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Canadian Union Messenger.

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

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IT MUST BE SETTLED RIGHT.

By Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

However the battle is ended,
Though proudly the victor comes
With fluttering flags and prancing nags,
And echoing roll of drums,
Still truth proclaims this motto,
In letters of living light—
No question is ever settled
Until it is settled right.

Though the heel of the strong oppressor
May grind the weak in the dust,
And the voices of fame with one acclaim
May call him great and just,
Let those who applaud take warning,
And keep this motto in sight—
No question is ever settled
Until it is settled right.

Let those who have failed take courage,
Though the enemy seem to have won;
Though the ranks are strong, if he be in
the wrong,
The battle is not yet done.
For sure as the morning follows
The darkest hour of the night,
No question is ever settled
Until it is settled right.

(Extracts from Testimonies, Volume 8,
Advance Sheets.)

CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS.

Mrs. E. G. White.

"The use which should be made of 'Object lessons' in the future has been made clear to me, and I must write to my brethren in regard to it. Letters have been received from our canvassing agents, in which they say they think it would be a good plan for 'Object Lessons' to be handled as a regular subscription book, as soon as the relief-of-the-schools campaign is finished. They believe that this book

would have as ready a sale in the hands of the canvasser as any that could be produced.

'As my son read me one of these letters, the thought came to me: 'Here is an opportunity for me to get out of debt. Is not this the right thing to do?' I told my son I thought that perhaps it would be best to do as the letter had suggested. Then I sent to heaven the prayer, 'Lord, teach me to speak right words.' Quickly the answer came. In an instant the light given me at the first concerning 'Object Lessons' flashed into my mind, and the instruction then given was repeated. I seemed to hear the words: 'God signified that this book should be given to our schools, to be to them a continual blessing. Would you exchange his plan for human devising? This book is to be treated as a sacred offering made to God; and as his plan regarding it is unselfishly carried out, the result will be wholly satisfactory.'

'I immediately told my son that I would make no change in regard to the handling of 'Object Lessons' unless God gave me plain instruction that this should be done. As I told him this, I felt the blessing of God resting upon me.

'The plan for the circulation of 'Object Lessons' is not of human devising; it is God's plan. He signified that this book should be a gift to our schools. Thus far it has done its work, and God has set His approval on the self-sacrificing efforts of his people.

'Shall we mar His plan?—No, no! Until the Lord shall come, and our present system of school work be ended by our entering the higher school, 'Christ's Object Lessons' is to stand as a gift to our educational institutions.

OUR DUTY TO OUR SCHOOLS.

"My brethren and sisters, why is so little being done to sell 'Object Lessons'? Have you become weary in well-doing? Have all the families in your neighborhood been supplied with the book that is

so full of helpful lessons, both for parents and for children? Are there not some who did not buy a book last year that would buy one now? Why should we not go steadily forward with this work, until millions of homes have been supplied with 'Object Lessons', and our schools are freed from debt?

"Success has attended the effort made in the past to sell 'Object Lessons', because God's people have worked in co-operation with heavenly agencies; and success will attend the effort put forth in the future, if our people will still carry forward the work. As they patiently press on in the work, the Lord Jesus and His angels will open the way before them. All will receive grace for grace, as they give what they can, in time and influence, to the circulation of 'Object Lessons'. . . . Many years ago I was instructed to direct our people to establish schools for the education and training of our children, and to urge the youth to attend schools. Placed under wise teachers in Christian schools, the youth have favorable opportunity to form right habits and to develop Christ-like characters.

"Our people are not half awake to the fact that the enemy against whom we are contending is a keen, eloquent being, who works in every conceivable way to hinder the advancement of God's work. We must rid ourselves of the idea that we can move along smoothly, meeting no hindrances. The enemy will oppose every effort put forth to advance the cause of God.

"My brethren and sisters, I ask you to give the school work your sympathy and support. Do not become weary in well doing. In carrying forward the work of selling 'Christ's Object Lessons' you will receive a most precious blessing. . . .

"I appeal to all our people in behalf of all our colleges and training schools. If the brethren and sisters in each union conference will labor with perseverance and faith, they will be able to free their school from debt, and also provide the necessary facilities for successful manual training.

"It is the duty of the managers and the teachers in our colleges and schools to take an active part in the continued effort to sell 'Object Lessons'. Let them take the burden of this work upon their hearts. Not only are they to co-operate with conference officers in carrying the work forward; they are to lead out in it, training the students to engage successfully in it."

It seems to me that the foregoing extracts are timely instruction for us, and that we will do well to study them carefully. All should realize the importance

of sending their children to our schools, and every member of the conference should take an active part in maintaining them. Unwavering efforts will bring success.

W. H. THURSTON.

SYSTEMATIC EFFORT FOR 1904.

Do you read from week to week the stirring reports from our missionaries in foreign fields? Have you noticed with what zeal and earnestness the message is being extended into all lands? Does not the very reading of these things fill you with a burning desire to have a part in this great closing work? Would you not even like for every member of your family to have a personal experience in sending this gospel into the regions beyond? You may not be able to go to the distant fields yourself, but you may have your representative there; you may have a part in this work according to your ability and your willingness. The Lord has set his hand to this work, and it will be finished. Upon some he has placed the burden to go, while upon others he extends the privilege of assisting those who do go. Thus all may have a part.

The giving of the closing gospel message to all the world in this generation puts into the hands of every believer the grandest opportunity to engage in the most important work ever committed to this world. But it is not spasmodic effort; that accomplishes but little in any line. The servants of God must now put on the whole armor, and press the battle to the very gates. Every individual who loves God's truth, and who understands it for this time, has a definite, specific work to do, and this he will continue in until it is accomplished; it will be the one great ambition of his life. And he who misses the opportunity eventually loses all.

Let every one consider these facts in all seriousness, and begin at once to make plans for earnest, systematic effort during 1904. The Lord will certainly bless all such work. A good way to do this is to adopt and faithfully carry out the ten-cent-a-week plan of contributions to foreign missions. Many rich experiences have come to those who have adopted this plan; and the amount received by the Mission Board during the year just closing, from this source alone, has amounted to almost twenty thousand dollars.

Now, at the beginning of the new year, is a splendid opportunity for others to join this company of systematic givers. We wish every Seventh-day Adventist might

be induced to see the great importance of this work. If they did, the carrying of the message to all lands would be blessed with an additional fund of more than a quarter of a million dollars.

Let your good resolves for 1904 include this one of our weekly offerings, and the Lord will surely bless the efforts.

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SELF-SUPPORTING MISSIONARY WORK.

For years the Lord has been calling our attention to the importance of giving this Message to the people in the large cities, and also showing us that this work has been sadly neglected. We quote the following from Testimony, Vol. 7, page 40:

"When I think of the cities in which so little has been done, in which there are so many thousands to be warned of the soon-coming Saviour, I feel an intensity of desire to see men and women going forth to the work in the power of the Spirit, filled with Christ's love for perishing souls. Those in our cities—living within the shadow of our doors—have been strangely neglected. Organized effort should now be put forth to give them the Message of Present Truth. . . . We all need to be wide awake, that, as the way opens, we may advance the work in the large cities."

We appreciate the fact that this is a difficult problem to deal with on account of the expense. In many of the large cities tent meetings cannot be held on account of local restrictions, and hall rent is almost prohibitive.

We are convinced that the work of warning the people in these large cities will have to be done largely through our publications, and if taken hold of in the right way, it can be made nearly or quite self-supporting.

Our "pioneer paper," the "Signs of the Times," can be used as an entering wedge. The special number on the subject of Capital and Labor is a splendid one to begin with. Then let this be followed by the sale of the regular issues, securing subscriptions, and selling small books, tracts, and pamphlets. We have these covering almost every phase of the Message.

Bro. George A. King has been engaged in this work in New York City for many years. We quote the following from a letter recently received from him:

"I think the time has come when we can

work faster with the Message by using the 'Signs of the Times' as a pioneer for the book work as well as for Bible work and Ministerial work. I have been working for several years on the difficult problem of reaching the people with books in these large Eastern cities. We have sold many thousands of dollars' worth of books and have done a good work, but I think it is clear now that for the future the 'Signs' or some other paper will have to play an important part in our work here."

As to the value of our periodicals, and especially the "Signs of the Times," in this work, the following extracts from the Testimonies are right to the point:

"Our missionary paper, the "Signs of the Times," is doing its work everywhere, and is opening the way for the truth to be more fully presented."

"Our brethren do not all see and realize the importance of this paper; if they did, they would feel greater personal interest to make it intensely interesting and then to circulate it everywhere."

"This silent preacher, the 'Signs,' enriched with precious matter, should go forth on the wings of prayer, mingled with faith, that it may do its appointed work in shedding the light of truth upon those who are in the darkness of error."

"It is a fact that the circulation of our papers is doing even a greater work than the living preacher can do."

It is the purpose of the publishers to make the "Signs of the Times" all that its name implies by calling attention to current events and show what they mean in the light of prophecy. The subject of Capital and Labor cannot be exhausted in one number, and this question will be discussed in future issues. Then there will be articles covering every phase of the Message, presented in such a way as not to create prejudice, thus making the "Signs" truly a "Pioneer Paper."

The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few. Are there not those who will volunteer to take hold of this work in the large cities?

"Pride costs us more than hunger, thirst and cold."—Jefferson.

"The Messenger" will be issued, hereafter, on the 1st and 15th of the month. Contributors will bear this in mind, and send in their copy early.

Word from the Sanitarium at Knowlton, Quebec, reports continued success in the work there. Rooms in the "hall" adjacent have been fitted up, and four of the force are occupying them, thus making more room in the main building.

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CO-OPERATION.

With the present number we begin issuing "The Messenger" semi-monthly, and we greatly desire the paper to be just what it ought, that it may be the most possible benefit to its readers and to the work in the field that it represents.

It is not the intention of the publishers that "The Messenger" shall take the place of any of our other denominational papers, and it will not, therefore, accept for publication articles which will more properly find their way into the more general publications; and while "The Messenger" is the only publication issued by this denomination in Canada, we would urge all our people to subscribe for, and read as many of the denominational periodicals as possible, as we know of none of them which could well be dispensed with.

It is our intention, however, to make "The Messenger" perform for our Canadian people that which none of the other periodicals can, viz., carry the message of the progress of the work in the Canadian Union Conference, which should be a message of encouragement to one and all. It is the intention of the publishers that "The Messenger" shall contain such reports from the field, and such items of interest in the field, together with such instruction for those connected with the work in the field, as may be necessary, from time to time, and such as will keep its readers constantly informed of every move that is made. We know that all are intensely interested in this field, and are willing to do anything which will advance the work of the Message in it.

The Canadian Union Conference is composed of the oldest and most advanced provinces of the Dominion, covering in extent 662,350 square miles, and containing more than five millions of souls, and affords a field of operations which, in a few

years at the farthest, will demand a great deal more in the line of literature than our present facilities can supply. Observation and experience has proven that the greatest and best results of literature distributed, comes from that which emanates from home, and, therefore, looking at the advancement Canada is making in all branches of industry, and knowing that the Third Angel's Message is destined to be that which will lead in the enlightenment of the world, we must expect that this department will, too, make great advancement in this country.

Educational work, and Medical Missionary work, are getting started in the Union Conference, two schools, and a Sanitarium, besides a well-equipped private institution, are now in successful operation, and it need require no great stretch of imagination to see in the near future, in a convenient centre of the conference, a well-equipped publishing house from which numerous of our denominational books and tracts will be issued, and "The Messenger" doing valiant work as a pioneer exponent of the truths, while continuing its work of bearing encouraging messages to all our people in the field.

But all these institutions, which are just beginning their career of usefulness, will depend upon the co-operation of all our people in the Union Conference, as advancement and prosperity can not be made without it. May we not, then, expect that every subscriber to "The Messenger," living in Canada, will feel that this paper, and the publishing house which sends it out, belongs to them, and that they are responsible, in a measure, for the success of each? May we not expect that each subscriber will work for the advancement and prosperity of their institutions, in whatever line they are working? The schools need the co-operation of the people, and the people need the schools. The experience of our people in the United States, where the message started, and where man perplexing phases have been met, and by experience overcome, is that many of the young people of the denomination have been lost to the cause in the past by not having the schools, which at the present time are an important feature of Seventh-day Adventist's work. The Sanitariums must have the co-operation of our people that those who know nothing of the principles may see a demonstration of the same, and thus be induced to avail themselves of the benefits they provide. So, also, the publishing work needs the co-operation of all the people of the conference, and, if we are not much mistaken, the people, or many of them, need the

benefit which a hearty co-operation with the publishing house would bring to them.

May we not expect, then, that each subscriber will become an agent of the paper to secure new subscribers, until every family in the union conference has the semi-monthly visit of "The Messenger"? May we not have the co-operation of every subscriber, at least one in each church, to report to the editor everything of general interest in connection with the church work, so that he may mention the same in the paper, thus making it representative of the entire field?

May we not expect that each person will regard the work, as a whole, their work, and that we all are "laborers together with God"?

"A Happy New Year to All."

Our street address is 4230 St. Catherine.

Our telephone number is "Westmount 113."

The dedication of the Halifax church was postponed in December, and will take place on the 3rd inst.

Another letter from Bro. H. D. Carr, who is canvassing on Manitoulin Island, will be read with interest in this issue.

Miss Alberta McLeod, secretary of the Maritime Tract Society, has been making a visit at her home in Halifax.

Our next issue will contain reports for the year ending Dec. 31, 1903, so far as they will have been received at this office. Let them come in promptly.

Miss Virginia Gobeille, of the Mission Sanatorium, Montreal, purchased of an agent one hundred copies of "Our Paradise Home," to present to her patrons as Christmas gifts.

Elder S. G. Huntington, formerly of the Ontario conference, was elected as president of the West Virginia conference at their recent session. Let us all pray that his health may speedily improve.

Sister Addie Wilson, of St. Thomas, Ont., has gone to Washington, D.C., to do stenographic work in the General Conference office. She has been assisting Sister L. Flora Plummer, Corresponding Secretary of the Sabbath-school department.

"How much pain have those evils cost us which never happened."—Jefferson.

One of the sisters who has been at work in the Quebec conference with the "Special Signs" and "Object Lessons," writes to the office concerning her first day's work: "I

went to four places and sold three 'Signs' and three 'Object Lessons.' I tell you I come home praising the Lord."

Sister Clara Bryant, and her daughter, Mrs. Fred. Wheeler, of Newport Centre, Vt., made a brief visit at the home of "ye editor" as they passed through Montreal on their way to Chicago recently, where they expected to meet Mr. Wheeler, and with him journey to Texas and other southern points for the winter.

Brother John Pengally, of Guelph, Ont., who has been canvassing for several years for "Coming King," has been greatly delayed in making his holiday delivery by failure on the part of the R.R. Co. to deliver his books, and after waiting several weeks duplicated his order and had them sent by express, saying that were it not that he was working for the Lord he would be tempted to become discouraged. We very much regret such experiences, to which all agents are liable, but we admire the person who can meet them in the Spirit of the Master.

The numerous friends, in the Quebec conference, of Bro. Arthur Davidson and Sister Mary Gobeille, will be pleased to learn that they were united in marriage, at the home of the bride in Montreal, on Thursday evening, Dec. 24. A large number of relatives and friends of the contracting parties were present at the ceremony, and enjoyed a very pleasant evening, leaving numerous useful and valuable tokens of their esteem. Mr. and Mrs. Davidson made a visit to the home of his parents at Bethel, on the 25th, returning on the 28th ult. to Montreal, where they will reside.

No. 1 of Vol. XVIII. of the "Sabbath-School Worker" has been received at this office. It comes to us as an old friend who has been absent on a visit, for the past two years, but not as one who has been idle, as it seems to be abreast with the progress of the message and the Sabbath-school work, and we welcome the journal, as during its absence our Sabbath-schools have missed its regular visits. Mrs. L. Flora Plummer has assumed the editorship of the "Worker," and from past acquaintance with Sister Plummer and her work, we can assure the Sabbath-school workers in Canada that the "Worker" will be all they can desire as a help in their line.

Terms: Single subscription, 35 cents per year; clubs of two or more copies, 25 cents per year. Address your tract society.

FROM THE FIELD.

ONTARIO.

London.—I spent the first part of the Week of Prayer with this church, and good meetings indeed were held daily. My heart was greatly cheered to find this church so actively engaged in missionary work. The arrests for Sunday labor brought about by the Sunday Inquisition aroused the church to action, and thousands of pages of our good tracts have been distributed. In public gatherings and from house to house they have endeavored to place the truth in the homes of the people. The Lord has greatly blessed them, and many are becoming interested as a result.

Through the efforts of a brother here the entire tract, "Elihu on the Sabbath," was printed, verbatim, in the "Toronto World," which has a circulation of 29,000. This placed this excellent tract into thousands of homes at small cost, and many will read the tract from the secular paper who would not read it in tract form. A prominent minister in Toronto recently preached on the Sabbath question, and at the close of his sermon invited Bro. T. H. Robinson, who was present, to occupy some time in representing the other side of the question. Bro. Robinson did so, and was greatly helped by the Lord in presenting the perpetuity of the Law. The effort was effectual. A prominent clergyman in London, during the week of prayer, preached on the Sabbath question, being forced to do so because some of his flock were becoming interested in the truth by means of the literature distributed. He took occasion to warn the congregation against our literature, and bolstered up the papal sabbath by means of the usual absurd and contradictory positions, either of which was equally conclusive. The effort will, without doubt, be the means of stirring up some soul to investigate the truth.

Let our people everywhere arise and scatter our literature like the leaves of autumn. Our time of peace is short; let us improve it. The Lord's Day Alliance are active in the inquisitorial crusade for more stringent Sunday laws. They print a monthly paper with a circulation of 25,000. Wake up, brethren, and work for your life. You have no time to lose: to delay is fatal. The night quickly cometh in which no man can work.

From London I went to St. Thomas, and spent two days of the week of prayer. I found them all heartily engaged in observing this season of devotion. I had the privilege of meeting with them two even-

ings, and enjoyed the privilege very much.

From here I went to Petrolia and spent the last Sabbath of the week of prayer. There are several here who observe the Sabbath, but have never been organized into a church. Two services were held, and I feel sure that further labor bestowed here would result in good. Sister Benn, who has done good work, selling the "Signs" and other literature, is preparing to continue in this good work. Two yearly subscriptions were obtained for the "Review" and one for the "Signs."

From here I went to Coldstream, and held one meeting in the town hall. Brethren Wood and Niergarth are doing quite a business in tailoring here, and in a business way, in addition to the literature distributed are bringing the Sabbath truth before the people. There is a good opening for any of our brethren and sisters who understand the tailoring business to secure work by writing to C. E. Wood, Coldstream, Ontario.

I feel greatly burdened to see the "Review and Herald," with its rich store of timely instruction, placed in every home of Adventists. No believer in the third angel's message can do without the weekly visits of this able minister, except at the peril of his soul. If you read this, who are not subscribers, send in your subscription without further delay.

G. B. THOMPSON.

Gore Bay, Dec. 19, 1903.—"The Lord gave the word: great was the company (margin, army) of those that published it." Psa. 68: 11. We are living in the closing scenes of this world's history, and we have a special message to give to the world, that Christ is soon coming, and how can we give it? The Lord says, "If there is one work more important than another it is the canvassing work," because the canvasser can reach a class of people that the ministers cannot reach. What is needed now is men and women who have a personal acquaintance with a personal Lord, and will take up this work and make it a specialty.

Since I started my delivery I have had some grand experiences. When I was taking orders, and came to a house, whether I took an order or not, I tried to make friends with the people, and told them I would call again. While making my delivery I have taken \$21.55 worth of orders for books and one five-dollar bible, and sold \$12.00 worth of books and fifty "Signs."

This work should be followed up with colporter work. I am in need of a horse,

as the country is very thinly settled, and no railroad; stage fees are very high. I am trying to get the message before the Indians. They must have an opportunity of hearing it before the Lord comes. I have formed quite an intimate acquaintance with one very intelligent Indian. He gave me his order for a Daniel and Revelation, as he can read and write well.

It may be that I shall not see much result of the work, but when we get the printed page "scattered like the leaves of autumn," it will be like the electric light of a large city,—touch the button and the light bursts forth. So when the Turk is driven out of Constantinople it will be like turning on the light, and God will "cut his work short in righteousness." Rom. 9: 28. Then the people will see that the message contained in these books is of God, and will come out and take their stand for the Lord.

Brother, Sister, do you not want a part in this work? "Where there is one canvasser in the field there should be a hundred." "Arise, shine, . . ." Ps. 60: 1. As you go forth, "fear not him who is able to kill the body, but is not able to kill the soul."

H. D. CARR.

AMONG OUR INDIAN BRETHERN.

Sabbath and Sunday, Dec. 5 and 6, in company with Elder Spear, I visited the two churches of Sabbath-keepers in the Indian Reserve, near Brantford. This was my first visit to these churches, and I enjoyed it very much. Two substantial churches have been erected, which stand as memorials for the truth, and as much earnest zeal and love is manifested by the brethren and sisters here as among any other nationality. If they maintain the unity of the Spirit, God will continue to bless them, and add others to their numbers. They are planning to open a church school which is very much needed, and will prove a great blessing if successfully carried on. May the Lord richly bless his people here is my prayer. Several subscriptions for the "Review" and "Messenger" were taken.

G. B. THOMPSON.

MARITIME CONFERENCE.

The blessings of the Lord are attending the work in the Maritime Conference, and nearly all the members are having some part in the special campaign. There are a few willing souls in the field with "Object Lessons" and other books, in re-

sponse to the call,—"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" The Lord will bless every faithful effort put forth in his name.

During the last few weeks I have held meetings at Farmington, Moncton, St. John, Goshen, Tantallon and Indian Harbor. At the latter place I held quarterly meeting, the first time they have celebrated the ordinances for about two years, and it was a very enjoyable occasion. The brethren here are selling "Object Lessons" and the "Signs."

In St. John, Bro. Tracy is holding meetings with a good attendance and considerable interest, and the church is more or less active in missionary work.

The church in Moncton is made up of women, but is none the less active for that. They hold their Sabbath-school and meetings regularly, and all are having some part in the distribution of literature.

I found the few believers at Goshen of good courage, but the meetings were not well attended on account of a hard storm. They have ordered more "Object Lessons" and papers, and will revive the missionary work.

The brethren at Tantallon are rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; believing that they will yet sell their "Object Lessons," and perhaps order more. They are taking a good supply of "Signs."

What is needed everywhere in this campaign is, first, a willing mind. "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." Those who go out in this conditions will reach the hearts of people, and will be blessed in doing, and the work will be a blessing to others.

A young man in Nova Scotia, who had never canvassed, started out, and in about a week sold twelve "Object Lessons," and as many more people said they would like the book, later on, when they had the money. When asked how he enjoyed the work, he replied, "I had a fine time." This young man will soon be in the field again with "Object Lessons," "Paradise Home" and "At the Door." He expects to be found at the door most of the time from now on. Patient continuance in well doing will be rewarded. The word of God worketh effectually in them that believe. "Wherefore didst thou doubt?" "Have faith in God."

W. H. THURSTON.

Moncton, N.B., Dec. 23, 1903.—The first part of the week of prayer I spent with the church at Fredericton. We had very inclement weather, yet a goodly number gathered to the meetings, and the good Spirit of the Lord was with us.

Monday, Dec. 15, I left Fredericton, and went to Hopewell Cape, and here we had a blessed good time. Meetings were held each evening and twice on Sabbath and on Sunday. The brethren here have lost considerable during the past year on account of forest fires, yet the most liberal offering made for a number of years was taken up on Sabbath, Dec. 19.

I feel confident that when the churches here get a proper understanding of the responsibility resting upon each individual member to carry the message in this field, a more general support in tithes and offerings will be the result.

I am now on my way to spend the coming Sabbath and Sunday at Farmington, where our school is located. From there I expect to go to Halifax, to be present at the church dedication there on Jan. 3. There is "a sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees" in this conference, and let us, one and all, bestir ourselves and move on to final victory.

W. R. ANDREWS.

AN AFRICAN MISSIONARY.

Brother Westworth writes from Scotland of a sister who has had years of experience in Nyassaland, the field just entered by us:—

"Now a word about Sister E., the deaconess of whom I wrote in my last letter, and of whom you suggest that she might wish to return to Africa to work. Strange to say, not a week before your good letter came she had said to me that she was very desirous of going back to Africa, and now that she has the truth, wants to go more than ever. She asked me what the chances were for that to be done.

"I had promised to write about it, and only waited for an opportunity so to do. She has now kept the Sabbath for about two months, and has been superseded in her work by another, so that now she is without work, and something must be done for her. She is at present spending three afternoons a week at my home, studying the truth. She sees it, and accepts it, but is now working with the idea of knowing how to give it. As I said, she has had ten years' experience in Africa. She speaks, in fact, can preach in, the Mang'anji and also the Yao. The first follows from the mouth of the Zambesi to Tanganyika, and well east and west of this. The second from the full length of Lake Nyassa to the coast and the Blantyre District. She is ready to be used wherever the Lord can use her, and Providence directs. Will you please let me know as soon as you can what to advise her?"

"She is a lady of good family: is well up on the Word, and can be very useful, I am sure. She could do good work with us here, as she is well acquainted with this place. In fact, during this waiting period she has worked like a Trojan, and I think I can safely say she has brought as many, if not more, to the services, than anyone else here. I spoke yesterday in an established church as the result of her endeavor, and to-morrow make final arrangements to address a large temperance meeting from the same source. Is it asking too much of the Board at this time to have her services? She has already waited a long time."

Although we were unable to set this sister at work at once, yet we certainly should have her services in Africa this coming year. It is a great gift offered us when a consecrated worker comes with a knowledge of languages requiring years of expensive work to acquire. Ought there not to be a move on in our mission campaign so that we shall not have to defer action in such cases? As we pray the Lord of the harvest to raise up laborers, let us remember this sister whom he has prepared for service and so graciously given us.

MISSION BOARD.

"Nothing is more apparently helpless, yet really more invincible, than the soul that feels its nothingness, and relies wholly on the merits of the Saviour. God would send every angel in heaven to the aid of such an one, rather than allow him to be overcome."—Vol. 7.

"The day is at hand." For the lesson to be learned, the work to be done, the transformation of character to be effected, the time remaining is but too brief a span."—Education.

There has been sent from the office of the Quebec Tract Society, and doubtless the same is true of all the offices in the Union, blanks for the reports of the church treasurer, church clerk, and secretary of the Sabbath-school and Young People's Society of each church. These blanks have been sent out for the purpose of receiving the information they are expected to contain, and the office sending them out will be greatly pleased by a prompt return of the same as soon as possible after the quarterly meetings have been held, and the officers for the new year elected. Church Elders should see that this important meeting is held as soon as possible after the beginning of the year, and that the reports are filled out properly.