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

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY AND SABBATH-SCHOOL CONVENTION

THE first meeting of this important gathering of the Young People's and Sabbath-school Departments of the General, Union, and State Conferences convened Wednesday morning, July 10, at the time appointed, with a good representation from many conferences. The attendance continued to increase until Sabbath, July 13, the tent pitched on the College Campus scarcely accommodated the attendance.

After the formal opening, an earnest prayer was offered by Elder Daniels in behalf of this assembly, seeking the presence and wisdom of God, and desiring to have his mind direct in all the plans and deliberations. Elder Burkholder delivered the following address of welcome:—

MR. CHAIRMAN, ESTEEMED DELEGATES, BRETHREN AND SISTERS: It appeals to me that my experience is very similar to that of Moses when the Lord called him to perform a task which required, as he thought, the gift of eloquence. I am not an orator, as many of you know, and will promise at the beginning not to attempt speech making, but, as best I can, to convey to the delegates and friends assembled a hearty welcome.

I deeply regret the absence of our esteemed brother, Elder Allen Moon, whose place on the program I have been requested to fill. I am sure he could have served the Convention, in this respect, more ably than can I; but as the good old Buckeye State has never yet been found wanting in any good cause, I hope in this effort to again prove our willingness to do, notwithstanding all that may be lacking in our effort to accomplish that at which we aim.

When we were informed of the decision of the General Conference Committee to hold this Convention, and were asked if the Ohio Conference would willingly entertain such a meet-

ing, no hesitancy was manifested by us in returning a favorable answer.

There is no branch of our work more dear to the hearts of the brethren and sisters of this Conference than that which you have met to consider.

The Ohio Conference has been among the foremost to encourage the development and organization of this work. At a meeting of the Conference laborers, held in our College chapel at this place, April 12-18, 1899, the advisability of organizing our young people for service in the Master's cause received favorable consideration. A little later, August 3-14, the same year, at the annual camp-meeting and conference, we placed ourselves on record by unanimously voting the following:—

"Whereas, The Lord has specifically said to us that there should be among the youth 'organized plans for helping other youth,' and that they should be thus 'organized in every church' to do this work of saving souls from ruin, and—

"Whereas, It was recommended by the workers assembled at our State meeting that plans be set on foot to carry out this work, the same to be put into crystalized form at the present camp-meeting, and—

"Whereas, The carrying forward this work systematically, thus to reach the most isolated, requires concerted effort, and some general direction, therefore—

"Resolved, That this work receive the encouragement of this conference, and that suitable persons be appointed as president, secretary and treasurer, who will take a general oversight of the same, and labor in its behalf."

Thus did we begin; since which time our confidence has gradually increased until we can say without fear of contradiction, that to secure the hearty co-operation of our young people in the proclamation of the Third Angel's Message and to drill and prepare them to wisely and nobly act their part in the closing conflict, is a work worthy of our earnest prayers, our hearty support and most strenuous efforts.

From a message addressed to our youth, we quote the following:—

"The world is to be warned, and no soul should rest satisfied with a superficial knowledge of truth. You know

not to what responsibilities you may be called. You know not where you may be called upon to give your witness of truth. Many will have to stand in the legislative courts; some will have to stand before kings and before the learned of earth to answer for their faith."

To contribute to a cause like this is the height of our ambition, and to be accorded the privilege of entertaining the first general convention called to consider the interests of such a work, we regard as a special favor of which we hope to prove ourselves worthy.

You have evidently been convinced from what I have said that those with whom you are to tarry are thoroughly in sympathy with the object for which this Convention has been called. And believing that such a meeting will greatly add to the speedy development of this work in the world, therefore, in behalf of the brethren and sisters of the Ohio Conference and the Mount Vernon College, I extend to you one and all the heartiest of welcomes. We welcome you to our quiet, rural retreat, to the hospitality of our unpretentious College buildings and private homes, to the cooling shade of the friendly groves, to the gurgling, crystal waters of our magnetic springs, to a free, pure air that strengthens our physical and moral fiber and enables us to appreciate the handiwork of an all wise Creator.

That your stay may be one of pleasure as well as profit is our chiefest desire, that we may be enabled to compass this result will be our earnest endeavor. Appreciating our own human weaknesses, we crave your sympathy and indulgence wherein we fail, and trust that circumstances may so combine themselves as to cause you to fondly recall the lingering memories of your pleasant stay while with us, thus causing you to return at some future time.

Response

ELDER THOMPSON.—We know that these are true words, and that this Convention is a welcome intruder within the domains of the Ohio Conference. I believe it will be a source of blessing to this Ohio Conference, to this union conference, and

to the work of God throughout the wide world. I trust that while we are enjoying these good blessings at the hands of our good brethren of Ohio, that we will not forget to impart blessings to them; that we will not only enjoy the shade of these trees in a social way, but that we will make these quiet places of retreat the secret places of prayer; that the Lord will come in in a special manner and bless us at this gathering.

Brethren, we are going over a new road, we are making a new history—a new chapter in the history of the work of the Third Angel's Message, and we must have the Lord to direct and help us. As I look over this matter, I feel that this is indeed a remarkable occasion. We have all attended important meetings in the history of this Message, but I do not believe that we have ever attended a meeting that was of any greater importance to our work than this meeting at this time. I believe, brethren and sisters, that it is one of the clear evidences of the tremendous progress that our work is making in the world that we have come to such a time as this. Probably we ought to have been here a long time ago, but I am glad that we are here this morning. We are here now, brethren, and let us set our faces toward the work, and let us accomplish what the Lord has for us to accomplish.

I gather new courage in looking into the faces of these brethren who have come in from the field; not only these young people but those who are older as well, that we may talk over the work that the Lord has given us to do.

It has been my privilege the last few weeks to visit one of the greatest mission fields of the world, and as I went through these lands swarming with thousands and millions of beings, the question uppermost in my mind was, How are all these souls to hear the Message? Now I confess, brethren, that it almost staggered me. As I stood in those lands and saw the tremendous work that is before us, and thought of the shortness of time, then looked into the faces of all those millions and thought of the work that had to be done, it seemed almost impossible; it looked, from a human standpoint, as if it could never be accomplished. But as I thought of the work and had some time to reflect on it, there was one thought that always cheered me. It was the thought of the twenty thousand or more consecrated young people in this Message. As I thought of the young people in our schools, I could see some place for the workers to come from. The old burden bearers in this cause are be-

coming weary and worn and gray, and cannot pioneer the work as they once could. I believe the Lord has given us a heritage in our young people to finish the work. I believe that the Young People's Department, the Sabbath-school Department, and the Educational Department have but the one object in their work, to harness the energies of the young people and direct them in the work of the Third Angel's Message. It is just like Niagara. It could roll and thunder over that precipice for ages, until we come down into the last days, we find that men are harnessing that power. They are putting in machinery until from that place light is furnished all the country around. The formation of this Young People's Department is to harness this power that is in our young people and direct it to finish this work. I believe this is the work the Lord has given us to do.

Now in our recent conference in Gland, Switzerland, we were brought face to face with a new proposition, or with an old proposition in a new way. As we laid before the conference the whole case, when we thought of the number of laborers that must be sent out without delay to these distant fields,—and when we put down the smallest number of workers that we could possibly think of sending, when it was all done, we were utterly unable to do it. We did not find the workers. We did not have the facilities to train laborers for these fields. I believe the Lord led us right there to take a new step. I believe the Lord directed in the formation of the Young People's Department, that the energy and the work of the young people can be fostered better, that the talent among our young people may be speedily trained and consecrated to the work of this Message. Brethren, I am of the opinion that we have come to a new era in the work of the Third Angel's Message. I believe that the Lord is arranging this work so that we can finish it in this generation, and I hope that he will direct us especially in this meeting, and make it just what he wants it to be made.

Now, as I said, there are three departments of our work, the Sabbath-school, the Educational and the Young People's. All are working for the same purpose. While each one is a little different, yet they are all especially related in this work.

I want to say in closing that we have come to a very important time in the history of our work. The shades are lengthening. The sun of human probation is about to set, unless our whole work is built on a wrong basis. But we have come to the time

when the Lord is especially finishing up this work. It seems almost like when we hear the call that comes from these foreign fields—it almost seems like the ship has struck a rock and the passengers and the crew are perishing, and the waves are beating the vessel to pieces, and we can hear the despairing cry for help. We have life boats that can ride the waves, but we have nobody to man them. We must have some one to man the boats and rush to the rescue of those who are perishing. It is the work of this department to train workers for this special work. I think of that story of the English commander who wanted volunteers to capture a very important stronghold. After he had explained all about the situation and the danger, he asked for those who would volunteer. As many as would were to step one pace to the front. And the whole regiment stepped one pace to the front. I wish that the Lord would give us that spirit. We want to inculcate into the minds of all our young people that the only thing in this world worth anything is the Third Angel's Message. The world is soon to be involved in chaos and ruin, but the work of the Third Angel's Message is to stand forever. I want to call your attention to that text in Isaiah: "I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me." We do not always need to emphasize the *me*. "Here am I; send me." But we can never inculcate that spirit into our young people until as leaders it takes hold of our own hearts. We cannot inspire them to go until we are willing to go ourselves. We want to be sent as leaders into the ranks of the army of the Lord to fight this battle through to the end. We want to lay ourselves on the altar, willing to be sent—it may be even into the jaws of death; it may be into some place where we think we cannot live. When we are willing to do this, I believe we can set the whole denomination on fire, inspire the young people to give their lives to this work, we will see our schools overflowing with consecrated laborers, and we will see the work of God take on new life. I hope that this will be the result of this Convention. Let us be inspired with the missionary spirit, and then inspire our young people everywhere with the great work of God that is to be done in the earth, to finish this work in this generation. May the Lord give us that spirit, and may we be able to foster it here, and carry it home, is my prayer.

PROFESSOR GRIGGS. —I am certain that every one of us counts himself as very happy to be here this morning.

I was thinking as I sat here just now that the first time that I visited this place was to attend an educational convention. That was some seven or eight years ago. It was the first educational convention held, I think, among our people, to have in mind the idea of unifying and systematizing our educational work. It is a very fitting coincidence that the first Young People's Convention together with the Sabbath-school work, held for the purpose of unifying and systematizing our young people's work, should be held here at this place. And I am certain that all of us are very thankful for the very cordial invitation of our people from this locality, and from this place, and from this school, and for the very cordial way in which they receive us as we come here.

This meeting is very large in its potentialities. From this meeting that we are to hold there must go out to all our young people all over the world a new inspiration.

That word *inspiration* means a good deal. It means more than we often think it to mean. It often means but little more to us than a rousing up and an enthusiasm. But it really means a breathing in, a drawing in of that which gives life and vitality to the being. And so we want ourselves to receive this inbreathing, this taking in, of that which will give life and vitality to us, that there may be this spirit in our Convention that can go out to our young men and women all over the world.

During the past year, since our Educational Convention at College View, a great deal has been said about finishing the work. This idea of the finishing of the work, the completing of it, the ending of it, was the inspiring thought at our Convention last year. I have often thought of the meeting we held on the glorious day of our independence, the fourth of July, when we inaugurated at that Convention what was known as the forward movement. But I think there is one thing that we need to lay hold of at this Convention in addition to this word *finishing*, and that is that which is involved in the word *consecration*. This work is to be finished by consecrated men and women. The word *consecration* means setting apart. We are here to inaugurate a movement which may set apart and educate our young men and women to the finishing of this work. This idea of consecration has been the one that has carried forward every work of God in the earth.

We have advantages to-day for the carrying forward of this work which

were not had in the years when that First Angel's Message went with so great power. We are to use these advantages—the printing press, the railway, electricity. All of these things came forward for the finishing of this work. But the one thing that is necessary for the use of all these is consecration, devotion. This is to be the power that is to go out to our young men and women. . . .

The truth makes men powerful when the truth fully possesses them. Young men and women that would go on doing little more than living, than existing, may become mighty for God, if they will let the truth possess every fiber of their being. There is absolutely no limit to the power of a consecrated young man or young woman. We must make our young men and women all over the world realize this thing, but we cannot see this unless we have this power within us and know whereof we speak. So I am satisfied that if the spirit which was in the pioneers of this Message, Joseph Bates, William Miller, James White and his wife, and a score of others, that if the spirit that was in Paul and his fellow laborers, the spirit which was in Martin Luther and his fellow laborers, is the spirit which we seek to have in ourselves here, this meeting will result in great good. Let the truth possess our every thought, our every being, and it will make us unselfish, it will make us strong and energetic for right. There is no thought that to me is of more importance as we take up the work of this Convention than this—whole hearted consecration. This alone will carry forward the work and finish it. I am longing for the Lord to come. It comes over me at times, can it be possible that in my lifetime the whole work of earth,—the commercial enterprises that are being carried forward,—is to cease, and the whole thing is to be done away with and a new order of things instituted? and peace and truth are to reign upon the earth? There is in session at this time in Europe a conference which is looking toward the peace of the earth. There was delivered an address at Los Angeles the day before yesterday by the secretary of the National Educational Association concerning the teaching of peace and its importance and its value to the children of the schools of this country. But I want to say to you that the Message that we have to proclaim to the earth is the only message that can bring peace upon the earth. We want to live this Message; we want to devote our lives to it. This thought of the finishing of the work and of giving our lives to it will give

force and energy to our discussion and consideration of the work of our young people. May the Lord imbue this Convention with that spirit.

A. G. DANIELLS.—I may say, dear friends, that I am profoundly grateful for this meeting. I was present when the suggestion was made in our little council room at Washington, that such a convention be held. I was very much in favor of it, and have looked forward to this meeting with a great deal of interest from that day to this. We planned all our movements with reference to going to Europe and coming back again, to be here at this meeting.

I am glad to tell you that I consider this one of the most important meetings, so far as its character, its purpose, and its far-reaching results are concerned, that we have held for many a day. Now the value of this meeting will not depend upon the numbers present, whether there are few or many. We could have a very poor meeting with a few people present, and we could have a much poorer meeting with a great many present. The influence of this Convention does not depend upon the number present. It depends upon the conceptions those who are present get of the matters, we are here to consider. It depends upon the clear views of things we get, and the inspiration that comes to us while we are here. I believe, my dear friends, that at this Convention every one of us needs a great, new, mighty inspiration that comes to us regarding this work. I realize that I need it, and I have come here praying that God will give it to me. I long for an inspiration that will help me to do my part in finishing this work in this generation. I believe that I must have a new view and a new inspiration myself. I believe you feel the same. I believe it is possible for us to do a great deal more than we have yet done for God. We want this meeting to give us a new life, a new power. We want to set on foot a movement here that shall be so blessed of God that it will go running through the length and breadth of the denomination and call into service the rank and file of our young people. I believe it is possible to do this. Here we are to-day a representative body. The teachers and the workers in behalf of the young people of this denomination are many of them here. My friends, it will be just as well for you to be here as all the young people of the denomination if you get what you need to take back. Will you get it? Will you address yourself to it? You have come here to get ideas to do better work for young souls whose interests weigh heavily upon you.

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PROF. CLEMEN HAMER is at home after a pleasant visit with friends in Battle Creek and Ontario, Canada.

BROTHER N. S. MILLER was made happy recently by receiving a check for nearly sixty dollars for a Tract Society debt long due. There are a few more of the same kind, but we believe that most of these will be cancelled in the near future.

MISS NELLIE STEVENS, a former Bible worker in Ohio, graduated from the American Medical Missionary College at Battle Creek, Mich., June 17. The VISITOR extends congratulations to Doctor Nellie, and wishes her abundant success in her chosen profession.

SABBATH, June 29, the Chagrin Falls Sabbath-school voted to give all their donations to missions. Several schools in the State have been doing this for years, but we are glad to see other schools progressing toward this standard. While the membership of the Chagrin Falls Sabbath-school is small, its donations to missions are very generous.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS IN OHIO: It has now been over three months since I left for my present field of work, and although I have been very busy during this time, yet I have not forgotten the pleasant associations which I enjoyed for so many years in your midst. I am glad to report that my family and I are usually well, and of good courage in the Lord. We are very pleasantly located in Minneapolis, and are beginning to feel quite at home among our new acquaintances. We have an English church here with 175 members, and also a Scandinavian church of about

75 members. Both congregations own good church buildings and are out of debt.

We have already had our camp-meeting here, and can report a very profitable season. It seemed a little strange to be at a camp-meeting before the leaves were out on the trees, and especially to be compelled to wear a heavy overcoat part of the time to keep warm. Nearly all the tents had small sheet-iron stoves, which are a necessary piece of furniture here at camp-meeting. All seemed to enjoy themselves, however, and paid but little attention to the inclement weather, which prevailed mostly during workers' meeting. Altogether there were about 500 in attendance. Minnesota has a very fine company of young people coming on, among whom a splendid work was accomplished during the meeting. The conference seems to be awakening to renewed activity along all lines of work, and the outlook is very encouraging.

We will begin a series of tent meetings here in this city next Sunday night. A good company of workers is being provided for this effort, and a successful meeting is confidently expected. Special efforts have been put forth this spring in arousing the churches of this city and St. Paul to an active part in the work with literature, and splendid results are being seen.

Minneapolis is a very pleasant city, and Minnesota is, in many respects, a very interesting State. It is about four times as large as Ohio, and has within its borders over 30,000 lakes. Altogether we enjoy our work here, and ask your prayers that God may continue to show us mercy, and prosper us in his work, and at last give us, with all the redeemed, an entrance into his glorious kingdom.

Our address is 2800 Stevens Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.

W. H. GRANGER.

Youngstown

OUR church had a precious season on the occasion of our quarterly meeting, June 29, 1907. We had the great pleasure of having our dear brother, Elder Underwood, with us on this occasion after an absence, I think, of about fourteen years. The Lord came near as we listened to his words, and as we later celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house. This meeting will surely help to bind us closer in living out this glorious truth, and in presenting the Message to a fallen world. We are of good courage. Your sister in Christ,

MRS. A. ALDERMAN, Clerk.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For week ending July 5, 1907.)

Christy J. Fritz, Mahoning Co.—Desire of Ages: value of orders, \$17.50; helps, \$6.75; total, \$24.25.

Ross Lindsay, Mahoning Co.—Desire of Ages: 20 hours; value of orders, \$80.

Ira J. Gault, Ashland Co.—Great Controversy: value of deliveries, \$51.25.

C. F. Glasscock, Highland Co.—Great Controversy: 26 hours; value of orders, \$19.50.

Mary Hubbell, McCuneville.—Great Controversy and Coming King: 21 hours; value of orders, \$25; helps, \$5.50; total, \$30.50.

F. E. Wagner, Trumbull Co.—Great Controversy and Coming King: 29 hours; value of orders, \$18; helps, \$2.50; total, \$20.50; deliveries, \$11.75.

Isaac R. Harden, Brown Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 21 hours; value of orders, \$4.50; helps, \$2; total, \$6.50.

G. S. Harden, Brown Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 21 hours; value of orders, \$17.50.

Clara Gates, Cleveland.—Daniel and Revelation: 13 hours; value of orders, \$6; deliveries, \$2.50.

Mabel A. Rayle, Leipsic.—Heralds of the Morning: 1½ hour; value of orders, \$3.50; helps, \$1; total, \$4.50; deliveries, \$17.

E. J. C. Sharp, Jackson Co.—Bible Footlights: 39 hours; value of orders, \$63; helps, \$1; total, \$64.

N. O. Coffman, Lima.—Coming King: 2 hours; value of orders, \$1; helps, \$3.40; total, \$4.40.

Ward E. Hart, Paulding Co.—Coming King: 12 hours; value of orders, \$14.

J. C. Hankins, Paulding Co.—Coming King: 12 hours; value of orders, \$9.50; helps, \$1.25; total, \$10.75.

Bertha Carter, Zanesville.—Coming King: 10 hours; value of orders, \$5; helps, \$1.75; total, \$6.75.

Florence Carter, Zanesville.—Coming King: 9 hours; value of orders, \$8; helps, \$2.50; total, \$10.50.

A. L. Bassler, Crestline.—Miscellaneous: 21 hours; value of orders, \$19.50.

Total value of orders.....\$311.50
Total value of helps 27.65

Grand total.....\$339.15
Total deliveries.....\$82.50