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

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Religious Liberty

LIFT up the Christ, whose love all men would draw.

Indignant, spurn the power of civil law.
Its strength is weakness; and its will caprice.
To-day, war is declared. To-morrow, peace.
Now its strong hand restrains, no sin permits,
Making a paradise for hypocrites.
Again, relaxing, hypocrites reveal
The secret sins which Caesar's laws conceal.
Between offended God and fallen man,
One mediator only in God's plan
Is found, the Son of God; and he alone
Has power to save, or for man's sins atone.
But interposing Caesar's civil rod,
The church would mediate 'twixt man and God,
Dictate to saints and sinners forms of praise,
Observance of her rites and holy days.
Should one confess his sins, repent, and pray
To God, or keep the holy Sabbath day,
Or show his faith by any outward act,
Must he from any one of these retract,
Or be imprisoned, scourged, or fined, until
His worship is conformed to Caesar's will?
Must he in servile homage bow the knee,
Acknowledging the right of his decree
To bind the conscience in religious things?
Forbid it Lord! the echoing answer rings.
False State! thus to corrupt its priceless dower!
False Church! to seek salvation from such power!
Put on thy strength, thy beautiful array!
From such illicit union turn away!
Cease putting up vain prayers to Parliament,
And from this awful wickedness repent.
How can true worship be directed thus?
Or God communicate his will to us?

(To be continued.)

More About the Week of Prayer

THE week of prayer is right upon us, and do we sense the importance of the occasion? Each year makes the week of prayer more and more important to us as a people. We would not think of omitting it, yet we may pass through it and not appreciate it, and be none the better fitted for the work in hand, our daily duties and privileges.

This coming season of prayer should be a source of great spiritual blessing to us all. It may be such if we hope, desire, and expect to this end.

A dark wave of worldliness and formality is sweeping over the land. Crime is increasing on every hand. Our natures are shocked as we scan the daily papers and note the records of crime. Natural affection is waning, self-control is declining, and the love of self and of money are increasing. Surely grievous times are here.

This long reign of sin affects human nature more or less the world over, and the continual contact with sin blurs our vision and dulls our sense of duty. There is an indication in many places of a loss of first love and a need of beholding anew "Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood." It seems to me that a spiritual revival is greatly needed at this time. The prosperity of our work and of our souls demands it. The fact that there are, here and there, "schisms in the body," (the church) is evidence of itself that we need to seek God as never before that we may be perfectly joined together in the same mind, the mind of Christ. We should not feel satisfied with our spiritual attainments. There are richer and deeper experiences for us if we will clear the King's highway, put away all sin, and consecrate ourselves anew to God for service.

Furthermore, not all are Seventh-day Adventists who claim the name. Some are simply so by name, they neither give nor receive. They are not with this people, spirit, soul, and body. Such should be labored for by those who are spiritual, that they may be restored. All should be done in the spirit of meekness, love, and sympathy. The church should be pure.

Last, but not least, we should work and pray for a liberal offering to missions at this season of prayer. The offering of 1904 was the largest ever given by our people, aggregating in all the world \$49,553.57. Our mission work needs the assistance of every believer in this cause, and shall we not all endeavor to raise the offering above that of last year? It is possible as well blessed to do this. Let us all plead for the Holy Spirit, and consecrate ourselves to God at this time.

Yours in the Master's work,

W. H. THURSTON.

"Footprints of an Itinerant"

BY A CANVASSER

IN ONE way the canvasser has an advantage over a minister, because his audience consists only of one person; or two or three at best, and as he talks with them, not to them so much, and gains their confidence, he is enabled to see just what their needs are, and thus to say just the things which are adapted to their needs. Whereas the minister talks to a large number of people at once, and their needs are many and diverse: He can speak of these needs only in a general way, and from the nature of the case it is impossible for him to adapt his discourse to the needs of each individual.

In order to do this, the canvasser must never talk cant, nor must he permit the devil to deceive him into thinking that he is talking cant. The canvasser must have strong faith in what he is saying; believe that the Lord would have him speak something to the man whom he is canvassing that will save his soul. Talk to him in such a way as to give him the impression that you have only one object in view, and that is his salvation; and that you are selling the book to him for the purpose of accomplishing that object. Make the salvation of souls the object of your work, and the sale of the book a means for accomplishing that object.

Appeal to the heart of the customer. Look him in the eye, and show by every word you speak to him that you are sincere in your work, and that you are concerned about the salvation of his soul, and you will succeed in securing his order much better than if you appealed to his intellect merely.

I had an experience the other day which will serve to illustrate this point. I was canvassing near a small village when I came across a man with a load of manure, which he was scattering over his land.

"That is what will enrich the land and make the crops grow," I said by way of introduction.

"Yes;" he replied, "but it is pretty hard work. What do you know about farming? Did you ever do any farm work?"

"O yes; I always worked on a farm until a few years back," I replied.

"You seem to have struck a better job," he said. "What made you quit farming?"

"Well," I answered, "a good many years ago, some fishermen were casting their nets into the sea of Galilee, when a stranger came along and told them to leave their nets and follow him, and he would make them fishers of men. I read that call to those fishermen, and it impressed me somehow that it was made to me as well as to them. I left the farm, and ever since have been engaged in fishing for men."

"That is a good work," he replied, "I wish that we were all better men."

"I have a book right here that will make you a better man if you will follow its teachings," said I, and taking out a copy of "Christ's Object Lessons" from my pocket, I turned to the parable of the lost sheep, and began to tell him of the love of Jesus, who, for one lost soul, the smallest number there could be, left his royal home and came to this world to seek for him.

The man was hungering for the truth, and those few words, spoken in faith, touched his heart, and he gave me his order for the book.

I was half sick with a sore throat, and unfit for canvassing; so I went to the hotel to wait for my comrade who was at work in another part of the village. While waiting for him I was impressed to canvass the landlady of the hotel. Making my way back into the kitchen where she was at work with another lady, I began to canvass her, but with no success. The other lady, however, was interested, and I took her order for the book.

After the incident, or accident rather, recorded in last week's paper, I drove to Bozeman, some thirty miles distant, to get my wagon repaired, and while waiting for it I canvassed the place, taking several orders. Then I drove over the mountains to my home without further accident.

In the work of delivering I had excellent success. Indeed, my success was better than I had expected myself; and my friends, who had predicted a failure in this part of my work, were greatly surprised to learn that I had hardly missed an order, though the people from whom they were taken were very poor and considered not strictly honest. But my trust was in the Lord. He had called me to the work, had given me success in securing the orders, and now I trusted in him for success in the delivery of the books.

FROM THE FIELD

FREDERICTON, N. B.

It has been several months since a report has appeared in the MESSENGER from me. This has not been however because of a lack of anything to report, for the work of the past season has been of a most encouraging nature.

In company with Brother Levi Longard and Chas. R. Brown we opened tent meetings in Gagetown, N.B. on Sunday July 16. We continued the same for nine weeks, during which time we distributed 42763 pages of literature, visited and held Bible readings in the homes of the people. And as a result we or-

ganized a Sabbath school of fourteen members. At the close of the tent effort there were eleven who had taken a decided stand for the truth.

Two of these are now students at the Williamsdale Academy and were baptized there at our late conference. Another sister from the Gagetown company was also baptized at the same time.

I have just returned from the conference where we did indeed receive a spiritual refreshing. The hearts of the people are full of hope, and the outlook for the future of the Maritime Conference is of an encouraging nature.

I shall now be at home for a few weeks, holding some meetings in the church here, and devoting a large share of my time to the work of selling "Object Lessons." The Lord is blessing me with success in this work, and to his name be all the glory.

Yours in the Master's service,

W. R. ANDREWS.

HALIFAX, N. S. Nov. 20, 1905.

DEAR MESSENGER,—

Through your pages I wish to express my thankfulness to the Lord for his merciful visitation during our recent conference session. The mighty workings of the Spirit of God were manifest in leading souls to surrender self, and in breaking down all barriers and bringing in the sweet spirit of unity and brotherly love. Truly it was good to be there. A new era has dawned upon the conference. It is the day of the Lord's visitation, and thank God his people are willing in this the day of his power. Every soul returned home rejoicing in the Lord and full of courage.

Another cause for thankfulness is the provision made for educating our youth for usefulness in the Lord's vineyard. The school plant is worthy of our highest admiration. The location and surroundings are conducive to the highest physical and spiritual attainments.

As the school opened, Nov. 15, with a company of bright, earnest, consecrated students, sixteen in number, the mind of the writer, who was present, scanned the future, and saw souls saved in the kingdom as a result of their labors, and he felt encouraged to press forward with them, and sacrifice and work for the success of the educational work. Just at present help is needed financially to meet some pressing bills, and every individual who loves this truth and has the training of the youth for service at heart ought to esteem it a privilege to help raise the burden. If the Lord impresses you to help in this matter do not delay, but communicate with Elder Wm. Guthrie, Williamsdale East, Cumberland Co., N. S.; and encourage his heart by a liberal donation.

Remember, dear brethren and sisters, the school is not a private enterprise, it is *ours*, it belongs to the Maritime Conference, and you and I help to make up the conference; so the responsibility rests on us, individually, of helping it onward to success. So let us rally to its help.

The current expenses will be met by the tuition, so donations will be used only for paying off the debt; and if we all help it can be done in a short time.

I feel encouraged to press forward; for the set time has come, and the Lord is favoring Zion. Praise his name.

Yours for victory,

J. GREER HANNA.

BRAMPTON, ONT., NOV. 22, 1905.

DEAR MESSENGER:

Since camp-meeting time we have located in this place, and have been busy looking after interested ones. Some who were interested we have found grown indifferent, while others are still investigating. We have found many willing to open their homes for Bible readings.

Mrs. Spear has as many appointments as she can attend to with her regular work. They are all among a good class of people. All show a deep interest, often with tears expressing themselves as convinced of the truths given. No testing points have yet been reached, but will be soon.

My work has been mostly with those who became interested in the meetings. I have regular appointments with them, and hope to see some of them with us. I am also doing C. O. L. work, selling books and getting recommendations from purchasers, also names of these whom they think would be interested in a book of this kind.

W. H. SPEAR.

Bouck's Hill, Ont.

I AM sure that all the readers of the MESSENGER will be much interested in the following letter, which was not intended for publication. The Lord is working upon the hearts of his children.

A. O. BURRILL.

Bouck's Hill, Ont., Nov. 8, 1895.

Mr. Burrill,

Galt, Ont.

Dear Brother,—You wrote to me about the work down here, as you saw my name in the MESSENGER. There are eight adult Sabbath keepers besides the children, within eight miles. Three have begun to keep the Sabbath this year, by reading the *Signs of the Times*.

Elder Spear held meetings here four years ago this spring:

We have a Sabbath-school of fourteen. We take

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a club of *Signs*, and give them to the neighbors to read. Some of them are interested in the truth.
I should like to have attended the camp-meeting, but circumstances did not permit. If I could see you I would tell you more. I will close by asking an interest in your prayers.

From.....
Bouck's Hill, Ont.

The Missionary Campaign in Brantford

OUR church here has taken thirty-five sets of the special numbers of the *Signs of the Times*.
Sister Davis and myself have taken nearly six hundred sets of the *Signs* and four hundred special numbers of *Life and Health*, which we hope to sell around this city and neighboring towns. Canvassing from house to house, with the Lord's good blessing, we have sold about nine hundred copies, and have begun to go over the city the second time, hoping to sell the rest.
The Captain of the Lord's Host leads in the Campaign here. In canvassing this city we have been able to interest several people in the truth, and now

we have several places where we go Sunday afternoons and evenings and different nights through the week to read to the people these great and glorious truths.
Let us all pray for the latter rain; for we need it in the work that is before us.
W. DREDGE.

FROM the November number of the *Lord's Day Advocate* we learn that petitions will be prepared and sent out early in December, asking Parliament to enact a Sunday law. Is it not time that our people should circulate a counter petition? And is it not time to circulate the tracts which have been prepared for this purpose?
What are you doing about it? What are you going to do about it?

Office Notes

Brethren Smith and Wilson, members of the Ontario Conference, send a nice remittance of tithe.
There are several in the Eastern provinces ready to begin work with "Ministry of Healing" as soon as the books arrive.

Elder Thurston found his wife quite ill, and one of his boys with a high fever, upon his recent arrival home.

Mrs. A. E. Henderson of the Knowlton Sanitarium is selling quite a number of books in connection with her work.

The writer enjoyed a visit with the Hamilton church last Sabbath and Sunday. We had a good meeting, but we would like to see more done in the missionary line.

The four numbers of the *Signs* special are to be bound into one volume, and will be good for sale all winter. The price will be just one cent higher, in large lots. If you desire to have one sent to your friends it will not cost you any more.

Report of the Canvassing Work for Week Ending Nov, 17, 1905

Name	Place	Book	Orders	Value	Value	Miscellaneous	Orders	Delivered
Lorne Pengelly	Beeton, Ont.	C. K.	30	\$36.		\$3.25		
J. Pengelly	Dundalk, Ont.	C. K.	4	4.25		22.50		
Ethel Lyng	Lindsay, Ont.					4.50		
H. D. Carr	Lorne Park, Ont.	Man the Masterpiece, C. O. L.				5.50		
John McEachern	Lorne Park, Ont.	C. K.	3	3.75		1.25		
Totals,	5 Agents,		37	\$44.		\$42.		