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"Surely I Come Quickly. Even So, Come, Lord Jesus."

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MY SAVIOUR.

"Oh wond'rous Redeemer, so great and so good!
He's washed all my sins in his own precious blood.
I'll praise him; I'll praise him, and tell of his power,
Who's promised to keep me each day and each hour.
He dwells in my heart; in his strength I am strong;
And he fills me with happiness all the day long.
At night his soft whispers to hear I rejoice,
And I'm lulled to my rest by the sound of his voice.

"When weary with toil and perplexed is my brain,
There's none like my Saviour to soothe away pain.

Not even a mother who loves us so much,
Can comfort and cheer like his magic touch.
When cares like a mountain loom up to my view,

I look to this dear friend and trust him anew;
For has he not said, 'Cast on me all thy cares?'
I take them to Jesus, he answers my prayers.

"In joy or in sorrow, in weal or in woe,
Whatever betides, to my Saviour I go,
With joy and rejoicing, each moment he fills,
And strengthens me, helps me to do as he wills.

Oh had I the tongue of an angel to tell
Of the glories that in my blest Comforter dwell!

My voice cannot utter, my vision grows dim,
For language it fails me when speaking of him.

"I long for the time when the loud trump of God
Shall call forth the sleepers from earth's lowly sod;

The ransomed from Satan and death are made free,
When raised from the ocean and isles of the sea;

The living be changed in a moment, and then
Caught up in the air. Even so, come, Amen."
—Selected.

OPENING SERVICE OF THE NEW CHURCH BUILDING IN CLEVELAND.

It has been decided to hold opening services in the new house of worship on Hough Ave. in Cleveland, January 22-25. A special program will be prepared for the occasion, and an interesting and profitable meeting is expected.

The Lord has particularly mentioned Cleveland as a field that would readily respond to missionary efforts and favored it with the living messengers

of the First Angel's Message. We are also pleased to note the results that have thus far followed the efforts to establish the Third Angel's Message, and prepare a people for the second coming of Christ in the clouds of heaven. The opening meetings will be followed by a series of revival services which we hope will not only revive those who already know the Message, but prove a means of reaching many others who are as yet unacquainted with it.

The nature of the opening meetings will be of general interest. A number of Conference laborers will be in attendance, to take part in the study and discussion of various topics such as will prepare us for more efficient service in the cause of present truth.

We therefore join with the Cleveland church in extending a general invitation to any who may desire to attend these meetings, especially to all the churches in northeastern Ohio. May this effort prove to be a grand rally to our work in this part of the State.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

SYSTEMATIC OFFERING FOR 1904.

Do you read from week to week the stirring reports from our missionaries in foreign fields? Does not the very reading of these fill you with a burning desire to have a part in this great closing work? Although you may not be able to go to these distant fields yourself, you may have a representative there.

God has set his hand to this work, and it will be done. The giving of this closing Message to all the world in this generation is the grandest privilege ever extended to human beings. It will not be accomplished by spasmodic effort, but the servants of God, clothed in his armor, must press the battle to the very gates.

Every individual who loves God's truth, and who understands it for this time, has a definite, specific work to do, which will not be finished till probation closes. Let every one consider these facts in all seriousness, and begin at once to make plans for earnest, systematic effort during 1904.

A good way to do this is to adopt and faithfully carry out the ten-cent-

a-week plan of contributions to foreign missions. Many rich experiences have come to those who have adopted this plan; and the amount received by the Mission Board during the year just closed from this source alone, has amounted to almost twenty thousand dollars. Now, at the beginning of a new year, it is a splendid opportunity for others to join this company of givers.

When every Seventh-day Adventist joins this company to carry the Message to all lands, the work will be blessed with an additional fund of more than a quarter of a million dollars. Let your good resolves for 1904 include this one of our weekly offering, and the Lord will surely bless in giving results.

W. T. BLAND,
Asst. Treas. Mission Board.

A COUNSEL OF CONFERENCE LABORERS.

A LITTLE while ago I listened to a report from a conference president in which he told of a meeting held with the laborers in the conference where he presided, for the purpose of considering expense and result of their work.

Each one was expected to be frank and honest with himself and the conference as to the value of his service. Was his work bringing enough money into the treasury to pay his salary? Was anything left to extend the Message to the regions beyond after his audit was settled? Was he putting in faithful time and laboring in a manner to extend the Message among those who had not previously heard it?

It seemed from the report which was made, that the workers examined themselves to find out whether they were robbing God or not. They concluded they were robbing God's treasury if they were not paying a full tithe. They were also robbing the Lord if they were receiving more salary than their work was bringing in.

As a result of the council, a number of persons asked to be dropped from the conference pay-roll. They could not with a clear conscience continue to draw money from the Lord's treasury for the poor service they were doing. Others were moved upon to put in more time and do better work.

They felt they would be robbing God unless they reformed in their ways. According to the report that minister gave of the council, great good came to the cause as a result of the occasion.

Should not every worker in all the conferences, carefully examine his work before the Lord and settle the questions which were considered at the council reported by that minister?

WM. COVERT.

OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

Wilmington.

I FIND pleasure in reporting a few items of interest in connection with the "Christ Object Lesson" work and week of prayer service. In my previous report it was stated that as a result of holding Bible studies at night two had embraced the truth.

Now I can say that although the light part of the day was employed in canvassing, yet the Bible studies were continued at night; some of the dear brethren and sisters joining the writer in visiting the interested ones, and singing the glorious songs of Zion, and praying God to send conviction of sin, and the truthfulness of the threefold Message of restoration, this resulted in two more dear souls taking their stand for the truth of God, making four in all, and they are all heads of households.

This was a source of encouragement for the church, and as we entered the week of prayer service, the solemn conviction settled down upon us that we have reached the very time when we must arise, shake off our past indifference, lift our hearts heavenward, and receive strength to believe and live the Message, or go over entirely to the world and be lost.

The God of Israel visited the Wilmington church, heaven's influence was felt, the Spirit led to open confession as well as private, old time coldness was put away, brotherly and sisterly love came in, fathers confessed to their sons and daughters, resulting in children giving their hearts to Jesus.

The evil of raising hogs was seen, and some declared God had cursed them in their crops for so doing. How can Seventh-day Adventists convince the world it is wrong to eat swine, when they raise them? Is that the way to let our light shine, and show our love for our neighbor?

The brethren declared it to be the best meeting yet held at that place. So we shout praise to God for victory in the camp of Israel.

FRED M. FAIRCHILD.

OUR workers deserve your support.

Middlefield.

DEAR VISITOR: It was my privilege to spend the week of prayer with the church at Middlefield. Those who were there a year ago during the dedication will be pleased to know that these meetings were similar in character. The Lord came very near. We had the readings in the afternoon and evangelistic service in the evening. The readings seemed so good that we found ourselves wishing there was a set for the following week. A song service was held each evening before the regular meeting which was enjoyed by all.

During these meetings some accepted Christ for the first time, while still others made complete surrender to him. On Sabbath our company enjoyed a real consecration service and the Lord came specially near by his Spirit.

Our meetings ended Sunday evening, and we were loathe to leave these dear brethren and sisters. We believe this church will grow. They are also going to push the work by the aid of the "Family Bible Teacher." Plans are being laid by the young people to do a special work for the young men of the town. May the Lord bless the little company at this place and keep them faithful till Jesus comes.

HENRY DE FLUTTER.

THE MISSIONARY SPIRIT.

WHEN Cyrus Hamlin, the noted missionary who did such a grand work in Turkey, was ten or eleven years old, his mother gave him seven cents when going to celebrate Muster day. The money was for gingerbread, buns, etc.

"Perhaps, Cyrus," said she, "you will put a cent or two into the missionary contribution-box at Mrs. Farrar's."

As he trudged along, he began to ask: "Shall I put in one cent, or two? I wish she had not said one or two."

He decided on two. Then conscience said: "What! five cents for your stomach and two for the heathen! Five for gingerbread and two for souls!" So he said four for gingerbread and three for souls.

But presently he felt it must be three for gingerbread and four for souls. When he came to the box he dropped in the whole seven, to have no more bother about it.

When he went home, hungry as a bear, he explained to his mother his unreasonable hunger; and, smiling through her tears, she gave him a royal bowl of bread and milk. And he pathetically asks, "What was the meaning of mother's tears?"—*Set.*

SUCCESS IN THE "CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS" CAMPAIGN.

WATCHMAN, what of the debt on our schools? For one, I have a great desire to sing the Jubilee Song, a song of victory. When the "Object Lessons" first came out, I bought and sold ten copies at once: but thinking my part done I dropped the matter. Later however, in answer to another call, I went out and sold about two hundred copies. Then I felt sure that my work in that line was done. But now a third time I have gone into the harness, and have delivered forty, and have another delivery after the holidays.

I found it very easy, and requiring but little extra time to sell along with "Christ's Object Lessons" some of the smaller books. People that bought "Object Lessons," especially if they had children, would also take "Gospel Primer," or "Best Stories" also. One lady took four "Gospel Primers" for Christmas presents, making thirty of these delivered in all. Also I delivered five of "Glorious Appearing," two of "Coming King," four "Best Stories" besides the "Object Lessons," and did not lose an order. I stopped wherever the Lord impressed me to and sold some "Christ's Object Lessons" for cash, even to ministers.

I would like to tell some of my good experiences, but space will not allow. Suffice it to say that the blessings were far above my expectations. I expected at least some trouble in delivering, but had not one bit. The angel of the Lord helped me to get along fast even though it was cold and stormy. During my first day out delivering I had prayers with three different families, and the heavenly joy that flooded my soul, none but those who have had a like experience can know.

But these experiences await others who will take up the "Object Lesson" work as the Lord intended it should be in the beginning; and had all done their part and none shirked their duty, it might now have all been done. The article "Procrastination" in the VISITOR of December 23, is right to the point. Read it again, and then ask the Lord to help us out of the rut. I cannot believe that the Lord is pleased to have a few carry all the work. What do you say, brethren? let's right at it and sell this book, each his full share and be done with it. The lesson of Judges 5:23 stirs my soul, and for one, I don't want that curse to fall on me. Let us in this matter come up to the help of the Lord, and be permitted to rejoice in a work well done. As ever, yours in the work,

G. P. GAEBE.

EDUCATIONAL.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God."

GLIMPSSES OF STUDENT LIFE.

No. II.

Beginning the Sabbath.

OUR Friday evening prayer and social meeting is a source of strength to all who attend, for there God meets with us to give a Sabbath blessing. There we hear of the victories of the week, and listen to the testimonies borne by young people whose hearts are in this Message—the Message of a soon coming Saviour.

In this day of wickedness, it is an unusual thing to find young people giving their hearts to the work of God. During the week, all are busy with their work, but when Sabbath comes all things are quiet and we here seek God for a closer walk, by commencing the Sabbath in praising him for past victories, and consecrating our lives to his work for these last days.

JAMES M. IRVING.

The Sabbath-school.

THE Sabbath-school at the Academy is very interesting and instructive. Professor Lawrence is our superintendent, and has a corps of faithful teachers, who do every thing they can to make the time spent there both pleasant and profitable. We are glad that so many young people are improving this opportunity of becoming better acquainted with God's word. We meet at 8:30 A. M. so as not to conflict with the church Sabbath-school, which meets at 9:30 A. M., and is followed by the regular preaching service. The topic for study last Sabbath was the Third Angel's Message,—a topic that is near and dear to the heart of every Seventh-day Adventist. It was voted by the school that the offering taken should be donated to the Annual Missionary Offering. C. M. ASKEY.

Young Men's Self-Culture Society.

THE one ambition and aim of the young men of the Academy is to gain that preparation which will enable them to do efficient work in God's great harvest field. After leaving this place many of us will undoubtedly be called upon to stand before the public in defense of our faith; and as many of us are very timid and feel reluctant to speak of the truth in the presence of strangers, one great aim of this society is to overcome that fear of man, which we all experience to a greater or less degree.

The Society meets each Sabbath afternoon at three o'clock in room three of the Academy. In the past each speaker has been allowed to choose his own subject, but it has been decided that in the future each speaker will be given a subject on some of our doctrinal themes; thus we will become better fitted to give to him that asketh a reason for the hope that is in us.

The society has proved a great blessing to all; for all have been drawn closer to each other and to God by having taken an active part in the meetings.

CARL WEAKS.

Sunday Evening Meeting.

ON Nov. 22, 1903, six girls met in the drawing room to form an Anti-Slang Club. Our text is found in Zeph. 3:9, "Then will I turn to the people a pure language." We know that every word we utter wings its way to the throne of God, and we mean by the help of God to drop all demoralizing expressions. On November 29, four more were added to our number, so that now our society consists of ten members, all of whom want to become noble, refined women, women the world over can look to as examples; for this is the Lord's purpose for us.

The world wants women, pure women,
Free from the taint of sin;
Women whose lives are clean without,—
And whose hearts are pure within.

Realizing that "the king's daughter is all glorious within," king's daughters we mean to be.

LOUISE SCHWARZ.

Young Ladies' Self-Culture Society.

ON Sabbath afternoons a number of the young ladies meet in room five and hold a meeting. This society is called "The Young Ladies' Self-Culture Society." The name itself suggests the character and purpose of the society. There are at present about thirty members.

Each Sabbath when the roll is called, those present respond to their names with verses of Scripture. Each member is expected to take an active part in the exercises at some time, and thus by contributing receive benefit and experience in imparting to others. Many of us find this experience a little difficult, for we all are but beginners.

Our turn comes according to the first letter of our names. Our subjects are given to us and are always of a religious nature. While we endeavor to make our meetings interesting, our chief aim is to make them instructive, to the end that the members may receive a preparation for a more extensive work in the Lord's harvest field.

As we meet together from Sabbath to Sabbath we feel the influence of our

meeting increasing, and feel assured that our co-operation is being rewarded by blessings of knowledge and of spiritual strength.

GLENNA SHROCK.

KNOWLEDGE VERSUS MEMORY.

"BE a whole man in one thing at a time" would be a good motto for those who desire to be strong in anything.

Many men leave schools and colleges with a great deal of unassimilated knowledge packed away in their heads, but comparatively few have learned how to think with power and precision.

Many students are lacking in the faculty of concentration. The secret of achievement is the power to focus the thought. A man must be able to marshal his intellectual forces as Napoleon did his army, and to bring their united strength to accomplish whatever he is doing. A wandering mind will never accomplish anything.

The great trouble with our present educational system is that most schools and colleges encourage memorizing. This is a fundamental error, for the memory is not a real power. It is merely a reservoir to which the executive faculties go for material. Some of the men who have been endowed with the most phenomenal memories have never attained anything beyond mediocrity. They could recite hundreds of pages of the Bible or the Koran, and repeat whole plays, perhaps, of Shakespeare, but they were wholly lacking in executive ability.

There is no doubt that many naturally strong minds have been ruined by being overfed in school or college, and crammed with unrelated and undigested facts. It is not the overfull mind that utilizes its material, but the one that has made thoroughly practical every scrap of knowledge and every bit of experience that has come to it.

Competitive examinations are responsible for many a weakened mind. They lay too much stress on memory and textbook knowledge, and too little on a real working comprehension of a subject. A boy with a good memory can secure high marks and pass examinations creditably, simply because he remembers the pet questions and theories of his teachers, while one who has spent his time in mastering principles and gaining actual power may not obtain nearly so high rank, or may fail altogether in his examinations.

It is not memory that counts most, but ability to grasp, to hold, to analyze, to compare, and to combine, which gives a solid grip and mastery of principles.—*Success.*

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1904 for Jesus and Missions.

SHALL not Ohio be found at the front during 1904 in city work and foreign missions?

THE blue pencil mark here means that your subscription has expired. Renew at once.

BROTHER FRED M. FAIRCHILD and family attended quarterly meeting at Academia last Sabbath.

ELDER J. O. MILLER has been at home in Academia a few days, but on account of ill health did not attend quarterly meeting.

THE song "Matthew Twenty-Four," can still be obtained from this Office. Price 25 cts. or free with a new subscription to the VISITOR.

IF the VISITOR has proved a profitable investment for you during 1903, speak of it to some one else and take their subscription for 1904.

WE call your special attention to "A Missionary Proposition" on this page. The South is in a special sense our mission field and should have our support in every way.

IN spite of the stormy weather, the quarterly meeting of the Mount Vernon church was well attended, and the Lord met with his people. A determination to press together and prosecute the work in this vicinity with new energy in keeping with the onward progress of the general cause, was expressed by the church. Elders C. A. Smith and N. W. Lawrence conducted the services.

SISTER BESSIE RUSSELL has been away on business for a few days, consequently the editor and his good wife had the privilege of preparing the VISITOR for the mail last week. So if any of our readers failed to receive their paper, we are sorry; but it was our first experience with the working over the mailing list. Just write Sister Russell a card concerning it and she will see that your copy is supplied.

THE Balkan Mission is composed of Roumania, Bulgaria, Servia, and Montenegro. Though we have done no work in Servia and Montenegro, we have an organized church in Bucharest, the capital of Roumania. We also have churches among the colonists on the Black Sea.—*The Missionary Worker*.

MARRIED.

ON Thursday evening, December 24, Mr. Miles H. Acton, of Hicksville, and Miss Ida A. Iles, of Chesterville, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's brother, M. C. Iles, in the presence of a number of invited guests. The occasion was a very pleasant one, and their many friends will join with the VISITOR in wishing Brother and Sister Acton a long and happy future. Elder H. H. Burkholder officiated.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

Mary Hubbell, Roseville and Crooksville.—Miscellaneous: value of deliveries, \$170.

George W. Spies, Lima.—Coming King and Gospel Primer: value of deliveries, \$36..

J. O. Young, Cygnet.—Miscellaneous: value of orders \$13.70; helps, \$12. Total, \$25.70.

Canvassers: Please report December deliveries immediately.

N. S. M.

AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE publishers of the *Southern Watchman* inform us that during the year 1904 there will be a series of articles in that paper from the pen of Sister White, on the "Old Testament Prophecies." Many of the things written by these prophets are difficult to understand, and have been the subject of no small amount of study by Bible students. Sister White has been given special light on these prophecies and she has selected the *Southern Watchman* as a medium of communication through which she will communicate to our people this light that has been given her.

A number of the articles are already in the hands of the publishers, and as soon as the illustrations are complete, their publication will begin. Every one of our people should have the benefit of these articles. If you are a subscriber be sure not to let your subscription expire, and if you are not already a subscriber you should become one at once. Any of these articles are worth more than the price of the year's subscription. The price of the *Watchman* for one year is only one dollar. Send your subscription

to the Ohio Tract Society, or to the Southern Publishing Asso., 1025-27 Jefferson St., Nashville, Tenn.

A MISSIONARY PROPOSITION.

LOUISIANA trees are covered with a beautiful gray moss hanging two to eight feet in length—nature's most charming material for decorations—an interesting nature study. You should have some of it in your collection. We will send a large package with a picture of its original home, for framing, and full instructions for its many uses for 25 cents. The entire proceeds will be used to promote Southern Missionary Work. Help the cause and be delighted. Address Pastor C. A. Watkins, Box 385, Baton Rouge, La.

DISTRICT MEETING AND DEDICATION AT CLEVELAND.

REALIZING the shortness of time, and the great need of active workers everywhere, we earnestly invite every one interested in this work, to attend this occasion, and thus aid the work by their presence and receive instructions and encouragement that will help them hold forth the light wherever they may be placed.

The members of the Cleveland church will be pleased to entertain the brethren and sisters from other places.

It is suggested that visitors bring comforts and blankets.

The church is located on Hough Ave. near Wilson, but let all visitors unacquainted with the city call at the Sanitarium Treatment Rooms, 230 Euclid Ave.

The following program has been arranged for the district meeting in Cleveland January 22 to 25.

Friday evening, January 22, Sermon.
Sabbath morning, January 23, Sabbath-school Work.

Sabbath afternoon, January 23, Educational Work.

Sunday morning, January 24, Medical Missionary Work.

Sunday afternoon, Special Opening Exercises for the New Church.

Sunday night, Young People's Meeting followed by a sermon.

Monday morning, January 25, Church Discipline.

Monday afternoon, Missionary Work.

Monday evening, Sermon.

The Conference will furnish efficient instructors in these important lines of work.

Every department of the Lord's work is of great importance; and the call now to all the Lord's people is for service.