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" AS THE COLD OF SNOW IN THE TIME OF HARVEST, SO IS A FAITHFUL MESSENGER. "

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THERE IS

There's an eye to watch and know
each hidden thing;
There's a willing hand to draw each
hidden string;
There's a heart to feel each human
beat of ours;
A mind to comprehend our darkest
hours.

We never stand to face the world
alone;

Angels are near to touch and move
each stone!

One touch may smudge, but yet the
light is there

To make the pit of doubt a valley
fair!

We may not hear the music when it
plays.

Nor see the shining sun beneath the
grays.

The East is darkened by our own
conceit;

We crush the flower that grows be-
neath our feet.

The wise Creator dwells not far away,
Nor robed in royal garments does he
stray;

Truth lingers near to comfort and to
bless;

Within the hut of love and humbkle-
ness.

Soul love is great enough to lift and
bear

The pent up sorrows of this world of
care;

The law of contact will remember me,
And send a message to encircle thee.

—C. Hopkins, in *National Magazine*.

A REFORM IN SABBATH OBSERVANCE

At the very beginning of the fourth commandment the Lord said "Remember." He knew that amid the multitude of cares and perplexities, man would be tempted to excuse himself from meeting the full requirement of the law, or would forget its sacred importance. Therefore he said, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." Ex. 20: 8.

All through the week we are to have the Sabbath in mind, and be making preparation to keep it according to the commandment. We are not merely to observe the Sabbath as a legal matter. We are to understand its spiritual bearing upon all the transactions of life. All who regard the Sabbath as a sign between them and God, showing that he is the God who sanctifies them, will represent the principles of his government. They will bring into daily practice the laws of his kingdom. Daily it will be their prayer that the sanctification of the Sabbath may rest upon them. Every day they will have the companionship of Christ, and will exemplify the perfection of his character. Every day their light will shine forth to others in good works.

In all that pertains to the success of God's work, the very first victories are to be won in the home life. Here the preparation for the Sabbath must begin. Throughout the week let the parents remember that their home is to be a school in which their children shall be trained for the courts above. Let their words be right words. No words which

the children should not hear, are to escape their lips. Let the spirit be kept free from irritation. Parents, during the week live as in the sight of a holy God, who has given you children to train for him. Train for him the little church in your home, that on the Sabbath all may be prepared to worship in the Lord's sanctuary. Each morning and evening present your children to God as his blood bought heritage. Teach them that it is their highest duty and privilege to love and serve God.

Parents should be particular to make the worship of God an object lesson for their children. Passages of Scripture should be more often on their lips, especially those passages that prepare the heart for religious service. The precious words might well be often repeated, "My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him."

When the Sabbath is thus remembered, the temporal will not be allowed to encroach upon the spiritual. No duty pertaining to the six working days will be left for the Sabbath. During the week, our energies will not be so exhausted in temporal labor that on the day when the Lord rested and was refreshed, we shall be too weary to engage in his service.

While preparation for Sabbath is to be made all through the week, Friday is to be the especial preparation day. Through Moses the Lord said to the children of Israel: "Tomorrow is the rest of the holy Sabbath unto the Lord: bake that which ye will bake to-day, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which re-

maineth over, lay up for you to be kept until the morning."

"And the people went about, and gathered it [the manna], and ground it in mills or beat it in a mortar, and baked it in pans, and made cakes of it." Ex. 16: 23; Num. 11: 8 There was something to be done in preparing the heaven-sent bread for the children of Israel. The Lord told them that this work must be done on Friday, the preparation day. This was a test to them. God desired to see whether or not they would keep the Sabbath holy.

This direction from the lips of Jehovah is for our instruction. The Bible is a perfect guide, and if its pages are prayerfully studied by hearts willing to understand, none need err upon this question.

Many need instruction as to how they should appear in the assembly for worship on the Sabbath. They are not to enter the presence of God in the common clothing worn during the week. All should have a special Sabbath suit, to be worn while attending service in God's house. While we should not conform to worldly fashions, we should not be indifferent in regard to our outward appearance. We are to be neat and trim, though without adornment. The children of God should be pure within and without.

On Friday let the preparation for the Sabbath be completed. See that all the clothing is in readiness, and that all the cooking is done. Let the boots be blacked, and the baths taken. It is possible to do this. If you make it a rule, you can do it. The Sabbath is not to be given to the repairing of garments, to the cooking of food, to pleasure seeking, or any other worldly employment. Before the setting of the sun, let all secular work be laid aside, and all secular papers be put out of sight. Parents, explain your work and its purpose to your children, and let them share in your preparation to keep the Sabbath according to the commandment.

We should jealously guard the edges of the Sabbath. Remember that every moment is consecrated, holy time. Whenever it is possible, employers should give their workers the hours from Friday noon until the beginning of the Sabbath. Give them time for preparation, that they may welcome the Lord's day with quietness of mind. By such a course you will suffer no loss, even in temporal things.

There is another work that should receive attention on the preparation day. On this day all differences between brethren, whether in the family or in the church, should be put away. Let all bitterness and wrath and malice be expelled from the soul. In a humble spirit, "confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another that ye may be healed." James 5: 16.

Before the Sabbath begins, the mind as well as the body should be withdrawn from worldly business. God has set his Sabbath at the end of the six working days that men may stop and consider what they have gained during the week in preparation for the pure kingdom which admits of no transgressor. We should each Sabbath reckon with our souls to see whether the week that has ended, has brought spiritual loss or gain.

It means eternal salvation to keep the Sabbath holy unto the Lord. God says, "Them that honour me I will honour." 1 Sam. 2: 30.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

THE SEAT OF AUTHORITY

In giving a report of the Methodist conference, then in session, discussing the effect of higher criticism on the faith of the church, the *Halifax Chronicle*, of October 10, quotes the Rev. W. Redfern, of Oldham, England, as saying: "The seat of authority in the Methodist Church is in the experience of the believer." Has it really come to the place

where the "seat of authority" is confined to the experience of men rather than the word of God? Is there not danger that the authority of such a church will be as varied as the experiences of the different members, and the standard of morals rise and fall, according as the members are men of God or men whom the word describes as "having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof?"

When the Higher Critic thinks so much of this human wisdom that he must throw aside the Bible to save his wisdom untarnished, and then turn to men for the standard of morals, it is time to seek God for power to declare his word to the world. The Master said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall not pass away." The will of God is still revealed in the Bible, and not in fallible men.

Let us follow the counsel of Paul, who said, "And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and give you an inheritance among them which are sanctified."

WM. GUTHRIE.

ROME'S ESTIMATE OF HER OWN LITERATURE

It must be acknowledged by all observing people that the Roman Catholic Church has demonstrated her ability to take advantage of every means to instill her doctrines into the minds of the people. The one factor above all others which she employs in her work of proselyting is the use of literature. The *Western Watchman* (Catholic), of May 6, 1909, contained a plea by Archbishop Soldevilly Romero for the support of Catholic publications as follows:—

"There are many rich persons who give money for the erection of churches and monasteries. Such generosity is very praiseworthy, but, unfortunately, a political change is sufficient to annihilate these works,

whilst on the other hand, the good wrought by the Catholic press can never be destroyed. Is it not, therefore, preferable to found and sustain first-class Catholic periodicals to defend the true cause? We live in an age in which it is necessary to support morally and materially the Catholic press, the most reliable defence of Christ's Church. May God inspire us with a sense of duty toward Catholic journals and journalists."

Is there not a lesson in this for us, when we consider the importance of the last message of warning which must be disseminated largely through the printed page?

K. C. RUSSELL.

THE WONDERFUL WAY OF THE LORD AMONG THE FRENCH IN CANADA

The following article by Elder G. C. Roth, who spent some time in Canada during the past summer, is taken from the *Australasian Record*. Though dated August 14, we believe it will still be of interest to our people in the Canadian Union. When we think of the great number who have not yet heard this closing message, we realize faintly what a vast mission field is this Canada of ours. Since the report was written, the Lord has been opening up the way for work among the French. Elder Vuilleumier is already at work in Montreal; and with a number of earnest young people in school this year studying the language, there seems brighter prospects in the future for the French work in Canada.—Ed.

"While visiting the scattered groups of French believers in Canada, I found away up in the mountains at Namur, Quebec, a little company of nine believers, not including some ten children and young people, ranging from three to twenty years of age. They heard the truth ten years ago through the efforts of Elder D. T. Bourdeau, who for a few months held tent meetings among them and

baptized them. But since that time they have had no opportunity to celebrate the ordinances of the church, and have at times been nearly led astray through lack of a French worker to look after them. Nevertheless, they have continued to send in their tithes to the conference. It is really wonderful, when we know the story of their struggles, that they stood so firm for the truth, with so little opportunity to be instructed in it.

"Turning my steps in another direction, I visited two Sabbath keeping families near Valleyfield. For six years they have observed the Bible Sabbath, though having no relations with our people. When the last census records were published, these families were listed under the peculiar religious name of "Sabbatiste." Some of our brethren noticed this record, and called the attention of the conference workers to it, with the result that they were soon visited, and their story was thus learned.

"Ten years ago they left the Catholic Church, and were drifting into infidelity when a colporteur came to one of them, and sold a Bible. As they studied it, their interest deepened into belief in its teachings, and soon they began to obey. Arriving at the law, they saw clearly that they should keep the Sabbath, which they at once started to do. When they became aware that they had really found the pearl of great price, the father decided to go twenty miles to his relatives to make known the truth to them. On the journey he found himself confronted by a forest fire, which so delayed him that he did not reach his destination until after midnight. It was very dark, and for some reason no lamp could be found in the house until after long search they managed to find one which gave a tiny flame. Gathering the family around this little light, he read to them from his precious book until morning, when he had to return

home. Soon they also were keeping the Sabbath.

"I spent many days there, and was really astonished to see how well they had come to understand the Scriptures with no human help, and thinking themselves the only ones of like faith in the world. Speaking of baptism, the mother told me that for a long time she had desired that she, with all her family, might be baptized in the river which flows near their house. One interesting feature is the fact that when they came to understand the holiness of the law of God, the father desired to bear public witness to his regard for it. So he purchased two large white marble slabs, and upon them had engraved in French the ten commandments. These he set upon the front of his house.

"I am now in Montreal for a few weeks. Here also the French work is encouraging. On Sabbath, April 1, five precious souls were baptized and united with the Montreal church; one was also received upon profession of faith, having been previously baptized in another church. Others will follow later, and the interest is good. We should have here one or two permanent French workers, but where can we get them? When I see the great need of workers for these millions of French in the United States and Canada, and hear the urgent calls that come to us, I am glad to know that the General Conference is working to establish a French school, or a special French department in one of our academies. We have in Canada and the States a number of French young people. These should have the opportunity of receiving instruction to fit them for the Lord's work.

"Most of the French people are Catholics, and therefore special efforts will be required to take the message to them."

"A soft answer turneth away wrath."

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THE NEW SCHOOL SITE

Dear Readers of the MESSENGER:

We think we have a suitable location for the school. At least the land has been purchased one mile east of Oshawa which joins a piece I own, and considering the amount of money we have, we feel sure that our brethren will not condemn us.

The land is not the best, but it is very picturesque, and runs out to the the Kingston road. It is in the fruit belt, and with mine, contains two hundred and thirty-five acres. A small creek runs through it, and a never failing spring is above where the buildings would be located.

It being impossible for the people of Ontario, to hope to compete with the West in grain raising, it would be unwise for us to invest in high priced land if we could obtain land suitable for dairying and fruit raising at less cost. The location can not be equalled in all Ontario for the price; and the Quebec brethren passed a resolution that if we would locate east of Toronto, we might count on their co-operation and support. The radial line from Toronto is surveyed through the land, and promises a one hour run into the city. After this line has been built, a child coming into Oshawa over the Canadian Northern, the G. T. R., the C. P. R. or by boat, need not set his foot on the ground until he reaches

the school farm. This land of one hundred and thirty-five acres, we procured at \$4000, and is acknowledged to be equally as good as land joining it, which is held at \$15000, and contains ten acres less.

Your brother,
 C. D. TERWILLEGAR.

C. P. A. NOTES

Oct. 13, 253,291 of the Missions number of the *Signs* had been mailed.

The address of Brother C. D. Terwillegar is now 27 Howard Park Avenue, Toronto, Ont.

Brother Jos. Capman, Hamilton, writes, "We are giving Bible Readings every night, and often during the day."

Speaking of *Life and Health*, Mrs. A. E. Henderson, Hamilton, says, "I sold fifty in an hour and a half to-day."

Two large lists of subscribers for *Protestant* arrived during the week. It is easy for anyone to get subscribers for this excellent magazine.

F. W. Johnson, Napanee, sends an order for seven *Little Friend* for use in the Sabbath-school. We are glad to know that a good company has been organized into a Sabbath-school there.

From Toronto comes a good order for *Home Bible Study*. Just as soon as possible, we will have some of each number printed on our own press. Till then we will be obliged to fill the orders from what we have.

WATCH THIS GROW

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CANVASSERS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING OCT. 14, 1911

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A. Roach,	Montreal, Que.	S P	20	13	15 00		
A. M. Taylor,	Quebec City	D A	130	7	22 00		\$115 00
Total for week			153	23	47 00		115 00
Total to Sept. 22			4628	1891	3490 00	1177 70	2885 55
Total to Oct. 14			4781	1914	3537 00	1177 70	3000 55