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

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THE HOLY SPIRIT

"And it shall come to pass in the last days saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughter shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: and on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: and I will shew wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath: blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord's coming."

"And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Acts 2: 17-21.

How cheering are these words to the true followers of the Lord Jesus Christ to know that we are living in the last days of this world's history, and are living in the days when this line of prophecy is being fulfilled; that we are living in the time when the Lord has promised to pour out His Spirit on all His people as in the days of Pentecost, when many souls were converted to the Lord daily such as should be saved.

The Lord has promised to pour out his Spirit on His people in the last days, even more than he did on the day of Pentecost; because, we need more of it, as we are living in a critical time, a time of great wickedness, a time of great perplexity, and distress among the nations; a time when "mens hearts are failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth," a time when Satan is going about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour, from one, end of the earth to the other.

How important it is that every believer of the Third Angel's Message should have the Holy Spirit with him, in order that he may know all the truth, preach all the truth, and live all the truth.

Why is it true that not all who profess to be the children of God, have not received the outpouring of the Holy Spirit? I fear it is because we are not walking in all the light which the Lord through His Word and His servant has given us and are not obeying the Lord and His truth.

To whom has the Lord promised to give the Holy Spirit? "And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him." Acts. 5:32

Let us examine ourselves daily and see whether we are in the Faith. May the Lord help us all to arise and shine as we never did before. We should expect more from the Lord than we do; and see more people giving their hearts to the Lord. The sun has been

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TOILS OF LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE

It will be of interest to all the MESSENGER family to follow closely the toils of the Lord's Day Alliance as they try to put into force the New Dominion Sunday Act. The railroads are going on in open violation of the law. Mr. Shearer declares vengeance. He says they must comply with the law; but the officials say they are obliged to move freight to keep the tracks clear and avert wrecks. No employee is required to work, and, if he does, he is given a day off. In a speech made by J. Falonsbee (lawyer) at London the 26th inst, he said that the new act invalidates many things found in the old acts. Any kind of work almost can be proved a necessity and therefore not done for gain. He seems to think the Alliance will find the new Act a veritable "White Elephant" on their hands, still, he says the principle behind the Act is wrong and wicked, that its purpose is to destroy the sacredness of the word of God, that declares that the seventh day is the Sabbath, and ultimately, he thinks, will bring about a widespread disrespect for any Sabbath at all.

Mr. Moon "Is" says the *World* "sitting on the lid in Hamilton." He is represented by the *Hamilton Spectator* as saying that it is not the design of the Alliance to dictate how people shall keep the Sabbath, but thinks the church services should be made so attractive that all will rush there. This rather reflects upon the Alliance; for it reveals underneath the surface of things a deep-laid plot to stop all business for gain on Sunday and turn a great stream of dimes and dollars into the collection platter. The church is the only industry to be run for "gain" on the day of the sun.

P. M. HOWE.

THE FIRST GUN FIRED AGAINST SUNDAY WORK ON RAILROADS

The above is the heading of an article which appeared in the *Toronto Daily Star*, March 25, giving notice of an eminent war between the railroad officials and the Lord's Day Alliance. From such a heading at this appearing in a daily paper we would expect that some nation had declared war against another to enforce better Sunday observance. It would not be a very great surprise for a nation to become so controlled by the war spirit as to declare war against another nation upon such a flimsy pretext, if it were done by a rabble of men who cared nothing about the rights which are defined by their Creator for law-makers and rulers. But when a body of men constituting an influential element in a country of freedom, and professing to be guarded by the Spirit of Christ, become so controlled by a spirit of war as to declare war upon others for the enforcement of an institution for which there is neither divine authority nor civil right, if not surprising, it is at least very suggestive as to the present day sentiment among professed Christians as to what it takes to constitute religious liberty.

The following is a quotation taken from the article:—

"Toronto Junction is likely to be the first scene of battle between the Lord's Day Alliance and the Canadian Railways in the attempt of the Alliance to compel the railways to abide by the terms of the new Lord's Day Act, which came into force on March 1.

"The usual Wednesday evening prayer-meetings in the Junction churches will be called off this week and in their stead the representative members of the different churches will meet on Annette Street Church for a heart to heart talk with Rev. J. C. Shearer, the General Secretary of the Alliance. The ways and means to make the railway sit up, and the procuring of evidence, if that is necessary, will be considered."

A prophecy of the spirit which will control this meeting is plainly indicated by the fact that the prayer-meetings are to be substituted by it. If a genuine prayer-meeting were to precede such a gathering, it is the opinion of the writer that the meeting for the consideration of the proposed measures would be indefinitely postponed.

W. E. HANCOCK.

SPECIAL NOTICE

At the October council of 1906, held at Washington, D. C., the question of collections for orphans was given careful consideration and the following was recommended:—

That each Union Conference make provisions for

the care of orphans and aged people within its borders, and that in the future the general call be made for a collection for orphans and aged people as heretofore, and that each Union Conference be permitted to retain whatever amount is raised within its territory, and, that a committee composed of the Vice-President of the General Conference and one representative from each Union Conference be appointed to consider and recommend plans for the establishment and maintenance of the homes for orphans and aged people, or to make other provisions for their care as may be deemed advisable.

By this it will be seen that each Union Conference is to provide for orphans and aged people needing assistance in its territory.

No meeting of the committee appointed has yet been held, but no doubt it will hold a meeting at the Spring council and formulate plans. In view of these recommendations it is hoped that all the people represented in the Canadian Union Conference will have a part in the offering which is to be taken April 6, for the worthy poor and orphans. Let all the churches take an offering at this time for this purpose, and send it to your Conference treasurer. The Conference treasurers will send the name to the Union Conference treasurer and the matter will be dealt with by those appointed for that purpose. The officers of the General Conference have entered into negotiations with the management of the Haskell Home and the James White Memorial Home for adjustment of those matters.

Let all remember the date of the offering, April 6. "Ye have the poor always with you."

W. H. THURSTON.

President of C. U. Conference.

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turned into darkness and the moon into blood, and soon we shall see the sign of the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven.

Since we came to Fredericton, N. B. the Lord has been very good to us, and has helped us to encourage one sister to return to the truth, so that now she is rejoicing in the truth with the rest of us. Then another lady in prayer meeting last week on Friday night expressed her desire to do what is right and asked us to remember her in our prayers. Others seem to be interested. We will do all we can and leave the results with the Lord.

The Lord also came very near to us a few days ago, as I was in bed sick with a fever and other ailments. My fever was very high, and my wife was alarmed; but I told her to trust in the Lord and it

would be all right. At first I worried a little because we had our meetings announced for the next evening or so. I could not see why it would be best for me to be sick a long time, so we prayed to the Lord to take away the fever, and that night the fever left me, and I was able to be out, to conduct the prayer meeting on the evening of the next day. We were so thankful to the Lord who knows all about our troubles and who hears and answers prayer. Oh! how good the Lord is to us and how much we ought to thank him each day, hour and moment of our life for his goodness to the children of men. Our courage is good and our hope is brighter in the blessed truth of the Third Angel's Message.

May the Lord help us all to be ready to meet him with joy when he comes is my prayer.

F. E. GIBSON.

A LETTER

Below we quote from a private letter received from Elder Eugene Leland by Eld. A. O. Burrill which may be of interest to our readers:—

Your very kind letter of invitation to be present at a meeting of the Ontario Conference Committee of Seventh-Day Adventists at London, reached me in due time. Please accept of my thanks for your very kind invitation, but under existing circumstances I could not see my way clear to attend.

I have just received some letters from my parents in Grand Rapids, and their condition is such that I will probably be kept from engaging very actively in the ministry for some time to come. I have been holding some Sunday evening meetings in the school-house here, and there is a good interest. I do not know what may be developed from it, but I trust there may be some who will see the truth and obey it. This is a fine farming region here and the people are all wealthy so that it is a question as to what can be accomplished. I have also met with the church at Vassar on Sabbaths since I have been here so that my time is pretty well put in after all.

In regard to my future work, I am not able to speak definitely at present. I prefer to labor in Ontario rather than in any place where I have ever been, but as long as existing conditions continue as they are, it will be impossible for me to return.

My health is rather better than it was when I left Ontario, but I am not entirely well yet. Mrs. Leland is very poorly. She wishes to be remembered to Mrs. Burrill who wrote to her recently.

(Signed) EUGENE LELAND.

We are glad to acknowledge the receipt of a large missionary map donated to the Academy by the Foreign Mission Board.

SELF-DENIAL BOX

This plan was decided upon for the raising of money for colored mission schools in the Southern States, and these boxes have been sent out to all parts of the land.

The report shows a serious falling off in the October offering for the colored work. We call attention to this and suggest that all having these boxes should remit when box is filled and thus help on the good work.

W. H. THURSTON.

LIBERTY

No. 4 of *Liberty* is now ready, and this issue completes the first year of this important message for publication. All subscribers will do well to renew early and send in as many new subscriptions as possible. *Liberty* now has a circulation of 50,000 and the circulation can soon be doubled if all do their duty. This is an important journal to circulate at the present time.

W. H. THURSTON.

FROM THE FIELD

OTTAWA

At the time of my last report to the MESSENGER we were just getting settled in Ottawa and preparing to begin work. It did not seem best to undertake a public effort without more help so I appointed three cottage-meetings to be held each week. These with the visiting and work with our literature has kept me quite busy. Up to the present time (March 24) we have held twenty-six cottage-meetings. Most of these have been well attended and on some occasions a part of the company had to remain in the hallway, as the rooms would not hold all who came. We have dwelt mostly on subjects pertaining to the second coming of Christ but we are now commencing a study of the Sabbath question. The few members of the church who live in the city have taken an active interest in the meetings. We have been cheered of late by having with us Bro. Ira S. Jones, and part of the time one or two canvassers with him. We need and desire the prayers of our people for the work in this place.

O. F. BUTCHER.

ST. THOMAS

In company with Bro. Wilson I visited the church at Selton on Sabbath and Sunday the 23rd. and 24th. We held four meetings, one on Sabbath and on the evening after the Sabbath and Sunday and Sunday eve. The evening meetings were Bible studies held

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at the home of Bro. Pangburn and were very interesting and instructive, the subject being the Passover.

Let us pray that the Lord will raise up more faithful ones at this place, such as shall eternally praise Him. We left all in good spirits and with a desire to stand firm to the end.

March 27.

A. O. BURRILL.

ACADEMY NOTES

Miss Eliza Hay of Paris is the last arrival at the Academy. Two more students are expected in the next few days.

It is planned to have a canvassers' institute at the Academy at the close of school. We hope to see a number go out this vacation and work for a scholarship.

Things are very quiet at the Academy now, but we are sure that other places to which Misses Nettie Hudson, Ora Hickok, Edna Hall, and Messrs. Otty Matthews and Wesley Wells have gone are made the merrier.

At a recent meeting of the Conference and building committee it was decided to begin work at once on the new addition to be made to our school buildings. Accordingly we are expecting three or four workmen soon to begin work.

Brother Earl Spencer took charge of our Sabbath service March 26, giving an interesting talk on the "beatitudes." It was our privilege at the same time to attend the services of the Toronto church.

REPORT OF THE SPRING COUNCIL
ONTARIO CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AT LONDON, MARCH 19, 1906.

Meeting called by the President of the Conference. P. M. Howe was chosen secretary pro tem. The members present were T. H. Robinson, C. E. Smith. The following brethren that had been invited were present all or a portion of the time,— G. F. Wilson, R. A. Heard, F. G. Hill. Leonard Payne and G. W. Bartram; also T. J. Smith, F. G. Hill was elected to fill the place on the conference committee made vacant by Elder Leland.

The following recommendations were passed:—

1. That credentials be granted to Elder O. F. Butcher, of Ottawa. He was also chosen Religious Liberty secretary.

2. After a full discussion of the importance of church discipline it was recommended that Matt. 18: 15-18 be carried out in all our churches.

3. That the camp-meeting for 1907 be held in the Niagara District Aug. 22 to Sept. 1.

4. That the school year begin the first week in Sept. and continue with not more than three weeks vacation for forty weeks.

5. That individuals who will sell \$150. worth of "Christ's Object Lessons" and return the said amount to the treasurer shall receive credit for one year's schooling, board and tuition for forty weeks at Lornedale Academy.

6. That after Sept. 1907 the terms at the Academy shall be two hours of work each day and \$2.50 per week for board.

7. That two tents be run this season.

8. That ministerial license be granted to G. F. Wilson, R. A. Heard, and missionary license to Ida Watt, and Adalade S. Wilson.

9. That F. G. Hill fill the vacancy on the building committee for the school.—The names of the committee are F. G. Hill, chairman, C. E. Smith, H. L. Knister, G. F. Wilson, G. W. Bartram.

10. Although we are lacking about \$1000. of the necessary funds to complete the building, we instructed the building committee to begin work at once and go as far as the money will allow.

11. C. E. Smith was appointed to investigate the advisability of growing broom corn and the establishing of a broom factory in connection with the Academy, and to report at the next session of the conference.

12. That a canvassers' institute be held in connection with the school beginning June 10 to continue to the close of the term.

A. O. BURRILL, *President*!
P. M. HOWE, *Secretary Pro Tem.*