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

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PARTING

IF thou dost bid thy friend farewell,
But for one night though that farewell may be,
Press thou his hand in thine.
How canst thou tell how far from thee
Fate or caprice may lead his steps ere that to-morrow
come?
Men have been known lightly to turn the corner of
a street,
And days have grown to months, and months to
lagging years,
Ere they have looked in loving eyes again.
Parting, at best, is underlaid
With tears and pain.
Therefore, lest sudden death should come between,
Or time, or distance, clasp with pressure firm
The hand of him who goeth forth:
Unseen, Fate goeth, too.
Yes, find thou always time to say some earnest word
Between the idle talk,
Lest with thee henceforth,
Night and day, regret should walk.

—Coventry Patmore.

Elder Goodman's City Mission

ELDER GOODMAN and his wife had gone into the city of Muchsins for the purpose of establishing a City Mission. Elder Goodman had no experience in City Mission work, and but very little in city life, and as might be expected under such circumstances, his work was not as successful as it otherwise might have been.

But Elder Goodman had an idea of how a City Mission ought to be carried on, and this idea, together with what he had learned from reading about the way in which such work had been conducted in other cities, enabled him to get a fairly good start in his work.

Being somewhat limited in his financial resources, it was necessary, as he thought, to begin the work in a small way. With this thought in mind he secured a small hall with a tenement attached, in a respectable quarter of the city, and after getting fairly settled, in true professional style, he put a sign on the outside of the hall to notify the public

of what was going on inside, and then sat down to wait for them to come in at the appointed time and get converted.

But the good people of Muchsins, (or bad people rather) did not seem to comprehend the object of Elder Goodman's Mission. They did not take the time even to read the sign which he had prepared with so much care, much less would they deign to come into the hall and get converted, as he had hoped they might do.

Evidently Elder Goodman had not counted on the fact that notwithstanding their wickedness and consequent need of conversion, the people of Muchsins had some kind of business which required their attention during the greater portion of the time, and he was somewhat discouraged at the lack of interest on the part of the people in his well-meant intentions for their spiritual welfare.

A few people did, indeed, come to the hall on Sunday afternoon, but after hearing Elder Goodman lecture for awhile about something concerning which they were not at all interested, they strolled out of the hall and never came back any more.

But Elder Goodman did not despair. The good people of Muchsins needed to be converted, and he had come to the city for the express purpose of accomplishing that much-to-be-desired result; but if it could not be accomplished in one way, he would try some other way, and thus show to the people who were supporting him that a church could be established in Muchsins, and one, as he expressed it, that had some backbone to it.

So he resolved to try another plan; for it was quite apparent that the hall and his mode of lecturing did not prove to be a drawing card. What with the polished sermons of the learned city divines, the week-night lectures, the socials and other innumerable features of attraction connected with the regular church services, to say nothing of the theatres and other attractions of a worldly character, Elder Goodman and his work were considered a back-number, if they were given any consideration at all by the people of Muchsins.

After seeking the Lord in earnest prayer concerning the matter, the impression seemed to dawn upon the mind of Elder Goodman that if the people of

Muchsin would not come to him to be converted, he would go to them. But he would confine his work to the better classes. He would not begin in the slums and among the poor of the city. What he wanted was a church with some backbone to it, and that class of people he did not consider would serve such a purpose.

Poor man! He had much to learn about City Mission work; but he had a most excellent helper as well as teacher in Mrs. Goodman if he would only consent to be taught, but there was the trouble. The idea that even so good a woman as Mrs. Goodman could teach him how his work was to be conducted, was not to be tolerated.

But Mrs. Goodman was shrewd and observant, and it did not require much time for her to find a way to teach him a lesson without appearing to be teaching.

There was one thing about which Mrs. Goodman was especially anxious, and that was the work among the outcasts and the poor of the city; and whenever Elder Goodman would speak disparagingly of such work, and tell about his church with a good backbone to it, she would invariably reply: "Why John, don't you know that a fowl made up entirely of backbone would be a very unsightly creature? Besides it would be so stiff and cold that it could neither warm the chickens nor scratch for them. It takes feathers and nails as well as backbone to make a presentable fowl."

But Elder Goodman could not see the force of such a rude illustration, and he continued to work for the better classes so as to form a church with a backbone to it, leaving the poorer classes to come in and form the feathers and nails without putting forth any special effort in their behalf. And I suppose he would have continued on in the same way all the rest of his life, had not a little circumstance occurred which served to change his methods of working altogether.

To be continued.

Lornedale Academy

LAST week we gave quite an extended account of the condition of the school, giving special attention to the improvements which had been made in the farm and the buildings. This week we wish to speak more particularly of the needs of the school, and of the prospects of supplying those needs.

First of all we need students. Our facilities are such that we can accommodate about twenty-five students quite comfortably, and there should be not less than that number in constant attendance. We need these students for two reasons. First, our

Canadian field is languishing for want of workers; and from what source can we expect to supply this want if not from our schools?

We need canvassers to sell our books. We need Bible workers to enter our large cities and towns, and bring the truth before a class of people who can be reached in no other way. We need ministers to enter the new fields of all parts of the Dominion, to raise up churches. We need physicians and trained nurses to meet the wants of the people in their line of work, openings for which are found on every hand. Besides all these, business men are needed to manage all sorts of enterprises which are necessary in order to reach the people under the new condition of things in which we find ourselves placed.

Our schools must be the recruiting stations from which to supply all these different classes of workers, and Seventh-day Adventist parents have the solemn responsibility resting upon them of deciding as to whether they will send their children to our schools where they can get the training necessary to qualify them to fill these positions, or whether these children will be sent to other schools where the influences, if not positively vicious, are of such a character as to lead the minds of the young people away from the truths which have made us a separate people; and after all the sacrifices which these parents have made to give their children an education, they will be obliged to mourn all the rest of their lives because their children are not with them in the truth.

These things ought not so to be. And there is no reason why they should be so. Times are quite prosperous at present, making it comparatively easy to obtain means with which to pay the expenses at the school. Shall we not, then, see a large company of young people from the province of Ontario who will be prepared when the school year opens, Sept. 20, to enter the school with a well fixed determination to make a success of their school work as well as their life work.

The second reason why we wish to urge the importance of sending students to the school, is the financial condition of the school. The school is not a personal enterprise. It belongs to the Conference. It was established by the Conference. And the Conference is made up of the individual members in it. Hence it follows that each individual member in the Conference is responsible for the financial success of the school.

When we consider the very unfavorable circumstances under which the school was started, and the way in which it is still handicapped; and when we consider the improvements which have been made during the past two years without adding anything

to the indebtedness of the school, we certainly all have cause to be grateful to our Heavenly Father for the prosperity which has attended our efforts notwithstanding the unfavorable circumstances in which we have been placed.

And now, if all will heartily co-operate in the work, each one doing his individual part in bearing responsibility, the school work for the coming year will prove a grand success in every way, and we shall see an army of young people going forth from the school to engage in the Lord's work wherever he may call them.

FROM THE FIELD

Perth Road

PERTH ROAD is a village eighteen miles north of Kingston. Two miles north of the village live two Sabbath-keepers, Sophia Mucklewee and her mother. It was my privilege to visit them on my way to Toronto recently, and I found them very much in need of help.

They have a farm, a team, cows, and implements for farming; and Sophia is the farmer. But she has been sick for a year, and is still on crutches. Their farm is nearly all in grass and pasture, and the crop is good this year. They were in need of two men to do their haying, and we have been trying to supply this help. We have also asked a lady nurse to go up there from Lindsay for a time.

These women have been keeping the Sabbath for twelve years, and only three ministers have visited them during that time, the last one visiting them some five or six years ago.

Promises have been made them that a series of meetings would be held there sometime, but that time has not yet come. They are still waiting, hoping, and praying for the fulfillment of the promise.

I was with them one day and two nights, became conversant with the situation, and helped them what I could.

They gave me ten dollars for the gospel work, and we send them the *Review* and the MESSENGER.

When we think of two women away off by themselves as these women are, no privileges of associating with those of like faith, and only three visits from the ministers in twelve years, we wonder why any one should become discouraged in the service of God.

There is power in the gospel to keep all who become connected with it, and we need to be connected with it now and all the time.

W. H. THURSTON.

Brampton

FOR the summer's work, a question of great importance is, where shall the tent be located. After due consideration it was thought best that we, the undersigned, should locate in Brampton.

Brampton is a thriving town of about 3,500 inhabitants, situated about twenty miles west of Toronto on the Grand Trunk and the C. P. R.

After deciding to locate here we accordingly came to "spy out the land." There were three or four nice places suitable for pitching a tent. We first earnestly sought the Lord that the tent be pitched on the right ground. Seemingly all the places were closed but one in the south part of town.

So we located our tent in this part of town, and commenced our meetings last Thursday evening. Up to the present writing we have held four services. At the first meeting about twenty-five were present. The attendance has increased with each successive meeting. Sunday afternoon about seventy-five were present, and at the evening service about double this number came out. The attendants seem to be a nice class of people; and are quite friendly.

We were not able to procure an organ at the two music stores. Upon making mention of this in the meetings, and of the likelihood of our having to send to Toronto for an instrument, the people took an active part in assisting us to procure an organ. Through their efforts we can obtain an instrument here.

We are very thankful for the favorable beginning of these meetings, and hope the end will be for a goodly number to obey the Lord in all things. Remember us and the work here in your prayers.

A. L. MILLER.
W. H. SPEAR.

Notice to Subscribers

IN my labors from place to place I am told by some of our people that they do not receive their MESSENGER regularly, and I am asked the reason of this. They generally blame the editor, or the mailing clerk, or both.

Editors, printers, and mailing clerks are responsible for many things, and sometimes make mistakes, but they are not to be blamed for all the mistakes in the world.

Recently it was my privilege to visit the office where the MESSENGER is printed and mailed, and I found that great care is being exercised in getting out the paper and mailing it.

Every paper is wrapped separately and addressed, and where two or more are sent to the same post-office, they are wrapped in another cover, and ad-

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Mistakes may occur at the mailing office, but special care is being taken in sending out the paper, and if all will heed this notice, I think the difficulty may be wholly overcome.

We desire that every subscriber shall receive the paper, and we shall be pleased to have more frequent reports from the laborers and churches. Did the churches all have good quarterly meetings this quarter? Did you have a business meeting and a missionary meeting? Let us hear about it.

W. H. THURSTON.

Life Chips

THE BATTLE CREEK HEALTH FOOD COMPANY of London is offering a limited number of Life Chips to Adventists only, at the low figure of \$1.50 per case. Families living near each other, who wish to take advantage of this offer, should order a number of cases sent to the same address, and thus save money on the freight charges. Address J. J. Robinson, Manager, Battle Creek Health Food Co., London, Ont.

He who thinks his place below him will certainly be below his place.—*Saville.*

Ontario Conference and Camp-meeting

The Ontario Conference and annual camp-meeting will be held September 7-17 at the Academy farm. The election of officers for the coming year will take place, and credentials and licenses will be granted. It is desired that all churches be represented. Each church is entitled to one delegate for the organization, and one delegate for each fifteen members or major part thereof. The credentials should be sent to B. B. Noftsgger, 151 Hunter St., West, Hamilton, Ont.

A. O. BURRILL, President.
B. B. NOFTSGGER, Secretary.

Legal Meeting of the Ontario Conference Association

The annual meeting of the Ontario Seventh-day Adventist Conference Association will be held on the camp-ground at Lornedale Academy, Lorne Park, Ontario, Friday, September 8, at 8 A. M., for the transaction of such legal business as may come before it, and to render a report of the standing of the association. All questions relating to the titles of properties and other possessions of the Association which are not fully understood should be presented at that time, and will receive proper attention.

A. O. BURRILL, President.
E. LELAND, Secretary.

Tents For Camp-meeting

Those desiring tents will please correspond with the writer. We have those with flies which are waterproof, and those without the flies. The price of a tent 12x16 with fly, for the meeting will be \$5. A tent 12x16, without fly, will be \$3.50.

To be sure of a tent, order early. There will be a good opportunity to secure teams, as the meeting will be held on the school farm. Those coming with teams can have them well cared for, as the Academy has large buildings.

A. O. BURRILL.

Ontario Notice

In company with Mrs. Leland I will visit the following churches at the dates opposite:—

Toronto—July 18 and 19.
Guelph—Thursday, July 20.
Exeter—July 21-24.
London—Monday, July 24.
St. Thomas—Tuesday, July 25.
Selton—July 26-31.
Chatham—Tuesday, August 1.
Albana—August 2-7. EUGENE LELAND