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

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THE QUIET WAY BEST.

WHAT'S the use of worrying,
Of hurrying,
And scurrying,
Everybody flurrying
And breaking up his rest,
When everything is teaching us,
Preaching, and beseeching us,
To settle down and end the fuss,
For quiet ways are best.

The rain that trickles down in showers,—
A blessing to the thirsty flowers,—
And gentle zepthers gather up
Sweet fragrance from each brimming cup.
There's ruin in the tempest's path,
There's ruin in a voice of wrath,
And they alone alone are blest
Who early learn to dominate
Themselves, their violence abate,
And prove by their serene estate
That quiet ways are best.

—Good Health.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONVENTION.

OUR Young People's Convention is in the past, but its results are still in the future, and they will not be small. It was more mighty in deeds than in words. It was characterized by the quiet moving of the Spirit of God, and proved that Ohio in general, and Mount Vernon Academy in particular, is a brooding-place for missionaries. It was missionary in every respect.

Besides the Academy students, who well represent this and surrounding States, a number of young people from the field were in attendance; and all were benefited by the presence and counsel of Elders H. H. Burkholder, D. E. Lindsey, R. R. Kennedy, J. O. Miller, M. C. Kirkenqall and E. J. Van Horn from the Ohio Conference; and Elder G. B. Thompson and W. H. Anderson from abroad. The two latter were early on the ground and preceded the Convention proper with inspiring talks to the students and the church.

Brother James Shultz called the first meeting to order on Tuesday afternoon, December 6, and spoke briefly of the object of the gathering, reading our commission from the writings of God's servant. Two committees were appointed to bring definite plans before the body. These went immediately to work, and on the following day

submitted their reports, which were freely discussed and adopted by the Convention with some slight changes. The Committee on Organization reported as follows:—

Organization.

Object.—To study the Bible; to study missions; to save souls.

Motto.—The Advent Message to all the World in This Generation.

Members.—Young people who really love Jesus, and desire to engage in active service in his cause, may be members. Membership implies the duty of faithfulness in all that tends to promote the object of the society.

State Officers.—The State officers shall consist of the educational secretary of the Conference, and such directors of the Conference districts as he, in council with the Conference Committee, shall appoint.

Duty of Officers.—The duties of the educational secretary shall be such as shall be outlined by the Conference.

The duties of the district directors shall be to assist the educational secretary in encouraging the organization of societies, and in carrying forward the work in their respective districts.

Local Officers.—The officers of each society shall be a leader, and assistant, and a secretary. The secretary shall receive all funds, and, after local needs have been supplied, shall turn over the surplus to the local church treasurer, to be disposed of at the order of the society. In large companies, where divisions of the society are advisable, department officers may be elected as may be necessary.

Management.—The church and Sabbath-school officers shall form an Advisory Committee to act with the officers elected by the Young People's Society in arranging for the meetings and work of the society.

Term of Office and Manner of Election.—The term of office shall not be for a longer period than three months. Two weeks before the expiration of the term, a nominating committee shall be appointed to bring before the society at the next meeting nominations for officers for the ensuing term. This committee shall be expected to counsel with the elder of the church and the

superintendent of the Sabbath-school in making up its report, so that in all things the work of the society may be under the guidance of the church.

Reporting.—The secretary of the local society shall report to the Young People's Department, who shall in turn report to the Corresponding Secretary of the General Conference Department.

Plans of Work.

The Committee on Plans, presented the following recommendations:—

We Recommend: That some systematic plan be instituted in the local societies to study home and foreign missions in their meetings,—such as the monthly study of the field as outlined in the *Youth's Instructor*.

That the instruction of the "Testimonies" be followed out in dividing the local companies into bands of two or three members each, to do various lines of missionary work, each band to give special attention to one line of work,—such as giving Bible readings, distributing tracts, canvassing for books, selling periodicals, missionary visiting, etc.

That we adopt the WELCOME VISITOR as our means of communication; and with the *Youth's Instructor* as a means of instruction and information along the lines of Young People's Work.

That the Ohio young people support one or more workers in foreign fields as part of their missionary effort; and that the funds for this purpose and for local needs be raised by weekly offerings.

That the amount (\$25.22) now in the treasury, raised by the young people at the Marysville camp-meeting to support a worker in India, be forwarded to Sister Burroway to aid her in her work.

That the native worker in Korea, Brother Sim Ki Pan, be supported by the Ohio young people for a year.

Wednesday morning Elder Thompson read a very interesting letter from Prof. Field giving a detailed account of his recent experiences in Korea. The Lord is remarkably prospering the work in that land of corrupt government and unsettled conditions. It enlisted our sympathies, and when he wrote of having to leave that land without a worker, and that one zeal-

ous native brother, Sim Ki Pan, would spread the Message there if only supported, this support to cost but \$12 or \$15 a month, we felt that this was our opportunity. This explains the last recommendation of the Committee on Plans. That evening a collection was taken from a full house to start this fund, and \$30.50 in cash was received, enough to support the worker for over two months. The chairman was instructed to send a memorial letter to Prof. Field apprising him of the good news. Our missionary, Brother Sim Ki Pan, works on the other side of the world while we sleep. Let us as Ohio young people thank God for that! Will we let him languish? No indeed! May we shake his hand in the kingdom! All felt as one expressed it, "Were the Ohio young people back of me, I would not fear for support in any field."

A feature of the Convention was the recital of experiences in Africa by W. H. Anderson, our "live missionary." From him we learned every side of missionary life. Brother Anderson expects to return to Africa in the spring and enter a new section of country, taking with him several native workers. To support one of these for the time he would be needed would cost \$42, \$6 for seven months. All hearts swelled and purses opened, and old and young contributed. Forty-four dollars and thirty-six cents for Africa was the result. It was noticeable that the older brethren and sisters were as liberal with money as with advice. Thus over one hundred dollars have been given to foreign fields since camp-meeting by our young people. Sad, yet impressive and fraught with meaning, was the death and burial of Elder H. M. Mitchell during the Convention. This was a stroke from the enemy, and as these old warriors lay by the armor and fall in the fight, we who are young and strong must buckle it on and strengthen the broken ranks.

The following named persons were appointed district directors:—

District No. 1, Mrs. Lena Grauman, of Columbus.

District No. 2, B. L. House, of Coshocton.

District No. 3, Almeda Haughey, of Cleveland.

District No. 4, Ella Talmage, of Akron.

District No. 5, John P. Gaede, of Defiance.

District No. 6, G. P. Gaede, of Marysville.

District No. 7, R. B. Thurber, of Dayton.

District No. 8, C. T. Redfield, of Hamilton. R. B. THURBER, Sec.

OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

SOMEBODY.

SOMEBODY did a splendid deed;
 Somebody proved a friend in need;
 Somebody sang a beautiful song;
 Somebody smiled the whole day long;
 Somebody thought, "'Tis sweet to live;"
 Somebody said, "I'm glad to give;"
 Somebody fought a gallant fight;
 Somebody lived to shield the right;
 Was that somebody you?

—Farm Journal.

[THROUGH the kindness of Prof. Lawrence we are enabled to publish the following letter from a former Ohio worker whose many friends will be glad of this opportunity of hearing from him.—ED.]

Logansport, Texas.

PROF. N. W. LAWRENCE:—

Dear Brother: Six weeks have passed since I wrote to you. Now I shall endeavor to write again. I wish I had time to write all I want to tell you. First of all I want to praise my heavenly Father for his loving kindness to us on this journey. Never in my life have I seen greater manifestations of divine help and guidance than since I started upon this journey; never was there a time in my life that I needed divine aid more than since we left Academia. And the Lord has proved himself to be a very present help in time of need. Time after time we have run up against circumstances or difficulties that seemed impossible to overcome, and then the Lord drew near with his wonderful power and opened the way for us. I feel to praise his name. Praise the Lord.

On account of some unpleasant experiences we were called to pass through in Mississippi, my wife's health failed her somewhat again, and she has not been quite so well as she was, but is gaining now, for which we thank our heavenly Father. We have now been on the road nine weeks. We have traveled every day except Sabbaths since starting out. As nearly as I can determine we have journeyed 1,350 miles. This is the ninth Sabbath we have spent by the roadside. In securing a place to spend the Sabbath the Lord has manifested his guiding hand. We feel like giving to these places the name that Abraham gave to the place where he was about to offer up his son and the Lord provided a ram.

We hope to enter Texas to-morrow. Our aim is to cross the Sabine River at Logansport. Our course so far has been through the following States: Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana. We crossed the Ohio River at Cairo, Ill., and the Mississippi at

Vicksburg, Miss., and passed through Shreveport, La., Thursday evening.

The first six weeks of our journey were very smooth and uneventful. But the last three weeks have been crowded with incidents and difficulties, mostly due to the lack of roads in Mississippi and Louisiana. Many times in Mississippi we would have to travel twenty-five miles to make ten in the direction we wanted to go because the road was so crooked. In fact there was no public road part of the time. There would be public roads a few miles from each town and then we would have to drive across plantations in which the roads or paths were laid out to suit the owner. Many gates to open and shut. Even public roads have gates across them in many places.

We had to cross the Yazoo River on a ferry. The ferryman was not acquainted with his work or was very careless for he nearly drowned all of us, besides plunging team and wagon into the river. It took us the greater part of the afternoon to get out of the river, and when we did get out almost every thing was wet. We had not traveled very far in Louisiana before we came to the swamps—some of them many miles across. They are very boggy and one must exercise the utmost care or he will drive into a boggy place. On entering one of these swamps one need not expect to find any houses until he is through it. People do not pass through them any more than they can help. At times the canebrakes are so dense and so tall that the roads are made dark. Sometimes the road is so dim that one must get out of the wagon and look closely for tracks to know where to drive. Again a tree will fall across the way, and the wagons have turned in every direction to get around it, and come together at a long distance ahead and the one who has never been through the swamps before does not know where that place is, so he has to leave his wagon and scout around until he finds it. There is no one in those swamps to inquire of. Sometimes the passage between trees would be so narrow, that I would have to take my ax and chop a way to drive through. You will remember my wagon was quite wide; also the cover was high. But the Lord guided us across the swamps so we kept the right road all the way.

In one of those places in which there was no regular laid out road we met with a difficulty in attempting to pass under a railroad bridge or trestle. The passage was too low by eighteen inches for our wagon. I looked around and found a higher space in the bridge where by chopping furrows

in the ground with my ax for the wheels I succeeded in passing under. But we had not gone a mile before we found we had to pass under again in a place much lower and there was no higher span we could pass under. The only way was to dig under. Fortunately there was a house near by at which I borrowed a pick and shovel. It took nearly half a day to dig under.

I see I am writing a long letter. I have many other things I would like to write about but will write again later. I praise the Lord for his loving care over us. He gives us health, our horses strength and makes our wagon hold up. Bless his name. We get our mail next time at Houston, Texas. With love and kind wishes to all I close and remain your brother,

JAMES H. SMITH.

Cincinnati.

SABBATH, December 10, was a good day for the Cincinnati church. Although we had the first snow storm of the season, nearly all the members of the church, and several who were not members, were present.

Six new members were received into the church on profession of faith; four of this company had accepted the truth as the results of labor put forth at Lawrencebury, Ind., near the Ohio line, about two years ago: three of these now live near our city.

We are glad to see our ranks filling up, which have been thinned out during the past few years by removals and apostasies. These new members came in after careful examination, so we believe they will be a strength to our church.

The first reading of the week of prayer was listened to with interest and the testimonies which followed showed a determination on the part of many to live lives for God from henceforth. We are assured that this week will mean much for us.

C. A. PREDICORD.

"THE world is very full of sorrow and trial, and we cannot live among our fellow-men and be true, without sharing their loads. If we are happy, we must hold the lamp of happiness so that its beams will fall upon the shadowed heart. If we have no burden it is our duty to put our shoulders under the load of others. Selfishness must die or else our own heart's life be frozen within us. We soon learn that we cannot live for ourselves and be Christians, that we are only God's ministers to carry blessings in Christ's name to those for whom they were intended."

ENCOURAGING WORDS FROM CAN. VASSERS.

"I WROTE you a postal from Vassalia, Ky., acknowledging receipt of books. I was at that place for Thanksgiving. It may interest you to know that while there I sold a copy of 'Daniel and the Revelation' to both the Baptist and Methodist pastors. Is not this cause for rejoicing?"

From a later communication we extract the following: "I am glad to say that the Lord placed, through me, a copy of 'Daniel and the Revelation' in the hands of a very active and prominent Bible worker in the First Baptist church of this city. This I consider even better than a sale of one to a minister for this worker has a large class. Very sincerely,
MRS. I. M. BECK."

"DEAR FRIENDS: Herewith I send one dollar for one copy of 'Early Writings' and the balance of the Bible readings with plans for placing them among neighbors and friends. I am eager to help all I can to send this Message. I love the truth and all it contains. May God impress hearts to take hold of this work as one man, and never cease until it is done. I ask an interest in your prayers as I am an isolated member, and have so few opportunities of meeting with God's people. Oh! that all will take a firm and decided stand for the truth. The Message is onward. Your sister in the Lord,
MRS. MAY JOHNSON."

"AS I have been canvassing a little during my spare moments, I will send my report now. I have been unable to report every week as there have been only a few days that I could devote to canvassing, but have been very successful while I did—sold a book in every house I entered except two. I am enjoying the work so much, and feel that it is just what the Lord would have me do, and only wish I had more time to give. Yours in the blessed hope,
LYDA E. NELSON."

LOVE FOR SOULS.

IN these days of Satan's delusions there is need of a deep love for souls in our hearts. We find in Matt. 5:44: "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use you." And who are our enemies? Those who stand in open rebellion to God. (Ps. 139:21, 22.)

When we see anyone openly and defiantly breaking the law of God, and they are "willingly ignorant" of the saving truth for this generation, what kind of thoughts fill our

minds? Are we willing to weep over these people as Jesus wept over Jerusalem? Can we kneel beside these captives and pour out our hearts in earnest prayer that God, peradventure, would give them repentance and lead them to the Light of the world? For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who will have all men to be saved and come unto the knowledge of the truth. 1 Tim. 2:3, 4.

Notice the word of the Lord by Jeremiah, "Seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray unto the Lord for it." These were very wicked cities, and did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, and yet these Hebrews were to pray for them. And we are sent as messengers to every city, town and hamlet in the world, and come face to face with the last day iniquities; and as we wrestle with spiritual wickedness in high places, this is the word of the Lord unto us, "Pray unto the Lord for them." And why pray unto God for those who do wickedly? The Lord has said that those who trample on his holy law shall burn as stubble in the day of his fierce anger. "Hath he said and shall he not do it? Hath he spoken and shall he not make it good?" Num. 23:19.

Let us read again 1 Tim. 2:2: "That we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in godliness and honesty." And so we find that it is necessary to the perfection of our characters. It is not probable that we will find it necessary to say harsh, cutting things to those whom we carry to the Lord daily in earnest prayer. Nay, but we will show Christ's love toward these captives, and maintain a commendable attitude toward those to whom we are sent with the tidings of a soon coming Saviour.

"God commendeth his love toward us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us." This deep, eternal love for souls has been manifested in Jehovah's servants since the Saviour was promised. It was manifested in Moses' intercession for idolatrous Israel. It flashes forth in Paul's willingness to be accursed from Christ that his rebellious brethren might be saved. It must be the spirit of *everyone* that is to meet the Lord in the air and sit as judges during the thousand years over the cases of the wicked. If we have this Christ love for souls, so that we cease not to warn men day and night with tears and pray the Father for them, then when he shall appear we shall be like him for then we shall have that perfect love for God's creatures burning brightly in our hearts. RACHEL R. HESS.

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Sabbath begins Dec. 23 at 4:39 P. M.

MISS ELLA TALMAGE has resumed her Bible work in Akron.

MISS HORTENSE ANDRE is spending the winter with friends in Huntington, W. Va.

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

IT is desired that all the workers send in their monthly report promptly at the close of the month.

THE students of the Academy will be given a few extra days' vacation on account of necessary repairs.

"IF every person would be half as good as he expects his neighbor to be, what a heaven this world would be."

THERE are only a few more songs, "Mathew Twenty-four," left. These will be given to new subscribers as long as they last.

"LIVE in the present and sow good seed, for inasmuch as the past has made the present, so the present is making the future."

"OUR faith is too often like the mercury in the weather-glass—it gets high up in fine weather; in rough weather it sinks proportionately low."

THE Conference treasurer desires all church remittances, especially the tithe, to be sent to the office as soon after the close of the month, December, as possible.

THE new brick smoke stack to the Academy boiler rooms is completed, and beside being a much needed improvement adds much to the appearance of the building.

AT the last service of the week of prayer, Sabbath morning, eight young people decided to serve the Lord from henceforth. It was truly a time for rejoicing, and the good testimonies of those long in the truth, and those of shorter time, were full of courage and determination to prove faithful to the One who is able to keep that which is committed to him.

WE wish to correct a misstatement in last week's VISITOR, in regard to the amount raised for the native worker in Africa, which was more than enough for the seven months devoted to the work.

OUR venerable Brother McClellan, of Springfield, who has been superintending the building of the smoke stack, returned home Monday morning. He made quite a generous donation to the Academy in a reduction of his bill.

SABBATH-SCHOOL OFFICERS, ATTENTION!

WE desire to call the attention of the Sabbath-school officers to the program for Children's Exercises in the *Review* of December 1. We trust that the schools, as far as possible, will make an effort to carry it out. Such days are often oases in the children's lives, and create an interest in those less fortunate than themselves: and not infrequently they result in making missionaries. While some may object to having an exercise of this kind on the day appointed, surely none would object to it later on. For this reason we have delayed urging it. However, we hope that some have held such a meeting: that others are preparing for it, and that the remainder will.

B. E. R.

THE WORK FOR THE BLIND.

How can we give the Third Angel's Message to the blind? We can tell them of Jesus' soon coming in the same way as the Message is given to those who see, by literature and personal efforts. The *Christian Record* is the organ through which we have given hundreds, yes, thousands of blind persons a fair knowledge of the Message.

The work for the blind is in its infancy, yet it is moving steadily onward. Many lonely hearts have been made glad by reading the *Record*. We appeal to the brethren and sisters in each State; we appeal to the tract societies to give the work their consideration, and to each conference president to give the matter his attention. We appeal to the tract societies to subscribe for the *Record* in behalf of the blind people who cannot pay for literature. Each state conference and tract society should consider it a privilege to supply all the blind in their State who are not able to pay for the paper with at least one year's subscription, and thus give them a chance to read for themselves. Is this asking too much? No. Let us give the blind an opportunity. The result

will be that laborers will be raised up who will give the Message to the blind.

Almost daily we receive applications from blind individuals for something to read, and most of them add that they are unable to pay for anything. We bring them to you, dear reader, and entreat you to help us carry the Message to these truth-loving people.

We have thus far spoken of only the blind, who have all their senses except vision. But there are those who are not only blind but also deaf. An awful condition! But they can read with their fingers. God wants us to be the eyes and ears of these unfortunate beings.

We have copies of the *Christian Record* in ink type which we will gladly mail to anyone wishing to read the paper. It is filled with the Message for to-day. Each issue tells of the soon coming of the King. Subscription, \$2 a year. It is set in American Braille and New York point.

The management of the *Christian Record* has been transferred from Washington, D. C., to the Central Union Conference, with the office located at College View, Nebr. Please send all donations and subscriptions to the secretary, Miss Katie Coleman, and all funds will be turned over to the treasurer, J. Sutherland.

L. N. MUCK,
Editor *Christian Record*.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(For week ending Dec. 9, 1904.)

Emilie Kay, Youngstown.—Coming King: 14 hours; value of orders, \$2; helps, \$3.50; total, \$5.50.

Lyda E. Nelson, Conneaut.—Coming King: value of orders, \$9; helps, \$7.75; total, \$16.75.

A. L. Hussey, Mercer Co.—Coming King and Best Stories: 26 hours; value of orders, \$13.50; deliveries, \$7.50.

J. O. Young, Cygnet.—Miscellaneous: value of orders, \$30.50.

OBITUARY.

DUNMEAD.—Mary D. Dunmead, aged 85 years, 5 months, and 18 days, died at her home at Pleasant Hill, December 15. Sister Dunmead accepted the Third Angel's Message in 1894 under the labors of Elders Guilford and Carey. She has been faithful and true to God from that time till the time of her death. She had attended the Sabbath-school up to the time of her last sickness. Her last sickness was short, she having contracted lung fever, which, with her old age, robbed her of her life. Having been the mother of eleven children, she leaves to mourn her loss eight children, and twenty-seven grandchildren. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Rev. 14:14, 15.

B. L. HOUSE.