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More Jubilee Congratulations

FROM SIR H. G. JOLY DE LOTBINIERE,
Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia.

Government House, Victoria, B.C.

Dec. 30, 1905.

Messrs. John Dougall & Son, Montreal:

Gentlemen,—I do not only join in the congratulations which the Montreal 'Witness' is receiving from every side, on the occasion of its Diamond Jubilee, I wish to pay a debt of gratitude for the encouragement and support received by me from the 'Witness,' many years ago, as far back as 1873 and 1879, when, as Prime Minister of Quebec, I was engaged in a hard struggle for what I considered the good of the province. It is so long ago, and so insignificant a matter for every one but myself, that I cannot expect anyone to remember it—but I remember. My opponents used to ridicule me by calling me, 'The Montreal 'Witness' man,' in those days. They did not understand that I considered it an honor to be supported by the 'Witness.' How often I felt cheered and encouraged by its disinterested support, for it was then, as it has always been since, an independent paper, and I will never forget what I owe to the Montreal 'Witness.'

Believe me, gentlemen, yours sincerely,

HENRI G. JOLY DE LOTBINIERE.

FROM THE REV. JOHN McKILLICAN.

Messrs. John Dougall & Son, 'Witness' office:—

Dear Sirs,—I have known and read the 'Witness' since the first number came to our home, sixty years ago, and, having seen from many a point of observation, the great influence for good which it has exerted in city, town and village, but especially in new settlements, I join most heartily in the congratulations and good wishes which have recently been sent to you.

Many parents have spoken gratefully of the help derived from the 'Witness' in the instruction and training of their families. Its influence in promoting temperance, respect for the Lord's Day, industry, making homes comfortable—many farms are now beautiful and greatly increased in value by suitable outbuildings,

THIS WEEK'S LIST of Subscribers Securing Our Daily Jubilee Award.

Probably none of those securing these awards expect them on such small remittances.

We continue to receive daily, most congratulatory letters concerning the 'Witness' Diamond Jubilee, all of which are heartily appreciated. These letters are being reproduced in our columns.

Our friends all over the Dominion are joining with us in celebrating our sixtieth anniversary of the foundation of the 'Witness.' In another place will be found the special Diamond Jubilee club offers, including in addition to reduced rates THE GIFT of one of our Red Letter colored plate illustrated Bibles. One of these handsome books is given each day to the subscriber from whom we receive the largest amount of subscription money (net), for our publications.

The Bibles awarded free appear good value for four dollars.

THIS WEEK'S LIST.

The list of successful club raisers for last week,

Monday, January 8th.—W. Connor, Ottawa, Ont.

Tuesday, January 9th.—J. C. Macfarlane, Franktown, Ont.

Wednesday, January 10th.—D. C. McDonald, Tullochgorum, Que.

Thursday, January 11th.—Wm. Heming, Jr., Stella, Ont.

Friday, January 12th.—Geo. McClenaghan, Howick, Que.

Saturday, January 13th.—Christina McLeod, Riverfield, Que.

Each of the above will receive one of these red letter illustrated Bibles free, besides their commission.

(Remittances from news agents or from Sunday School clubs for the 'Northern Messenger,' or from publishers, or from any one who is not a subscriber to one of our publications, do not count in this offer.)

Who will be the successful subscribers for next week?

Watford, Ont., Jan. 9, 1906.

Dear Sirs,—I received your Red Letter Bible in good order, and was very much surprised to receive such a fine Bible for the small amount sent you, and I sincerely thank you for the prize, and hope you may prosper in the good work you are doing. I have received the 'Witness' for over fifty years, and the 'Messenger' since it started. I am, sincerely yours,
DAVID ROSS.

Maxville, Ont., Jan. 4, 1906.

Gentlemen,—Yesterday's mail brought me the 'red letter illustrated Bible'

premium, you so kindly sent me, for the list of subscriptions to your various publications I sent you on Dec. 21. Please accept my very best thanks for this beautiful present. On former occasions I received Bibles as premiums, but this one far surpasses any of them. It has to be seen to be appreciated. The 'Witness' was taken by my father and grandfather, ever since its first issue. Again thanking you for your valuable gift, and joining in the congratulations that are showered upon you at this time, I am sincerely yours,
J. M. FISHER.

while improvement in the orchard and garden evidence good taste and instruction derived from the columns of the 'Witness.'

By its influence home life has been greatly improved. Entire settlements, where it has been the family paper, have become remarkable for intelligence. It is a fact also that from such sections our high schools and universities have had a large number of students, who have become distinguished professional men. The 'Witness' has done much to elevate the public estimate of what a newspaper should be. It also led the way in reducing the cost of newspapers, and advocating cheaper postage on useful and religious reading matter.

The 'Witness' has done more than any other paper to introduce the various evangelical denominations to one another, and informing them of their true relation to each other in aim and Christian effort. It was a great joy in our humble pastoral home when the first parcel of the 'Witness' arrived sixty years ago. Its coming had been anticipated. Many earnest prayers were offered at the family altar for the success of the enterprise. There was much sympathy with the honored founder who began his great undertaking with strong faith and earnest prayers. These have not been answered. Though the voices of those who then prayed for the success of the 'Witness' are not now heard by us, their petitions are not forgotten, nor is our interest less in the cause that was then dear to them.

Most heartily do I congratulate you on so long and noble a service as that which you have rendered our beloved Canada.

I hope the friends of your paper, from the highest motives, may more earnestly continue to widen and increase its usefulness. With all good wishes, I am,

Respectfully yours,

JOHN McKILLICAN.

MAIL BAG.

Lynn, Mass., Dec. 30, 1905.

Gentlemen,—I may not add the least value to the many congratulations flowing your way, but deem it fitting to throw my mite with the collection of glowing tribute at such an opportune time.

Thirty-five years of careful, constant reading of the 'Witness' has qualified me to say that your paper in my home has

been a source of helpfulness and comfort in its pure, clean pages, in its righteous advocacy of public interests, its fearlessness and the undeviating way in which the rights of all have been most sacredly kept. Its whole life has been noble in its influence.

Long may its pages send out their rich, health-giving inspiration to moral beauty and may your Diamond Jubilee mark the beginning of broader circulation and more handsome returns.

Yours most cordially,

JAMES A. ELLIOTT.

Pastor Dorris Memorial Methodist Church.

Baileboro, Ont., Jan. 2, 1906.

Dear Sirs,—It affords me great pleasure to say that we regard the 'Northern Messenger' as a first class publication in all respects, and the price brings it within reach of all schools. We have taken it for a number of years and have never had any reason to complain. The best proof of our sincerity is the fact that we have sent for fifty copies for another year, and recommend it to all Sunday-schools. I am yours very truly,

E. DAWSON.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 21, 1905.

Dear Sirs,—Allow an English resident of the United States to express appreciation of the 'Witness.' I have taken it for years, to get, once a week, an untainted whiff of British atmosphere. I breathe better for its coming.

Yours truly,

EDWIN HOBBS.

Little Britain, Ont., Jan. 6, 1906.

Dear Sirs,—We have taken your paper off and on since 1860, when our King visited Canada. I was much interested in hearing my father read it the first year we took it, being 14 years old, namely, the same age as your estimable paper. 'To do good and to communicate forget not, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.' So may God be with you.

R. F. WHITESIDE.

Grenville, Que., Jan. 3, 1906.

Dear Sirs,—I, too, must add your word in appreciation of the 'Witness,' which is highly prized in our home. Since my first introduction to your paper, twenty years ago, we have never willingly missed an issue, and our appreciation is not growing less. Our faithfulness to ideals growing less. Your faithfulness to ideals