

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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THE OHIO CONFERENCE

THE CAMP-MEETING

Sunday, August 19

THE closing services of the annual encampment of the the Seventh-day Adventists of Ohio was held on the camp-ground Sunday. Large crowds were present.

Sunday Afternoon

At three o'clock, Dr. H. M. Jump addressed a large audience on "The New Birth," taking for his text Rev. 22:17, "And the Spirit and the bride say come. And let him that heareth say, come. And let him that is a-thirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

He said, in part: "I confess that I tremble as I take upon myself the responsibility of standing before you to deliver some of the messages that God has given you in this grand old Bible; for I realize that every word that is spoken I will have to meet, and you will have to meet in the judgment. I believe that every word in this book is true. Seventh-day Adventists accept every word in the Bible. We omit nothing. We do not believe that any part of it is out of date, but we believe that 'all scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.' Believing this, I will be pardoned if I refer to texts in the Old Testament and in the New, in the Psalms and in the epistles, and wherever I find them in the grand old book.

"I have wondered at times why it is that the great God of heaven, who created the earth by the breath of his mouth, who could blot out in a moment of time the sin-cursed inhabitants of this world, and create a race of perfect beings, why it is that he will humble himself to come down and plead with sinful, fallen man to come to him."

Sunday Night

Elder G. B. Thompson, of Washington, spoke on "The Destiny of the Wicked." He read as a text Rev. 5:13, "And every creature which is

in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever." He said in part: "My text brings to view a time when sin and sinners will be no more, when every voice in the universe of God will be joined in one universal chorus of praise. We read of a time when there shall be no more curse. This I do not understand to be universal salvation, but I believe the scriptures teach that the time is coming when God will destroy sin from his universe. Sin is not an eternal thing; it is transient. While it has obscured the moral horizon of this world for more than 6,000 years, in the plan of God, the time will come when it will cease to exist. This being true, the eternal destiny of sinners is involved.

"I want to notice this somewhat this evening. I do not believe that the Bible teaches an eternal burning hell in which myriads of the lost will weep and wail and agonize and curse and blaspheme God through unnumbered ages. No such foul blot will remain to mar the universe throughout eternity. The most horrible and God-dishonoring doctrine that the human mind can conceive of is that of a place where unnumbered millions will be tortured to endless ages. One writer upon this subject, who believed in the eternal punishment of sinners, sets forth his opinion upon this question in the following terrible language:—

"God will exert all his divine attributes to make the lost as wretched as the capacity of their nature will admit."

"Let me read you a few plain declarations from the word of God as to the future of the wicked: 'And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city; and fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.' Rev. 9:20 'For behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh

shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame.' Isa. 47:14. Numerous other passages might be given, but I will not take your time this evening.

"The wicked will be punished here in the earth where they have committed their awful deeds. Prov. 11:31. This fire that destroys the wicked will purify the earth and purge it entirely from sin, 2 Peter 3:13-15, and from this cleansing fire will come forth a beautiful, clean, new earth, in which the righteous shall live throughout eternity, where there will be no more death and sorrow, no more tears, no more funerals, nothing to mar the happiness and peace of God's people, but joy and pleasure are at his right hand forevermore.

"The universe will then be clean. Sin and sinners will be no more. The great controversy between sin and righteousness will be finished. The justice and righteousness of God will have been vindicated before the universe. That will be the time when my text will be fulfilled, when that universal chorus of praise which the seer of Patmos heard in vision will be sung."

Following the address of Elder Thompson, the following resolution was unanimously passed:—

"Whereas, Through the providence of God, we have been encamped upon the beautiful grounds of the Marion County Agricultural Society, and have enjoyed many pleasant associations and divine blessings, therefore be it—

"Resolved, That we hereby extend a vote of thanks to the Marion County Agricultural Society, the mayor of the city, the Marion Railway, Light & Power Co. and their courteous employes, the business firms and citizens of Marion, and above all to God, the giver of every good and perfect gift, through whose blessings these privileges have been made possible; and to his grace we commend you who have so kindly received us."

The place of holding the next annual encampment will be determined

at a conference to be held in December. The encampment just closed is one of the most successful ever held.

To-day the Adventists are breaking camp and departing for their homes. Sunday morning, Elder James Shultz, who will leave immediately for his missionary field in Korea, delivered his farewell address, in which he made a strong plea for missions.

THE SUPPORT OF GOD'S WORK

WITH the passing of another year, we have come to the time when a general call is being made for an offering to be taken up in all our churches, Sabbath, October 5, for the support of our colored work in the Southern States.

One of the most important branches of this work is the establishment and maintenance of mission schools. The great need for this educational work has often been plainly pointed out. There are few more in need of the elevating influence of the truths of God's Word, than are the majority of the colored people in the South. They must be taught to read the Scriptures for themselves, and to understand what they read.

We can not pass by lightly, as a matter of minor importance, our duty toward the Negro race. God has made man his brother's keeper, and will hold him responsible for this great trust. He has taken man into union with himself, and has planned that man shall labor in harmony with him. He has provided the system of beneficence, that man, whom he has made in his image, may be self-denying in character, like him whose infinite nature is love. He has appointed man as his almoner, to distribute the blessings he has given him.

"Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor, that we through his poverty might be rich." God has done for our good all that a kind Heavenly Father could do. He appeals to humanity whether he has failed in a single instance to do all that he could for the highest interests of man. "Judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard. What could have been done more to my vineyard, than I have not done to it?"

We can show our appreciation of God's merciful dealing with us in no better way than by giving liberally for the support of his cause in the earth. In the system of beneficence enjoined upon the Jews, they were required either to bring to the

Lord the firstfruits of all his gifts, whether in the increase of their flocks or herds, or in the produce of their fields, orchards, or vineyards; or they were to redeem it by substituting an equivalent. How changed the order of things in our day! The Lord's requirements and claims, if they receive any attention, are often left till the last. Yet our work needs tenfold more means now than was needed by the Jews. The great commission given to the apostles was to go throughout the world and preach the gospel. This shows the extension of the work, and the increased responsibility resting upon the followers of Christ in our day.

God is not dependent upon man for the support of his cause. He could have sent means direct from heaven to supply his treasury, if his providence had seen that this was best for man. He might have devised means whereby angels would have been sent to publish the truth to the world without the agency of man. He might have written the truth upon the heavens, and let that declare to the world his requirements in living characters. God is not dependent on any man's gold or silver. He says, "Every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills." "If I were hungry I would not tell thee; for the world is mine, and the fullness thereof." Whatever necessity there is for our agency in the advancement of the cause of God, he has purposely arranged for our good. He has honored us by making us co-workers with him. He has ordained that there should be a necessity for the co-operation of men, that they may keep in exercise their benevolence.

What I have said in the past would be repeated. The colored people deserve more from the hands of the white people than they have received. There are thousands who have minds capable of cultivation and uplifting. With proper labor, many who have been looked upon as hopeless will become educators of their race. Let our people arouse, and redeem the past. The obligation to work for the colored people rests heavily upon us. Shall we not try to repair, as far as lies in our power, the injury that in the past has been done to these people? Shall not the number of missionaries to the South be multiplied? This field lies at our very doors, and in it there is a great work to be done for the Master. This work must be done now, while the angels continue to hold the four winds. There is no time to lose.

The Lord calls upon his people to make offerings of self-denial. Let us give up something that we had inten-

ded to purchase for personal comfort or pleasure. Let us teach our children to deny self, and become the Lord's helping hands in dispensing his blessings. If there ever was a time when sacrifice should be made, it is now. Those who have money should understand that now is the time to use it for God. Let us send in our offering with thanksgiving, and with prayer that the Lord will bless the gifts, and multiply them as he did the food given to the five thousand. If we use the very best facilities we have, the power of God will enable us to reach the multitudes that are starving for the bread of life.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

A MODERN LESSON FROM ANCIENT JOSEPH

WAS it not a peculiar providence that sent Joseph down into Egypt? Many will say that it was not a providence at all; but Joseph recognized the fact that God had sent him into Egypt to preserve the lives of his own people in the time of the famine. Slavery brought from Africa a large number of its population who have multiplied until there are in this country to-day many millions of that people. Slavery has brought much trouble to this country. It should be remembered everywhere that the white people of the South were no more to blame originally for slavery than the people of the North. It belonged to the whole country and the problem to solve, the difficulty, the perplexity, have been suffered by the white people of the South who are much misunderstood by many who are outside of that particular section. A great work needs to be done for the colored people in the South that they may be trained as missionaries to save their own people in Africa.

A great famine is coming—a famine for the word of God. Did not God permit the Negro to be brought up in the United States in order that he might learn something of civilization and Christianity? And that can be, must be, the result of his being brought to this country and if this be true, then slavery was not an unmitigated evil. What a training ground for missionary work in the dark continent of Africa! What a responsibility then is upon our people that a great work should be done wisely, judiciously, for the colored people! Our people have learned lessons in regard to this work that are valuable. Yet the work is only scarcely begun among them at the present time. An annual collection is taken for this work each year. Shall we not make the collection for October 5 the largest that has

ever been given for this special work? Our people are more prosperous than they ever have been before. The raising of large sums for the work has not impoverished them. May the great need, the wondrous providence, appeal to our people for such an offering for the work among the colored people on the fifth day of October as has never been known before in the history of our work. *Do not forget October 5.*

J. S. WASHBURN.

THE STUDENTS' PRAYER MEETING

ON Friday evening the students and teachers met in the College chapel for the first students' prayer meeting of the school year. It would be needless to say that the old students and teachers were grateful for the privilege once more of being in these meetings. Those only can appreciate their feelings who once have enjoyed these meetings and then being deprived of them for a short time have the opportunity once more of attending them.

It was certainly a blessed experience not only to listen to the heartfelt testimonies of the old students and teachers, but also to note the earnestness and zeal which characterized the remarks of the new members as they arose and bore witness to the truth.

All felt impressed with the thought spoken by our President, Professor Clymer, that the Lord had sent each one to this school. It was not by chance that we happened to be here. God has a purpose in sending us here.

Many bore witness to the goodness and loving kindness of our Heavenly Father and resolved that their lives should be spent in the service of the Master. With such a full consecration at the beginning of our work, this school year can not fail to be a blessing not only to those making the consecration but to all those who come in contact with them.

May our testimonies ever bear the ring of loving, willing service, and may we be permitted to enjoy many more of these rich blessings that we may quickly fit ourselves for aggressive work in the great white harvest field.

S. L. FROST.

NOTHING is too little to be ordered by our Father; nothing too little in which to see his hand; nothing which touches our souls too little to accept from him; nothing too little to be done to him.—*E. B. Pusey.*

THE TRUE MISSIONARY CANVASSER

THE true missionary canvasser goes forth with a burden for a lost world and a desire to see the gospel carried to every honest soul. He has a deep longing in his heart to see the work finished and his Lord coming in the clouds of heaven, and as he sees the work so rapidly closing it is his greatest ambition to have a part in it and to be instrumental in the hands of God of leading some one to a knowledge of the truth before the opportunity is entirely gone. He will not take up the sale of our books simply because some one else has made a record, and he expects to have an easy time and plenty of money. Neither will he become discouraged if things go a little slow at first.

Men of the world sometimes make a success of soliciting by using many tricks and dishonest methods which prejudice the people, and sometimes make it hard for the honest canvasser.

But if one is filled with the Message, and a love for souls, that love will break down prejudice and often melt the heart of stone. God has promised to send his angels before those who trust him to prepare the hearts of the people to receive the truth, and thus the obstacles which would intimidate the ordinary canvasser will not hinder one who has been called of God and whose trust is in him.

He will not hesitate to go out of the way to reach isolated persons but will faithfully endeavor to carry the Message to those who might never hear of it in any other way, and will work his territory systematically. He will also use strict honesty and integrity in dealing with the people.

While he trusts God to supply his need, yet he will not impose upon anyone. He will not go into the field to get his living for nothing. Being blessed with success, he will not expect people to entertain him free of cost simply because he is a gospel worker. We have known a few cases in the past where this was done, and the sad result was that those who might have been won to the truth were disgusted and prejudiced by the inconsistency and selfishness of those claiming to be messengers of God. There are many other points which we might mention but the one qualification necessary above all others, and which includes many others, is that he love the Lord his God with all his heart, soul, and strength, and his neighbor as himself. Then God

can work in and through him and in the great final harvest he will have a rich reward.

E. R. NUMBERS, *Field Sec.*

LEST WE FORGET

SO many calls come to our people for donations that we fear the one call for that which has been through the Spirit of prophecy denominated "the most needy field in the world" may be forgotten. Therefore this is to call attention to the collection of October 5 for special colored work in the Southern States. The work among the colored people is in the most encouraging condition that it has ever been. The last year of the Huntsville school was the most successful in all its history. Seven teachers were graduated, who go forth with courage and energy to their work, and there is an encouraging outlook for the school for the next year. Sanitarium work will be opened up on October 15. There is a great work for colored nurses through all the South and this will add to the training feature facilities of Huntsville the most important facility that it has ever possessed.

It is true that fifty thousand dollars has been raised for the South recently, but another fact should be remembered by all our people, and that is that only a little over six thousand dollars of that amount went to the direct work for the colored people, and it is also a peculiar fact, nevertheless true, that the donations for special work among the colored people in the South have been cut down very materially during the raising of the fifty thousand dollar fund. Although the exact apportionment of the fifty thousand dollars that has come to the South has been published again and again, no doubt many of our people have not read these notices carefully and have not noticed that nearly thirty-nine thousand dollars of this amount went directly to build up the institutions for the work among white people. Therefore, doubtless many have not continued their previous generous gifts to the specific work for the colored people in the South. Unless there is a strong effort made to lift generously on October 5, the work for the colored people will be more crippled than for a long time before. "Lest we forget" we appeal to our people everywhere to remember October 5. A missionary work at home without those words that to many have a peculiar charm, "the regions beyond," appeals to every one who is interested in pushing this work to a glorious triumph.

J. S. WASHBURN.

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BROTHER GEORGE PERRINE has accepted a position as stenographer with the Southern Union Conference.

THE Laura Church at Laura, O., has paid its full quote to the \$150,000 Fund, and are hoping to pay still more to this Fund.

IT has been decided *not* to increase the subscription price of the *Watchman* October 1, as recently announced by the publishers of that paper. The change in price will be further considered at the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Southern Publishing Association in January, 1908.

IN a recent letter from Miss Laura Hutchinson received at the College office, word has come to us of the death of a former student, Miss Elsie Dufur, at the sanitarium at Buffalo, N. Y. This comes as a shock to her Mount Vernon friends and teachers who remember her as an earnest, amiable Christian young lady. She was a student here over a year and a half in the years 1901-2, 1902-3. Her deportment while in school was such that she won the respect and love of all her teachers and fellow students who will be made sad by the news of her death.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For week ending Sept. 13, 1907.)

Enos M. Horst, Wayne Co.—Great Controversy: 21 hours; value of deliveries, \$51.

Mary Hubble, Moxahala.—Daniel and Revelation: 13½ hours; value of orders, \$11; helps, \$1.75; total, \$12.75.

Isaac R. Harden, Brown Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 36 hours; value of orders, \$13.50; helps, \$3; total, \$16.50. deliveries, \$2.

John C. Hankins, Putnam Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 10 hours; value of orders, \$5.50; deliveries, \$8.

Florence Carter, Moxahala.—Daniel and Revelation; 13½ hours; value of orders, \$5; helps, \$2.75; total \$7.75.

Mrs. S. E. Reagon, Cleveland.—Coming King: 4 hours; value of orders, \$6.50; helps, \$1.65; total, \$8.15.

L. H. Waters, Wayne Co.—Coming King: 38 hours; value of orders, \$31; helps, \$.75; total, \$31.75. deliveries, \$1.

Clara Saam, Collinwood.—Coming King: 11½ hours; value of orders, \$15; helps, \$1; total, \$16.

Arthur Cooper, Logan Co.—Coming King: 42 hours; value of orders, \$31; helps, \$.75; total, \$31.75.

F. E. Wagner, Trumbull Co.—Miscellaneous: value of deliveries, \$35.50.

Total value of orders.....\$118.50
Total value of helps 11.65

Grand total.....\$130.15

Total deliveries.....\$ 97.50

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DEAR VISITOR: On returning from the good camp-meeting to our field of labor, we spent the first Sabbath with the little company of believers at White Cottage. We found them all faithful, and much in love with the truth they had received. After a profitable time spent in a study of the Bible, we organized a Sabbath-school of seven adult members; we have held two schools to date, and it bids fair to make a very material growth.

We started our tent meetings the evening of August 31; the attendance has been small from the very start, and although we have gone over the little town with reading matter and invited people to the meetings, conditions remain about the same. Yet there are hopeful indications of winning some precious souls for God.

This place contains about 300 souls, mostly railroad men who are careless and wicked. We are two and a half miles from our former place of meeting, at which point we are held in very high esteem by nearly all. We beg an interest in the prayers of all God's people for the success of this meeting.

FRED M. FAIRCHILD,
JOHN MARIETTA.

IN THE YEAR TO COME

Important Announcement

LAST May a special campaign in behalf of the *Signs of the Times* was inaugurated, and as a result of the splendid efforts put forth by its friends the subscription list was more than doubled. Many hearts have been

made glad by the good tidings it has brought to them, and they are now rejoicing in the truth.

This series has been received with such favor that the publishers have decided to issue another series of twenty-five special numbers immediately following this one. This new series will be inaugurated October 30 by the—

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