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## Always Unprofitable

You may worry when you're weary,  
You may worry when you're well;  
You may worry when life's dreary  
Or when buds begin to swell;  
You may worry in December  
And keep worrying in May,  
But in any case remember  
That you cannot make it pay.  
You may worry when disaster  
Hovers o'er you in the night;  
You may worry when your master  
Has declined to treat you right;  
You may worry when they've taken  
The last chance you had away,  
But the fact remains unshaken  
That you cannot make it pay.

## Sacredness of Vows, No. 2

"And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and raiment to put on, so that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the Lord be my God; and this stone which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee." The circumstances which prompted Jacob to vow to the Lord were similar to those which prompt men and women to vow to the Lord in our time. He had by a sinful act obtained the blessing which he knew had been promised him by the sure word of God. In doing this he showed great lack of faith in God's power to carry out his purposes, however discouraging present appearances might be. Instead of placing himself in the position he coveted, he was obliged to flee for his life from the wrath of Esau. With only his staff in his hand, he must travel hundreds of miles through a desolate country. His courage was gone, and he was filled with remorse and timidity, seeking to avoid men, lest he should be

traced by his angry brother. He had not the peace of God to comfort him; for he was harassed with the thought that he had forfeited divine protection.

The second day of his journey is coming to a close. He is weary, hungry, and homeless, and he feels that he is forsaken of God. He knows that he has brought this upon himself by his own wrong course. Dark clouds of despair enclose him, and he feels that he is an outcast. His heart is filled with a nameless terror, and he hardly dares to pray. But he is so utterly lonely that he feels the need of protection from God as he has never felt it before. He weeps and confesses his sin before God, and entreats for some evidence that he has not utterly forsaken him. But his burdened heart finds no relief. He has lost all confidence in himself, and he fears that the God of his fathers has cast him off. But God, the merciful God, pities the desolate, sorrow-stricken man, who gathers the stones for his pillow, and has only the canopy of heaven for his covering.

In a vision of the night he sees a mystic ladder, its base resting upon the earth, and its top reaching above the starry host, to the highest heavens. Angel messengers are ascending and descending this ladder of shining brightness, showing him the pathway of communication between earth and heaven. A voice is heard by him, renewing the promise of mercy and protection and of future blessings. When Jacob awoke from his dream, he said, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I knew it not." He looked about him as if expecting to see the heavenly messengers; but only the dim outline of earthly objects, and the heavens above, brilliant with the gems of light, met his earnest, wondering gaze. The ladder and the bright messengers were gone, and the glorious Majesty above it he could see only in imagination.

Jacob was awed with the deep stillness of the night, and with the vivid impression that he was in the immediate presence of God. His heart was full



of gratitude that he was not destroyed. There was no more sleep for him that night; gratitude deep and fervent, mingled with holy joy, filled his soul. "And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it." And here he made his solemn vow to God.

Jacob made his vow while refreshed by the dews of grace, and invigorated by the presence and assurance of God. After the divine glory had passed away, he had temptations, like men of our time, but he was faithful to his vow, and would not harbor thoughts as to the possibility of being released from the pledge which he had made. He might have reasoned much as men do now, that this revelation was only a dream, that he was unduly excited when he made his vow, and that therefore it need not be kept; but he did not.

Long years intervened before Jacob dared to return to his own country, but when he did, he faithfully discharged his debt to his Master. He had become a wealthy man, and a very large amount of property passed from his possessions to the treasury of the Lord.

Many in our day fail where Jacob made a success. Those to whom God has given the greatest amount have the strongest inclination to retain what they have, because they must give a sum proportionate to their property. Jacob gave the tenth of all that he had, and then reckoned the use of the tenth, and gave the Lord the benefit of that which he had used for his own interest during the time he was in a heathen land, and could not pay his vow. This was a large amount, but he did not hesitate; that which he had vowed to God he did not regard as his, but as the Lord's. *Testimonies, Volume 4, pp 464-467.*

### Why We Should Use the Maple Leaf Series of Tracts

Most readers of the MESSENGER are aware that a series of tracts is being issued from the press of the Canadian Publishing Association known as the *Maple Leaf Bible Students'* series. Just why this is being done may not be clear to all, and it is to explain the reasons for taking this step that this article is written. For years in the past the Lord's Day Alliance has been industriously spreading abroad the idea that Seventh-day Adventism is purely an American invention that has worked its way across the border, and national prejudice has been appealed to in an effort to turn patriotic sentiment against us. They point to the fact that all our literature—books, tracts and periodicals—come from the States, and all this has lent color to their charges. To counteract this charge the General Conference provided for the creation of the Canadian Publishing Association and recommended that as soon as possible the Canadian field publish

its own literature. The present administration in this Union has been working to accomplish this, and the first step in this direction was the issuing of the *Maple Leaf* series of tracts which is to cover all phases of our faith and work. This summer we will have out an edition of "Bible Readings for the Home Circle," and by another year it is hoped that we may be able to start the publication of a monthly missionary journal. However, all these plans will prove ineffective unless we have the hearty co-operation of our laborers, churches and people. While we are yet in our infancy as a publishing house we cannot, of course, hope to put out matter that will compete in all points with that issued by older publishing houses, yet we aim to set as high a standard in this respect as our means will permit, and if we can command the support of our people in this effort, the time is not far distant when we can do greater things. We therefore make this earnest appeal to our Canadian people in the Eastern Canadian Union to rally to this project and order liberally of the home made product, and this will help the work in the home field to grow. The people for whom we labor prefer to receive tracts published in Canada. The government is fostering the "made in Canada" movement, and why not show ourselves wise by taking advantage of this in putting forth our message among the people with Canadian produced literature? Our people may now feel free to start tract campaigns with the *Maple Leaf* series as they are coming out at the rate of a new tract each week, and by the time the tent season opens we plan to have at least twenty numbers ready. Those ready for distribution at the present time are:—

Signs of the Day of God.

The Return of Our Lord.

How Esther Read Her Bible.

The Bible; Its Inspiration and Importance.

Is Man Immortal?

Last Day Deceptions; How to Meet Them.

The Church and the World (a poem)

Candid Admissions from Sunday Observers.

Which Day do You Keep, and Why?

The Sabbath.

The Faith of Seventh-day Adventists.

D. M. Canright in a nutshell.

The King's Vision.

A Remarkable Prophecy, A Study of Daniel 7.

May we not look for a liberal order for these tracts from each of our churches and isolated believers. They are put up in very tasty form, printed from new type purchased especially for them, and on good paper. The price list appears on another page.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

"LIFE is a check signed in blank; what it is worth depends on how you fill it out."



I would be true, for there are those who trust me,  
 I would be pure, for there are those who care,  
 I would be strong, for there are those who suffer,  
 I would be brave, for there is much to dare.  
 I would be friend to all, the foe, the friendless,  
 I would be giving and forget the gift,  
 I would be humble, for I know my weakness,  
 I would look up and laugh, and lift, and lift.

### Making Oneself Obey

John: "I can't make myself do right, even when I want to."

Henry: "Did you ever see any one who had aphasia?"

J. "What a queer word! What does it mean?"

H. "Aphasia is a disease that makes it impossible for a person to use the word he wants to use. For instance, if a man is sick in that way, and wants to say, 'Pass me the bread, please,' he is just as likely to say, 'paint me the locomotive.'"

J. "Why, what a funny disease!"

H. "Yes, and a terrible disease, when one can't make his tongue say what he wants it to say. Have you ever seen anyone with the rickets?"

J. "No, what's the rickets?"

H. "That's a disease in which the bones lose all their stiffness, and become like jelly, so that the poor man cannot walk straight, or even stand up."

J. "How dreadful!"

H. "It makes some difference, then, does it, whether one's feet mind him or not?"

J. "Why, of course."

H. "Now, John, you think these are terrible diseases, but I just heard you say yourself that you can't make yourself do right, even when you want to. Why, that is all that is the matter with the man that has aphasia,—he can't make his tongue speak right when he wants to. And the man with the rickets can't make his feet walk right when he wants to. Then there is the drunken man, who has no control over himself at all. You don't want to class yourself with these, do you? Now I want to tell you, John, that you can make yourself do right if you want to. There may be a time, however, if you don't use this power, when it will be taken away from you."

J. "No aphasia or rickets for me! At least I'm going to try to keep my feet and tongue obedient."

—Selected

THERE has just come to our desk a new tract issued by the Southern Publishing Association entitled "Russellism; or the Coming of a False Christ." This is a reprint of some articles that recently appeared in the *Watchman* from the pen of Carlyle Haynes. It handles the millennial dawn question vigorously and ought to help those who are in danger of being misled. Order a supply. Price 2 cents each.

CANADIAN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

### Statistical

The total church membership in the Seventh-day Adventist denomination throughout the world at the close of 1914 was 125,814, an increase of 11,287 or 8.85% during the year. Total tithes and offerings received during the year for all purposes was \$3,090,484.80, an increase over the amount received during the preceding year of \$223,757.40, or 7.80 per cent, and constituting a per capita of \$21.56. Including the increase in valuation of church buildings, and the support of, and investment in, institutional work during 1914, there is secured a grand total of \$4,461,202.86 as the expenditure for evangelistic and institutional work for the year 1914, an average of \$35.45 for every church member throughout the world. The average in the North American Division was \$45.81, in all other countries \$21.58. The report showed that since the organization of this work there has been contributed for evangelistic work alone, \$31,675,894.76.

The total investment in all the organizations, institutions, and church buildings of the denomination is \$14,039,279.39, an increase during 1914 of \$1,226,495.78.

### Is It True?

Not a missionary visit made, not a paper or a tract given; not a missionary letter written, nor a Bible reading held; not one hungry person fed, nor a naked one clothed; not a sick person assisted, nor a treatment given; not a child brought to Sabbath school, nor a soul to Jesus. Is it true? From the oft repeated assertion, "I have nothing to report," we are forced to conclude that it must be so, but it does not seem possible. Surely it is too terrible to be true. Such a message as we have, and nothing done for Jesus! Is it true?

"And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, He was hungry; and seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find anything thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves." Yes, Jesus is hungry for fruit and is looking to the trees of his own planting for it, and is it true that he can find nothing but leaves? Golden opportunities have been ours, but were we so busy here and there and so full of the "cares of this life" that we have let them slip by unimproved? *Is it true* that we did not embrace even *one* of the many privileges of ministering to Jesus in the person of some poor, unfortunate creature? *Is it true* that the many hours have run into days, and the days into weeks, and the weeks into months, and still it can be truthfully said, "I have nothing to report?"—*South African Missionary*.

"GOD can do without you, but you cannot do without God."



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ELDER A. V. OLSON arrived in Oshawa last Tuesday evening and went on to Toronto the next afternoon where he takes up his duties as president of the Ontario Conference. He plans to move his family to Toronto early in March.

THE local Administrative Board of the Eastern Canadian Missionary Seminary will meet early this week at Oshawa to settle a number of questions left over by the full Board at its recent session.

THE CANADIAN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION is planning to issue a French pamphlet on the order of the "World's Crisis" for the use of our French young people this summer. Elder Vuilleumier will furnish the manuscript for it.

MISS MABEL HILLYARD is continuing her work of raising harvest ingathering funds in Northern Ontario. On her return to Owen Sound she found one individual to whom she had given Bible readings keeping the Sabbath. Another who became interested and to whom Miss Hillyard sent literature has been studying earnestly and is about to accept the truth. Pray for her in this good work.

Do you want a nice little cook book? We have just what you want—"A Friend in the Kitchen." Cloth 50 cents. Send for one. You will be delighted with it. CANADIAN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

SEND ten cents in stamps or coin for some samples of the Maple Leaf Series. Fourteen numbers are ready for distribution and more are on the way.

## OBITUARY

BEAN—After a short illness, Mrs. Ann Bean of Lindsay passed away on January 26 in her eightieth year. She was the mother of Sister Mary Bate, who accepted present truth under the labors of Sister Sadie Baker and was baptized by Elder G. B. Thompson, during the time he was president of the Ontario Conference. She united with the Lindsay Church of Seventh-day Adventists when it was first organized. Although she was unable to attend any meetings during the last two years, Sister Bean remained faithful to the end, and died with the blessed hope of meeting a soon-coming Saviour at the first resurrection. In a very impressive service, Prof. T. D. Rowe, assisted by Canon Marsh of the Church of England, spoke some comforting words based on Job 14.

F. W. HOSKING.

## Maritime Tithes and Offerings for November 1915

Churches	Tithe	Miss.	Misc.	Total
St John N B	\$89 53	\$69 20		\$158 73
Moncton N B	54 71	43 03		97 74
Halifax N S	40 27	42 45		82 72
*Williamsdale N S	45 31	67 66		112 97
Hopewell Cape N B	27 20	25 41		52 61
N Sydney N S	41 08	10 49		51 57
Conference Church	17 12	29 66		46 78
Sydney Mines N S	31 08	11 93		43 01
Scotts Bay N S	11 95	23 05		35 00
*Tiverton N S	21 65	23 91		45 56
Individuals	7 35	23 51		30 86
Indian Harbor N S	5 00	53 83		28 83
Tantallon N S	6 50	14 11		20 61
Lake George N B				
Barrington N S				
Jeddore N S				
Total	\$398 75	\$408 24		\$806 99
*2 months		L. VANBUSKIRK, Treas.		

## Colporteurs' Report, Week Ending Feb. 5, 1916

Ontario					
Name	Book	Hours	Value	Total	Del.
J Pengelly	CK	60	\$22 85	\$52 20	
C D Terwillegar	GC		20 00	35 00	
*C A Wallis	Mag	29	28 40	28 40	28 40
*2 Weeks	Total	89	\$71 25	\$115 60	\$28 40

## The "Maple Leaf Series"

Watch this notice each week. In it will appear the issues of the "Maple Leaf Series" as they are published from time to time. The following are now ready for distribution:

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### PRICES

Four page tracts—\$2.50 per 1,000, \$1.25 per 500, not prepaid; 40 cents per 100, 25 cents for 50, postpaid.  
Six page tracts—\$3.50 per 1,000, \$1.75 per 500, not prepaid; 60 cents per 100, 35 cents for 50, postpaid.  
Eight page tracts—\$4.00 per 1,000, \$2.00 per 500, not prepaid; 80 cents per 100, 45 cents for 50, postpaid.

BE sure to read the article in this issue, "Why We Should Use The Maple Leaf Series of Tracts."