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

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FULFILLMENT

The hope to which we fondly cling,
And call our own,
Is oft the swiftest to take wing,
And soonest flown!

The wish for which we long and sigh,
And pray and yearn,
May be but a bitter draught to drink,
Which we would spurn.

The evil which we fear and dread,
And dare not face,
God may give the strength to bear,
And needed grace.

The good for which we scarce have hoped,
Nor all perceive,
May be sweetest in its fulfillment,
When we receive.

The joys for which we seek and strive,
And follow fast,
When we call them ours, may be
With dark o'ercast.

The trials which we fain would shun,
And cast away,
Like precious pearls may show to us
Some hidden ray.

—Mrs. L. A. Fletcher.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Our trip from Lorne Park to Buffalo was without incident aside from a very enjoyable visit to the Buffalo Sanitarium, which, under the able management of Dr. Satterlee and wife, has grown to be a prosperous institution where about fifteen, doctors, nurses, and other helpers, are employed.

We left Buffalo at 9.30 P. M., and were awakened at daylight the next morning by the rumbling of the train through the mountains of Eastern Pennsylvania. The railroad winds about in its attempts to follow the valley through which the Lehigh River flows, and in places the scenery is picturesque indeed.

Arriving at Philadelphia we found that we had two hours to wait, and we improved the time by making a flying visit to Independence Hall. Here

we saw the bell of liberty which was rung July 4, 1774, and which was rung every anniversary of that date until it became cracked in 1835, since which time it has been silent and mute.

The walls of the Hall are decorated with paintings of those who signed the Declaration of Independence and other noted characters in American history, and in one corner of the Hall, separated from the rest of the room by a brass railing, are the chairs in which the signers of that document sat at the time when it was signed. Numerous inscriptions from the writings of these men also hung on the walls, among which was the immortal truth stated in the Declaration of Independence, that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed — a truth which is being repudiated both in practice and in theory by the people of the United States to-day.

We reached the city of Washington Tuesday afternoon, and at once went to the camp ground, where we found everything ready for the meetings to which we have looked forward with so much interest for so long in the past.

GENERAL CONFERENCE NOTES

For the first time in many years the General Conference proceedings are conducted under a tent, and the weather thus far has been ideal for such an encampment. Surrounded entirely by the primeval forest with hardly a human habitation in sight, a place better adapted for such a gathering could hardly be found.

Representatives from nearly every nation under heaven are to be found here, and the same spirit which inspired the gathering of believers on the day of Pentecost, seems to pervade the camp. It would be an inspiring sight indeed if the same work which was accomplished at Pentecost could be seen here before the gathering disperses.

We would be very much pleased, were such a thing possible, if all our brethren and sisters could have some of the privileges which those gathered here in General Conference are enjoying. But though it is not possible for all our brethren to be present and hear for themselves the beautiful thoughts which are presented, yet every one can

take the *Review* where the proceedings of the Conference are fully reported, and those who fail to take the *Review* are missing much that they might enjoy.

The Canadian Union Conference is fully represented in its delegation. Elder W. H. Thurston from the general field, Elder Rickard from the Quebec Conference, and Dr. White from the Knowlton Sanitarium; Elder Guthrie from the Maritime Conference; and Elder A. O. Burrill and the writer from the province of Ontario.

Steps will be taken at this gathering to furnish help for the Canadian field, and we are sure that the hearts of our brethren will be rejoiced to learn that a large corps of workers will be furnished to Canada, distributed from the Great Lakes to the ocean. Let all our brethren co-operate with these workers when they come, give them a hearty welcome, and sustain them by your prayers and means.

PERSONAL EXPERIENCES IN THE SALE OF "CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS"

It has been proven to my mind beyond a doubt that "Christ's Object Lessons" is an extremely easy book to sell. While engaged in the sale of this book in the town of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, I placed my books in the houses of the people by simply leaving the book in their homes for examination. I provided a neat paper cover for the book, and had printed on the outside the name of the book, and explained the meaning of the title, and the mission of the book, giving price, etc.; saying that it would be left two days for examination. I found that to hand the people the book with one of the covers on it, and give them an opportunity to look it over at their own pleasure, was all that was necessary in many cases to sell the book.

I have in mind several cases in which the sale of the book in that way was the means of effecting other sales. The very first book I sold in Waynesboro was sold in that way. When I called for the book, the lady handed me the money instead of the book. I said to her, "Now, Mrs. Shank, if you can say a good word for this book to your neighbor or your friends when they come to see you, it will be very much appreciated." She did say a good word for it, and the outcome was that I made two extra sales as a result of the sale, and did not need to make any canvass or explanation of the book to do it.

Another place I left a copy of the book (with the cover) with a well-known physician of the town, and when I called for the book he likewise gave me

the money and kept the book. I said to him, "Now Doctor, if you can say a good word for the book to those who come to your office, it will be casting your influence on the right side, and may do a great deal of good." He did say a good word for it, and on Thanksgiving-day a friend of his spent the day with him and his attention was directed to "Christ's Object Lessons." He took a great liking for the book. He went to his home and said to his wife, "When the agent comes around with the book, 'Christ's Object Lessons,' I want you to give him an order for it." When I came to the particular house where Mr. Frick lived, his wife came to the door. She was indisposed to give me a hearing. I said to her, "I presume you have heard of the book, 'Christ's Object Lessons.'" She replied by saying that her husband had requested her to give an order for some such book, but was not quite sure of the name. Upon her invitation I called the evening of the same day, and of course had no trouble in disposing of the book to her husband.

Since closing my work in Waynesboro, I have frequently sold copies of the book to ministers by simply leaving it for their examination. Any one who will not allow his prejudice to rule him, will fall in love with "Christ's Object Lessons." Why not give the book a chance to gain a reputation for itself? It will do it if it is placed in the hands of the people. Who will have a part in this good work? Who desires to gain such an experience in this work as will leave him pleasant memories in the line of his Christian experience? I expect soon to send some letters for publication from those in Eastern Pennsylvania who have had some real good experiences in this work.

Yours in the blessed work,
FRANK F. FRY.

FROM THE FIELD

Clinton, Ont., May 17, 1905.

Dear Brethren,—

I had the privilege of speaking in the "Regular Baptist church" at Kokoma on the subject "Prophecy and Its Relation to Christ's Second Coming." About one hundred and fifty were present and gave good attention. A favorable impression seemed to be made, and all who were present expressed themselves as desirous of hearing further on these subjects. A nice collection was given, and altogether it was an enjoyable occasion to me.

I notice among the names of those who have sold all the Object Lessons for which they subscribed at camp-meeting, my name is omitted. I am glad to

Say that all my Object Lessons subscribed for then have been sold, and paid for before the beginning of the year.

Yours in hope,
W. H. SPEAR.

[Elder Spear's name was on the list which came to the office for publication; but, we regret to say, was unintentionally overlooked. With this exception the printed list was complete.]

KNOWLTON SANITARIUM NOTES

Miss Sheidow is nursing in town.

Mrs. Carter, of Moncton, N. B., who had an operation performed here a few weeks ago, is rapidly recovering, and expects to return home soon.

Miss Ethel Kimball, who has been a great sufferer for the past two years was brought here from Vermont last week. She is making remarkable progress toward recovery.

For the past few weeks all spare time has been spent in beautifying the grounds here. The large lawn in front, with its flowers and shrubs, is a great source of pleasure to the patients.

Dr. and Mrs. White are spending a short vacation in Massachusetts, visiting friends and relatives. They will also attend the General Conference before their return. Although absent from their duties, they are not forgetful of the work here. Inquiring letters are received and advice given in regard to all cases and matters. We trust they are having a pleasant vacation, and hope they will return with the needed rest.

Dr. Harris, from town, attends to Dr. White's professional work during his absence.

THE LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE

In the last issue of *The Lord's Day Advocate*, the official organ of the Lord's Day Alliance of Canada, under the heading, "To the Privy Council Again," that paper says:—

"The Minister of Justice has decided, as we predicted, to appeal from the Supreme Court's decision holding the Dominion responsible for all Sunday legislation, rather than the Provinces, to the Imperial Privy Council. Premier Whitney, of Ontario, is joining in the appeal. It is necessary first to get permission for this appeal. This will be applied

for probably in May or at least in July. If granted the appeal will be heard in July or November. Judgment therefore should not be deferred beyond Autumn at latest. If not granted, the Government is bound to accept responsibility and legislate. In either case the way will be cleared for legislation next session of Parliament."

From the above it is evident that the Lord's Day Alliance does not consider itself defeated by the recent decision of the Supreme Court. They are working away with as much confidence as ever. *The Lord's Day Advocate* is only a small paper, but they are circulating it at the rate of 30000 a month, and it probably has 100000 readers. It is true one finds no argument in it. But arguments do not seem to be necessary. People take it for granted that Sunday legislation is all right. We have no paper to place before the people, but we have a number of tracts, filled with "unanswerable reasons" why Sunday legislation is wrong. Now is the time to scatter these at the rate of at least 30000 a month.

This same paper says "it was the Seventh-day Adventist's literature that defeated the Lord's Day Bill in Wisconsin."

OBITUARY

LANE.—Died of diabetes at London, Ont., May 4, 1905, William Lane in his forty-third year. He had a lingering sickness. At the time of his death both he and his wife were patients at the city hospital. Sister Lane was suffering with pneumonia. It was not thought advisable to tell her of his death.

Among the mourners were his father, and his five children. The funeral was held at the home, which was well filled with those who sympathized with them in the sad circumstances.

A. O. BURRILL.

OFFICE NOTES ONTARIO

WE have received several orders for the Sabbath-School Quarterly—for missionary purposes.

One little girl sends a dollar for Foreign Missions with the word, "It's the only dollar I got."

After a two weeks' stay at the Academy, we are convinced that our people do not appreciate the excellence of the work done here or they would be more vigorous in the "Object Lesson" work.

In response to the call for means to complete the \$100000 fund we have received only a little over

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\$60. However we presume that the greater part of the offering was sent direct.

LORNE DALE ACADEMY NOTES

BROTHER HERBERT KNISTER who has charge of the farm work is getting on nicely. He has the potatoes and silo corn planted, and is now working away at the raspberries.

A very nice line of wire fence, about thirty rods long, has just been completed.

The meadows are looking quite well this year, but Brother Knister hopes to improve them by another year.

We have fresh bouquets of wild flowers on the table almost every meal. There seems to be a large variety on the farm, and the students take great pleasure in gathering them.

The class in Botany is kept busy analyzing the different flowers as fast as they bloom. One or more is analyzed every day.

SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

"I challenge anyone, be he a minister or a layman, to show me any place in the Bible which teaches that this world will be any better at the coming of Christ. I affirm that in fifteen years of studying the Bible and studying the question that I have never found any such teaching. It is strange that so many people believe, and so many ministers

tell the people, that the world is getting better.

"It may be getting more civilized, more cultured, educated, and progressive, but it is a great mistake to think culture is Godliness. The ministers forget the most cultured men are usually the most Godless. In this boasted twentieth century of ours the world is not any better than it was in the days of the Bible.

"There is not a Christian nation on earth, although we call many so. Is Great Britain a Christian nation? When you think of the devilish work that goes on within her borders, when you think of such things as the opium traffic, do you consider her a Christian nation? And is the United States any better? The vast majority of the people of the United States do not care anything about God. It may have some Christians in its borders, but that does not make it a Christian nation."

So said Rev. Mr. Miller, of Washington, D. C., who is preaching each night at the Gospel Tabernacle on the Second Coming of Christ, during an address last night. He dealt with the time and conditions of the second coming in his talk. He refuted the idea strongly that the world would be converted before Christ came to this earth again. He said that Christ would come to earth; when he could not say, and bind the devil for a thousand years, and institute the millennium. The millennium would not be until Christ came. After the thousand years, as, according to the Bible, the devil would be loosed again, and the millennium broken up. The lake of fire, mentioned in the Bible, was already prepared, but the first one to be thrown in would be the wicked one, and then would follow his angels. He referred to the second psalm, saying that in this would be found a prophecy connected with the second coming. The psalm contains twelve verses, and is divided into four parts of three verses each. The first section dealt with the attitude of the nations of the earth toward God at the time of the coming; the second the attitude of God toward the nations; in the third Christ makes reference to conditions of the coming, and in the fourth the voice of the Spirit speaks, giving advice.

Was the dominion of God to be spiritual? He thought it would not be. The Lord would come, here physically, and would establish a kingdom in fact. He ascended on the Mount of Olives, and would return to the Mount of Olives. It was strange he said, to see some of God's people so antagonistic to the idea of meeting Christ and seeing Him with their own eyes. — *Sermon by the Rev. Mr. Miller, of Washington, D. C., reported in "Hamilton Spectator," May 17.*