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

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OUR WORK AND WORKERS

"I SHALL BE SATISFIED"

NOT far away, though yet the flesh enfolds us,
Lies the fair country where our hearts abide:
Nor of its bliss is aught more wondrous told us
Than these dear words, "I shall be satisfied."

Satisfied, satisfied, the spirit's yearning
For sweet companionship with kindred
minds,
The silent love that here meets no returning,
The inspiration which no language finds.

Shall they be satisfied? The soul's vague
longing,
The aching void which nothing earthly fills?
O what desires upon my soul are thronging
As I look upward to the heavenly hills!

Thither my weak and weary feet are tending:
Saviour and Lord, with thy frail child abide!
Guide me toward home, when all my wander-
ings ending,
I then shall see thee, and "be satisfied."

Selected.

MEETING AT AALBORG, DENMARK

A CONFERENCE meeting with the Denmark delegates and Scandinavian Union Conference was held at Aalborg, Denmark, April 24-30. There were present 340 Sabbath keepers on the Sabbath, April 27. This was said to be the largest gathering of Sabbath keepers that ever convened in Denmark. There were representatives from Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Iceland, Labrador, England and Germany of the European countries, besides the delegates that had lately crossed the Atlantic from America.

The services were held almost constantly from seven A. M. until nine-thirty P. M. From three to five sermons were given each day. A number of the Scandinavian ministers occupied the pulpit at the hours for preaching, and when they spoke no translator assisted. Elders Daniells, Evans, Conradi, Andross, Underwood and Covert spoke in the English and the same was translated into the Danish-Norwegian language.

In the afternoon, Sunday, there was a baptismal service when about thirty-five believers were buried with their Lord in the Lord's appointed way.

Officers were elected to serve one year in the Denmark Conference, and

Union Conference officers were elected for the biennial session. This Union Conference at present has a membership of two thousand seven hundred, with a good prospect of an increase. They have no training school, but steps were taken at the meeting to provide for one.

There is a population in Scandinavia of eight million people, and the outlook is good for many more persons to be added to those who are now in the faith. There has been a great improvement in the attitude of affairs in the work of the Message since our people helped the Christiana Publishing House out of its embarrassment. It is hoped that the good work will still go forward.

WM. COVERT.

WASHINGTON LETTER

Number II

DEAR VISITOR READERS: We are glad to report that we enjoy our work here very much, in fact I believe we can be happy in the Lord's work anywhere. Since coming to Washington I have been acting as pastor of the Memorial Church which so many of our people throughout the country helped to buy. This is a nice stone structure situated in the very heart of Washington proper. There are about 160 members in the church who are scattered throughout the city proper, the various suburbs, and in Virginia and Maryland. I have been busy visiting all these members besides carrying forward the regular services of church. Besides the church prayer meeting, Young People's Society, Sabbath services, Sunday night services and weekly workers' meetings which I had to attend, I also had a weekly Bible class at the Branch Sanitarium with the nurses and one at the Review & Herald with some of the workers there. These duties have kept me very busy. They have been greatly lightened for the summer in order to enable me to give more attention to our gospel tent effort. We pitched our camp the last week in May, and began our meeting the first week of June. We are now having good attendance and most earnestly pray that God will give us souls for our hire.

Brother L. K. Morgan and the writer are conducting the meetings and we are also glad to have the assistance, for a few weeks, of Brother Henry De Fluiter, of Cleveland, O., who has charge of the music.

Inasmuch as about one-third of the population of Washington is composed of colored people, our brethren are also endeavoring to carry forward a good work for them. Brethren Strachan and Connerly are our colored ministers here, and they also will have a gospel tent effort this summer. We have one church here known as the Eighth Street Church which is made up mostly of colored people, and there is also another company of colored people who use a hall in another part of the city. The work among our colored brethren has been made harder through the attitude taken by Elder Sheafe. His drawing away from the body on independent lines has lessened the number of loyal soldiers in this Message among the colored people. But the record of half a century has proved that members cannot live when separated from the body. Let us pray for the erring ones that they may return; and watch and pray lest we fall into the same snare. Pray that God will prosper his work here and in Ohio and in the great harvest field, so we can soon be home where sin will be no more. Yours in Christ,
B. L. HOUSE.

A DAY OF GLADNESS

SABBATH, May 11, was a day of interest and profit in the meetings at Gland, Switzerland. The camp was nicely located on the north side of Lake Geneva. The Alps Mountains, with many snowy crowns, are in plain view of the place. The day was one of beautiful sunshine and the tent was filled with our people at both the principal services.

The meeting in the forenoon consisted of a strong sermon in which was presented the Scriptural teaching concerning the help given to the Christian through the Holy Spirit.

In the afternoon, the service consisted of a sermon followed by a social meeting. The sermon emphasized the importance of God's children be-

ing conformed to the image or likeness of Christ before the time of their translation. This theme was dwelt upon for more than an hour after the sermon by many persons who spoke feelingly of the good things the Lord has been and is doing for them.

The sermon and the testimonies which followed were translated into the German, the French and the Spanish languages. Thus the things said were given in four tongues at one time. There were testimonies borne by representatives from Finland, Iceland, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, England, Wales, Belgium, Bulgaria, France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, four provinces of Russia, and many parts of Germany and Switzerland, besides the part which was taken in the services by those who were present from America. Probably a wider field was represented than had ever before been present to confer with reference to experiences connected with the Third Angel's Message.

The testimonies were intelligent, earnest and pointed. They kept well to the leading thought, and yet were diversified in expression. It was truly inspiring to hear from so many countries the same blessed truth so unitedly expressed in one meeting. But what will it be when we reach heaven and hear from every age and every land all praising the blessed Redeemer for the great salvation?

WM. COVERT.

REPORTS

Hamilton

DEAR BROTHER HAMER: Please find enclosed check for \$23.02 from the Hamilton church for the most needy fields. After hearing the reports from our dear brethren in the fields beyond, and how the Lord is opening the way that this precious truth may enter all the corners of the earth, our hearts burned within us to see the work go forward, that this gospel may go to all the world for a witness. And our prayers are that the Lord may help us as his chosen people to open our hearts to give as he has prospered us, that he can make a quick work and cut it short in righteousness.

We thought that we would send this money at once so that it could be used in the work and not lie idle.

JOHN J. REIFF.

The membership of the Hamilton church numbers only fifteen, but it is their constant endeavor to "come behind in no good gift." When all our churches become equally impressed with the needs of the field and as desirous for the coming of the Lord as

our Hamilton brethren, it will be possible for the Lord to do a quick work in the earth, and cut it short in righteousness. — ED.

Springfield

WE are glad to report success from this part of the field. Sister Katherine E. Miller-Weaver, who has been laboring in this city, had the pleasure of seeing four of her readers follow their Master in baptism. Surely the Lord is good to his people. Although the battle is growing fiercer and people hurrying on into eternal destruction, yet the Lord is showing us some precious souls who are willing to follow him, and thus giving us a part in his work.

We expect in a few weeks to begin a tent effort, and wish all our dear people to remember us before the throne that we may break down the prejudice and gain an entrance into the hearts of the faithful with his holy law.

HOMER O. LE FEVRE.

MID-SUMMER OFFERING

To the dear brethren of like precious faith scattered abroad over the great State of Ohio, greeting:—

How thankful we are to God for the great blessings he has and is bestowing upon us; not only spiritual blessings but those of a temporal and financial character as well. This time of peace and prosperity will not last always. When the farmer wants to gather his harvest, he takes advantage of the sunshine. So let us, as workers gathering the Lord's harvest, improve the present time of quiet, uninterrupted financial prosperity that the Lord is giving us.

Seventh-day Adventists are a liberal people; not from a selfish motive, taking advantage of the promise that "the liberal soul shall be made fat," and many of the same character, but as a result of "faith that worketh by love."

Sabbath, June 29, is the day set apart by the General Conference for the taking of the Mid-Summer Offering, which is to be added to and help swell the \$150,000 Fund. Now brethren, as aforetime, let us help lift this important obligation. The cause needs the money badly. The Macedonian calls are coming from all the great heathen lands. (Read the first article in the Missionary Reading for June 8.) Of a truth we cannot all respond in person or by sending sons and daughters, but most of us can share our means.

In conclusion, let us in a special manner remember two things: First,

who it is gives us power to get wealth, and what it is given for. Deut. 8:18. Second, the counsel given to the Laodicean church. Rev. 3:18.

G. C. QUILLIN.

"WHERE ARE WE AT?"

WE are frequently interrogated as to what has become of the Ohio Conference since the General Conference Council in Europe. Somehow, somewhere, someone started the report that the Ohio Conference has been severed from the Lake Union Conference and added to the Virginias, and hereafter would be known as a new creation in the Union Conference realm. In our effort at answering this much agitated question, we will say that we have received no intimation from the officials of the Lake Union Conference that we have been disowned, and we feel certain we have not been kidnapped; and if we have been adopted by the Virginias it has been wholly without our knowledge or consent. We now insist on being let alone, and claim to be an obedient member of the Lake Union Conference family. H. H. B.

CAMP-MEETING

AS stated in last week's VISITOR, it has been decided to hold our next annual camp-meeting August 9-19, at Marion. The fairground at this place, which has been secured for the purpose, is almost ideal. With good railway accommodations and street car service the location seems most favorable. The Conference Committee will spare no pains to make this convocation of God's people the most profitable of any ever held. Let us all prepare to attend and do our part toward making this meeting a success.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

THE SUMMER NORMAL

DESPITE the fact that we were held in suspense with reference to plans for the Summer Normal, yet when the session opened Wednesday, June 12, we found a number of teachers present from this and other conferences. The number increased until the close of the week twenty were taking work.

Two sessions are being held daily, and classes have been organized in all the common branches, and in botany, drawing, general history, algebra, geometry, trigonometry, psychology, Bible I and Bible IV.

All seem to enjoy the work, and are bending their energies to complete it before the opening of the Young People's Convention. J. E. SHULTZ.

MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE

AT MIDNIGHT*

'Tis midnight on the hills of Palestine;
On leafy trees and twining, tendrilled vine
The silvery moonbeams softly, gently lay
So bright they almost change the night to day.

Guards stand upon the somber walls of gray,
The city, hushed in quiet slumber, lay;
The landscape 's in its gorgeous beauty drest,
And Nature soothes her children all to rest.

Down from the city's guarded gates a Jew,
His body clothed in cloaks of royal blue,
Steals softly forth to seek the path of right
Beneath the cover of the silent night.

His brow is crowned with shining, silvery hair,
His face is furrowed deep with lines of care;
And in his breast there burns without control
Remorse, the knowledge of a guilty soul.

Beneath the drooping bows of yonder tree,
A figure in the shadows he doth see:
His tender eyes are filled with pitying love,
His brow is crowned with glory from above.

Who is this meek and humble Stranger, pray,
Upon whose brow the light of heaven doth
lay?

'Tis loving Jesus, down from heaven on high,
Who came for sinful, suffering man to die.

With feeble, flattering words the Jew first
tries

To hide his disbelief in dark disguise;

"We know thou art a learned teacher great,
Sent down from God who did all things
create."

But Jesus looked into his stony heart
And saw him there loth with his pride to part;
With heart of pity—heart of yearning love—
He seeks to show the path of life above.

With tender, loving words the Saviour seeks
To satisfy the seeking soul and speaks,
"If ye eternal life in heaven obtain,
Ye must be born,—ye must be born again."

The Jew looked up the truth within his heart,
And pondering o'er it, wondering did depart:
Now all is still as is the silent shrine
At midnight on the hills of Palestine.

GRACIE STEINBAUGH.

PLAN OF THE NORMAL DEPARTMENT

"IN our larger schools provision should be made for the education of younger children. This work is to be managed wisely, in connection with the training of more advanced students. The older students should be encouraged to take part in teaching these lower classes."

"In all our churches there should be schools, and teachers in those schools who are missionaries. It is essential that teachers be educated to act their part in educating the children of Sabbath keepers, not only in the sciences, but in the Scriptures. These schools, established in different localities and conducted by God-fearing men and women, as the case demands, should be built upon the

*Awarded the first prize for poetry in the literary contest instituted by Prof. D. D. Rees during last school year.

same principles as were the schools of the prophets."

"He (the teacher) who discerns the opportunities and privileges of his work will allow nothing to stand in the way of earnest endeavor for self-improvement. . . . All that he desires his pupils to become, he will himself strive to be."—Mrs. E. G. White.

Need

The increasing demand for teachers to supply our church, intermediate, and mission schools, makes it necessary for the College to provide for the training of teachers to fill these positions. To assist in supplying this demand, the College has formed the Normal Department.

Purpose

The purpose of the Normal Department is to give those who wish to become teachers, instruction in the principles and practice of Christian Education. The Department stands for "the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers,"—that development that prepares both pupil and teacher for the "joy of service in this world and the higher joy of a wider service in the world to come."

Advantages

The Normal Department provides for both academic and professional studies. Its aim is also to provide for observation and practice in a training school which shall be under the direction of the Normal teachers. It is designed to furnish to all those desiring to become church school teachers such facilities as will enable them to obtain not only a thorough knowledge of all branches taught in the church school course, but also such a knowledge of the science and art of education as will qualify them for skillful work in teaching.

Normal students have the advantages of work with the various College departments, library privileges, etc., etc.

As soon as possible a training school will be provided as an integral part of the Normal Department. All the teaching in this school will receive the personal supervision of some member of the Normal Faculty. The training school will afford opportunity for observation and practice to students taking training in the Normal Department. Each Normal student will be required to spend one or more hours per day in observation or in actual practice teaching under proper direction. During this time a Normal student is put in charge of a class, for which for a definite number of weeks he is held responsible in ev-

ery particular as he would be in a school of his own. He is under the careful supervision of experienced teachers, who offer such criticism and suggestions as will prove helpful. Periods are also assigned to each student for observation of work done by others; and hours are set apart for a discussion of the excellencies and defects observed.—*College Calendar.*

THE CALENDAR

THE Fifteenth Annual Calendar of Mount Vernon College will be ready for distribution in a very few days; possibly by the time this paper reaches the most of its readers. In it will be found a description of the new features for the coming school year, in which all our students, both new and old, will be more or less interested. The older ones will be interested because they wish to be posted as to the advance moves being made by the school; and the new ones, because the work offered or outlined may possibly affect their work.

The work will be carried for the coming year upon the three-term basis instead of the semester plan to enable the work to more nearly conform to the outline as arranged at the Convention held last July at College View, Neb.

A fuller description of the subjects covered by the Nurses' Course is given, as well as a general view of the nature of the work to be done by the Normal Department.

For several reasons the date for the beginning of the school for the fall term has been placed two weeks later than it has been beginning for several years in the past. This will give more time for preparation to enter school after the time of our camp-meeting, as in other years there was but little more than an opportunity to return home when it was necessary to begin preparations for leaving at once. This will also give time for those who are canvassing and expect to be in school to have their delivery come the first of September, and have time to deliver and be in attendance when school opens. This is quite essential as some are often deprived of a subject they may wish very much because some other subject was placed in the same hour when the program was arranged.

J. B. CLYMER.

MRS. SHEPHERD informed me that several students reserved rooms for next year, but the list has been mislaid or lost. If those who wish a room reserved will write me stating what room they wish, I will see that the reservation is made. J. B. CLYMER.

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Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

Sabbath begins June 21 at 7:25 P. M.

REMEMBER June 29 is the day appointed for the Mid-Summer collection.

BROTHER CARL E. WEAKS'S address is 285 Salmon St., Portland, Ore. Brother Weeks will be glad to hear from his Ohio friends.

In the tabulated report of the camp-meetings held in Ohio, in the last issue of the VISITOR, the one held at Bowling Green in 1874 was unintentionally omitted.

SEND your orders for the lesson quarterlies at once. They are now in stock, and Sabbath-school secretaries should be particular about sending their orders in time so the school may not be inconvenienced by the delay.

A CARD OF THANKS

I WISH to extend a card of thanks through the columns of the WELCOME VISITOR to all our dear brethren, sisters and friends who have so kindly assisted me, and sent words of sympathy in my affliction through the death of my dear companion. Although it comes as a heavy stroke, yet my trust is in God who doeth all things well.

My courage is good in the Lord. Except the infirmities of old age, my health is fairly good, for which I am very thankful.

For fifty years I have been, and am still, in harmony with every advance step in the promulgation of these great truths,—the second coming of Christ near at hand, the thorough organization of the church, as in the leading out of ancient Israel by the hand of Moses, the Spirit of prophecy in the remnant church for the purifying and the unifying of the saints,

"till we all come in the unity of the faith; one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God, and father of all." Eph. 4:4-14; Isa. 52:8.

J. G. WOOD.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the headquarters of the Lake Union Conference have been removed to South Bend, Ind. All correspondence hereafter intended for the president, secretary, and treasurer of the Lake Union Conference should be addressed to Rooms 9 and 10, 209 South Main St., South Bend, Ind., instead of Room 223 Unity Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind.

MARRIED

AT the home of the bride's mother in Springfield, O., Wednesday evening, June 5, 1907, at 8 P. M., in the presence of fifty invited guests, Brother Harry A. Weaver and Katharine E. Miller were pronounced husband and wife by Elder H. H. Burkholder.

Brother and Sister Weaver were remembered by their friends in a substantial way, receiving many handsome and useful presents expressive of their best wishes for a pleasant voyage on the matrimonial sea. They purpose continuing whole-hearted in the work of spreading the Third Angel's Message, and will have charge of the work in Detroit, Mich.

AN EXCELLENT MAGAZINE

WE call the attention of our readers to the June number of *Life and Health*. It contains many good things of a practical nature for all classes. The old people will find this number especially helpful to them. It contains a treatise on "Diseases Incident to Old Age" that will inspire a new courage and strong hope in their lives.

The sick are the beneficiaries in a part of the June number, for some excellent suggestions are given to their attendants that will prove to the sick better than medicine.

The housekeeper is especially favored with practical hints on the preparation of palatable and nutritious food.

All ladies are given a view "behind the scenes" of the would-be beautiful form,—some of the evils of tight lacing are clearly portrayed.

All mothers will find the June number of value to them in connection with the often perplexing question of child training. "The Little Boy's Confession" in that number presents a valuable object lesson.

The entire number will be found to be excellent. It will merit the praise that has come to each preceding number for some time in the past,—"the best yet published."

Over 375 agents are meeting with excellent success with *Life and Health*. This journal is proving to be an excellent missionary publication. Twenty-five or more copies to one address, two and one-half cents a copy, with liberal discount to the workers on annual subscriptions. Write for sample copy.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For week ending June 7, 1907.)

Geo. Behnfeldt, Erie Co.—Daniel and Revelation: value of deliveries, \$14.50.

Mrs. Geo. Behnfeldt, Sandusky.—Daniel and Revelation: value of deliveries, \$5.

Christy J. Fritz,* Mahoning Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 33 hours; value of orders, \$57.50; helps, \$9.50; total, \$67.

R. Degarmo, Akron.—Great Controversy: 11½ hours; value of orders, \$12.50; helps, \$15; total, \$27.50; deliveries, \$40.

Ira J. Gault, Mount Vernon.—Great Controversy: 27 hours; value of orders, \$13.50; helps, \$5.50; total, \$19.

A. R. Hasemeier, Defiance Co.—Heralds of the Morning: 24 hours; value of orders, \$1.75; helps, \$1; total, \$2.75; deliveries, \$95.

Mabel A. Rayle,† Leipsic.—Heralds of the Morning: 25½ hours; value of orders, \$8.75; helps, \$3.50; total, \$12.25.

E. J. C. Sharp, Pike Co.—Bible Footlights: 37 hours; value of orders, \$67.

Mary Kuhn, Cleveland.—Coming King: 10½ hours; value of orders, \$8; helps, \$.50; total, \$8.50.

S. E. Reagon, Cleveland.—Coming King: 10 hours; value of orders, \$6; helps, \$5.24; total, \$11.24.

Hester E. Gerrard, Ohio City.—Coming King: 5 hours; deliveries, \$9.

A. L. Bassler, Crestline.—Miscellaneous: 13½ hours; value of orders, \$19.50.

F. E. Wagner, Trumbull Co.—Miscellaneous: value of deliveries, \$3.25.

Total value of orders.....\$194.50

Total value of helps.....40.24

Grand total.....\$234.74

Total deliveries.....\$166.75

*Week ending May 24.

†Two weeks.