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"Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another."

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Second Advent of Our Lord.

"PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD."

THE TRUE PHYSICIAN.

JESUS HOLDS THE CORD.

The cord of Faith is hanging
Within the reach of all;
And he who grasps, believing,
Can never, never fall.
Though steep the path and narrow,
Our lives are with the Lord.
We trust the hand above us,—
Jesus holds the cord.

The cord of Hope! How precious!
Earth's treasures are no more.
Its burdens are behind us,
And heaven's just before!
With joyful hearts we see it,—
The land we journey toward,
And we shall surely enter!
Jesus holds the cord.

The cord of Love—the strongest,
And yet so tender, true!
It spans the mighty chasm,
And scales the mountains, too:
It smoothes the path before us,
And helps the pilgrim ford
The Jordan streams to Canaan.
Jesus holds the cord.

—Robert B. Thurber.



NEVER ADMIT DEFEAT.

Never admit defeat or poverty, though you seem to be down, and have not a cent. Stoutly assert your divine right to be a man, to hold your head up and look the world in the face; step bravely to the front, whatever opposes, and the world will make way for you. No one will insist upon your rights while you yourself doubt that you have any. Hold firmly the conviction that you possess the qualities requisite for success. Never allow yourself to be a traitor to your own course by undermining your self-confidence.—Success.

Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? Why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?" These words of the prophet Jeremiah are as timely now as when he spoke them in the power of the Spirit to ancient Israel. Why are Christians on a level with the rest of the world, so far as physical health is concerned? Why are there so many invalidated soldiers in the army of Prince Immanuel, since He is both Saviour and Healer?

The answer to the prophet's question, so exquisitely worded, and implying so much sadness and heart sorrow, is suggested by a query in the previous verse, "Is not the Lord in Zion?" The reason for the sickness then and now is to be traced to alienation from God. Of doctors and medicines and medical appliances there is no end; but the true physician, He who really cures by imparting His own unconquerable life, is unsought and unrecognized. He is doing something for us, as is attested by the very fact that we exist; but He works under great disadvantages, since by our disobedience of the divine laws which govern health, we virtually thrust Him from us, and court disease and death.

When the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt, He made a covenant with them, and promised that if they would refrain from the idolatrous practices of the Egyptians, He would keep them in perfect health. The verse ends with the single statement, "I am the Lord, thy physician," or, as given in the Authorized Version, "I am the Lord that healeth thee." It is evident on a moment's reflection that the blessing of health would not be extended to the children of Israel, and withheld from us. God does not change; His promises

once made are always good; He is still the Healer of His people. Those who seek Him with the whole heart will find Him indeed the loving heavenly Father, "who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases."

What blessed comfort is the thought that God will be our Physician! Disease in some form or other has probably invaded every home; and when loved ones are in danger, it is the desire of the poor man, as well as of his rich neighbor, to secure the best possible medical attendance. Is it not a high privilege to be able to call on the great God, who created heaven and earth, and the myriads of worlds revolving in space? Yet this is what He invites the humblest of His children to do. He shares in the pain and suffering which sin has brought into this world. His arm of love encircles all His creatures.

"No grief can touch us, but it touches Him;

With closest pang it wounds the Heart divine."

The Lord is not only willing, but anxious to heal. The one thing that is wanting is our full and complete cooperation. An earthly physician will not undertake a case unless the patient promises to submit to his directions. Is it fair to expect that God, who knows all about us, and just what we need, will effect a cure for us to trample under foot His laws?

Divine healing is considered by most people to be a mysterious something entirely apart from ordinary conditions and circumstances. The fact is that divine healing is going on all the time (there is no other kind of healing) but its full manifestation is reserved for those who fully submit. While Christians indulge in harmful stimulants and poisonous narcotics, while they clog the system with waste products abounding in flesh meats, and neglect fresh air and exercises, they are by their course of action putting out the life of God within them, and

closing, the channel through which fresh supplies are intended to flow. Therefore, the divine instructions today are the same as to Israel of old. "Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backsliding." "Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls."

M. E. OLSEN.



tidings From the Field.

Perhaps some of the readers of the Visitor will be interested in a short account of my work in the South. When my school opened I was surprised to find about twenty pupils, some of whom were older than myself and a few not of our faith. Our school house was a log building situated in the midst of a woods and would seat about thirty pupils. All in the school studied Bible and seemed to take a deep interest in the class. Advanced Physiology, Geography, Arithmetic, Grammar and U. S. History were the branches studied besides the Bible Reader and mental and busy work for the children. Each Friday a bright active Missionary Society, embracing all the members of the school, brought in their report and it was good to hear the little ones tell of their deeds of service for the Master and of home duties made lighter by the love of Jesus. The children in the South are not brought up in idleness. In every home which it was my privilege to visit, all, even the youngest, had their own little tasks to perform. The first week or two our order was not exactly what we wished, but the children were taught that order is heaven's first law and that the only way of securing order was total abstinence from all that would tend to confusion. As a result our school was a very quiet one, and I am sure one which the angels were pleased to visit. The teacher who has such a precious charge given by God cannot with safety walk on a common plane. Her feet must be firmly planted on "Higher Ground" and with all dependency placed on the Lord become a daily learner in the school of Christ in order to successfully meet the perplexing problems which daily

arise. This was the most precious lesson which I learned. "In the secret of His presence," and it is the true secret of success. The South is a very needy field and especially do they need consecrated teachers who have age and experience and have tact in meeting people and winning their love. I found that the people stand in dread of the Northerner who assumes superiority and attempts to introduce the Northern ways as a reform. Those who have a kind, unpretentious spirit and who have the love of God in their hearts for every creature, will find the South a pleasant field in which to work and a warm-hearted, generous people among whom much good may be accomplished.

CHRISTINE R. SWEET,
Darrowville, Ohio.

Coshocton, O., March 14, 1902.
Welcome Visitor—I am having many blessed experiences in the sale of Object Lessons. I see more and more the need of our people arising as one man to help in this blessed work. Mighty forces of evil are arising from beneath and soon our work will be cut short. Dear brethren in Ohio, may the Lord help us to improve the few days that are left for us in which to work. It is only the man who sows that will ever reap. The Lord has richly blessed the work in Coshocton. Three years ago I sold \$100 worth of "Coming King" in this place and now I have been able to place over \$100 worth of books in about one-fourth of the town. And most of these are Object Lessons. This is a wonderful testimony to me that the Lord is especially blessing in the sale of Object Lessons. I expect to finish Coshocton, Roscoe, Warsaw, Lafayette, Keene and Lewisville by summer, so I am anxiously waiting for Brother Kennedy to join me in the work. I have just finished my week's work. I took orders and sold for cash 15 Object Lessons amounting to \$18.75. I give the Lord all the praise. As I canvass from house to house I offer up a prayer at the door for wisdom to meet the people. Remember the work at this place.

BENJ. L. HOUSE,
Beaver, Ohio.

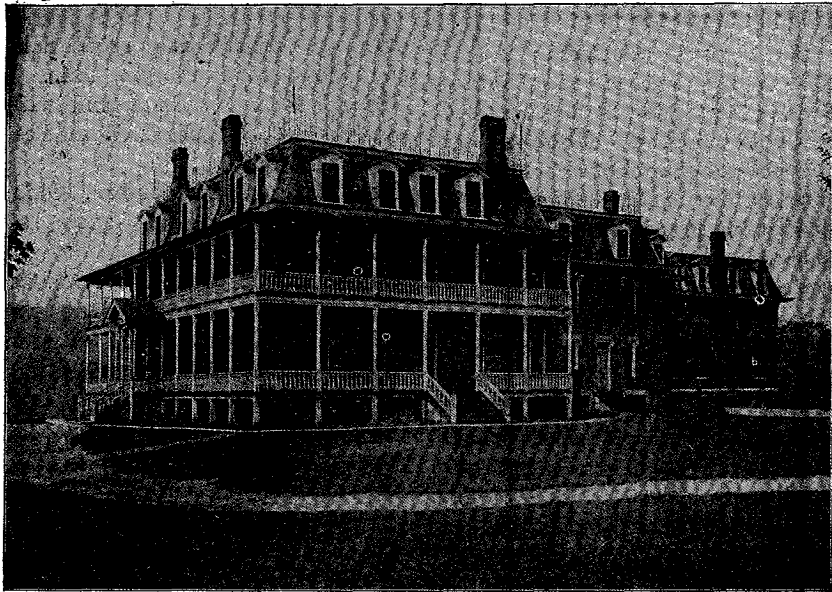
Dear Welcome Visitor—When I returned from the Columbus institute I found Brother Bunch from

the Chillicothe church here holding meeting, and the people much interested. We hope to have some accessions to our church. My wife is holding a church school (on a small scale) at our home. She has the neighbors' children to come in for a short time in the forenoon, also in the afternoon. She has six scholars in the school. Their parents are interested in the truth. I have been holding some Bible readings with them. I will enter the canvassing work soon. We hope that the readers of the Visitor will pray the Lord to bless our efforts in our little family school that it may develop into a real church school.

Yours in the work for the Master,
T. A. BROWN.

CANVASSERS' REPORT.

- C. C. Webster—Orders, 10 Christ's Object Lessons, 2 Steps to Christ, 1 Sunbeams. Value, \$15.
- Fred C. Webster—Orders, 16 Christ's Object Lessons. Value, \$20. Value of helps, \$3.50. Total, \$23.50.
- C. L. Wilson—Total value of orders, \$38.
- E. S. Opdyke—Orders, 1 Power for Witnessing, 1 Bible, 1 Easy Steps, 1 Home Hand Book, 1 Steps to Christ. Value, \$8.00.
- G. P. Gaede—Delivered 22 Object Lessons. Value, \$27.50.
- F. E. Wagner—Cash sales, \$14.75.
- E. E. Nothstine—Orders, 12 Best Stories, 10 Thoughts on Daniel and Revelation, 1 Coming King. Value, \$20.75.
- Joseph Bush—Orders, 3 Christ's Object Lessons, 6 Coming King. Value, \$11.75.
- Mary Hubble—Orders, 2 Christ's Object Lessons, 2 Great Controversy, 6 Coming King. Value, \$13. Delivered 2 Christ's Object Lessons. Value, \$2.50.
- John P. Gaede—Orders, 18 Christ's Object Lessons. Value, \$22.50. Value of helps, \$2.00. Total, \$24.50.
- For week ending March 22.
- C. C. Webster—Orders, 8 Christ's Object Lessons, 1 Steps to Christ, 3 Sunbeams. Value, \$15.50.
- W. E. Bidwell—Deliveries, 13 Christ's Object Lessons, 5 Steps to Christ, 7 Gospel Primer, 15 Best Stories, 4 Coming King, 6 Bibles, 1 Testimony, 1 Perils of Republic, 280 pages tracts, 1 subscription to Review. Value, \$45.85. Value of orders, \$6.00.



MT. VERNON ACADEMY.

AN APPEAL FOR AN S. D. A. MEDICAL COLLEGE.

(Concluded.)

And now while the world is rebuilding our Sanitarium shall not the Seventh Day Adventists church provide the money for a Medical Missionary College? Shall not the remnant people among whom heaven has made the deposit of this precious light furnish a place where young men and women can be trained to man our Sanitariums and Treatment Rooms and to fill our Medical Missionary ranks all over the wide, wide world?

By faith we hear the voices of thousands of God's friends from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and the Northern line of the British Dominions to the Gulf of Mexico fervently responding, "Amen and Amen." In the dark hour of calamity to the mother Sanitarium, in the moment of the deep grief of her devoted doctors and helpers, we will, old and young, great and small, men, women and little children, rich and poor alike, come up to the help of the Lord. We will in a most practical and tangible manner manifest our sympathy for our hard-working and now stricken leaders and their assistants in the Medical Missionary work. And far above all that we may do to assuage the grief and comfort the hearts of our brethren and sisters in arms, we will demonstrate in no uncertain voice or action our profound loyalty to that dear One who went about doing good and healing all who were sick and oppressed of the devil,

and who Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses."

At the last General Conference it was voted in accordance with the counsel of the Spirit of Prophecy that the buildings of the old Battle Creek College should be transferred to the Medical interests and used for a Medical Missionary College. A price of one hundred and six thousand dollars (\$106,000) has been agreed upon as fair and just for these buildings and the land on which they stand. This sum will be sufficient to pay the creditors who have loaned money to the old Battle Creek College plus a small equity with which to pay for the land purchased for Emmanuel Missionary College, the successor of the old Battle Creek College. This will leave whatever money is realized on the sale of Christ's Object Lessons in Emmanuel College territory to be used for the buildings necessary for that institution.

ONE HUNDRED AND SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$106,000) is the sum necessary for to supply suitable buildings for our Medical College. We have raised more than half a million for our eight principal Colleges and Academies in which to train workers for other lines. This being so there is no question but that we can raise and easily raise \$106,000 for a Medical Missionary College. The old Battle Creek College was the first and mother of our denominational colleges, henceforth it is to be the mother of our Medical Colleges.

The proceeds of the MISSIONARY FUND have been consecrated by authority of the last General Conference to the securing of this plant for a medical school. The spring tide is near at hand. Soon all over the land the minds of our brethren and sisters will turn toward the kindly earth from whose bosom by their labor the blessing of our Heavenly Father will spring forth good for the sustenance of our bodies. And will it not be pleasing to our Heavenly Father that as we prepare the soil and sow the seed to consecrate a portion of that soil and seed to Him?—To consecrate a portion of that soil and the harvest from the seed to the Missionary Acre Fund, the money from which is to be used to provide a "holy house" from which will come forth missionaries whose special work will be to teach men how to preserve their God-given health and to heal men back to the fullness of life again when disease has stricken them low.

And now will we all come to the aid of this fund—every one whose heart stirs him up, and every one whom his spirit has made willing. Shall we be "wise-hearted" men and bring the Lord's offering as they did in the ancient days when the Tabernacle was built in the wilderness?

Every soul of us can and should aid the Missionary Acre Fund. Wise and liberal-hearted men can plant one, two, three, perchance five or more acres of some crop or crops. The harvest will be a kind of first fruits—holy unto the Lord. Others can dedicate a certain part of the returns from their orchards, their vineyards, or their berries. Those with stock farms can devote a portion of the increase of their flocks and herds. Another class may elect to plant a garden and make their offering from its yield.

Besides the brethren dwelling in the country there are many who live in cities and villages and work at trades and for wages. Such can dedicate a portion of their salaries to the Lord.

The sisters can also help. They can plant gardens, raise poultry, make useful articles with their needles and sell them. Other sisters can consecrate their spare time to canvassing for our smaller books and give the proceeds.

The children also can be enlisted to assist in this good work. There

are many things which their parents can help them to do which will yield returns.

The chief thing necessary to make this work a success is to put away unbelief and doubt, fault-finding and criticism, and to come to the Missionary Acre Movement with heart stirred up and "spirit made willing determined with the help of God to see the thing accomplished."

At present we are not asking any one to make us definite pledges of what they will do. It is too early for that. What we want is that brethren and sisters everywhere will joyfully, hopefully and prayerfully consider this matter, and God's claims upon them in regard to it. We do want each one to "purpose in his heart" and then to give "according as he purposeth."

Everywhere throughout America during the next few weeks let there be praying and purposing over this matter. Then on Sabbath, April 5, let us all come together in our various places of worship and have a blessed meeting relating the purposes and experiences in laying hold of the work. A special reading will be sent out to all church elders for use on this Sabbath. No offering will be taken up on this Sabbath. The exercises will be wholly those of devotion, praise and melody to the Lord. At a later date a definite plan to ascertain just what our brethren and sisters have decided to do will be inaugurated.

In the meantime if any have any cash which they believe the Lord wants them to give for this purpose they may send it to the financial secretary of the General Conference, Prof. P. T. Magan, Berrien Springs, Michigan.

With the simple prayer that this appeal may be blessed to many hearts among the waiting people we leave this matter with God and with those whom He calls His friends in the earth.

(Signed)

W. W. PRESCOTT,

Vice Pres. General Conference.

S. H. LANE,

Chairman of Acre Fund Com.

P. T. MAGAN,

Sec. of Finance S. D. A. Gen. Con.



Fred C. Webster — Orders, 12 Christ's Object Lessons, 2 Steps to Christ. Value, \$16.00.

THE JUDGMENT DAY COMING.

There is to be a judgment and a judgment day. To this end all things are hastening. Toward this event all line are converging. Little as men think about it and little as they are influenced in their conduct by it, that day approaches. Admonition on admonition, warning on warning, rings out from God's word.

Three days before Calvary, with His disciple Christ walked out from the precincts of the temple toward Bethany. Somewhere on the Mount of Olives and at a point overlooking Jerusalem, they came to a halt and sat down. All were in a serious mood. The disciple asked, "Master, what is to be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" As He talks, the sky is overspread with clouds of thick darkness. The voice of the thunders of judgment fills the whole earth. Through the twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew and partly through the twenty-fifth, the great fact and the principles of judgment are taught by parables. With verse thirty-one he drops parabolic form.

The judge of all the earth will be the "Son of man," "because He is the son of man." Man may be judged by one who is of man's own nature—man's peer. This son of man will come from heaven to earth; the same Christ that was born in Bethlehem, reared at Nazareth, taught in Judea and Galilee, and was crucified under Pontius Pilate, but no longer clothed in the garments of humiliation. He will come in His glory, all the angels will be with Him, and He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the people of all the nations of the world, from Adam to the last born, will stand before Him. He will separate them one from another. There will be two grand divisions—just two. The wheat and the tares are now growing together, but when harvest comes they will be separated. The line of cleavage will be drawn through families. It will then be a question of spiritual affinity. There will be nothing arbitrary in this work of separation. There will be no mistakes made. The result will be unaffected by human sentiment.—Word and Way.



"The humblest and poorest of the disciples of Jesus can be a blessing to others."

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Elder A. G. Haughey spent Sabbath, March 22, at Canton, Ohio.

Brother Geo. W. Spies and wife are working with Christ's Object Lessons in Lima, Ohio.

The brethren at Canton, Ohio, have ordered their full quota of Christ's Object Lessons.

Sabbath, April 5, is the time for the semi-annual offering for the Haskell and James White Homes. We hope that all will remember this and give liberally.

The church school at Elgin, O., closed March 20. The teacher, Miss Lulu Pieper, spent Sabbath and Sunday visiting her school mates and teachers at the Academy.

OBITUARY.

SPRINKLE—John Sprinkle was born in Ashland Co., Ohio, Feb. 21, 1835. Died of pneumonia, after an illness of nine days, Feb. 21, 1902, aged 67 years. Father was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist church at Troy. He had been in the truth for many years, having accepted it under the labors of Elder I. D. Van Horn. We reached his bedside a few hours before he passed away, but he did not know us, neither could he speak. We have the "blessed assurance" that we shall know each other by and by. He was the father of nine children, who with their mother and two brothers are left to mourn their loss. Words of comfort were spoken from Rev. 21:22 by Elder E. L. Smith (Methodist), assisted by Elder E. S. Weimer.

MRS. W. A. GIBSON.

(It is not often that a person dies on his birthday, as did John Sprinkle. He was a very firm adherent of the Adventist faith in church matters and worshipped at the meetings of that society.—Ashland Co. Press.



A CORRECTION IN THE TITHE REPORT FOR FEBRUARY.

Portage River\$50.33
Bowling Green 45.00

BESSIE E. RUSSELL,
Treasurer.



"The less we see to esteem in ourselves, the more we shall see to esteem in the infinite purity and loveliness of our Saviour."