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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

A "civil" Sabbath is uncivil fraud!
However much religionists may laud
Its virtues, and its non-regard deplore.
It is a gross-deception, nothing more.
Dubbing hard-working, honest toilers, slaves!
In bondage vile! and their employers, knaves!
Because they give employment to these men
Upon the Sabbath day sometimes; and when
They do, into our ears with doleful din:
"Behold the slavery these men are in,"
Is echoed far and wide, until, half-dazed
By wordy sophistry, and sore amazed
To learn that they are slaves, they breathe a
prayer
To Parliament: "Great Fathers, to thy care
We trust our cause. They tell us we are slaves!
Of course we did not know it, to our graves
We might have borne our bondage; but our
friends
Informed us. Now our liberty depends
Upon the laws which you will make to free us.
No one would think that we were slaves to see us.
Just how it is ourselves we do not know,
Excepting when they're telling us 'tis so.
But as they've told us so, so it must be.
We humbly pray you, Fathers, make us free."
The man who labors on the Sabbath day,
Does so from choice, whatever others say.
He has full liberty to choose his way,—
To work or worship on the Sabbath day.
And choosing work, he is a slave indeed!
To slavish fear, or worse, to selfish greed!
But he is bound by his own greed and fear,
His want of saving faith, and prayer sincere.
That his employer's greed has bound him fast,
Is but the tinkling cymbal's brazen blast.
The man is free to work, or "go on strike,"
To keep his place, or leave, as he may like.
Rather "free" slavery! I wonder whether
"Free" slaves and "civil" Sabbaths go together!
It looks that way! When Reverend D. D.'s
Put up their prayers to Honorable M. P.'s.,
The heathen round about will say,
"Where is their God?" Will he not hear them
pray?"

Lord's Day Legislation

OTTAWA, Dec. 13.—Officers of the Lord's Day Alliance had a preliminary meeting to-day with the Premier and Minister of Justice, to urge upon them the desirability of Parliament enacting Sabbath observance legislation at the next session.

It was held that both the Superior Court and Judicial Committee have held that Sabbath observance laws, if enacted at all, must come from the Federal Parliament. In view of this fact the Alliance called on the Government for action at the approaching session. It was observed also that the Lord's Day Alliance represented a very large and varied constituency, including all the churches of the Dominion, Protestant and Roman Catholic alike. Only recently the Archbishops of the Roman Catholic Church had sent to the Minister of Justice a statement of the views they held on the need for legislation to prevent violations of the Sabbath.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said he could give the delegation no definite reply to-day, as this was a matter that would have to be discussed and settled by the whole Cabinet. As there was not likely, however, to be an early session of Parliament this winter there was yet time to have it fully considered. He would, therefore, discuss the subject further with the Alliance representatives at a later day.

From the above which was clipped from the *Toronto Daily Star* of Dec. 13, it will be seen at once that the L. D. A. people are in earnest in their attempt to secure religious legislation. Already the work of circulating petitions has begun, and we expect that a strong influence will be brought to bear upon the Cabinet and the Houses of Parliament to secure a Sunday law.

Now we know what this means to us. If the time has come for the winds of persecution and strife to blow upon the earth, if for no other purpose than to arouse His people and awaken them to the tremendous responsibilities which rest upon them to give the warning message to the world, we can only say The will of the Lord he done.

But brethren, if we will awake to the seriousness of the situation, and secure counter petitions to Parliament, scatter the leaflets which have been prepared for this purpose, it may be that the tide of

persecution which will surely come with this legislation, will be stayed a little longer, and we can yet do in peace and quiet the work which God has given us to do.

Let us all join heartily in prayer to God that he will influence the minds of legislators by his Holy Spirit, so that they will use their influence on the side of right and truth, and the third angel's message thus be proclaimed in the Halls of Parliament.

The Time Is At Hand

THERE are times when special efforts should be made to enlighten the people regarding some special issue or movement.

At the present time there are earnest efforts being made in all the provinces, to bring about, or to establish a compulsory day of rest. Many regard this as a proper step for the government to take, but it is quite evident that the principles involved in this movement are not clearly understood by the mass of the people.

The time is at hand when our tracts setting forth the principles of true liberty should be scattered like the leaves of autumn. Why longer delay this work? Is anything to be gained by still waiting? The time is at hand for action, and every believer in the third angel's message should realize that listless indifference is not acceptable to God. We all discern the face of the sky day by day, and we should be able to discern the signs of the times and the fulfillment of prophecy in this movement. We have at our office an abundance of right up to date matter provided especially for such a time as this, and all should order a good supply and distribute as widely as possible.

It is your privilege to have a part in giving the people a chance to read up on this very important subject that they may understand the true import of the movement. Many are being deceived, and we should lose no time in giving them the true light. Great men, even kings, are sometimes deceived and led into plots, not knowing the outcome.

King Ahasuerus was deceived by Haman and committed himself to a wicked plot. But the Lord revealed light to him, and he reversed the whole programme, and deliverance came to the people of God. The Lord desires to reveal light to the people at this time that all who are being deceived may "come out from among them and be separate."

He will use you and me in diffusing this light, if we will be used. *The time is at hand.* Send in your orders for Religious Liberty tracts and more petitions, and circulate them everywhere. **DO IT NOW.**

W. H. THURSTON.

A Letter

ALLEGAN, MICH.

DEAR MESSENGER,—

We were pleased to get a copy of you yesterday, and to read the different items of interest in your columns. We were especially pleased to read Elder Burrill's report of the C. O. L. campaign in the Coldstream locality, and were glad to notice that he and his little company of workers did not become discouraged under trying circumstances. We like to see our leaders take a leading part in the book work. How much easier it is for a beginner to go out and sell books when the leader says, "Come," than when he says, "Go." And how much better the leader can appreciate the canvasser's position, and share in his peculiar trials and numerous blessings.

We were glad to know that Elder Miller is comfortably settled in Palmerston, and that their little girl is better. We wish them success in their new field.

Glad to note that Elder Spear is pushing "Object Lessons," and that the medical missionary work is forging ahead. Sister L. M. Baker's report of books and periodicals distributed was interesting, also the pretty poem which enlivens your first page.

The thing most interesting was that the list of canvassers was increasing. Hope we shall soon be there to join them.

We trust that your readers all enjoy the week of prayer, and that the annual offering will be large enough to send out many workers to the distant needy fields. How much better it is to spend our money to carry the precious truth to those in darkness, than to waste it in the lavish giving of gifts, feasting, and Christmas tree follies, which are all relics of heathenism.

Brethren and sisters, the pillar of cloud is rising. Let us press forward in this glorious work.

G. W. SOWLER.

FROM THE FIELD

Chatham, Ont.

As it has been some time since the readers of the MESSENGER have heard from Chatham we have decided to send in a few lines this week to let you know what we are doing.

I presume some have begun to wonder what has become of the donation sent up here from the camp-meeting. Well, I will tell you as briefly as possible what we are doing with it. We have begun to build a little church, 18x26, 10 feet high, with cement

blocks for a foundation. It is now all enclosed.

Brother Currier has charge of the work. He had three men with him last week, and they did a noble week's work.

When we received word that the help we expected could not come, we had little to work on but faith. When our roofing and foundation, which cost about thirty-one dollars, were paid for, we had hardly forty dollars in the treasury to buy material for the building and pay the men. As we are but a small company, and mostly women whose husbands are not in the truth, the way looked dark. However, we took it to the Lord in prayer; and as Solomon, when he was about to build the temple, turned his face toward the Lord and prayed for wisdom, even so did we, here in Chatham, knowing that God was just as willing to hear us as we were about to build him a house that he might dwell among us.

We based our confidence on the words written in the epistle of John,—“And this is the confidence we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us: and if we know that he hears, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petition that we desired of him. Now, as “faith without works is dead,” we combined the two weapons and pressed forward. And as it is written, “In unity there is strength,” we all took hold as one man.

And the money began to come in. We have paid out about \$125, and still our treasury is not empty. The 19th of November we paid one man, and had twenty cents left. We did not know where another cent was coming from; but to-day, one week later, we have \$21. When our fund went down to twenty cents, my brethren, we did not sit down and bemoan our lot. Oh, no! we took “it to the Lord in prayer.” Now the twenty-one dollars will not finish the work; but the same Lord ruleth to-morrow that has ruled to-day, and he will send more.

We will need twenty dollars, more or less, for material, besides the men's wages. The men are all paid up to date but one (he being one of our company). All the material is paid for up to date, except two dollars' worth. You may ask where it came from. Well, first we borrowed thirty dollars without note or interest. Then \$24.50 came by mail from the brethren who intended helping us but were unable to do so. Some of it we got from selling bones, old iron, jewelry. The children helped in this and also saved all their pennies for the new church. We encourage them to give if only a cent.

If the brethren and sisters could know just how much we appreciate the gifts they have sent us, they would feel well repaid. We can not express our feelings to you by simply saying thank you, but pray God to bless you abundantly, even as you have bless-

ed us with your gift. If there are any who have not already helped us, but who feel disposed to do so, we should be glad to receive their gifts, no matter how small.

The Lord told us to arise and build, and we walked out by faith on that command.

We love him because he first loved us.

MRS. ALICE CRACKLE.

Lornedale Academy

THE Week of Prayer was a good time for the students. The readings were especially helpful, and a spirit of consecration and sacrifice was manifested on the part of all. The amount of the Annual Offering was twenty-one dollars and ten cents, and not all contributed on account of absence.

The first term of the present school year closed on Sunday, Dec. 17. A programme of songs, recitations, and readings was rendered in the evening by the students, and the exercises were much enjoyed by the neighbors and friends who had gathered in.

The next term will open on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1906. We are already taxed to our fullest, but if there are others who would like to attend, we will try to make room for them. Write to the principal who will give all necessary information concerning the school.

We have a large amount of work on hand at the office just at present, getting out tracts on the Religious Liberty question. These tracts should be widely circulated just now while the Lord's Day Alliance people are agitating the question of Sunday legislation. People will read upon the subject when their minds are agitated about it; and never was a more favorable time to get the truth before the people than now while their attention is called to the subject. Send out the tracts.

SPECIAL NOTICE

ON account of the gravity of the situation brought about by the action of the Lord's Day Alliance in circulating their petitions in favor of a Dominion Sunday law, we have decided to make the next MESSENGER a double number.

We greatly fear that those whose civil and religious liberty is at stake do not realize the importance of calling the attention of the citizens of Canada to what is in the movement.

Each individual Seventh-day Adventist in the Dominion of Canada should provide himself at once with a petition, and go to all the people that he can reach, and secure their signature protesting against this Sunday law. Let us as loyal subjects of our King, arise and go to the people with the warning.

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Notice to Church Treasurers and Clerks

THE statistical secretaries of the General Conference desire a report of all offerings made either for general or local work. Heretofore this has not been asked, and it is evident that when the statistics were made up they did not rightly represent the amount of offerings made by the denomination. All that has been asked heretofore, was a report of tithes and offerings, under four heads,—weekly offerings, annual offerings, Sabbath-school offerings, and tithe. In addition to the above it is desired that the report for this quarter give the offerings for local use, as rent, fuel, rebuilding, building a new church, repairing, for the sick, for literature for the general use of the members. In other words the running expenses of your church is desired. Please make them up for the whole of the year 1905. The blanks sent you will not call for all these items, but there is blank space on them for other items not named. Please be faithful.

We desire also that the clerks be careful to send in a report giving every item called for on the blanks. I am writing this for the Ontario Confer-

ence only, but I desire to say that the secretaries of the other conferences of the union will ask the same of their clerks and treasurers.

B. B. NOFTSGER, Sec C. U. C.
and the Ontario Conference.

Office Notes

Subscribe for the *Sabbath-School Worker* for 1906.

The Sabbath-school quarterlies are here. Please order now.

The workers at Lindsay report plenty of work in the treatment rooms.

Several have already taken advantage of the offer of tracts at half price postpaid.

Sister Crackel of Chatham writes that her husband is seriously ill. Pray for the sick.

We have just mailed a "Great Controversy" to the Bishop of Algoma. The order was received by Mrs. C. O. Hickok.

Brother Grant Priddy of Markham, and Brother C. Black of London, have sent their orders for books for the holiday delivery.

So far the Toronto church has used about ten pounds of the Signs Leaflets, and sold 152 sets of the *Signs* and *Watchman* special. A few large books have also been sold.

In ordering papers from this office, please note that no paper, with the possible exception of the *Review*, will reach you under two weeks from the time you order.

Mrs. Strong of the Toronto church has just returned from a protracted visit at the home of her parents in Saskatchewan. She called at the office, and secured a supply of the special *Watchman* to sell.

Friday, the 15th, J. McEachern of Lornedale Academy, called at the office for books for delivery. On the Friday previous he took eight orders for "Coming King" gilt in six hours' work. This is an excellent way for our students to pay in school.

Report of the Canvassing Work for Week Ending Dec. 2, 1905

Name	Place	Book	Orders	Value	Miscellaneous Orders	Delivered
J. Pengelly	Hopeville, Ont.	C. K.	10	11.	11.25	
H. D. Carr	Lorne Park, Ont.	D. R.	1			
Mrs. C. O. Hickok	Bracebridge, Ont.	G't Cont.	2	5.50	4.25	
C. O. Hickok	"	Man the Mas.	1	3.50		
Lorne Pengelly	Beeton, Ont.	C. K.	30	48.	18.	
Ethel Lyng	Lindsay, Ont.				1.50	
Totals,	6 Agents,		44	\$68.	\$35.	