

CANADIAN UNION MESSENGER



"THIS GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM SHALL BE PREACHED IN ALL THE WORLD FOR A WITNESS."

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The New Year

Fleethly hath passed the year; the seasons came
Duly as they were wont, —the gentle Spring,
And the delicious Summer, and the cool
Rich Autumn, with the nodding of the grain,
And Winter, like an old and hoary man,
Frosty and stiff, —and so are chronicled.
We have read gladness in the new green leaf,
And in the first blown violets; we have drunk
Cool water from the rock, and in the shade
Sunk to the noontide slumber; we have plucked
The mellow fruitage of the bending tree,
And girded to our pleasant wanderings
When the cool winds came freshly from the hills;
And when the tinting of the Autumn leaves
Had faded from its glory, we have sat
By the good fires of Winter, and rejoiced
Over the fulness of the gathered sheaf.
"God hath been very good." 'Tis he whose hand
Moulded the sunny hills, and hollowed out
The shelter of the valleys, and doth keep
The fountains in their secret places cool;
And it is he who leadeth up the sun,
And ordereth up the starry influences,
And tempereth the keenness of the frost;
And, therefore, in the plenty of the feast,
And in the lifting of the cup, let him
Have praises for the well-completed year.

—Willis

"Not By Might Nor By Power"

In their missionary tour together, about which we have just been studying in our Sabbath-school lessons, Paul and Barnabus passed over many of the same districts that were passed over by the crusaders a few centuries later. Two armies, each consisting of about 70,000 men were raised. They were equipped with the best armour that human power could devise. Their accoutrements were

richly ornamented with gold and silver, and they started with a great blaze of trumpets and martial music. Deeming their cause so just, and with armies so large and so well equipped, they entered these districts full of courage and certain of success, but the misfortunes and hardships endured were many; sickness, death, and defeat accompanied them continually. They came at last to Antioch, a broken and dispirited band,

and only a fragment of these large armies ever returned to the place from which they had started. Human power had done its best.

In the first century, Paul and Barnabus, the crusaders of that century, had gone over parts of these provinces alone and unprotected. Though they, too, "passed through much tribulation," they advanced from victory to victory. They returned to the place "whence they had been recommended by the grace of God" with triumph and great joy. "The weapons of their warfare were not carnal," the Lord himself was their strength and shield; his arm had gotten them the victory.

In these latter days, great companies are being organized to fight the battles of the Lord with the hal- lot and the policeman's baton. We should not be attracted by their riches or large numbers. It is but a show of human strength. The Lord is not with them. They are certain to go down to defeat and death in the end, though apparently successful for a time. God bids us come aside from these, and he will equip us with "the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit" by which we are sure to conquer, and send us forth from victory to victory.

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"The just shall live by faith."

Union

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We begin the year 1912 with a strong faith that much good will be done for the Lord, and a rich harvest of souls gathered for his kingdom.

Our field is better supplied with workers than at the beginning of any previous year. These workers are all of good courage and determined to press the battle to the gates of the enemy. Satan, of course will do all in his power to keep us from presenting the truth to those who know it not. He will even prompt men who are trying to work for the Lord to use their influence against us, but if the Lord be for us, we shall prosper. He says, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." But this promise is on the basis of our obedience. Then, too, if men are to know that we are the servants of God, we must love one another. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another" Jno. 13: 35.

We are told that five shall chase an hundred, and an hundred put ten thousand to flight. This is not a vain statement, but the truth of the Lord.

We want two hundred souls for the Lord during 1912. First, because we desire to see souls saved, and second, because we desire our Master to come and take us home. This he will not do until this gospel of the kingdom has been preached in all the world for a witness. With living preachers and the printed page, we ought to do a large work this year.

Now that the field is again supplied with a field agent, I trust we may see more canvassers in the field. Brother E. R. Allen, who is to take up this work, is now in the field. He is

full of courage, and will soon be in correspondence with many who should be scattering the precious seeds of truth. As he comes among us to help advance the message, I feel confident that he will have the hearty support of all the churches.

Are there any members in your church who ought to be in the work? If so, send their names and a statement of their qualifications to Brother Allen, Port Hope, Ont., and he will get in touch with them. We must all be workers if we would do the work the Lord has given us, but every man should be in the place where God wants him.

I am of good courage, and enter upon this year's duties with larger hopes than ever before. Pray or us that we may have boldness to speak the word with power.

WM. GUTHRIE.

Greeting

Believing that the hand of the Lord has directed in the invitation which has come to us to connect with the work in the Canadian Union Conference, it is with pleasure that we have cast in our lot with the band of workers laboring in this field. It would be much help to us if we could meet and become acquainted with each member and worker in the field. I presume this privilege will be realized as the interests of the work call us out among the churches; yet we hope to get in touch with many through correspondence very soon. Especially are we desirous to communicate with those interested or actively engaged in the distribution of our literature.

At the recent General Conference Council it was recommended that the sale of literature, whether of books or magazines, "be combined under the general and field agents," this seeming to be the most logical arrangement possible. Where the local conference has a field agent, this work, of course, is being promoted locally,

but in all other cases it is intended that the work be looked after through the union officers.

It will assist us much if every colporteur in the union who is not already reporting to a local field agent, will write us at the union office. We shall have some useful suggestions to offer from time to time.

I trust that the Lord will put it in the hearts of many faithful ones in this prosperous Canadian field to distribute the printed message. We lose much at times by neglecting to follow the leadings of God's Spirit in these matters. When God stirs us up to do something, let us respond quickly, and get the blessing there is in service here, and share in the reward of the faithful at our Savior's coming.

The printed literature had a large part in the sixteenth century Reformation, and it must in our work. The wonderful developments in the art of printing are for the purpose of quickly giving the last warning message. Some one must carry the silent messengers. Who will do it?

If we can be of assistance to any worker in any part of the field, we shall be very glad to do so. We earnestly invite correspondence and suggestions regarding any phase of the work which so vitally concerns each of us.

Yours in the Master's service,
E. R. ALLEN.

C. P. A. Notes

We wish you a Happy New Year.

Doubtless all have been busy during the holiday season. That is why we have received so many orders and so few letters. When we do not receive many letters, there is not much news to pass on. This week, we will tell you what people are saying about the MESSENGER. Its mailing list never was larger. We wish we were at liberty to give the names, but we have not asked the privilege.

"It is just like getting a letter you were expecting".

"I take four of our papers and when they all come at once, of course I read the MESSENGER first."

"I like it because it tells what is being done by those I have met at camp-meeting."

"Renew my subscription for three years; I see you expect to be in the work to the close, and just that long I want you."

"The MESSENGER was always good, but I do appreciate the enlargement."

"Every lonely Sabbath keeper ought to have the MESSENGER and the Review. I would not think of doing without either."

"Thank you for calling my attention to the expiration of my MESSENGER. I don't want to miss a single one."

Brother Walter Holden of the Quebec Conference is soon to connect with the work in Ontario, and will locate at Prescott.

Miss Mabel Hillyard of Caledon, Ont., has accepted a call to connect with the Quebec Conference, and will soon locate at 280 Villeneuve Street, Montreal.

Announcement of the arrival of a young daughter at the home of Elder and Mrs. G. H. Skinner, West Liberty, Iowa, has just reached us. Congratulations!

Ontario

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Hamilton

The week of prayer just past was a week of privileges and blessings for the Hamilton church. The meetings were well attended, and the Spirit of the Lord was with us; we could feel his sacred presence from the first meeting until the last.

As we listened to the needs of the fields, and saw our need of entire

consecration, all felt that now is the accepted time to come up to the help of the Lord, and do our very best to carry this message of life to dying souls in home and foreign fields.

After the last reading many of those present consecrated their lives and means to the Lord. Testimonies were given to the goodness of God and the blessings received in the paying of tithes and offerings. Some new in the truth made resolutions to begin giving to the Lord what belongs to him. These will receive with the others the great peace and blessing that God has promised to those who obey in all things.

Brethren and sisters, let us make the coming year one of earnest prayer and endeavor to win souls for Christ. Faithfulness in every day life will do much to reveal him to those who know him not.

Sister Robbins and I have had many good experiences while circulating one hundred Ingathering *Signs*, for which we have received twenty-three dollars and forty-three cents. We enjoyed the work, and feel thankful for having had a part in it. There is always joy in the service of the Lord. Our motto was Ps. 119: 163.

Yours in the Master's cause,

MRS. MATT. J. ALLEN.

St. Catharines

As we are now settled in our new field, we will write a few lines concerning our work.

We moved here in November, and have spent the past three weeks circulating literature and talking with the people. We have found a few who wish to know something about the truth for this time, also quite a number who do not want to know any thing about it, and some who are sorry they ever heard it. Surely this message is "a savor of life unto life" or a savor of death unto death" to all who hear it; and "as it was in the days of Noah" so it is to-day; the people are engrossed in business

and pleasure, and the message of truth seems like mockery to most of them. The knowledge of God has well nigh departed out of the land, but this should stir up our minds by way of remembrance. They are sure signs that our redemption draweth nigh.

We spent three or four days during the week of prayer with the little company at Niagara Falls, and our hearts were blessed as we read the good reports from other lands. I trust they will stir us to make the coming year a record year in carrying the message to every land.

We ask the prayers of our brethren throughout the conference that we may be able to raise up a company here who will love and obey the precious truth.

Yours in the work,
G. W. AND MRS. SOWLER.

Our First Miss'inary Journey

Mrs. Capman and I left Hamilton Friday, December 8, to visit Brantford, Paris, and Galt during the week of prayer.

At Brantford we were very kindly received by Sister Shanks. We attended their interesting and instructive young people's meeting Friday evening, and remained with the brethren over Sunday. All felt much encouraged, and testified to their desire of doing a greater work for the Master.

Arriving in Paris Monday afternoon, we were received by Sister Stewart, who gave us a warm welcome. We remembered the scripture,— "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren." 1 John 3: 14. We found the Paris church a good live company. Brother Simpson, of Brantford, is holding public meetings on Sunday evenings, and the sisters are busy with Ingathering *Signs*. One told me they had placed our literature in every home, so Paris is getting its share of the message.

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TO OUR READERS:—

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Brother Roy Hadcock and his father also spent a few days with the company during the week of prayer.

We left Paris Wednesday, and spent the remaining time in Galt, where we were cordially entertained by the brethren. We had good meetings every night and several visitors attended. One sister decided to sell our literature in Galt to help spread "this gospel of the kingdom." Sister Oberholtzer, of Berlin, spent Sabbath with the Galt church, and Dr. Hill spent Thursday. The doctor spoke a few words of encouragement, requesting each one to be faithful.

We visited a sister who became interested through Brother Payne's effort. She has kept one Sabbath. Her husband is very bitter; but she says she knows it is the truth, and feels she must obey.

On Sunday evening we held a public service, which was well attended. The Lord gave me freedom to speak on the "Millennium." When asked if the subject had been made plain, every hand but one was raised. This was a Scientist lady, who promised she would study further.

We took one hundred magazines with us, and sold them readily, making our trip self supporting.

We greatly enjoyed our first visit among the churches.

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Quebec

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Items

Our French worker, Elder Vuilleumier, has been looking after the English work in Montreal during Elder Butler's absence.

As a result of canvassing and meetings he has held in the vicinity of Sutton, Brother Henry Miles reports an interest to hear the message on the part of a goodly number.

Elder Tanner visited Fitch Bay and North Hatley the first part of the week of prayer. The excessively muddy roads prevented a full attendance at the meetings. It was noticeable, however, that a spirit of faith and courage prevails strongly among these scattered believers.

Our South Stukely church had the privilege of having Elder O. K. Butler with it during the entire week of prayer and Elder Tanner the last two days. It was intended to make a revival of the occasion, and we are glad to report that in this the Lord did not disappoint us. At the meeting on the last Sabbath the Holy Spirit came in, and as a result many who have been on the background re-consecrated themselves; and all covenanted together with the Lord that henceforward, with his help, our service shall be more faithful and more thorough than in the past.

Maritime

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The week of prayer services at the Moncton church was a season of soul refreshing and strength to all.

The weather was unfavorable during the whole time, but the attend-

ance was good. The brethren and sisters plodded through rain and snow with a willingness and gladness that speaks well for their sincerity and zeal.

Moncton is a prosperous, growing city, a railway centre, and manufacturing and commercial point of importance. The people are progressive, friendly, hospitable and broad-minded. The population is rapidly increasing; many people are settling there who have never heard the message. The place needs a resident minister, or at least systematic and regular preaching. The general situation will, in my opinion, justify the expense of an extended effort. The brethren and sisters there deserve more ministerial help than we have been able to provide for them in the past.

Sunday following the week of prayer, I held two services, afternoon and night. Both were well attended; the evening meeting especially saw an appreciative congregation that filled the church, many of them being strangers who were present at an Adventist service for the first time.

The offering on Sabbath, December 16, amounted to \$23.56, and will doubtless be more, as not quite all the members could be present at that time. I heartily enjoyed my brief visit, and feel that I was greatly benefited by the week of prayer.

J. A. STRICKLAND.

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W. H. Cook	5.00
Elva Boutilier	2.00
Mrs. Luke Leatherdale	2.00

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This year will of itself be no better than last year, but you may be able to make more out of it.