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My Bible and I

We've travelled together, my Bible and I,
Through all kinds of weather, with smile or with sigh;
In sorrow or sunshine, in tempest or calm,
Thy friendship's unchanging, my lamp and my psalm.
We've travelled together, my Bible and I,
When life has grown weary, and death e'en was nigh;
But all through the darkness of mist and of wrong,
I found thee a solace, a prayer, or a song.
So now who shall part us, my Bible and I?
Shall ism, schism, or new lights that try?
Shall shadow for substance, or stone for good bread,
Supplant its sound wisdom, give folly instead?
Ah no! my dear Bible, revealer of light,
Thou sword of the Spirit, put error to flight;
And still through life's journey, until my last sigh,
We'll travel together, my Bible and I.—Sel.

Simple Modes of Work

We wish that we might say something that would lead all of God's children to place a greater value and more importance on the simpler, smaller things of life. We sometimes are carried away with the idea that if we could have some leading preacher come and hold a few meetings in the largest hall in our city, and advertise the meetings with big posters, that then something would be accomplished. We don't wish to discount big things, but the sum total of the smaller things, the little things, is infinitely greater. "Our character building will be in constant peril while we underrate the importance of little things."

"Little drops of water, little grains of sand,
Make the mighty ocean, and the desert land."

Our great leader counsels us to devise and set in operation among the churches the very simplest modes of work. This brings our home missionary work within the reach of all. If our people will co-operate with such a plan and perseveringly carry it out, they will reap a rich reward, for their experience will grow brighter, their ability will increase through exercise, and souls will be saved through their efforts. We wish to pass on to our readers a living example of what we desire to see and what we know to be possible in every church and company. Brother Capman of Ontario, writes:—

"We had a real live home missionary meeting last night. We hold them once a week. Every member had

a real interesting experience to relate: One sister had found a lady who had been shut in with an invalid husband for about three years. She had taken her some flowers, and studied Daniel 2 with her, and made it so interesting her sister was present at the next study (The Home of the Saved), and they both enjoyed it very much. She has arranged for a study each week. She also took six orders for the home workers' books the same day. Another member in making his weekly visit with the "Home Bible Studies" received more than enough to pay for the tracts, and was asked into a home to explain a portion of the Bible to a lady to whom he had on a former occasion lent the little book, "Steps to Christ." He said that he was impressed to take "Great Controversy" along with him so that if the way opened up he would lend it. This lady wanted to know about the Sabbath, so he just pulled out the book and told her that if she would read it it would give her the information she desired. He then asked for prayer for this special person. The whole hour was filled with these kind of experiences. We spent some time praying for the work and for each other."

It is clear to all that before we can win, we must enter into the race. We must not wait for opportunities, but make them. As we have opportunity, let us do good unto all men. We are to work wisely, patiently, considerately winning our way by the tender ministry of love. God expects personal service from every one to whom the light has come. We invite you to take your place in the advance lines. Let us go forth into the whitened harvest fields, for much will be lost should the harvest wait.

Be sure and get a good supply of our truth-filled literature. Don't fail to get your two copies of the *Signs* weekly.

F. W. PAAP.

Volunteers Needed

The daily reports of the great European war bring many thoughts to our minds in connection with the still greater war being waged between Christ and Satan. This war is reaching its great crisis, in the final struggle that takes place just before Christ comes back to this world. To meet this crisis, the Lord has sent forth a

great cry all over the land for volunteers to enlist in active service for him. This call is made through this home missionary movement, for the interest that is being taken in it, and the attention that has been turned to it, in so many parts of the world, shows that the movement is inspired by the Holy Spirit.

The question is, how many will respond to the Lord's call to service? Many are doing so, and it is inspiring to read the good missionary reports in the union conference papers, but not all are yet working, and perhaps some who are working can do more.

There is one very important thing about this call to service, and that is that the Lord tests the love of his followers by the work they do for him. "Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not unto me." Matt. 25: 45. He said to this class, "Depart from me." Are we really followers of Christ? If we are, every call to service will be to us another opportunity to show more of our love to Jesus. We will welcome it as giving us another outlet for the warm love we have in our hearts. Just as Christ has poured out his love for us, so we will want to pour out our love for him. As we do this, it will come back to us in fresh evidences of the Saviour's love for us.

One call to service is the plan to circulate an average for every member of two weekly *Signs of the Times* each week. The first eight weeks of campaign brought in additional subscriptions to the number of 17,605, but while we are very thankful for this increase through the efforts of some loyal disciples, it does not seem a very great work for 71,000 believers. We feel sure you can do better than that, for of this number one sister alone sent in 137 subscriptions.

Here is the situation: On one side is the Lord, looking longingly, yearningly, at the souls he died to save who do not know him. He has only one plan for reaching them, and that is through the work of those who know him. He is depending on them to do it, but they are so slow, and time goes so fast. On the other side are honest-hearted people, longing and praying for something, they know not what. They are dissatisfied, craving for that alone which will help them, the saving power of Christ.

Who will bring these together? Every Sabbath-keeper may have a part in doing this, and there is no better way than by circulating our literature. Just now special efforts are being made to build up the circulation of the *Signs* because it has proved again and again to be a very effective instrument for soul-saving. Are there not more who will take two copies of this paper each week? They cost only five cents a week, or \$1.20 for the two copies for six months, if ordered with the church club. They will sell readily, as they are full of the very things the people are interested in just now. Those who do not care to sell them can give them away, or mail them to friends and neighbors. The method of circulating them is not so important, as it is to get them into the hands of

the people in some way, that the Holy Spirit may have channels through which to work.

The Lord is depending on you, and he has no other plan. You will not disappoint him, will you?

E. M. GRAHAM.

Too Late

"And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut." Matt. 25: 10.

These were too late. They had rejected the overtures of mercy too long. They had procrastinated and failed to lay hold of forgiveness and eternal life until the sun of human probation had set, and the door of mercy, so long ajar, had been closed.

There will come a time when probation will close, when the tribunal of the universal judge will sit no longer, when every case will be eternally decided for weal or for woe. Not that the Lord desires the loss of any soul, or will not listen to the cry of those who want life. But one generation of men is to span the time of the judgment, and just when the work will close, none of us know. We know not how soon the crisis in our experience, and in the history of the world, will come.

"There is a line by us unseen
That crosses every path,—
The hidden boundary between
God's patience and his wrath.

"O! where is this mysterious bourn
By which our path is crossed,
Beyond which God himself hath sworn
That he who goes is lost?"

Too late are melancholy words. A loved one has reached home as soon as the most improved inventions of travel could carry him to the bedside of the dying, and it has been whispered to him, "You are too late." The skillful surgeon has sadly told the agonized and loved ones, "I am too late; there is no hope." Crowds have gathered around a burning building in which are trapped many helpless victims, who, with terror-stricken hearts, wait for help while the fire demon roars on its mission of destruction. The firemen have ascended the hot ladders again and again to save those in danger. Breathlessly the people watch to see if the agonized faces at the windows above will be rescued. They cheer the heroic life-savers. But alas! they are too late. All go to their doom in the fiery vortex. A ship is driven on the rocks, and is being fast torn to pieces by the angry waves, lashed to fury by the storm king. The life-savers push out from the shore to rescue, if possible, the stricken crew, who face death by the angry elements. They do their best to reach the doomed vessel. But it is beyond their powers. They are too late. Ere they can render them help, the vessel succumbs to fury of the storm; and the sea, the greatest of all cemeteries, where there are so many unmarked graves, claims more victims till the time when it shall yield up its dead.

But sad as are all these, they in no way compare with that awful hour when probation shall close, and it will be too late to enter the paradise of God. There comes an hour when the Master of the house will rise up and shut the door; when the Mediator will find the work of judgment, and lay down the censer forever; when he will step out from between guilty man and God; when the finally incorrigible will be given over to believe a lie, and to perish in the lake of fire.

This is no arbitrary act with God; man settles his own destiny. But that we are approaching the end of earth's history and the finishing of the judgment, there can be no doubt. The Spirit of God is fast leaving the world; the hearts of men are becoming harder, and fierceness and violence fill the earth as never before.

Today if we hear his voice, we are to repent and seek a refuge in the ark, the door of which is still open, inviting us to enter. G. B. THOMPSON.

Ontario

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The World's Greatest Need

"The greatest want of the world is the want of men—men who will not be bought or sold; men who in their inmost souls are true and honest; men who do not fear to call sin by its right name; men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole; men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall."

Many names are mentioned in the Bible of men and women who tried to supply the world's greatest need in their day. Next to Christ, Paul stands as foremost.

"The greatest of human teachers, Paul accepted the lowliest as well as the highest duties. He recognized the necessity of labor for the hand as well as for the mind, and he wrought at a handicraft for his own support. His trade of tent-making he pursued while daily preaching the gospel in the great centers of civilization.

"While he possessed high intellectual endowments, the life of Paul revealed the power of rarer wisdom. Principles of deepest import, principles concerning which the greatest minds of his time were ignorant, are unfolded in his teachings and exemplified in his life. He had

that greatest of all wisdom, which gives quickness of insight and sympathy of heart, which brings man in touch with men, and enables him to arouse their better nature and inspire them to a higher life.

"See him in the dungeon at Philippi, where, despite his pained-racked body, his song of praise breaks the silence of midnight. After the earthquake has opened the prison doors, his voice is again heard, in words of cheer to the heathen jailer, 'Do thyself no harm; for we are all here.'

"Hear him in the court of Festus, when King Agrippa, convicted of the truth of the gospel, exclaims, 'Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.' With what gentle courtesy does Paul, pointing to his own chain, make answer, 'I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were almost and altogether such as I am, except these bonds.'" T. D. Rowe.

Buena Vista Current

Brother A. L. Beazley, a student at the Academy, conducted the service at the Oshawa church last Sabbath.

Plans were laid during Miss Shanks' visit, for the Young People's convention to be held at Buena Vista Academy, in the first week of March. We look forward with eager interest to a good attendance at this gathering, and to hear good things from the speakers who may be present.

The students formed four prayer bands some time ago, for the purpose of seeking power from God for the work of preparing quickly for active service; and for special prayer in behalf of friends and acquaintances for whom a burden is felt. The reports from the members of the bands are encouraging.

Miss Annie Tenny is very busy with the Music Department work these days. A recital is to be given during the Young People's Convention by the students who are taking instrumental or vocal music lessons. There is much sound of practicing on the various instruments in the school as the date draws near.

We were favored with a visit by Miss Margaret Shanks, secretary of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Movement in Ontario. Miss Shanks spoke to the Young People's Society, Sunday evening. The responsibilities resting upon young people in these closing days of the message were brought before us, and also the several aims for the Young People in Ontario for 1915.

"THE talent of success is nothing more than doing what you can well, and doing well whatever you do, without a thought of fame."

Colporteurs' Report, 2 Weeks Ending Feb. 2, 1915

Ontario

Name	Book	Hours	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
John Pengelly	C. K.	50	27	\$40 50	\$17 80	\$58 30	

Maritime

W. P. Landry	D. R.	25	5	15 00		15 00	
Wm. A. Edwards	Mag.	71		36 20		36 20	
Total		96	5	\$ 51 20		\$ 51 20	
Grand Total		146	32	\$ 91 70	\$17 80	\$109 50	

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Moncton

We have a very good Missionary Volunteer Society this winter in the Moncton church. We have banded together to do something for the Lord, to let our light shine. We meet once a week and have good programs. Quite a number are going to take the Reading Course this year, and we are each trying to do some good missionary work. All of us are not young in years, but we are all young in Christ and want to work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work. Pray for the Missionary Volunteer Society of the Moncton church, that each one may be faithful in whatever work his hands find to do for the Master during 1915.

IDA M. CARTER.

Education in the Home

No school can be what it ought to be without a solid backing in the home. Our good, loyal home people need to know more about the aims and character of our school work. Many of them, too, ought to be teaching their children at home when no Christian school is accessible, or when the children are yet too young to send to school. Our good magazine, *Christian Education*, is working earnestly to build up the interests of education in both the school and the home. It ought to visit monthly every Seventh-day Adventist home in the land, and it can for the very modest sum of one dollar a year. It is published by the General Conference for this very purpose. The January number is especially good.

Does it Pay?

Our publications are often sent to individuals without any word of explanation. As a result the donors are deprived of many encouraging letters which of necessity are addressed to the publishers. Here is one from Ireland:

"Some unknown friend has been sending me for some time copies of the *Signs of the Times* addressed as per enclosed. Do you know as to who sent these? They have discontinued sending same for some time, and I

am very fond of your paper and derive great help therefrom. I desire to become a direct annual subscriber. Please say if subscriptions must be paid in advance. If so, please say if you could supply me with back numbers from August 1st to November 1st, and for how much. How shall I send the money? Please enter as subscriber from November 1st."

This is another of the multiplying evidences that it pays to use the *Signs* in our missionary endeavors.

United States in Prophecy

"United States in Prophecy," by Brother L. A. Smith, is now ready. While so many are stirred over the situation in Europe, and are inquiring as to what will be the future of the United States, it seems most opportune that Brother Smith should have this book ready just at this time. It contains about the same number of pages as "Past, Present and Future," but is a little longer being the same length and width as "Bible Readings," "Daniel and the Revelation," etc. It is bound in two styles, as follows: full leather, \$3.00; cloth, \$2.00. It is a subscription book, and the prospectus is now ready, price seventy-five cents, postpaid.

Notice

A meeting of the Eastern Canadian Union Committee is called to convene at Oshawa, Ontario, March 2-7, 1915. The first meeting will be held at the Union office at 2:30 p. m. March 2. All members are requested to plan to be present at the opening of the session. The following named persons are members of this Committee: M. N. Campbell, M. C. Kirkendall, A. V. Olson, M. M. Hare, Wm. Young, T. D. Rowe, D. J. C. Barrett, Jean Vuilleumier, T. D. Gibson, F. G. Hill.

M. N. CAMPBELL, President.

Notice

A meeting of the Buena Vista Academy Board is called to convene in connection with the meeting of the Eastern Canadian Union Conference Committee, at Oshawa, Ont., March 2-7, to elect the faculty of the Academy, and to transact such other business as may properly come before this Board. The members of this Board are: M. N. Campbell, M. C. Kirkendall, M. M. Hare, A. V. Olson, Wm. Young, T. D. Rowe and T. D. Gibson.

M. N. CAMPBELL, President.

Choice Books—Special

Half leather Bible Readings, good, \$1.00 postpaid.
Story of Seer of Patmos, 60 cents postpaid.
Home and Health, cloth, \$1.25 postpaid.
Great Controversy, cloth, slightly soiled, \$1.25 postpaid.
Ladies' Guide, cloth, \$1.25 postpaid.
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A BROTHER who is selling magazines in Halifax, N. S. writes that his courage is good and the work is onward. He expects to do a strong work there with the 1915 Temperance annual.