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"There is a special power in the presentation of the truth at the present time; but how long will it continue? Only a little while. If there was ever a crisis, it is now."

AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

NOVEMBER 21 and 22 has been selected as the time on which to open our Home Missionary Campaign for the coming winter. We hope that every organized church and company of believers will arrange for a convention on the date mentioned. Readings well be furnished every company for use on this occasion. Among the subjects to be considered are:—

1. The Call to Service.
2. The Value and Uses of Tracts.
3. Our Periodicals a Continual Blessing.
4. Who Should Sell Small Books.
5. How to follow up the work.
6. "Christ's Object Lessons" and "Education"; Their Mission.

The subject matter here suggested will require not less than three meetings and would select Sabbath forenoon and afternoon, and Sunday afternoon or evening, unless an all-day Sunday meeting can be arranged for. The necessities and perils of our times demand of every "watchman" to "blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly; gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children."

Conference laborers will be present with as many different companies as can be possibly arranged for.

Let every Seventh-day Adventist in the Ohio Conference seek to make this occasion a great blessing to the cause of God in this State.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

A CORRECTION.

IN obituary notice in VISITOR of October 28 the name "Brose" should have been Boose.

A WORKING CHURCH.

A LIVING church is a working church. The precious light of Bible truth, like a lamp that burneth, is to shine forth from every church member. God will use his believing ones as his instrumentalities; through them he will minister to souls fainting for the bread of life. Words of hope and cheer, falling from lips that have been touched with a live coal from God's altar, will revive and comfort those who are weary and distressed.

Time is precious. The destiny of souls is in the balance. At infinite cost a way of salvation has been provided. Shall Christ's great sacrifice be in vain? Shall the earth be entirely controlled by Satanic agencies? The salvation of souls is dependent upon the consecration and activity of God's church. The Lord calls all who believe in Him to be workers together with Him. While their life shall last, they are not to feel that their work is done. Until the time comes when Christ shall say, "It is finished," his work for the saving of souls is not to decrease, but is to grow in extent and importance.

The mercy of God is shown by his long forbearance. He is holding back his judgments, waiting for the Message of warning to be sounded to all. There are many who have not yet heard the testing truths for this time. The last call of mercy is to be given more fully to our world.

Individual Responsibility.

Many more of the lay members, if consecrated to God's service, could give the warning message of mercy to the multitudes who are not acquainted with the truth for this time. All around us there are souls perishing in sin. Every day there is something to do for the Master.

Every Christian is to let his light shine forth in good works. His words are to magnify our Lord Jesus Christ. Instead of waiting for great opportunities before doing anything, he is to do the work lying nearest him. Thus he will increase his talents and gain a preparation for wider service. Wherever he is, there is his field, in which he is earnestly to show forth in word and deed the saving power of the truth.

He is not to wait to see what others do. He has a personality of his own, and he is responsible to Christ, whose servant he is, for every word and act.

God's people would put on joy and gladness as a garment if they would only receive that which he is waiting to give them,—that which would make them strong to help those in need of help. Our people need the breath of spiritual life breathed into them, that they may arouse to spiritual action. Many have lost their vital energy, and are sluggish—dead, as it were. Let those who have been receiving the grace of Christ help these souls to rouse to action. Let us keep in the current of life that comes from Christ, that we may impart to others. Healthy, happy action is what is needed in the church to-day.

Open Doors.

In the service of God there is work of many kinds to be performed. In the service of the temple there were hewers of wood, as well as priests of various orders bearing various degrees of responsibility. Our church members are to arise and shine because their light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon them. Let those who know the truth arouse out of sleep, and make every effort to reach the people where they are. The work of the Lord must no longer be neglected by us and made secondary to worldly interests. We have no time to be idle or discouraged. The gospel is to be proclaimed to all the world. The publications containing the light of present truth are to go forth to all places. Canvassing campaigns are to be organized for the sale of our literature, that the world may be enlightened as to what is just before us.

In many States there are settlements of industrious, well-to-do farmers, who have never heard the truth for this time. Such places should be worked. Let our lay members take up this line of service. By loaning or selling books, by distributing papers, and by holding Bible readings, our lay members could do much in their own neighborhoods. Filled with love for souls, they could proclaim the Message of present truth with such

power that many would be converted. Let us remember that it is as important to carry the Message to those in the home field who have not heard the truth, as it is to go as missionaries to foreign countries.

There is abundant work for all who know the truth. Approach the people in a persuasive, kindly manner, full of cheerfulness and love for Christ. The Saviour is ever near with grace and power to enable you to present the gospel of salvation, which will bring souls out of the darkness of unbelief into his marvelous light. Reach out after those who are ready to perish. Call attention to the "Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

I wish that all our people could see the many doors that are open before them. Beside all waters we are to sow the seeds of truth. O, how my soul is drawn out for sinners, that they may be won for Christ! If those who have received the truth would exercise a living faith in Christ, if they would realize that they are to be his workers, wholly consecrated to his service, what a work might be done! When God's people surrender themselves unreservedly to Christ, they will use every power of mind and body to his name's glory; and his work will make rapid advancement.

Whole-Hearted Devotion.

I urge my brethren and sisters not to engage in work that will hinder them from proclaiming the gospel of Christ. You are God's spokesmen. You are to speak the truth in love to perishing souls. Remember that one day you will stand before the Lord of all the earth, to give an account of the deeds done in the body. Then your work will appear as it really is. The vineyard is large, and the Lord is calling for laborers. Allow nothing to keep you from the work of soul-saving. By earnest prayer obtain power that will make your influence a savor of life unto life. The Master Worker will put his Spirit upon all who labor for him with whole-hearted devotion.

Christ's interests are the first and the highest of all interests. He has a property in this world that he wishes secured, saved for his everlasting kingdom. It is for his Father's glory and his own glory that his messengers shall go forth in his name, for they and he are one. They are to reveal him to the world. His interests are their interests. If they will be co-laborers with him, they shall be made heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ to an immortal inheritance.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

FROM OUR WORKERS.

Toledo and Locust Point.

SINCE my last report I have been privileged to spend a number of days with the little company at Locust Point. We had a good hearing and a profitable time. The dear saints there were edified, and I was much encouraged by my visit.

At Toledo, last Sabbath, we had another very profitable meeting. Three (two by letter and one by profession of faith) united with the church. We now meet in our new place of meeting in Pythian Temple, a most comfortable place for services.

D. E. LINDSEY.

Cygnets.

FRIDAY and Sabbath, October 30 and 31, we spent with Elder Francis M. Fairchild and W. E. Bidwell, and those who recently embraced the closing Message as a result of their tent effort. Sabbath morning three adult persons went forward in the ordinance of baptism, and at 2 P. M. we met again and were greeted by a goodly number of brethren and sisters from Bowling Green and Findlay.

Elder Fairchild announced that the purpose of the meeting was to organize a church. He was chosen chairman and J. O. Young secretary of the meeting. The different points of our faith were then rehearsed in a plain, simple way and seven persons publicly declared themselves in harmony with the foundation principles of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and desire a connection with that people. The organization was completed by the election of the necessary church officers. A good old-fashioned love feast followed and these young converts received a hearty welcome into the body by all the brethren and sisters from abroad.

It was a day of rejoicing to all present, but especially so to Brethren Fairchild, Bidwell, and Young, who labored so faithfully to place before the people the gospel message of salvation. Brother Bidwell sold \$80 worth of books in addition to his part in conducting the public services. Brother J. O. Young, who gave his whole time to the canvassing work, sold \$126 worth of books while this series of meetings was in progress. Some, too, found the Message and attended the public services as a result of the canvasser's visit.

This kind of work should always be associated with the evangelistic efforts

to give this solemn Message to the people. May God inspire within the heart of every laborer an earnest spirit to place the printed Message in every home where it is possible to do so. Then, when the living, acting minister can no longer publicly announce the Message, God will turn the minds of the honest hearted to the silent message of salvation contained in the books created for this very purpose.

As the sun sank out of sight in the west we separated from one another with our purpose more securely fixed to have part in the glad re-union when Jesus comes.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

Cincinnati.

DEAR VISITOR: I consider it a special privilege to be with the workers in Cincinnati for a little while. I find them not only of good courage, but manifesting a degree of faith in God, coupled with works, that is moving the hearts of the people in a special manner. Brethren Granger and Morgan, backed by the united support of the church, have undertaken a gigantic work, and the Lord is already giving them fruit for their labor.

Last Sabbath Brother Morgan spoke from the text: "Faith is the substance." The discourse was certainly food for the soul, and just the thing for this time. Many strangers are attending the regular Sabbath services, and new Sabbath-keepers are added almost weekly. The work of the *Family Bible Teacher* is assuming wonderful proportions. Already over a million and a quarter of pages have been published to meet the growing demand.

The Sunday evening meetings are arousing a great interest. Last Sunday the large hall was well filled. Elder Granger spoke on the "Coming of the Lord in this Generation," which held the attention of the audience from beginning to end. Much literature was sold at the close of the meeting.

Brethren, it is only by faith that we shall be able to finish the work in this generation. May God help his people to put away their unbelief, lay hold of the arm of faith as never before, and thus co-operate with him in finishing the work speedily.

"O brother, are you waiting and watching for the time

When Christ shall come in glory and majesty sublime?

Then put away your doubting, your unbelief and sin.

For he's coming, surely coming back again."

HENRY DE FLUITER.

MISSIONARY.

"The message of Christ's righteousness is to sound from one end of earth to the other to prepare the way of the Lord. This is the glory of God, which closes the work of the third angel."

HOLDING THE ROPES.

AS one with Christ, we are called to share in his work till it closes. The calls will come thicker and faster from this time on; but as we catch his highest thought for this dark world, to answer these appeals will be our chief pleasure.

The preaching of this gospel of the kingdom in all the world for a witness in this generation will not be performed in any miraculous manner. But as God's servants, in the strength of that "Lo, I am with you," go to every part of the world with this gospel message, souls will be converted.

We who remain at home are to bear just as active a part in this work as the few who go to the front. We are to share in the joys and in the sacrifices of such service; joy when souls accept the precious Saviour, and sacrifice that nothing may hinder the onward progress of the Message.

When William Carey, the father of modern missions, had been able to enthruse a few friends with a sense of the great need of the world, and a society had been organized, he was the first one to volunteer for service. The secretary spoke on India in her need as a gold mine, as deep as the center of the earth, and asked who would venture to explore it. "I will venture to go down," was the instant reply of Carey, "but remember that you must hold the ropes."

And this must be done until the work closes. The work of the few who are called to venture down into the dark mine of heathenism and sin would soon be thwarted, if we at home failed to hold the ropes. And dare we believe in this closing hour that God requires greater sacrifice from those who leave the home land to do personal service in the field, than from those who remain behind to supply their needs?

Besides our weekly offerings, larger gifts are called for at this crisis in our work. Although the offerings of 1902 were larger than those of any previous year, the appropriations alone for 1903 reached that amount, with nothing left for aggressive work.

Unless the offerings for November and December exceed those of the same

months of any previous year, we shall not be able to pay our appropriations for the year 1903. What are we to do, brethren and sisters? Will we allow the cause of God to languish in these, the closing days of the conflict? If each will make an effort to increase his own offering just a little, even though it may mean some sacrifice, and those who have not given will close the year with a good thank offering, we believe the funds needed for this year will be received. Will we not rise to this emergency, and in the strength of our Leader place his work on vantage ground?

ESTELLA HOUSER.

Mansfield.

BRETHREN: We are getting the better part of Mansfield canvassed. My wife has been doing much better with the children's books than Brother Trout and myself have with "Daniel and Revelation." She goes over after we have canvassed, so Mansfield will get a double portion of books. The Lord has blessed us very much in gaining an entrance to the homes here, and giving the people an opportunity of getting the truth. I don't think we can expect to sell so many of the large books in cities like this, especially where the large books have been sold. We have found "Great Controversy," "Bible Readings," and "Heralds of the Morning" here.

We still continue to hold Bible readings where we can gain the opportunity. While we find some that are glad to continue the meetings, others for a little fear of the people having something to say do not desire to continue them; but they have all bought "Daniel and the Revelation" and other books, so the Lord will take care of the honest ones. From the seeds of truth that have been sown here in the past, and that are now being watered, the Lord can bring forth the increase as seemeth good to him. The large cities must be worked whether we are able to sell so many large books or not.

We have sold over four hundred tracts of No. 130, and have made many calls to inquire how they understood them. I was delivering a few books Friday and remembering where I had sold a tract No. 130, I called to see what the lady thought of it, and saw an old "Daniel and the Revelation" on her table, also a "Heralds of the Morning" that she had had for several years.

I had a very good talk with her, and she made inquiry about many things concerning our faith, and now desires to attend our Bible readings as soon as she has the opportunity.

The canvasser, it is true, will meet with some discouragements; but let us remember the promise of the Saviour, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." So let us as canvassers and laborers go forth in the strength that God gives us, and push the battle to the gates, the Lord will soon reward us all according to our works. Yours with courage,

F. E. WAGNER.

Findlay.

TO THE OHIO TRACT SOCIETY: I am having many interesting visits with the people, many of them requesting prayer and help to study the Bible. My sister, Mrs. E. Nothstine, expects soon to join me here in the canvassing work, and we expect to visit and hold Bible readings in the evenings. I know my interest is increasing in the Lord's work. What we do for the Master must be done quickly.

I see a marked change among the people. Nearly all seem to be expecting something to take place in the future, they know not what. I am glad to have a chance to point them to the evidence from God's word of what is coming. There have been three persons in the last week that related to me their remarkable dreams; and each dream was in regard to the Lord's coming.

Pray for the work here, that the Findlay church may be inspired with a zeal beyond our expectation. Yours in the work,

ALICE EDWARDS.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

Alice Edwards,* Findlay.—Great Controversy: value of orders, \$34.25; helps, \$41.35; total, \$75.60; deliveries, \$6.80.

Mary Hubbell,† Crooksville.—Great Controversy: value of orders, \$35; helps, \$22.30; total, \$57.30.

Mrs. L. Dennis,† Crooksville.—Great Controversy and Ladies' Guide: value of orders, \$14; helps, \$12.50; total, \$26.50.

Mrs. E. Y. Smith,† Mount Vernon.—Ladies' Guide: value of orders, \$6.50; helps, \$9.75; total, \$16.25.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Spies,* West Milton and Lima.—Coming King: value of orders, \$24; helps, \$18.75; total, \$42.75; deliveries, \$46.50.

Fred Trout,‡ Mansfield.—Miscellaneous: value of orders, \$11.25; deliveries, \$12.20.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Wagner,‡ Mansfield.—Miscellaneous: value of orders, \$55.90; deliveries, \$17.

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‡Two weeks.

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BROTHER W. E. BIDWELL has been at Academia during the past week, moving his family into a new home they have recently purchased.

AFTER spending a few days in Academia with their families, Elders J. O. Miller and M. C. Kirkendall returned to Rows, the place of their recent tent effort.

WANTED.— A situation among Seventh-day Adventists, by an intelligent, energetic man (married). Will exchange references. Address, L. 41 Spangler Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

SISTER ALMEDA HAUGHEY, who has been with her brother, Elder A. G. Haughey, of Michigan, during his severe illness, has now returned to Academia to assist in the care of her invalid mother.

THE family at the Academy home seem to be enjoying a pleasant and prosperous year thus far. But little serious illness has interfered with the regularity of either home life or class work. We feel to thank the Lord for so many tokens of his love and care.

ACCORDING to appointment, Brother A. D. Gilbert is now in Ohio, in the interests of missionary work, especially encouraging the use of the *Signs of the Times*. His visit at Columbus, Sabbath and Sunday, proved to be an encouragement to the church and a satisfaction to himself. An enthusiastic campaign for selling the *Signs* on the street was begun Saturday night, with very encouraging results. He met with the Mount Vernon church, Monday and Tuesday, and was welcomed by a good congregation of attentive listeners. He spoke of missionary possibilities on Monday evening, and of the progress of the work in England on Tuesday evening.

The club of *Signs* taken by this church was quite materially increased, both students and church members taking an active interest in thus sending out the pages of truth, and scattering them like the leaves of autumn. From here Brother Gilbert goes to Cleveland, where we anticipate for him a cordial welcome, and a fruitful field.

WORD has just been received here from our missionaries to China, by Sister J. O. Miller. The letter was written by Dr. H. W. Miller, on board the steamer "Empress of India," on entering Yokohama harbor, Japan, and was dated Oct. 17, 1903. He reported their company of eight all well, considering the rough voyage, and spoke of their anticipated meeting with Prof. Field, on landing. After a brief stop there, a week's journey would land them in China. Their courage in the Lord was good, and with eager anticipations, they were looking forward to their future work in Honan. Remember these workers often in prayer, that they may be successfully guided in opening up their work in that needy land.

MISSION WORK AND THE MINISTRY.

THE gospel of the kingdom, which is to go to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people under the whole heaven, and that, too, in this generation, is dependent on human feet to carry, human lips to speak, human hearts to warm and encourage, in that God has committed unto men the ambassadorship of heaven. The coming missionary conventions throughout the State should, and may, have a definite bearing on this point. Many instrumentalities should be set in motion to hasten this gospel of the kingdom in our own land. Willing hands, feet, and hearts should be sought out, instructed, and encouraged to take up some part in this missionary rally; for a people is to be prepared to stand before a righteous King. Somebody will be called upon to lead out in this work,—to counsel, to plan, to encourage, to direct. Who shall it be? To whom shall we look to organize the forces, to interest even the least and lowliest among us, to share in preparing the way of the Lord. Definite answer to this question is given by one of authority in the following quotation:—

"Watchman, what of the night? Are the watchmen to whom comes this cry able to give the trumpet a certain sound? Are the shepherds faithfully caring for the flock as those who must give an account? Are the ministers of God watching for souls, realizing

that those under their care are the purchase of the blood of Christ? A great work is to be done in the world, and what efforts are we putting forth that it may be accomplished? The people have listened to *too much sermonizing; but have they been instructed as to how to labor for those for whom Christ died?* Has there been a line of work devised and laid out before the people in such a way that *each one saw the necessity of taking part in the work?*

It is evident that all the sermons that have been preached have not brought up this kind of labor, and the churches are withering up because they have failed to use their talents in diffusing the light of truth to others. Careful instruction should be given that will be as lessons from the Master, that all may put their light to practical use in benefitting others. *Those who have the oversight of the churches should select members who have ability, and place them under responsibilities, at the same time giving them instruction as to how they may best serve and bless others.'*

A GOOD PIE CRUST.

TWO cups flour, pinch of salt, about $\frac{1}{2}$ cup Wesson oil, corn oil or ko-nut, water. To make flaky, partially roll the top crust, brush with oil, dust with flour, finish rolling, decorate, put on pie and just before baking sprinkle with a little water.

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C. H. JONES.

OBITUARY.

FISHER.—Julie May Fisher, little daughter of J. V. Fisher, died from being severely burned at her home in Roscoe, O., on Sunday, Oct. 25, 1903. Little Julie's age was only 3 years, 5 months, and 7 days, but she was early taught to love Jesus and to look for his coming. Funeral services were conducted by the writer, Elder W. W. Miller being present to assist. Words of comfort were spoken from Jer. 31:15-17. BENJ. L. HOUSE.