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

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## GENERAL ARTICLES

### STAND FIRM

The years of this lifetime are bearing  
Us on to eternity's shore;  
The blessings we daily are sharing  
Are ours to enjoy or ignore,  
We all have a work to accomplish,  
Each one some position to take,  
Some talent to use in God's service,  
A truth to uphold for his sake.

Adrift with the tide of opinion,  
Pressed on in the wake of the throng,  
While popular creed holds dominion,  
And right yields in weakness to  
wrong;

Not thus would I carelessly mingle,  
But stand for the right, though alone,  
With heart and a purpose yet single,  
Christ's every example to own.

Compliance with error can never  
But lead to delusion and blight;  
The soul that is steadfast forever  
Shall win in a glorious fight.

What then, though temptations sur-  
round us,

And voices condemn or deride?  
No tongue or device can confound us  
With God and his word on our side.

—Selected.

### THE CAMP-MEETING

**TIME.**—The next annual camp-meeting of the Ohio Seventh-day Adventist Conference will be held Aug. 16-26, 1906.

**PLACE.**—Troy, county seat of Miami County, is the place selected for this important meeting.

**LOCATION.**—Troy is a city of about 6,000 people, situated at the junction of the Big Four and C. H. & D. railways. The Fair Ground where the meeting is to be held is about one mile north of the Court House, with good gravel walk to the ground. The Inter-urban or Electric service is also excellent. Cincinnati, Dayton, Chillicothe, Circleville, Zanesville, Newark, Columbus, and

Springfield; also Cleveland, Toledo, Norwalk, Bowling Green, Findlay, Lima, Fostoria, Wapakoneta, Sidney, and many other smaller towns are connected in this way. These cars will stop at the front entrance to the ground and will also carry baggage on conditions which they will announce themselves in the VISITOR. As stated in a former article, these grounds are above the average. A number of good buildings, good water, plenty of shade, sheds and stable room for those who drive, with other necessary conveniences, make this a desirable place for our purpose.

Unless we can make our large pavilion waterproof by an application of some sort, we will hold the public services in the Art Building, similar to the one used at Dayton six years ago.

**WHY THIS SELECTION.**—Several good reasons led to this choice of place. Troy and vicinity is comparatively new territory, which will furnish an excellent opportunity to do missionary work. The solemn responsibilities resting upon us as a people to give the light of God's closing Message to a lost world figured largely in deciding on this place. Special efforts will be put forth by the Conference Committee to make this annual camp-meeting a blessing both to our own people who attend and all others who come within touch of its influence.

Special meetings for the youth and children will also be held so none will be neglected. Let us all plan to be in attendance and do our part to make this, another camp-meeting, a blessing to the cause of God.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

### LIVING FOR GOD

NONE of us understand one-half the blessing to others and the influence for religion there is in simply being good. We struggle to be active and to do many things. We run everywhere to work for Christ. We think that unless we are always doing something, or talking to somebody, or holding a meeting somewhere, or visiting the poor or the sick, we are not useful. We make a mistake. There is no other such power for real usefulness, no other such glory of God, as in simple goodness. Holy life itself is . . . service.

Hence there should be in every young Christian the most conscientious watchfulness over the early growths of spirituality in his own heart. These growths are tender and easily destroyed, like the young plants which the gardener keeps in his conservatory through the winter and cool spring days. The whole matter of heart culture requires the utmost diligence. All life, business and social, as well as religious, must be made to contribute to it. We should form our friendships and choose our amusements with reference to their effect on our heart-life. Some one has given this true test, whose application should be wide as life itself; "Whatever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your view of God, or takes off the relish of spiritual things,—in short, whatever increases the authority of your body over your mind,—that is sin to you, however innocent it may be in itself."

A life so regulated, so watched, so ruled by conscience and by

the Word and the Spirit of God, will grow into a living power of real holiness the value of whose ministry will be incalculable in its silent, pervasive influence.—*In His Steps.*

## THE SABBATH-SCHOOL

### THE SUPERINTENDENT

ALL are acquainted with the statement in the Testimonies that "to change the officers frequently will be an advantage to the school; for one man's mind is not to mould all other minds." But do not suppose that a change of superintendents will remedy every evil in the school.

A superintendent may be ever so faithful, but if the students of the school do not co-operate, his plans, however carefully laid, will never be carried into effect. It often happens that those who are the first to criticise are the last to assist in the school, vainly supposing that their criticism is all the help needed.

We should not change our superintendents thus to enlarge our field for criticism. Simply because we have exhausted our resources in criticising one brother does not warrant our sacrificing another victim.

The one by whom we are most easily moulded is the one in whom we have the most confidence. It would naturally follow, therefore, that personal preferences should not control our actions; and in harmony with this thought we read, "In selecting officers from time to time, be sure that personal preferences do not rule, but place in positions of trust those who you are convinced love and fear God, and will make God their counselor."

While the foregoing statements are addressed to the school, yet we would not forget the duties of the superintendent, in the discharging of which he is accountable to God. His duties are to be remembered throughout the week as well as on the Sabbath.

Let him "plan, study how to secure a well-organized, well-disciplined school." "There should be discipline and order in the Sabbath-schools. Children who attend these schools should prize the privileges they enjoy, and should be required to observe the regulations of the school." "Let the rules of the school be carried out in the spirit of Jesus."

Although the foregoing statements are true, let us be sure we do not misunderstand them. Our plans must be laid to save souls. This is our work, and the mission of the Sabbath-school.

Vain would it be for a superintendent to suppose that he can overlook his work during the week, and failing to lay plans for the conduct of the school, think to make up for his neglect by delivering a lecture in the Sabbath-school. The meeting is for lectures, but the school is for study, and the duty of every officer is to teach. To teach is to "show how," but to lecture, generally, only consumes the time and interest of the school.

A definite time should be given to the work of the Sabbath-school, and a definite program should be prepared to cover every minute of the school, but no more. If the Spirit of God comes in, this program may be changed, but the superintendent should not plan to change it.

His wisdom will be shown in presenting his plans to the teachers at the weekly teachers' meeting, which should be held without fail, and asking the teachers to assist in formulating a program for the school. It would be well to have this program written, as the superintendent will then have it for reference in varying the program for the next Sabbath.

We have been told that the modes of teaching which have been adopted with such success in the public schools, could be employed with similar results in the Sabbath-schools, and be the

means of bringing children to Jesus and educating them in Bible truth.

This will do far more good than religious excitement of an emotional character that passes off as rapidly as it comes.

It will be observed that methods are commended. This may well be considered by every superintendent. Are you, as you engage in the work of the new quarter, planning to regard this instruction? Let every lesson be illustrated. Plan to make every thing interesting. A student needs no disciplining as long as you hold his interest. The driver strikes the horse to gain its attention, but why was it necessary? Many complain that their school has lost all interest in their work, but can they really say there was much to lose? A student will guard carefully any thing that he is taught has any value.

JAMES E. SHULTZ.

### SABBATH-SCHOOL CONVENTION

THE Hamler Sabbath-school convention opened according to appointment, Friday evening, July 14, with an address by Elder H. H. Burkholder.

Sabbath morning, after an interesting Sabbath-school, the first subject of the program, "The Object of This Convention," was presented by Elder Burkholder, and the necessity of holding these meetings, together with the advantages and benefits, were forcibly presented.

The following subjects were presented by different members of the school in a very creditable manner: "Is the Spirit of God Essential to Success in the Sabbath-school?" "Safe-Guarding the Children"; and "The Influence of the Sabbath-school." A general discussion followed each subject and many helpful suggestions were brought out.

The second session began the evening after the Sabbath, and

the subjects considered were: "The Need of Consecrated Teachers"; "How Parents May Co-operate with Teachers"; "The Greatest Need of Our School"; and an essay on "The Kind of Teacher I Like."

The first subject presented Sunday morning was "The Home Department," which was proved by Miss Bessie Russell to be a very important part of every Sabbath-school. She told how the work is increasing, and the good it is accomplishing throughout the state.

The remaining subjects were: "How May We Develop the Missionary Spirit in the Sabbath-school?" and "God's Manner of Imparting Knowledge." The ways and methods that were used by ancient Israel were rehearsed, and lessons were drawn from how the Saviour taught while here on earth.

Sunday evening the church was crowded, and the audience was attentive and interested during the presentation of the subjects. "The Possibilities of the Sabbath-school" were shown by Elder Burkholder to be a great factor in preparing young men and women for service in the Master's cause. "How to Become Better Teachers" and "The Young People's Work" were also discussed, after which the question box was opened, and the various questions brought out many important facts concerning the proper manner of conducting a Sabbath-school. The program closed with an opportunity for one minute talks on the benefits derived from the convention. Many took an active part, and all felt that the convention had indeed been a success.

The children all took an active part, and added much pleasure to the occasion. The music was varied and well rendered.

VERNON PUNCHES.

Take the children to camp-meeting.

## OUR WORK AND WORKERS

### Beavertown.

It was my privilege to meet with the church at Beavertown, on Sabbath morning, June 14, according to appointment. The Lord came precious near during the entire service. The Lord's supper was celebrated in the afternoon. Many precious testimonies were borne at the beginning of this service, after which the doors of the church were opened. Eight adults and one earnest faithful lad presented themselves for church membership.

On the following Sunday, at the conclusion of the morning service, six were buried with their Lord in baptism. Several of our faithful sisters came down from Jackson and enjoyed the services with us. Their presence added very much to the interest and the joy of the meeting.

Pray for the work at Beavertown. Remember those dear ones that have just taken such a noble stand for the truth as it has been revealed to us in the light of the Third Angel's Message.

R. R. KENNEDY.

### Melrose.

DEAR VISITOR: We again write you a few lines concerning the progress of our meetings. We have reached the important point where some must soon decide to obey or reject the truth given. Just how many will take their stand for the truth we do not know, but we are sure that some will accept God's Word as it is.

Our attendance has fallen off so we have only forty or fifty, though the tent has been well filled twice the past week.

Our people are quite faithful in attending from Charloe, and we have reason to believe that they are being benefited as a result of the faith thus manifested.

As the people learn more of

the truths we hold, prejudice is disarmed, and they become more ready to hear and question concerning these things.

W. E. BIDWELL,  
JOHN W. SHULTZ.

### Dresden.

TO THE WELCOME VISITOR:—

ON Sabbath, July 14, the Trinway-Dresden and Pleasant Hill churches met at Dresden to celebrate the ordinances of the Lord's house. There were thirty-four present, twenty of whom took part in the sacred services.

Elder B. L. House and Brother Everett King, local elder of the Pleasant Hill church, were present to officiate in the services. Elder House read Eph. 4:17-32; 5:1-2; Rom. 15:1-11, and gave a talk on these verses.

We had a very interesting testimony meeting, and all the members are of good courage in the Lord. Brother King read 1 Cor. 11:23-34 for a Scripture lesson, after which the emblems were partaken of.

Our hearts were cheered and blessed, and our prayer is that God will keep the members of these churches united, that they may work with renewed energy to win precious souls for Christ; for we know his coming is near. He is even at the door.

May the peace of God rest upon you all.

HOWARD W. WEST,  
Clerk.

"Who ever knew an eminently holy man who did not spend much of his time in prayer? Did ever a man exhibit much of the spirit of prayer who did not devote much time to his closet? Whitefield says, 'Whole days and weeks have I spent prostrate on the ground, in silent or vocal prayer.' 'Fall upon your knees and grow there,' is the language of another, who knew whereof he affirmed."

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**Sabbath begins July 27 at 7:37 P. M.**

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**Camp-meeting August 16 to 26.**

## NOTES AND PERSONALS

OUR aged pioneer, Brother John Place, who has been very ill for some time, is reported to be slightly improved.

SISTER M. J. NESON, Secretary of the Columbus Sabbath-school, informs us that out of the number who have been baptized and united with the Columbus church recently, twelve of them were young people. We praise the Lord that so many of our youth are being saved for the cause of Present Truth.

BROTHER C. A. PEDICORD writes from Cincinnati: "Our tent meetings are still in progress, and we will have some Sabbath-keepers to report."

PROF. N. W. LAWRENCE delivered his farewell sermon to the Mount Vernon church Sabbath, July 21, using the text, "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." He reminded us of the fact that we are in the time when the development of patience and faith is especially necessary. In order more fully to attain this end, one should be in possession of the charity spoken of in 1 Cor. 13, which "beareth all things, believeth all things." One of the principal things to be accomplished by the development of patience is the control of our words, for, "If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body."

WHILE at Hamler the Editor had the pleasure of viewing the site where the Third Angel's Message was first proclaimed twenty-six years ago last month. At that time O. F. Guilford, who now rests from his labors, as minister in charge, and H. H. Burkholder, as tent-master, sought out this location, and after spending the month of May in cutting down trees and clearing the grounds so they could pitch their tents, began the meetings which resulted in the organizing of a church. While only a few of the charter members are at present in the church, some having passed away and others having moved to a distance, our hearts were filled with gratitude for what God has accomplished there, and for the neat edifice erected for his service, and for the faithful members who are holding up the light of truth in the neighborhood. May the blessing of God rest upon them, and they be so united in the bonds of love that a still greater work may be accomplished.

## RAIL ROAD RATES TO CAMP-MEETING

As the result of an act passed by the General Assembly of Ohio last winter this State now has a straight two-cent-a-mile fare. Since this law has gone into effect the Central Passenger Association has withdrawn from all former contracts granting reduced fares. This year there will be no "Certificate plan," but a straight 2 cent fare with the same amount of baggage as formerly; viz., 150 pounds to each passenger.

We now have under the new plan, the same reduction as under the old, and at the same time relieved from all the annoyance and unpleasant experiences connected with the old Certificate plan.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

## CANVASSERS' REPORT.

(For week ending July 13, 1906.)

Robert Ashton, Clermont Co.—Desire of Ages: 29 hours; value of orders, \$32.50; helps, \$2; total, \$34.50.

Fred B. Numbers, Clermont Co.—Great Controversy: 26 hours; value of orders, \$6.75.

Raleigh French, Green Co.—Bible Readings: 20 hours; value of orders, \$14.50; helps, \$7; total, \$21.50.

A. T. Halstead, Belmont Co.—Bible Readings: value of orders, \$42.75; helps, \$13.75; total, \$56.50; deliveries, \$20.

Miss Augusta Blosser, Cincinnati.—Bible Readings: 21 hours; value of orders, \$26; helps, \$9; total, \$35; deliveries, \$75.

Miss Audrey Murphey, Cincinnati.—Heralds of the Morning: 26 hours; value of orders, \$12; helps, \$1.75; total, \$13.75.

Effie Perrine, Belmont Co.—Coming King: value of orders, \$6.50; helps, \$2.50; total, \$9; deliveries, \$1.

B. F. Cook, Greene Co.—Coming King: 31 hours; value of orders, \$8; helps, \$4; total, \$12; deliveries, \$3.

Isaac R. Harden, Drake Co.—Coming King: 12 hours; value of orders, \$2.

F. E. Wagner,\* Tuscarawas Co.—Miscellaneous: cash sales, \$31.60.

\*Since his last report.