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YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES

WITHIN the past few years these societies have come into existence in various parts of the country among Seventh-day Adventists, and as a result of their work much good has been accomplished, and much more can be accomplished if the work is taken up in the proper way. Young people are full of life, energy, and enthusiasm. These traits are valuable in carrying forward any work, and when properly directed there can be no question that the work of the third angel's message would be very much advanced by means of these societies.

One speaker at the General Conference last spring in Washington made the remark that one of the evidences to him that he was growing old was the lack of enthusiasm in his own work. But this is a quality which is essential to the carrying forward of any work, and especially is this true of the work of the third angel's message. Young people, as a rule, being full of enthusiasm, when properly directed by those of more mature age and experience, can be a power in this work; and being organized into societies, should their enthusiasm lead any of them to extreme views, the organization itself would tend to prevent taking such a position. Meeting together and considering as to the best plans of work, those who would naturally be inclined to extreme views would have their positions modified by those of more moderate temperament.

In the Canadian Union Conference these societies have already been organized in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces; but as yet little has been done to organize in the province of Ontario. We hope that in

the near future a good strong society of young people will be organized in the province of Ontario, and we know that if properly done it will be the means of accomplishing much in the spread of the third angel's message in this great province. Already something has been done in this direction. Societies have been organized at Lornedale Academy and at Toronto; but we shall not be satisfied until the young people in all our churches and even those who are isolated from church relationship shall be organized for effectual work.

Any young people who are interested in this subject and who desire to know what steps to take in order to effect an organization, please correspond with the editor of the MESSENGER.

THE PETITION WORK

DURING the month of January there have been received at our office in Ottawa about three thousand signatures to the petition against Sunday legislation, and the petitions are still coming in filled with names.

According to reports in the papers Parliament is liable not to convene before April, but the exact time is not decided upon. We venture to say that the petitions may be circulated during the month of February, reaching Ottawa by March the 1st. Should we have more time than this we will notify all through the MESSENGER.

All should supply themselves with religious liberty tracts and distribute them in connection with the petition work. If you are in need of more blank petitions send to B. B. Noftsgar, Toronto Junction, Ont.

W. H. THURSTON.

FROM THE FIELD

HALIFAX, N. S., JAN. 26, 1906.

DEAR MESSENGER,—

It is evident that the Lord's saving hand is still stretched out to save, and that his ear is still open to hear our prayers in behalf of those who are wandering in sin.

A young woman who seemed careless and indifferent to spiritual things recently in our prayer meeting opened her heart to God. She had tried the world's pleasures and had found them dissatisfying. She has given evidences of a true conversion and will in due time unite with the church. Such experiences rejoice our hearts, and we thank God and take courage.

The Lord is working among us, and by his Spirit is bringing in a tender, unifying, humble spirit which makes every service a blessed season.

A spirit of investigation of Bible truth has taken hold of the young members of the church, and one evening in each week they meet at our home, and we study together. They are enthusiastic in it, and we are laying a good foundation for the future. We are of good courage.

Your brother in the blessed hope,

J. GREER HANNA.

TIVERTON, N. S., JAN. 21, 1906.

TO THE MESSENGER,—

Elder Andrews' last letter to you before leaving this field stated that he expected to remain here about ten days. He remained from Dec. 15 until Dec. 27, and preached some three sermons in the Temperance Hall. More public services might have been held had not the hall been occupied by other organizations. The time on the two Sunday afternoons and the evenings when the hall was occupied by others, was well spent in Bible study and other important matters pertaining to the advancement of the truth here.

On Sabbath morning, Dec. 23, we met and celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house. A very pleasant and profitable time was enjoyed by the little company of believers in the third angel's message on this occasion. One lady who was a member of the Baptist church was present and participated with us. While talking with her a few days later I asked how she enjoyed the meeting. She said, "Very much; it was the most solemn and sacred place I ever was in." We are praying and believing that she and some others will ere long embrace these precious truths and keep all the commands of God.

While Elder Andrews was here a business meeting of the church was held at the home of Amos E. Outhouse, and the election, or re-election of officers took place. Sister Hattie C. Outhouse was chosen treasurer. Previous to this time the offices of clerk and treasurer had been filled by one person.

Henceforth all correspondence with the church clerk should be addressed to Mrs. Amos E. Outhouse, and that to the church treasure, to Miss Hattie C. Outhouse, Tiverton, N. S.

We are sorry to lose Elder Andrews from this field, he having gone to New England; but our loss will be others' gain, and we pray that the Lord will bless his labors in that conference. Truly the Lord gave him wonderful power in the presentation of the message while he was with us last winter and spring, and we are trusting that we shall yet see fruits from the efforts put forth at that time. We trust and pray that another laborer may be sent to fill the place made vacant by his removal.

We hope to have a visit in the near future from Elder Guthrie who spent a fortnight here last spring during the last part of Elder Andrews' visit.

We desire an interest in the prayers of God's people that we may as the Lord has commanded, "Arise, shine for thy light has

come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." And the promise is,—"the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising." Isaiah 60: 1-3. May it be so, is our prayer for his name's sake.

Yours in the truth,
AMOS E. OUTHOUSE.

TANTALLON, N. S., JAN. 15, 1906.

DEAR MESSENGER,—

At the close of the Maritime Conference, Nov. 12, the writer returned to Londonderry, where in three days I delivered twenty-four C. O. L.'s and secured orders for that many more. After a brief stay at my home I returned to Londonderry, taking ten orders in three hours of one day and seventeen orders in six hours of another day.

The week of prayer I spent at Moncton. It was a precious season to us all. Our Sunday night meetings were also fairly well attended. Not caring to pay the high license fee upon alien canvassers, we distributed 125 copies, 1800 pages, of *Signs, Reviews, Life Boats, Instructors*, and tracts at the railway station and on the trains. I know of no better place for the distribution of our literature than Moncton. The sisters there keep the rack at the station well supplied. I took six orders for the *Review* and the *MESSENGER* at this place.

While there my attention was called to a property for sale on a beautiful elevation at Lewiston, situated one mile from the city, with railway connections. This property of seventeen acres, nearly all of which is under tillage, besides a nice young orchard, is beautifully decorated with one mile of hedge and ornamental trees. The house which has two stories, pitch roof, verandah, contains seven rooms besides pantry, closets, etc., has hardened floor, tiled hearths, furnace, and which is considered one of the most comfortable in the province, together with a good barn and a hennery, can be

bought for \$6000. Mr. Fred Jones, the present owner, told me that he would rather sell it for a sanitarium than to parties for building-lots, destroying its beauty. While looking over the property I thought of the future of our work in the provinces, and of this ideal spot for a sanitarium.

My next visit was to Buctouche, where Brother and Sister Landry are living. When spring opens Brother Landry's son Herbert purposes canvassing for a scholarship at Williamsdale Academy.

I met a gentleman there who gave me an excellent testimonial for C. O. L. which he bought from me one year ago. This with a testimonial by the station master's wife, to whom I sold a copy, will be very helpful in the future sale of the book in that locality.

After finishing my delivery of more than eighty dollars' worth at Londonderry I had the pleasure of being with the church at Halifax on Sunday the 7th.

LEVI LONGARD.

A VISIT TO NAMUR

NAMUR is about sixty miles north east of Ottawa, in the woods. There are five families there keeping the Sabbath. They are French, but most of them understand and speak some English. It was my privilege to visit them recently and hold a few meetings with them. I found them all of good courage and striving for the mastery. They are securing quite a number of names to the petition.

There are three or four young people in this company who should be at the Lorne-dale Academy, and there is some prospect that some of them will attend the next school year.

They feel much the need of a French minister spending some weeks in their section, and we trust that help may be provided for them next summer. Others might be won to the truth could earnest, faithful work

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be done there in the French language.

Let us pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into his harvest. All nations are to hear the warning message.

W. H. THURSTON.

OBITUARY

BERESFORD.—Died at London, Ont., on Jan. 19, 1906, of pneumonia, Brother Charles Beresford, aged 49 years and 2 days. He was born at Bromsgrove, England, and a large part of his early life was spent as a sailor in the Royal Navy.

He accepted the third angel's message about fourteen years ago, and its precious truths were as a fire burning in his bones. Quite a number who now rejoice in the truth (among whom was the writer) were led into the light through his instrumentality. He was a deep Bible student, and no shadow of doubt was allowed to dwell in his mind respecting the validity of the Testimonies. Shortly before his death he was heard to pray that "His people might

study the Scriptures more;" and just before the end came his prayer was, "Not my will, but Thine, be done." He recognized the limitation his early and godless career had upon his Christian life, and his sole hope was in the merits of a crucified and compassionate Saviour.

An affectionate father, a loving husband, and an earnest brother, his loss is greatly felt.

Elder Miller preached the funeral sermon after which we laid our brother to rest until "the trump shall sound and the dead in Christ shall rise."

FRANK LANE.

OFFICE NOTES

Large orders are still coming in for tracts at reduced rates.

Miss Edna Noftsger of Ohio, niece of the writer, will be our guest for a few weeks.

A young peoples' meeting has been organized at Toronto. So far the attendance has been good and the studies profitable.

Freddie Wheeler of Thomasburg, Ont., sends for some papers to sell. Our children can do excellent work with these papers.

Testimony Series B, No. 7, following No. 6, is ready for distribution. Some of the Subjects treated are,—“A Warning and Appeal,” “A Message to Physicians,” “Come Out and Be Separate,” etc.

Price five cents. Address this office.

Mrs. C. O. Hickok has finished her work in Bracebridge. She has taken forty-four orders in the village for “Great Controversy,” besides a number of orders for smaller books. This village had been canvassed twice before for the same book.

Henry Pengelly called at the office and delivered the last of the Religious Liberty tracts. We are glad to say that large orders are still coming for these excellent tracts. There is abundance of time to work with them before Parliament meets.

Report of the Canvassing Work for Week Ending Jan. 19, 1906

Name	Place	Book	Orders	Value	Value Miscellaneous	Orders	Delivered
Mrs. C. O. Hickok,	Bracebridge, Ont.	Grt. Cont.	10	26.		5	25
Lorne Pengelly,	Beeton, Ont.	C. K.	74	87.50		19	25
Earl Spencer,	Toronto, Ont.	D. R.	11	26.25			50
A. M. T aylor	South Boltor, Que.						6.
H. D. Garr,	Lorne Park, Ont.	D. R.	1	1.			1.25
John Mofackern,	Lorne Park, Ont.	C. K.	11	11.25			
Totals,	6 Agents,		107	142.		32	25