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

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**THE WEEK OF PRAYER: WHERE
AND HOW SPENT**

FRIDAY, Dec. 8, I drove from Fredericton to Gagetown, (30 miles) to spend the first Sabbath and Sunday of the week of prayer with the company of new believers there.

This was my first visit there since before our conference at Williamsdale. I found that the devil had been very busy during the time, and that the hearts of one or two had grown cold; and some who had once loved the way of truth were now bitterly persecuting those who continued to walk in it. This of course only makes the loyal ones love the truth the more. In every effort there always comes a shaking; and while we were not surprised, yet our hearts were saddened because of it. However, we were able to encourage the faithful ones, and we ask the members of the MESSENGER family to pray for the persecuted believers in Gagetown. The conditions are such that this is about all we can do.

I went to Gagetown with a livery team, and while there the horse sickened and died. One of the young brethren there brought me home. The man from whom I hired the horse, when told the circumstances attending the death of his animal, at once released me from any obligations in the matter. This I felt to be providential.

I spent two days in Fredericton, and had a meeting each day with the company there. Then I went to St. John and held two meetings, and visited and held seasons of prayer with nearly all the members in their homes. The brethren and sisters there seemed much encouraged by the visit.

On Friday afternoon I took the boat and crossed the Bay of Fundy to Tiverton. I arrived here just at the close of the evening meeting. On Sabbath we held two meetings, in both of which the tender spirit of the Lord was present in a marked manner. The church here is united, and all the members are of good courage in the Lord.

Personally, I can say that this has been the best week of prayer I ever spent. The sweet, tender, melting influence of the Holy Spirit has been with me all through the week. I have endeavored to impress upon the people the importance of asking of the Lord rain now in the time of the latter rain.

Yes, the power of the Spirit is coming upon the people of God to fit them for service in his finishing work. I am enjoying a richer fullness of its presence in my own life and work than ever before, and I do praise the Lord for it, and for what the week of prayer has accomplished in my life and the lives of those with whom I have been permitted to labor.

I am at this writing in Tiverton, where I expect to remain for about ten days, holding meetings and visiting as the way opens.

W. R. ANDREWS.

ONTARIO

FROM London my daughter and I went to Selton. We were hoping to accomplish considerable; but my daughter was so feeble that she was able to attend only one service. We held five meetings and visited most of the families from house to house. We found kind friends here ready to help us in every way they could.

This church is quite reduced in numbers, yet they are still holding aloft the banner of truth. We believe that there will be another ingathering of souls there some time.

Brother William E. Smith and family are missed very much. Sister Rachel Weitzell was sick, so that she was unable to attend any of the services.

From this place we returned to our home in Galt with our daughter. Our time was occupied fully for four or five days in conference work.

The Friday following we reached Chatham for the first Sabbath in the week of prayer. They were hard at work rebuilding their church. While we were there they applied the first coat of plaster. These sisters have done remarkably well. God has greatly blessed them in their efforts to build their little tabernacle.

Sister Crackel's husband was very feeble, and for her sake most of the week of prayer meetings were held at her home. We assisted her what we could in caring for her husband during the few days that we were with them. Since leaving that place we have heard that his condition is worse, and that he has gone to the hospital for an operation for appendicitis.

We found quite a good interest here to listen to the truth, and enjoyed the week of prayer with them very much.

The last Sabbath of the week of prayer we were with the Albuna church. We have already reported that phase of the meeting which related to religious liberty work. The annual offering was quite liberal at Albuna.

A good report has come in from the church at London. The week of prayer was interesting, with a liberal offering at the conclusion.

Sabbath, Dec. 23, we met with the church at Toronto. We were glad to see some new faces, among whom were Dr. Wm. McCormick and his wife. When the great issues at stake were set before this church, they

ordered five hundred of the extra MESSENGER and a supply of the religious liberty tracts.

We have been assisting Elder Leland and the office hands in getting out the extra MESSENGER and other documents in connection with the petition work.

A. O. BURRILL.

A Letter

Box 217, St. John, Nfd.,
Dec. 12, 1905.

Editor C. U. MESSENGER.

Dear Brother,—

We arrived in St. John from New Jersey on Oct. 27 after a very pleasant voyage of five days. At the wharf we were met by Elder Tracy who took us to his home and hospitably entertained us until we could settle down in our new home.

We were warmly welcomed by the little church here, and we must say that we like our new associations. Of course every thing was new and strange to us, but we soon began to feel at home.

So far as public work is concerned so far we have been able to do but little apart from the Sabbath and Sunday night services. We have planned for aggressive work and are now awaiting "ammunition." Our Sunday night services are well attended. Apart from the attendance of our members at the weekly prayer meeting, we are satisfied to see, in response to special invitations, others come in and worship with us. This was especially so last Sabbath evening. The good Spirit of God was in our midst, and we had the joy of seeing one dear soul take his stand to "keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus."

We are now in the week of prayer. Thus far the interest is good. The little company is anxious to keep step with the "body" and we are hoping to see some who once were in the "faith" take their stand again before the week is over.

We have not heard from Elder Tracy directly as to the work in Twillingate but from other sources we are sure that the enemy is prepared to fight the truth there most bitterly, but we know that they "can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth."

We wish you all much of the blessing of the Lord, and ask an interest in your prayers that we may enjoy a share in the same.

Your brother in Christ,

C. H. KESLAKE.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER IN OTTAWA

OUR meetings were not large, but most of the believers were present from time to time. We had the readings, and they were food for our thirsty souls. The Lord called back to the fold one man and his wife who had wandered away, and they consecrated themselves anew to God for service. This rejoiced our hearts. We still hope for others who are interested in the truth, and are laboring to interest the uninterested.

I expect to go to the country and hold meetings until about January 4th, visiting two or three places, and returning to Ottawa for quarterly meeting the first Sabbath and Sunday in January.

We have not held quarterly meeting in Ottawa since locating here, for different reasons, and it is desirable that all the Sabbath-keepers near Ottawa will be present on Jan. 6 and 7, as we desire to clear up the records, elect officers, and receive others into the church.

W. H. THURSTON.

SEABRIGHT, N. S.

OUR hearts were made glad through the week of prayer, though our gatherings were not large. However, toward the end of the week other brethren came in. Earnest prayer was offered, and the Spirit of Jesus was manifested and His power felt by some of our brethren who expressed their desire for renewed activity.

The time is short, and it is high time to awaken out of sleep. I can truly say that the church has been revived, and we hope that every member will meet with the overcomers in our Father's home at last.

ALVIN HUBLEY.

OFFICE NOTES

Subscribe for the "MESSENGER."

The Ontario annual offering, while good, is not so large as last year's

Word from Brother Sowler says that he expects to be with us again soon.

It has been decided to continue publishing "Christ in Song" in the same bindings and at the same prices.

Brother Frank Lane, of London, Ont., was a caller at the office on New Year's Day. He contemplates re-entering the canvassing work soon.

We learn that most of the students of the Lornedale Academy went home for the holidays. Our printers gave up their vacation to help in the religious liberty work.

Brethren H. D. Carr, John McEachern, Fred Boettger, and Howard Patchett went to Galt to canvass during the vacation at Lornedale Academy.

The first order for religious liberty tracts comes from Lindsay. They want at least a thousand. In a day or two we will send \$5 worth to Albana. We look for large orders for these tracts from all our churches.

We thought at first that we would be able to sell our religious liberty tracts at 50 cents a hundred, postpaid. But since all the bills have come in, we find that we will have to charge sixty cents, if we pay the post.

Recently we received a package of ten librarian's books that were marked S. S. Sec. Record. That is what they were sent to us for. We sent some of them out without noticing the mistake; we will gladly exchange.

Our brethren seem stirred over the religious liberty question. We had several calls for the blank petitions before they were sent out to all our brethren. The first request came from a lady who is not a member of our church.

Brother Henry Pengelly, who prints the MESSENGER, and his sister Maude, who sets the type, called at the office the 2nd inst. Our present C. P. A. receipts were printed by them. Examine the work, and if in need of anything of this kind, let us know.

OBITUARIES

CHRISTENER.—Died Oct. 12, 1905, at Selton, Ont., of blood poison, Nellie, oldest daughter of Jonas and Sarah Christener. She was twelve years and six months old. Blood poison set in on the removal of an

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abscess from behind her ear. Her case did not seem serious at first.

Nellie was a devoted Christian. She loved the service of the Lord, and earnestly labored to obtain an education that she might become a worker. Her teacher wrote me a very touching letter regarding the character of this young Christian.

The burial services were conducted by Elder J. McInnis.

Nellie will soon hear that voice which awakens the dead. She will look for father and mother then. Will she be disappointed?

A. O. BURRILL

CLARKSON.—Died Dec. 1, of tubercular consumption, at the home of Sister S. Cosens, Park Hill,

Ont., Alexander Clarkson. It seems that he had gone there to assist them in their work. He was a member of our Galt church. We first made his acquaintance at Clarkson, Ont., the past season. He had a love for the coming of the Lord, and sought to spread it to all. His death was very sudden.

He had been sending his tithes to the treasurer of our church. We believe he sleeps in Jesus.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

A. O. BURRILL.

MARRIED

DR. G. W. HILL, of the Six Nations Indian Reserve, near Brantford, Ont., and Miss Leona Jackson, of the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, were united in marriage in the Academy parlor, by Elder A. O. Burrill, on Thursday evening, Dec. 28, at 7 P. M.

The occasion was heartily enjoyed by the members of the Academy family who were present. After a dainty repast we were entertained by a piano recital by Mrs. Hill.

We wish the doctor and his bride much joy and many happy days.

"THE look of sympathy, the gentle word,
Spoken so low that only angels heard,
The secret act of pure self-sacrifice,
Unseen by men, but marked by angels' eyes—
These are not lost.

"The kindly plans devised for others' good,
So seldom guessed, so little understood,
The quiet, steadfast love that strove to win
Some wanderer from the woeful ways of sin—
These are not lost."

Report of the Canvassing Work for Two Weeks Ending Dec. 29, 1905

Name	Place	Book	Orders	Value	Value	Miscellaneous	Orders	Delivered
J. Pengelly	Hopeville, Ont.	C. K.						\$222.37
H. D. Carr	Lorne Park, Ont.					\$27.50		
Mrs. C. O. Hickok	Bracebridge, Ont.	G'rt Con.	14	\$38.50		8.		
Lorne Pengelly	Beeton, Ont.	C. K.	32	40.		26.		
Grant Priddy	Markham, Ont.	D. R.	19	19.				14.
John McEachern	Lorne Park, Ont.	C. K.	17	21.25				
A. M. Taylor	South Stukely, Que.					3.50		
Linnie Baker	Lindsay, Ont.					2.75		
Earl Spencer	Toronto, Ont.	D. R.	1	2.25				
Howard Patchett	Lorne Park, Ont.	C. K.	7	8.75				
Fred Boettger	" "	Great Con.	3	8.25				
C. Black	London, Ont.							82.40
Totals,	12 Agents,		95	\$96.		\$67.75		\$344.07