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

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As down the many years apace,
We backward turn our thoughts, and trace
Events gone by, perhaps a deed

Of plans we planned and failed to heed,
See how unworthy we have been
Of Jesus, who for us was slain:
Whose death upon the cross didst gain
A throne for all, when Christ shall reign:
The resurrection morn shall come
When loved ones all will gather home,
To evermore remain.

Jehovah us his Son didst give.

That all who died in him might live.

Yes, live in mansions Christ prepares

Away from sorrows, sins, and cares:

Then turn to God without delay!

For Christ, our Lord, has led the way.

Trust not unto a last prayer giv'n

To save your souls and gain you heaven!

For close, so close we walk with death,

How know we when shall cease our breath,
And we die—unforgiven!

But think of reckless ones who give

In youth, the best that in them is

To Satan's snares, and day by day,

Are led by reckless pleasure's sway:

Who think that when they come to die

God's ear will catch their burdened cry.

Ye sinners who are tempting fate—

For Jesus' sake ere 'tis too late!

For none are yet too old to learn,

'Tis long the lane which has no turn.

Then cease, O cease to wait!

If worldly lusts and passions cleave,

O soul! God's Spirit thou dost grieve.

Then ever gladly take the cross!

Count gain, for carnal pleasures, loss;

For Christ hath better things for all

Who heed his tender, loving call.

O sinner! sinner! do not wait

A death-bed prayer, a death-bed fate!

Think not there's time before you die!

End not thy life with anguish'd cry,

Too late, my Lord, too late!

MRS. EDNA A. CRABBE.

THE RESPONSE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS TO GOD'S CALL TO EDUCATE THE CHILDREN

FROM the time that Christian church schools were established, Satan's efforts to tear them down and rear his own upon the ruins have been unintermitting. When he found it impossible to crush them out by force, he accomplished almost the same end by weaving error into the fabric, a thread at a time, until at last the whole system was

changed beyond recognition, though at first very little change could be seen. Thus God's plans were thwarted, and the hopes of the leaders in the movement perished.

After watching the educational struggle which has gone on for ages between truth and error, and knowing that scarcely a century has passed which has not witnessed a controversy, more or less severe, between the true and the false methods of instruction, can we expect any thing other than to find ourselves in the midst of controversy to-day?

We believe that true education consists in the harmonious development of the physical, mental and spiritual powers, so an education which falls short in any of these requisites is not a true education, and God is not pleased with such a preparation.

To-day we find in schools of the world that the mental development is exalted to the neglect of the moral and spiritual welfare. Locke recognized this when he said, "A pure soul in a sound body should precede the study of mere facts." The Lord desires the children to receive a true education. They must have it, in order to fill their place in his work. But where is the education to be obtained? State schools can not give it, and indeed they have no right to do so; therefore we cannot rely upon them.

God desires us to establish schools of our own, whose object it is to build character. We must be the repairers of the breach. To us belongs the work of building up the old waste places in the education of our children.

It is impossible for parents to counteract the influence of the teaching which the children receive in the public schools, and thus their young minds are led into wrong channels. They are daily brought in contact with that which will contaminate their morals, and they become like those with whom they associate.

He tells us to use our schools as a means of aiding them; for it is in school that they are taught self-control, obedience and all the other requisites to godliness. In responding to this call of God to establish schools for our children, we cannot afford to lower the standard of Christian education

even though by so doing we should gain popularity and increased numbers.

Our aim must not be that of worldly success, but instead, such a thorough training must be given the children as will fit them for use in the Lord's vineyard. In responding to this call of God, we may meet many unpleasant things, and often obstacles may arise which seem insurmountable, but we can conquer these through divine help. One of these barriers broken down will give fresh courage to go on. Then circumstances will help instead of hinder. This reform which has been started will, if carried forward in the way that it should be, show such excellent results that the attention of many will be called to it.

Much perseverance will be needed to make the many needed changes. Errors must be rooted out, and false ideas put away. This has been done to a certain extent, yet there is still much more to be done. We are told that our watchword should be "Advance"; that we "must make no backward movements."

In the systems previously founded selfishness is fostered and strife for supremacy encouraged. Many people of the world are aware of the evil effects of this system, and are placing their influence on the side of right. Not only are the methods injurious, but the subject matter is also harmful. These wrongs, too, must be righted. We must guard the children from the very appearance of evil. If we turn to the right hand or to the left we are in danger of becoming entangled in the snares by which others have fallen.

Those who have founded these false systems have builded a wall and daubed it with untempered mortar. God says, "Say to them which daub it with untempered mortar, that it shall fall." It cannot bear the test God makes. Their education aims at nothing beyond this world, and will stand only as long as the world stands. The great need of the youth of to-day is an education which will prepare them for the life to come. We should strive to make our system of education the one which will accomplish this end. In answering God's call

let us not daub our wall with untempered mortar, but instead, build one which, when beheld by the Lord, will entitle us to the words of approval, "Well done, good and faithful servants." MARGARET PREPER.

THE OAKWOOD SCHOOL

WE are glad to be able to report progress at this school during the past year. Yet we are not satisfied and hope for greater results in the future. That this may be realized we are looking for our brethren and sisters over the entire field to nobly sustain the colored work by generous gifts at the next annual collection, October 6, to be taken for this work. A part of this donation will be appropriated to the requirements of the Huntsville school. We are indeed thankful for what has been done in the past by way of donations to this institution. Through the liberality of our brethren, we have been enabled to make needed improvements during the past year, such as installing neat and suitable bathrooms, building a small, but very servicable greenhouse, and trougling the two teachers' cottages. Other similar but very necessary improvements have also been made.

A beginning has been made in the production of seeds and bulbs in a commercial way. We are assured a good market for these products, and feel that this line will prove a very profitable industry for the school besides bringing to our students an excellent training. More funds are needed to start this work successfully.

We are planning in harmony with the light which the Lord has given us, to prepare the school farm, as fast as possible, for diversified crops. We believe this will greatly broaden our industrial training in agricultural and horticultural lines. It is also our plan to broaden the intellectual work of the school, and strengthen our courses of study.

On September 19 the school for the year opened with bright prospects for successful work. Though the attendance is not large at the beginning, yet we are assured of several new students in the near future. The spiritual condition of the school is good, and the young people seem imbued with a spirit of earnestness, realizing the importance of the great work for which they are in preparation.

We believe our brethren throughout the field will be glad for that which has been done in the training of colored workers, and expect that on October 6 you will, by a very liberal donation, show that you wish for this work even greater success and victories the coming year. W. J. BLAKE, *Prin.*

MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE

A MISSIONARY REVIVAL AT OUR COLLEGE

ELDER J. L. SHAW and wife who have been in this country for about a year, having been compelled to leave India on account of the poor health of Elder Shaw, are on their way back to India to continue missionary work there. They arrived here on Thursday evening, and Friday morning at chapel the students of the College had the privilege of listening to a few stirring words from Elder Shaw.

He expressed the great pleasure he felt in seeing such a large company of young men and women whom he believed were preparing for the great and glorious work of rescuing souls from sin by pointing them to the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world. He spoke of the great need of the harvest field in general, and being especially interested in the field of India spoke of the great number of people there who never heard of the sin pardoning Saviour, and who know not the living God.

The field of India is about two-thirds as large as the United States, yet the population is about four times as great, and in that vast population of 300,000,000 souls there are only about thirty workers of our faith. He emphasized the necessity of each student in the school having a definite purpose in view, as that would be a sure way of success.

Elder Shaw occupied the pulpit Sabbath evening and morning. The chapel was full at both times, and among the company could be seen those from other parts of Ohio. Of those may be mentioned Elder E. J. Van Horn, Brother Whiteis, of Columbus, Elder James Shultz, Sister Katharine Miller, and others.

The meeting was a good one. Elder Shaw started with an account of their arrival upon the heathen shore of India, and gave us a brief account of the period of their work there, and the work done by other workers.

He spoke of the great diversity of languages used in that country and the good worldly education that the majority of the people have.

He gave an account of the caste system and what it means to the people to break their caste. This caste system is still, to a large degree, an important part of the worship of the native Indians, and he told of some of the work being done in Calcutta and other places for the betterment of this class of people. He told us of the good work that

is being done by Dr. Miller and his wife, by Brother H. H. Votaw and his wife, and by Sister Burroway who have recently gone to that field. The Lord's blessing is with those workers; and as he told of the experiences which they are meeting with, it made the hearts of the listeners rejoice and thank God that he is still working with and for his people. As the meeting closed with earnest words in reference to the need of the field of India and the Macedonian call was repeated, all felt that the Lord had certainly visited his people and there was planted in the heart of several of the students (and I trust in all that heard the call) a greater desire and determination to prepare speedily and thoroughly for the work among the dark lands of India or in other fields as the Spirit of the Lord shall direct.

The Afternoon Meeting

On Sabbath afternoon the chapel was again crowded to listen to Sister Shaw concerning the condition of the native women of India. It is awful to think of the way the women of India are compelled to live. The thought of the privations and sufferings, especially of the widow women, is terrible to think of by the liberty-loving people of America. There seems to be, however, as much love one for another as there is in America, but because of the long custom of treating the women so inferior to the men, that custom must be carried out. They are very zealous in carrying out all these points as it is a part of their religion.

Sister Shaw gave an account of the sanitarium work, and the house-to-house work by Sister Burgess and others, among these shut-in women.

At the conclusion Elder Shaw made an appeal for help in establishing a mission among the mountains in the north of India. In the plains in the central part of India during the eight hot months of the year, the thermometer ranges from 90° to 140°, and that is very trying to workers, some not being able to stand it long at a time, so the workers in thinking it over decided that if they could secure a mission among these snow-capped mountains, where they could go at times to recuperate, that it would be possible for much better work to be done, and also plant another light-house in that dark country. The thought was fruitful among the Mount Vernon people, and a good collection was taken for this purpose. A brother in the West had already given \$2,000 for this object, and wherever Brother Shaw had gone the brethren and sisters had generously contributed for this worthy cause.

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