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

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MINISTRY OF HEALING

In response to many requests and suggestions from the field, the officers of the Relief Bureau have conferred with the officers of the General Conference and have secured more favorable terms for the handling of "Ministry of Healing." The revised plan, which goes into effect April 1, 1907, is as follows:—

1.—"Ministry of Healing" will in future be furnished by publishing houses and their branches to the state tract societies at fifty-five cents per copy, freight prepaid.

2.—Publishing houses will collect this selling price from state tract societies according to their established arrangement on other accounts.

3.—Tract societies will furnish these books to the people at \$1.50 per copy postpaid and will collect for the same according to their usual custom, or as may be satisfactorily arranged in their territory.

4.—State tract societies will receive five cents per copy for handling the business, and will turn over ninety cents per copy for sanitarium work either to the Union Conference treasury, the state conference treasury, or direct to the sanitarium being benefited according to the arrangements and wishes of the Union Conference.

5.—State tract societies will prepay postage on such books as must be sent by post, and will charge this expense up to the "Ministry of Healing" fund above mentioned, of which they are custodians.

6.—Wherever it seems desirable to either the Union Conference or state conference officers having any enterprise in charge to have the books handled in any given territory by the sanitarium receiving the benefits from sales in that territory, the publishing houses will furnish "Ministry of Healing" direct to the sanitarium in such cases at fifty-five cents per copy and the sanitarium will distribute the books and handle its own expenses and funds.

7.—Any conference, tract society, or sanitarium having a section of this relief work in charge can obtain "Ministry of Healing" from the publishing houses at fifty cents per copy by ordering five hundred copies in one shipment, paying two hundred and fifty (250) dollars, cash with the order, for the same.

The above plan will not effect any other features of the "Ministry of Healing" work, or arrangements not mentioned among these items. The division of territory will remain the same. The same institutions will be benefited by the sale of the books, how the funds shall be appropriated and handled within its territory. It has been our object in making this arrangement to simplify the work and make it a greater source of revenue for the sanitariums.

We trust that our union and state conference presidents and sanitarium managers will take up the work upon this new basis with renewed interest and make it a gratifying success.

E. R. PALMER, *Secretary, Relief Bureau.*

TEMPERANCE

A special temperance number of the *Youth's Instructor* bearing date of May 14, 1907 is announced. A specially attractive and appropriate cover will be designed for this number, and the contents may be somewhat comprehended by the following partial outline of topics to be treated in this special number:—

"True Temperance; Why Condemn the Use of Alcoholic Drinks? A Scene That Appalled the Heathen; Crime and Liquor; Legalized Drunkard-making; Alcoholism and Degradation; Food or Poison—Which? Cause of Appetite for Alcohol; Our Reasons for Demanding the close of the Saloons Every Day; Physiological Effects of Alcohol and Tobacco; Progress of Vegetarian Ideas; Dr. Wylie on a Vegetarian Diet; Tobacco and Liquor as Companions; Students and Tobacco Using; No Christian Should Use Tobacco; Boys and Tobacco Seen Through Other Eyes."

The retail price of the special *Instructor* will be five cents a copy. When twenty-five or more copies are ordered at one time to one address the rate will be two and one-half cents a copy.

This special *Instructor* will afford our children and young people a chance to do some good local missionary work along a line much needed in every community. Hence, the public mind can be reached and educated through it better than our other denominational papers. Besides, we have an obligation resting upon us in the temperance movement

In many places we are charged with having no interest in even those reforms we profess to believe are right outside of Sunday laws and other religious enactments which do not interfere with our civil or religious rights. We should freely give our influence and work with our might in all temperance reforms.

CANADIAN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

BIBLE FOOTLIGHTS

"Bible Footlights for the Pilgrim's Faith" is a new book by Elder W. H. Granger, author of the "Family Bible Teacher." Those who are familiar with the "Bible Teacher" and know the avidity with which thoughtful readers have studied these lessons wherever they have been introduced, will be delighted to know that Elder Granger has brought out this valuable book.

It is truly a mine of spiritual information to all who wish help in studying the Scriptures. It will doubtless find a ready sale wherever presented, and will certainly lead thinking people to a good understanding of the Gospel for the last days. It plainly sets forth the true Bible teaching on all important doctrines, and also presents the fulfilment of many prophecies as evidence to show what will be the future of the nations and religions of this earth, and what the nature and nearness of Christ's second advent.

All the great doctrinal topics which distinguish God's commandment-keeping people from the nominal believers in Christianity, are carefully and candidly presented for the interested seeker of truth. It will please, interest, instruct, and win souls to Christ by revealing the beautiful harmony and simplicity of our Father's plans for man.

The lessons are brought out by means of questions answered by Bible texts and copious notes. There are nearly twenty full-page illustrations, besides a number of small cuts and prophetic diagrams. The book contains about three hundred and forty pages, printed with clear type on a good grade of paper.

It is now ready for delivery, bound in two styles of cloth as follows:—

Plain edition, drab cloth, fine three-colored ink design, \$1.00

Presentation edition, delicate green cloth, stamped with three-color ink design and gold title, beveled covers, gilt edges, \$1.50

Agents wanted in every locality; send for prospectus. Order of the Canadian Publishing Association, Box 178, Toronto Junction, Ontario.

If your soul is empty, ask God to fill it; if full, remember that the world needs its contents.

FROM THE FIELD

TWILLINGATE, NFLD.

As many are aware, we began our work in the northern metropolis of this island again, the latter part of January. Having secured a building, we are endeavoring to sustain the efforts put forth by previous laborers. Though there is only one believer thus far, interested companies gather to hear the precious truths presented.

This is a very difficult field. The deeprooted prejudices of many restrains them from attending our services. We had only the few from the start and most of these attended regularly. Hatred was enhanced greatly when knowledge was gained that we bought the building. This spirit of animosity is largely attributed to their ministers. The people are creed-bound and their leaders are held as infallible judges for them. Few are willing to exercise their own individuality in studying for themselves.

My experiences thus far remind me of the building of Jerusalem, the Samaritans greatly troubled them. One man refused to sell us a stovepipe, another refused to clean the building after promising to do it, others threatened to burn the building, another prayed in one of the popular churches, "O Lord remove this plague from our midst." Our work this time started in the midst of a great revival where hundreds have professed to be converted. I have prayed that they might be thoroughly converted, then come and listen to the truth.

Some have had the idea that our ministers talk nothing but prophecies and doctrine, neglecting other essential features of Christianity. To relieve their minds of any such erroneous ideas, we have been presenting a series of discourses under the heading of "Practical Christianity," beginning with the "New Birth" "Justification," etc.

Besides our services we endeavor to interest them with our literature. With some difficulty we have sold some of our books and tracts. To those who cannot and will not buy we give papers and tracts, and in this way only can we sow the seed, looking to God for the increase. The inclemency of the weather this month, however, has retarded our work in this regard very materially. Snow to the depth of ten feet or more has fallen within a short time, and for three weeks back we have had only three or our fine days. Trains have been blocked by storms and mail has been hindered for two weeks at a time [ice encloses the north as far as forty miles from land, so that communication with the outside world is almost inaccessible.

Our experience so far proves to be a hard one, but it is the good soldier that endures hardness.

We hope that the brethren and sisters in other countries will sustain us with their prayers.

March 27 1907.

F. W. JOHNSTON.

INDIAN HARBOR

Elder Guthrie and the writer closed a ten-days meeting at Indian Harbor March 17. The weather was wet a portion of the time, but the attendance was good and a deep interest manifested on the part of the public. We dwelt largely upon the prophecies and took up the "Rise and Development of the Two-horned Beast and the Enactment of the Sunday Law." In the study of this question the people see clearly there is no harmony between the golden rule and Sunday laws. Some were convinced that we are proclaiming the truth for this time. Two young ladies took their stand to obey the Lord. Two who had become indifferent resolved to walk in the light, and the church was encouraged by the study of the Word. We are hopeful that others in that locality will unite with the remnant church. Some are almost persuaded, and as the truth is lived and imparted to others by the church more souls will be added to the little flock. We held a few meetings at Tantallon on our way to and from Indian Harbor.

The Conference Committee met in Halifax March 19-21 and plans were laid for the summer. During the time we held several public services in the church, and Elder Guthrie and I remained over Sabbath and Sunday. Sunday night after a discourse on Religious Liberty and the Dominion Sunday law, a minister present asked several questions on Rev. 13 which were answered. He expressed a desire to study the question further and arrangements were made to do so with Elder Tracy, pastor of the church. The believers in Halifax are full of faith, hope and charity.

W. H. THURSTON.

FITCH BAY

I attended the quarterly meeting at Fitch Bay April 6 and we had a very good meeting. Elder Rickard is now at home, but was not able to attend the meeting. He feels some improved as a result of has two months' stay at the sanitarium.

The business and missionary meeting on Sunday was well attended and the meeting was interesting and profitable. Among other things the Young People's work was considered and eleven joined the Provincial society. The school there closed the latter part of March and Miss Warthin has gone elsewhere to teach. While there I saw Fred Falsomand received the balance of the books in his possession. He has gone on a farm and will not work longer at canvassing. Mrs. Oscar Davis has taken up the canvassing work and in one week sold and delivered sixteen dollars' worth of books. She speaks French

and English. Others could do well and do much good if they would enter the field with our books and papers. The church ordered a club of the special *Signs* with the view of continuing practical efforts in missionary work. Several hundred of the special *Watchman* have been circulated by members of the church. In connection with the distribution of reading matter it is important that the truth should be lived and imparted through the *life* of the individual. "Wherefore by their fruits," said Christ, "Ye shall know them." Are we *possessors* of the truth, or simply professors?

W. H. THURSTON.

MARCH REPORT OF LINDSAY CHURCH

Letters written	5
Letters received	1
Bible readings held	10
Subscriptions obtained for periodicals	2
Periodicals distributed	166
Pages of tracts distributed	686
Health talks	33
Conversations on Bible topics	65
Periodicals sold	19
Visits	51
Books loaned	4
Readings from periodicals	8
Hours of free nursing	18
Free treatments given	6
Baskets of food given to the poor	1

FOR QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31

Tithe	\$50.68
\$150,000 Fund	10.31
Self Denial Fund	2.70
Religions Liberty Offering	1.15
Sabbath-School Offering	5.72
First Day Offering	12.31
Church Expense	8.38
Total	\$91.25

H. A. NIERGARTH.

WILLIAMSDALE ACADEMY

We are now nearing the end of the second year of our school and it is with joy that we note the progress that has been made along all lines. We are also preparing for better work for the year to come. With this also comes the desire to help more young people to get the benefits of the school.

We find it necessary to put in about two miles of new fence this spring, in order to secure our crops and separate our pasture from the rest of the world. This latter is a much needed thing as it will save us much time that must otherwise be spent in searching for the cattle each day. This fence will cost about \$100. We also have some notes coming due

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so that we will need to meet \$450. apart from our ordinary running expense. There are some who have made pledges that are not yet paid. Will such send in the money as soon as you can as it will be a great help to us just now. Then there are others who have not pledged. You will want a part in this work also. It will do you good and it will be a great benefit to the school if all would help a little at this time.

Send all money to E. E. Gardner, or William Guthrie, Williamsdale East, N. S.

Wm. GUTHRIE.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The churches in the Maritime Conference are planning to order clubs of the special series of the *Signs of The Times* for local work. "Go and do thou likewise."

Mrs. William Rice of Conway, Mass., a Sabbath-keeper, would like to correspond with a Canadian girl relative to a position in domestic work in a small family.

The Maritime Conference will put three tents in the field this year. The companies are organized and the three companies have ordered 150 copies of

the special series of the *Signs* of twenty-six numbers for use in their tent work.

W. H. THURSTON.

OFFICE NOTES

Probably by the time this reaches the readers, brother Thurston will be in Ontario again.

Brother Ira S. Jones is visiting some of the churches in Quebec in the interests of the canvassing work. He writes encouragingly of the outlook.

A letter just received from brother J. H. McEachern, says that he will be with us again in May. He will likely canvass in this vicinity till the time of the canvassers institute at Lorne Park. He has been attending an institute at Kalamazoo Mich.

"Bible Footlights For The Pilgrims Path," by W. H. Granger, published by the Southern Pub. Assn. has just come to our table. It is about the size of *Coming King*, and contains a series of 33 Bible readings on the truths of the Third Angel's Message. Illustrated. Price, cloth plain edges \$1., cloth gilt edges \$1.50.

A study of the canvassing report for this week, shows, that in 110 hours work, three workers sold \$93.25 worth of books, almost \$1. an hour. Doubtless brother Brown put in most of his 25 hours work at delivering. This work is bound to rise steadily in this Union Conference. Wherever an effort is being made, our workers are meeting with encouraging success. Study these reports from week to week.

OBITUARY

Sears—Scharlott Davis Sears was born in West Bolton, Que., May 10 1824 and died Apr. 1, 1907 aged 82 years 10 months and 21 days. The deceased married James Sears and by this union ten children were born, 6 daughters and 4 sons, 7 of whom survive their mother. These daughters and sons and two brothers, attended the funeral which was held in the M.E. church near the house of a daughter with whom the deceased lived prior to her death.

Mother Sears was a member of the Episcopal church. Two daughters are members of the South Stuckely church of Seventh Day Adventists. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

D. E. LINDSAY.

Report of the Canvassing Work for Week Ending April, 12, 1907.

Name	Place	Book	Hours' Work	Orders	Value	Value Miscellaneous	Orders	Delivered
G. W. Sowler,	Toronto, Ont.			28	\$34.00	\$18.00		\$ 6.50
J. Pengelly,	Aurora, Ont.	C. K.	45	23	\$28.50			\$ 2.00
J. Blackwell,	Ottawa, Ont.	C. K.	40					
Thos. Brown,	Arnprior, Ont.	P. P.	25	4	\$ 9.75	\$ 3.00		\$30.25
	Total		110	55	\$72.25	\$21.00		\$38.75