

THE Welcome Visitor

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

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THE OHIO CONFERENCE

ODE TO OCTOBER

RARE are thy beauties, October,
But thoughts thou bringest more sober.
The vision may thy charms behold,
But to the soul is wisdom told.
The year grows gray, age signs are seen,
I read thy fate, bright summer queen,
On pageless leaves of green and gold,
And ask, will always things grow old?
Forever will there be decay?
Forever all things pass away?
And is life's goal, then, but to die?
Will always thus the years roll by?
Nay, earth itself is waxing old,
And like a vesture, will God fold,
And change to Eden's happy day,
When things shall never pass away.
No grave nor death be brought to mind,
No fading leaves, nor chilling wind.
Ah! then no autumn will there be,
For summer's queen eternally.

J. E. WALKER, SR.
Liberty Center, O.

THE CONFERENCE

THE first meeting of the Atlantic Union Conference was held in the West Philadelphia church Thursday evening, November 14, 1907. At subsequent meetings the question of division proved to be one of no little interest to the delegates. The general opinion, however, seemed to prevail that the Atlantic Union should be divided, but a difference of opinion as to the boundary lines was very pronounced. On Sunday, November 17, it was finally voted to divide according to the recommendation of the General Conference Committee, setting off the States of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia. A meeting was then called of the delegates of these Conferences with the addition of the Ohio delegation to consider the proposition to organize a new Union Conference. After a few preliminary remarks by Elder A. G. Daniells, Elder C. F. McVagh was chosen temporary chairman, and George W. Spies, Secretary. The delegates then proceeded to the appointment of an Advisory Committee of fifteen to name the standing Committees necessary in the organization of the Conference. This Committee was made up of the following:—

East Pennsylvania.—W. C. Fitzgerald, O. O. Bernsteiné.

West Pennsylvania.—C. F. McVagh, I. N. Williams.

Ohio.—H. H. Burkholder, A. C. Shannon, C. V. Hamer.

New Jersey.—B. F. Kneeland, J. G. Henhardt.

Maryland and Delaware.—Morris Lukens, E. R. Nutter.

Virginia.—H. W. Herrel, W. H. Zeidler.

West Virginia.—L. E. Sufficool, S. F. Ross.

At the second meeting of the delegates several names were suggested for the new creation, but it was finally voted to adopt the name Columbia Union Conference. The large committee reported the following:—

Joint Committee to act with the Atlantic Union Conference in the adjustment of all questions of mutual interest: W. J. Fitzgerald, H. H. Burkholder, Morris Lukens, C. F. McVagh, B. F. Kneeland, H. W. Herrel, L. E. Sufficool.

On Constitution: W. J. Fitzgerald, I. H. Evans, M. S. Babcock.

On Plans: C. S. Longacre, E. R. Nutter, O. O. Bernstein, A. C. Shannon, H. W. Herrel, J. E. Meredith, J. G. Handardt, A. G. Daniells, W. A. Spicer.

On Nominations: R. G. Patterson, I. N. Williams, V. H. Cook, H. J. Adams, John F. Jones, S. F. Ross, W. H. Zeidler, G. B. Thompson, Fred Griggs.

Distribution of Labor: Morris Lukens, W. J. Swartz, B. F. Kneeland, W. E. Bidwell, W. H. Smith, L. E. Sufficool, W. H. Zeidler, G. A. Irwin, W. J. Fitzgerald.

Licenses and Credentials: H. H. Burkholder, C. F. McVagh, A. R. Bell.

A further report will be furnished later. H. H. BURKHOLDER.

LIFE'S DUTY AND RECOMPENSE

LIFE is a burden, bear it;
Life is a duty, dare it;
Life is a thorn crown, wear it;
Though it break your heart in twain,
Though the burden crush you down,
Close your lips and hide your pain,
First the cross and then the crown.

THE VALUE OF EARN- ESTNESS

THE writer has had the privilege of being present at several meetings of the National Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, recently held in Nashville, Tenn. While we would probably not agree with all their methods, yet there is one thing which impressed me strongly, and that is the great earnestness and intensity with which these noble women are working in the good cause of Christian temperance. Their influence has certainly accomplished much. As a result, at least partially, of their work a great temperance tide is flowing over the country, especially in the South. Georgia has become a prohibition State; Alabama seems just on the verge of passing a prohibitory law; there are only four cities in Tennessee which have saloons, and it is evident that Tennessee also will soon be in the prohibition column. All through the country the temperance wave is flowing as is evident from the reports. The cause is a good one and those who labor in it should be in deadly earnest: and earnestness counts. The individual who has courage and energy to follow out his convictions does something in the world. The listless, dead, formal, half-hearted service that many of us give should cause us to tremble lest the warning of those terrible words apply to us, "Because thou art neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." Let us do with our might what our hands find to do. Let us labor fast while the rays of the setting sun are shining. Let us finish the work before "the night cometh when no man can work." Should not Seventh-day Adventists who have other great truths beside the temperance truth, arise with a terrible and irresistible earnestness to show the many in the world who are looking for light that we have a real message and a real work? "Awake thou that sleepest." With patience and yet with haste let us do the Lord's blessed work.

J. S. WASHBURN.

REPORTS

Springfield

WELCOME VISITOR: Three more precious souls followed their Lord in baptism November 9. These with those previously baptized, ten in all, united with the Springfield church at that time. We rejoice together as we see these evidences of the good hand of our God with us.

Many more are investigating the truths of the Bible and several are observing the Sabbath. We labor on in hope leaving the results with the Lord of the harvest. Personally I am thankful for a part in this great work, and for health and strength given me.

ELLA M. TALMAGE.

Rose Farm

THIS is a little mining settlement of a few hundred people, lying on the Zanesville & Western Railroad, in the northwestern corner of Morgan County. The people are mostly of foreign birth, the Scotch predominating—a people given to drinking and fighting, whose back yards were profusely ornamented with beer and whiskey bottles, and to whom the great message of the soon coming King was a strange one. The query is so often raised, "Why don't the preachers of other denominations keep and teach the observance of the true Sabbath?"

I had the privilege of holding sixteen services at the above mentioned place. One intelligent Scotchman has taken a bold stand for the truth. There are several others almost persuaded, and of whom the writer has special hope. I wish also to mention the kindness of Brother John Woods and family, who were present at nearly every service, helping to sing, and make the meeting a success.

I also visited the little companies at Axline and White Cottage, and found them still firm in the Message.

F. M. FAIRCHILD.

SCRIPTURE DIRECTORY

For the blues, read Ps. 27.

If we see the wicked prosper more than we, read Ps. 37.

If people seem unkind to you, read John 15.

If one is losing confidence in men, read 1 Cor. 13.

If you are discouraged about your work, read Ps. 128.

If tempted to see yourself larger and the world smaller, read Ps. 19.

If you cannot have your own way in every thing, read Jas. 3.

If you are all out of sorts, read Hebrews 12.

—Selected.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

THE NEED OF PERSONAL WORK BY YOUNG PEOPLE

THE Saviour is to-day addressing us personally as young people in these words, "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me: for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." And, "It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth." The Apostle Paul in his letter to Timothy says, "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." These words are also for us. We can now do no better than to listen to what the Lord by his Spirit has to say of our work as young people.

"What is our work? The same as that given to John the Baptist, of whom we may read, 'In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah saying, the voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

All who are truly engaged in the work of the Lord in these last days will have a decided message to bear. Read the first few verses of the fortieth chapter of Isaiah. This chapter is filled with instruction appropriate for us at this time. The word of the Lord to us is, Repent ye; prepare the way for a revival of my work. Christ declares, Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit.

God has endowed us with faculties, and has intrusted us with talents, in order that we may use them for him. To every man is given his work,—earnest persevering work for the salvation of souls. There are many of our youth whom God has endowed with superior capabilities. He has given them the very best of talents. Never lose sight of the fact that you belong to God, that he has bought you with a price, and that you must render an account to him for all his intrusted talents.

Young people are wanted who are youth in understanding, who appreciate the intellectual faculties that God has given them, and cultivate them with the utmost care. Exercise enlarges these faculties. The means

of improvement are within the reach of all. Then let none disappoint the Master when he comes seeking for fruit, by presenting nothing but leaves. Let all who believe the truth begin to work. Do the work that lies nearest you; do anything, however humble, rather than be like the men of Meroz, do-nothings.

We are living in a time of special peril to the youth. Satan knows that the end of the world is soon to come, and he is determined to improve every opportunity for pressing young men and young women into his service. He will devise many specious deceptions to lead them astray." As Satan calls us to join his ranks, the Lord also bids us enter his army. Whom shall we answer?

In Volume 8 we read, "The Lord calls for pastors, teachers and evangelists. From door to door his servants are to proclaim the message of salvation. To every nation, kindred, tongue and people the tidings of pardon through Christ are to be carried. Time is short, workers for Christ are needed everywhere. There should be a hundred earnest, faithful laborers in home and foreign mission fields where now is but one. The highways and byways are yet unworked. The signs which show that Christ's coming is near are fast fulfilling. The Lord calls upon our youth to labor as canvassers and evangelists, to do house-to-house work in places that have not yet heard the truth. He speaks to us saying, Ye are not your own; for ye are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. Those who will go forth to work under God's direction will be wonderfully blessed. Those who in this life do their best, will obtain a fitness for the future immortal life. If we but realized how earnestly Jesus worked to sow the world with gospel seed, we, living at the very close of probation, would labor untiringly to give the bread of life to perishing souls. We must arouse and consecrate ourselves to the work of giving the light of truth for this time to those in darkness. We must catch the spirit of the great Master worker and learn from the friend of sinners how to minister to sin-sick souls. Remember that in the life of his followers must be seen the same devotion, the same subjection to God's work, of every social claim, every earthly affection that was seen in his life. Christ's example is to inspire us to put forth unceasing effort for the good of others. We must be wideawake, refusing to let precious opportunities pass unimproved. We must do all that we possibly can to

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TO FINISH THE WORK

THE following extract from a letter written by Walter Harper, at Tonopah, Nev., Nov. 10, 1907, contains an excellent suggestion as to how the balance of the \$150,000 Fund could be made up before the first of January, 1908. We commend it to all those who have given, and to those who have not. "I will state by the grace of God I have paid my individual quota of the \$150,000 Fund over and over, directly and indirectly, and of late sent it in again, and now I will suggest a plan if it will be accepted by our dear brethren and sisters all over the land how we can swing this fund around to a finish easily by Jan. 1, 1908, never miss it, and be greatly blessed in the doing. We will only be too glad we did this thing. It is this: Let each one give one day's work or wages between now and December 25, to this fund. There is no limit, each can give not only one day's work and its proceeds, or several days' if God so leads their minds. I will give the net results of one day's canvassing, some day between now and December 10, to this fund. I hope it will be large—one of the largest days I ever did. The "surprise party" plan on the \$100,000 Fund began in California. It was, under God, a grand success. It was contagious. May this be too. May it start also, not only in California but all through the broad harvest field, and the shout of victory be heard that the work is finished. It can be done so easily too. Let us lend a willing hand and push it to a finish now. Yours in the hope of Christ's soon coming in glory. (Signed) Walter Harper."

J. S. WASHURN.

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THE special number of the *Instructor* will be issued under date of December 3, and will be ready for mailing November 22. It is called—

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CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For week ending Nov. 15, 1907.)

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Total value of orders..... \$84.50
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Total deliveries.....\$ 5.75

*Week ending November 8.

OBITUARY

CROUSE.—Sister Susan Crouse fell asleep in Jesus, near Croton, O., Nov. 14, 1907, aged 68 years, 8 months, and 16 days. For several years her health has been failing. Sister Crouse, *nee* Baker, was born in Virginia. When she was two years old, the family moved to Ohio. She was early converted, and became a member of the Methodist-Episcopal Church. In 1861 she was married to George Crouse. Forty years ago she heard the present truth proclaimed by Elders R. J. Lawrence and I. D. Van Horn, and gladly accepted it and has been true to the cause ever since. Her liberal gifts to the work have borne evidence of her abiding interest in the Message. The text, chosen by herself, 1 Thess. 4:13-15, was used by the writer at the funeral, which was held at Appleton, in the Christian church, in the presence of a large and sympathizing audience. The aged husband, one daughter, two sons, and several grandchildren are thus bereft of a fond and loving relative. Brother and Sister B. B. Nofstger, from Toronto, Canada, were present to assist in laying their mother to rest, Sister Nofstger having been with her mother several months. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

F. D. STARR.

MITCHELL.—After a protracted illness of two years Loretta May Mitchell fell asleep Tuesday, Nov. 5, 1907, being 27 years, 9 months and 24 days old. When but ten years old she gave her heart to the Lord uniting with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and later becoming acquainted with the views held by Seventh-day Adventists united with the Seventh-day Adventist church of Dayton, O., in the fall of 1896. During her long illness she was kind patient and considerate. Being especially fond of nature, she looked forward with glad anticipation to the time when the promise of a home in the new earth would be to her a reality. In the closing hours of her life, her mind dwelt upon such thoughts as found in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews. While expressing herself of feeling sad at the thought of being separated from those she loved, yet she seemed fully resigned to the will of the Lord, and gave evidence of her acceptance of God. The funeral was held at the home of her parents at 2 P. M. Thursday, November 7. A large number of friends being present expressed the esteem in which she was held. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from John 11: 25, Elder J. E. Wood assisting. She now sleeps in the beautiful Woodland Cemetery awaiting the call of the Lifegiver.

W. E. FREDERICK

win souls to love God and keep his commandments."

This we must make a personal work. "Do we not owe the Saviour a debt of love, of earnest, unselfish labor for the salvation of those for whom he gave his life? Young men and young women, gather a stock of knowledge. Do not wait until some human examination pronounces you competent to work, but go out in the highways and hedges and begin to work for God. Use wisely the knowledge you have. Exercise your ability with faithfulness, generously imparting the light that God gives you. Study how best to give to others peace and light and truth, and the many other rich blessings of heaven. Constantly improve. Keep reaching higher and still higher. It is the ability to put to tax the powers of mind and body, ever keeping eternal realities in view, that are of value now. Seek the Lord most earnestly that you may become more and more refined, more spiritually cultured. Then you will have the very best diploma that any one can have,—the endorsement of God. The young should cultivate a spirit of devotion and piety, always acting as though they had a sacred charge, ever ready to 'give to every man that asketh you a reason for the hope that is within you.' Our young people of to-day must soon bear the burdens older ones have borne. The work is constantly advancing and we must obey the command, Go forward. We should make the word of God the food of mind and soul."

In so doing we will be able to impart to others the light of present truth as God would have us. And at last we shall hear the words; "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." FLORENCE SWAN.

DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME

DEAR boys and girls, did you ever think how much time you really waste in the course of a day? If not, try it some day. You will be surprised to see that the leak is so large. I do not refer now to time spent in good healthy sleep. That time is not wasted. It is the waking portion of life where there is greatest danger. Many a boy bemoans his hard lot, his lack of education, his meager advantages, who, if he should choose to do so, could by a careful observation of his wasted minutes get a good education.

Much of our waste of time rises from lack of definite purpose. Unless we have something really planned

to occupy our spare minutes, we shall waste them. Thoughtlessly, aimlessly, like the butterfly flitting from flower to flower, we shall pass through the precious days of probation without having made preparation for the problems of life.

Girls, don't spend your time in the cheap small talk of the day nor in poring over the story paper. You are throwing away that which will be valuable to you.

Boys, instead of congregating at the corner grocery to make and take questionable conversation, better smuggle into your room a double barreled arithmetic and spend the time in arresting some knotty problem in the rule of three. You will get more real fun out of it and infinitely more profit. Any boy who grows up to manhood without a good fund of general knowledge gives unmistakable evidence that he has wasted his time.

"Lost yesterday, somewhere between sunrise and sunset, two golden hours: each set with sixty diamond minutes.

"No reward is offered for they are gone forever." T. H. J.

HOW TO KEEP A CHURCH SCHOOL

SOME time ago I saw an article in the paper entitled, "How to Break Up a Church School." I thought it was very good and have felt impressed to write of "How to Keep a Church School." I will not say much on the teacher's side of the question, as I have had more experience on the parent's side.

God loves us, and if we are not obedient he will chastise us in some way or other. We as parents love our children and if they are disobedient, we must correct them. True love will not allow them to go on in their own selfish way, but it will endeavor to keep them from evil, and will present them to the Lord that he may keep them in the ark of safety.

A church school teacher has a much harder place to fill than the one who teaches a public school. The children all go to the same church and are well acquainted. They expect more freedom, and have less respect for the teacher. Therefore we should do all in our power to help her.

We should co-operate with the teacher at all times, give her our sympathy and above all remember the school in our prayer. We should at all times uphold the teacher in our children's presence, as it hurts her influence if she is criticized before them. If we have anything to say to

the teacher, let us do it in the right spirit, in the absence of our children. Just imagine you were in the teacher's place—then think of what could be done for you that would be the most beneficial.

God has given us our children for a purpose. Let us raise them for that purpose. How delighted we shall be when we can meet around God's throne and have our children with us, wearing golden crowns containing bright stars. And best of all, then God shall wipe all tears from our eyes.

W. I. EDEBURN.

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