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

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SABBATH.

COME holy hours of sacred time,
Sweet day the Maker blest,
A remnant of that Eden clime
Where all was perfect rest.

Dear monitor, that binds my heart
To mansions fair above,
It folds the weeks of earth apart,
A covenant of love.

Though born to earth and made for man,
T'will be transferred to Heaven:—
A golden link in mercy's plan,
A link that nought hath riven.

There all the pure of earth will meet,
And all the ages through
With Christ the holy Sabbath keep,
When earth is made anew.

MRS. P. ALDERMAN.

"PREPARE TO MEET THY GOD."

~~The last great crisis is upon us.~~
The door of mercy is soon to close forever. Everywhere men are working against the divine precepts. God has committed a sacred work into the hands of his servants. The saving power and truths of the gospel must be set before the people by precept and example. Sinners must be pointed to the "Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." "Thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins."

Sin is the transgression of the law. Jesus says, "I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love." He gave us an example that we should follow in his steps.

If the churches expect strength they must live out the principles taught by our Saviour, and exemplified by him while on earth

The Sabbath was the sign that distinguished ancient Israel when they came out of Egypt to enter the earthly Canaan. Modern Israel who are now about to inherit and pass into the heavenly Canaan, must be sealed with the seal of God. "Verily my Sabbaths shall ye keep: for it is a sign between me and you, throughout your generations." He denominates it my holy day. We are commanded to remember it; to keep it holy. Its boundaries are clearly defined. Its land marks

are immutable, and can be discerned by all without difficulty or mistake.

While the Lord was speaking the law upon the mount, neither men nor beasts were permitted to touch the borders of it for the Lord came down upon it, and made it holy. His presence is just as verily in the Sabbath for he sanctified and hallowed it. Our pure minds should be stirred up by way of remembrance lest we touch the borders of the Sabbath and die. Secular work, other than works of charity and mercy, must not be carried over into the Sabbath. "If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shall honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

Angels are turning from those who fail to appreciate the sacredness of God's sanctified day, and are removing from them their light and their strength. They are frequently sad for they are overshadowed with a cloud, and feel the lack of the Spirit of God. Earnest prayer and watching thereunto will bring the Holy Spirit to our aid, and make us like the unerring Pattern. If we choose to throw off the restraining influence of the Sabbath, Satan will lead us captive at his will and we shall be overthrown in the wilderness.

R. R. KENNEDY.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY IN THE LAKE UNION CONFERENCE.

FOR some years God has been calling upon us as a people to educate, train, and assist our young people in organizing and entering his work. So far we have neglected his call. He says this neglect is a "grievous offense" to him. We claim to believe the advent message is to go to the world in this generation; yet we have neglected to put in operation one of

the powerful agencies for accomplishing this work. He says, "With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world!" (Education," p 271)

What results have followed our neglect to heed the call of God? Instead of an army of youth carrying the advent message to the world, we have seen and are seeing, an army of our youth becoming weary of the truth, and going to the world to become servants of Satan. How many tears have been shed; how many agonizing prayers have been offered for these straying lambs of the fold, by their Adventist parents, the dear Lord and recording angel only know. The question will be asked, "Does not God hear those parents' prayers?" Certainly; but how can he do all for the wandering youth he desires, when we refuse to "arouse from" our "lethargy, and see what manner of service is demanded?" He says, "Very much has been lost to the cause of God by lack of attention to the young."

That we may study and better understand the Lord's requirements, it has been decided to set apart Sabbath, Dec. 2, as Young People's Day, to be observed by all churches in the Lake Union Conference. Appropriate readings have been prepared and will be sent to the churches, accompanied by a program, with suggestive topics to be considered; also instruction for carrying out the program. The elder, Sabbath-school superintendent, with the church school teacher and leader of the Y. P. S., should constitute a committee of arrangements to have charge of the day's service. Let them commence at once to pray and plan for the success of the meeting. As soon as possible, arrange to have the young people take a prominent part in the meeting. Remember, much depends upon consecration and prayer.

The blessing of God will rest upon us as we humble our hearts before him and seek for wisdom and help to discharge our long neglected duties.

May God grant that this service

may prove a new epoch in the history of our work in the Lake Union Conference. W. D. CURTIS, *Educational Secretary, Lake Union Conference.*

OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

OUR PAYMASTER.

"AND he said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way." Matt. 20:4

The above is the contract that every laborer in the Lord's vineyard subscribes to who responds to the call—"whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

The great Head of the bank of heaven says,—“whatsoever is right I will give you.” indicating that they accepted the offering and had confidence in their employer that he would do the right thing by them. To have stopped and parleyed with him for more definite knowledge as to how much they would receive, would have been equivalent to doubting his knowledge of what was right, or his unwillingness to do the right thing.

At another time he assures them by saying,—“Take no thought, (anxiety) saying, what shall we eat? Or, what shall we drink? Or, where withal shall we be clothed? For your heavenly Father knoweth ye have need of these things.”

Then he again lifts the future before them and gives them a glimpse of their future reward to be received when the work is finished. To those who had put their talent to use, he then says,—“Well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.” Souls won by his sacrifice are his joy, (Heb. 12:2. Zeph. 3:17.) and those who have done service for him share his joy over these souls. No one who has been faithful will then question concerning the pay he has received.

Oftimes when the selling of our books is presented to those who should go, the response comes, “Can a fellow make a living at that work?” I confess that oftentimes our workers are brought into strait places; but there is his word,—“Whatsoever is right, that will I give,” and the child of faith believes it, and the results of his efforts show God has been true in these things. “he knows ye have need of.”

Those who have done faithful work the past year have been wonderfully prospered. A recent report of the General Conference Secretary of the

publishing committee shows that the agents have averaged larger sales per hour than ever has been reached in the past. God is in this work, and he will supply our needs, and then the joy never ending at the end of the race. Who will take him at his word and go?

J. B. BLOSSER.

Mansfield.

TO THE VISITOR: We are glad to report again through the columns of our useful little paper. Our hearts have been made glad to hear the good reports from our many laborers in the field.

It was my lot to assist Elder Shannon in the tent effort following the camp-meeting at Mansfield. There were about a dozen Sabbath-keepers there, who needed encouragement and help, and we were glad to report that these dear souls helped us very much in the meetings, and did what they could to make them a success. Our attendance was not very large, but we were blessed by the regular attendance of a few faithful souls.

Most of the people of the city received the impression that the meetings were all over when the camp was removed from the fairgrounds. The attractions of the county fair, and the city parks, and with some inclement weather detracted somewhat from the meetings also. But our hearts were made glad to see a few dear ones take their stand to obey all of God's commandments:

All who were interested in the advancement of the cause pledged to pay for the renting of a hall in which to continue their meetings. Our sincere desires for these brethren and sisters is that they may be faithful in holding up the light of present truth till some further work can be done for them. God will abundantly bless the efforts of even a few, if they stand united in the work of God. I would to God that all our churches might read 1 Cor. 1:10 and follow its instruction.

We are anxious to see another month's meeting held in Mansfield in some place this winter, and through the blessing of God a church may yet be organized there.

Yours for the Truth,

B. L. HOUSE.

Akron, Mansfield.

WELCOME VISITOR: It was my privilege to return to Akron to attend quarterly meeting after an absence of a few weeks in Mansfield.

The quarterly services were well attended as usual, and we enjoyed a precious season together.

All were rejoicing in the Saviour's love; one praised the Lord for physical healing since last she met with us; another for the knowledge of the true Sabbath, which had come to her, and others for special blessings received.

While we missed the absent ones who have been called to rest during the past year, we were comforted with the assurance that they are asleep in Jesus and thankful that the Lord has raised up others to take up the work and carry it forward so nobly.

We were glad to see the six new members who united with us during the past summer and to know they were of good courage.

We rejoice to know that the Akron church is so prosperous, and may they all continue faithful, letting their light shine to others around them, that many more may be brought into the fold. ELLA M. TALMAGE.

Cygnets.

WELCOME VISITOR: There has been quite a long lapse of time since a report from this place appeared in your columns. Perhaps a few words will be of interest to your readers.

The Cygnet church is now two years of age, having passed its second birthday anniversary, on Oct. 19. Nearly all of our members are holding out firm, strong in the faith, growing in grace, and in the knowledge of the Word. The truths of the Third Angel's Message which have taken root in their hearts, are also reaching out to others.

A good missionary spirit exists, and corresponding activity in missionary lines is manifested. Because of this a number of persons, both children and adults, have been drawn toward the truth, and have been meeting with us on the Sabbath. One of these persons, a lady, began the observance of the Sabbath the past summer.

This church held its quarterly meeting at the regular time, Sabbath Oct. 7. This was a good day for this little company. A goodly number of the members were present. The lady mentioned above, requested admission into the church, and was added to our numbers. This was a cause of much rejoicing to us all.

As we all participated in the celebration of the Christian ordinances, the tender spirit of the Lord held sweet communion with each heart. With such a refreshing we were all of good courage to go forward in the service, and work, and sufferings of the Master.

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