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

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## SELF-RELIANCE.

What men most covet, wealth, distinction, power,  
Are bawbles nothing worth; they only serve  
To rouse us up, as children at the school  
Are roused up to exertion; our reward  
Is in the race we run, not in the prize.  
Those few, to whom is given what they ne'er earned,  
Having by favor or inheritance  
The dangerous gifts placed in their hands,  
Know not, nor ever can, the generous pride  
That glows in him who on himself relies,  
Entering the lists of life. He speeds beyond  
Them all, and foremost in the race succeeds.  
His joy is not that he has got his crown,  
But that the power to win the crown is his.

—Rogers.

## PRESENT TRUTH.

Circumstances make a thing true at the time of its occurrence when it would not be true at any other time; and for that reason it is spoken of at that time, as present truth. The special truth for the present time is that the Second coming of our Saviour is very near. The evidences which show that this is true are increasing every day and everywhere.

That he certainly will come personally to the earth the second time is so sure that it is illustrated by the surety of death, the surest of all things in this world. "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgement: so Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Heb. 9: 27, 28.

Just as sure "as it is appointed unto men once to die," so sure is it that Christ "will come the second time" to "deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage." That which we have been accustomed to look upon with dread and terror, we are here taught to view as the evidence that we shall be finally delivered from its bondage by the second coming of Christ to raise the righteous dead.

This thought is a blessed prospect to those who expect to rest in the grave until the second coming of Christ. But even more blessed is the prospect

for us. "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." And this is the present truth for us. "Seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot and blameless."

## "THE REVIEW."

It has appeared to me for some time past that there should be a rallying to the support of the good old Review. As I have been permitted to scan its pages of late, I see them filled with things that every lover of the Message should know. It is there we learn of the progress of the work in all the field. It is there our hearts are encouraged by reports from the workers at home. And it is there we receive the soul thrilling messages of those who are heating the heat and burden of the day.

If we are constant readers of the Review, we shall then be fully acquainted with the needs of the work in all parts of the field, and our lives will go out for the support of the good cause. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

At present but twenty-one copies of the good paper make weekly visits to the Maritime family, and yet many of us are so situated that we see the living preacher only at long intervals. What a blessing it would be to such if the Review could come to their homes each week and find a welcome there. Think of the friendly talks you might have together, and of the good instruction it could give you, coming as it does direct from headquarters, and being in touch with all the workers there.

Now brother, it will cost from one to ten dollars for me to make you one call, and yet the ministers are chastised a little at times because they call so seldom. But here is the good paper. It will call each week in the year for only \$1.50. Won't you pay its fare just once, and get acquainted with it? You will welcome it ever after. Send all subscriptions to S. D. Hartwell, 167 Dundas St., Toronto, Ont.

WM. GUTHRIE.

### PERIODICALS.

It may be of interest to the readers of the MESSENGER to know how many copies of the "Signs of the Times" are being read in Canada. There are 112 copies taken in clubs, and 149 single subscriptions. Of the special issues were taken 813 in clubs and 161 single subscriptions. This is not a large number for Canada; but as it shows an increase over the previous year there is encouragement in it.

The "Signs of the Times" is an excellent missionary paper, and grows better every year. It would be gratifying as well as conducive to the gospel work, if the number of the "Signs" coming to Canada could be at least doubled, during 1905. During the first ten days of January the "Signs" list increased at the rate of fifty-five a day. The subscription price is \$1.50 a year.

I think the "Review and Herald" should head the list of papers taken. Every family that does not take this paper loses an inestimable amount of information and instruction. We are not able at this writing to say how many copies of the "Review and Herald" are taken in Canada, but will do so later on. We urge all of our people who do not take the Review to subscribe for it without delay, and thus keep in touch with the world-wide message and its progress month by month.

"The Youth's Instructor" is also an excellent paper. Our youth cannot afford to be without it.

Pass the CANADIAN UNION MESSENGER on to those in the Union, and help in getting every family of Sabbath-keepers to subscribe for it, that all may be informed regarding the details of the work in our home field.

W. H. THURSTON.

### WHAT CAN BE DONE?

Calls are coming from every direction for means with which to carry on the Lord's work in the world before probation shall close. Calls from the headquarters at Washington, D. C.; calls from foreign field in all parts of the earth; calls to establish and extend the work in home fields. How shall these calls be met? What can be done?

In reply to this question we will say emphatically, Everything can be done! Says Paul, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." If, then, "all things" are not done, it is because I do not submit to the strengthening process. Again Paul says, "When I am weak then am I strong." This is a seeming paradox. But in the understanding of this paradox lies the answer to the question.

Now this weakness through which we are strong, does not consist in bodily infirmities. In our own

estimation we are made weak by being despoiled of that in which we consider our strength to lie, that in which we trust for strength, that upon which we lean for support. But that is our money, our farms, our securities, our salaries; and when for any cause these do not yield the desired income, we begin to feel that we are losing our strength. We are getting weak and so withhold from the Lord's treasury our accustomed offerings in order that we may have something in which to trust for strength. But the Lord has been gradually taking these things away from us to make us weak so that we may be strong.

Now, while we see these things gradually, but surely slipping from our grasp, would it not be much better to let them pass into the Lord's treasury entirely, and at once, and not trust in them any more, so that the Lord's work can indeed be made perfect in our weakness, than to let them pass into the hands of the world as they surely will when it is too late to help the Lord's languishing cause?

This may seem like heroic treatment, but if ever we are made strong in the Lord, it will be when we have been made weak in ourselves. When our occupations are gone, our farms are gone, our salaries are gone, and everything is gone, then we shall be weak indeed. But then it is that we shall be strong. Brethren, are we willing to submit to the strengthening process? When we pray for strength, we are simply praying to have our worldly supports taken from us. Brethren, do we really want our prayers answered.

### PARRY SOUND, ONT.

When one is so far away from those of like faith, it is indeed encouraging to have a weekly visit from the MESSENGER, bringing as it does cheering information of the progress of the work in various parts.

Our watchword is Onward! While some time the work may seem to go slowly, yet wherever faithful effort is put forth, whether by our workers in the field, or by our people in their homes, the Truth will have an influence; for, "it is mighty and will prevail". A very good lesson may be drawn from the energy put forth by the politicians at the present time. They have been working day and night with a zeal befitting a nobler cause; and if they for a corruptible crown put forth such effort, what should be our attitude, who are striving for that crown that never fadeth, and which no scheming nor intrigue can take away.

In our work we drop the seed into the different grades of soil, leaving it to the care of the Great Husbandman; praying that he will water it and cause it to bring forth fruit to life eternal.

Frequently we receive encouraging words from our subscribers. We enclose an extract from a lady to whom I sold a copy of "Patriarchs and Pophets": "I find the book a grand treasure, and a great help in Christian life. . . . I wish you success in your work."

My husband has been sick for about two weeks and is unable to work. He has suffered considerable torture from abscesses on the ear-drum. While such experiences are very trying, we are still of good courage in the Lord.

MRS. G. W. SOWLER.

### "TEN CENTS A WEEK."

"Ten cents a week" for the Master's work  
From every loyal Christian's hands;  
Ten cents a week to tell his love  
And teach his word in foreign lands.

"Ten cents a week" to place ajar  
The gates of mercy, high and broad,  
Ten cents a week to spread afar  
The knowledge of our risen Lord.

"Ten cents a week" — O precious thought!  
May save some soul from death and hell;  
Ten cents a week from my poor purse  
May teach some tongue His love to tell.

"Ten cents a week" may send a blaze  
Of gospel light o'er India's plains.  
Ten cents a week may free a race  
For ages bound by error's chains.

"Ten cents a week." From China's shore  
We catch the cry and hear the plea;  
Ten cents a week a few years more,  
And many in China the light shall see.

"Ten cents a week" may wake the note  
Of Zion's song in fair Japan.  
Ten cents a week; O blessed Christ,  
May tell to all thy love to man.

—Selected.

### FROM A PRIVATE LETTER.

A private letter from Brother H. D. Carr, one of our most active book-agents, says:—

"I have sold and taken orders for \$150 worth of books since you left, and I hope to do better from this on. . . . I have been back fifty miles in the lumber camps and have met with success. It is hard to sell in the camps; but in one week I sold over \$10 worth for cash, and took over \$15 worth of orders

in eight days. I have had a good experience and am going back again.

I have three dogs. I intend to have my dog-team photographed."

This brother feels a burden to visit these lumber camps to sell our literature. Doubtless the Lord is urging our missionaries—for such are the real canvassers—to go to the regions beyond, and he blesses them as they go forth.

Few would have the courage to start out with a dog-team loaded with books into the woods in the cold winter. Many would be willing to remain at home, offering the excuse that during the cold weather is a poor time to sell books. But the faithful ones shall receive the reward. The willing and obedient shall eat of the good of the land.

A. O. BURRILL.

### OBITUARY.

MRS. MARGARETTA WATSON was born in Armagh County, Ireland, in 1837, and died in Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 29, 1905, being sixty-eight years old.

Mrs. Watson came from her native land to Hamilton in 1852. In 1857 she was married to Mr. George Watson who still survives her. The union, though not blessed with children, was a very happy one. Financially they have been quite successful in life. At the time of her death they were living in a beautiful home at 164 Catharine St., South.

After their marriage nineteen years were spent in New York, about fourteen years in Ottawa, and nearly sixteen years in Hamilton.

Mrs. Watson's first Christian experience was with the Presbyterian church. About four years ago she became acquainted with the truths of the Third Angel's Message, and embraced the Faith, becoming a Seventh-day Adventist. She was baptized at the Berlin camp-meeting; and died believing she would soon meet her Saviour and be taken home to glory.

Her last illness was borne with patience and Christian fortitude.

The husband, three sisters, and other relatives remain to mourn their loss; but not as others who have no hope.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from 1 Thess. 4: 13 to a large number of relatives and friends.

We hope to meet our sister at the resurrection of the Just.

A. L. MILLER.

It is with pleasure that we acknowledge the receipt of a beautiful parlor wood stove, a gift to the Lornedale Academy from the church in St. Thomas.

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**FROM BROTHER DEIKE.**

Takoma Park, D. C.,  
Jan. 29, 1905.

To the Friends in the Ontario Conference,

Greeting:— I have just been reading a little bundle of MESSENGERS, and my heart was cheered by the many reports from various parts of the province, and by the editorial articles, all of which are full of the glorious truths for this time.

The strength of our beloved denomination is in the small companies of isolated believers of present truth. Many may think that at Washington there is the greatest strength and light, because this is the headquarters; but this is not necessarily so. There is danger that Jerusalem experiences may be repeated here; but we hope and pray that it may not be the case.

A testimony has come that now is the time to give the message to this city, and this must be given preference to all other work. The co-operation of the people is an indication that the Lord is moving upon the minds of many to help open up the way so that the truth may have free course, and all may hear the warning which God has given us to bear to the world.

Building operations in connection with the college are progressing favorably. There are many days of fine weather for outside work, and in rough weather there is plenty of inside work. The Boys' Dormitory is about completed, and has been occupied by about forty persons since early in December. The Dining Hall is also nearing completion, and has also been in use as such for some weeks. The Girls' Dormitory is up in the rough with the roof nearly completed. The school building has not been started yet. The temporary sanitarium is in the city proper, and is

about ready for business. The Review and Herald buildings and the conference offices are to be erected soon.

We frequently have visits from officials of conferences in other parts, and these all tell of building a memorial of some kind. All this surely indicates that there is great activity in the hosts of Heaven, hastening on the finishing work of redemption and the coming of our blessed Lord and Master.

I am glad to note progress in Lornedale Academy, and that now all our young people in Canada have a place where they can be trained in all useful things according to the science of Heaven.

I am also glad to note that faithful workers are denying themselves a more congenial climate by staying in such places as Parry Sound and Manitoulin Island. All who thus labor will surely hear the welcome words addressed to them, "Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Wishing you all the help and favor of God, I am

Your brother in Christ,

A. H. DEIKE.

**MARITIME NOTES**

Elder Andrews is now at Tiverton. He will hold a short series of meetings there. Elder Guthrie will join him about Feb. 10.

Things are interesting now at the Farmington Academy with the five feet of snow that cover the hills in that section.

The school is progressing nicely at present, and with the prospects for the future all hearts are gathering new courage.

The scarcity of food this year makes our expenses a little higher; but we trust the good done will more than balance the loss.

The plans for the new school building at Farmington are rapidly reaching completion. Bills for the materials will soon be made out and submitted to the public for tenders.

With the excellent prospects before us for the next year, we shall be pleased to hear from all who may desire to enter the school the coming season.

It is hoped that we all remember our part in the raising of funds for the new building. Of the \$600 to be raised, but a small portion has yet come in. Let others send in as the Lord prospers them.