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# Canadian Union Messenger

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

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## Religious Liberty

THE Gospel of God's grace forbids the law.  
The sword of Civil Power, forbids to draw,  
To these, consistent, it can not appeal.  
A sinner lost is not reclaimed by steel.  
Nor yet by legal act can he be saved.  
Its power is weak for men by sin depraved.  
The Gospel's power alone can save from sin,  
And it alone has power from death to win.  
Like dread disease which foul contagion breeds,  
Malignant sore which on the vitals feeds,  
Like snowy leprosy, mocking at life,  
Defies physician's skill or surgeon's knife,  
Like burning fever, or consumption pale,  
Nought, nought can save from these, death ends  
the tale.

Like these is sin. It is the sting of death.  
It binds the sinner's bonds to his last breath.  
And nought can loose his bonds and end the  
strife,  
Until insatiate sin has taken his life.  
Meanwhile he cries, from bondage to be free,  
"O wretched man, who shall deliver me?"  
Bitter, despairing cry! Longing appeal!  
How it should rouse to energy and zeal!  
How it should stimulate to active deed  
Those who from sin the power of God has freed!  
But luke-warm lethargy, deaf to the cry,  
Seeks only selfish ease while sinners die.  
Despoiled of power, clad only in cold form,  
How can the church to life a sinner warm?  
The dead cannot to life awake the dead.  
Disarmed the warrior is a captive led.  
Nor should he with earth's carnal weapons arm,  
Arousing fear, awakening alarm, -  
Threatening with penalty of civil law,  
With fear of punishment to over-awe.

Poor, blind, deluded souls that will not see  
That God has made all men with conscience free.  
He pleads with them, invites, entreats in love.  
Brute force is from beneath, not from above.  
Rude violence can never change the heart,  
Nor love of right, respect for truth, impart.  
The ruthless rack, which quivering sinews strain,  
For holiness and right, appeals in vain.

For criminals, but not for sinners lost,  
Is law. These are reclaimed at higher cost.  
The libertine, the murderer, the thief,  
For crimes are punished, not for unbelief.  
*(To be continued.)*

## The Messenger's Mission

THE MESSENGER is a very small paper, and consequently can say but little; but we desire to say that little in such a way that it will be a message to its readers. We desire that our paper shall be the Lord's messenger speaking in the Lord's message to the the people saying, "I am with you saith the Lord."—Hag. 1: 13.

The Lord is indeed with his people spiritually, and he will soon be with them personally; for that is the object of his coming, as he says, "I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am there ye may be also." John 14: 1-3. And what message more glorious can be borne to the people? It is the culmination of the Christian's hope, and has been so ever since sin came into the world.

But before he comes there is a great work to be done for our own people and for the world, at home and abroad; and we desire to make the MESSENGER a means to aid in accomplishing this work. A great work is being done by the enemies of the truth, and they are especially active just now. We do not want to be outdone in activity and zeal by those who are opposing the truth; so let every one arouse to the importance of the situation, and do something just now to interest our neighbors and friends in the wonderful message of the MESSENGER.

This phase of the message needs especial emphasis. The Lord's Day Alliance has three men in the field spending their whole time in working up an interest in behalf of a Dominion law for the better observance of Sunday, and they are making their influence felt.

While this work is going on those who represent the message should be correspondingly active in the work of enlightening the people upon the true principles of religious liberty. We have two series of tracts prepared expressly for this work, and they should be scattered like the leaves of autumn. No better work can be engaged in during the missionary campaign.

In order to have the MESSENGER deliver its message properly, two things are necessary: First,

Our subscription list must be increased until it includes every Seventh-day Adventist in the Union Conference. Will not everyone who is a subscriber at present, do all he can to get the brethren and sisters of his church or company, to subscribe for the paper. This will be good home missionary work, and will assist those who have never done anything in the way of canvassing, to gain an experience in this line of work.

Secondly, We want the MESSENGER to bear a message from all the people as well as to all the people; and in order to have this done it will be necessary for all the people to have a message. Send in your reports from the schools, sanitarium, treatment rooms, and offices, and they will be published. Thus the MESSENGER will fulfil its mission. Let the presidents of the local conferences report. Let the ministers report. Let the Bible workers report. Let the canvassers report. Let isolated Sabbath-keepers report. Let everybody report, and we shall have a MESSENGER with a message to all the people.

### "Footprints of an Itinerant"

BY A CANVASSER

SOME of the MESSENGER readers are canvassers, and others expect to become canvassers some time. For the benefit of such I have been requested to write a few of the experiences which I have met with in my work as a canvasser.

These incidents are not related simply for entertainment, nor are they related for the purpose of exalting self; for while I have done nothing which would be considered by the world as hardly worth a passing notice; yet what I have been able to accomplish in the way of selling books and scattering other literature among the people, will, I have faith to believe, be the means of leading some poor souls to a knowledge of the truth for these last days. And if any who read these lines can be encouraged to engage in the canvassing work, the writing of them will not have been in vain, and I shall feel well repaid for the effort.

I was encouraged to enter upon the canvasser's life because I believed that God had called me to labor for him in some field, and having passed the age at which it was possible to acquire an education which would qualify me to engage in public preaching, I resolved to devote my life to canvassing, believing it to be a field of usefulness from which, with the blessing of God, large results could be expected. And I have not been disappointed in my expectations.

In the month of June, 1900, I was a student at Walla Walla College, and at the close of the college year, I resolved to enter upon the work of canvassing for the coming summer, although my friends tried to discourage me from making the attempt. Notwithstanding this I persevered in my determination, and started out with a young man who was a fellow student. But neither of us succeeded, and after a few days he gave up and went to another field.

Nothing daunted at being left alone, I continued the work for several days longer with no better success. Then I resolved to try another field, and under the direction of the State Agent, I went to Idaho and began the work anew. But I could not succeed. It seemed almost impossible for me to find a place to stay over night. The first day I was out I called at no less than twelve different places before finding a place to remain over night.

One man's house was full, another never made a practice of keeping strangers, a third could not make it convenient; and so with one excuse and another I was put off until I had applied at eleven different houses for lodging, and had been refused at every one of them. On coming into the street from the eleventh house, I fell in with a man who was taking a load of fruit to market, and I asked him if he knew of any Adventists in the neighborhood. He replied that there was one living at the next house. I called at the house and applied for lodging. The man invited me in for the night, and I remained with him over night, and went on to the town of Norrisville, where I secured lodgings with a Seventh-day Adventist, and remained a week canvassing the place, but with no success.

Every night when I would come in and report my failure to sell anything during the day, he would try to discourage me from continuing in the work, and to persuade me to secure work in the wheat harvest which was soon coming on. But I told him that the Lord had called me to the canvassing work, and that it was my intention to persevere and make it a success somewhere else if I could not do so here.

At the end of the week I started for the State of Montana on my own account, having an impression that I should succeed in this new field. And I was not disappointed; for the very first day at canvassing brought me four orders for "Daniel and the Revelation;" and during the four months I remained in that field I took more than four hundred dollars' worth of orders.

From this experience I was confirmed in the belief that the Lord had called me to this work, and the success which has attended my efforts as I have continued at the work during the past five years persuades me to continue on at the canvassing work un-

til the Lord comes, and to do all that I can to persuade others to engage in the same work.

Next week I will relate some incidents which took place in connection with my work in Montana.

### Special Notice !

THIS week we are sending out some sample copies of the MESSENGER to those whose subscriptions have expired, and to some others. We are especially desirous of increasing our subscription list. Many of our subscribers will renew if they have their attention called to the matter, and that is the object of this note. Look to see if this paper has a blue pencil mark on the title page. If so, it indicates that your subscription has expired.

Now we know that you are anxious to assist the work in any way possible, and this is one of the ways in which you can do it: Renew your subscription, if your paper has expired. Subscribe for the paper if you are not a subscriber. Get the friends in your church to subscribe for it.

There are three different ways in which you can help the paper. Certainly one of these is open to you, and we believe that you will improve it. Matter of special interest will appear every week, and to keep up with the times it will be necessary to read the MESSENGER. As we have said before, it is the only paper published in Canada by Seventh-day Adventists, and we intend to make it a thorough exponent of the third angel's message.

You will be especially interested in the "Foot-prints of an Itinerant," begun in this number. It gives the experiences of a canvasser in the far west.

The subject of Religious Liberty will be given much attention. Read the poem on this subject on the first page.

So we say again to delinquents, Renew! Renew! Renew! To others, Subscribe, subscribe, subscribe. And to our subscribers, get others to subscribe. Thus we will work together, and roll up a big list of subscribers.

### FROM THE FIELD

#### Petrolia, Ont.

WE have just made this company a three days' visit, and were happily surprised to find so many regarding the Lord's Sabbath. Sister Boyce has been giving Bible readings, and as a result there are two or three new Sabbath-keepers. Others are interested, whom we expect will identify themselves with the "remnant."

We organized a Sabbath-school with W. H. Boyce

as superintendent and his wife as secretary. In view of perfecting a church organization in the future, we organized a class with Louis A. Boyce as leader. A treasurer and a librarian were elected. Several are desirous of being baptized. Four yearly subscriptions were obtained for our periodicals. We held five meetings with them. Sister Boyce expects to continue her Bible work in that city. We see an opportunity to gather fruit in Petrolia. We enjoyed our visit much, and hope to return as soon as consistent.

A. O. BURRILL.

### OUR INSTITUTIONS

#### Knowlton Notes

DR. WHITE and wife are absent for a short time, on an excursion to New York city.

We expect to be equipped soon with a motor and a few other much needed supplies for the static machine.

A STEAM heating plant is being installed at the Sanitarium, which will be a much needed improvement. When this is completed all danger of fire will be reduced to a minimum.

THE work at the Sanitarium is progressing well. The class which started with the institution has finished its work and gone, and the class which has taken its place is taking up the work with zeal. The junior class is not yet full. The work is onward, and we trust the friends of the Sanitarium will not forget as.

#### Report of Tithes Received from the Churches of the Quebec Conference During the Third Quarter of 1905

SOUTH STUKELY	\$144.23
FITCH BAY	109.48
MONTREAL	101.16
KNOWLTON	60.90
ABERCORN	47.
DIXVILLE	19.
SOUTH BOLTON	9.77
BALDWINS MILLS	1.
ISOLATED MEMBERS	17.39
	\$509.93

W. H. LIBBY, Secretary.

Keep busy at work; there is much you can do;  
Life's vineyard is wide, and the toilers are few,  
And those who work willing, sometime shall know  
The rich recompense that the future may show.

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**TO OUR READERS:—**

When requesting change of address, be sure to give both old and new address.

In case the paper is not received promptly, notify us and another copy will be sent.

A blue pencil mark here indicates that your subscription has expired.

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**An Open Letter**

To OUR Union Conference President and our Local Conference Presidents, Greeting.

Dear Brethren,—

You will pardon me for addressing you in this public way, but the facts of the case are these:

Many of the subscriptions for the MESSENGER will soon expire—some have already expired. If you desire to have the paper continued, as we believe you do, it will be necessary for you to see that the brethren and sisters in your respective conferences become subscribers for the paper. The law is such that when the subscription has expired, we are obliged to drop the name.

It is very important that our brethren and sisters should all have the paper, as it is our only means of communicating with those in the Union Conference. It is the only paper published by our denomination in the Dominion of Canada, and we are sure that you will appreciate the spirit in which this letter is written, and that you will do all that you can to secure subscriptions for the paper.

Will you not, Elder Thurston, use your influence to secure subscriptions for the MESSENGER?

And Elder Rickard, if I should tell you the number of subscriptions that are taken in the province of Quebec, I am quite sure that you would sympathize with me in this matter, and do all you can, not only to have the subscriptions of the Quebec brethren and sisters renewed, but also to secure new subscribers from your conference. Will you not do this?

Elder Guthrie, we have not heard from you in a

long time. We believe that you are in sympathy with the MESSENGER and its message, and we ask you if you will not use your influence with the brethren and sisters in your conference to secure their subscriptions for the paper?

Brother Tracy, do you know that the subscriptions of the people in the island of Newfoundland have all expired, and it will be necessary to drop their names from our list, much as we regret to do so, unless these subscriptions are at once renewed? Will you not, Brother Tracey, make this the order of the day, and secure a good list of subscribers?

Dear Brother Burrill, I do not suppose that it will be necessary to say much to you, or to urge you in any way to use your influence in securing subscriptions for the MESSENGER. What we do say here is simply said as a reminder.

Now dear brethren, please consider this matter as one of importance, as it really is. Kindly give it the attention it deserves, and send by return mail a long list of subscribers for the MESSENGER.

Wishing you much of the blessing of the Lord in your various fields of labor, I remain

Very truly yours,  
EUGENE LELAND.

**Report of Tithes and Offerings Received  
During October (Ontario)**

	Tithe	Missions	S.S. Off.	Southern Field
LONDON	\$277.01	\$14.	\$5.60	\$13.73
TORONTO	28.92			.50
ALBUNA	27.75	3.15	3.75	14.05
BOUCK'S HILL	31.19		3.94	8.
PETROLIA	28.			
LORNE PARK	3.		1.29	
HAMILTON	25.18	5.50	16.91	10.
LYNDEN	18.08	1.70	3.94	
CHATHAM	5.06	1.95	4.37	2.40
KENYENGHEH			4.60	
SELTON	25.50	1.06	3.69	1.60
GALT	84.15	1.50	3.06	1.57
MUSKOKA	37.33	4.02		6.
GUELPH	6.21		7.81	2.63
BELLEVILLE	23.69		4.99	3.
OTTAWA	9.	12.90	2.20	
WOODSTOCK	10.95	.50	1.31	1.
BRANTFORD	44.85	3.61	9.08	5.
ST. THOMAS				14.25
PETERBOROUGH	6.97	3.		
INGERSOLL	7.15			
EXETER			4.40	
INDIVIDUAL	5.	1.		1.42
	<u>\$704.99</u>	<u>\$53.89</u>	<u>\$80.94</u>	<u>\$84.73</u>
CAMP FUND, INDIVIDUALS	\$1.42			
HASKELL HOME, SELTON,	\$1.			