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Don't look for flowers as you go through life,
And, even though you find them,
Be wise and kind and somewhat blind,
And look for virtues behind them.

Mrs. E. G. White Injured

"ELMSHAVEN," SANITARIUM, CAL.,
Feb. 19, 1915.

A serious accident befell mother Sabbath noon, February 13. As she was passing through the door into her large writing-room she tripped and fell. May Walling, her nurse, was near, and endeavored to help mother to her feet, but found that her left leg was injured. An X-ray examination at the Sanitarium revealed a fracture of the femur.

During the last year mother's general health has been as good as could be expected of one eighty-six years of age. She has often said that at no other time in her life has she been so free from physical suffering as during the last two or three years. While gradually showing more and more the feebleness of old age, she has freely walked up and down stairs without assistance, and has enjoyed her customary carriage ride every pleasant day.

It was about five years ago that she discontinued her constant writing of letters and articles for the papers. The last camp-meeting she attended was the one held in Oakland July 6-16, 1911. Since then she has spoken a few times at the St. Helena Sanitarium chapel and at Pacific Union College, also a few times at Loma Linda and at the St. Helena church. As she gave up public speaking her mind was more wholly directed to the work in her office, where her writings of former years were being gathered into form for publication.

Until July, 1914, she spent much time reading the *Review and Herald* and the *Signs of the Times*, and in studying her manuscripts and planning for their publication. Then, as a result of a complication of difficulties, she gave up steady reading, and has preferred much of the time since to have us read to her.

When I went to the General Conference Council last October I thought to return home quickly, but was detained till my absence covered sixteen weeks. During these weeks I received many cheering messages from

Brother C. C. Crisler about mother's health and courage. December 2, 1914, he wrote:

To-day Sister White became reminiscent, which of late is rather out of the ordinary. She tried to recall the name of some brother of the long ago who expressed discouragement over the prospect of the very large work that would need to be done before the world had been warned; and she said that another brother, one of large faith, turned to him, his face white with strong emotion, and said: 'My brother, would you permit such a prospect to bring discouragement? Do you not know that God would have us press the battle to the gate? Do you not know he would have us labor on, and on, and on, knowing that victory lies ahead?'

"Sister White says she feels continually the uplifting presence of the Spirit of God. She says she would not speak discouragingly, and yet she would not wish to convey the impression that no disappointments have come to her. The enemy will bring us disappointments but these need never bring discouragement. When disappointed, we are to labor on until triumph comes; and this is working by faith."

His next letter contained the following:

"Sister White says that during the night season she hears voices saying, 'Advance! Advance! Advance! Press the battle to the gate!'

"She seems to apply this to the completion of the work of the Lord in all parts of the earth; also to the completion of important book work. She rejoices that you are able to make real progress in your efforts to advance the book work in the South, by perfecting that which has been ready for some time.

"I believe the Lord would have us all take courage, and press forward steadily."

Since the accident mother's bed has been placed in her writing-room, where she is surrounded by her familiar furniture and books.

Sara McEnterfer, who most of the time for thirty years was her travelling companion and secretary, is with her, and so is May Walling, who was brought up in her home, and who has been her faithful nurse for about two years. Mrs. Hungerford, a trained nurse from the sanitarium, is also with her.

Twenty-four hours after the accident Dr. Klingerman said: "We find Sister White's condition very satisfactory this morning. The usual symptoms of shock are entirely absent, and we feel that no complications will intervene to retard progress." Thursday afternoon he said: "Sister White's condition continues to be satisfactory in every respect."

Mother often expresses thankfulness that her sufferings are no greater. And this morning, in speaking with Sister Minnie Hawkins Crisler regarding the goodness of the Lord, she said: "I see light in His light. I have joy in His joy, and peace in His peace. I see mercy in His mercy, and love in His love." W. C. WHITE.

The St. Thomas Effort

The readers of the MESSENGER will be interested to learn of the progress of the meetings that have been going on in St. Thomas for some time past. The period selected for this effort is usually characterized by steady cold weather, but this year rainy and stormy weather set in about the first of February and naturally reduced the attendance at the meetings. However a goodly number attended regularly, and now that the testing truths have been presented they are beginning to obey. Some have already taken a definite stand and others are coming along encouragingly, so that we feel safe in looking for six or more to unite with the message. On account of the Union committee meeting at Oshawa I am compelled to be away for a little while, but Brother Capman is looking after the interest by visiting and holding cottage meetings during my absence. I shall return in a few days and continue the work until the interest is fully developed. In advertising the sermon on "Who Changed the Sabbath?" I used the cut that appears with this article, and it appeared in a prominent

place in both the city dailies the day previous. In another place in his issue of the MESSENGER is reproduced the account of the sermon as published in the St. Thomas Journal. Both the papers published daily accounts of the sermons preached, and they were read by thousands of people who did not get to the church.

The members of the St. Thomas church have been very faithful in helping in connection with this effort in every way possible and we look for a material increase in the membership of the church to reward their faithfulness. M. N. CAMPBELL.

Union Committee Meeting

When this number of the MESSENGER reaches its readers the Eastern Canadian Union Committee will be in session at the Union headquarters at Oshawa. On account of the long distances that separate the members of this committee it is not possible for them to come together oftener than once a year, consequently when they do meet there is a large amount of business to attend to. At the present gathering matters of vital importance to the future of the Lord's work in eastern Canada are to be considered. Among the items listed for consideration are: Plans for campmeetings for 1915; evangelistic efforts in new sections of this field; establishment of French department in Buena Vista Academy; election of Academy faculty; transfer of laborers; auditing, and plans for ensuring the raising of quota of mission funds.

At this meeting the Newfoundland mission will be represented by Elder William Young; the Maritime conference by Elders Hare, Skinner, Barrett, and Prof. Machlan; Quebec Conference by Elders Olson and Vuille-

mier; the Ontario conference by Elder Kirkendall and Brother Hill. The Union will be represented by Elder Campbell, Prof. Rowe and T. D. Gibson. Elder G. C. Roth, the superintendent of the French work in North America, is expected to be in attendance.

A general convention covering the work of the Sab-

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REMEMBER TO KEEP THE FIRST DAY HOLY

THE SEVENTH DAY IS THE SABBATH OF THE LORD THY GOD

SUBSTITUTION

TRADITION

WHO DID THAT?

Come to the Princess Theater Sunday, February 7.
at 7 P. M., and Hear About It.

bath school, Missionary Volunteer, Educational and Home Missionary departments will be held the last Sabbath and Sunday of the Union committee session at the Academy. On the evening after the Sabbath the students will render a musical program. It will be seen that the time will be very fully occupied. The union committee will begin its work Tuesday afternoon, March 2, and will have two meetings daily. Each evening there will be a preaching service, and one of the visiting ministers will occupy the chapel period at the academy each morning. The students will thus have an opportunity of hearing from each of the delegates present.

We pray for the special guidance and blessing of God during this important council. M. N. CAMPBELL.

TAMPERING WITH THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Seventh-day Adventist Says Someone Has Been—Quotes Many Authorities

A mild sensation was created at the Princess Theatre Sunday night where Evangelist M. N. Campbell, the president of the Eastern Canadian Union of Seventh-Day Adventists, delivered a lecture on "Who Has Been Tampering With the Ten Commandments?"

"Almost everybody has at one time or another wondered how it is that the first day of the week is now observed as the Sabbath," said the speaker, "when the fourth commandment requires the keeping of the seventh day." In the course of the lecture, Mr. Campbell traced the Sabbath from its origin at creation down through the ages to the time of Christ and the apostles showing that no change had occurred during that time. Commenting on the institution of the Sabbath, the speaker pointed out the fact that the rest day had been given to the race and not to any particular nation or religion. He also called attention to the fact that the Sabbath was required to be observed and was made a test in connection with the giving of the manna before the law was spoken on Mount Sinai, and consequently the law of the Sabbath was in force before that time. Quoting Eph. 3: 9; Heb. 1: 1-2; John 1: 1-2, to show that God the Son created all things under the direction of God the Father, the lecturer showed that Christ was the maker of the Sabbath in the beginning and was thus "Lord of the Sabbath." Referring to the words of Christ: "It is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail," and to the statement of James, the first Christian bishop of Jerusalem, "For whosoever shall keep the whole

law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all," the speaker affirmed that neither Christ nor the apostles countenanced any change in the ten commandments and that whatever change had occurred was the work of man.

At this point the lecturer introduced a published letter prepared by the Rev. Father Enright, a prominent Jesuit father, in which he challenged the world to produce a text from the Bible to justify the observance of the first day of the week, and offering a reward of \$1,000 to anyone who would do it. Another similar offer was made by Rev. Father A. Gerritsma, of Winnipeg. Both these rewards have been open for a number of years but no one has produced the text as yet. Both these writers asserted, according to the lecturer, that Christ had given power to the church to legislate as it chose regarding religious matters, and that the church had made the change in the Sabbath. Mr. Campbell strongly dissented from this position as to the right of the church to make a change in the law of God, declaring that such an act was equivalent to exalting itself above God. "Furthermore" said he, "inasmuch as the law of God is to be the standard in the final judgment it is a matter of the highest importance that we harmonize our lives with it at the present time

Church Schools

It is with pleasure that we hear the call for church schools from some of our churches in Ontario, and we pray that the agitation will be kept up until these are firmly established.

Toronto, Hamilton, and Brantford churches have a number of children ready for a church school.

The one great obstacle in the way of having a church school is the failure on the part of some parents to see the need of such a school. They say, "Why go to such an expense when we have a good public school." "We pay taxes to support the public school, and we cannot afford to pay for two schools." A careful study of God's plan to educate Israel is sufficient answer to these objections, or to any other objections to a church school.

There are in our Academy at Oshawa several young people fitting themselves to be the teachers of your children,—to help you in the most important and most responsible work ever committed to mortals.

Dear parents, how much do you consider the soul of your child to be worth? You place the price by the kind of training given or allowed to be given. Bring this matter before your church, talk it, pray it, pay for

Colporteurs' Report, Two Weeks Ending Feb. 20, 1915

Ontario

Name	Book	Hours	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
John Pengelly	C. K.	50	27	\$39 25	\$20 45	\$59 70	
R. Gage	G. C.	82	46	153 00	28 50	181 50	
Totals		132	73	\$192 25	\$48 95	\$241 20	

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it, and a school will be established in your church that
will be a great blessing to you.

I shall be pleased to correspond with any interested
in this important subject. T. D. ROWE.

Newfoundland

Superintendent, W. C. YOUNG, St. John's.

Catalina

Knowing how greedily any news from the firing line
is always received by the readers of the MESSENGER,
Brother R. A. Hubley and the writer have decided to send
in a few items of interest.

For some time it has been believed by our field com-
mittee that both St Johns and Bay Roberts had had the
message preached in them sufficiently to stand as a witness
against them, and that many other places on our Island
were starving (spiritually) for the very food that was
being trampled on in those two places, and therefore it
was the duty of the shepherds to get out and seek new
fields of labor, so we pulled up our stakes where we had
been tethered so long and started for pastures green.

After an all night ride on the train we reached Cata-
lina January 20, having waited for the holiday festivities
to cease so that we might have a better chance of gaining
the attention of the people.

Here we found two large halls, one owned by the
Church of England people and the other by the Orange
Lodge, either one being capable of seating several hun-
dred people.

At first we approached the patriotic committee for
their assistance in a lecture on "Our Greatest War," but
as soon as they saw religion was mixed up in it they be-
came alarmed at the weakness of their own church
foundations and refused us the hall.

Afterward they agreed to lease the Parish hall for
\$5.00 a night, and under the conditions then existing we
saw that it only meant opposition from the leading men
of the place and could only spell failure.

It did seem too bad that our long night's trip, and
the expense incurred, was to be in vain. We sought help
from on high, and then tried to hire a large fish store-
room, then a furniture store, then a sail loft. Being re-
fused in each place, our position really did seem to be a

hopeless one, but we knew who led our feet in this direc-
tion, so did not give up entirely.

There was still a "forlorn hope" to be tried, and we
tackled it, and bearded the local minister and local church
leaders. We quieted their fears as to our intention of
turning the meeting into a religious service, secured their
co-operation and the member for this district as chair-
man, and after further talk with the board of manage-
ment secured a still further reduction in the rent, so an-
nounced the meeting for the 25th. The night of the
lecture came around and the people crowded the hall and
the stairways leading up to it. The lecture was well re-
ceived, the Church of England minister being loud in its
praises. The collection was beyond their best hopes, and
the ladies of the Patriotic society felt elated and the
board of management returned to us the rent paid. Now
we saw that our meetings, if ever we could only get a hall,
would be well advertised from the start.

Now came the rub—how to secure the Orange hall
for our religious services was a question. It had been
refused to us for the lecture on the war under the excuse
that they needed the use of the hall, so we visited the
master of the lodge and several of the members whom we
learned had influence, and at last secured it for three
nights a week at \$2.00 a night. After we had held two
meetings in it to feel the pulse of the people, we decided
that the prospect seemed bright, so we attacked the leader
again, and this time they reduced the rental to \$1.00 a
night, but after they further considered the matter they
discovered that that rental was less than cost, so sent the
secretary to consult with us about paying \$1.50 a night,
which we have agreed to, and are holding meetings three
nights a week with an attendance each night of from two
hundred to two hundred and fifty people.

The people of the neighborhood are warming up and
inviting us to their houses, so we do not feel so chilly as
we did during the earlier experience here, when the social
atmosphere was so icy that we longed for a few of the
warmer comforts of home.

The prospects are such that we have deemed it ad-
visable for Brother Hubley to return to Bay Roberts
and pack up his furniture and move here and lay siege
to this place. Both Brother and Sister Hubley arrived
here this morning and expect their belongings to-morrow,
having already secured a house in which to live.

W. C. YOUNG,

R. A. HUBLEY.

NEXT Sabbath an offering will be taken in all of the
churches in North America to aid in the advancement of
the work of the Negro Department of the North Ameri-
can Division Conference. This offering is especially de-
signed to help Oakwood Academy, the Negro school at
Huntsville, Alabama, out of some of its difficulties. This
will be the only general offering asked for this year, and
it is anticipated a large one will be given as the need is
urgent.