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

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GOD'S TENTH.

WHEN good old Jacob learned to give
One tenth to God of all he had,
He found that he with ease could live
And blessings came to make him glad.
Maybe you owe to God a debt—
Pay up at once—lest you forget!

'T is said this law was set aside—
Some boast they are no longer bound—
But, if love makes the path more wide,
It would a better way have found.
No better plan has reached us yet!
Pay up at once—lest you forget!

"But I am very poor," you say,
"With scarce enough to eat and wear,"
Perhaps you've robbed God's tenth away,
And lost the blessings he would share.
Of all men you are most in debt—
Pay up at once—lest you forget.

—Selected.

LABORERS TOGETHER.

THE Lord associates with himself all his true children in the work of saving men. In the case of the minister the Lord puts his power, the Holy Spirit, and the tithe against the entire time and energy of his servant. So with all classes of laborers that devote their entire time to the Lord's work; therefore these are said to be "laborers together with God." 1 Cor. 3:9. It is not difficult to understand this; but in what sense are we all co-laborers? Some may reason that they pay their tithes to sustain the Lord's work, and that is their share in the work; but let us consider that for a moment. The tithe is the Lord's, Lev. 27:30; and when we have paid a tithe to the Lord, we have rendered unto him only his own, and have in no sense contributed to the cause and work of God. We have only made it possible for the Lord to devote his own towards the work of saving men. This being true, it is evident that we must add offerings out of our nine tenths, and this constitutes us "laborers together with God."

The Lord does not in terms state just how much we shall give, but he has taken us into his association to accomplish a certain work. The Lord has not left us without a guide in the matter of offerings. First, we are to remember that it is the Lord that gives

power to get wealth. Deut. 8:18. The earth yields her fruit at his command, and he expects his true children, at least, to recognize this fact, and then in return he looks for them to purpose in their hearts what proportion they will devote to his work in the earth. 1 Cor. 16:2.

It has seemed wisdom to our leading brethren to arrange that our foreign missionaries should receive their support largely from the offerings of the people, and if the Lord's plan were followed, and we all purposed in our hearts to offer a sum equal to one-half our tithe, there would be ample means for the present. We have not yet attained to this simple proposition of the Lord to have some fixed purpose of giving on the basis of his prospering hand upon us; and now we are admonished to contribute at least ten cents a week for missionary purposes. This would be only five per cent. of two dollars each week. If the Lord is pleased with this meager sum, we certainly ought to be content to pay it. Let each one think this matter over for himself, and then act according as God gives wisdom. The Lord is soon coming, and the nations must hear the Message, and the children of God in Christian lands receive the reward of the faithful.

ALLEN MOON.

TO OUR SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

AS spring approaches with its many responsibilities and plans for labor, I wonder how many are laying plans for the advancement of our work in the Sabbath-schools. We know that we can not carry on a great work successfully unless we have some prearranged plan. Is there any reason why our minds should be especially directed to the consideration of this work at the present time? Let us notice a few statements from the Spirit of Prophecy.

"The Sabbath-school, when rightly managed, possesses marvelous power and is adapted to doing a great work, but it is not now what it *may* and *should* be." "Our Sabbath-schools are nothing less than Bible societies, and in the sacred work of teaching the truths of God's word, they can accomplish far more than they have

hitherto accomplished. The Sabbath-school, when rightly managed, possesses marvelous power, and is adapted to doing a great work, but it is not now what it *may* and *should* be."

It is here evident that the reason for the inefficiency of the Sabbath-school is not due to a lack of machinery, but there is a decided lack on the part of those who have charge of the machinery. It possesses power, marvelous power, and is adapted to doing a great work. Then where only can the lack be? In a dearth of those persons who are willing to arise, and in the help of God utilize the power entrusted to them. I fear that many of our people fail to recognize the object for which our Sabbath-school work was established. This brings the question, "Why should this work exist?" I answer by quoting the following statements: "The Sabbath-school, if rightly conducted, is one of God's great instrumentalities to bring souls to a knowledge of the truth. The Sabbath-school should be one of the greatest instrumentalities, and the most effectual in bringing souls to Christ."

We expect much of our ministers as they go forth to labor for the salvation of souls. We expect to see results follow their efforts to labor for the Master. Indeed we are disappointed if this is not the case. Yet do you know, my brother and sister, that "one of the greatest instrumentalities and the most effectual in bringing souls to Christ" is within your grasp? The reason that you meet as you do from Sabbath to Sabbath is that in the study of the word of God souls may be saved.

This means that you who are in these schools have grave responsibilities resting upon you. Are you seeing souls saved as the result of the efforts put forth by your school? If not, is the school fulfilling its mission? A consideration of these facts as they are should not discourage us. No; but if we are at fault it should give us a desire to get right. If our school is not doing all it should, then let us see to it that it does. I think after studying the instruction given us in the Spirit of Prophecy we will all feel a desire to see more accomplished.

Can we not devise some plan to work unitedly for the betterment of existing conditions? I believe nothing will help us so much as a careful consideration of the work itself. There is no better way to do this than to meet and hold a good Sabbath-school Convention. We have thought it would be helpful to suggest a certain day to be known as Convention Day for the State of Ohio. No better time could be suggested than the latter part of May. This will give all ample time to prepare to follow out a suggestive program which will appear in a later issue of the VISITOR.

Will not all enter heartily into this plan for the success of the work? I believe the effort will be crowned with success if there is united action. The superintendents should give this matter their immediate attention and urge its importance upon their respective schools. Further and more explicit instructions will appear later.

Until that time I would ask all who are interested in this work to carefully study the little book called "Selections from the 'Testimonies' on Sabbath-school Work." If you do not have one at the present time you can secure the same by sending thirty-five cents to the Ohio Tract Society, Academia, O. Yours for the success of the work, JAMES E. SHULTZ.

DAYTON YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY.

TO THE VISITOR: We feel sure VISITOR readers would like to hear about our work. Our organization dates from last fall, and we have held regular weekly meetings since. Sabbath afternoon at 2:30 is our meeting time. We have found this most convenient. Since the Convention at the Academy in December we are conforming closely to the plans of organization decided upon there. We make it a point not to hold meetings over an hour, and they are alive from start to finish.

The first half of the meeting is devoted to plans for work and missionary reports. The Society was divided into bands of two or three and each took a special line of work. But we find that all are doing whatever comes to hand. Some of our lines of work are as follows: hanging and supplying racks with our literature in public places, visiting and treating the sick, distributing our papers in hospitals, systematically working with the *Family Bible Teacher*, distributing "Appeal to Clergy," and sewing for the poor. We have voted to supply bedding for one bed of a visiting ministers' tent at camp-meeting. Other societies are taking this up, and it is surely a good work. Our collections are taken up

at the close of the meeting, when all are inspired by what has been said and done to make a deposit in the bank of heaven. We have sent two dollars for Brother Lim Ki Pan, and have several dollars in the treasury, beside spending much for local work.

The last half of our meeting is usually occupied with missionary readings and helpful talks, songs, and recitations. We believe in making our meetings very interesting to all so none will wish to stay away. God is blessing our feeble efforts to accomplish much good both in and outside the church, and we feel greatly encouraged to push on. Surely the Lord will accomplish a great work through the young people of this State. We rejoice to see such an awakening in behalf of missions at the Academy.

Then onward, ever onward, let us go
To ripening fields, where inland rivers flow:
From mountain unto mountain, sea to sea,
Till Satan's evil armies turn to flee,
Till Prince Immanuel's standard floats unfurled;
The on-march of the gospel thrills the world.

R. B. THURBER.

MEETING IN EASTERN POLYNESIA.

ON the island of Raiatea, and up one of its lovely valleys hidden between high, picturesque mountains, and on the bank of a crystal torrent, fed by many high cascades not far distant—a fit place, indeed, to remind us of God's righteousness, which is like the great mountain, was the place chosen for our conference of the Eastern Polynesian mission.

Here is the school farm which Brother Cady has begun with Sister Anna Nelson as teacher. One of our many considerations was that this ideal spot should be a missionary training home for native laborers, and it seemed to us no better place could be found for such a work.

All our discussions were directed to the one supreme end of speedily carrying the Message to all places in this generation, and God witnessed his approval of the meeting by blessing us abundantly with his Holy Spirit. It was felt by us to be the best we ever attended.

Brother Gates gave us most opportune lessons. The first Sabbath we met together a tender feeling of repentance and weeping came upon all. It was remarked by an old resident that Raiatea had never before seen such a meeting. The same tender spirit was present all through, and a hearty praise meeting closed the conference. The following Sabbath five young people were baptized,

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OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

Springfield.

IN closing her report of the District Meeting at Springfield, Sister Graves asked that prayers might be offered for the meetings that were to follow. I am sure that those who have complied with the request will be glad to know how God has been hearing.

To the Springfield church, the District Meeting proved but "the beginning of the end" of good things, and while it was a feast to us yet the best of the wine seems to have come at the last.

For months we have looked forward to the first series of meetings in our new church, at which time the complete Message could be presented to those not of the faith.

We have not been disappointed. Elder E. J. Van Horn remained and since February 27 has preached each night, except Saturday nights. The enemy came in like a flood and would have laid this earnest, faithful minister under his merciless hand, and afflicted him with bodily infirmity and thus stopped the good work. But remembering the promise, that the Spirit of the Lord would lift up a standard against him, Brother Van Horn pleaded the promise of God, and sustained by the prayers of the church for him, he went boldly forward in the work. His strength of body and mind, to continue constantly in the work, which consisted not only of preaching, but of distributing notices of the meetings and visiting the people, has been miraculous.

Notwithstanding that much of the time the weather has been very bad, cold and wet, and the nights dark there has been a constant good attendance of interested listeners. Brother Van Horn began the meetings with practical sermons, based on the Sermon on the Mount. These sermons brought out the progressive steps necessary in the attainment of a perfect Christian character, and were calculated to bring the church into that condition of spirituality where it could be a help to those who, by the presentation of the Message might take their stand on the Lord's side.

The method of making every thing plain on tables, "that those may run who read," which is one characteristic of Elder Van Horn's preaching, proved an excellent means of interesting and holding the attention of the people, and almost before we were aware of it, the Message as found in Rev. 14:9-12 was preached, and some began to make decisions on the side of truth. Thus far five persons have expressed their

intention to keep the Sabbath of the Lord, beginning with Sabbath, March 18. We expect that others will also do so.

The Spirit of the Lord has so directed the preaching of the word, that it certainly will be a savor of life unto life to many who are hearing.

As a church, we feel grateful for what we are seeing accomplished, and last Sabbath the service was devoted to a special service of prayer for the success of the meetings and praise for what he has done. Dear old Brother Wood has been able to bear a share of the burdens in opening and closing the meetings, and as his feeble, trembling voice invoked the blessing of God upon the meetings, we could feel the presence of him who has promised to be in such gatherings. We are grateful to still have with us this faithful shepherd whose mature counsel in so many things is so valuable. Continue to pray for the work here.

KATHARINE E. MILLER.

Lagrange.

WELCOME VISITOR: It is with pleasure that I report the conclusion of a very successful series of meetings at this place by Brother W. E. Bidwell. There has been a fairly good attendance at the meetings all along, with a growing interest in the truths for these last days.

One characteristic feature of the meetings was a growing interest on the part of outsiders to hear the truth. If it had been possible for Brother Bidwell to have remained to develop the interest, I think that it might have resulted in some accessions to the faith. We are hoping that he may be able to return at some future time and again take up the work so favorably begun. However, we have seen some visible results of the work that has been done here by Brother Bidwell.

Last Sabbath was a good day for the Lagrange church and one that will not soon be forgotten. After an interesting discourse on the "Duties of Children to Their Parents and to God," Brother Bidwell asked that all present who wished to be identified with this last saving Message and have a home in God's eternal kingdom to manifest this desire by rising to their feet. Nearly all present arose. It was then asked for all those that had never been baptized but desired to follow their Lord in baptism to remain standing. Some five or six of our youth manifested their desire to follow their Master in this solemn service.

We felt that timidity was holding some back, so it was suggested that

an after service be held with the young people. This was done, and as a result several others took a noble stand with those who had earlier in the meeting expressed their desire for baptism. About thirteen of our youth gave their hearts to the dear Lord, for which we have occasion to feel very thankful.

We are encouraged when we see the larger part of the youth in our church school take so noble a step, in fact there are only two or three of the younger members of the school who have not done so. There was one adult that also expressed a desire to unite with this people. We would ask the readers of the VISITOR to remember these noble youth in their prayers.

CHARLES A. MERRIAM.

Trinway

TO THE VISITOR READERS: Elder J. O. Miller and the writer have been preaching the stirring truths of this Message at Wakatomika for three weeks. The people of this place were anxious to hear our Message and the Lord blessed us in securing the Baptist church. This is the only church building in the town and we secured this free of charge. There are a number of Methodist people in the vicinity, and the doctrine of instantaneous sanctification is the chief doctrine held by these people. Of course we preach the truth and it is by that we are sanctified. John 17:17. Praise be to the Lord for this glorious Third Angel's Message with which we can meet every false doctrine.

Many souls are deeply stirred with the truths we have presented, and we are praying earnestly that some of the seed will fall on good ground. God has been our helper and we have gained many friends among the people. We have scattered the printed page like the leaves of autumn and only eternity will reveal the results.

We are glad to report that the Sabbath-schools at Coshocton, Pleasant Hill, Dresden and Trinway are getting along nicely and God is richly blessing the faithful ones. Pray for us in this part of the Lord's vineyard. Your brother in the Message,

B. L. HOUSE.

THE Mission Board reports that returns are slowly coming in from the Christmas and New Year gift collecting cards. Word has been received from 450 cards, showing an aggregate gift to missions from this source of over \$675. Two churches in the East report \$40 and \$100 respectively gathered directly by means of the cards. Doubtless many who have used the cards have not reported to the general office, sending the gift with their regular offerings.

East Liverpool.

WELCOME VISITOR: My experience in the canvassing work certainly is a source of encouragement to me. I find so many who are just waiting to hear the truth for this time, and I am glad that I have such a good "help" to sell them—"Bible Readings."

This morning I had a good experience. I called on one of the wealthiest ladies in East Liverpool and was shown to the reception room by her butler, who made my presence known to the lady. She told him she was getting ready to go out and did not have time to see any one. The Spirit of the Lord changed her mind and she called to him to wait and she came down. I started to canvass her when she said, "I don't wish to buy any books as my brother is a minister and he will get me any of those books at cost." I told her I was sorry to have detained her but would like very much yet to show her my books. Then she sat down. I showed her "Bible Readings," and "Coming King." Then she asked me who I was working for, and I, knowing she was afraid of Adventism, told her I was a missionary for the Lord and working for him. Then she said, "I must not take this book (Coming King) any way." Then we had a talk on some points of present truth when I saw she was interested but did not wish to detain her longer, knowing she was in a hurry and started to leave, when she said, "Oh! don't be in a hurry, sit down, we must talk some more about these things. Then she asked the price of "Bible Readings." When I told her she gave me her order for it and asked for my address; said she must call and see me and asked me to be sure to call to see her again. She told me what she had said when the butler told her I wished to see her and said she knew that it was the Lord that sent her down to see me. I am so thankful for what the Lord is doing for me, and I give him all the praise and wonder why it is there are so few engaged in this grand work when there are so many who are glad and anxious to get books that will tell them about Jesus. My prayer is that many may see the importance of this work and engage in it.

KITTEE MAE HALSTEAD.

BROTHER W. A. BARLOW has opened a school for boys, about ten miles from his present mission station. Already eight or ten, chiefly shepherd boys of the Santal race, are attending. Brother Barlow is laboring to train these Santal boys for service among their own people.

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BESSIE E. RUSSELL - Editor.

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Sabbath begins Mar. 31 at 6:23 P. M.

BROTHER P. S. STEINBAUGH is quite seriously ill.

THE new address of C. A. Pedicord is 2617 Gilbert Ave., Cincinnati, O.

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

MRS. J. L. DORSEY and family of Allegheny, Penn., have taken up their residence in Academia.

SABBATH, April 1, is the time appointed for the Haskell Home collection. We trust that this worthy cause will appeal to all, and that a generous contribution will be given. "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord: and that which he hath given will he pay him again."

BROTHER and SISTER L. G. WAGNER have recently settled in Cincinnati where they expect to remain some time. Brother Wagner travels for an Eastern firm, while Sister Wagner will open treatment rooms at 2617 Gilbert Ave. Sister Wagner is a graduate nurse of the Battle Creek Sanitarium, and has had many years experience in sanitarium work. We hope this will be the beginning of a large work in this needy field. C. A. P.

ELDER R. W. MUNSON writes as follows from Batavia, Java, where he spent a few weeks: "Since coming here I learn that only after forty years have they got a Chinese Christian community of about fifty or sixty. We have about thirty [in Sumatra] after five years. This is encouraging, and I feel like extending the work to this island. There are many more Chinamen here than in Padang. There we have only 8,000, while in the district of Batavia alone there are 100,000. There are probably not far from a quarter of a million Chinese in Java."

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU SAY.

IN speaking of a person's faults,
Pray don't forget your own;
Remember, those with homes of glass
Should never throw a stone.
If we had nothing else to do
Than talk of those who sin,
'Tis better we commence at home,
And from that point begin.
We have no right to judge a man
Until he's fairly tried;
Should we not like his company,
We know the world is wide.
Some may have faults—and who has not?
The old as well as young;
Perhaps we may, for aught we know,
Have fifty to their one.

Then let us all, when we begin
To slander friend or foe,
Think of the harm one word may do
To those we little know.
Remember, curses sometimes, like
Our chickens, roost at home.
Don't speak of others' faults until
You have none of your own.
—McCall's Magazine—

MARRIED.—At the home of the groom, Mr. George Belinfeldt, of Sherwood, O., and Miss Nettie Gaede, of Marysville, O., were united in marriage by the writer. A large number of relatives and friends were present to witness the ceremony. Instead of supplying the guests with wine and beer as is usually the custom with the Germans, Brother John P. Gaede spoke to those present in their native tongue from Ephesians 5. The presence of the Lord was with us, and hearts were made tender by the sweet influence of his Spirit.

FRANCIS M. FAIRCHILD.

SUMMER SCHOOL NOTICE.

WITH a view of making definite arrangements for summer classes, the Board of Managers and faculty of Mount Vernon Academy have directed the publication of this notice:—

All persons interested in taking class work at this place during the coming summer vacation will please send in, as soon as possible, their names and addresses together with the lines of study they desire to pursue. This will make possible ample preparations to meet the demand without arranging for what will not be called for.

All those attending here last year were liberal with their praises for the benefits received. "Shall we not expect even better results for the coming session? But remember that you will help make it so by an early response to this request. Plenty of room and welcome for all. Definite announcement of details will be given later; but don't fail to send your name, address, and studies desired, NOW, to the Mount Vernon Academy, Mount Vernon, O. N. W. LAWRENCE.

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one of whom was a little native boy from our Raratongan school, and whom we left at Raiatea with Sister Nelson. We then separated to our respective fields of labor, feeling thankful for the spiritual blessings we received, and renewed with strength to "press the battle to the gate."

G. F. JONES.

NOTICE.

FOR a number of years the reports of the General Conference have been published in the *Bulletin*. But this year it has been decided to issue no *Bulletin*, and to publish the Conference proceedings in the *Review*.

The number of pages of the *Review* will be increased from twenty-four to thirty-two during the time these reports are published, and on account of the increased expense of this enlargement, for which no extra charge is made on the six, eight, and twelve month subscriptions, the regular two and four months' rates are to be discontinued after April 1, until June 30, and the three months' subscriptions are raised to fifty cents in all cases excepting our present subscribers who may need to renew before June 30. To these, the old rate is continued.

OHIO TRACT SOCIETY.

CANVASSER'S REPORTS.

(For week ending Mar. 17, 1905.)

Kittie M. Halstead, E. Liverpool.—Bible Readings: 7 hours; value of orders, \$8.

OBITUARY.

□ CAMPBELL.—Died at his home near Nashville, O., March, 16, 1905, Mr. Campbell, aged 73 years, 7 months, and 24 days. In former years Brother Campbell had belonged to the Disciple Church, but on hearing the Seventh-day Adventists about ten years ago he accepted the doctrines held by them. In fact it was only a theory to him, but the last few days of his life were spent in acknowledgment and confession that he had not lived up to his knowledge and privilege. A few days before his death he made his peace with God. After being buried in baptism by Elder M. C. Kirkendall, he expressed a willingness to depart, with a full assurance that he will hear the voice of the Life-giver when he comes in the clouds of heaven. Of his father's family only one brother (Alexander Campbell) remains. Of his own family, his aged wife, two sons (William and Charles), one daughter (Mary), together with six grandchildren and one great grandchild, remain to mourn their loss. An audience of perhaps 300 people gathered in the Methodist church, at Nashville, where the funeral was preached by the writer. Thus another life is ended; another body consigned to its resting place to await the voice of our dear Saviour.

J. O. MILLER.