend our camp-meetings. The enemies of the truth are many; and because our members are few we should present as strong a front as possible. Individually you need the benefits of the meeting, and God calls upon you to number one in the ranks of truth."

Our confidence in the ultimate triumph of the third angel's message is firm and steadfast.

J. GREER HANNA.

### Ontario Notes

OWING to a slight misunderstanding with reference to the postal regulations, the MESSENGER for last week was not sent out on time. We hope to have the matter adjusted so that such occurrences may not be repeated.

SISTER SADIE BAKER closed her treatment rooms at Lindsay during the time of the camp-meeting, and with her assistants is here on the camp-ground.

MISS VICTORIA ROBINSON and Miss Violet Patchett expect to enter upon the Nurse's Course of training at the Knowlton Sanitarium as soon as possible.

OUR canvassers are well represented on the camp-ground, nearly all the Ontario workers being present.

We are glad to learn that Sister J. J. Robinson is well on the way to recovery from her recent attack of typhoid fever. At present she is at the hospital in London.

LORNE PENGELLY and wife are at the camp-meeting visiting his brother and sister Henry and Maude who have charge of the printing department at the school. Lorne took off his coat and went right to work setting type and otherwise assisting about the office. We extend the congratulations of the MESSENGER family to the newly married couple.

### YOUNG PEOPLE — ATTENTION!

We are authorized to announce the publication, about October 15, of a volume of "Addresses for Young People," by President Charles C. Lewis, of Union College. It will consist of ten addresses, given on various occasions during the past fifteen years, principally before audiences of young people. Just the book to save young people from skepticism, and inspire them to seek an education and lead pure and noble lives. The book will contain about 300 pages, and will be durably and handsomely bound. It will form an appropriate and valuable present for any young person, and may turn the current of his life into broader, deeper, and purer channels. Price one dollar per copy, postpaid. Orders received at once and filled with first copies from press. Send for descriptive pamphlet, giving sample pages, and telling how to secure a copy free. Address correspondence, and make orders payable to UNION COLLEGE PRESS, College View, Nebraska.

### Tithes and Offerings Received During August (Ontario)

	Tithe	First Day Offerings
	\$7.	\$
GALT	7.17	
PETERBOROUGH	5.	
PETROLIA	10.50	
KENYENGER	25.50	
TORONTO	8.31	2.90
HAMILTON	10.	10.40
OTTAWA	7.53	.40
LYNDEN	7.95	1.78
LINDSAY	7.75	
IROQUOIS	26.78	
BELLEVILLE	10.	
GUELPH	11.57	.60
WOODSTOCK	13.	3.61
CHATHAM	<u>\$158.06</u>	<u>\$19.69</u>
TOTAL		
WASHINGTON FUND		—HAMILTON \$1.00
KNOWLTON SANITARIUM FUND		" .20
NASHVILLE		" 1.50
SABBATH-SCHOOL OFFERINGS		—EXETER 4.03
CAMP AND TENI FUND		—LYNDEN 4.40