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

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GOOD MEETINGS

SABBATH evening the chapel of the Mount Vernon College was filled to its utmost capacity with the workers, visitors and students assembled for the meeting appointed for the evening.

After the opening song Elder A. G. Daniells earnestly invoked the blessing of God, asking that his presence be in these meetings, and that his people be kept from the sham, deceitfulness and selfishness of this degenerate age and ever be true and loyal to the principles contained in the Third Angel's Message.

Elder H. H. Burkholder occupied a short time in expressing his pleasure in seeing so many present. He also urged a united effort on the part of all in seeking the Lord to direct in all that may be said and done through these meetings. He also expressed the pleasure of all in having Elder Daniells with us.

The subject for the evening, by Elder B. L. House, was the great threefold Message and the finishing of the work in this generation. Matthew 24, that chapter dear to every Seventh-day Adventist, was used, especially verses 32 to 35, and also Rev. 14:6-12. There seems to be a question among our people as to what generation is meant in the text. Without doubt it is the generation of people who saw the signs of Christ's coming in the light of prophecy. This generation of people living *to-day* are to witness the close of this earth's history. Our Saviour gave the signs in direct answer to a direct question from his loved disciples, they who were to be his representatives on the earth after his departure. He gave signs to the church and to the world that they might *know* the events that were to transpire just before his coming, and would know of a certainty that when these signs were fulfilled that he was near, even at the doors. Just as surely as we can look at the fig tree and see when summer is approaching just so surely can we *know* when his coming is at the door.

The Church has many assurances, so there is no need of anyone becom-

ing discouraged, but on the other hand there is abundant evidence of encouragement. God's warnings come at just the right time, he does not send them long before the time or long after but they come at the right time, and so as God has given us many warnings we can rest assured that there is need of our taking these warnings at this time and not putting off our preparation. This is indeed the people who are to see Christ come.

Sabbath Morning

During the school year it is necessary to hold two sessions of the Sabbath-school. The College Sabbath-school convened at 8:30, and a pleasant and profitable hour was spent in the study of the lesson. At 9:45 the Church held their session, and an interesting review was conducted by Elder Smith, and the hour for the class study passed all too rapidly.

At 11:00 o'clock Elder A. G. Daniells stood in the pulpit. The chapel was again crowded to listen to his discourse. He continued the subject of the evening before showing that this is indeed the people who are to witness the coming of the sinless One, showing without doubt that the judgment is now in session, that one of the most convincing evidences of the soon coming of Jesus was the gospel being preached to all nations for a witness. John was one of the disciples who listened to an account of the signs as given in Matthew 24, and in the Revelation he saw the everlasting gospel being preached to all nations, and at this same time he saw the scene of the judgment taking place in heaven, and God's messengers on the earth, saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come, and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."

How convincing are the evidences of his soon coming!

As Elder Daniells portrayed the start and the growth of the work every heart seemed to be encouraged with the glad thought that this work would soon be finished. He showed how every detail of the work was progressing very rapidly,

that in the last few years the growth has been exceeding rapid, that fifty-eight consecrated missionaries had gone out in the past year, that eighteen new mission stations had been established, that the tithe for the year was almost \$1,000,000. How marvelously is the work increasing. The only place where the work is not established is a strip of Mohammedan territory, comprising Arabia, Afghanistan, and Beloochistan.

There is a large school of over two hundred in Australia all of whom are preparing for some branch of the work. There is a sanitarium there having over sixty nurses in training for future work. Surely the work is progressing and the motto is onward. He spoke of the European school of two hundred students and the sanitarium having one hundred patients at the time he was there. Seventh-day Adventists are as free in Russia today as in Ohio. This is surely an evidence of the mighty power of the truth over kingdoms. Our hearts should be buoyed up by the glad encouraging news of the advancement of the work. There is no cause for doubt. Soon the whole earth will be lightened with the glory of the Lord. The gentle showers of the latter rain are falling. This is the greatest cause in the world to-day. Never has there been such a religious movement. Never has a movement had so wide a scope. God is hastening this work. The end is in sight. Pray for more help.

Afternoon Meeting

A social meeting at 2:30 was conducted by Elder H. H. Burkholder. He made some remarks at the opening based upon Rev. 10:6. He showed the importance of the work before us, but encouraged us with the thought of the mighty work that God can do through his people in a very short time. The call comes from all sides. The work is nearing completion. The long, dark reign of sin is about to close. May it be that God's people may be true to the light given, to the golden opportunities of the day. The work is certain to be cut short in righteousness.

The social meeting was indeed encouraging. If there could be doubt

in the hearts of any that the work was not going forward, their doubt would surely be turned to courage if they listened to the words of courage and good cheer of the testimonies. Nearly sixty of those present took part.

Evening Meeting

After the male quartet had rendered a selection entitled, "God is not Mocked," the service began. The subject was, "Our Purpose, Our Mission and Our Belief as a People." Elder Daniells emphasized the fact of the greatness of the movement, the broadness and vastness of the scope of our work. God's overruling providence is over all. He spoke some of of the work being done in the islands of the sea, of the way the Message is belting the globe. He spoke of the progress of the work in Iceland and the marvelous way in which the Message was carried there. Now they publish papers and have a church. God's providence was leading in the establishment of the work at that place. The Message has reached Hammerfest, the most northern city in the world and a company of Sabbath keepers have been raised up. Then he spoke of the establishment of the work in the most southern town in the world. God's mighty providence is at the helm of this work. There is now not a cannibal on the Fiji Islands. One of the natives is an ordained minister. In the Catholic countries of Europe the Message is spreading. God is planting his work in marvelous ways. He is leading and commanding his forces on the field of battle. The foundation of our belief is broad and sure. The work is going on. All mysteries will soon be explained and we shall see the fruits of our labors. The Message is going to triumph. It is triumphing. It is going to succeed. It is succeeding. It demands the whole-hearted devotion of all. It is the truth of the eternal God. The truth will go on. May we truly appreciate it. May we glory in the cross, in this truth, and in our God.

S. L. F.

Sunday Morning

The first regular meeting of the workers was held on Sunday morning at 9:30. The singing of the beautiful, familiar song, "What a friend we have in Jesus," led our minds upward to the throne of grace, from whence come all our blessings, and as Brother Moffett offered a fervent prayer of petition and consecration, also bearing Elder Moon, in the arms of faith, to the throne, we felt the presence of God in great measure.

Elder Burkholder stated briefly the object in calling the meeting, viz., the raising of the \$150,000 fund for the general work, at home and abroad.

The time was then given to Elder Daniells who very carefully and thoroughly set before those assembled the existing conditions which led to the launching of the project to raise the fund.

Considering the unentered fields, also the need of proper institutions in which to prepare workers, and in harmony with a message from the Spirit of Prophecy that such institutions should be erected, the General Conference Committee decided to place the matter before the Union Conference Presidents, also the local conference presidents, who were called together in a general council at Washington, D. C., for the purpose of considering the matter. This resulted in a plan being devised by which every member of the denomination might be induced and enabled to have a share in the work. This plan will be stated in another article.

Elder Daniells having concluded his statements, the time was given to the workers. It was soon demonstrated that all were in harmony with the plan, and good results are expected to follow the efforts that shall be made, as they go out among the churches of the State. K. E. M.

Sunday Evening

Elder C. A. Pedicord preached the closing sermon of this series of meetings Sunday evening. His remarks were based upon Matt. 16:13.

The speaker did not see in this text what millions of others do, that Christ founded his church upon a single frail man, but saw the foundation upon which it was builded, and its final triumph. He drew the contrast between the frail rock-man, and the solid rock-Christ. The power and authority given in chapter 18 is delegated to the church and not to one man. The same command is given to all elders that was given to the apostle Peter.

It was upon the faith Peter expressed when he said, "Thou art the Christ, the son of the living God," that the church would be built, and not upon a fallible man, whose name signifies "a small stone."

He dwelt particularly upon the promise that the gates of hell should not prevail against it. Not especially upon the triumph over the grave, but its victory in all periods of the world's history. As the church left Christ and the world came in bringing darkness, the Lord would send another message to bring the church

out of that darkness. The great three-fold message, the last one the world is to receive, will develop the remnant church that awaits her Lord's return.

Prayer is the key which unlocks heaven's store-house in which are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Let each one find his place, and then all work together, and Satan cannot prevail against the church or a single individual. Nothing can hinder a movement set in motion by God. We can look forward to the final triumph of the church in the new earth.

In closing he drew the beautiful picture of God's building, with Christ as chief corner stone, the apostles as the foundation, and each one of us as a polished stone, and the whole fitly joined together. His closing remarks were of praise to God for his loving-kindness, and an exhortation to faithfulness.

SANITARY PRINCIPLES IN DIVINE WORSHIP

The gospel is to be bound up with the principles of true health. If we reject these principles, we reject the One who gave them. "True religion and the laws of health go hand in hand." Those who study and practice these principles will be greatly blessed, both physically and spiritually. God has placed the responsibility upon us to care for our own bodies.

Daniel purposed in his own heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank. He could not afford to eat impure food or drink wine that contained disease germs. He knew that the Spirit of God dwelt in his body, and that to retain it, he must abstain, under all circumstances, from impure food. He believed with Paul and all other consistent Christians, that all who wilfully defile their bodies would be of no service to God in this world, or the world to come. The beloved John writes, "I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

In the construction of our meeting houses and in the ordinances everything should be made to conform with sanitary principles. This is especially true now, for the world is filled with contagious diseases. The Third Angel's Message is to go to every nation, kindred, tongue and people to gather out a company that will keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

God will not at once change our vile bodies and fashion them like unto his glorious body. That will all come in due time. God alone by his Spirit and power can make it possible for us to dwell together in unity and health, yet we must not be presumptuous, and expect the Lord to do for us what we can do for ourselves. In the ordinances of God's house we must avoid, as far as possible, bringing our bodies in contact with others suffering from contagious diseases. The Lord would put none of the evil diseases of Egypt upon his children, which they knew. God was their father. They were his sons and daughters. They were not to touch the unclean thing. Let us pray "keep back thy servant from resumptuous sins. Let them not have dominion over me."

R. R. KENNEDY.

Liberty Center.

NOVEMBER 17 and 18 will be long remembered by the church at Liberty Center because of the first Harvest Ingathering held by them. All were agreeably surprised at the nicely rendered program and beautifully decorated church. No one can really know what may be done, until an earnest effort is put forth, in which continual vigilance is shown. So here it was found that the talent exhibited by the young people was far beyond expectation. All that is needed is for each one to do his part and that which he can do and not to expect to do more than he can.

After Sabbath-school the church people were privileged to listen to a short discourse on "The Feast of the Tabernacles," which was shown to point forward to the time when all flesh shall come to worship God from time to time in the new earth.

Sabbath afternoon Elder Webster gave us a talk on missionary work, and after scripture recitals and the song "Count Your Many Blessings," an opportunity was given for every one to recount the blessings of the year.

In the evening a magnificent program was rendered by the young people.

Sunday morning we were favored by a discourse from Elder Webster. The writer spoke in the afternoon on "A Continual Service." Sunday night the Liberty Center church was filled for the first time in a long while. The children spoke their pieces well. The help from Toledo and Defiance was appreciated. Although we did not see those from headquarters that we expected, we felt satisfied that it had been no mistake in holding the services.

JOHN P. GAEBE,

Birmingham, Ala.

THIS writing finds us in the sunny South; in the land of Dixie. The weather is about the same as the last of September or first of October in Ohio. The birds are singing and the autumn flowers are still blooming. But we do not see the thrift and enterprise in the farming districts that we see in Ohio. But the city of Birmingham is a very busy and thrifty city of one hundred thousand. It is the iron city of the South, and everything is very high. I cannot rent anything like a comfortable house of five rooms for less than \$15 a month. Clothing and groceries are comparatively high. Irish potatoes, \$1.25 a bushel; sweet potatoes, \$1; butter, thirty-five cents a pound; eggs, forty cents a dozen; coal, \$3.50 and \$4 a ton, and every thing else in proportion. Wages are very high. Tradesmen get from \$3 to \$5 a day and clerks from \$100 to \$125 a month. The work and church here have been placed in my charge and I want the dear brethren in Ohio to remember me at the throne of grace. We have about fifty people in this city and a comfortable house for worship.

My address for the present will be Birmingham, Ala., General Delivery.
C. C. WEBSTER.

Columbus

THE dear Lord is still prospering us in our work here, and I am glad to report all of good courage. Several new persons have begun the observance of the Sabbath since I last wrote. The work among our readers is reaching a very interesting point, and the future is bright with prospects for a good ingathering during the winter months.

Our hearts were much encouraged last Thursday, November 22, by a visit from a delegation of workers from the East Michigan Conference consisting of the president, Elder E. K. Slade, and the tract and missionary secretary, Brother Frank Hiner, of Holly, Mich., and Elders Ostrander and Sandborn from Saginaw and Bay City. After having thoroughly investigated our method and plan of work, and enjoying several days' experience with us in doing practical work among the people, they return home full of enthusiasm, intending to establish similar efforts in the large cities of their conference. On Sabbath the Columbus church enjoyed listening to a splendid discourse by Elder Slade. We bid these brethren God speed in their efforts to warn the cities of Michigan and take new courage in the work ourselves. W. H. GRANGER.

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MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE

THANKSGIVING AT THE COLLEGE

THANKSGIVING DAY at the College was enjoyed by all. There were two days' vacation from school duties. The missionary meeting of the school was held on Wednesday evening, as this seemed a very fitting way to begin the program of the day. The subject of the evening was "Thanksgiving Day: Its Origin, and the Principles of the Observance of the Day as They Were in the Time of Our Forefathers, and What the Day Should Mean to Us at This Time." Many practical lessons were drawn from the words spoken, and as many useful ways of spending the day were given, it is hoped that all present realized that the day was not only planned for eating good things, but was a day especially set apart for praising God for his goodness, and for helping those near us who were not so fortunate as we in having the blessings of this life. Instances were related of the way the poor are helped on this day in the large cities.

A good dinner was enjoyed in the basement at the appointed hour, and immediately after this a meeting had been announced, in which Elder W. W. Prescott, Editor of the *Review and Herald*, would speak. The students betook themselves to the chapel, which soon became filled with them and those from the village. Very encouraging words were spoken by Elder Prescott. He outlined the way the Message is going to all nations. He spoke of the plans that were being made for the extension of the work in all countries, especially the one now being carried out, that of representatives of the work going to all these large mission fields, India, China, Africa, Japan, Korea and the West Indies, and learning by personal contact with those already in the fields some of the ways the work can be carried on to better advantage, and after doing this these representatives are to hold a counsel in Switzerland, and lay plans for more aggressive work. Elder Prescott is to be the representative to the Far East, visiting the countries of China and Japan, and after this intends, if possible, to go with Prof. Field to Korea. He is now on his journey, and as God's richest blessings for him were asked, and a safe journey to these countries, the sentiments of those present were given in a chorus of amens.

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"FOR only the Master shall praise us
And only the Master shall blame.
And no one shall work for money.
And no one shall work for fame.

"But each for the joy of the working.
And each in his separate star,
Shall paint the thing as he sees it,
For the God of things as they are."

-Kipling.

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

CARL FAIRCHILD has moved his family to Zanesville while he is engaged in canvassing for our good literature.

IN a recent communication from Elder D. E. Lindsey we learn of the death of his father, aged eighty-four years, at Richwood, O. Also that his own health and that of his son Paul are much better than when in Ohio.

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In the evening a stereopticon lecture was given in the chapel by Dr. Howard Jump. It was well attended. Dr. Jump gave a very interesting lecture upon slum life in large cities, and upon points of interest in this and other countries.

This was the first of a series of five lectures which are being planned to be given this winter. The next one will be the "Passion Play" to be given in the near future.

SAMUEL L. FROST.

IN the workers' meeting Elder Daniells admonished the workers that as they met the brethren in the State, to be sure to tell them how much their help and words of encouragement are appreciated by those at the head of the work. That they would be utterly helpless if it were not for the faithfulness of those who love this Message, and sacrifice so nobly that they may have means to send to carry forward this closing work of God in the earth.

WE clip the following from the *New York Indicator*:

"Married by Elder F. H. DeVinney at Rome, N. Y., Sister Vesta J. Chapman, of Cassville, Wis., and Brother Fred C. Webster, of Liberty Center, O., both of whom have been actively connected with our work in the conference from which they came, were united in marriage on Thursday evening, November 22. We join in wishing them success and many blessed experiences in their united labor. They will reside at Rome, as Brother Webster has accepted the position of field secretary of the New York Conference."

Their many friends in Ohio join in the above good wishes.

GOD is blessing in the sanitarium work in Washington, D. C. Members of President Roosevelt's family have received treatment, besides senators, and other prominent people. A nurse is employed all the time in the home of the Speaker of the House.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For week ending Nov. 23, 1906.)

Mary Hubble, Wellston.—Great Controversy: 18 hours; value of orders, \$10; helps, \$8.25; total, \$18.25.

Mrs. M. E. Grubb, Wellston.—Great Controversy: 17 hours; value of helps, \$16.50.

E. R. Numbers, Hocking Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 39 hours; value of orders, \$46; helps, \$25.25; total, \$71.25.

H. A. Weaver, Franklin Co.—Daniel and Revelation: value of orders, \$64.50; helps, \$30.25; total, \$94.75; deliveries, \$200.

L. H. Waters, Wayne Co.—Coming King: 27 hours; value of orders, \$27.50; helps, \$1.75; total, \$29.25; deliveries, \$2.50.

W. G. Anthony, Miami Co.—Coming King: 16 hours; value of orders, \$6; helps, \$1; total, \$7; deliveries, \$11.

Isaac R. Harden, Darke Co.—Coming King: 37½ hours; value of orders, \$19; deliveries, \$2.

F. E. Wagner,* Tuscarawas Co.—Miscellaneous: cash sales, \$26.

Mrs. F. E. Wagner,* Tuscarawas Co.—Miscellaneous: 13½ hours; value of orders, \$22.

*Two weeks.

OBITUARY

STREETER.—Died at his home on South Main Street, Clyde, O., September 22, 1906, after an illness of four weeks, Christopher Streeter, aged 91 years, 5 months, and 18 days, being the oldest citizen of the town at his death.

Deceased was born in Heath, Franklin Co., Mass., but when a young man he decided to seek his fortune in Ohio, which at that time was little better than a wilderness. He settled near his late home, and has ever since resided in that community.

On December 3, 1835, he was married to Miss Louisa Kennedy. This union was blessed with four sons, three of whom survive. The mother died Dec. 26, 1851. He was married again Feb. 2, 1853, to Miss Henrietta Clark, who survives him. Besides his friends there were present at his funeral, his wife, three sons, thirteen grand children, twenty-six great grand children, and one great great grandchild. At the age of 18 years he witnessed the great meteoric shower of 1833, which made such an impression upon his mind that he readily embraced the First Angel's Message, and drove twenty miles thereafter, watching with others at the village of Norwalk, for the appearance of their Saviour on the memorable night of Oct. 22, 1844. After the disappointment he united with the Free Will Baptist church, of which church he was a faithful member until twenty-four years ago, when he accepted present truth and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church in Clyde. Of him the *Clyde Enterprise* says: "He was a man of integrity and upright character, and great piety, being a Seventh-day Adventist. His victories were those of peace, and he has left a monument of good words and deeds."

we loved the genial smile of Father Streeter. He was always at church until sickness at last prevented. He was always ready to help in every worthy enterprise, and has often remarked that now too old to work, he "hoped that the privilege of giving would not be denied him." It was always a pleasure to visit the pioneers at Clyde, but the hand of death, as fast snatching them away; yet we are sure we will meet them in the first resurrection. It was requested that Elder D. E. Lindsey preach the funeral, but as he was absent in Quebec, the service was conducted by Rev. Kohr, Presbyterian, using Psalm 91 for the basis of his remarks. Happening to be passing through the town, I was solicited by the friends to assist in the service, which I did.

JAMES E. SHULTZ.