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

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WHAT OF THY HOUR ?

What of thy hour just past?
The record of that hour shall last
When time is spent. What record went
Of thought and deed,
Marked thine, the Judge may read,
And put beneath thy name?
Was it an hour of worth or shame;
Of gold or dross;
Of gain, or of eternal loss?
How were the moments God hath given thee
spent?
Dropped one by one and lost, or sent
On errands some Christ-work to do?
What superscription did they bear for you
To yonder world? Was God or time
Stamped on the moments? That no crime
Stained their fair hue
Is not enough. To God is due
Return of love's sweet breath;
Of sacrifice through life, through death;
Of hours stamped deeply with his name;
Of moments kindled into flame
To lighten time. Count up returns of thine;
They will thy riches be throughout
eternity.

—George Klingie.

THE DAY OF OUR VISITATION

Shall the amount needed to build the institutions necessary to establish our work in Washington be finished at the time of the General Conference? This can be done, but it means a determined effort. The following letter is one among many that we are receiving from our dear, loyal brethren and sisters whose hearts are with us, but who are not able to make large donations to the work:

"St. Paul, Minn., April 14, 1905.

"Dear Brother:—

"As I read the reports from the work in Washington, how wonderfully the Lord is opening doors for this message to go before the representative men of our nation, my very soul is stirred. It is of thrilling interest, to me, and I wonder how our brethren who have means can withhold it at this time of need.

Enclosed you will find one dollar for the \$100,000 fund. It looks very small compared to the great need. I have saved this from my canvassing work, and if the Lord blesses me in this work, I hope to send more. Praying that the dear Lord will move upon his people to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty, I remain

Your sister in the work,"

The following letter also will be of interest. It is from one of our loyal sisters whom God has blessed with means and also with a heart willing to give. This is a combination not always found, and this letter will prove of special interest to those who have money lying in the bank unused. Dear brethren and sisters whom God has blessed with means, will you not help now, that a mighty, glorious work may be accomplished quickly?

"., Cal., April 10, 1905.

"Dear Brother:—

"Enclosed you will find draft for one thousand dollars to be applied on the \$100,000 fund, and my prayer goes with it that many dear souls may learn to know Jesus, and be in the kingdom with all the redeemed. . . . I do not wish my name to be in the *Review*, so please credit it to Mrs. . . . God knows all about it, and that is enough. I hope and pray that the Lord may soon make up the number, and come to take the redeemed to himself. Please pray for me that the Lord will strengthen me that I may do more for him. Your sister in Christ."

We trust that this will be a forerunner of a large number of such donations at the close of this work. When this work was commenced there were several donations of one thousand dollars each. Shall not this be repeated now as this work is brought to a glorious and victorious finish? The Lord through the Spirit of Prophecy has appealed to this people to close up this work within the next few weeks. Do we believe his word? Will we respond immediately?

J. S. WASHBURN.

MARITIME COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

At the late council held at Farmington it was decided to put one tent into the field and also to send a man to labor at Prince Edward Island if one

can be found to go there. It was a matter of regret that a part of the ministerial force must be tied at the school this summer. But in view of the work to be done, it was thought best that Elder Guthrie give his time there until the school is completed.

Looking over the work we thought it best to move the school from the farm on which it is located at present to one better suited to make the school self-supporting. This can be done with an added expense of only about five hundred dollars. There is every prospect of operating in the future without loss. Our loss this year on running expenses was found to be due to our having had to buy a large quantity of hay and feed. Our plans for building are mature, the lumber and frames are all ordered and will be ready for use the first of June.

We find our resources to be,— cash on hand April 23, \$546.23; donations to be paid by June 1, \$454.86; bills payable, "Christ's Object Lessons," and other sources, \$351.17; making a total resource of \$1352.26. Of this sum \$232.87 is due from the Conference on "Christ's Object Lessons" sold two years ago, the money having been used to pay laborers in the Conference, also \$55 in cash used in the same way.

The cost of the new building will reach the \$2000 mark. Therefore it is evident to all, as it was to the council, that we must raise at least \$1000 in order to build and furnish the school, and to place about four more cows on the farm for the use of the school. Of this sum we must raise \$500 at home if we expect the General Conference to raise the sum promised last fall.

To start this work the council decided to order five hundred copies of "Christ's Object Lessons" and dispose of them, thus leaving the profits to increase the school fund. The Conference Committee have taken a substantial part in this, as will be seen from what follows. Elder Andrews pledges himself to dispose of one hundred copies by Jan. 1, 1906; Elder Guthrie, Elder Hanna, and Brother Longard have pledged to dispose of fifty copies each in the same time. Thus \$250 of the \$500 to be raised at home is arranged for by the laborers. Who among the brethren will come with us, and put the shoulder to the wheel and help us lift the load, which for all is light, but if left for a few is a heavy burden.

We will still maintain our present low rate of tuition, ten dollars per month, and each student to perform one hour's domestic labor per day in addition. And we obligate ourselves to furnish each student with four dollars worth of work per month, thus leaving but six dollars per month to be paid in cash. We are also prepared this year to give work to a few worthy young men whereby they may earn

the whole amount of their expenses for the year by helping on the buildings during the summer.

We shall be pleased to hear from any who may desire to attend the school the coming year. Attendance is not confined to the young people of the Maritime Conference. For further particulars write to Elder E. E. Gardner or Wm. Guthrie, Williamsdale, East Cumberland Co., Nova Scotia.

Yours in behalf of the Committee,
WM. GUTHRIE.

VICE-PRESIDENT FAIRBANKS

A considerable length of time before he was spoken of for the vice-presidency of the United States, Charles W. Fairbanks delivered, in New Jersey, a stirring address on William McKinley. After it was over an enthusiastic auditor, who had just been introduced to him, remarked:

"Senator, you are the successor at Washington of Daniel W. Voorhees, 'the tall sycamore of the Wabash,' aren't you?"

The senator said smilingly that such was the case.

"Well," exclaimed the new acquaintance, "as I sat listening to your speech I said to myself that you are a good deal of a tall sycamore yourself, and that there is fine presidential timber in that tree."

To the influence of the strength of character of his mother, Vice-President Fairbanks attributes most of his success. She watched over him very tenderly and zealously in his boyhood and youth. Because she was afraid of town influences she sent him to a country school. Mrs. Fairbanks was particularly uneasy when her son went to college, but she decided that he could be trusted implicitly when she received the following letter:

"Dear Mother, — To-night I had to disobey your instructions to stay off the streets at night. When I came to my room I found that there was no oil in the can, and I had to go down to the grocery to get some."

It is quite plain that Charles must have been a very good boy.

—*Montreal Weekly Star.*

THE WASHINGTON FUND

All are more or less acquainted with the Washington fund, and it is very desirable that the balance be raised before the General Conference convenes on May 11. There is something over thirty thousand dollars yet to be raised, and all of our churches in America are especially appealed to just now to contribute to this fund that it may be completed at once. It will be a great blessing to the work and a

source of great satisfaction to those who have labored so untiringly in raising this money if it can be finished at this time.

The churches in the States are contributing more or less to this fund at this time, and we would be pleased to have all our churches in Canada take up the matter now, even if you have given something already, and have a part in closing up this fund.

We would suggest that all the churches take this matter up next Sabbath and make an offering to this important work. Then send the money right on to your conference treasurer so that it will reach Washington before conference convenes. "Honor the Lord with thy substance."

W. H. THURSTON.

FROM THE FIELD

BRANTFORD

ON Monday and Tuesday, April 11 and 12, we had a visit paid us by Elder Burrill and his daughter, Sister Ellen, who has lately been connected with the missionary work in South Africa. On Monday night the meeting was opened with a hymn followed by prayer. The Elder then introduced his daughter, who delivered an extremely interesting and instructive lecture on general missionary work in South Africa. The following evening Sister Burrill gave some of her personal experiences in connection with college and missionary work, accompanied by illustrations of her pupils' work, which was a credit to them and to herself also, she having been their teacher for five years.

We had a good and appreciative audience each night

M. SHANKS.

GUELPH, ONT.

The members of this little church were glad to have Elder Burrill and his daughter, Miss Ellen Burrill, with them on Sabbath, April 22. As many meetings were held as could be during their short stay.

On Sabbath evening Sister Burrill related some of her experiences in educational work in South Africa. She told of their struggles to make the school self-supporting, and of the success which they achieved; of their efforts to break the students of wrong habits which seemed part of their very natures, habits not regarded as wrong by the people there; and then she told of their earnest endeavors to hold up Christ before the students, many of whom were unconverted when they came to the school. Many instances of victory for the truth were related.

Elder Burrill then spoke of the success which might be attained by the educational work in Canada where our schools have so much greater advantages than have the schools of South Africa. Two of the students of Lornedale Academy were glad to be present on this occasion.

In his sermon on Sabbath morning Elder Burrill gave us a general view of our work as Seventh-day Adventists. He pointed to Washington, the capital of the leading nation of the world, as the centre from which all nations shall learn of the third angel's message. He showed that our institutions in Washington must soon be ready for action, and that the Lord expects each and all of his people to aid in the early establishment of his work there.

After the Sabbath-school in the afternoon, the ordinances were celebrated. It was a season of deep solemnity, for the Lord's presence was there.

Sister Burrill then spoke again of mission work in Central Africa, telling of the hardships and privations suffered by the laborers there, and how much they might be lessened if we would give more to missions. Many of the missionaries have given up their lives in Central Africa, and Sister Burrill told how the converted natives visit the well-kept graves of those dead missionaries, and going from one to another, say, "These men gave their lives for us, and when they come up in the resurrection, they will look for us: we must not disappoint them."

If those poor natives of dark Africa live better lives that they may not disappoint the men who die in service for them, how should we live that we may not disappoint the One who has done more for each of us than one man can ever do for another.

MAUDE PENGELLY.

SPECIAL NOTICE

All of our Young People's Societies in the Canadian Union Conference are requested to report to Mrs. Flora L. Bland, 222 North Capitol St. Washington, D. C., at once that she may have a full report from our field to present to the General Conference. The leaders of these societies will please see that these reports are made up and sent in without delay.

W. H. THURSTON

THE YOUTH'S INSTRUCTOR

The question of the reading that our children and young people shall have is not given the careful consideration that it deserves. Literature should be placed in the hands of our youth that will awaken the very best impulses possible in their lives. There is no better paper than the *Youth's Instructor* for

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young people. This valuable paper is much appreciated by those who read it, but there are many homes among our own people that the paper does not visit.

It is a part of Christian education to provide good reading for the children and youth, and to neglect this is to neglect our duty. "Children are an heritage of the Lord, (Psalms 127: 3) and parents are responsible for their training. What better can we do than to keep good reading matter before them, and thus educate them in right principles?

For little folk the *Little Friend* is published, and should be in every home where there are children. Next comes the *Youth's Instructor* to which we would call special attention, and urge that it be placed in the hands of all our young people.

Do you take the *Youth's Instructor*? If not, subscribe for a year, and receive the benefit that other families are deriving from this valuable paper.

The children and youth are the younger members of the Lord's family, heirs with us of the grace of life.

W. H. T.

A NEW TRACT

A new tract has just been gotten out by Elder W. A. Adams, president of the Manitoba Conference, entitled, "PLANKS OF THE PROTESTANT PLATFORM."

This tract is designed for immediate use in Canada to help meet the issue before us. It sets forth the true principles of Protestantism, gives several pointed extracts from history and from church men of different denominations, and we believe it will be valuable matter to place in the hands of the people at this time when so much is being done to nullify true

Protestantism, and to ignore the true principles of religious liberty. A special effort is now being made in Canada for better Sabbath (Sunday) observance, and it is a good time to circulate literature on the Sabbath and religious liberty questions, so that all may read for themselves. The people need to have their minds stirred up by way of remembrance, and this can be done by placing proper reading matter in their hands.

This tract as well as the Colcord tracts on religious liberty can be procured from your Tract Society at the same rates as other tracts. Send in large orders and do an extensive work at an opportune time.

W. H. T.

OFFICE NOTES
ONTARIO

We are still receiving orders for the *Review*.

Mrs. W. H. Allems of Orillia sells from twenty-five to fifty *Life and Health* each month.

Brother G. W. Sowler will work with the Health Food Co. of London for a time.

Brother H. D. Carr sends another cheering report of his work in the canvassing field. He reports \$80 worth of orders in the last two weeks.

Brother Judson Baker of Uphill writes that he has taken \$27 worth of orders for books in the last two weeks in connection with his other work with literature. His missionary reading box has created quite an interest.

Did you notice the article in the *Review* of April 27 entitled "Victory in Massachusetts"? Read it over and see what may be accomplished by literature. We have a large stock of it here, and we wonder that we do not get more orders.

We get many complaints from the brethren that they do not get their papers, especially the *Messenger* and the *Watchman*. We have found the trouble to be with the local Post Master in at least three instances. If there is any paper you are not getting regularly, take a copy of it to your Post Master, and tell him that you have missed some of the numbers, and that you prize the paper very highly.

Last Wednesday evening's city papers announced that Mr. Norman Champ, who conducts the Union Bible Class at the Association Hall, would take up the views relative to the law as held by Seventh-day Adventists. In company with two other brethren, we went down. At the close of the service, we asked for ten minutes in which to present the other side of the question. We were refused, but succeeded in distributing a large quantity of tracts. His study of last night will be continued next Thursday evening. It will afford another opportunity to distribute tracts.