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Live For Something

Live for something, have a purpose,
And that purpose keep in view;
Drifting like a helmless vessel,
Thou canst ne'er to life be true;
Half the wrecks that strew life's ocean.
If some star had been their guide,
Might have now been safely riding,
But they drifted with the tide.

Live for something, and live earnest,
Though the work may humble be,
By the world of men unnoticed,
Known alone by God and thee;
Every act has priceless value,
To the architect of fate;
'Tis the spirit of thy doing,
That alone will make it great.

Live for something, God and angels
Are thy watchers in the strife,
And above the smoke and conflict
Gleams the victor's crown of life;
Life for something, God has given
Freely of His stores divine;
Richest gifts of earth and heaven,
If thou wiltest, may be thine.—*Sel.*

UNION

Call For Recruits

With this we are issuing a call for recruits to fill the Twelfth Legion which is now being formed for service in Eastern Canada the present season. Men and women both old and young will be accepted, and after a drill of ten days or two weeks under competent officers will go to the front armed with prospectuses of "Bible Readings for the Home Circle" and other good books and magazines. Already a goodly number of recruits have been enrolled and some are at the front. All must be prepared to endure hardships as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, but a great reward is promised all who faithfully serve to the end of the campaign.

The following have thus far enrolled and when the Quebec, Maritime and Newfoundland contingents are heard from the list will be considerably lengthened:

John Pengelly	George Butler
John Heaver	Charles Joyce
Charlotte Wallis	John Finch
Frank Salway	Gertrude Smith
C. D. Terwillegar	Annie Telford
Hubert Martin	Oscar Cardey
Terrance Martin	Howard Capman

Five American young people

We would be glad to hear from others who plan to enlist in this good cause this summer, and as other names come in they will be added to the list. We look for at least forty this season and there is room for sixty or more.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

ONTARIO

From the Field

It has been some time since I have written to the MESSENGER family. I always enjoy reading reports from the other workers, and although my experiences have been nothing out of the ordinary I will give a brief report of my efforts.

The weather has been very favorable thus far this winter, not too cold and the snow has not been deep, so I have had no trouble in getting around in the country. I find a number of people inclined to talk hard times. They say they will not buy anything that is not necessary, but at the same time they will be pulling away on an old pipe. They do not consider a good book necessary. However, there are many who order the books, and I feel sure that upon careful study they will prove a great help to them and they will conclude that they are necessary. I look forward to my visits with the people, especially those with whom I stay over Sundays. Last week I

stayed with a family by the name of Robertson, one of the best families in that neighborhood. They seemed to enjoy listening to the truth as I gave them a Bible reading on the second coming of Christ, the home of the saved, and the millennium. When I left they invited me to come and stay with them again. When I am delivering I will make it a point to visit them and present the truth concerning the Sabbath. Pray for me in my work. JOHN PENGELLY.

Sacredness of Vows No. 4

The Lord has made the diffusion of light and truth in the earth dependent on the voluntary efforts and offerings of those who have been partakers of the heavenly gifts. Comparatively few are called to travel as ministers or missionaries, but multitudes are to co-operate in spreading the truth with their means.

The history of Ananias and Sapphira is given us that we may understand the sin of deception in regard to our gifts and offerings. They had voluntarily promised to give a portion of their property for the promotion of the cause of Christ; but when the means was in their hands they declined to fulfil that obligation, at the same time wishing it to appear to others that they had given all. Their punishment was marked, in order that it might serve as a perpetual warning to Christians of all ages. The same sin is fearfully prevalent at the present time, yet we hear of no such signal punishment. The Lord shows men once with what abhorrence he regards such an offense against his sacred claims and dignity, and then they are left to follow the general principles of the divine administration.

Voluntary offerings and the tithe constitute the revenue of the gospel. Of the means which are intrusted to man, God claims a certain portion,—a tithe; but he leaves all free to say how much the tithe is, and whether or not they will give more than this. They are to give as they purpose in their hearts. But when the heart is stirred by the influence of the Spirit of God, and a vow is made to give a certain amount, the one who vowed has no longer any right to the consecrated portion. He has given his pledge before men, and they are called to witness to the transaction. At the same time he has incurred an obligation of the most sacred character to co-operate with the Lord in building up his kingdom on earth. Promises of this kind made to men would be considered binding. Are they not more sacred and binding when made to God? Are the promises tried in the court of conscience less binding than written agreements with men?

When the divine light is shining into the heart with unusual clearness and power, habitual selfishness relaxes its grasp, and there is a disposition to give to the cause of God. None need expect that they will

be allowed to fulfil the promises then made without a protest on the part of Satan. He is not pleased to see the Redeemer's kingdom on earth built up. He suggests that the pledge made was too much, that it may cripple them in their efforts to acquire property or gratify the desires of their families. The power Satan has over the human mind is wonderful. He labors most earnestly to keep the heart bound up in self.

The only means which God has ordained to advance his cause is to bless men with property. He gives them the sunshine and the rain; he causes vegetation to flourish; he gives health, and ability to acquire means. All our blessings come from his bountiful hand. In turn he would have men and women show their gratitude by returning a portion in tithes and offerings,—in thank offerings, in free-will offerings, in trespass-offerings.

The hearts of men become hardened through selfishness, and like Ananias and Sapphira, they are tempted to withhold part of the price, while pretending to come up to the rules of tithing. Will a man rob God? Should means flow into the treasury exactly according to God's plan,—a tenth of all the increase,—there would be abundance to carry forward his work.

Well, says one, the calls keep coming to give to the cause. I am weary of giving. Are you? Then let me ask, Are you weary of receiving from God's beneficent hand? Not until he ceases to bless you will you cease to be under bonds to return to him the portion he claims. He blesses you that it may be in your power to bless others. When you are weary of receiving, then you may say, I am weary of so many calls to give. God reserves to himself a portion of all that we receive. When this is returned to him, the remaining portion is blessed; but when it is withheld, the whole is sooner or later cursed. God's claim is first; every other is secondary. . . . Do not wait until your imaginary wants are all satisfied. Do not trust to your feelings, and give when you feel like it, and withhold when you do not feel like it. Give regularly, either ten, twenty, or fifty cents a week, as you would like to see upon the heavenly record in the day of God.—*Testimonies, Vol. 5, pp. 148-151.*

Elder Daniells Lectures at Portland, Maine

The following is taken from the *Daily Eastern Argus* of February 21:

CROWD BIGGEST EVER SEEN IN NEW CITY HALL

For Safety's Sake, Police Have to Drive Many From Auditorium
3400 Persons Hear Dr. Daniells' Lecture
Famous Missionary Claims That Warring Nations Are Not Christian

Arthur G. Daniells of Washington, D. C., held his immense audience at the City Hall Auditorium last night in rapt attention during his lecture on "The European War or Has Christianity Failed?"

A half hour before Dr. Daniells began his lecture every available seat was taken in the great amphitheatre.

Hundreds stood on the main floor and also in both balconies. More than a thousand people were turned away, the police taking precautions that no more forced their way through the entrances.

Great enthusiasm prevailed as the various scenes of the war were thrown on the screen, and though the lecture lasted an hour and a half the great throng gave excellent attention throughout.

At the close of his lecture, Dr. Daniells announced that he would lecture the coming Wednesday night on "Universal Peace: Will It Come to the World; if So by What Means." The place of holding the lecture will be announced later through the newspapers.

Throughout his lecture Dr. Daniells impressed his hearers with the thought that the principles of Christianity as so clearly enunciated in the doctrines taught by Jesus Christ when here on earth do not prevail in the hearts of all the men in control of the governments of earth, but on the contrary only a very small proportion endeavor to practise the mission of the Saviour in their hearts.

The lecture was illustrated with stereopticon views, many of which brought to the mind the horrors that must come over the men who are compelled to face such death-dealing instruments of destruction. Beginning with the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand, which opened the way for the war to begin, Dr. Daniells carried his audience through various phases of the struggle, the views clearly showing the terrible carnage that is now going on in Europe.

Several songs were thrown on the screen, which the audience sang under the leadership of Prof. F. S. Dexter of South Lancaster, Mass. Herbert S. Davis of this city played the cornet.

In opening his remarks the speaker asked the question, "Has Christianity proved a failure because it has not prevented nations claiming to be Christian from waging this desperately cruel war?" He said the answer must depend upon one or both of two things: First, Is Christianity in any sense responsible for the war? Second, Are these nations Christian nations?

"The simple straight truth in the matter is that these nations are not Christian. There are no Christian nations on earth. There are nations in which Christianity is taught. In some nations the Christian religion is the dominant religion. In these nations there are individuals who are Christian. There are families who are Christian. Possibly there may be communities or villages wholly Christian. But there is no nation whose rulers, statesmen and citizens are all Christians. The fact is the nominal

Christians in any and every nation are in the minority, and are subject in government affairs to the non-Christian majority.

"There is no question but what these national and international problems and disputes would all be settled without war and bloodshed if they were referred to the sincerely Christian citizenship of these nations. But they are not, and as no civil government can be maintained on a Christian basis when the majority are not Christians we have the sad spectacle of nations calling themselves Christian engaged in the un-Christian thing of exterminating their fellow men."

Ontario Tithes and Offerings for January 1916

Churches	Tithes	Miss	Misc.	Total
Albana	\$201 33	\$ 2 40		\$203 73
Belleville				
Brantford		50 00		50 00
Bonek's Hill				
Chatham	26 51	9 33		35 84
Dresden	36 00	4 83		40 83
E.C.M.Seminary	33 03	41 34		74 37
Galt				
Hamilton	115 53	19 69		135 22
Iroquois	3 55	6 50		10 05
Individuals	6 00	15 29		21 29
Kenyengah		60		60
Kingston				
London	61 54	61 19		122 73
Lindsay	28 30	2 62		30 92
Lynden	5 79	8 35		14 14
Muskoka		1 95		1 95
Niagara Falls	3 30	2 50		5 80
Napanee	3 87			3 87
Ottawa	34 32	7 61		41 93
Oshawa				
Paris				
Peterboro	1 00			1 00
Petrolia	9 30	10 63		19 93
Selton				
St. Catharines	8 90			8 90
St. Thomas				
Toronto Central	22 18	9 88		32 06
.. East	29 88	3 30		33 18
.. West	71 84	47 65		119 49
Total	\$702 17	\$305 66		\$1,007 83

Why Did God Permit It?

Discussing Europe's war in the *Signs* magazine for March, Brother Jean Vuilleumier, who is regarded by most of our people as an authority on European affairs in their relation to the message, asks and answers the above question.

There are several other good reasons why you should get a copy of the March number. The article, "Will the Wicked Burn Eternally?" is one. "After the War" is another, "Sabbath that was Made for Man" is another; "Invalids for the Want of Nerve" contains some well put thoughts that will linger in your mind. The March *Signs* magazine meets your neighbors' need nicely.

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Our Standing for January

	Membership	Due	Recd.	Short
Ontario	550	\$ 478 50	\$305 66	\$172 84
Maritime	260	231 42	97 39	134 03
Quebec	150	130 50	32 76	98 74
Newfoundland	62	53 94	24 76	29 18
Union	1028	\$894 36	\$464 57	\$429 79

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ELDER A. V. OLSON visited Hamilton Sabbath, February 19 and London February 26. These visits were much appreciated by the brethren. Elder Olson goes to Montreal Monday to bring his family to Toronto.

ELDER CAMPBELL opened a series of meetings in a hall in Oshawa. No public effort of this kind has ever been held in Oshawa previously.

ORDER your year book for 1916. Only 25 cents this year.

Colporteurs' Report, Week Ending Feb. 19, 1916

Ontario					
Name	Book	Hours	Value	Total	Del.
*J Pengelly	CK	117	\$61 25	\$114 95	\$ 4 50
C D Terwillegar	GC		8 00	10 75	
*C A Wallis	Mag	31	28 70	28 70	28 70
Total		148	\$92 95	\$154 40	\$33 20

Maritime					
Name	Book	Hours	Value	Total	Del.
F Salway	WC SB	13	9 50	9 50	7 75
Grand Total		161	\$102 45	\$163 90	\$40 95

*2 Weeks

Maritime Tithes and Offerings for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1915

Churches	Tithe	Misc.	Misc.	Total
St John N B	\$591 84	\$401 74		\$993 58
Moncton N B	628 84	241 14	\$1 60	871 58
Halifax N S	488 86	342 50	2 08	833 44
Sydney Mines N S	423 08	279 52		702 60
Williamsdale N S	253 27	171 15		424 42
*N Sydney N S	140 73	215 58		356 31
Tantallon N S	155 14	195 98		351 12
Indian Harbor N S	123 79	201 14		324 93
Hopewell Cape N B	157 47	119 88		277 35
Conference Church	99 74	138 54		238 28
Individuals	55 01	157 80		212 81
Scotts Bay N S	93 41	85 04	1 00	179 45
Tiverton N S	80 09	61 63		141 72
Amherst N S	47 45	9 26		56 71
Lake George N B	37 61	7 61		45 22
Barrington N S	16 75	28 24		44 99
Jeddore N S		15 00		15 00
Miscellaneous		7 14		7 14
Total	\$3,393 08	\$2,678 89	\$4 68	\$6,076 65
*7 Months				L. VANBUSKIRK, Treas.

Quebec Conference Report for January, 1916

Churches	Tithes	Misc.	Sab. S.	Misc.	Total
Namur	\$ 1 00				\$ 1 00
Individuals	3 05	\$ 3 00	\$1 35	\$1 00	8 40
Mont'l French	34 50	10 00	10 43		54 93
South Stukely	22 10	1 00	3 14		26 24
Fitch Bay	21 95	10	1 06		23 11
Mont'l Eng	40 25	3 32	9 06		52 63
North Hatley	7 39		9 08		16 47
Sherbrooke	15 50		5 22	5 00	25 72
Total		\$17 42	\$39 34	\$6 00	\$208 50

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:

No.	TITLE	No. Pages
1	Signs of the Day of God	4
2	The Return of Our Lord	4
3	How Esther Read Her Bible	4
4	The Bible—Its Inspiration and Importance	6
5	Is Man Immortal?	6
6	Last Day Deceptions	8
7	The Church and the World (Poem)	4
8	Candid Admissions from Sunday Observers and Writers	4
9	Which Day Do You Keep and Why?	4
10	The Sabbath	6
11	The Faith of Seventh-day Adventists	6
12	D. M. Canright in a Nutshell	6
13	The King's Vision	4
14	A Remarkable Prophecy, a Study of Dan. 7.	8
15	The Unchangeable Law	4

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