

# Northern Messenger

A LENDING LIBRARY EVERY-WHERE.

ATTRACTIVE PLANS FOR WORKERS AND CANVASSERS.

For a long time past the publishers of the *Northern Messenger* have felt the need of more and better books in the libraries of the Sunday schools throughout our country. Some schools have no libraries at all worthy the name and very few, even in the largest city churches, have one with which the Sunday school is perfectly satisfied. We venture to say there is not a live Sunday school superintendent or teacher in the whole country who has not in mind a dozen volumes which he strongly wishes could be placed on the shelves, if only the prices could be forthcoming. But just here lies the difficulty. Many of the people most actively interested in the school feel that they are giving quite as much as they can spare to that special branch of the work. Others are willing to contribute but advise the purchase of some special "Sunday school library" which they have seen advertised, imagining that, like other things, books are bought cheaper by the bulk. This last often results in serious drawbacks to the very library whose interests they are trying to advance. The best selection of books can never be purchased in bulk, and the very best libraries are those the books of which have been selected one by one. Recognizing the needs of the scholars and of the workers whose purses are limited we have thought out a special plan.

### OUR PLAN IS THIS.

Let some influential person in connection with each Sunday school organize as many of the young people as can give a little time and thought to the work, into a systematic band of workers who will thoroughly canvass the neighborhood for subscriptions to the *Northern Messenger*. These subscriptions may be forwarded by the organizer to us altogether or as they are received. For every ten subscriptions of thirty cents so sent fifty cents will be placed to sender's credit. When the full amount that can be obtained in the neighborhood is reached, and we are notified of the fact, we will send a list of books from which the canvassers, or those specially appointed by the school, may select to the amount of the commission to their credit. In addition to this if all the books you want are not on our list we engage to purchase, for which we have special facilities, any other books that may be chosen, if procurable, and send them in place of the others. In this canvass, two renewals to the *Northern Messenger* will count as one new subscription, and five to the *Messenger* as one to the *Weekly Witness*.

### FOR DAY SCHOOLS.

The above plan is meant to benefit not the Sunday schools alone. The idea is fast gaining ground among people of this country that libraries should not be confined to the colleges, but that no day school is completely equipped for the work required of it without a well stocked library. Children cannot begin too early to learn the use of books, and this they can never learn unless they have the books within their reach. Our premium lists this year have been designed with a special view to meet this want. On our lists are a number of books not specially for Sunday reading, but which at some time in their lives every boy and girl wants to read. The terms for the Day school are precisely the same as those given for the Sunday school.

### SEE HOW THIS PLAN WORKS.

Say that fifty new subscriptions are sent in for the *Messenger* at thirty cents each, or one hundred renewals; in return, each of these families will receive the *Northern Messenger* for one year and the reading from the library of say ten of the most valuable bound volumes of the celebrated "Pansy" books, which would be donated to the Sunday or day school library, as the sender of the club decides. This will make a very nice addition to any library and one that it is certain all the pupils will appreciate.

The great essential for this work in either Sunday or day school is one, two or three generous, patriotic, energetic men or women, who are earnest and enthusiastic in the formation of such a library, particularly for the young, whose tastes for reading may be correctly formed. They should not have much difficulty in gathering to their assistance others like them, and the work once well begun is more than half completed.

### SPECIAL PREMIUMS.

For the benefit of those friends who do not care to work in the Library Competition and still are anxious to engage in the canvass to increase its circulation, we give below the lists of clubbing rates and special book and other premiums, so that every worker may have an opportunity of benefiting himself directly as well as the *Messenger* and his neighbor.

### CLUBBING RATES.

The clubbing rates for the <i>Witness</i> and <i>Messenger</i> :	
Two subscriptions to the <i>Daily Witness</i> in one envelope	\$5.00
For each additional subscriber added to this club sent at the same time	3.50
One subscription each to the <i>Daily</i> and <i>Weekly Witness</i> in one envelope	3.75
Four subscriptions to the <i>Weekly Witness</i> in one envelope	3.00
Ten subscriptions to the <i>Weekly Witness</i> in one envelope	7.00
Each additional subscription over ten sent on behalf of this club	.70
<i>Daily Witness</i> and <i>Messenger</i>	3.20
<i>Weekly Witness</i>	1.25

### Northern Messenger.

Club of 10 copies to one address	2.25
" 20 " " " "	4.40
" 50 " " " "	10.50
" 100 " " " "	20.00

To stimulate the ardor of the promoters of those libraries to think of large things, we will give a bonus of \$1.25 when twenty-five dollars shall have been sent in on any library list and \$1.75 in addition when the list swells to fifty dollars, \$2 further when it grows to seventy-five dollars, and \$2.25 more when it grows to one hundred dollars. Thus for a list of one hundred names and one hundred dollars we will give books to the value of \$2.25 at wholesale prices, or to very nearly fifty dollars at retail prices. But we have a further incentive to large lists.

For the largest sum of money in subscriptions received before or on the last day of March, 1891, we will give to the school or library association in books as may be chosen or in cash	\$100.00
For the second largest list we will give	50.00
For the third largest list we will give	25.00
fourth " " " "	15.00
fifth " " " "	10.00

### BOOK PREMIUMS.

A careful reading of our new premium lists as given below will easily show our workers that our selection of books has been a wise one.

### CHOICE BIOGRAPHIES.

This is a series of biographies of noted missionaries and other men, attractively bound and copiously illustrated. The titles are: 1. JAMES CALVERT or from Dark to Dawn in Fiji. 2. JOHN WYCLIFFE, and MARTIN LUTHER, the Morning Star of the Reformation and the Reformer. 3. JOHN WILLIAMS, the Martyr Missionary of Polynesia. 4. H. M. STANLEY, the African Explorer. 5. JOHN BRIGHT, the Man of the People. 6. RICHARD TANGYE, the Growth of a Great Industry. 7. GRIFFITH JOHN, founder of the Hanover Mission. 8. ROBERT MORRISON, the Pioneer of Chinese Missions. 9. DAVID LIVINGSTONE, His Labors and His Legacy. 10. WILLIAM CAREY, the Father and Founder of Modern Missions. 11. THOMAS J. COMBER, Pioneer Missionary to the Congo. 12. SAMUEL CROWTHER, the Slave Boy who became a Bishop. 13. ROBERT MOFFAT, the Missionary Hero of Kuruman. 14. JAMES CHALMERS, Missionary and Explorer of Rarotonga. 15. BISHOP PATTERSON, the Martyr of Melanesia. 16. LADY MISSIONARIES in Foreign Lands. Any one of these books will be sent for six new subscriptions to the *Northern Messenger* or for one subscription to the *Weekly Witness* and five cents. These are new 50 cents books.

### THE "PANSY" BOOKS.

This is the English edition of the Pansy Library, with about 400 pages in each book, very handsomely bound in cloth, large, clear type. When an old subscriber in renewing his subscription sends new one with his own and \$2, both will be entitled to any one of these books as may be chosen, that is the two bound Pansy books and the two copies of the *Weekly Witness* will be sent for \$2, or any one of these books will be sent for five new subscriptions to the *Northern Messenger* at 30c each or one new subscription to the *Weekly Witness* at \$1.00. 1. Four Girls at Chautauqua. 2. Little Fishers and their Nets. 3. Three People. 4. Echoing and Re-Echoing. 5. Christie's Christmas. 6. Divers Women. 7. Spun from Fact. 8. Chautauqua Girls at Home. 9. The Pocket Measure. 10. Julia Reid. 11. Wise and Otherwise. 12. The King's Daughters. 13. Links in Rebecca's Life. 14. Interrupted. 15. The Master Hand. 16. An Endless Chain. 17. Esther Reid. 18. Esther Reid Yet Speaking. 19. The Man of the House. 20. Ruth Erskine's Crosses. 21. Household Puzzles. 22. Those Boys. 23. Modern Prophets. 24. The Randolphs. 25. Mrs. Solomon Smith Looking On. 26. From Different Standpoints. 27. A New Graft on the Family Tree. 28. Profiles. 29. Sydney Martin's Christmas. 30. Tip Lewis.

### PANSY BOOKS IN PAPER COVERS.

Any subscriber to the *Messenger* who sends in with his renewal subscription one new one, each at thirty cents, will receive one of the Pansy Stories; for five cents extra the new subscriber will also receive one of these books. Each story is in an illuminated paper cover and illustrated. The names of the stories published in this form are as follows: 1. The King's Daughters. 2. Wise and Otherwise. 3. Four Girls at Chautauqua. 4. The Chautauqua Girls at Home. 5. Three People. 6. An Endless Chain. 7. Esther Reid. 8. Esther Reid Yet Speaking. 9. Ruth Erskine's Crosses. 10. Mrs. Solomon Smith Looking On. 11. Christie's Endeavor. 12. Links in Rebecca's Life. The last three have been added within a few weeks.

### THE "ELSIE" BOOKS.

This is a series of high class books for girls, and suitable for Sunday school prizes, as well as for general reading. These are bound in the same style and about the same size as the bound Pansy books. The charm to many girls of the "Elsie" books, as well as those by "Pansy," is that they do not stop where the heroine is married, but they carry her, in volume after volume, through all the scenes of her life. A young lady writes of these books:—"Once read 'Elsie Dunsmore,' and you are sure to want 'Elsie at Roselands,' and 'Elsie's Girlhood.' Finish these and the others must all follow." The testimony from one library in Montreal is that "the 'Elsie' books are never in." These are sent on the same conditions as the bound Pansy books. The titles are: 1. Elsie Dunsmore; 2. Elsie's Holidays at Roselands; 3. Elsie's Girlhood; 4. Elsie's Womanhood; 5. Elsie's Motherhood; 6. Elsie's Children; 7. Elsie's Widowhood; 8. Grandmother Elsie; 9. Elsie's New Relations; 10. Elsie at Nantucket; 11. The Two Elsie's; 12. Elsie's Kith and Kin; 13. Elsie's Friends at Woodburn; 14. Christmas at Grandma Elsie's.

### HAVERGAL DEVOTIONAL BOOKS.

These form a series of seven beautiful little books by Frances Ridley Havergal, which sell for twenty-five cents each. We will send any two for five new subscriptions to the *Northern Messenger* at 30 cents each. The titles are: "Kept for the Master's use," "My King; or daily thoughts for the King's Children"; "Royal Commandments, or Morning Thoughts for the King's Children"; "Royal Bounty, or Evening Thoughts for the King's Guests"; "The Royal Invitation, or Daily Thoughts on Coming to Christ"; "Loyal Responses, or Daily Melodies for the King's Minstrels"; "Starlight Through the Shadows, and Other Gleams from the King's Word."

### FOXES' BOOK OF MARTYRS.

(Size 7 x 10 x 1 1/2 inches.) edited by Dr. Clarke M.A. This is a volume of 984 large pages with pictorial illustrations on toned paper. This book will be sent for twenty subscriptions to the *Northern Messenger*.

### THE COMMENTARY OF THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS.

By Jamieson, Fausset & Brown, (size 5 1/2 x 7 1/2 x 2 inches.) This old standard work of 1,745 pages, we can offer at specially advantageous terms. We will send it for fifty subscriptions to the *Northern Messenger*.

### BAGSTER'S NEW COMPREHENSIVE TEACHERS' BIBLE.

Pearl 16 mo. edition (size 5 1/2 x 3 1/2 x 1 1/2 inches.) Bound in French seal, yapped, round corners, gilt edges, with elastic band. This contains the Bagster Reference Bible, a new concordance, and a new and carefully-prepared compendium of Bible helps of the greatest value. It will be sent for twenty subscriptions to the *Northern Messenger* at thirty cents.

The same book, in Ruby type, will be sent for thirty subscriptions to the *Northern Messenger* at thirty cents.

### NUTTALL'S STANDARD DICTIONARY.

New edition, revised, extended and improved up to date; 100,000 references, comprising many thousands of new words which modern literature, science and art have called into existence and common usage; with pronunciations, etymologies, definitions, appendices of proper names, illustrations, familiar proverbs and quotations and geographical names. It is well printed on good paper and well bound, a volume of 816 pages, and wonderful value for the price. It will be sent postage free for fifteen subscriptions to the *Messenger*.

### CRUDEN'S COMPLETE CONCORDANCE

to the Old and New Testaments and the Apocrypha, edited by William Youngman. The publishers claim for this work that it is "The best and completest edition in the world of Cruden's Complete Concordance to the Bible; contains a concordance to the Apocrypha, alphabetical lists of the proper names in the Old and New Testaments with their meaning or significations in the original languages, a concordance to the proper names, a summary to the contents of all the chapters of the New Testament; more references and more supplementary matter of great value than in any other popular concordance."

This most valuable volume will be sent on the same conditions as Nuttall's Dictionary.

### SONGS OF THE GREAT DOMINION.

selected and edited by William Dow Light-hall, M.A. This is a most beautiful book, well suited to gift purposes. It is the best collection of Canadian songs extant. It is obtaining a large sale in England, and deserves to be very largely circulated in Canada. It contains a wealth of Canadian poetry which is quite a revelation to most readers. This book will be sent free to any old subscriber who sends his own and three more subscriptions to the *Weekly Witness* at \$1.00 each; or two subscriptions to the *Daily Witness* at \$3.00 each; five subscriptions to the *Northern Messenger* at 30 cents each to count as one to the *Weekly Witness*.

### NUGENT'S FRENCH-ENGLISH AND ENGLISH-FRENCH DICTIONARY.

This is a small but valuable standard French and English Dictionary. This book will be sent for ten subscriptions to the *Northern Messenger* at 30 cents each.

### SHAKESPEARE.

The Universal Edition of Shakespeare, large type, from the earliest edition of Shakespeare. This is a volume of 1,124 clearly printed pages. This book will be sent on the same conditions as Nugent's French Dictionary.

### ALBION RECITERS.

Temperance, Humorous and Sunday-school. These books will meet a long-felt want. The selections are, as a rule, high-class and appropriate. They are the best books of the kind that we remember to have seen, and should be in great demand. Either one will be sent for five new subscriptions to the *Northern Messenger* at 30 cents each.

### CHAMBERS' JOURNAL.

The first nine months of *Chambers' Journal* for 1889, bound in covers making a volume of 620 double column pages, beautifully printed on heavy paper. A most interesting budget of interesting and valuable matter. This volume will be sent on the same terms as Nugent's French Dictionary.

### M'NEILL'S SERMONS.

in papers covers, two volumes, "Bread to the Full," and "A Good Day's Gleaning." One of these books will be sent for five new subscriptions to the *Northern Messenger* at 30 cents.

### SEA STORIES, BY W. H. G. KINGSTON.

"The Three Midshipmen" and "Peter the Whaler" in paper covers. These two books will be sent for five new subscriptions to the *Northern Messenger* at 30 cents each.

### R. M. BALLANTYNE'S STORIES.

Ten books, strongly bound in cloth. Any one of these will be sent for fifteen new subscriptions to the *Messenger* at thirty cents each. The titles of these books, which are just the ones for boys, are: "Blue Lights; or Hot Work in the Soudan." "A Tale of Soldier Life." "The Fugitives, or The Tyrant Queen of Madagascar." "Red Rooney, or the Last of the Crew"—a picture of the domestic life and manners of the Eskimos. "The Rover of the Andes; a Tale of Adventure in South America." "The Battery and the Boiler, or The Electrical Adventures of a Telegraph Cable-Layer." "The Giant of the North, or Pokings Around the Pole." "The Settler and the Savage; a Tale of Peace and War in South Africa." "Rivers of Ice; a Tale Illustrative of Alpine Adventure and Glacier Action." "Black Ivory; a Tale of Adventure among the Slavers of East Africa." "The Lonely Island, or the Refuge of the Mutineers."

For those who enjoy working for other useful articles besides books we provide the following:—

### OTHER PREMIUMS.

ANEROID BAROMETER, for telling the prospective changes in the weather. Every farmer should have one. Sent for fifteen new subscriptions to the *Weekly Witness* at one dollar each; one subscription to the *Daily Witness* to count as two to the *Weekly*.

DAIRY THERMOMETER, seven inches, which will give the proper temperature for scalding, for cheese, for churning and for freezing, in addition to the graduated scale. For five subscriptions to the *Northern Messenger* at thirty cents.

BLACK WOOD THERMOMETER, eight inches, on same terms as Dairy Thermometer.

BOXWOOD THERMOMETER, eight inches, sent for ten new subscriptions to the *Northern Messenger* at thirty cents; two new subscriptions to the *Weekly Witness* or one to the *Daily Witness*.

MINIMUM THERMOMETER, Boxwood, eight inches, which will register the lowest temperature during the night; sent for fifteen subscriptions to the *Messenger* at thirty cents.

CASE OF DRAWING INSTRUMENTS sent on the same terms as the Minimum Thermometer.

RUBBER EYE GLASSES, colored, to protect the eyes from the glare of the sun and snow; sent for ten new subscriptions to the *Northern Messenger* at thirty cents, or two new subscriptions to the *Weekly Witness*, at \$1 each.

NICKEL SPECTACLES, best quality glass. Instructions how to choose the proper number will be sent to each winner. A pair of these spectacles for twenty subscriptions to the *Northern Messenger* at thirty cents each.

EYE-GLASSES, nickel, best quality glass, no easier or better fitting eye-glass made. Sent on the same conditions as spectacles.

HAND READER OR MAGNIFIER, two and a quarter inches in diameter; silver plated rim and ebony handle. Sent on same terms as spectacles.

SCHOLARS' MAGNIFIERS, in folding handle, sent for five new subscriptions to the *Northern Messenger* at thirty cents each. These are useful for the study of botany or for examining grain or cloths.

### PICTURES.

Good pictures are always in demand. We offer no new picture this year, but again advertise those of last year, orders for which are continually dropping in. They are:

- "A Scottish Raid," by Rosa Bonheur.
- "The Horse Fair," by Rosa Bonheur.
- "The Angelus," by Millet.
- "Christ before Pilate," by Munkacsy.

One old and one new subscription to the *Weekly Witness*, at \$1.00 each, or ten new subscriptions to the *Northern Messenger* at thirty cents each, will entitle each subscriber to any one of these pictures as he may choose. Any subscriber remitting \$1.15 with his renewal subscription to the *Weekly Witness* will have his choice of these pictures.

### THE PAPERS IN NEWFOUNDLAND.

Newfoundland and Canada at the present are foreign countries, according to the postal union regulations, which theoretically controls the foreign postage rates between the different countries affected by it. Under these regulations the postage on the copies of the *Weekly Witness* going to Newfoundland is two cents a copy, it being a shade heavier than the single rate weight. The postal authorities of the two countries, however, tacitly accept the paper at one rate, being one cent an issue or fifty-two cents a year. We, therefore, require to add fifty cents to the price of the *Weekly Witness* going to Newfoundland either singly or in clubs; that is, if a single subscription is sent the price will be \$1.50; if a club of four \$1.25 for each, and if a club of ten \$1.20 for each.

Twenty-six cents must be added for postage to the price of each copy of the *Northern Messenger*, whether singly or in clubs.

On account of the heavy custom duties we are prohibited from sending any of the books or special premiums to the United States, but hope our friends in the United States will take advantage of the clubbing rates and picture premiums.

To start a club it is not necessary to send in the whole number at once. All lists marked competing will be placed to the credit of the sender.

Cash must be sent with each list, by registered letter, P.O. money order or express money order. Never send remittances and names in different envelopes.

We will send sample copies to any whose names and addresses you may send us; but they must be on a separate sheet from any other communications. Blank forms and sample copies supplied free on application.

Write the subscriber's name, Post Office and Province or State very plainly, so as to avoid mistakes.

Give the name of premium earned. Address all communications, JOHN DOUGALL & SON, Witness Office, Montreal.

### TO READERS ALL.

"All the other pages stereotyped and half a column too much for the last, where are you going to put this?" calmly asked the printer as the last tale of "copy" for this *Messenger* was handed in.

Here is a predicament! All sorts of good wishes to old friends and new and no room to say them. Well, there is this consolation that if "A Merry Christmas" beamed out of every page of our last number just so does a New Year greeting shine forth from this. No truer wishes for a Happy New Year could go out to our readers than our new plans for our workers which so fill this page. Read them carefully, friends of the *Messenger*, act upon them as faithfully as you have done in the past, and see if they do not bring you, and to all new subscribers as well, the best elements of what is now our heartiest wish for you all, A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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