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

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY.

ASSURANCE.

THOUGH life has yet its arduous toil and sorrow,
And heaven still, so vague and distant seems:
If thou art wont the future's care to borrow,
And blighted are thy fondest hopes and dreams;
Yet, hope in God, for hope will sure repay thee:
The sun's bright rays are veiled not yet for aye;
Thine enemy shall not prevail to stay thee,
If thou shalt trust in God till breaks the day.
Yes trust in him, who seeth e'en the sparrow,
Which wings its startled way from heartless foe,
And falleth; not to rise when dawns the morrow;
Because some cruel hand hath laid it low.
He that regardeth all His weak creation,
And counteth each that to the ground doth fall,
Shall deem thy heart too dear for separation,
And save thee when thou on his name shalt call.

JAMES E. SHULTZ.

OUR EFFORT FOR THE LAND OF SINIM.

DEAR CO-WORKERS:—As it is impossible for me to visit all the societies in the State, I take this opportunity of speaking to you of one of the most important lines of work. I am sure that from a study of the Testimonies which you enjoyed during the Young People's Convention, you were enabled to see the great opportunities presented to our youth. I also, at that time reviewed the work of the past year. Several replies to my letter were indeed inspiring. It may be that your society was among those that reported.

Now that the year is gone, the new year brings its added responsibilities. A short time ago, we received a stirring letter from the Foreign Mission Board asking that we assist the General Conference in their effort to establish the work in Honan, China. They said a young man was ready to go. He was about to marry a young woman who was anxious to go, but the funds with which to send them were not forth coming. Our assistance was solicited. We well knew what you would have done, had you been in our place. This young man was so determined to go that he had begun

canvassing to bear his own expenses for one year. He had been educated in Cooranbong, and he and his intended, are both printers.

After prayer and counsel about the matter, we decided to send the Mission Board the following reply,—“We are not afraid to trust the Young People of Ohio, for we have tried them the past year, and have found them true. They have kept every promise they have made and this gives us faith in their sincerity. Since this condition obtains, we will, in their name, promise to obligate ourselves in the sum of two hundred (\$200.00) dollars.” I am sure that you will not censure us for our course. We felt that the need was imperative. Now this young couple, (Brother and Sister Allum) is qualified to go and take up the work in Honan. They will join Dr. Harry Miller, who is one of our Ohio workers, and as both are printers, will be able to relieve him of that burden. They are now on their way and as they have only to go from Australia, they are doubtless nearly at the end of their journey ere this. Let our prayers accompany them as they go.

We are going to leave this matter with you and are sure you will be glad to have a part in this work. We have some very encouraging replies to the letter we sent to the Mission Board, but will leave them until next week. Until that time, we ask you to make this work the subject of your earnest prayers at your meetings, and ask the Lord what part he wishes you to act. Watch the next week's VISITOR for further information.

JAMES E. SHULTZ.

LIBERTY CENTER, OHIO,
ELDER H. H. BURKHOLTER,
BELLVILLE, OHIO.

WELL, Brother Burkholder I am now two miles from Liberty Center, and if I live, expect to stay this winter. That little paper, THE WELCOME VISITOR. I would like it sent to me here. There is not so much in it, but we can catch an idea of how things are moving in Ohio.

The old pioneers are most all gone. I am the oldest and the last of the

hard working ones left in Ohio.

If you will, send me the *Review and Herald*.... I want the old paper. Not long ago I went to an Adventist home, we were strangers, and the lady let me in. I told her I had heard that they were Seventh-day Adventists. I inquired for the *Review*. They did not take it. They are well-to-do, —farm, stock, and everything convenient. Well, I went to another place and inquired for the *Review*. They had not taken it for five years. “Well,” said I, “you have quite a church here. You have meetings?” “We have Sabbath-school but no meetings unless we have a preacher.” I have made a little inquiry and there is not a *Review* taken in this church that I can learn of.

Well, Brother Burkholder these people must belong to this generation. The old pioneers never lived in that way. Sometimes we would not see a minister more than once or twice a year, but we had our meetings just as sure as the Sabbath and Sabbath-school. Every family had the *Review*. You could not go to a Sabbath keeper and inquire for the *Review* and they not have it.

If I were young, as I once was, the good Lord helping me, and I am sure he would, there would be an effort to wake somebody up. There would be meetings on the Sabbath preacher or no preacher. Perhaps I am out of place as I do not belong to this generation; but when I think of the past it makes me home-sick.

A word about *The Review and Herald*. I took it nearly eight years before we kept the Sabbath. To be sure there have been mistakes made. Brother White, one of God's noblemen, made mistakes. Old Father Bates, J. N. Andrews, Uriah Smith, one of the most careful of men, all made mistakes; but were God-fearing men, and with love devoted their lives to the glory of God and to save sinners.

There is a powerful enemy opposing this work. It needs heavenly aid continually to keep clear of the traps and pitfalls. But after all the faults and mistakes *The Review* has stood, and will stand, and must stand until the work is done. No one can keep sight of the Message without it.

I am worn out, broken down with sickness and old age. My home is broken up, my good wife laid away. Together we journeyed for sixty years, forty-six years together in the Message. Old friends are all gone. But, after all the trials and disappointments, I have not lost sight of, nor interest in this Message. I want to know how the old ship is sailing. Is it in a calm? Sails half mast? or with sails all set, flag at masthead, letters in gold "Homeward Bound" unfurled to the breeze; the Pilot at the wheel, with chart and compass at command, holding her steady and guiding her safely through the shoals, quicksands, and cyclones of this wicked world until she reaches the haven of rest? Then, O! then the healing words, "Home at last."

OLIVER MEARS,

one of the last of the pioneers.

OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

Dayton.

WELCOME VISITOR: The Dayton church and Sabbath-school now have their new officers duly elected, and the manner of electing them by the Lord has proven so very satisfactory that some of the brethren requested me to tell others of the good things the Lord has done for us.

We have endeavored to follow the teaching of the "law and testimonies." We cast lots, and in so doing we claimed the help of the Lord as contained in his promise found in Prov. 16: 33. But that "all things" might be done decently and in order (1 Cor. 14: 40.) a committee was appointed to select two or more names for each office. Then when the time came for selecting of an officer, the chair read the names that had been selected, and after following the example set forth in Acts 1: 24 the lot was cast for that particular office. This course was followed for each office. The results we found to be those stated in Prov. 18: 18 and Psa. 133.

We believe there is much food for thought contained in the above scriptures, and that the principles stated therein are true and eternal, and that much good would come to all who take heed unto them.

The more we have of the counsel and guidance of the Lord, and the less we have of man's devices, the more sure we are of good results. We all believe that there are many blessings to be enjoyed by the Dayton church in the near future, and are grateful for those in the past. The week of prayer, followed as it was by a visit from

Elder Gilbert, was a time of refreshing to our church, for which we are thankful.

B. H. RANNELLS.

Laura.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR:—Since writing my former article Elder B. L. House has made us a short visit holding meetings after night, and visiting interested parties through the day. On the last two evenings that he was here the trumpet was given a certain sound and many were made to think of the solemn realities of this message. Some heard for the first time and were greatly moved. In as much as the work was begun by Elder E. J. VanHorn we are waiting his return to finish up the work as far as possible.

Some are awaiting baptism, and others are keeping the Sabbath. The Lord only knows the final result of these meetings. The brethren have faithfully sown beside all waters and God alone can give the increase.

We are looking for Elder VanHorn this week and after his visit we will write you the result, praying that God will richly bless in the salvation of precious souls, not only here at this place, but throughout the wide harvest-field.

Truly your brother,

J. I. CASSELL.

La Grange.

THE young people of the La Grange church displayed some of their talent by rendering a program the Saturday night before Christmas. The program consisted principally of recitations and music. It was of the nature of a missionary exercise, leaving out entirely the idea of Christmas. Most of the songs and recitations were upon the Message for today, the soon coming of Christ, and the need of preparation. The needs of some of our foreign fields were also presented.

One recitation—"Don't Tear the Old Church Down,"—affected some of the church members so that they began at once to agitate the question of needed repairs of their meeting house.

Talent from the College was represented in the singing.

After spending two pleasant hours together our exercises were brought to a close. The last number was a selection by the quartette, "Is It Nothing to You?"

Wednesday evening, Jan. 3, Brother Bidwell, according to appointment, dropped in and gave us a very timely sermon on Duties and Responsibilities of Christians. Although it was a

stormy night a goodly number were in attendance. We hope the words spoken may have their designed effect upon the lives of those who listened.

GEO. L. STERLING.

Hamler.

THE missionary program for Dec. 30, was carried out in full by the Hamler church, and was both instructive and entertaining to those present. Beside the numbers on the program several recitations and songs were given adding interest to the exercises.

We are glad to see this special effort made for the children and youth, and to see them at an early age learning of the needs of the world wide field.

Our earnest prayer is that the instruction given at these times may be the means of many young lives being consecrated to the service of the Master. "Grant, O Lord, that from our number, some may go to preach the word. Hear our prayer that none may slumber when the midnight cry is heard."

RUTH C. SWEET.

MELCHISEDEC.

WHO is Melchisedec? He is the one that fills all the specifications the Bible gives of Melchisedec.

1. He was a man. "Consider how great this man was." Heb. 7:4.

2. He was a king. "King of righteousness." King of Salem, which is King of Peace." Verse 2.

3. He "was a priest of the most high God." Verse 1.

4. He "abideth a priest continually." Verse 3.

5. He was greater than Abraham, for Abraham paid tithes to him, "And without contradiction the less is blessed of the greater." Verses 4-7.

6. Abraham received the promises, therefore Melchisedec was greater than the one who received the promises of God.

7. He is the one "of whom it is witnessed that He liveth." Verse 8.

8. He was made "like unto the Son of God", and therefore was not the Son of God. Verse 3.

9. He was "without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life." Verse 3.

In the *Review and Herald* of February 18, 1890, page 97, last paragraph we read from Mrs. E. G. White: "It was Christ that spake through Melchisedec, the priest of the most high God.

Melchisedec was not Christ, but he was the voice of God in this world, the representative of the Father".

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MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE

A STUDENT'S REPORT.

DEAR VISITOR:—IT has been some time since I sent in my last report; but this delay has not been because I had nothing good to say. No, rather to the contrary; but we are so busy here in studying our lessons that sometimes we find it difficult to have enough time to sleep. As we have so many valuable studies offered us here, it is very hard to decide what studies not to take. If time were not so short, and the work of winning souls for Christ so urgent, I should prefer going to school several years longer. I just begin to see into the great mines of truth, knowledge, and wisdom which it is our privilege to explore.

But this wisdom and knowledge which Christ offers us through the mediums of the promised Spirit, the Bible, good Christian teachers, and various other means, is gotten but by asking, seeking, searching earnestly and untiringly for it.

The men of the world that seek for gold which even perishes with its using, often risk their lives in exploring the gold mines. But listen to what Christ holds out to us that seek durable riches: "Riches and honor are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness. My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver. Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength."

Are there not many more young people all over the state who should be here in the College? Their minds and eyes could be opened to see the wonderful riches which are offered us in Christ Jesus. They would thus receive a training which will fit them to be co-workers with the heavenly intelligences, to lift up the Man of the Cross throughout the broad harvest field, that the dying may look and live. This training can not be had out side of a good Seventh-day Adventist school, because schools that do not know the Third Angel's Message can not give it to others. For your own soul's salvation and for that of others, come where God has made provision for us to get it.

None can afford to remain away any longer, as probation is fast drawing to its close. In order to stand in the storms which are already threatening, we must be rooted and grounded in the faith.

God is here in this school; this I know for my self and not for another. What my eyes have seen and

my ears have heard gives me this assurance. I havn heard that God would have many more young people here; but Satan knows this, and he of course will do all in his power to keep the very ones away whom God desires to have here to receive the fitting for better work for the Master.

G. P. GAEDÉ.

"A VISIT TO OUR SCHOOL."

THE following clipping is taken from *The True Missionary* of June, 1874. The article was written by Angelia J. Edmunds, after having made a visit to Battle Creek College, which was then the only school among us.

"I was much pleased with 'our school,' which I have had the pleasure of visiting during different exercises, by the friendly invitation of Brother Bell, one of the teachers.

"What a great privilege the young among us are now permitted to enjoy! Here they may get a thorough understanding of the English branches of learning, which will fit them for useful men and women in the world, without being thrown into the society of worldly-minded persons, whose greatest ambition is to follow the vain fashion and foolishness of etiquette that are continually practiced, drawing the mind down from that which is pure and elevating. Not only are the English branches taught, but there are classes in foreign languages.

"I was impressed with the solemnity of our times while hearing Brother Smith's lectures on the Third Angel's Message and evidence for the Sabbath of the Lord. Young men and young women listened attentively with their Bibles open, studiously learning the truth of God's word. Will they leave that place, and, endowed with power from on high, proclaim the last message 'before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings,' warning the people of this world that they may escape having the mark of the beast (Sunday keeping) and obtain the sign, or seal, of the living God (Sabbath keeping), and thus be prepared to stand with the 144,000 when Jesus appears?"

Notice that more than thirty years ago, and when we had but one college, Sister Edmunds exclaimed, "What a great privilege the young among us are now permitted to enjoy!" But think of the privileges our youth have at the present time, when we have eight or ten colleges, more than that number of academies, and church schools in every state. Our schools are brought right to our very doors.

What excuse can our young people have for not getting the "true higher education" that will fit them for effective workers in the Master's cause?

PRINCIPLES OF TRUE EDUCATION.

Extracts from the Writings of

Mrs. E. G. White.

THE true object of education is to restore the image of God in the soul.

The lessons of Christ are for every soul to learn and practice. This is higher education.

To know what constitutes purity of mind, soul, and body, is the highest class of education.

The true higher education is that which acquaints students with God and his Word, and fits them for eternal life.

Education is but a preparation of the physical, intellectual, and moral powers for the best performance of all the duties of life.

Proper education includes not only mental discipline, but that training which will secure sound morals and correct deportment.

True education means more than taking a certain course of study. It is broad. It includes the harmonious development of all the physical powers and the mental faculties.

The most essential, enduring education is that which will develop the nobler qualities, which will encourage a spirit of universal kindness, leading the youth to think no evil of any one lest they misjudge motives and misinterpret words and actions.

The Bible in the great educator.

There is a science of Christianity that must be mastered.

The Bible must be regarded as the highest and most important text-book.

The Old and New Testament Scriptures need to be studied daily. The Bible is to be our light, our educator.

The study of the Bible should have a prominent place among the various branches of scientific education.

Above all other books, the Word of God must be our study, the great text-book, the basis of all education.

Next to the Bible, nature is to be our great lesson book.

God has, in the natural world, placed in the hands of the children of men the key to unlock the treasure house of his Word.

The whole natural world is designed to be an interpreter of the things of God.

The study of the sciences is not to be neglected. Books must be used for this purpose; but they must be in harmony with the Bible, for the Bible is the standard.

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

THE publishers notify us that another edition of Christ in Song will be ready about Feb. 10.

BROTHER FLOYD E. GIBSON of Academia, and Sister Emily Kay of Youngstown, O., were married Jan. 1, by Elder E. J. Van Horn. The VISITOR extends best wishes to these young people, and hopes that they may be a mutual strength and encouragement in the work of the Lord. They are located at Powell where Brother Gibson assisted in a successful tent effort.

TIMELY INSTRUCTION.

JUST now the attention of our people is being called to new developments in the National Reform movement, indicating a coming crisis in the struggle for liberty of conscience in this nation. The religious amendment to the Constitution which is to be pressed upon Congress at this session, and the recent great Inter-church Congress in New York City, are striking features of this new situation.

We need now to get our literature before the people, and especially such literature as will most effectively open their eyes to the nature of this deceptive movement. On this point the following instruction has been recently given by Sister E. G. White:—

"Instruction has been given me that the important books containing the light God has given regarding Satan's apostasy in heaven should be given wide circulation JUST NOW: for through them the truth will reach many minds. 'Patriarchs and Prophets,' 'Daniel and the Revelation,' and 'Great Controversy,' are needed now as never before. * * * Many of our people have been blind to the importance of the very books that were most needed.

Had tact and skill then been shown in the sale of these books, the Sunday law movement would not be where it is today."

This is timely instruction to those in the canvassing work, and should be an incentive to many who desire to come into line in the battle for the cause of truth. Let not the Sunday law movement become a greater menace by longer blindness and delay on our part, but let us get into the field with the books the Lord says are especially needed just now. These books can be sold. There is success in following the counsel of the Lord.

L. A. S.

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There is but one being in the universe that fills all these specifications, that is the Spirit of God. He ever lives to intercede. He has no beginning of days or end of life. He represents the Father and the Son. He speaks peace to the troubled soul. He is not an angel of any kind, for angels are amenable to the law, and were created. This being is equal to the Father and the Son. It is the voice of God in the world. A careful study of the above and a belief of the same will forever settle the question as to who Melchisedec is. — BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL. November, 1903.

Ivy L. Walker,

Wilmington, O.

This article is published by request of Sister Ivy L. Walker, and contains the statement from Sister White, that she quoted at the camp-meeting, which some seemed to think was a mistake. — Editor.

TITHE RECEIPTS.

DECEMBER 1905.

Akron.....	\$72.88
Alliance.....	6.24
Ashland.....	.....
Barnesville.....	14.30
Beaver.....	5.00
Bellefontaine.....	.....
Bellville.....	22.88
Bowling Green.....	.....
Brokaw.....	16.10
Broughton.....	.....
Camden.....	44.13
Canton.....	13.46
Chagrin Falls.....	10.65
Chillicothe.....	.....
Cincinnati.....	5.40
Cleveland.....	188.57
Clyde.....	51.96
Columbiana.....	80
Columbus.....	113.90
Conneaut.....	.....
Corsica.....	.....
Coshocton.....	50.99
Cygnets.....	.....
Dayton.....	5.31
Defiance.....	7.54
Delaware.....	4.10
Dowling.....	32.64
Dresden, Trinway.....	21.05
Dunkirk.....	.....
East Liverpool.....	91.08

Elgin.....	.....
Fairfield.....	.....
Findlay.....	.....
Geneva.....	.....
Gilboa.....	.....
Grand River.....	.....
Green Spring.....	22.80
Hamilton.....	.....
Hamler.....	.....
Hicksville.....	.....
Home Dept.....	.....
Jackson.....	.....
Kenton.....	.....
Killbuck.....	27.13
Kirtland.....	.....
Lagrange.....	.....
Lake View.....	.....
Laura.....	1.00
Leesburg.....	.....
Lewistown.....	46.85
Liberty Center.....	5.00
Lima.....	32.10
Locust Point.....	.....
Mansfield.....	.....
Marion.....	53.75
Marshfield.....	3.45
Marysville.....	.....
Massillon.....	42.00
Medina.....	.....
Melgs.....	11.30
Mendon.....	.....
Middiefield.....	25.26
Morrow.....	2.50
Mount Vernon.....	113.29
Nashville.....	.....
New Antioch.....	.....
Newark.....	48.65
Norwalk.....	16.24
Olivet.....	.....
Pemberville.....	17.15
Piqua.....	.....
Pleasant Hill.....	15.10
Reedsville.....	.....
Ross.....	8.90
St. Clairsville.....	55.00
Sherwood.....	.....
Sidney.....	.....
Six Points.....	.....
Spencer.....	.....
Springfield.....	64.23
Toledo.....	68.49
Troy.....	33.31
Van Wert.....	.....
Wadsworth.....	3.65
Walnut Grove.....	.....
Washington C. H.....	.....
Waterford.....	.....
Wengerlawn.....	3.60
West Mansfield.....	.....
Wheelerburg.....	19.35
Wilmington.....	17.07
Youngstown.....	10.68
..... Sabbath Keepers.....	57.73

Total.....\$1,635.76
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TOTAL RECEIPTS. ALL SOURCES.

DECEMBER, 1905.

Tithe.....	\$1,635.76
Tract Society.....	1,341.58
Sabbath-school Donations.....	30.16
Washington, D. C., work.....	1.00
China.....	1.00
Southern Field.....	42.85
Y. P. Society.....	4.33
India.....	28.31
Annual Offerings.....	773.67
Cleveland Church.....	33.60
First Day Offering.....	40.80
Total.....	\$3,333.00
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