

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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THE OHIO CONFERENCE

ANOTHER DANGER

RECENTLY letters have been sent to many Seventh-day Adventists urging them to buy stock in Colorado mining property. In a communication from this company which I have received, the statement is made that one of our brethren, whose duties have called him to different States, "has secured many Seventh-day Adventist stockholders for us from the different States that he has visited."

While I do not question the faith these men have in their investment as a means of securing untold wealth, "millions" to be used for the advancement of the Third Angel's Message, I feel convinced that it will be but another means of diverting funds from the cause of God, which is so greatly needing them, instead of bringing them into it.

Having made my home in the mining districts of Colorado, I can state truly that thousands have sunk their all seeking for precious metal, urged on by the hope that the next day's work would turn the scale. Like the frequenter of lotteries, they are buoyed up with the hope that the next cast will turn the tide. Over against these thousands there are a few who strike ore that pays. It is misleading to state that "only thirty-five per cent. of all legitimate mining investments fail." This evidently means of those who strike ore that is supposed to pay. It cannot include the tens of thousands who have worked, hoping to reach ore but have never done so in any quantities, until their all is consumed in the venture.

There is a feverish excitement in the search for gold or silver that will lure a man on to greater lengths, perhaps, than any other desire. This unnatural excitement which accompanies the finding of small evidences that there is a possibility of striking rich ore is the same as that which I conceive is shared by the gambler. It is not a safe state of mind. I have seen men who were gentle and kind, made hard,

unfeeling and relentless. Men will have to materially change from what they now are before, if they gain riches, they will add to their liberality toward the cause of God.

We have already many instances where poor brethren and sisters from their small earnings were doing a noble part toward the cause, and saying honestly that if they had more they would give it, who, after possessions have come into their hands have ceased to remember the cause, even in small donations. Men too little realize the weakness of their own hearts.

Their circular says, "We see no reason why our people everywhere should not be enthusiastic to invest 'according to their several ability.'" It seems remarkable that this quotation should be taken from the only parable that warns against the putting of our treasure in the earth. It is taken from Matt. 25:15. The eighteenth verse speaks of one who "went and digged in the earth, and hid his Lord's money." The Twentieth Century New Testament says of this last man, he "went and dug a hole in the ground, and hid his master's money."

The most delusive part of the whole thing is the belief that by investing large returns will be received, and will be placed in the Message for use. Another point in the circular reads, "We have over 200 stockholders at the present time (and are adding constantly to our list) of whom sixty-five are members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church."

If other things would not open our eyes, this statement should do so. About one third of this company are Seventh-day Adventists. The other two thirds must be from the outside. God has forbidden this kind of partnership. He says, "Satan stands ready to aid his children to wrench it out of their hands. *Sabbath keepers should not be in partnership with unbelievers.* God's people trust too much to the words of strangers, and ask their advice and counsel when they should not. The enemy makes them his agents and works through them to perplex and take from God's people.—"Testimonias for the Church," vol. 1, p. 200.

In Volume 5, p. 530, this message is sent to us, "While you stand in the position of a herald of truth, a watchman upon the walls of Zion, you can not have your interest interwoven with mining or real estate business, and at the same time do effectually the sacred work committed to your hands. . . . Your talk was calculated to draw the attention and money of our people away from our institutions, and from the business of promoting the Redeemer's kingdom on earth. Its tendency was to beget in them a desire to invest their means where you assured them that it would be doubled in a short time, and to flatter them with the prospect that they could help the cause a great deal more by so doing."

Do we need to add more? Brethren, if you have means to invest in mining stock, it will be far better to invest them in this cause which needs so much just now, and not be of the number who are spoken of in the last testimony given. Yes, also among these who are warned against entering into any such partnerships. Those who are not now investing all they can in the cause they are in this world to assist, have no assurance that they would do so if they had their thousands. The evidence of example is largely against them. And do not think your heart is better than your brother's.

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers."—Clarence Santee, in *Southwestern Union Record*.

"THE HOLY CITY"

ON Wednesday evening, May 8, the Emmanuel Missionary College Choral Society, under the direction of Prof. Clemen Hamer, gave a musicale in the chapel. The program consisted of the oratorio entitled, "The Holy City," by A. R. Gaul, and the solo and instrumental parts were rendered by pupils of the musical department. The house was full to overflowing, and many expressions of appreciation were heard.—*Home, Farm and School*.

We are glad to announce that Prof. Hamer will have charge of the musical department at Mount Vernon College the coming year.—ED.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

"AND it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: and on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy; and I will show wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke: the sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come: and it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Acts 2:17-21.

How cheering to the true followers of the Lord Jesus to know that we are living in the last days of this world's history when Christ will come quickly to receive the remnant of his people, with those who shall come forth in the resurrection of life to reign with him throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity when there will be no more parting, nor sorrow, pain, nor death.

We are living in the time when all these things are to be fulfilled, but before they can be fulfilled the Lord's people must receive a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit. But why do we not receive it? The Lord has promised to pour out his Spirit on all his people, even as he did in the days of the apostles, when great numbers were added unto the church daily. We also learn through the Spirit of prophecy that the Lord will pour out on his people in the last days even more of his Spirit than he did on the day of Pentecost.

It is not because it is not needed that the Holy Spirit is not received in greater measure; for we are living in a most critical time,—a time of great wickedness, a time of perplexity and distress among the nations, when men's hearts are "failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth," a time when Satan, who has ever been the enemy of Christ's followers, walking about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour, has come down in great wrath, knowing that he hath but a short time. Surely it is a time when every believer of the Third Angel's Message should have the Holy Spirit, which would enable him to know the truth, to live the truth, and to impart it to others.

But why is it true that not all who profess to know the truth and who claim to be the children of God have received the outpouring of the Holy Spirit? I fear it is because we are

not walking in all the light which the Lord through his word and the Spirit of prophecy has revealed to us. To whom has the Lord promised to give the Holy Spirit? We read in Acts 5:32, "We are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him." It is to those only who render him obedience that the Lord can grant his Holy Spirit.

When the people of God are willing to walk out in the plain path of obedience, the Lord can fulfil his promises to us. When we place ourselves in the right relation to him, he will pour out his Spirit upon us in rich floods, and we shall see added to the church daily such as shall be saved. May the Lord help us to be ready to meet him with joy and not with grief when he comes the second time without sin unto salvation. F. E. GIBSON.

BARKING OR PULLING—WHICH?

WE read once of a boy who had a dog hitched to a small load. The dog stopped pulling to bark at a man who was passing, but the boy said to the stranger, "Don't mind the dog, sir; he is only barking for an excuse to rest: it is easier to bark than to pull the load."

We all will do something,—we can pull or we can bark; but when we are barking we are not pulling. It is ever so much easier to bark than to pull: it costs neither brain nor muscle, thought nor prayer; it requires no sleepless nights, no watchfulness, no anxiety.

The man who works may make mistakes; he who pulls may pull the wrong way, and be obliged to acknowledge and correct his wrong. But the man who keeps up a perpetual bow-wow at those who are pulling, will have a fearful record to meet by and by. "Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer." "Do all things without murmuring and disputing."

These thoughts from an old *Review* are pertinent to-day. Some have been pulling. Thank the Lord for that. A few may exercise their right to bark—bark at the general conference, bark at "extravagance," bark at the conference president, bark at our own State needs,—bark because it's easier to bark than to pull. Which class are you in? If you have been pulling, that is no excuse for barking now. If you cannot help, do not hinder. Time is short: souls are perishing. Remember, when we are barking we are not pulling.

There are some objectors, kickers, barkers; but this Message, this work, will go right on: and we cannot afford to be found barking out objections to any part of God's work. Let us, each and all, lift every ounce we can.

W. A. YOUNG.

THE STATE SANITARIUM

IN reply to the inquiries which have been coming to us as to when we would be ready to receive and care for patients from abroad, we are pleased to announce that our State Sanitarium, located near the College, will be ready about the middle of June. The remodeling by elevating and enlarging the building, preparatory for treatment-rooms, is fast being completed and the work earnestly carried forward.

Our location is ideal, being outside the city limits of Mount Vernon, which is much preferred to the crowded city. Looking from the Sanitarium grounds in every direction, we can only be impressed with nature's beauty and the thought that God has done his part in the preparation of this site for the giving of new life and health to those who may enter this institution. The water from our springs is pure and healthful. The rooms being lighted by electricity and heated by steam add much to the comfort of the occupants.

As we earnestly endeavor to continue the work which has been so well begun here, we feel sure that all our people will unite with us in asking the blessing of God to rest upon this institution. And we are thankful that we have a place in our own State where patients can have the care of those physicians who prescribe according to simple sanitarium methods. As the word has come to us that in connection with our schools should be established sanitariums, we hope to act in harmony with this instruction and thus co-operate with the Great Physician. As we engage in medical missionary work by using apparently simple remedies, we may expect great blessings by having the angels of God attend us to strengthen our efforts.

Having very complete sanitarium equipments, we shall be able to care for all classes of patients who may come. With efficient nurses we are able to thoroughly and successfully use all the hydropathic, electric and other therapeutic measures which will be prescribed for each patient as shall be indicated. For further information, address the writer.

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PRAY earnestly for our work.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY AT MOUNT VERNON

Secretary's Report

SABBATH, May 25, was Young People's Day at Mount Vernon. The time of the regular forenoon service was given to the consideration of plans and the organization of a Young People's Society. The meeting was opened with hymn 422, following which Elder C. A. Smith sought most earnestly God's blessing upon the young people of the church, and not only upon the young people but also upon the older ones who should be our helpers and advisers. The choir rendered a selection entitled "Keep Silence."

A paper on the subject of "What Young People Can Do" was read by Gracie Steinbaugh. W. J. Walter occupied some time by reading a few extracts from the "Testimonies," and giving some helpful comments on them, dwelling especially upon the duties and responsibilities of young people.

As it was desired to have the work organized before the Young People's Convention to be held in this place, it was moved and seconded by the church that a Young People's organization be formed in the Mount Vernon church immediately; also that the officers of the Society be elected from the floor. The following officers were unanimously elected: *President*, W. J. Walter; *Vice-President*, Carlton Hamilton; *Secretary*, Frances Frost; *Assistant Secretary*, Gracie Steinbaugh; *Treasurer*, Frank Potts.

It was moved and seconded that the church authorize the officers of this Society to formulate plans and arrange work for the best good of the Society. The time for the meetings was placed at 7:30 on Sunday evening of each week. The meeting closed by singing hymn 197.

GRACIE STEINBAUGH, *Asst. Sec.*

WHAT YOUNG PEOPLE CAN DO

WHAT young people *can* do is a maximum as compared with what they *do*. The first thing that a young person should do is to get a preparation for service; that is, an honest, Christian education. Young people who are planning to enter the broad field of labor should first receive a suitable degree of mental training as well as a special preparation for their calling. Those who are uneducated, un-

trained and unrefined are not able to enter a field where the most powerful agencies of the world are combined to war against the truths of God. Neither can they successfully expose the strange errors in the many different forms of religion followed to-day without a good knowledge of scientific truth.

The educated young man or woman carry with them a certain dignity and command that the uneducated person does not; they command respect from the world that others do not. As a result, they are capable of entering a broader and higher plain in life than the uneducated person. A carpenter, a stone mason, a machinist, or a blacksmith might as well try to accomplish the tasks before them with no tools as for a young man or woman to go out into the battle field of life with no preparation: for it is their words and actions, and the control they have of them, that determines their success in any undertaking. Then let the mind and heart be disciplined and brought into the control of the tender Spirit of God; then the possessor will be fitted for service anywhere in this dark world.

Young people who have Christian educations, who are thoroughly consecrated to God, who are not easily influenced and swayed from the right by their surroundings, but who walk humbly with their Maker are in constant demand every where. Young persons are capable of doing what many who are older cannot do. They must soon bear the burdens that older ones have borne. The great burden of the work must soon be put upon the young, and God has endowed many of them with superior capabilities. He has given them the best of talents; but their powers have been weakened, their minds confused and enfeebled, and their talents have been perverted until they have become mental dyspeptics; and like many older ones, have gone and digged in the earth and hid their Lord's money.

The work of God is advancing and there is a constant call for workers both at home and abroad, for young men and women who have characters strong for the right, and who can take their places in the front ranks. Many who are older feel that they can not leave their families and go to foreign fields to scatter the seeds of truth, and carry the light of this glorious Message to the thousands that are deep in darkness and despair. And should they go they would leave vacancies at home which inexperienced laborers could not fill. Although they cannot go, their hearts are in the work, and they are willing to give abundantly of their means to support young workers in the foreign lands.

The choice of field is by no means limited, for every nation, kindred, tongue and people must have this Message: and our missionaries everywhere would gladly receive every help and every facility offered them.

God does not call the young people to be missionaries to foreign lands alone, but there is great need of true home missionaries. Young people who take up the canvassing and colporteur work can accomplish that which may be done in no other way. While those who are in the ministry are doing a grand work, and reaching the hearts of many, yet the canvasser who places the silent messengers in the homes of the people throughout the land is getting the truth before many persons who never have the privilege of attending a lecture or sermon. Furthermore they have the privilege of visiting the people as they are, in every day life, in their homes, and discussing with them the beautiful truths of the Third Angel's Message.

Those who would be successful canvassers and Bible workers must have a thorough preparation. It is essential that they should have a complete understanding of all the different phases of the Message, that they may be able to give a reason for the faith which lies within them. They should not use their own words, but let the Lord have a chance to speak his words through them. The love of Jesus in their hearts will enable them to gain access to families and the hearts of individuals.

A great responsibility is laid upon those who are called to teach, for the character building of scores of tender minds is in a great measure placed upon the teacher. And how important it is that the teacher be fully qualified and consecrated. The church is weak because the children do not have Christian training. From the foreign countries come cries for teachers,—Christian teachers. But where are the teachers? The Catholic Church has to-day in southern India and Ceylon two thousand five hundred young priests who are teaching there. If the Catholics have two thousand five hundred teachers in that darkened country, how many Seventh-day Adventist teachers ought to be there?

The world is the field, and the field is wide; the harvest is ripe, but where are the reapers? God has called those who are in the springtime of life into this great work; and if they are properly organized and zealous, they can form a mighty army, and enter the broad field now ripe for the sickle, and in a short time close this grand Message with triumph.

GRACIE STEINBAUGH.

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CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For week ending May 24, 1907.)

L. R. Williams,* Van Wert.—Daniel and Revelation: 22 hours; value of orders, \$19.50; helps, \$9.50; total, \$29.

Mary Hubbell,† New Lexington.—Great Controversy: 43 hours; value of orders, \$29.50; deliveries, \$2.50.

A. R. Hasemeier, Defiance Co.—Heralds of the Morning: 24 hours; value of orders, \$12.25; helps, \$8; total, \$18.25.

Mary Kuhn, Cleveland.—Coming King: 20½ hours; value of orders, \$23.50; helps, \$5.50; total, \$24; deliveries, \$3.

N. O. Coffman, Lima.—Coming King: 19 hours; value of orders, \$2; helps, \$7.40; total, \$9.40; deliveries, \$18.

A. L. Bassler, Richland Co.—Miscellaneous: 25½ hours; value of orders, \$8.50.

F. E. Wagner, Trumbull Co.—Miscellaneous: 31 hours; value of orders, \$17; deliveries, \$24.30.

*Week ending May 17. †Two weeks.

OBITUARY

PATTERSON.—After a brief illness, with intense suffering, Mrs. Elizabeth Patterson nee Kilne fell asleep Monday morning, May 13, 1907, aged 68 years, 7 months, and 11 days. On Jan. 6, 1858, she was joined in marriage to Charles Patterson with whom she shared the joys and sorrows of this mortal life till called by the angel of death. This union was blessed with two sons and six daughters, the eldest dying in infancy. At about the age of eighteen, she accepted Christ as her personal Saviour and cast her lot with the people of God. Later she embraced the faith held by Seventh-day Adventists as additional light, and identified herself with this people soon after the organization of the Killbuck church, of which she was a member. She was faithful in the performance of her Christian duties, and remained steadfast in the faith till the day of her departure. She was even present at the church service on the last Sabbath preceding her death. She will be greatly missed by her husband, children, the twenty-eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren who mourn her loss. But we mourn not as others without hope, for we confidently believe she is one of the company

of whom it is written, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." The funeral service held at the church Wednesday, May 15, attended by a large concourse of sympathizing friends and neighbors, was conducted by the writer assisted by Elder J. E. Shultz.
H. H. BURKHOLDER.

WOOLGAR.—Died at her home in Clyde, O., Monday evening, May 13, 1907, Nellie Viola; wife of Dr. E. M. Woolgar, aged 34 years, 5 months and 25 days. She came to Clyde five years ago, and during her residence here has made many friends who sincerely mourn her loss. Her former residence was in Battle Creek, Mich., where on Sept. 11, 1893, she was united in marriage to Dr. E. M. Woolgar. This union has been blessed with two children, Lillian and William, who with their father sadly miss the care and companionship of her whose life was devoted to her family. They sorrow, yet not without hope. Words of comfort from Rev. 1:18 and other scriptures were spoken to the family and friends, who sorrow with them.
A. C. SHANNON.

RAWLING.—Died at New Morefield, O., April 24, 1907, little Edwin, the three months' old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Rawling. Although the parents are not members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, they as Christians seek to know the truth. They feel keenly the loss of their darling treasure. Yet were they greatly comforted by the word of the Lord, "The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." 1 Cor. 15:26. To Rachel weeping for her children the Lord said, "Refrain thy voice from weeping and thine eyes from tears," "they shall come again from the land of the enemy." Jer. 31:15-17. In the new earth state there will be no more sorrow, pain or death. Shall we meet our loved ones there? Funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. Eckies of the Methodist Church.
J. G. WOOD.

TITHE RECEIPTS.

MAY, 1907.

Akron	\$ 42.67
Beaver	.....
Bellefontaine	6.00
Bellville	10.00
Bowling Green	.....
Brokaw	.....
Broughton	.....
Camden	1.50
Canton	.....
Chagrin Falls	11.11
Charloe	.....
Chicago	.....
Chillicothe	.....
Cincinnati	179.92
Cleveland	535.07
Clyde	29.20
Columbiana	.....
Columbus	196.37
Conneaut	3.35
Corsica	7.00
Coshocton	.....
Cygnat	37.75
Dayton	124.71
Defiance	11.89
Delaware	4.65
Delta	25.05
Dowling	11.00
Dresden-Trinway	34.10
Dunkirk	.....
East Liverpool	5.82
Elgin	4.00
Fairfield	.....
Farmer	.....
Findlay	45.19
Fosteria	.....
Green Spring	13.20
Hamilton	.....

Hamler	.....
Haskins	.....
Hicksville	.....
Home Dept.	.....
Jackson	.....
Jefferson	.....
Kenton	.....
Killbuck	63.83
Kirtland	.....
La Grange	.....
Lake View	.....
Laura	6.00
Leesburg	.....
Lewistown	5.00
Liberty Center	26.67
Lima	34.25
Locust Point	8.00
Mansfield	32.66
Marion	.....
Marshfield	25.00
Marysville	1.50
Massillon	.....
Medina	.....
Meigs	.....
Mendon	.....
Middlefield	11.67
Morrow	.....
Mount Vernon	94.78
Nashville	.....
New Antioch	.....
Newark	35.48
Norwalk	14.86
Ohio City	.....
Olivett	.....
Pemberville	.....
Piqua	.....
Pleasant Hill	16.54
Powell	10.44
Reedsville	.....
Ravenna	.....
Rio Grand	.....
Rows	.....
St. Clairsville	.....
Shelby	.....
Sherwood	3.85
Shreve	.....
Sidney	.....
Six Points	8.14
Spencer	18.10
Springfield	66.43
Toledo	63.95
Troy	.....
Van Wert	20.99
Wadsworth	.....
Walnut Grove	.....
Washington C. H.	57.77
Waterford	12.80
Wellsville	.....
Wengerlawn	.....
Wheelersburg	.....
Wilmington	.....
Youngstown	10.50
Zanesville	8.90
Isolated Sabbath Keepers	47.60

Total \$2,034.17
C. V. HAMER, Treas.

TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES,
May, 1907.

Tithe	\$2,054.17
Ohio Tract Society	661.67
Weekly Offerings	45.33
Sabbath-school Donations	100.38
Orphanages and aged	73.08
Y. P. Society	18.96
Southern Field	3.00
China	1.91
\$150,000 Fund	149.48
Annual Offering	10.00
Religious Liberty	19.53
Jamaica Church Fund	3.00
Africa	.91
Total	\$3,121.47
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