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KEEP OUT OF SATAN'S TRAPS

Two distinguishing characteristics of the remnant people of God are: first, they keep the commandments of God; and second, they have the testimony of Jesus Christ. Rev. 12:17. The testimony of Jesus (Spirit of Prophecy, Rev. 19:10) is not to take the place of the Bible and should not be used to prove doctrine. It is easy to fall into a habit of mental laziness and to misuse this precious gift, treating it much as Roman Catholics do their oral traditions, as something not only equal in authority to the Holy Scriptures, but also "more safe and clear." The testimony of Jesus is intended to enrich His people "in all utterance and knowledge" of the word, "so that we come behind in no gift, looking for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 5:1-8.

Besides increasing our knowledge of the written word the spirit of prophecy is also to keep us from falling into Satan's traps just as Israel was saved from the Syrian armies by the testimony of the prophet Elisha. The following extracts from Testimonies, Vol. VI, pages 391 and 395 are to the point.

"By some of our brethren many things have been spoken and written that are interpreted as expressing antagonism to government and law. . . . It is not our work to attack individuals or institutions.

"We should not work in a manner that will mark us out as seeming to advocate treason. We should weed out from our writings and utterances every expression, that, taken by itself, could be so misrepresented as to make it appear antagonistic to law and order. Every thing should be carefully considered, lest we place ourselves on record as encouraging disloyalty to our country and its laws. We are not required to defy authorities. . . .

"The time will come when unguarded expressions of a denunciatory character, that have been carelessly spoken or written by our brethren, will be used by our enemies to condemn us. These will not be used merely to condemn those who made the statements, but

will be charged upon the whole body of Adventists. Our accusers will say that on such and such a day one of our responsible men said thus and so against the administration of the laws of this government. Many will be astonished to see how many things have been cherished and remembered that will give point to the arguments of our adversaries. Many will be surprised to hear their own words strained into a meaning that they did not intend them to have. . . . Let all beware lest by reckless expressions they bring on a time of trouble before the great crisis which is to try men's souls. . . .

"The less we charge against the authorities and powers, the greater work we shall be able to accomplish, both in America and in foreign countries."

The whole chapter entitled "Our Attitude Toward the Civil Authorities" should be carefully read by all our people. If heeded and rightly used the Testimonies will save us from many hurtful mistakes. Other warnings will be given in future articles in the MESSENGER.

C. F. McVAGH

A BOY'S PRAYER

Give me clean hands, clean words, and clean thoughts.

Help me to stand for the hard right against the easy wrong.

Save me from habits that harm.

Teach me to work as hard and play as fair in thy sight alone as if all the world saw.

Forgive me when I am unkind, and help me to forgive those who are unkind.

Keep me to be ready to help others at some cost to myself.

Send me chances to do a little good every day, and grow more like Christ. I ask this for Jesus' sake. Amen.

HARVEST INGATHERING

As we visit the churches we not infrequently are asked, "When will the Harvest Ingathering papers be ready?" They are ready now. The time is already here to begin to prepare for this work. The interest that is manifested in the preparation of the material and the willingness of all to begin work as soon as it is advisable speaks well for the success of the effort this year. Church officers in council with conference officers should begin at once to lay plans for doing a quick and systematic work. There is the church goal to set, and it is advised that we make it \$10 per member, the material to order, the territory to apportion to the members, or the bands, and the heart preparation which will fit us to do good service for God at this time. Some churches are beginning to lay a foundation now. They are distributing *Present Truth* week by week to a certain number of homes. By the time they are ready to solicit the people will be somewhat acquainted with them and will give to something they are really interested in.

At its recent session the Ontario Conference voted to begin their campaign August 1, so supplies are being hurried to them. Elder Barrett is laying plans to carry forward this work in a strong way, and has full confidence in their ability to reach the \$7,500 goal which has been set. This amount will cover the expense of some advance work in Burma, and with this in mind we believe the people will set themselves very definitely to work to reach this goal.

Burma is the land to which the first missionaries went from America. The story of the Judsons has been read with the keenest interest by thousands, old and young. It would be well for the brethren and sisters to read again the lives of these pioneers of mission work in Burma, and learn something of what it cost them to open up the work in that field. Now we must finish the work by giving the last message.

The Quebec Conference took up the plans for the Harvest Ingathering at its camp-meeting. Its goal was set at \$3,500 and much time was given to the discussion of plans for reaching that goal. Not having had a general meeting in Maritime and Newfoundland no word has been received as to their goals, but we believe they will join us in reaching as a Union \$10 per member in the campaign this year.

J. L. WILSON

THE YOUNG PEOPLE AT CAMP-MEETING

I am glad to report a very hearty response on the part of the young people at the Quebec Camp-meeting. Even though there were but few camping on the grounds, the meetings were faithfully attended by all.

The last Thursday was given by the Conference as Young People's Day. At the 9:30 meeting, some valuable instruction was given by several speakers on the value of a Christian education and the importance of attending our own schools, and a large number responded to our hearty invitation to come to the College at Oshawa. We are glad to find such a loyal spirit in Quebec for our College.

At eleven o'clock, Elder Stevens from the General Conference gave us a heart-stirring talk on the importance of Missionary Volunteer work and showed how dangerous it is for young people not to get their training in one of our schools. He told how that not one of our young men in all of the state of California who had attended one of our schools, gave way to the temptations during the late World War while many who had not received their training in our schools went down before persecution.

At 2:30 in the afternoon, Sister Lane gave a splendid report of the work done in the Young Peoples' department during the last nine months, and Brother Millner joined the writer in giving some historic data of this department and the possibilities of a great future for our young people.

At four o'clock, we cleared the dining tent and conducted an ideal social hour which was greatly enjoyed by all.

The Young People's meetings at the Ontario camp were held in the College chapel and were one of the largest meetings of the day. Professor C. A. Russell gave us splendid help, taking most of the afternoon services. Elder M. N. Campbell gave us a splendid study on God's Providence in the Message the last afternoon of the camp. A real spirit of revival prevailed during the whole time. Many responded to the strong appeal made by Professor Russell for all to get a Christian education.

Our young people, I am sure, join me in welcoming Brother F. E. Thumwood as Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the Ontario Conference. I trust that all our societies will respond by doing their best in missionary endeavour and in sending in their reports.

And let us all join in praying God's blessing to attend this important line of God's work.

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SPARKS FROM THE COLPORTEUR'S ANVIL

Ambassadors for Christ

A great and powerful King, who had been very kind to His subjects, called for many ambassadors to represent Him in the numerous countries of His realm. Rich priests and statesmen offered to serve, but when they learned that the task was hazardous and beset with many dangers they all with one accord began to make excuse and left Him. Business men and merchants, thinking to gain wealth and fame came forward; but when they learned that they must forsake wealth, worldly possessions, and self, they too made divers excuses and went their way. Then a host of people who served the King because they loved Him offered themselves. The King saw that they had passed through trials and were strong; they had been tempted and had stood the test. Difficulties had not daunted them; they had worked in rain and sunshine and had been faithful. They would suffer fatigue and even die for Him. These the King accepted to be His ambassadors.

These loyal ambassadors took books that the King gave them and went from country to country, province to province, town to town, and home to home. One went to the Island of Hayti (he could not speak the language but the King had sent him) with some little books which told of the King and His love. In a short time 600 people loved the King and accepted the ways of His country.

Another ambassador went to Cuba. In one of the villages where he spoke of his sovereign, he left three books, and in a few days four good people became subjects of the worthy monarch.

The ambassadors of this good Ruler who were in Cuba pledged themselves to sell one book every week, and so spread the news about the King and His country. They organized a campaign called the "Book-a-week Cam-

paign," and soon 5000 books were sold. The King was very pleased with the great good that His subjects did in this way, and added His blessing to their labors.

Ambassadors went to many countries and told the people of their King and His goodness. There are forty in the little island of Jamaica who every day worked for their Lord and received His rich rewards.

An old lady was chosen as ambassador to Canada. She lived in a "backwoods," near a Methodist Church where twenty-one people often gathered. This representative went to the church and read to the people a little book entitled, "The Marked Bible". When the people heard of the lovely country therein described and its ways, they fell upon their knees and implored the King to take them as His subjects.

Thousands of people in the Province of Quebec do not know the ways of the country over which the King rules. Some of them are ill, some will die. They have never heard the glorious message. Will the King's subjects let them die without going to them? Will the ambassadors rest at home at their ease? Will they stay at their trades when the great King has called them, or will they become real, true, active, live ambassadors for their King? Young men and young women of Quebec, the King has called you. It is for you to decide.

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HALIFAX

By the time this article reaches the readers of the MESSENGER we will have pitched our tent on a beautiful lot, which is part of a large estate, located in a thickly settled part of the business folk of this city. This lot is at 631 Robie St., one of the mainly travelled streets leading from the city to the Nova Scotia highways. We plan to begin tent meetings on Sunday, July 13, at 8 P. M., and continue these meetings as long as the weather will permit in the fall. Let those who read the MESSENGER tell others in the surrounding country of these

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meetings, inviting them to be present. We would also be glad to welcome all the believers nearby at our opening meeting. We will appreciate your help.

We have a good corps of workers to assist us in this effort. Elder W. C. Young of Memramcook will unite with us for the campaign. Brother Sangster from the Academy will be the tent manager, and Miss Greta Hubley will assist in the music and the Bible work. Brother Owen Munroe of this city will have charge of the singing, and Mrs. Archibald will help with the special music. The church members are pleased that this effort is to be held here, and they are planning to do their part to help us in many ways. If any living in other parts of the conference or union have friends living here, write them and let them know about the meetings, inviting them to come. Pray for us and the success of the work here.

The influence of the solemn rite of baptism that was performed on June 15 created a desire in the heart of others to become Christians. Special meetings were held, and a class of four others were immersed on Sabbath, June 29. We are glad for these ten new members. We pray that the Lord will guide, keep from the evils of this wicked world, and save these new believers in His soon-coming Kingdom. The Lord is surely crowning our efforts with success, and we give Him the praise and the glory.

There is also an interest near Windsor Junction. We were invited to hold some meetings in a little church at this place. The people are interested, and we go out there every Sunday morning. We take along some literature to give away. Brother Richardson takes an auto load out, some of the church members going to assist with the music. The people are hungry to hear the truths that we know so well. Some have never heard and we are anxious to tell them about the love of God

and the soon coming of Jesus to take his children home. We want to get some people at this place who will join us in helping to spread the message. We are enjoying our work here very much under the genial leadership of Elder Stray. Our address is 53 1/2 Windsor St., Halifax, N. S.

JOSEPH CAPMAN

GOOD FOR THE FATHERS TOO

We call them Mothers' Lessons, but for a fact they are as necessary for the fathers. And some fathers realize it. "A few of the fathers," writes a leader in Washington state, "are studying the Lessons with their wives, and one, who is a young teacher in the State University here, says 'it is the most wonderful society' he knows of, and that it is worthy of support because the mothers do not meet to gossip, or anything of the sort."

Another mother in British Columbia says: "The Lessons are so good. My husband, who is one of the nurses here at the sanitarium, reads them too, and often has opportunity to give some of the instruction to other parents, his patients."

Write for Outline of the Mothers' Lessons to the Home Commission, General Conference, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

OBITUARY

Hester Ann Roger-Boyd was born in Hamilton, May 6, 1859, and was married to Thomas Drever on February 10, 1881. More than twenty years ago she accepted the third angel's message, was baptized, and became a member of the Hamilton Seventh-day Adventist Church. She was always a faithful believer and consistent exponent of her faith.

After a long illness Sister Drever peacefully passed away at her home in Port Nelson, June 29, 1924, at the age of 65 years, 1 month, and 23 days, and she was laid to rest in Greenwood Cemetery in Burlington. Mourning their heavy loss are her husband, Thomas Drever, her daughter, Mrs. Charles Guthrie of Port Nelson, and her son, Wm. T. Drever of Battle Creek, Michigan, besides other relatives and a host of friends, but they mourn not as those who have no hope.

"We may sleep, but not forever;
There will be a glorious dawn;
We shall meet to part, no never,
On the resurrection morn.
From the deepest caves of ocean,
From the desert and the plain,
From the valley and the mountain,
Countless throngs shall rise again."

Elder F. L. Abbott assisted the writer in the funeral service.
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