

A LIBRARY EVERYWHERE.

SOMETHING FOR WORKERS AND CANNASSERS TO PONDER OVER.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FORMING LENDING LIBRARIES IN CONNECTION WITH SCHOOLS OR MECHANICS' INSTITUTES OR OTHER CENTRAL ORGANIZATIONS.

Like, probably, most other great English speaking cities, Montreal owes much to the town of Paisley where the weavers many years ago were noted for their intelligence through the lending and reading of newspapers and books and the discussions of all important subjects in public debate. Among other things Canada owes to it the *Witness*. Every town in Canada might in turn become a centre of blessing to the world by possessing itself of light whose very nature is to diffuse itself. The *Witness* is anxious to contribute to this end in more ways than one and now offers a scheme by which every family in Canada may become a member of a lending library. In doing so we count on aid from those school inspectors and teachers who have assisted us so nobly in our endeavor, which many of them have informed us has been successful, to promote the study of Canadian history and of the art of composition.

We base our proposition on the assumption that every day school should have a lending library. Many of the best and most progressive schools have such libraries. We want each one to be so provided. We think it is not too much to assume also, that every family would be benefited as well as interested by reading the *Witness* every week.

We now suggest how both of those desirable objects may be accomplished. Let some influential person in each school section or in each neighborhood in which a library is desirable, either on his own responsibility or with the sanction of a committee who will work with him, organize a systematic canvass for subscriptions to the *Witness*. On every subscription of three dollars to the *Daily Witness* forwarded to us he will be credited with seventy-five cents on behalf of the library for which he is working; on every subscription of a dollar to the *Weekly Witness* forwarded to us he will be credited with twenty-five cents for this purpose; and for every subscription of thirty cents to the *Northern Messenger* he will be credited with five cents. When the full amount that can be obtained in the neighborhood is reached, and we are notified of the fact, we will send him a list of books from which he or others with him may select to the amount of the commission to his credit the nucleus of a lending library which will be open to every subscriber in this library club or to every family represented in the school. In addition, we engage to purchase at the lowest price, for which we have special facilities, any other books not on our catalogue that may be chosen, if procurable, and send them in place of the others. A library so formed may be added to by gifts from individuals and by other volumes obtained in the same manner as above indicated by a still further addition to the list. By this means the choicest books in the English language may be placed in the hands of the residents of every section of the country at a cost of nothing to those who interest themselves in it.

See how this plan works. Say that fifty subscriptions are sent in for the *Weekly Witness*. That would ensure twelve and a half dollars' worth of books, as a starter, which can be added to as time goes on. This would mean, say, twenty-five standard works to be read by these fifty families during the year. Thus, by the unselfish system of co-operation, for one dollar each man receives the *Weekly Witness* for a year, which is ridiculously cheap at the price, and the reading of twenty-five works, while these will remain in the possession of the library association until worn out.

The great essential for this work 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 taste 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.

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 in 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 \$32.25 at wholesale prices, or to very nearly

fifty dollars at retail prices. But we have a further incentive to large lists.

For the largest list 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

THE WEEKLY WITNESS ENLARGED.

Last year the *Weekly Witness* was enlarged about the extent of one page. Onward, is still the motto, and henceforward and during the coming year it will be eight columns a week larger than ever. This enlargement is equal to a page and one column a week, an addition of some fifteen percent, almost equivalent to an additional two months' papers in a year. This is a free gift to the subscribers in place of an exquisite picture which we had proposed to make a present of to every subscriber. We anticipate that in return we will receive from interested subscribers a very large increase in our subscription lists, the result of their cordial recommendation and active advocacy of the *Witness*.

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 list 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 *Witness* and *Northern Messenger* and his neighbor.

CASH COMMISSIONS.

These will be mailed on receipt of a request to that effect; containing a one cent stamp.

CLUBBING RATES.

Two subscriptions to the *Daily Witness* in one envelope ! ! ! \$5.00
For each additional subscription added to this club sent at the same time ! ! ! ! ! 2.50
One subscription each to the *Daily* and *Weekly Witness* in one envelope 3.75
Three subscriptions to the *Weekly Witness* in one envelope ! ! ! 2.40
Four subscriptions to the *Weekly Witness* in one envelope ! ! ! 3.00
Ten subscriptions to the *Weekly Witness* in one envelope ! ! ! 7.00
Each additional subscription over ten sent on behalf of this club ! ! ! .70
Daily Witness and *Messenger* ! ! ! 3.20
Weekly Witness " " " ! ! ! 1.25
Northern Messenger.

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

BOOK PREMIUMS.

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 to every old subscriber who sends his renewal and two new subscriptions to the *Weekly Witness* at \$1.00 each; or who sends us two subscriptions to the *Daily Witness* at \$3.00 each. Five subscriptions to the *Messenger* at thirty cents will count as one for the *Weekly Witness*. It will be sent by mail for \$1.00 in addition to the subscription to any of our papers.

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 Douw Lighthall, 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 one old and one new subscription to the *Weekly Witness* at \$1.00 each; or for one new subscription to the *Daily Witness* at \$3.00, or for ten subscriptions to the *Northern Messenger* at 30 cents each.

SHAKESPEARE.—The Universal Edition of Shakespeare, large type, from the earliest editions 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 to any old subscriber to the *Weekly Witness* who sends with his renewal a new subscription to the *Weekly Witness* at \$1.00, or the three for a new subscription to the *Daily Witness* at \$3.00; or 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.

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*; and five subscriptions to the *Northern Messenger* to count as one to the *Weekly Witness*.

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 one subscription to the *Weekly Witness*.

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

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MINIMUM THERMOMETER, Boxwood, eight inches, which will register the lowest temperature during the night; sent for three subscriptions to the *Weekly Witness*, or one each to the *Daily* and *Weekly Witness*; five to the *Northern Messenger* to count as one to the *Weekly Witness*.

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 two new subscriptions to the *Weekly Witness*, at \$1 each.

NICKEL SPECTACLES, best quality glass. Instructions how to choose the proper numbers will be sent to each winner. A pair of these spectacles for four subscriptions to the *Weekly Witness* at \$1 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 one new subscription to the *Weekly Witness* at \$1. These are useful for the study of botany or for examining grain or cloths.

LIST OF PANSY BOOKS.

The English edition of the Pansy Library, with about 400 pages in each book, very handsomely bound in cloth, large clear type. Any one of this series of 27 volumes, as follows, will be sent for a new subscription to the *Weekly Witness* at \$1.00 or five new subscriptions to the *Northern Messenger* at 30c. each:—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. The Chautauqua Girls

at Home. 9. The Pocket Measure. 10. Julia Reid. 11. Wise and Otherwise. 12. The King's Daughter. 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.

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 Daughter. 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. Chrissie's Endeavor. 12. Links in Rebecca's Life. The last three have been added within a few weeks.

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, will entitle each subscriber to any one of these pictures as he may choose. Any subscriber remitting \$1.15 with his renewal subscription 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.

We hope that this exorbitant rate of newspaper postage between colonies so near together and so closely allied in interests will soon be done away with. As long as newspapers are sent to the United States free, and to Great Britain at one cent a pound, there seems to be no reasonable excuse for the continuance of the present monstrous imposition of postage on newspapers between the two colonies, and it should be made as light as possible. We request our many subscribers in Newfoundland as well as those in Canada to use what influence they can to have it reduced to the lowest reasonable amount.



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