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

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ABSTRACT OF THE BACCALAUREATE SERMON

Delivered by Elder R. R. Kennedy

We learn from a careful study of the word of God and the "Testimonies" that we are in the time of the end. This service should be one that would lead us to a closer walk with God. When we see that not many wise, not many noble are called, and that there are those who are called of God in this room to do some special work, we realize that it might be us. If we endure unto the end, we will all be saved. In these days of unlimited advancement, we can be in touch with everything by the steamships, railroads, telegraph, etc. We need all to carry the Message to the world.

God wants us to be like Daniel. Dan. 1:5-20. God is no respecter of persons. He loves you and me just as much as he loves our fellow workers. God has written lessons in his word for our admonition, that we through the patience and comfort of Scripture, might have hope.

We should be dedicated to the work of this Message. We have the Message to take to the world in this generation. We should live pure and holy lives and do the work God has for us to do. We cannot get the respect of the people if we do not live pure and holy lives. They will not embrace this Message if we do not live right and learn to do right always. Could we realize what is before us, we would be more earnest. If the prize in view had been greatness of this world we would have gone after it with much more zeal. Let us take renewed courage and carry this Message quickly to the whole earth.

GEORGE PERRINE.

ABSTRACT OF COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS*

I SUPPOSE that this is one of the best periods of the life of a young person; second only, perhaps, in many instances, to that time which we speak of as the wedding time. It is only on these occasions that we can dress nicely and have the diploma given us that will represent the time spent.

PROGRAM

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE, MAY 12, 1907

Piano Solò, *Convent Fire*

MISS LULU M. EDWARDS

Scripture Reading

ELDER H. H. BURKHOLDER

Prayer

ELDER R. R. KENNEDY

Chorus, *Awake Thou That Sleepest*

STEINER

Address, *What Can You Do?*

PROF. J. GRANT LAMSON

Piano Solo, *Twittering of the Birds*

MISS LULU M. EDWARDS

Presentation of Diplomas

PROF. J. B. CLYMER

Chorus, *Be Not Afraid*

MENDELSSOHN

Benediction

ELDER M. C. KIRKENDALL

CLASS

ACADEMIC COURSE

MISS ESTELLE KENNEDY

MISS GRACIE STEINBAUGH

BUSINESS COURSE

J. ADDISON SAFFELL

But there is something more to this occasion than the things just mentioned, and to the young man who has labored so hard while in school there is something more in this which

*Delivered by Prof. J. G. Lamson Sunday evening, May 12, 1907.

makes the occasion one long to be remembered as a bright spot in that young man's life. We expect this Commencement will form a period in the lives of these young people, one for which they have formed many plans. Therefore an education has many sides which I will now endeavor to explain.

What is Christian education? When we come to limit it we find we make a mistake. Carpenters will tell you that a triangle is the strongest form known to science. Take anything three-sided and it is almost impossible to break it. Take anything four-sided and it is easy to break. Put a brace across the center from two of the corners and you can hardly break it. Take anything three-sided, hammer one side and you only drive it together; hammer the point and it only drives it closer together. So as I will show, Christian education is three-sided.

As education is considered in the world to-day it is only one-sided,—the education of the mind. Here in your commonwealth you have as good schools as there are in any place, as far as education of the mind goes. But you have not facilities for full training.

Take a man and give him simply education of the mind and you have a man of books, and outside of that he knows very little.

Let a man have only physical training and you have the prize fighter, a man with a heavy step and whose massive jaw extends over all the rest of his body.

Let a man learn nothing but religion and you are very likely to have a fanatic.

But take a man who has mental, physical, and moral training and you have a true Christian,—a type of what true education really is. This school was established for the purpose of educating these three-sided people, these true Christians.

A young man graduated from a prominent school and started out to see what he could find in the way of employment. He went to the editor of one of the large city papers. The editor looked him over, and thinking he might make a good reporter, decided to try him.

At that time in one part of the city a great fire was burning. The firemen could not get it under control, and it threatened to destroy the whole city. The young graduate was sent out to the fire. He went there and saw the fire, he looked all around and then went to the telephone station. This is the message he sent: "Fire still burning. What shall I do?" The editor was a first tempted to give no reply, but he sent this answer: "Find the place where the fire is hottest, and jump in." This illustrates how valueless good mental training may be if one has not been taught how to do.

A young lady was visiting some friends in Detroit. She inquired what had become of an accomplished young man who had graduated from school and had such a fine, deep voice. They told her that that was the man who called the trains down at the depot. This illustrates how talent may be put to insignificant uses.

Some time ago a young man graduated from one of our colleges, and wishing to work, went into a large city to look for work. This young man's father and a street railroad magnate had been very close friends in youth, so when the young man came to the city, this magnate asked him to spend a time as his guest. The wealthy man asked him if he was going to work. The young man replied that he was going to look around for a few days and perhaps he could find something. His host then asked the young man to join a party which was to go out to the end of the line the next day. He explained that although the line was not opened for public service, all the track was in and cars ready to run. He said he would like to have him go with him and look around. The young man went. He found the party consisted of some women and and two young men beside himself. One of the young ladies was the daughter of his host, and she introduced him to the young men. One she introduced as Mr. Smith, of Yale, '99; the other as Mr. Brown, Yale, '99.

They started on the trip and went to the end of the line, viewing the different places. When they were ready to start back, they found that the motorman had visited a saloon too frequently and was unable to run the car properly. As they were going down grade around a sharp curve,

the young guest noticed that the motorman was too drunk to stop the car, as he did not shut off the power. Thrusting the motorman aside, the young man reversed the motor so quickly that some of the wires burned out, and they were unable to proceed. Then in a moment the young man was on his back under the car and soon had the repairs made. He took the controller and ran the car back to the city. As for the other young men, they are still Mr. Smith, Yale, '99, and Mr. Brown, Yale, '99, but this young man is now the superintendent of that street railway system.

The Lord wants us, when we get an education, to go and pass our knowledge on to others. As an instance, let us take one from the Bible, the one of the good Samaritan. As he came to the man he helped him. Before this a Levite, who had his diploma, had passed, but he did not do anything. The Samaritan stopped and dressed the wounds, showing that he had at least a practical training. He knew just what to do with a man who had been wounded with knives, spears and bludgeons. As the good Samaritan did, we are to do to-day. We are to have an education that will fit us for practical work.

Once there was a young man up in Michigan who worked in a lumber mill. At night he studied medicine in the office of a doctor of the place. At last he went to the University. In spite of many obstacles he went on and at last graduated. He then went back to the little town and began to practice. One night he was called to attend a baby daughter of one of his former fellow workmen. He went and soon the child was out of danger. On pay day the father of the child came to him and asked for the bill. He said, "Well, I suppose for a night trip like that it ought to be about two dollars." The man said, "Is not that pretty steep?" and reminded the doctor of the many days they had huddled logs together for only that sum. But the doctor said, "Well, I suppose the medicine was worth about twenty-five cents; my time, at the old rate, about twenty-five cents; but the balance is for knowing how." Thus it is that the world is willing to pay for the "know how." We should know how to do things. God's people ought to be the first in everything,—in science, art and all other things.

Now a word to you who are graduating, before I close. All will be well if you firmly decide for right and are turned aside by nothing. Do not allow yourselves to do the slightest wrong. By and by you will see the results. If we endure, we will get the

reward that follows the right. Now is the Commencement for which you have been long hoping and working. This will be the commencement of your life in a higher, fuller sense. Commence now to work only for God. Read the history and story of Joshua and you will be benefitted by its application to your own life. You must be on the right side. You must be right as was Paul, and do no other work but the Lord's. Be strong in obeying your convictions.

And friends, under-graduates, from among you must come the workers in this Message. Do not be discouraged at anything. Go ahead; do your work well and God will grant you success. Set yourself forward. Set your eyes on the ideal to which you wish to attain. Go and labor, with God as a pilot, and he will help you. You will never be sorry that you did so, and God will be pleased to grant you more power in your life day by day to work against wrong, and overcome it in every form. GEORGE PERRINE.

A CLOSING WORD

MONDAY morning the school met in the chapel at nine o'clock to receive grades and for the parting meeting. After the usual chapel exercises, Prof. Lamson by invitation occupied a few moments in which many timely thoughts were presented and well received by those present. The remainder of the time was occupied in a testimony meeting in which both teachers and students took part. This one of all others is perhaps the most solemn, as we are brought to realize that it is the last time we shall all be together as we are then. But what a blessing is the Christian's assurance in a time like this.

Thus the regular term's work for Mount Vernon College is now in the past; and ere the VISITOR reaches the most of its readers, all the students in attendance have either returned to their homes or gone to their fields of labor. We are glad to see the young men and women taking hold of the work. Several are intending to work for a scholarship on the plan announced in the VISITOR some weeks ago.

Many on taking their leave for home have expressed themselves as going to use their influence in getting others to attend school with them this next fall. This is a move in the right direction. We have no doubt but that others, even though they have said nothing about it, will work earnestly for the school, and many be brought back next September as a result.

J. B. CLYMER.

THE OHIO CONFERENCE

CHURCH ORGANIZATION

ORGANIZATION is an important essential in any successful enterprise. When men, in any walk of life, enter upon a given work, the first thing they do is to organize the forces at their command. The more thorough the organization, the greater their chance of success. Men everywhere recognize this fact. For example, take the great companies of the world. With their success we are all familiar. I verily believe that the success of all the great corporations, unions, etc., of to-day was brought about not so much by wealth as by organization. They have laid hold of right principles which have brought success, although in many instances they have been perverted to selfish ends.

May we not see the necessity of perfecting our own organization for the advancement of the cause that we all love so well? Not that we should pattern after the world; but we are not to discard right principles because the world in some instances has adopted them.

There was a time in the history of this people when we had no organization; but the time came, as it did in the days of the apostles, when it became necessary to "set in order the things that are wanting." I am glad that this people followed the New Testament plan, and organized the little companies into churches and ordained officers in them to have the oversight. We know that there was much opposition to this, as is always the case when God's people are about to take an advanced step. Satan knew full well that could he keep out system and order he would also be able to confuse and dishearten the believers, and so have them at his mercy.

We feel to thank the Lord to-day that his good Spirit prevailed, and as a result we have this great system under which we are working. And is it a failure?—Nay verily, but under it this handful of people, as it were, have more active missionaries in the field, as I understand, than any other two denominations. Do you think this great work could be accomplished if we were to accept the teachings of some of the enemies of organization, that every church should be independent of every other, and that each church should send out its own missionaries and distribute its own tithes and offerings? If this state of affairs prevailed, how many missionaries would we have in foreign fields?

I believe we are in a time when we need to make an individual study of this subject. The attack which is being made at the present time should awaken us to a sense of the dangers of disorganization. You remember we are told that our greatest trouble will come from within; and as a rule from those who want to have their own way, regardless of the results to the church. We all have our own ideas as to how the affairs of the Message should be conducted; but should we stand out for what we think? or should we be subject to the church?

Let us read in volume 3, page 428, "The word of God does not give license for one man to set up his judgment in opposition to the judgment of the church, neither is he allowed to urge his opinions against the opinions of the church. If there were no church discipline and government, the church would go to fragments; it could not hold together as a body. There have ever been individuals of independent minds, who have claimed that they were right, that God had especially taught, impressed, and led them. Each has a theory of his own, views peculiar to himself, and each claims that his views are in accordance with the word of God; each one has a different theory and faith, yet each claims special light from God. These draw away from the body and each one is a separate church of himself."

We see by this one testimony how necessary it is to maintain order in the church that it may not go to fragments.

"In the conversion of Paul are given us important principles which we should ever bear in mind. The Redeemer of the world does not sanction experience and exercise in religious matters independent of his organized and acknowledged church, where he has a church." pp. 432, 433.

"But the people of God are asleep, and do not see the wants of the cause for this time. They do not feel the importance of concentrated action. Satan is ever seeking to divide the faith and hearts of God's people. He well knows that union is their strength and division their weakness. It is important and essential that all of Christ's followers understand Satan's devices, and with a united front meet his attacks and vanquish him. They need to make continual efforts to press together, even if it be at some sacrifice to themselves." Page 435.

How many times have we seen the truth of these statements exemplified. The word tells us that it is by sacrifice that we make a covenant with the Lord.

"Then, brethren, let us be willing to sacrifice, that our churches may be in perfect order, that the Lord may use us to the very best advantage in giving the last Message to the world. God has bestowed the highest power under heaven upon his church; it is the word of God in his united people in church capacity which is to be respected. A spirit has been cherished to watch and accuse rather than to build up. If ministers of God would unitedly take their position and maintain it with decision, there would be a uniting influence among the flock of God, separating bars would be broken to fragments, hearts would flow together and unite like drops of water: then there would be a power and strength in the ranks of Sabbath-keepers far exceeding anything we have witnessed."

This testimony was written in 1861, and I am glad to know that it has been fulfilled in a great measure, and the ministers had, and still have, the courage to take a right position and maintain it with decision.

"As we near the close of time. Satan comes down with great power, knowing that his time is short. Especially will his power be exercised on the remnant. He will war against them, and seek to divide and scatter them, that they may grow weak and be overthrown. The people of God should move understandingly and should be united in their efforts. They should be of the same mind, of the same judgment; then their efforts will not be scattered, but will tell forcibly in the upbuilding of the cause of present truth. Order must be observed and there must be union in maintaining order, or Satan will take the advantage." Vol. 1, p. 210.

"Ministers should love order, and should discipline themselves, and then they can successfully discipline the church of God and teach them to work harmoniously, like a well-drilled company of soldiers."

"If we see no necessity for harmonious action, and are disorderly, undisciplined, and disorganized in our course of action, angels, who are thoroughly organized and move in perfect order, cannot work for us successfully. They turn away in grief, for they are not authorized to bless confusion, distraction, and disorganization." p. 649.

"Has God changed from a God of order?—No, he is the same in the present dispensation as in the former. Paul says, God is not the author of confusion, but of peace. He is as particular now as then, and he designs that we should learn lessons of

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WE are glad to announce that the editor, Bessie E. Russell, returned home from Cincinnati last week.

MISS LULU EDWARDS, from Galesburg, Mich., formerly a student of the College, was a guest of Miss Estelle Kennedy. Miss Edwards rendered two selections at the Commencement.

MRS. M. C. WHITE, of Battle Creek, Mich., who is to act as matron of the College during the coming year, arrived in Mount Vernon last Thursday. She will assume her responsibility as matron at the close of the present school year.

BROTHER W. C. MOFFETT has been spending a few days in Academia. His wife, who has been visiting at his home in Academia, will return with him to his field of labor. Their post-office will be Derwent until they locate at Byesville, where a tent effort will be conducted the coming season.

Ava

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: During the month of March I continued to follow up the effort at Ava, visiting, holding Bible readings, and canvassing, selling during the three months' stay at Ava about fifty dollars' worth of books containing the Message. The opposition finally became so bitter that we could get no place to continue our Sabbath-school, but the three ladies who accepted the truth are still steadfast.

Beginning April 5, I held meetings in a schoolhouse at Derwent, seven miles north of Ava. On special nights as many as 150 people came out, making it necessary to use the town hall part of the time. The meetings closed Sunday night, May 5, with a full house. Two ladies took their stand before the meetings closed, and I trust that others who are interested will decide to obey the truth. Last Sunday, the Metho-

dist-Episcopal minister preached a sermon against us, but the lack of scriptural proof only worked in favor of the truth. The Lord is working upon the hearts of the people and I desire the prayers of God's people as I follow up the work.

W. C. MOFFETT.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For week ending May 3, 1907.)

E. J. C. Sharp, Jackson Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 40 hours; value of orders, \$19.50; helps, \$43; total, \$62.50.

L. R. Williams, Van Wert.—Daniel and Revelation: 23½ hours; value of orders, \$19; helps, \$12.25; total, \$31.25.

Isaac R. Harden, Darke Co.—Daniel and Revelation: value of deliveries, \$15.

Geo. Behnfeldt, Erie Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 30 hours; value of orders, \$22.

Mary Hubbell, Wellston.—Great Controversy: 10 hours; value of helps, \$7; deliveries, \$33.

F. E. Wagner, Trumbull Co.—Great Controversy: 40 hours; value of orders, \$22.50; helps, \$18.85; total, \$41.35; deliveries, \$11.

R. L. Simpson,* Seneca Co.—Heralds: value of orders, \$5.25; deliveries, \$3.50.

A. R. Hasemeier,† Henry Co.—Heralds of the Morning: value of orders, \$34; helps, \$1.25; total, \$35.25; deliveries, \$96.50.

Mrs. Geo. Behnfeldt, Sandusky.—Christ's Object Lessons: 6 hours; value of orders, \$6.25; helps, \$1; total, \$7.25; deliveries, \$1.25.

Mrs. R. L. Simpson,* Seneca Co.—Coming King: value of deliveries, \$6.

Mary Kuhn, Cleveland.—Coming King: value of deliveries, \$23.

N. O. Coffman, Lima.—Coming King: 17 hours; value of orders, \$13; helps, \$1.75; total, \$14.75.

Hester E. Gerrard, Rockford and Ohio City.—Coming King: 14 hours; value of orders, \$8.50; helps, \$.50; total, \$9; deliveries, \$6.50.

S. E. Reagon, Cleveland.—Coming King: 11 hours; value of orders, \$8.50; helps, \$3.50; total, \$12; deliveries, \$4.75.

Alice Black, Rockford.—Coming King: 10 hours; value of orders, \$10; helps, \$3; total, \$13; deliveries, \$9.50.

A. L. Bassler, Mansfield.—Miscellaneous: 10½ hours; value of orders, \$7.70.

*Week ending April 19.

†Two weeks.

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order and organization from the perfect order instituted in the days of Moses for the benefit of the children of Israel."

"One point will have to be guarded, and that is individual independence. As soldiers in Christ's army, there should be concert of action in the various departments of the work."

In reading the "Testimonies" I am surprised to find that so much has been written on the subject of organization; and yet the Saviour's last prayer for his disciples before he was crucified was that they might be one.

You will pardon me if I quote just one more paragraph on this subject. In a special testimony published in 1895 we read, "O, how Satan would rejoice to get in among this people, and disorganize the work at a time when thorough organization is essential, and will be the greatest power to keep out spurious uprisings, and to refute claims not endorsed by the word of God. We want to hold the lines evenly, that there shall be no breaking down of the system of regulation and order."

I believe that when our churches are so thoroughly organized that they will move as a band of soldiers, we shall see a power attend this great and last Message such as we have never seen: then the loud cry will be given, the work will be finished, and the Saviour will come.

M. V. DOWNING.

Youngstown

OUR church had a season of refreshing not long since when our dear brethren, Elder C. T. Redfield, Dr. H. M. Jump and Brother John J. Merietta, visited us. It will be a time long remembered. The Lord came very near and we were strengthened to press on and work, "for the night cometh when no man can work."

A few of the neighbors came out to hear, among them was our public school teacher, who became much interested in the Message as presented. She is one who might become a worker; should she take a stand for the truth?

We also held a meeting last Sabbath in the interest of our Medical Missionary work. Nearly all our members subscribed for the book "Ministry of Healing." We are also working for the "Copper Fund" and have set apart the first Sabbath in each month, for the present, to receive donations to this fund.

The work is onward in this place. We want to give the trumpet a "certain sound." Pray for the work in Youngstown.

MRS. A. ALDERMAN, Clerk.