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"Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another."

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### SABBATH-SCHOOL CONVENTIONS.

In His word the Lord has spoken of his people "assembling themselves together," and He promised to meet with them on every such occasion. In the convocations the Lord set for His people He promised to go before them, to be with them, and to take care of the interests left at home.

A convention is an assembly without any reference to its nature. A convocation is an "ecclesiastical" assembly, and such our Sabbath-school conventions should be; a coming together of all who are interested in the salvation of souls and in advancing the truth in the hearts and lives of all by earnestly studying and comparing methods and results.

Often we are unconscious of failure or "low aim" until we become acquainted with what has been accomplished by others. We are liable to become contracted in our ideas unless we come in contact with others. An interchange of ideas broadens our views and enables us to see how and where to improve our method and mode of operation although they may be the best presented.

We read in I Cor. 12, of the gifts the Lord has placed in the church, and find they were not all given to one person; but to "one is given the word of wisdom," "to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit." Yet all work together in harmony and unity. In our conventions, or convocations, can we not expect that these "gifts" will be present in a greater or less degree as those taking part have consecrated themselves to the Lord and sought for wisdom in the part they are to act? As the Lord works through human instrumentalities will He not on these occasions enable some mind to discern and present what will be

the greatest help in the advancement of this work? In union there is strength and no where is this more apparent than in the Lord's work.

The disciples were told to "tarry at Jerusalem" until they were "indued with power from on high," and we read that during this "tarrying time" they "all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication." When the people were in a condition to move as the Lord desired, and were "all in accord in one place," the Holy Spirit was given them in the pentecostal shower.

We are repeatedly told of the importance of the Sabbath-school work. The Lord has spoken particularly in regard to the children being brought into our assemblies in the last days. "Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly. Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children." Here we see the children are specially mentioned. What better work can be done than that which will result in the conversion of our children? If we do not work for them who will? Satan is watching and improving every opportunity to entice the children of Sabbath-keepers away from the truth. "Where no counsel is the people fall; but in the multitude of counselors there is safety." "Without counsel purposes are disappointed; but in the multitude of counselors they are established."

Let the program for the convention be carefully planned, giving thought and prayer as to what subjects will be the most beneficial to the school.

All should have a part in the discussion of the various subjects but those of experience are usually the ones to introduce them. Let all be anxious to learn, and seek the Lord for discernment that only right methods be adopted. Give the children a part in these exercises, and let the melody in the heart be manifested in grateful songs. These occasions should not develop into a social gath-

ering, and yet they should be marked with the Christian hospitality and friendliness that the Lord's people should ever extend to all. This should be a time for earnest work.

The program should be announced as early as possible so the subjects can be given prayerful consideration. We are glad to know that some have already set the date of their convention and trust that each school will arrange to hold one as soon as possible.

We hope all will send a report of these meetings to our good paper, the Welcome Visitor, and thus be the means of stimulating others to "go and do likewise."

BESSIE E. RUSSELL,

Secretary.



### L. U. C. DELEGATES ATTENTION.

The Lake Union Conference will be held at what is known as the 46th Street church in the city of Chicago. Delegates and visitors may reach the church by observing the following directions:

Those arriving in the city at the C. & N. W., Union, Grand Central, or Polk Street depots, will take the State Street cable line on cars marked 63rd St., going to 46th St., where they will get off, and walk on 46th St. one block east to the church.

Those arriving at the Mich. Central station at 12th St., will take the Indiana Ave. car attached to the Cottage Grove Ave. cable train going to 46th St., where they will walk two blocks west to the church. The Michigan Central, Illinois Central and Big Four trains run into the 12th St. station.

All hand baggage, also all checks for other baggage checked over any road, should be brought to the church.

The committee on entertainment expects to secure furnished rooms for all at a reasonable rate; also good board will be furnished at as near cost as possible. ALLEN MOON.

AN APPEAL FOR AN S. D. A. MEDICAL COLLEGE.

It is now more than sixty years since the Angels' Messages foretelling our dear Lord's return to earth have been ringing through the world. The period of time has elapsed since the General Conference of 1901 and especially the last few months have been marked by the out-pouring of a great spirit of reorganization, reform, and revival in the hearts of thousands of God's people.

A spirit of work conceived in prayer and heart consecration to God is being born into many lives. Thank God the offerings during the past year are larger than ever before in the history of the denomination. The sale of Christ's Object Lessons for the relief of our schools have been unprecedented during the last few weeks. Never have our people manifested more confidence in the leaders whom God has chosen under Him to guide His flock and precious work to everlasting victory.

From the infant days of our denomination the Health Reform and Medical Missionary truths have been cherished as a precious heritage from heaven to the waiting, remnant people. The Health Reform is the right arm of our message; the Medical Missionary movement the entering wedge to the hearts of the world.

The work done among our churches by our medical workers during the last five or six years has brought a wealth of health and happiness both physical and spiritual to thousands upon thousands. The past decade has witnessed stupendous changes in our modes of living. And during the last few weeks the "Forward Movement" has caught up this work and is still further spiritualizing and purifying it.

We have been eager to have this Health Reform and Medical Missionary work done among our own churches. We have been desirous and insistent that it be done among those not of our faith. To this end we have gladly and willingly given of our means to establish restaurants and cafes in our large cities. Donations have been freely made for the support of cheap hygienic lunch counters and homes for the homeless poor. Orphanages are being systematically maintained. Bath and treatment rooms are doing a noble

work in many places. Our Sanitariums dot the land and girdle the globe.

But now comes the strange part of it all. We have never yet as a denomination appropriated a single dollar for the founding of a college in which to train our sons and daughters for the Health Reform and Medical Missionary work. We have invested between half and three-quarters of a million of money in colleges and academies in the United States in which to train young men and women for other branches of the message. This is a tremendous sum when the size of the denomination is taken into account. At the same time, while loudly proclaiming that the Medical Missionary work is to the Third Angel's message as the right arm to the body, we have never as yet raised a fund as large as a one cent piece for a Medical Missionary College. Brethren and sisters, I know we will all say with one heart and voice:—This thing ought not so to be.

The work of training Christian physicians and medical missionary workers has been done under most forbidding and discouraging circumstances. For all these years an immense school of workers preparing for medical lines of work have been carried on without as much as the shadow of a school building in which to give the instruction.

The inconveniences which teachers and students in these lines of work have suffered have been great. Classes have been held in basements of our Sanitariums, in corners of bath rooms, in small treatment rooms, in gymnasiums, in wretched old buildings in Chicago, so infested and unsanitary that they were hardly fit to live in. In short the work of training these workers has been done in almost any place where a few square feet of space of any and every kind could be obtained.

And now the day has come when this work must have a suitable college in which to train our Medical workers. Medical College buildings are one of the crying needs of the hour.

The cruel flames have burned the main buildings of our Battle Creek Sanitarium to ashes. But from these ashes new and immeasurably superior structures are soon to arise. The people of the world are coming for-

ward with gifts of large sums of money with which to build again the Battle Creek Sanitarium. From one end of the country to the other men and women not of our faith are offering to aid in this matter. These appreciate the Sanitarium and its work.

(To Be Continued.)



CANVASSERS' REPORT.

Mary Hubble—Orders, 2 Christ's Object Lessons, 5 Patriarchs and Prophets, 3 Coming King. Value, \$19.

Mrs. C. Bush—Orders, 20 Christ's Object Lessons, 1 Steps to Christ, 1 Sunbeams, 2 Good Health Journals. Value, \$26.50.

E. S. Opdyke—Orders, 1 Bible for H. C., 2 Christ's Object Lessons, 1 Coming King, 5 Best Stories, 2 Home Hand Book, 1 Christ Our Saviour, 1 Ladies' Guide. Value, \$24.

James Smith—In five days took the following orders, 18 Christ's Object Lessons, 5 Best Stories, 1 Bible. Value, \$27.50.

John P. Gaede—Orders, 10 Christ's Object Lessons. Value, \$12.50.

F. E. Wagner—Orders, 24.

G. P. Gaede—Orders, 25 Christ's Object Lessons. Value, \$31.25. Delivered 12 Christ's Object Lessons. Value, \$15. Gave away 500 papers and 1,200 pages of tracts. Held 4 Bible readings.

Geo. W. Spies—Orders, 4 Coming King, 1 Sunbeams. Value, \$5.75. Delivered 1 Thoughts on Daniel and Revelation, 1 Hymns and Tunes, 12 Coming King, 1 Best Stories, 1 Christ Our Saviour, 1 Gospel Primer. Value, \$17.25.

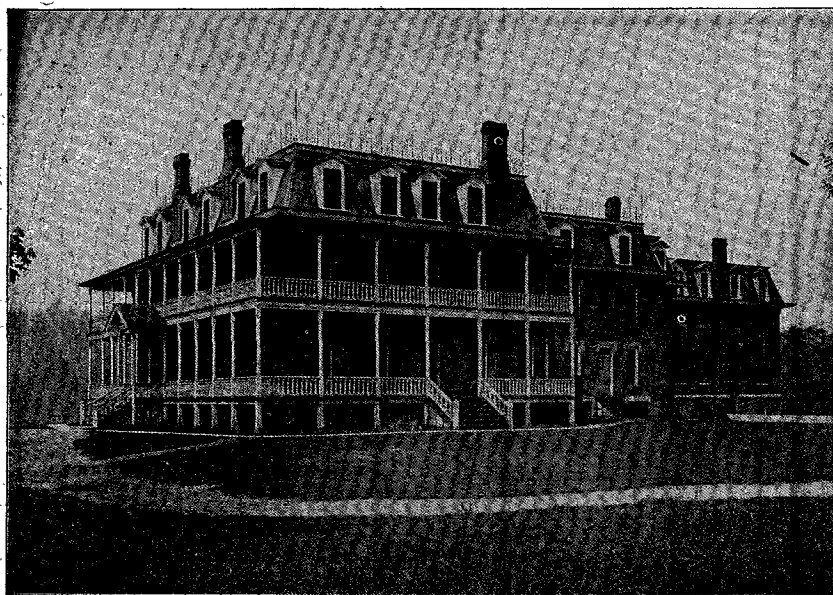
M. C. Kirkendall—Orders, 5 Christ's Object Lessons, 11 Steps to Christ, 3 Sunbeams. Value, \$14.50.

Carrie English—Orders, 2 Best Stories, 2 Marvel of Nations, 2 Gospel Primer. Value, \$4.00.



"Marvel of Nations" in the German, Danish and Swedish languages will be ready for delivery the first of May.

"Each morning consecrate yourself to God for that day. Surrender all your plans to him, to be carried out or given up as His providence shall indicate."



MT. VERNON ACADEMY.

Mt. Vernon Academy

Sabbath, March 8th, was devoted to considering the needs of Mt. Vernon Academy.

The article that had been prepared for the day was read by Elder W. H. Wakeham, after which the remainder of the time was spent in a testimony meeting. The following are some of the testimonies that were given by the students, stenographically reported:

I cannot thank the Lord enough that he way was opened for me to come to this school. It has been such a source of benefit to me that will go through my life always. It has made a change in my life from one of worldliness to a desire to serve the Lord and to be a worker in His cause. It is my whole ambition to fit myself for a worker for Him and to be a means of saving others.

HELEN BOGGS.

I am indeed very thankful that this school has been established and it has been proving itself to be a school of God's own planting. And it has been here that I have received God's richest blessings. I know not where I would have been had I received my education in a worldly school. I am glad that since I have been here my desire to serve the Lord has been strengthened, and I always expect to work in the interests of the school here.

MAE KENNEDY.

I feel so unable to tell the help I have received from this school in just two months, but I have received precious experiences, and I believe more precious than ever before in my life.

GERTRUDE NUMBERS.

I do not feel that I would be doing what I should if I did not speak a word of praise for the school, for I know the Lord brought me here and has blessed me in a marvelous manner since I came, and if I had not received any other lessons than those which have come from the Bible it would pay me for the time I have spent here, and I want to be a channel so that this light which He has given me may flow out to others.

MARY PEDICORD.

I have great reason to praise the Lord that He gave me the means to send my children to school, and if you could read the letters that the boys have sent to me. They said: "Father if you had not helped us to an education, we would probably have been on the farm yet, working for half a dollar a day. We are so thankful that you helped us through school so that now we can be a benefit and blessing to others." And I believe there is no one present who can do better by their children than to give them an education, and I want to still have an interest in other peoples' children.

FATHER PLACE.

I can say that I can bear a definite testimony today as to the good the Mt. Vernon Academy has done me. I have been here some time

and the Lord has been good to me, and in this school my life has been molded and turned. I have received new aspirations to a higher life, and I am very glad that I ever had the privilege of attending this school, and I owe it a debt of gratitude, and I am going to work for this school.

ROBERT THURBER.

I am glad of this privilege to tell of the good the Academy has done me. It seems to me that none can better testify to the work done by the Academy than those who have enjoyed its privileges. I consider that my coming here has been one of the greatest privileges of my life. It has given me a definite purpose in life. I want to serve God and upon leaving this Academy I want to enter upon His work more actively than I can here, and lend the influence of my life in His service.

MARY COBBAN.

I can say that I am very thankful that it has been my privilege to attend school here this year. I believe that it was directly through the Lord's providence that I was permitted to come here this year. This has been the pleasantest year of my life because of the many rich blessings I have received here. I have attended the Battle Creek school for some years back, but never before have I been among a class of students whose chief aim seemed to be to live the Christ life, where the Spirit of the Lord seemed to permeate everything as it does here, and my desire to work for the Lord has been deepened, and I am very thankful that I have been here, and if I am again enabled to attend, I shall thank the Lord, but if not I shall always look back upon this year as a gift from God, as I know it was through His providence that I have been here.

HAROLD COBBAN.

I know it was the hand of God that brought me to this institution. I know His hand has been leading me all the way, and there is nothing in my heart but praise for the lessons I have learned here. I know they have been the means of forming my character. The lessons I have learned here are those never to be forgotten. They have given me higher hopes and ambitions, and my whole life and all I consecrate to the Lord anew today that He may use wherever He wants me to go, and I never

have anything but praise to say for the work that has been carried on in this place, and I want to live that my life may show that this is a school of God's own planting, and that we have all been taught of God.

EDITH ROWE.

I am positive that the Lord brought me to this school. It has been the means of changing my aspirations and ambitions. When I was in high school I remember a man lectured upon having a purpose in life, and I remember at the time I made my purpose to be a missionary for the Lord, and my education for four years in high school never did a thing to strengthen it. I am sorry that my whole education has not been received in this school, for it has taken the seeds of worldly ambition out of my life as nothing else ever would.

CARRY HARDING.

I am glad to speak a word for Mt. Vernon Academy. I believe the influences of the training I have received here has in a great degree changed the course of my life. And as I consider the work, and look back upon the influence that this institution has had upon the different students who have been here, I am glad to see the development that has come. To see students come here with the spirit of worldliness and then see the change that they have gone through, and then gone out into the service of God, I am glad that such an influence may be cast by this institution, and I believe my whole life will not be long enough to tell what Mt. Vernon Academy has done for me. I desire to follow up the training I have received here and use it to the glory of God.

VIRGIL FISHER.

I cannot tell the good I have received here. My only desire is to live out this truth before others that the good I have received here may be carried to other souls.

MRS. RABISEAW.

If there is one thing above another that has impressed itself upon me, it is the interest and patience the teachers manifest. I am very impatient myself, and I have been brought to shame for my impatience. While I was in Battle Creek a friend wanted me to come to the Academy with him, but he was taken sick and had to go West for his health. I decided not to come. A little later another

friend asked me to come to the Academy with him. I did not decide till the latter part of November or the first of December that I would come. I made up my mind that I would come and I have never regretted that I made up my mind to come. The lessons I have learned I cannot tell, and if I could it would take eternity to tell them. My only desire is to attend another year. I am already making plans to come next year, and by the help of God I am coming. Pray for me that my courage may increase and I may grow stronger and be of some use in the Master's cause.

B. F. COOK.



FROM THE FIELD.

Coshocton, O., March 9, 1902.

When I returned from the institute I found the little company of Sabbath keepers at this place of good courage and rejoicing in the fact that some laborers had been sent back to this place. There are four new Sabbath keepers here rejoicing in the light as far as they have it and are anxious to learn more. May the Lord help these dear souls to go on until the perfect day. We have a nice little Sabbath school here. It is held in a private home, and last Sabbath was a very rainy day, yet we had an attendance of twentyfour. As the result of the new Sabbath keepers, we have an addition of eight members to our Sabbath school. We are all of good courage even if the way is often rough and thorny. Brother Kennedy of Columbus will join me in the work here. I canvassed one day and a half last week and sold ten Object Lessons and three Best Stories. I am of good courage for I have realized that the angels of God are preparing the way before me. I have felt more of a calm joy and peace in my canvassing work, than I have ever had before. I would be very glad to get boxes of papers, such as Little Friends, Instructors, Reviews, Signs, Sentinels and Missionary Magazines of any dates. If any one has copies of these papers please send them to me, freight prepaid. They will be used in spreading the precious truth. Remember the work at the throne of grace.

Yours in the Masters service,

BENJ. L. HOUSE.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

"United we stand, divided we fall." There seems to be a united effort in every Conference in the sale of Christ's Object Lessons.

Sabbath, April 5th, will be devoted to the consideration of the "Missionary Acre Fund."

We have our supplies of Sabbath school quarterlies for the second quarter, and we hope that the Sabbath schools will order in ample time to receive them before the first Sabbath in the new quarter.

Sister Nellie M. Stevens says they are receiving much of the blessing of the Lord in their work in Cleveland.

The Lake Union Conference will be held in Chicago, Illinois, March 27th to April 6th.

Elder A. G. Haughey spent Sabbath, March 15th, at the Findlay church.

Brother W. W. Miller is holding a series of meetings at William Center, O.

Brother J. O. Miller spoke to the brethren of the Mt. Vernon church Sabbath, March 15th. He showed the importance of every Seventh Day Adventist taking hold of the work that has been pointed out for this time, viz., selling Christ's Object Lessons.

The company of Sabbath keepers at Lima, Ohio, have ordered 65 Christ's Object Lessons. This completes their quota. They will soon be ready to sing the song of Jubilee. Who will be next?



A NOTICE TO ALL.

We wish to call the attention of all our people to the fact that it is very wrong to sell our subscription books for more than their retail value. Those who have this work in charge have placed the retail price of all our subscription books high enough, so there is a good profit on them when sold for their retail value. Those who sell them for more than their retail value cannot get them from the Tract Society office if those who have the work in charge are aware that this is being done. The Conference will not uphold such work. Brethren, we want to do right because it is right.

A. G. HAUGHEY.