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

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MISSIONARY.

DISAPPOINTMENT.

"DISAPPOINTMENT—His appointment"
Change one letter, then I see
That the thwarting of my purpose
Is God's better choice for me.
His appointment must be blessing,
Tho' it may come in disguise,
For the end from the beginning,
Open to his wisdom lies.

"Disappointment—His appointment,"
Whose? The Lord's, who loves me best,
Understands and knows me fully,
Who my faith and love would test:
For, like loving earthly parent,
He rejoices when he knows
That his child accepts, unquestioned,
All that from his wisdom flows.

Disappointment—His appointment."
"No good thing will he withhold."
From denials oft we gather
Treasures of his love untold,
Well he knows, each broken purpose
Leads us fuller, deeper trust.
And the end of all his dealings
Proves our God is wise and just.

"Disappointment—His appointment,"
Lord, I take it then as such,
Like the clay in hands of potter,
Yielding wholly to thy touch,
All my life's plan is thy moulding,
Not one single choice be mine:
Let me answer, unrepining—
Father—"Not my will, but thine."
—Unknown.

"YE MUST STEP FAST."

DOUBTLESS all have learned ere this that another Sunday bill for the District of Columbia was introduced into the House of Representatives January 5, 1906, by Representative A. L. Allen, of Maine. The reader will find this bill printed in full on page 19 of the *Review* of January 18, with an explanation of the same. Suffice it to say that it is the same bill that was before the House at the last session of Congress, except that this one has a very significant preamble, which makes it appear that President Roosevelt is in favor of the Bill.

The promoters of Sunday legislation are evidently putting forth special efforts to succeed, if possible, during this Congress in securing a Sunday law for the District of Columbia.

Without doubt, the defeat that they sustained by the bill's not passing last session has made them more per-

sistent this year. We, therefore, should double our energies in enlightening the people, and defeat the bill now pending before Congress.

Your tract society secretary will be supplied with petition blanks, and the new tract explaining the bill which has been gotten out. Please order these at once if you have not already received them.

It has been found that another most effective way to impress Congress with a measure of this kind is to write them short, pointed, but kind, Christian letters, well-written, protesting against the bill and urging them to use their influence against the same.

The following is a list of the names and addresses of the Representatives from Ohio:

1. Nicholas Longworth - - - - - Cincinnati
2. Herman P. Goebble - - - - - Cincinnati
3. Robert M. Nevin - - - - - Dayton
4. Harvey C. Garber - - - - - Greenville
5. William W. Campbell - - - - - Napoleon
6. Thomas E. Scroggy - - - - - Xenia
7. J. Warren Keifer - - - - - Springfield
8. Ralph D. Cole - - - - - Findlay
9. James H. Southard - - - - - Toledo
10. Henry T. Bannou - - - - - Portsmouth
11. Charles H. Grosvenor - - - - - Athens
12. Edward L. Taylor, jr - - - - - Columbus
13. Grant E. Mouser - - - - - Marion
14. Amos R. Webber - - - - - Elyria
15. Beman G. Dawes - - - - - Marietta
16. Capell L. Weens - - - - - St. Clairsville
17. Martin L. Smyser - - - - - Wooster
18. James Kennedy - - - - - Youngstown
19. W. Aubrey Thomas - - - - - Niles

20. Jacob A. Beidler - - - - - Willoughby
21. Theodore E. Burton - - - - - Cleveland

It will be well to write the Representative from your Congressional District nearest where you reside. Address your letters to House of Representatives, Capitol, Washington, D. C.

It was found last winter that a large number of our own people failed to sign the petition themselves, so we would suggest that every church elder secure without delay the signatures of all the members of his church.

We most earnestly urge all to begin the circulation of the petition at once; for what we do to defeat this measure must be done quickly.

We shall be glad to receive any items of interest which may come to the attention of those engaged in the circulation of the petitions. With haste for the Master's cause,

K. C. Russell.

Chairman Religious Liberty Bureau.

THE ANNUAL RELIGIOUS LIBERTY COLLECTION.

THE annual collection for the Religious Liberty Department of the General Conference has been recommended to be taken in all of our churches Sabbath, February 24, 1906. It will be remembered that at the last General Conference it was voted that five annual collections should be taken each year, and among these was one for the Religious Liberty Department. It should be noted that the Religious Liberty Department has no income with which to carry on its work except the donations it receives on these annual occasions. We find that the printing of petitions, leaflets, pamphlets, etc., for general circulation explaining the bills which are introduced from time to time involves a large expense. The expense is especially large this year, owing to the fact that it was necessary to publish two of these pamphlets, one of which was double the size of the one printed last year. This expense, together with the large amount of postage it

requires to do this work, should be a strong appeal to all of our people everywhere to make their offerings liberal at our coming annual collection, February 24.

We feel confident that our people are anxious that we shall meet, with dispatch, every measure that the enemies of liberty may present to abridge the rights of conscience. But, in order to do this, it is evident to all that we must be furnished with the necessary means to defray the expenses which are necessary to do the work of this department.

We trust that all of our church elders will give this matter attention at once in order that all may have a part in contributing to this grand work in extending the Third Angel's Message.

K. C. RUSSELL.

OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

WHERE I SPENT MY VACATION.

I HAD promised the company at Sidney time and again that I would visit them, but seemingly I could not find the time to do so. When I learned of the ten days vacation the students were to have, I embraced the opportunity for this occasion.

On my way I met interested parties on the train. One man with whom I had a long conversation and Bible reading, promised me that if I would pray for him he would from now on be a Christian. I sold him *Family Bible Teacher* and tracts; took his address and now correspond with him. I also met a lawyer I became acquainted with at Marysville. We had a most pleasant conversation on health principles, and also sold him *Family Bible Teacher*. These are only a few experiences.

In Sidney I found the company somewhat scattered, but with God's help I visited each member and had Bible readings and prayers with most of them. Meetings were at once appointed, and subjects of great interest were studied. The Lord's presence was felt in comforting and strengthening the honest souls. Every one present made a new resolution to be faithful to God and this Message. My visit was appreciated by this company as they seldom have anyone visit them.

From here I went to Marysville, but as I had to stop over for several hours in Bellefontaine, I called on four families. In Marysville I was welcomed most heartily and treated nicely by all I had time to call on in the three days. The Sabbath keepers here are of good courage and strong in the Message. I called on a num-

ber who have not taken their stand for the truth, but I believe some will. One young man said that more would join if we had a church; but I told him that it took material before we could organize. This he admitted was so. One man who was converted last winter, more or less through our work there, ordered the *Review*. He is not keeping the Sabbath, but I believe he will sometime. This is the man I wrote about last winter. Feeling impressed during worship one morning, to call on him, I did so, and that day proved the turning point in his life. That night he prayed for himself for the first time, and later said to his wife that it was a Godsend that I came to him that day.

I also stopped at Columbus for one day. I had counsel with Elder Granger in regard to city work. My greatest work I felt to be to call on the Mission people with whom I had labored before. I was most heartily welcomed and intreated to stay longer. This I could not do as the vacation was almost over. I held several Bible readings with them and the truth was received. O, how great is the harvest, and the fields already white; but where are the workers? I held seven meetings, made forty visits, sold two books and seven helps, took seven orders for the *Review*, one for the *Signs*, besides selling and giving away tracts and papers.

G. P. GAEDÉ.

DISTRICT MEETING.

THE district meeting held at Akron, Jan. 8-15, inclusive, was truly a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Elder Webster and Brother Weak's were present to open the meetings, Elder Webster remaining until its close. Elder Fairchild joined him Wednesday, and Brother James E. Shultz was with us Sabbath and Sunday.

While the meetings were well attended from the first, the interest and attendance increased as they progressed until the Secretary's report showed a full attendance of members and twenty seven visitors at Sabbath-school Sabbath morning. This was a day of rejoicing for our people. The quarterly meeting had been postponed until this time, and as we celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house the presence of God was manifest, filling hearts with love and devotion to the "author and finisher of our faith."

The closing hour of the Sabbath was spent praising God for his goodness to the children of men.

As we met Sunday morning, the smiles of joy and expressions of good

cheer proved that the presence of the Spirit and the labors of the brethren had not been in vain. This morning hour was occupied by Elder Webster.

Brother Shultz spoke at, 2:30 P. M., in behalf of the young peoples' work. At this meeting twenty-seven of our young people organized a Young Peoples' Society. This seemed to be a time of all times when this work should be taken up in Akron. May we have the prayers of God's people in Ohio, and especially the young who are engaged in this work, that this society may be used of God to his glory and the salvation of some precious souls. The work was started by making an offering of \$9.56 to assist in sending Brother and Sister Allum to China.

Elder Fairchild occupied the evening hour, speaking of the soon coming of Christ and the realization of the blessed hope.

Thus ended a meeting which should not only bring those who had the privilege of attending, closer to God, but also encourage and fit them for better service in the Master's work.

J. J. MARIETTA.

MISSIONARY EXERCISE.

WELCOME VISITOR:—The Pleasant Hill, Trinway and Dresden churches joined in giving the program as outlined in the *Review* of Dec. 31, 1905.

Brother King, superintendent of the Pleasant Hill Sabbath-school, opened the meeting; in the absence of Elder House. Sister Flora Evans had charge of the program, assisted by Sister Rebecca Miller.

The part the young people took in the program showed that they had received careful training. They were followed by exercises by members of the senior classes. Miss Baker read an original essay on foreign missions which was very interesting, since every believer of the truth is interested in foreign missionary work. Then followed a talk on Africa by Sister Flora Evans. Next was a recitation by Sister Emma Collins, representing the millions of China as calling for the living Bread. This was followed by one little girl making a plea for the women of India, and another responding with a recitation showing how these calls affect the hearts of Christians in the home land. Sister Henry, of the Trinway church, furnished good music. Quite a number of visitors were present.

The three churches and Sabbath school's make quite a large company of believers. Yours in the truth,

A. R. LITTLE.

MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE

WHAT WE MAY DO FOR OUR FELLOW STUDENTS.

(Read at the Students' Missionary Meeting, January 3.)

EACH of us has a work to do for those around us, and time is short. We cannot put it off until we get a little older; for soon, yes, very soon, the books in heaven will be closed, the work of the investigative judgment will be finished, and the final doom of all will have been sealed. How sad it will then be to look back over our lives and see the many lost opportunities which have been passed unimproved! The sins of omission may be as many as the sins of commission.

Many of us expect to have some active part in the closing work of the Third Angel's Message, and many of us have consecrated our lives to be used any place, home or abroad, where the Master may have need of us. Do we realize that we have a great work to do *here*? Many who have a good Christian education have become discouraged and have backslidden entirely, because they did not build on the solid rock, Christ Jesus, while in school. These young people might to-day have taken a leading place in Christ's army of soul-winners and soul-savers. Do you not see how much broader we may make our work by doing our part to encourage the discouraged ones and lead them back into the strait and narrow way? We must improve the opportunities each day as they come to us.

By each kind word and deed, we may accomplish more for the cause of Christ than we know. Great things are not accomplished in a moment of time, but are built up by the little things which we do day by day.

On the other hand, we may bear a testimony against Christ by letting Satan gain control of us even for a moment.

We must gain self-control, and school days are the best time for us to accomplish this. A quick-tempered, loud, boisterous boy or girl is seldom liked or respected. Let us learn to think twice, or at least once, before we speak. Then we would often leave unsaid those things which wound and hurt others. We should not allow ourselves to give up to the feelings of the moment.

Self denial is also closely linked to self-control; for it helps us to be more unselfish and to govern ourselves better. It creates a deeper love for our Saviour and fellow-students.

Have we a close connection with Christ by prayer, which is so essential and such an excellent safeguard for the Christian? With our lives we should honor Him, and with pure and holy conversation show that we are born from above. Dispel the clouds of discouragement and trial that may hover over you by working and praying for others.

When we feel that no good would be accomplished by talking with some of our fellow students of their Christian welfare, let us not forget that we still have the privilege of praying for them. Much can be accomplished for our friends in this way. In school our daily life has a greater influence upon the lives of those about us than we realize. We sustain a loss when we neglect the privilege of associating together to strengthen and encourage one another in the service of God. The truths of His Word lose their vividness and importance in our minds. Our hearts cease to be enlightened and aroused by the sanctifying influence, and we decline in spirituality.

In our associations as Christians we lose much by lack of sympathy with one another. He who shuts himself up is not fulfilling the position that God designed he should. All who would be sons and daughters of God must prove themselves co-workers with God and Christ and the heavenly angels. God is watching for evidence of our faith, love, and patience. He looks to see if we are using every spiritual advantage to become skilful workers in His vineyard on earth. Christ counted no sacrifice too great, no toil too hard, in order to accomplish the work which He came to do.

CORA MILLER.

THE COLLEGE MISSIONARY BANDS.

THE College Missionary Society has for some time been studying foreign mission fields and the lives of foreign missionaries. This has been an inspiration to service to the students.

At the present time, however, the students are studying home missionary work. A very interesting and profitable meeting was held for this purpose Wednesday, January 31, during the chapel hour. Original papers were read by students, showing the many opportunities for home missionary work both in the school and in the community. After the program Professor Rees urged the necessity of doing the work that lies nearest us, and consequently six bands were formed to carry on activity along different lines. The names of the

bands so far organized are: Ministers' Band, Mission Sunday-school Band, Family Bible Teacher's Band, Life Boat Band, Canvassers' Band, and Christian Help Band. About seventy student joined one or more of these companies.

The Ministers' Band is composed of nine or ten members. They have already sought out a country school house in which to hold meetings, and a series of Sunday evening services has already been begun.

The Sunday-school Band has twenty-two members, and is divided into four groups to hold Sunday-schools in four quarters of the city. To these they will gather in as many as possible of the poor children who do not attend other schools, and teach them the Bible. This is an excellent way to reach the hearts of the parents.

The Family Bible Teacher's Band has five students. They will use the Family Bible Teacher in the city, following up the work with Bible readings wherever there is a call for them.

The Life Boat workers are twelve in number. They will subscribe for a club of *The Life Boat*, which they will take to prisoners in the county jail, or send to the convicts in different penitentiaries.

The Canvassers Band is composed of six students. There is always a broad field for the canvasser, even though it be in a territory that has been worked as much as this vicinity has. We expect much good from this band.

The Christian Help Band is an active group of twelve members. They have been seeking opportunities to aid the needy, and they are finding many needy and even destitute cases, almost at our very door.

All of these teachers and students have their time well filled with their school work, but each one is finding some time, even though it be but an hour or two, for doing some of this most practical missionary work.

NELLIE LEACH.

"THE minds of men need literary as well as spiritual training, that they may be harmoniously developed; for without literary training, men cannot fill acceptable positions of trust."

"Human wisdom, familiarity with the languages of different nations, is a help in the missionary work. An understanding of the customs of the people of the location and time of events, its practical knowledge, for it aids in making the figures of the Bible clear, in bringing out the force of Christ's lessons."

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

BROTHER C. V. HAMER has been called away from the office on important business for several days

WE urge all church clerks and Sabbath-school secretaries who have not sent their quarterly reports to the office please do so IMMEDIATELY.

REMEMBER the canvasser's Institute which begins March 1. We trust that many are planning to attend and thus prepare for this important line of work.

IN the report last week of the Missionary exercises held at Wilmington, the question should have been, "Is it nothing, etc.," instead of "It is nothing, etc."

MRS. J. F. DORSEY desires to sell the stock and fixtures of her grocery store. Post office is connected with the business. The property can be bought or rented. Address as above at Academia, O.

"The Missionary Idea" is the title of the latest book issued by the Union College Press. It is a book of missionary plans, helps and suggestions to missionary workers in the home, church and school, and will fill a long-felt want. The book is highly recommended by our leading workers. It contains over 225 pages and is handsomely bound in cloth. Sent post-paid for 75 cents. It may be obtained of our tract societies or of the publishers,
UNION COLLEGE PRESS,
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LIFE AND HEALTH FOR FEBRUARY.

OUR readers will find much practical matter in the February *Life and Health* a copy of which has just been received at this office. The publishers inform us that over 300 names have been added to their list of agents since last October, and that a great majority of these have met with excellent success in their work with the

journal. The average sales for adult agents being twenty copies per hour; children, ten copies per hour. As agents make two and one-half cents profits on each copy sold the average sales reported represent a good wage for the workers. Who else would like to try this line of work? Write to the publishers for Suggestions for Methods of Work and Suggestive Canvass for current issues, prices, etc.

CANVASSERS' REPORT.

(For week ending Jan. 26, 1906.)

A. T. Halstead, E. Liverpool.—Bible Readings: value of orders, \$29.75; helps, \$7.20; total, \$36.95.

F. B. Numbers, Marion Co.—Bible Readings: 30½ hours; value of orders, \$48.50; helps, \$8.50; total, \$57.

L. R. Williams, Auglaize Co.—Bible Readings: 14 hours; value of orders, \$8; helps, \$1.50; total, \$9.50.

H. A. Weaver, Columbus.—Bible Readings: and Practical Lessons: 24½ hours; value of orders, \$28.50; helps, \$2.50; total, \$31.

L. H. Waters, Stark Co.—Coming King: 28 hours; value of orders, \$11.50; deliveries, \$2.

E. R. Numbers, Lancaster.—Coming King: value of orders, \$25.50; helps, \$3.75; total, \$29.25.

L. F. Van Sickle, Holmes Co.—Christ our Saviour: 7 hours; value of orders, \$5; helps, \$.75; total, \$5.75.

D. R. Gallion, Holmes Co.—Christ our Saviour, 7 hours; value of orders: \$2.75; helps, \$.50; total, \$3.25.

F. E. Wagner, Tuscarawas Co.—Miscellaneous: cash sales, \$24.80.

*Two weeks.

(For week ending Feb. 2, 1906)

Paul Stokes, Columbus.—Desire of Ages: 7 hours; value of orders, \$29.50.

A. T. Halstead, E. Liverpool.—Bible Readings: value of orders, \$17.50; helps, \$3.25; total, \$20.75.

Fred B. Numbers, Marion Co.—Bible Readings: 28 hours; value of orders, \$44.50; helps, \$7; total, \$51.50.

L. R. Williams, Auglaize Co.—Bible Readings: 20 hours; value of orders, \$11.25; helps, \$.6; total, \$11.85.

L. H. Waters, Stark Co.—Coming King: 30 hours; value of orders, \$18.50; helps, \$.50; total, \$19; deliveries, \$4.

OBITUARY.

HERRON.—Died at her home near Bowling Green, Ohio, January 26, 1906. Sister Laura Herron, aged 59 years, 8 months, and 10 days. She was born May 16, 1846, and lived and died on the same place. She was ill and suffering

for about a year, and was willing to go to rest. She left a husband and two daughters to mourn their loss. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer to a full house.

JOHN P. GARDE.

JACKSON.—Howard Earnest, infant son of Theodore and Flora Jackson, was born Jan. 5, and died Jan. 12, 1906. Thus after the brief space of one week, the little life that was given—as we had hoped—to gladden and cheer our lives, is given back into the care of him who doeth all things well. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon Jan. 14, at the home of the parents, near Hicksville, O., where a large number of friends and neighbors gathered and listened with marked interest to work of comfort spoken by the writer from Jer. 31: 15-17.

"Though sorrow dims our vision here,
Faith points beyond this mortal sphere.
Where tears of anguish never flow,
Where pain and death none ever know."
H. H. BURKHOLDER.

ALLEN.—Sister Iva Camelia, youngest daughter, of David and Harriett Barr, was born in La Grange, O., May 12, 1881. Died Jan. 25, 1906, aged 24 years, 8 months, 13 days. She leaves a husband, Shirley G. Allen, two children, a mother, one sister and two brothers to mourn their loss. Sister Allen was baptized when twelve years old, and united with the La Grange church, remaining a member of the same until her death. She took the nurse's course at the Battle Creek Sanitarium beginning with the class of 1899. Funeral services were held Sabbath Jan. 28, in the La Grange church, which was filled to overflowing. The familiar text, Matt. 11: 28, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest," had been previously chosen by the deceased to be used upon the funeral occasion. Also Jno. 1: 1-12 was chosen for scriptural reading.

"I hear the Saviour calling:
The joyful hour has come;
The angel guards are ready
To guide me to our home,
Where Christ our Lord shall gather
All his redeemed again
His kingdom to inherit."
Goodnight—till then."
M. C. KIRKENDALL.

VANSICKLE.—Minnie Lenora Vansickle, was born near Millersburg, Homes Co., O., May 1, 1879. She spent her entire life at, or near the old homestead where she fell asleep January 8, 1906, aged 26 years, 8 months, and 7 days. Mr. Gallion, her father, became much interested during a series of meetings held by the writer with the Killbuck church in the winter of 1902. He had expressed a desire to live to glorify his Maker, but pneumonia fastened its unreleasing grip upon him before fully identifying himself with the church, and he was laid away. Minnie had great respect for her father and while the still small voice pleaded, she gave her heart to the Saviour. After being baptized, she united with her home church, April 5, 1902, being afflicted she subjected herself to a surgical operation by Drs. H. W. and Maud Miller, before they went to China, after which she seemed perfectly well until about a year ago, when it was noticed that that dread disease, consumption of the lungs had made its appearance. On December 24, 1903 she was united in marriage to Lemon Floyd Vansickle. To this union was born a son, now about one year old. Minnie bade farewell to this world triumphantly testifying to all that the way was clear and bright. Her hope was to meet her Saviour at the resurrection of the just. The funeral was held in the Pleasant Hill church Jan. 10. The text chosen was John 12-24. J. O. MILLER.