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

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COMPENSATIONS

He found success most sweet
Who, having tried and failed,
The lesson of defeat
Upon his standard nailed,
Then straightway bade his soul
Take up the task begun
Nor paused until the goal
Of his desire was won.

For joy the keenest seems
Where grief has been before :
After night's troubled dreams,
There, at the open door,
Thrice glorious she stands—
Dawn, with her roses gay,
And in her outstretched hands
The shining gifts of Day.

PRESENT AND FINAL VICTORY

Because we know that the image of the beast will be formed and the mark of the beast will be enforced, shall we encourage the enemies of the truth by continually telling them so? Those who are opposing this message would not fail in interpreting such declarations as an acknowledgement of defeat on our part.

While it is true that in the struggles which will be experienced by us as the third angel's message closes, there will be times when apparent defeat will overtake us; yet, on the other hand, the Lord will give his people signal victories all through the conflict of light and darkness, until the crowning victory is won, and we shall stand triumphant on the sea of glass.

So, comrades, let us not be too ready to inspire the great arch-rebel against God, and his holy law, by telling him that he has been and is to be such a mighty conqueror, but let us fight on with faith and courage, recounting only the victories that we have won, through Christ the mighty Captain of the Lord's host. This will bring courage and strength to every weak and faltering one.

No less than six distinct victories have been scored for religious and civil liberty during the past few

months which are the result of vigorous and earnest effort on the part of our people in the distribution of literature, writing of letters, in addition to personal interviews and public efforts.

All are aware that the two Sunday bills that were before Congress failed to be reported, and hence died with the close of the session. The movement that was started by the Washington clergymen for better observance of Sunday, which called forth the publication of the "Open Letter" by us, was not carried out as planned, evidently because of our vigorous campaign in presenting before the citizens of Washington the claim of the Bible Sabbath.

Sunday rest bills which were introduced into the Missouri, Wisconsin, and Massachusetts legislatures have been overwhelmingly defeated, also one in the island of Porto Rico.

We are hopeful that another victory will soon be scored for the truth as the result of the campaign that is now on here in Washington, against the introduction of religious teaching in the public schools. Wednesday, April 12, we have been granted a hearing on the question before the Board of Education for the District of Columbia.

We trust that the marked success which has attended our efforts thus far, may not cause us to settle down in a self-satisfied condition, but rather that it may encourage us to greater activity in the Lord's service, in the distribution of literature and by other means, doing our best to enlighten the people on all points of the third angel's message.

K. C. RUSSELL.

KNOWLTON

It was my privilege to attend the spring council of the Quebec Conference committee held at Knowlton, April 12. All the members of the committee were present, and all seemed to sense the responsibility of their position. Many questions were freely discussed, and, I believe, settled right.

Two tents will be put in the field this summer, and the tent work will close with a camp-meeting, somewhere in the province.

Brother G. H. Skinner from Iowa will labor in Montreal, and Sister Hattie Marsten will continue to labor in that place, devoting a portion of her time

to Bible work. The Conference will appropriate one hundred dollars to the work in Montreal toward the rent of a hall.

Elder Rickard and Dr. White will attend the session of the General Conference in May.

Another minister will soon come from the States to join with the Quebec laborers in proclaiming the message.

An effort is being made to train the young men and women of Quebec, and thus develop native workers.

The outlook for a progressive work in Quebec this year is hopeful, and we expect to see many accessions to the Conference.

While in Montreal, on my way home, Louis Gabelle placed in my hands a violin, of his own make, for an offering to missionary work. The violin will be sold at the first opportunity, and the money placed in the fund.

I also had a visit with Brother Arthur Davidson in Montreal. Brother Davidson intends to return to Granby soon and take up the practice of photography. He is proficient in the art and consequently has few leisure moments; nevertheless he devotes part of his time to missionary work. In every vocation of life the truth can be *lived and imparted to others*.

Now, brethren and sisters, let all unite in prayer for the advancement of the gospel work this summer, praying in faith, nothing wavering, and we shall see results for our efforts.

W. H. THURSTON.

THE TEN-CENT-A-WEEK PLAN

One brother writes: "We think the ten-cent-a-week plan is the best thing that has ever yet been devised for raising money for foreign missions. Our little church for one year gave \$18.40. We introduced the ten-cent-a-week plan, and in nine months of the next year we raised \$388.50. Nearly all of our church take hold of the plan with enthusiasm, and each week finds them ready to contribute to help foreign missions."

Another brother writes: "We believe this plan ought to be universally adopted. It brings good cheer, hope, and confidence to those who endeavor to carry it out."

An elder, mentioning their effort to average ten cents per member, says: "This plan works hardship to no one. In our church, where some are so poor that they are not able to give so much as ten cents per member, we have them give what they can, and the rest of us make it up. It is a real blessing to our church."

If all would take hold of this ten-cents-a-week plan, what an impetus it would be to foreign work! An income of over three hundred thousand dollars a year would mean nearly three times as many workers in the field as we are sustaining at the present time.

We believe that if every member of the denomination will faithfully adopt this plan of donating to missions, they will reap a double harvest therefrom. One blessing will be in the distant fields where missionaries are sent to win souls for Christ, and the other blessing will be in their own souls.

We trust that this coming season every church in Canada will take up this systematic plan of giving.

MISSION BOARD.

FROM THE FIELD

MONTREAL

I met with the Montreal church in quarterly meeting April 9 and 10, and held three services. The meetings were well attended and enjoyed. I think there are twenty-five members in the church and nearly all were present at all the meetings, including the business meetings.

The amount of tithes and offerings paid by the church last year was, \$654.29. The tithes and offerings for the first quarter of this was, \$60.50. The Montreal church is doing very good work with our literature, and scores of names are being secured to the petitions for Religious Freedom.

Brother George H. Skinner and wife of Iowa are now located in Montreal, supported by the Iowa Conference. It is very gratifying to the church to have a laborer permanently located in that great city. We look, hope, and pray for the revival of the work in Montreal, and a great forward movement.

Why not hope for great things? We have a mighty truth for the world, and it is now due. Let us all proclaim it.

W. H. THURSTON.

BRANTFORD, ONT.

We are glad to report that the work in Brantford is progressing. In the canvassing work and the Free Circulating Library I have had some good experiences, and from them have received encouragement in the Lord's work.

Some time ago I sold "Daniel and the Revelation" and "Heralds of the Morning" to a lady who thought that that literature was just what she needed. The other day as I was passing her home her little boy called that his mother wanted to see me. When I had gone into the house the lady wanted to know

what was the matter with the books, that her minister who had been to see her had condemned them strongly and told her to sell them back at half price, or get rid of them in some way, for they were dangerous. But the lady said that she could not see anything wrong with them, that the books were all scriptural, and that he must be mistaken. The minister tried to persuade her not to read them; but after I had a talk with her she told me that she was going to read those books, that she thought they were all right, and that on Sunday morning she had stayed home and read them, and received more good than she usually did by going to church and hearing a sermon.

It is encouraging to know that there are some who will not be blinded by false shepherds, but will search the word for themselves. May the Lord bless her as she reads that good literature, and open her heart to receive the truth. W. H. DREDGE.

ST. THOMAS

On Tuesday, April 11, Elder Burrill, accompanied by his daughter, arrived here to pay a visit to the church here. Our regular meetings on Wednesday and Friday nights, and Sabbath afternoon were given into his charge, as also were special meetings Sabbath and Sunday forenoon, in all of which the instruction given was such as to build us all up in the faith. Studies were given on the 12th, 13th, and 14th, chapters of Revelation, and, as we again listened to these old truths expounded by our president, we seemed to live over again the experiences of 1898, when the work was first opened up here by Elder P. M. Howe, and we heard for the first time of the wonderful message God has for his people in the closing scenes of this world's history. We all felt that God had wonderfully blessed us as our minds were again refreshed with the truths that He would have us know and live.

The Christ's Object Lesson work also come in for a share of our attention, and, as we listened to the instruction from the Lord, through his handmaid, in regard to the part that this book, from her pen, was to play for the relief of our schools, and especially of the generosity of the publishing houses in donating so many of these books for the benefit of our school at Lorne Park, our duty in this respect seemed clear, and we have resolved to enter anew into the work of getting this book into the hands of our friends and neighbors, instead of storing them in our own houses, and thus help to put our school free of debt, and place it in a position to do the work for our young people that God designed it to do.

Sunday evening Sister Burrill, who has recently returned from South Africa, give a splendid talk on

the college work in Cape Town, where she has been engaged for some years past, which was very highly interesting and instructive; and, as she told us of the progress of the work there, and related instances to show how the Lord took special means to bring to a knowledge and acceptance of the truth some who had been strongly prejudiced to it, we could plainly see His hand in the work, and we felt very much encouraged to go on, and not relax in any way our interest or help for the foreign fields.

She also told of the work of our pioneer missionaries in Matabeleland, Nyassaland and other places, how not only the pleasures and comforts of civilized life were given up by them, in order that they might carry the wonderful message to the heathen there, but life itself was sacrificed by some of them, and as she spoke of the death of our brother, J. H. Watson, who labored for some time in our own conference, and whom we all learned to love so well, and of the devotion of the natives to the memory of the dead missionaries, we learned for the first time why the Lord, in order that his work in such places may go forward, sometimes allows His workers to be laid to sleep, and we now feel more than ever a deep interest in that dark continent.

We were much benefited by this, the first visit of our president and his daughter. At the close of the Sunday evening service pledges to the amount of \$15 were raised for the tent fund, an earnest of the help we hope to give in future. R. A. HEARD.

LORNE DALE ACADEMY NOTES

Brother Charles Sweeten, who has been connected with the school since it first started intends to spend a few days with relatives at Bowmanville during the Easter holidays.

John Wilson is at home in St. Thomas for a few days on account of a severe attack of whooping cough.

Our teacher spent last Sabbath, April 15, with the church in Lindsay. He reports a pleasant trip.

Brother Herbert Knister has taken charge of the work on the school farm, and he is up with the lark and at it all day.

A regular class in "OBJECT LESSONS" has been organized this term, and as a result we hope to see a lively interest awakened among the young people in the sale of this book.

What would the friends and patrons of the school think of organizing a class in giving treatments, and employing a trained nurse as teacher? The way seems to be opening up very providentially for this kind of instruction to be given.

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THOSE TRACTS

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your neighbors and friends. You can get them now for 75 cents a hundred at this office; and when the representatives of the Lord's Day Alliance come to your town, as they will soon, scatter the tracts while the minds of the people are interested in the subject.

We have recently printed another edition of "AN APPEAL TO THE CHRISTIAN PEOPLE OF CANADA," also "AN APPEAL TO PARLIAMENT." Others are in preparation, and they will be announced as soon as they are off the press.

OFFICE NOTES
ONTARIO

Brother Thornhill of Toronto, called at the office the 21st. inst.

Not a day passes without at least one order for the *Review*. We have just sent in a good list of names.

Elder Isaac and wife have gone to visit his mother at College View, Neb. They expect to go to General Conference before returning.

The writer has been asked to go to Lorne Park for the greater part of next month. He desires to go the sixth. In view of this, he asks all the laborers to report early so their remittances can be sent before the sixth. All others are asked to be patient, if their mail does not receive as prompt attention as usual during that time.

About a year ago the London church had a debt of nearly \$100. They agreed to pay this by taking up a collection each Sabbath. The debt is now all paid, and the church has a small balance in its favor. Two other churches, St. Thomas and Hamilton are paying their old account in the same way. These churches are paying these accounts in this way, because it is impossible now to tell who is responsible for these debts. This is a worthy example for other churches, with long-standing accounts to follow.

"Soon grievous troubles will rise among the nations, . . . trouble that will not cease till Jesus comes. The judgements of God are in the land. The wars and rumors of wars, the destruction by fire and flood, say clearly that the time of trouble, which is to increase until the end, is very near at hand. We have no time to lose. The world is stirred with the spirit of war. The prophecies of the eleventh of Daniel have almost reached their final fulfilment."

We are pleased to have so many individual reports this week. This is as it should be.