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Further Word Concerning Mrs. White

DEAR EDITOR:

Knowing you are interested in Mother's health, I will write again.

From Wednesday, May 12, she was stronger, and was able to eat better than for several weeks. Thursday, May 20, she was not so well. Friday she could not eat anything, and for a few days she grew weaker rapidly.

Sunday, May 23, in the afternoon, Sister Mc-Enterger read to her a letter from Elder F. C. Gilbert, telling about the progress of the work in Portland, Maine. She was much cheered to hear of prosperity in the Portland church.

Tuesday morning, May 25, she was very weak, but her mind seemed clear, and when I asked if she was comfortable she said:

"I am very weak. I am sure this is my last sickness. I am not worried at the thought of dying. I feel comforted all the time that the Lord is near me. I am not anxious. The preciousness of the Saviour has been so plain to me. He has been a friend. He has kept me in sickness and in health. I do not worry about the work I have done. I have done the best I could. I do not think that I shall be lingering long. I do not expect much suffering. I am thankful that we have the comforts of life in time of sickness. Do not worry. I go only a little before the others."

About 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, Elder and Mrs. Geo. B. Starr called to see her. She remembered them and spoke words of encouragement of their work. W. C. WHITE.

The following is an extract from the Atlantic Union Gleaner:

Another prominent worker in California writes: "I was privileged of our dear

Saviour to see Sister E. G. White at her home not long ago. She is fast failing. I doubt if she can last much longer unless the dear Lord interposes in Nature's course. She is happy in God, full of joy and rejoicing. She says great changes will come after she is gone. Satan will work as never before. All that can be shaken will be shaken out. We must draw near to God, for we cannot lean upon man or the crowd. We must know the Lord deeply as never before. O, to be more like Jesus! She has been shown that the work is to suddenly close when we least expect it."

"Therefore, be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." These last words of the servant of God are full of significance to God's people. If any sleep on in carnal security and in indifference in this time, they would have slept

if they had been with Christ in his last hours in Gethsemane. "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light."

Fifteen Propositions Concerning the Tithe

M. N. CAMPBELL

- 1 Tithing is an obligation of both the Old and the New Testaments. Lev. 27:30; Matt. 23:23.
- 2 It was instituted to provide for the support of the ministry. Num. 18:20-21; 1 Cor. 9:14.
- 3 It is the only scriptural arrangement for that purpose.
- 4 It favors growth in grace. 2 Cor. 9:6-8.
- 5 It broadens the heart and drives out stinginess. Prov. 11:25.
- 6 They are abundantly blest who practice it. Mal. 3:10.
- 7 They are cursed who do not. Mal. 3:9.
- 8 To neglect it is to rob God and therefore sin. Mal. 3:8.
- 9 Its justice must appeal to all giving according as God has prospered us.
- 10 No one ever feels condemned for practicing it.
- 11 It originated under the Melchisedec priesthood. Heb. 7:1, 2.
- 12 The reason many receive so little is because they give so little. Prov. 11:24.
- 13 To pay tithe is to acknowledge God's ownership of this world. Hag. 2:8; Ps. 24:1.
- 14 To withhold it justifies Satan's usurpation. Luke 4:6.
- 15 The tithe is to be paid into God's recognized storehouse. Mal. 3:10.

Ontario Conference

Hamilton

Sabbath, May 29, was a day of special blessing to the Hamilton church. It has for several weeks been the earnest desire of nearly every member of this church to have such a view of our great need that we may be given more of his power in overcoming sin so that definite results may be accomplished in laboring for souls. Especially at our weekly prayer meetings has the Lord come very near, and they have been seasons of genuine heart searching and consecration to his service. The result has been what could only be expected, souls have responded to the truth. Last Sabbath seven adults were baptized and received into the church. The superintendent of our Sabbath school announced the week before that the following Sabbath would be visitors' day, and every one was requested to bring someone with him. To this suggestion there was a hearty response, and the church was filled. A deep impression was made upon all present as these dear souls were received into the church fellowship. I believe I have never attended a baptismal service when the spirit of God was so manifestly present. Hearts were made tender, victories were gained, and our people are now rejoicing that God has so wonderfully answered their prayers.

At no time since I came to labor in this city has the prospect for the future seemed more encouraging. Our people in this city are loyal to the cause, harmony seems to prevail, and the spirit of sacrifice is seen on the part of nearly every member. Although our membership is much smaller than it was a year ago, owing to removal and apostasy, yet there has been a material increase in both tithe and mission offerings over that of the previous year. We believe, however, that more blessings are in store for us, and we are determined that "advancement" shall be our watchword until the work is finished.

F. C. WEBSTER.

Maritime Conference

North Sydney

Just a few lines regarding the work down here. Knowing that all our interests are mutual in the advancement of the third angel's message, I am sure the readers of the MESSENGER will be pleased to hear of our success.

"And he spake this parable unto them, saying, what man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he finds it? And when he hath found it, he layeth on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbors, saying unto them, rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost.

I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons which need no repentance." Luke 15:3-7. I am sure the readers of the MESSENGER will rejoice with us because the way the Lord has blessed the work in this part of his great field. As a result of the sowing of the precious seeds of truth eleven precious souls have identified themselves with the remnant church whose distinguishing feature is the keeping of the Sabbath of the Lord, and the faith of Jesus, and have shown their faith by being baptized into his body which is the church.

Elder Skinner arrived in North Sydney, the evening of the 19th just in time to speak to a company of people who were expecting him; and from the hour he arrived till the last hour he left he was kept busy imparting the necessary instruction to the candidates for baptism, besides imparting spiritual food to the whole church.

Sunday, March 23 was the day appointed for baptism. The evening before was cold and a drizzling rain was falling and everything looked rather forbidding; nevertheless arrangements were made in order that the program could be carried out the following day. The morning of the 23rd dawned bright and warm, the sun rising in all his glory making our hearts glad. The candidates having met by appointment at the home of Brother Stubbart for final instruction we all walked through a beautiful grove to the place of baptism which I was told by Brother Stubbart was Jordan's River. There Elder Skinner buried beneath its tranquil waters those who had decided to follow their Lord in fulfilling all righteousness. The following day a sister who was prevented by her husband from being baptized was led down into the water at the same spot and baptized by Elder Skinner. That same evening the members of the Sydney Mines church met at the home of Sister Thomson where three of those who had been baptized were accepted into church fellowship. The officers were then elected and ordained. On account of the distance between Sydney Mines and North Sydney it was not thought advisable to ask those living in North Sydney to become members of the Sydney Mines church. On Monday, May 24th a little company assembled at the home of Brother Moors where a company of ten were organized into a church. Officers were elected and ordained and thus another light was lighted which we hope will shine with undimmed lustre till the perfect day shall dawn and dispel this long night of sin and anguish.

BROTHER AND SISTER WM. WARELL.

St. Mary's

I am still working in the Master's service. I have distributed this spring one hundred of the *Signs* magazines, also a number of the "World's Crisis in the Light of Prophecy." I am engaged in the temperance work at present and distributing other books at the same time. I take the *Review and Herald* also the *Signs of the Times*, and enjoy them very much and when I have read them myself I

give them to my friends and neighbors to read and then I call later and get them and give them to others who I think would like to read them. If there is anyone who is not using their papers in a similar way I would like to have some back numbers to help me along in my missionary work. Fredericton, St. Mary's and Gibson is in great need. Pray, dear brothers and sisters, that the Lord will send laborers into his vineyard. The work is great but the laborers are few, may the dear Lord bless each of us as we labor in the Master's service.

MRS. R. C. FLETCHER.

Desire of Ages Did its Work

The following letter was sent to Mrs. E. G. White from N. S. Wales, Australia:—

"I have read one of your books, 'The Desire of Ages,' and I believe as you have written in the appendix of that good book that Saturday is the true Sabbath day. I do not know another person in this country who keeps this day as the Sabbath, and I shall probably be forced very soon to leave all my relatives and friends but this will never shake my faith and belief that Saturday is the Sabbath day of the Lord. I am writing to you in the hope that I may find a friend of my own belief. I am not yet nineteen years of age and I live in the New England bush. Being a poor working man with very little education, I would like you to let me know if I could get any employment where I could keep the Sabbath day should I come to California. I would be glad of any advice you would give me as to future work, for, even though I lose my life in so doing, I will always keep Saturday, the seventh day of the week, as the holy Sabbath of the fourth commandment."

This letter partakes of the spirit of the reformation. He is ready to lay down his life, if need be, for his new found faith.

After the letter had been referred to the workers in N. S. Wales and he had been written to, Elder Fulton received the following letter:—

Dear Sir:

I am one that believes that Saturday is the true Sabbath day. It is but a few months ago that I came to this belief through reading the appendix of that good book "Desire of Ages." I have lived all my life among rough men, and until quite a short time ago I was one of the lowest among them. How the change came I cannot tell you if I attempted to do so, but it has come and now I am turned to the Lord, and know that through him who died for us I may be saved, so I intend to give up all worldly ambitions and go to work in the vineyard of the Lord. I discovered the address of Mrs. E. G. White, the author of the "Desire of Ages" and wrote to her for advice, not knowing anyone in Australia who kept Saturday as the Sabbath day. I received an answer to my letter to-day which owing to Mrs. White's feebleness in old age was written by a lady for her. She stated in the letter that there was a good school at Cooranbong and that you were president of the school board, and it would be well for me to write to you. I would like you to let me know something of the school there, for I am very ignorant and unlearned. I would like very much to visit the school for I am longing to know more of the Lord and to associate with the people who are of my belief as regards the Sabbath day. I am not quite 19 so am

only a boy with all my life before me. I have declared my belief to my relatives and cannot stay here more than a few weeks longer. You will greatly oblige me if you will answer this letter without delay and let me know if I could take a course in your school where I could get a better idea concerning the work I intend to begin, or I would like your advice in this matter. I am yours truly, HARRY A. SKINNER.

We learn since this young man attended the camp-meeting and assisted in erecting the camp. He appears to be a fine young man, and is happy in associating with those of like faith, and will plan to enter school immediately.

Educational and Young People's Convention

There will be an Educational and Young People's Convention held at the Washington Missionary College July 26–August 4. This convention will plan for the development and extension of the Educational and Young People's work in the five union conferences embraced in the Washington College territory, which are as follows: Columbia, Atlantic, Canadian, Southern and Southeastern Union Conferences.

A council of the leading educators and secretaries in the Young People's work will be held at Pacific Union College, California, from June 4–14. It is planned that the results of this council be given to the secretaries of the Educational and Young People's Department, in different union conferences throughout the United States in a series of conventions which will be held at our different denominational colleges during the summer. As stated before, the convention for the Washington College district will be from July 26 to August 4. This convention should mark a long step in advance in the Educational and Young People's work in the union conferences in the East and South. Better plans of education and work should be adopted.

It is important that every teacher and Young People's worker attend this convention. The College will give free room to those who attend. Board will be conducted on the cafeteria plan. The convention will be held during the latter part of the summer school, which will be in session from July 1 to August 11.

J. L. SHAW.

Have you mailed your Mission Card to the Conference Treasurer?

Never try to save out of God's cause; such money will canker the rest. Giving to God is no loss: it is putting your substance in the best bank. Giving is true having, as the old gravestone said of the dead man: "What I spent I had, what I saved I lost, what I gave I have."—C. H. Spurgeon.

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Amount at 20 cents to April 30 \$1873 40
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MARITIME

Amount at 20 cents to April 30\$792 20
Amount received.....447 74
Shortage to date..... \$344 46

QUEBEC

Amount at 20 cents to April 30\$527 00
Amount received379 81
Shortage to date \$147 19

NEWFOUNDLAND

Amount at 20 cents to April 30\$207 40
Amount received 101 11
Shortage to date \$106 29

THE JUNE number of the *Protestant Magazine* contains a full report of an address by the editor, Prof. W. W. Prescott, on the subject, "Why we are Protestants." It would probably be rather a difficult matter for many of our own people to put into definite form the best reasons for separation from Rome, but those who are giving a message against the beast and his image ought to be most intelligent on this subject. Those of our people who are not readers of the *Protestant Magazine* would find many things of interest and value to them in it. Why not send 50 cents for a six month's trial subscription to commence with the June number? Address the Protestant Magazine, Washington, D. C.

"Make the best of it when you get the worst of it."

Notice

The thirty-sixth session of the Quebec conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held June 17-24, 1915, in connection with the campmeeting at South Stukely, Quebec, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, and the transacting of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Delegates' credentials should be sent immediately to the conference secretary, F. E. Dufty, 18 Calumet St., Montreal. Each church is entitled to one delegate for its organization and an additional delegate for each ten of its membership. The first session of the conference will be held at 9 a.m. Friday, June 18. All delegates should be present for the first session.

A. V. OLSON, President,
F. E. DUFTY, Secretary.

Maritime Annual Conference

The Maritime conference of Seventh-day Adventists will hold their Thirteenth Annual session at Halifax, N. S., June 7-13, 1915. The first meeting will be called Tuesday, June 8, at 9:30 a. m. in the S. D. A. church. May we look for a full delegation from each church. Each church is entitled to one delegate for the organization, and one additional delegate for each fifteen members. Officers will be elected and such other business as may properly come before the conference will be transacted.

GEO. H. SKINNER, Pres.
L. VANBUSKIRK, Sec.

Notice

The third annual meeting of the Executive Board of the Province of Nova Scotia in connection with the Seventh-day Adventist church of the Maritime Provinces will be held in Halifax, N. S., Thursday, June 10, at 3 p.m., at the time of the conference session held there at that time.

L. O. MACHLAN, Secretary.

Colporteurs' Report, Week Ending May 22, 1915

Ontario

Name	Book	Hours	Value	Total	Del.
L. Chamberlain	Misc.		\$11 90	\$45 20	\$33.50

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.
At Canadian Publishing Association, Oshawa.

"Being busy does not always mean real work. The object of all work is production or accomplishment, and to either of these ends there must be forethought, system, planning, intelligence, and honest purpose, as well as perspiration. Seeming to do is not doing."