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WHAT OF THY HOUR?

WHAT of thy hour just past?
The record of that hour shall last
When time is spent. What record went
Of thought and deed,
Marked time, the Judge may read,
And put beneath thy name?
Was it an hour of worth or shame:
Of gold or dross;
Of gain, or of eternal loss?
How were the moments God hath given thee
spent?
Dropped one by one and lost, or sent
On errands some Christ work to do?
What superscription did they bear for you
To yonder world? Was God or time
Stamped on the moments? That no crime
Stained their fair hue
Is not enough. 'To God is due
Return of love's sweet breath:
Of sacrifice through life, through death;
Of hours stamped deeply with his name;
Of moments kindled into flame
To ~~mark~~ ^{mark} time. - ~~Count up~~ ^{Count up} returns of time;
They will thy riches be throughout
eternity.

- Selected.

WHEN DOES MICHAEL STAND UP?

"AND at that time shall Michael stand up, the great Prince which standeth for the children of thy people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book." Dan. 12: 1. "And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the Kings of the East might be prepared." Rev. 16: 12.

We now have before us a subject of vast importance and one, too, that ought to be well understood by every Seventh-day Adventist.

The entire eleventh chapter of Daniel is a literal historical prophecy; the most remarkable of its kind in all the Bible. Beginning with the first year of Darius the Mede, we are brought down through the history of nations till we reached the final destruction of the Turkish Government; an event yet future, but from present indications it cannot be far away. The closing struggle of this power is described by the inspired writer in the

last verses of this chapter and reads as follows: "And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palaces between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end and none shall help him."

When we consider that with the end of this government comes the end of every earthly government this subject becomes one of world-wide interest.

It is not our purpose, however, in writing this article, to study in detail the events mentioned by the prophet that are to occur at this time, but to ascertain, if possible, when Michael stands up. From a study of our first text and context we learned that in connection with the standing up of Michael there will be (A) A time of trouble that will surpass anything of the kind since there was a nation upon the earth. (D) The deliverance of God's people who have been found written in the book (the investigative judgment having closed with the living.) (C) A limited and specific resurrection, an event inseparably connected with the closing scenes of time. Here the prophet Daniel leaves us; hence we turn to the second text and read a further description by John. This text and context tells of the seven last plagues, which takes place during the time of trouble spoken of by Daniel, and cannot take place until after the close of probationary time.

The sixth of these plagues fall upon the great river Euphrates, and the waters thereof are dried up:—that is the nation symbolized by that river,—namely, the Turkish government—comes to its end. Of this same event Daniel says that "he comes to his end with none to help him." Dan. 11:45.

By an increase of pressure which for years has been accumulating, the Turkish government will be compelled to move its seat of government from Constantinople to Jerusalem. This act marks the beginning of the end of this power. How long after this before the end is reached we do not know: but it will probably not be a great while. It is in connection with this coming to his end that Michael stands up; but just how near to the time when he vacates Constantinople we are not told by either of the in-

spired writers. Whether the Turk is at Constantinople, or Jerusalem at the time Michael stands up we have no means of knowing positively.

Of this one thing we may be sure; the standing up of Michael and the close of probation will not be delayed until the falling of the sixth plague.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

NOTES OF COURAGE FROM THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

Norwalk, Camden.

DECEMBER 8-11 we had a precious time with the church at Norwalk. This little company has been struggling along for years, holding on to the arm of God, hoping and praying for better days to come. The Lord came very near, and his sacred presence was one in our midst from the beginning until the close of the meetings. May our heavenly Father ever bless and lead his people at this place.

The latter part of the week of prayer was spent with the Camden church. The Lord was with us at this place. The meetings were well attended and we all felt well repaid for the effort we made, when on the Sabbath the Lord came very near and our souls were watered as we listened to the stirring truths for this time.

Take courage dear brethren and sisters for deliverance is very near.

Your brother in the blessed hope.

FRANCIS M. FAIRCHILD.

Sidney, Ohio City.

It has been my privilege to spend a few weeks among the churches in Districts five and six. At Walnut and Elgin were held appropriate Ingathering services. The churches were nicely decorated and on every hand were evidences of God's blessing.

Booths, where evergreens united with beautifully tinted leaves, mingled with the golden grain and clusters from the vines, and ornamented with flowers, reminded us that there is that that never dies, and that by the Master's touch a beauty is ever imparted to the passing of the year. The exercises participated in by old and young made impressions upon many minds,

and will be the means of much encouragement. A few days were pleasantly and, I trust, profitably spent with the new companies at Sidney and Ohio City. A call was sounded to counsel with the Conference Committee to which I gladly responded.

In company with Brother James Shultz I next visited the church at Hamler. I found them anxious for help, and more time could well have been spent there. But appointments made it necessary to hasten on and join Elder Fairchilds in visiting the churches at Cygnet, Six Points, Dowling and Liberty Centre; making visits by the way at Portage, Bowling Green, and Toledo. As at most of these places the churches are new it seemed best for me to meet them in company with the former superintendent. This arrangement afforded me satisfaction and I believe was for the good of all concerned.

From Liberty Centre I went to Hicksville. Here I was reminded of pleasant labors many years ago with Elders Burkholder and Boardman. I found the little company rejoicing in the hope set before them. Meetings were held at Farmer Centre, in which the Sherwood church joined. The Lord blessed and every one rejoiced in His service.

The forepart of the week of prayer I spent with the church at Van Wert. There are still some faithful souls here despite the ravages of time, and they appreciate every effort in their behalf.

The latter part of the week of prayer was devoted to the new company at Ohio City. The Lord is surely moving upon their hearts, and they rejoice in the truth. The first one I met hastened to say, "we are having meetings every night." They were ready to do their part in making up the donation. They take pleasure in recognizing the Lord as sovereign by paying their tithes.

The Lord is blessing and prospering his people, and they are anxious to help forward the work, and appreciate the instruction given them. We have every reason to be encouraged in the Master's service.

A. C. SHANNON.

Ohio City, O.

Laura, Dayton.

WELCOME VISITOR: According to previous plans, I visited Laura and Dayton during the week of prayer.

At the former place, Elder E. J. Van Horn had been conducting a series of meetings, and aroused quite an interest. By the request of the brethren I followed up the interest by holding a public service each evening at the

conclusion of the week of prayer readings. Some were ready for baptism. We learned Elder Van Horn would return, so we trust ere this the ordinance of baptism has been performed. The brethren were of good courage.

At Dayton we found the church anxiously awaiting my arrival. A goodly number were present at each meeting, and much interest manifested in the proclamation of the gospel of the Kingdom to all the world in this generation.

I am now at Powell for a few days.

J. O. MILLER.

Canton.

WELCOME VISITOR: According to appointment I spent the week of prayer with the church at Canton.

Although few in number they stand faithful for the truth, "looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ."

The Lord was with us in a special manner, and we all felt his sacred presence, and we are confident that, through the blessing of God, the readings were of great benefit to every one. All expressed a desire to press forward more faithfully than ever before, and help to finish the great work.

One thing of interest to me was to see them taking a lively interest in distributing literature in different parts of the city, doing what they can to give the light to those that are in darkness.

May the Lord bless their efforts, and may we all so work and live that the harvest of the earth may soon come, and we receive a crown of life that fadeth not away. Yours in the Master's service,

W. M. CAMPBELL.

Cleveland.

WELCOME VISITOR: The week of prayer has come and gone and left behind to the Cleveland church much to thank the Lord for. The meetings continued to the close with the same deep interest with which they began.

During the meetings we were favored with the presence of Brother Haffner, of Oklahoma, who has the general oversight of the German work; also Brother N. S. Miller, our worthy Missionary Secretary.

While reading Brother Anderson's letter from Africa as found in "Late Letters from the Field," and when we read the question,—"Cannot some others do the same," a poor sister arose and said,—"I will give a half year's support for a native worker." The result was that, in addition to our usual annual offering, we raised over

\$100.00 to support a native worker for Brother Anderson in the heart of Africa.

The Cleveland church is of good courage in the Lord, and we wish to publicly express our appreciation for every dollar that has been given us to assist in the payment of the church debt. While we are needy we still pray, "Lord help us to keep our ears open to the cry of other needy ones, and may every appeal for help find a ready response from us." With a new consecration to the work, and full of courage, we join the saints of God in pushing the battle until finally triumphant with the hosts of the Lord we enter the Celestial City.

PASTOR D. E. LINLSEY.

Massillon.

I SPENT the week of prayer with the little company at Massillon. All as far as possible availed themselves of the privilege of assembling together, and stated that they had received great benefit therefrom. Personally I can say that the week of prayer has been a great blessing to me.

We met at some of the homes where Mr. Campell and I have been holding Bible readings, and it was the means of establishing one lady more fully in the truth.

We have rented a hall in which we hold our Sabbath services. The first Sabbath of the week of prayer meetings we met in it for the first time and there were several from the outside in attendance, which was very encouraging.

When we came to Massillon last April, Sister Russell was the only Sabbath keeper in the city.

We were faithful in meeting and holding Sabbath-school every Sabbath at her home, and very soon the Lord added more to our number, and finally it became necessary to rent a hall. One brother who has been convinced of the truth for some weeks sold-out a thriving business a short time ago so he and his family could observe the true Sabbath. They have been in business here for a number of years, and are well known in this place.

Our hearts are made glad to see how God is watering the seed that has been sown.

Remember the work of the Lord at this place, and pray that God's prospering hand may still be seen.

MRS. W. M. CAMPBELL.

"COULD we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made;
Were every blade of grass a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade,—
To write the love of God abroad
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though spread from earth to sky."

MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE

All matter for this department should be sent to D. D. Rees, Mt. Vernon, O.

FROM "OUR MISSIONARY"—II.

AT the present time China is using the same methods for farming that have been in use for the last thousand years. This is also true of other occupations. The wheat is ground between two stones into flour; wheat is threshed by flails and a stone roller drawn by a donkey and an ox hitched together. Transportation is carried on by wheelborrows and donkey carts, except for the railroad from Hankow to Peking. Cotton is seeded by passing through two wooden rollers, one man being able to seed two pounds a day. The Chinese sawmill consists of two men and a saw. The log is stood on end, if not too long. A scaffold is built and gradually lowered as the saw descends. In one day two men are able to saw two boards ten feet long and one foot broad. If it were not for these slow methods, the Chinese could not keep busy. If American methods were used here, three fourths of the people would be out of work.

Now as to our Mission work in China. This was one of the first fields entered by Seventh-day Adventist Missionaries, the first entering China less than four years ago, with the exception of Elder Larue, who can hardly be said to have entered China, as his work was at Hong Kong, an English possession formerly belonging to China, although he did a great deal of work directly for the Chinese. At present there are eight workers and one mission in Canton, China, which is the largest city in this empire. There are two workers and one mission in Amoy, in the Province of Fokien. In the Province of Honan, the oldest province in China, there are nine workers and four missions, making a total of nineteen missionaries and six missions.

The Province of Honan has a population of over 22,000,000, and lies in the great plain of China. Our station at Shang Tsai is but little over a year old. This city was once the ancient capital of China, and for miles around are to be found the remnants of this metropolis. This place was selected to begin the publishing of our literature, and we are at present issuing a few small sheet tracts and publishing a small monthly paper called the *Gospel Herald*, a few sample copies of which I am sending you. We waited some time in hopes that a printer would come out to China, but

as no one reached here that understood printing, we decided to begin the work, and God has helped us wonderfully. The paper I am sending you was set up and printed by boys that have never been out of this province and who have never seen a foreign printing press before. The people come from miles around to see this press that can print books, and when they get here they do not see much of a press, simply a small Franklin hand press costing about \$40.00, but it serves us well. We were able to print a little book of 60 pages in seven days. (This would be 30 Chinese pages.) The Chinese are very apt in taking hold of anything in this line, and they enjoy the work. As a student the Chinese boy is very bright, and has remarkable ability for memorizing. They have no science that requires reasoning in their schools, and as a rule it is difficult for them to exercise this faculty. They are taught to take the knowledge from one generation to another that has already been expounded. Thus they become imitators. And one that has an opportunity to notice a family closely will in almost every case see that the son is a duplicate of his father: he usually chooses the same occupation, thinks the same, works the same, and has the same traits of character.

H. W. MILLER.

A STUDENT'S APPRECIATION OF THE COLLEGE.

ANOTHER term of school has just commenced, and how thankful I am that I am privileged to take up my work again at the commencing of the term! Only they who have at some time been connected with the school, and, perhaps, others who have felt the good influence that has gone out from the school, can fully realize that it is, indeed, of "the Lord's own planting." The kindly, Christ-like spirit that is seen throughout the school, and the willingness on the part of each to help the other, makes one indeed feel at home, and we quite frequently hear it remarked, "If there is a place on earth that seems like home to me, it is Mt. Vernon College."

While we naturally become attached to this place and feel that we are constantly enjoying many privileges that we could not elsewhere, yet we do not have the desire to remain here longer than necessary; but our hearts are out in the great harvest field where many souls are perishing without a knowledge of this truth, and we would gladly leave this place even though we might be called to regions beyond.

It was my privilege to arrange my work in school so that I spent four or five weeks in the canvassing work before the holidays, and I thought of the good that many might be doing if they would take up this important branch of the work.

During my absence from the school I received many rich experiences which I am sure will be of value to me in future service in the Lord's work.

FRED C. WEBSTER.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

THE new term opens at the College Jan. 10.

C. E. WEAKS spent Friday and Sabbath at the College.

MRS. CRAWFORD spent the holiday season with friends in Indianapolis.

PROF. WELCH and wife spent the holidays with relatives in Columbus.

NEARLY all of the students have returned from their vacation. All seemed eager to get back.

MR. B. F. COOK has been spending the holiday vacation visiting the College and friends at Academia.

PROF. REES and family enjoyed a very pleasant vacation with the Professor's parents at Kokomo, Ind.

MR. WEAVER, who has been attending school since last fall, is now in Columbus canvassing with Bible Readings.

MR. BEN ASHTON has returned to the College for the coming term, where he received a hearty welcome on the part of teachers and students alike.

B. L. JACOBS and Samuel Frost have repainted recitation rooms Nos. 7 and 8 during vacation, making a very decided improvement, which will be much appreciated by all.

A NEW set of the New International Encyclopedia has been bought for the College library. It cost \$68.00 and was purchased from the Library Fund raised by the teachers and students.

THE College now operates a store as one of its industrial and economic features. The business of the Ohio Health Food Co. has been purchased, and the store building rented of Sister P. S. Stienbaugh.

FIVE new students have enrolled at the College,—Mr. Williamson from Battle Creek, Miss Panches from Hamler, Miss Downing from Chillicothe, Mr. Halstead from Anderson, Ind., and Mr. Ben Ashton from Pittsburg, Pa. About a dozen more are expected to arrive before the close of the week.

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ELDER E. J. VAN HORN made a pleasant call at the office during his short stay at Academia. We appreciate the privilege of shaking hands with the brethren.

Word has been received at the office that Sister Maxson, daughter of Mr. Benson of Norwalk, O., is lying very low, and her death is expected at any time.

WE are pleased to welcome to our exchange list the *East Caribbean Gleaner*, published at Port-of-Spain, Trinidad. We trust that it will receive the hearty welcome its appearance and contents merit, and that much good may be accomplished by its publication.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

GENERAL meetings for District No. 5 have been arranged for as follows: Defiance, January 19-21. Bowling Green, January 26-28.

In selecting these places for meetings the other churches in the district have been carefully considered, and it is hoped that our people will put forth an effort to attend at least one of these meetings.

The meetings at Defiance may be more convenient for the churches and companies at Defiance, Hamler, Hicksville, Liberty Center, Sherwood, Farmer, and Wauseon. And the meeting at Bowling Green more convenient for the churches and companies at Bowling Green, Findlay, Gilboa, Longest Point, Pemberville, Toledo, Six Points, Cygnet, and Dowling.

As instruction will be given at these meetings that will help us in holding forth the light of truth, let us not forsake, "the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but

exhorting one another; and so much the more as ye see the day approaching." A. C. SHANNON.

CANVASSERS' REPORT.

(For week ending Dec. 29, 1906.)

*A. T. Halstead, E. Liverpool.—Bible Readings: value of orders, \$49.50.
*Two weeks.

CANVASSER'S NOTICE!

A CANVASSER'S Institute will be held at Mt. Vernon College, March 1-15, 1906. Both practical and theoretical instructions will be given in the art of book-selling, and we are sure the instruction given will be of great aid to all who are contemplating entering the book work during the coming season.

I will be glad to hear from all interested.

CARL E. WEAKS, *Field Sec'y.*

NOTICE.

To those anticipating attending the Canton District Meeting Jan. 15-22, I would say the meetings will be held in a hall at No. 208 South Market St. The Cleveland and Akron meetings will be held in our church at each named place.

C. C. WEBSTER.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

PROGRAM FOR DISTRICT MEETING TO BE HELD AT CLYDE, OHIO, FEBRUARY 2-5, 1906.

FRIDAY EVENING.

7:00.—What Shall Your Harvest Be?
- - - Elder F. M. Fairchild.

SABBATH SERVICES.

9:00 A. M.—Sabbath-school.
10:45 A. M.—The Third Angel's Message.

- - - Elder H. H. Burkholder.
2:00 P. M.—Why Does God Call the Youth of this Generation?
- - - James E. Shultz.

Quartette.— Male Voices.
3:15 P. M.—Missionary Work.
- - - Newton S. Miller.
7:00 P. M.—What Must I Do To Be Saved? - Elder C. C. Webster.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

9.30 A. M.—Will A Man Rob God?
- - - Elder H. H. Burkholder.
Quartette.— Mixed Voices.
10.45. A. M.—Education.

- - - Bessie E. Acton.
2.00 P. M.—Medical Missionary Work. - A. Franklin Shultz.
3.15 P. M.—Song Service.
- - - Elder F. M. Fairchild.

3:45 P. M.—Devotional Meeting.
- - - Elder C. C. Webster.
7:00 P. M.—Church Federation.
- - - Elder R. G. Patterson.

LA GRANGE church school,—Vacation is over and we are again busily engaged in our school work. Twenty two of our pupils are back again in their places, and we are ready to meet the problems of another term with a determination to conquer.

GEORGE L. STERLING.

SHALL OUR YOUTH GO TO BATTLE CREEK?

MUCH instruction has come from the pen of Sister White recently regarding the dangers of sending our youth to Battle Creek to obtain an education. The most important of this has just been printed in a neat pamphlet of 64 pages entitled "Testimonies for the Church," Series B. No. 6.

This is an important pamphlet and contains timely instruction for all our people and should be in the hands of not only our young people but of every Sabbath-keeper in our denomination. Price, 5 cents. Secure a copy at once.

Order of your state tract society or of the nearest denominational publishing house.

OBITUARY.

BALDWIN.—David Carl Baldwin, infant son of Brother and Sister M. S. Baldwin of New London, O., was born Dec. 1, and fell asleep in Jesus Dec. 16, 1905. While our dear Brother and Sister are called upon to mourn the loss of their little one, they sorrow not as those who have no hope, for Jesus is soon coming. The grand reunion will then take place of all who are sleeping in Jesus. "For they shall come again from the lands of the enemy." Thank God for a hope that reaches beyond the tomb.

FRANCIS M. FAIRCHILD.

RAYMOND.—Porter Dee Raymond was born near Pittsford, Mich., Nov. 28, 1887; and was drowned at Hudson, Mich., Dec. 11, 1905, while skating with a party of young people. Dee was the youngest son of P. B. Raymond of Rollin, Mich. and a brother of L. J. Raymond, of Liberty Center, O., where he made his home two years, and attended school at that place. He was an honest, upright boy with manly bearing; which won him many friends. Dee started in the Christian life at the age of 11 years, and although he was never baptized, yet he always kept the Sabbath; and his greatest enjoyment was the reading of his Bible. He leaves to mourn his loss, an aged father and mother, five sisters, and two brothers. The funeral was held from the Baptist church at Hudson, Mich., Thursday, Dec. 14, Franklin A. Stiles (Baptist minister) officiating after which we laid him to rest near Pittsford, Mich., to await the morn of the resurrection. Pray for this heart broken family, which was so suddenly bereft, that the Lord may comfort them and keep them faithful until he shall come to reunite them again in an unbroken family.

GRACE RAYMOND.