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"My Presence Shall Go With Thee"

One time when I was coming home from down East, I noticed a little fellow sitting alone in a seat ahead of me on the train.

Soon the conductor came along, and leaning over, spoke a few words to the boy. Then I noticed that he was sobbing, and guessed that he was traveling alone and perhaps was lonesome. I thought I would see what I could do, so I went forward, and sat down beside him. I spoke to him, but to my surprise he answered in French. What he said probably meant that he did not understand me, and I certainly did not understand him. However, he wiped the tears from his eyes and brightened up, and in a little while he was looking out the window. After a few minutes I felt a touch on my arm, and looking in the direction to which he was pointing, I saw a man in the act of landing a large fish. The little fellow seemed much pleased at this, and looked at me with a pleasant smile. As time passed on he sat there pointing at things, counting the windows, lamps, passengers, etc., as children will; and his occasional

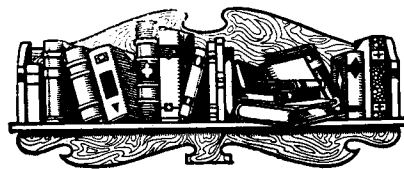
smile showed that he was well content. We had been riding together about three hours when we reached a junction point. Here the conductor came in, and taking him by the hand, led him off the train. As he was going, he looked back and smiled, and just at the door he waved his hand to me.

If we could but know the truthfulness of the above promise, how many heartaches it would save us; and if we would only give Him a smile or a wave of the hand once in a while, how much He would appreciate it. It was certainly nothing but my presence that cheered the little fellow; for we could not talk together at all.

I wonder how many times Christ comes, and sits by us to cheer us when things are going hard, yet we do not stop to think that he is there.

When tried and tempted, remember His presence, and answer with a smile. See how quickly the trial or temptation will pass.

SEC.



The Canvassing Work

(Continued)

19. What should be the character of the worker?

"The canvasser should be chaste

like Joseph, meek like Moses, and temperate like Daniel; then a power will attend him wherever he goes." *Manual, page 15.*

"Truth, precious, untarnished truth, is to be a part of the character." *Ib., page 56.*

"No one whose hands are defiled with sin or whose heart is not right with God, should have any part in the work of the canvasser or colporter; for such persons will surely dishonor the cause of truth. . . . They should be careful to start right." *Ib., page 58.*

"But unto the wicked God saith, "What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or that thou shouldst take my covenant in thy mouth?" Ps. 50:16.

"Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord." Isa. 52:11.

"He . . . must possess the courage of a hero to resist evil. With charity that endureth all things, he must have the force of character which will make his influence a positive power for good. Faith must be wrought into his character. His principles must be firm; he must be above all suspicion of meanness. The canvasser must not be self-inflated." *Gospel Workers, page 350.*

20. What motive should actuate the worker for the Master?

"Let every worker for Christ make it his highest aim to win souls to God." *Gospel Workers, page 319.*

"The love of Jesus in the soul will

lead the canvasser to feel it a privilege to labor to diffuse light. He will study, plan, and pray over the matter." *Ib.*, 349.

"We should not labor with the expectation of receiving our reward in this life, but with our eyes fixed upon the prize at the end of the race." *Ib.*, page 352.

21. What kind of men are needed?

"Men and women are wanted now who are as true to duty as the needle to the pole, . . . men and women who will work without having the way smoothed and all the obstacles removed." *Ib.*, page 352.

"There is need of men of deep Christian experience, men of well-balanced minds, strong, well-educated men to engage in the work." *Manual* page 64.

"Young men are wanted who are men of understanding, who appreciate the intellectual faculties God has given them, and who cultivate these faculties with the utmost care." *Ib.*, page 20.

"Men of spiritual stamina are wanted, men who are able to find work close at hand. . . . The church needs new men to give energy to the ranks; men of the times, able to cope with its errors, . . . men whose hearts are warm with Christian love, and whose hands are eager to go about their Master's work." *Ib.*, page 20.

G. W. MILLER.

(To be continued)

Our Ten Cent Magazines

We would that our people could realize the importance of this line of work and their responsibility therein. God has said, "Work the cities," and the magazines supply the means for doing this. But are we doing our part?

While many should make a business of selling the magazines, much of the work can be done by those who can devote only a small part of their time to it. We are still looking for many who will take a club of ten,

twenty-five, fifty or more copies of one or more of our magazines, and dispose of them each month.

To quote from one of our workers of experience: "It is easier to sell our magazines than the large books, as people are more willing to part with ten cents than three dollars. The most successful way to handle magazines is the house to house plan. This method has proved very effective and is surely bringing results."

The following from Elder E. R. Palmer contains food for thought. "Ten years ago in Great Britain there were 1,700 Sabbath keepers distributing 130,000 copies of magazines and missionary papers. There are only 2,000 Sabbath keepers there now, and they are selling 150,000 per month. In Germany two Union Conferences are distributing 242,000 copies of our periodicals per month, nearly all of them in the great cities of the European field. Definite territory in the cities has been assigned to the individual magazine workers. They have contracted for their territory, and are not allowed to work outside of it. It is their permanent field, and they work the same territory year after year with excellent success."

It will be noted that in Great Britain an average of seventy-five magazines per member is being disposed of each month. At that rate, this Union with its 900 members should handle 67,500 copies monthly. Are we warning the cities? The published report for January shows but 2,448 copies sold in the entire Union in that month.

With a limited title and meagre force of laborers in the ministry, how can the work be done unless the church companies and isolated members pray that God will roll upon them a burden for the souls about them, and then set about to do the very thing he has said we should do now?

In this Union we have nearly five and one half million people. This

means that every believer must rise and shine. God forbid that we should give up in discouragement, saying by our actions, if not in words, that the task is too great. Have we not compassed this mountain long enough? The pillar of cloud and fire moves forward. Let us bravely and resolutely step into the opening providences, using the means God has graciously put into our hands, and press the battle to the gates. Don't put it off, but begin now. Procrastination is the thief of other things beside time. God will send his angels before you, and your own souls will be watered, and sinners warned of the coming destruction.

E. R. ALLEN.

C. P. A. Notes

Elder Kirkendall was a caller at the office a few days ago.

Two large orders for *Home Bible Study*, both from the States, arrived last week.

Brother Jos. Capman, Oshawa, is confined to his bed with a severe attack of la grippe.

On account of illness Elder Guthrie was obliged to give up the course of lectures he had just begun to give in the towns of Eastern Ontario, beginning at Cobourg. It is feared he has typhoid fever.

Brother R. A. Hubley writes encouragingly of his work in St. John's Nfld. He says, "Our hearts are cheered by the evidence of the working of the Spirit, and to see souls coming to a saving knowledge of the truth is our supreme joy."

Elder C. H. Keslake writes from Newfoundland. "All the mail trains are stopped; one that started from Carbonear (about 100 miles north of St. John's) two weeks ago has not arrived yet. In some places the drifts are so high one can almost see over the tops of the telephone poles."

Ontario

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St. Catherines

"Behold a sower went forth to sow, and when he sowed, some seeds fell by the wayside and the fowls came and devoured them up. Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth; and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth; and when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them. But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundred-fold, some sixtyfold, and some thirtyfold. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear."

"Throughout the parable of the sower, Christ represents the different results of sowing as depending upon the soil. In every case the sower and the seed are the same."

Those who go forth to spread the third angel's message, know how true is this parable. We find many who listen to us as though they were interested; but like the fowls devouring the seed by the wayside, Satan catches away the seeds of divine truth from the soul. But how we do rejoice when the seed falls into good ground, and brings forth fruit. Yes, that is what we are longing for, because the harvest is near at hand; and when Jesus comes, we will not want to meet him empty handed.

We believe God has some people in this city. We have quite a number of interested readers, and are placing *Home Bible Study* in two hundred and forty homes each week. We have also about one hundred magazine readers. Several Roman Catholics are reading tracts and magazines, and we are holding Bible studies with one Catholic family. A family of Jews are reading the tracts also

Some have asked us if we thought they were heathen because we brought them the tracts. They do not realize that their condition is worse; for surely, any one claiming to be a Christian, and yet refusing to investigate this message is in a much worse condition than those in darkened heathen lands; but we must labor on sowing the precious seed, knowing that "in due time we shall reap if we faint not."

G. W. AND M. E. SOWLER.

Quebec

W. J. TANNER, D. DINGMAN,
President, Secretary,
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Among the Churches

It has been my privilege the past two weeks to visit some of our scattered Sabbath keepers in Stanstead and Compton counties, and it has been a source of encouragement to note that all, or nearly all, are taking a hopeful view of our work and its future in this conference. This is, we believe, as it should be.

At North Hatley, to which place I first went, our people are well scattered, but a good spirit of harmony and love for the truth seems to prevail. On Sabbath, February 17, in company with Brother Percy H. Wilson and his wife, I drove to Milby, where services were held in the home of Brother F. J. Luce. Fifteen were in attendance, and I enjoyed a liberal amount of freedom in speaking to them on the "Privilege of Prayer." This was the first occasion I had had of meeting with these brethren and sisters of like, precious faith, and it was appreciated very much indeed. The experience has contributed much toward making me feel at home in the Province of Quebec.

At Dixville, where I spent two days, I was made warmly welcome at the home of Brother Geo. A. Cushing. Our church at this place has been greatly weakened in late years by

deaths and removals. Whereas we at one time had over thirty members here, we have now but five or six, and two of these, Brother and Sister Orin P. Terrill, have sold their place and moved to Coaticook. Any of the MESSENGER readers who are acquainted with Sister Electa Cushing of the Dixville church, will be glad to know that this aged pilgrim, at eighty-two, is enjoying good health, and is full of confidence in God and his work for these times. All of her spare time is devoted to making really fine fancy work, which she sells for the purpose of raising offerings for the cause.

Our Fitch Bay church, with which I spent last Sabbath, keeps faithfully to the even tenor of its way. On account of our school there being closed this year, the attendance is not so large as formerly, but this does not by any means say that those who remain are any the less faithful. In fact, the spiritual condition of the church is very encouraging.

Since returning home I have received a visit from the Methodist minister of the place, the Rev. Mr. Hayden, who has shown a very friendly feeling toward us ever since we settled in South Stukely. A few weeks ago, when preparing to give a lime-light lecture on his experiences as a missionary in Newfoundland and Labrador, a part of his apparatus exploded, burning him badly and putting his lantern out of service for the evening. As his audience was already gathering, and as I happened to be present, he requested me to take the platform, and for his lecture substitute one on the West Indies. Naturally I was glad to be able to help him out, and all present seemed to be well satisfied.

His last call on me, however, was for the purpose of telling me that he had been suddenly called away for a few days, and to ask me to take the services in his church on Sunday, March 3. This request, with the Lord's help, I shall endeavor to com-

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ply with.

So far as I have been able to learn by contact and by letter, all are of good courage in Quebec.

W. J. TANNER.

Montreal

About two years ago a new city ordinance came into effect in Montreal, requiring any person desiring to sell books or magazines, to take out a license so expensive as to be practically prohibitory. Realizing that the success of our work to-day depends, to a large degree, on the circulation of our literature, the church began earnestly to seek the Lord that this great obstacle might be removed. Now we are glad to report that some changes have been made which leave us practically free to handle our literature anywhere in the city. At the same time a number of our members have become interested in this line of work, and are now devoting a considerable portion of their time to it. Some who a short time ago thought it impossible for them to sell a single paper, have been so successful that they are now planning soon to devote their entire time to this and kindred branches of the Lord's work. One sister who began only a few weeks ago is now averaging fifty papers every day she is out. We hope to handle about sixteen hundred copies of the March issue of the different magazines.

Several faithful new Sabbath keepers have removed from the city, but their places are partially filled by three new believers who have recently identified themselves with us. Two of these are men holding respon-

sible positions which, so far as human reasoning could foresee, they would be sure to lose when refusing to work upon the Sabbath. But thus far the Lord has shown special favor, and they have been allowed to continue their work with Sabbaths free. One of them was requested by his employer, who is a Catholic, to consult a certain priest before making his final decision. After a few moments conversation, during which the Father learned that he had been studying the faith of Seventh-day Adventists, he remarked, "The Seventh-day Adventists are the only consistent Protestants in the world."

We have been greatly encouraged during the present winter by the presence and faithful labors of Elder Vuilleumier among the French. By the time this is in print, we expect to be further encouraged by having with us Sister Mabel Hillyard, of Toronto, to assist in the Bible work.

O. K. BUTLER.

In Memoriam

Fell asleep in Jesus, at Shanghai, China, Feb. 19, 1912, Esta Leroy Miller, youngest son of J. O. Miller, president of the Maritime Conference. Death was caused by appendicitis. Brother Esta Miller was born at Laura, Miami Co., Ohio, May 1, 1885. On October 20, 1903, he volunteered for service in China, whither he went as a self-supporting missionary.

His earnest, self-sacrificing endeavors and consecrated life won for him at the very beginning of his labors, the respect, confidence, and love of the Chinese who became acquainted with him. After four months of volunteer service in the Province of Honan, he was taken on by the Mission Board. After three years of hard and effective service, he returned home to take a special course in Bible at Mount Vernon, Ohio, College. September 8, he was united in marriage to Miss Laura Atwell, of Jefferson, Ohio. Immediately after their marriage they left home, friends, and native land for far away China.

He was a consistent, consecrated Christian, rather retiring in his nature and modest in his manner. He loved the people for whom he labored, and was in turn loved and trusted by them. The Lord greatly blessed his work, and we are confident that when the redeemed hosts hail the coming of the blessed Master after the resurrection, Brother Miller will see among the saved ones some who accepted the Saviour as a result of his labors in China.

Sabbath, February 24, a memorial funeral service was held by the St. John, N. B., church. A large congregation was present, and the scores of weeping eyes showed in what respect he was held by the brethren and sisters though he had spent only a few days among them.

His life and labors were referred to in the service, the text used being 2 Tim. 4: 7, 8. "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me in that day, and not to me only, but to all them that love his appearing."

He has finished his work and his lips are silent, but his works do follow him, and he being dead, yet speaketh. We trust that some who knew him, but have not yet accepted his Saviour, will hear his voice calling from the grave in distant China: and may hasten to prepare to meet him at the resurrection which is soon to be.

J. A. STRICKLAND.

Married

The marriage took place at the home of Rev. W. J. Langford, Ridgetown, Ont., Feb. 21, 1912, of Mr. Jasper Evens, of Cle Elum, Wash., and Miss Rachel Weitzel, of Selton.

After spending a month with relatives and friends in Ontario, Mr. and Mrs. Evens will go to their future home on their large farm near the town of Cle Elum. Mrs. Evens's niece, Miss Isabel Currie, who has been attending Lornedale Academy, will accompany them.

Mr. and Mrs. Evens are both members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.