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THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE TO ALL THE WORLD IN THIS GENERATION.

GOD has visited his people.

THE prayers offered for the success of the Ohio camp-meeting have not been in vain.

ABOUT eight hundred of our people attended this meeting, most of them remaining through to the close.

THE heading above, painted in large letters upon a long banner, hung over, and across the entire front of the platform in the big tent.

NOT only was it exhibited on the banner, but that thought was prominent in every meeting, discourse, and service of the camp, from first to last, as the goal of every ambition, the end of every effort.

THAT the camp-meeting would prove a feast of good things was assured from the very beginning. The willing faithfulness on the part of the workers in preparing camp spoke much for its success, and the incoming campers took up this cheerful, hopeful spirit which continued throughout the entire camp and time of the meeting, for which we praise the Lord.

A SKETCH.

Thursday evening, August 6, about three hundred people assembled for the first regular service. Elder H. H. Burkholder, presiding, presented a few remarks suggesting the purpose of the meeting, the need of the people, and the hopeful outlook for the soon coming of the kingdom. A warm welcome was tendered all the congregation, together with a prayer that none might leave the grounds disappointed for having come. Several of the other conference laborers followed with words of greeting, bringing this first service to a close with a spirit of brotherly love which deepened and widened with every passing hour.

Friday brought many more to the camp, and although much time was necessarily devoted to pitching of tents, the adjusting of bag and baggage, and preparations for the Sabbath, excellent meetings were enjoyed all through the day. Elders A. G. Daniells and R. A. Underwood, having arrived in camp the night before, took up the time largely, presenting such subjects as, the work to be accomplished in our generation, the work of the Spirit of prophecy, and the turning of the Message to the East. This ringing keynote was set for the people, "The Gospel to the World in this Generation," and was received with a hearty approval. The theme of the evening service was taken from the words of Isa. 62:10-12: "Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway, gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people. Behold, the Lord hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold thy salvation cometh; behold his reward is with him, and his work before him. And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the Lord."

On the Sabbath the Lord came near. From the early morning meeting to the close of the evening service, angels of God worked to the glory of their King. The attendance at the Sabbath-school this first Sabbath of the meeting exceeded by about two hundred the attendance on the last Sabbath of the meeting a year ago, being about 550. At the invitation of Elder Daniells, in the following service many rose for prayers, and the hearts of the congregation softened in the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Sunday proved a profitable, though busy day. So many had come in that more tents had to be pitched, and other accommodations provided. The peacefulness of the entire camp, however, and good cheer on the part of all soon

became common comment. Elder Daniells gave his final talk in the forenoon, leaving in the afternoon for Washington, D. C., to aid in setting up the General Conference offices there. The Lord is plainly walking before his people in this move. The pillar of cloud has risen, and now, Speak unto the children of Israel that they "Go Forward." Studies of the Message in prophecy by Elder Underwood were heard by the many pioneers present with old time interest, while those new in the faith could ask for nothing more profitable.

Monday and Tuesday still brought more and more to the camp. These days were devoted partly to organizing the conference work for this session—the appointing of committees, etc. But the same spirit of love and devotion continued as at the first, and all things bore the stamp of Christian fellowship.

Wednesday, "Pioneers' Day," will not soon be forgotten by those present. The program as printed in the VISITOR of July 29, was followed as far as possible under the circumstances; but instead of two sessions in the forenoon as there indicated nearly the entire day was filled to the full. As former things were called to remembrance, a wave of enthusiasm and interest was set in motion that would not be stopped till expression could be given it in testimony and song. The words of welcome by our Conference President, the response by our aged brother, Elder J. G. Wood, and the sermon by Elder I. D. Van Horn, each proved a blessing in its place, occupying the time till far past the noon hour. Part two of the program occupied the remainder of the day, in which reminiscences of the past were repeated, and greatly enjoyed by the large congregation. Heavy hearts became light, and as the old time advent hymns were struck, broken voices caught up the familiar strains anew, reviving once more the hope and courage of other

days. Long may the inspiration of this day's service live in the hearts of our faithful pioneers! But one lack made it incomplete—the absence of Brother Oliver Mears, and Elder Hiram Guilford. But though they were absent, they were not forgotten, and earnest prayers for their health and final salvation with the rest, will not pass unheeded at the throne of grace.

Thursday, while entirely different from the preceding, proved to be remarkable in its own way. In answer to earnest petitions in behalf of our school—the Mount Vernon Academy—God gave us a shower of blessings, for which we praise his name. The great burden of debt that has retarded its work from the beginning was considered and an opportunity offered once more for our people to co-operate with God. The opportunity was improved to that extent that upwards of five thousand five hundred dollars in cash and pledges was taken up for this purpose. The people say, "It must go free." Plans are now being laid so that every man, woman, and child may share in this very important move to finish this work at once. God loveth the cheerful giver, and will pour out his blessed favor upon those who in this come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

Friday dawned, as all the other mornings, clear and bright. The early morning meetings during the entire encampment were unusually well attended, and this morning was no exception. Conference work occupied the major portion of the day. The reports of the committees in most respects seemed to meet the approval of the Conference, and the business passed off rapidly. The business transacted will all appear in the VISITOR as it is reported by the proper officers. A goodly increase of numbers was made during the day, and when the evening service opened, about eight hundred people were on the ground. The discourse of the evening, by Elder C. A. Watkins, was founded on Gal. 5:14. "But God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world." The chief thoughts of the study were, that whatever in the flesh conflicts with the leadings of the Spirit becomes a cross which must be "taken up" in order to follow Jesus. And the "dying daily" is accomplished by crucifying these fleshly tendencies which cross, or hinder, the work of the Spirit.

The last Sabbath of the meeting was a day long to be remembered. A beautiful morning, beautiful situa-

tion, a happy people, and the sweet influence of God's presence, each did its part in making the day perfect. The Sabbath-school was the largest held in years, and aside from the very interesting study of the lesson, over fifty dollars was taken up in donations. Four departments—Senior, Youths', Children's, and Kindergarten—were conducted with gratifying results in each. All this, however, but prepared the people for the service following. The sermon by Elder Burkholder was a brief but pointed setting forth of the signs that should accompany the gospel in the last days, emphasizing this, that healing power among others will be one of them, as in the days of the apostles.

At the conclusion of the sermon, El-E. J. Van Horn made a few remarks, relating his experience since his accidental injury some years ago, resulting in taking him out of the gospel work much of the time. He also spoke of his recent illness, and how the Lord had impressed him by a dream, which was repeated, that he might be healed. After stating that he had come to this meeting for this purpose, and that he had done all in his power to make all wrongs right, he claimed the promise of Jesus, "Ask and ye shall receive." Bowed in the center of the platform, with the ordained ministry surrounding, Elders I. D. Van Horn, R. A. Underwood, and J. G. Wood, anointing him with oil, prayed for his healing and restoration to his place in the work of giving the truth to the world. The Lord witnessed to the faith of his servants and poured out his blessing upon all the people. A call was made for the unconverted, the backslidden, for the cold and indifferent, and a hundred souls sought help through the prayers of the elders. Earnest seekers for God were found of him, and souls made free by his grace walked out in the light of his truth.

But this was not all. At the conclusion of the afternoon service Brother W. W. Miller and Dr. H. W. Miller were ordained to the work of the gospel ministry. Dr. Miller and wife have been chosen missionaries to China. This Conference has agreed to pay their salary one year in that field. Now we have representatives in Japan, Egypt, and China. This is good. May this Conference soon be able to count its missionaries by the score, and it can, if all will be faithful in spirit, in tithes, and in offerings. This is the way the message is to go to every nation for a witness. "Work, watch, pray, Soon will the Master come."

Sunday Morning at eight o'clock, nearly the entire camp might have been

seen seated around the banks of the lake in Lake Hiawatha Park to witness the baptism of thirty-one souls. Elders J. O. Miller, M. C. Kirkendall, W. W. Miller, and N. W. Lawrence administered the rite: Elders J. G. Wood, E. J. Van Horn, and C. C. Webster assisted at the water's edge: Brother Henry De Fluiter led the singing. The candidates were led into the water four at a time, and as each service was accompanied by beautiful hymns from the united voices of the entire congregation, the Spirit of the Lord seemed to brood over the scene. The freshness and quietness of the early morning, the solemn but glorious service in the water, the line of interested witnesses reaching far along the border of the lake, with a background of living green, all seemed to unite in praising God. It was indeed a blessed occasion, serving as a little foretaste of heaven. God is love. All his ways are ways of pleasantness, and all his paths are peace. Come unto him and be ye saved, all ye people.

The remainder of the day was devoted to public services, committee work, and finishing of the Conference business: so that when night came, the work of the meeting was nearly complete. A consecration service was conducted in the large tent, in which Elder Lindsey spoke briefly of the need of a consecrated ministry; Professor Loughhead spoke of the need of consecrated teachers and students in our Academy; Professor Welch, of the need of consecrated parents and teachers in the church school work; Sister Bessie Russell, of consecration in the Sabbath-school work; Brother McAbee, of consecrated medical missionaries; and in conclusion, fathers, mothers, young people, and children signified their purpose for a new consecration to the Lord and to his service. Thus closed one of the very best camp-meetings ever held in the State. The outlook for the future is bright in God, otherwise very dark. All things are possible with God. We are able to go up and possess the land. Let no one turn back, but cutting loose from the world, bend every energy to doing God's will and **Finish his work**.

Monday Morning a farewell meeting was held in the large tent. Already many had left the grounds, and a change from peace and quietness, to bustle and confusion, declared that the camp-meeting was a thing of the past. May the good spirit of this meeting attend all to their homes, and prove a blessing in each household till the Lord comes. Now thanks be unto God who ever giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

EDUCATIONAL.

"MY PRAYER."

OH, thou who leadest Joseph as a flock,
And gently on thy bosom dost the weak ones
bear,
To the lone trav'ler in the wilderness, a rock
That shelters from the storm that rages there.
Hear thou my plea.

Of't have I strayed from thee I now confess,
And heeded not thy voice imploring me to
stay;
Have used thy treasures in a life of wicked-
ness;
But, take me back, my Father, now I pray.
Think thou on me.

All empty handed I return to thee.
I think not as a son again that thou shouldst
own,
But only as thy humble servant ask to be,
For all ingratitude which I have shown
Wilt thou give grace.

What! Dost thou still for me a feast prepare?
And call thy servants with thee to aloud re-
joice?
Then help me ever more to trust thy tender
care,
And in thy praise henceforth to raise my
voice
In every place.

JAMES E. SHULTZ.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETINGS.

AS we look back upon the glorious camp-meeting which has just closed, the burning prayer and desire of our heart is, that those who have tasted and seen that the Lord is good, will continue to drink at the living fountains by daily renewing their consecration to God. Especially will our prayers ascend to the throne of grace for the young people who are scattered throughout the State.

We are truly glad to report the good meetings which were conducted daily during the camp-meeting especially for the benefit of our youth. These meetings were held in the chapel of the Academy, and words cannot express how glad we were to see this room full day after day.

Our hearts are deeply impressed as we think what a power for good the hundreds of our young people in this State may be if they will daily consecrate their lives fully to the Lord's work.

The morning praise and prayer services were especially seasons of blessing and help to the youth, many bearing testimony for the first time. And the evening lessons of special instruction we believe were very timely and instructive to them.

Many things were said at this camp-meeting in behalf of our young people which cheered the hearts of all, and we believe that God is going to work mightily for them, and use them in closing the Third Angel's Message to the world. O, may the Lord impress

their hearts everywhere to awake and be strong in the Lord and overcome the wicked one. We were very much encouraged to find over one hundred young people in attendance at this meeting, and our hearts were made to rejoice to see a number of dear ones buried with their Saviour by baptism and rise to walk in newness of life.

Our prayer is that the good work will go on among our youth until we have a whole army to work for the advancement of this precious truth. Let us ever remember our motto, "The Third Angel's Message to the World in this Generation." It means to work hard just now. Yours in the blessed work,
BENJAMIN L. HOUSE.

SUCCESS IN THE SCHOOLROOM, NO. 1.

TEACHING depends largely upon the nature of the pupil to be taught. Each child is a bundle of inherited tendencies and abilities. I think we are safe in saying that no two children ever have the same environments. The experience of two lives is never identical, therefore a set method of teaching cannot reach all pupils. Some will advance while others stand still, or perhaps go backward. If a teacher advances among his pupils, he must adapt his manner toward them in such a way as to command the respect of every one. An inexperienced teacher should use great caution not to violate the good principles of teaching in attempting to apply them.

The most learned men do not always prove to be the best teachers. True, education accomplishes what nothing else can in fitting a young person for successful school work, but it is of more consequence to have a well disciplined mind than to have a mind full of rich imitations. It is the practical knowledge that raises a man to eminence, and in the true sense every good and practical talent is a gift from God.

While many times in the training of our young pupils the best advantages cannot be given them, perhaps on account of their limited means, yet God has shown his approval of their work by prospering them in it. There is no one in this world whose mind is not enlightened by studying to show himself approved unto God. Such a teacher is pursuing a path which is bound to give him skill and understanding even in his dealing with the world. He is connected with the Source of all wisdom and knowledge, and from what greater fountain can the human mind draw.

Every teacher is casting an influence upon the young minds he is directing. Whether it be good or bad, the atmosphere is being breathed by his pupils.

There must be a great sacrifice of self-denial attending the teacher, especially those entering the church school work. It is most impossible for teachers to be made to feel how real and great is the responsibility that rests upon them. Many times parents fail to co-operate with the teacher, thus making the burden of the teacher very heavy indeed. Parents should never utter one word of condemnation or censure about the teacher in the presence of the little ones. With many parents the question of financial economy is very much insisted upon,—the economy of words never. It would be a wonderful help to teachers as well as to students if the latter were as rigidly guarded, and much trouble would be avoided. But when parents set the example the children usually accept it whether good or bad. "Christian Education" says, "Every act of the parent tells on the future of the children," therefore what carefulness should attend the molding of the young mind.

Lessons which children most enjoy, lessons, too, which lead the young mind to the Creator of the heavens and the earth, are lessons learned from nature. In these lessons the heart is being cultivated and made ready for the Sower to scatter the good seed. Is there a more responsible capacity in which to labor than this—the cultivation for the sowing of the seed? It is only the consecrated mind that God can use in this work. It is the spirit of the consecrated soul that flows out and touches the responsive chord which lies buried deep in the hearts of the youth. The youth are usually very much more sensitive than grown people, and are therefore more deeply affected by the attitude of the teacher toward them, thus it should never be unkind or unsympathetic. A teacher could hardly make his work a success all around unless all his dealings with his pupils were with justice, and this can only come from a heart of love, and one, too, which is thoroughly devoted to its work.

GRACE THORNTON.

How often in Proverbs we are exhorted to get wisdom, and its importance placed before us. "Wisdom is the principle thing; therefore, for the reason of its importance, get wisdom; and with all thy getting get understanding." "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom," and "How much better it is to get wisdom than gold; and to get understanding than silver." But why is wisdom thus exalted? The one is incorruptible treasure, the other "takes wings and flies away," and eventually perishes.

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CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN: It gives me great pleasure to report to you the financial condition of the Ohio Conference for the year ending Dec. 31, 1902. The receipts for the year, we fear, were not so large as it was our privilege to have made them, yet we have great reason for thankfulness to God that his directing wisdom has been guiding the actions of our Conference Committee so that it has been able to direct affairs in such a manner as to make it possible to live within our income, paying cash for everything purchased, and leaving a handsome cash balance in the treasury, with which to begin business Jan. 1, 1903.

We are pleased to report that the present year (1903) thus far has been blessed of the Lord, in that he has made it not only possible for his children to render a tithe equal to the tithe paid in for the same period last year, but also to exceed that amount. In the first seven months of the present year the tithe received is largely in excess of the same period in 1902, and if the same rate of increase prevails during the balance of the year, then indeed will we have received a sum far in excess of the year 1902. The Lord is, and has been, blessing us with abundant resources; therefore let us

do with what he has so graciously entrusted us, that which he designs we should do.

Mission Funds.

The following amounts were received and credited to missions, to wit:—

	Received.	Paid Out.
Weekly Offerings.....	\$ 692.02	\$ 692.02
Foreign Missions.....	1,525.70	1,525.70
Sabbath-School Donations to Foreign Missions.....	832.01	832.01
Haskell and J. White Homes.....	393.74	393.74
Christiana Pub. House.....	452.83	452.83
Relief of Schools.....	253.21	253.21
Southern Field.....	23.33	23.33
Home Field.....	18.45	18.45
Missionary Acre Fund..	17.50	17.50
Total Offerings.....	\$4,208.79	\$4,208.79

There was paid out during the same period, to the treasurer of the Lake Union Conference, etc., thence to be distributed to the various fields for which it was donated, the total amount of the above named offerings, to wit: \$4,208.79.

Tract Society.

On hand Jan. 1, 1902.....	\$ 1,013.46
Received during the year.....	11,311.57
Total.....	\$12,325.03
Paid out during same period.....	11,249.29
Balance of Cash Jan. 1, 1903.....	\$ 1,075.74

It will be seen by the above statement that the Tract Society entered on the fiscal year of 1902 with a cash balance on hand of \$1,013.46, and that, while it paid cash for all goods purchased during the year, it at the same time paid a large part of the indebtedness which had been hanging over it for so long a time.

Notwithstanding the fact that cash was paid for all its purchases, and, too, that it paid off a large part of its old debt, still the year 1903, Jan. 1, finds it with the same cash balance on hand that it had Jan. 1, 1902, with an additional amount of \$62.28 to be added, making a cash balance, Jan. 1, 1903, of \$1,075.74 against the balance on hand Jan. 1, 1902 of \$1,013.46.

For this splendid showing we are largely indebted to the true business policy of the Conference Committee and to our Brother Miller, the Secretary, for their very careful and economical administration of the affairs of the Tract Society.

Tithe.

The total amount of cash belonging to the tithe fund in the hands of the treasurer Jan. 1, 1902, was \$1,119.44. There was received during the year \$19,240.13, making a total of \$20,359.57. The amount paid from this fund—including the tithe to the Lake Union Conference, which was nearly \$2,000—was \$19,700.51, leaving a cash balance

in the treasury Jan. 1, 1903, of \$659.06.

While the tithe receipts for the year 1902, just read, were \$19,240.13, the receipts for the same fund, since the last camp-meeting (Aug. 1, 1902 to Aug. 1, 1903) have been \$21,129.78, showing a net gain of \$1,889.65, and while the balance of tithe on hand Aug. 1, 1902, was only \$715.50, the balance on hand Aug. 1, 1903, was \$2,065.15, thus showing the increase in the balance of tithe cash on hand Aug. 1, 1903 over Aug. 1, 1902, to be \$1,349.65.

That the Lord has wonderfully blessed his people in this Conference thus far this Conference year is evidenced by the foregoing figures. I might state further, in the way of comparison, that the tithe receipts for the first seven months of the year 1902 was \$12,067.14. The receipts for the same fund, for the same period this year have been \$14,138.56, showing a net increase of \$2,071.42 in favor of the present year.

Now should the tithe continue to come in in the same ratio of increase during the remaining portion of this year, then indeed will the Lord have blessed us with a very material increase in the amount of this fund over the year 1902.

I could not close this report without first thanking the treasurers of the various churches throughout the Conference for their faithfulness in rendering the monthly and quarterly reports, and for their promptness in remitting the funds placed in their care, also to the President and Conference Committee for their valuable advice and council, and above all to Almighty God for his loving kindness in directing all things. Respectfully submitted,

C. V. HAMER, *Treas.*

BAPTISM was administered to thirty-four individuals, ranging in age from the tender years of childhood to the period of gray hairs, the Spirit of the Lord witnessing richly to consecration vows thus made.

THE children's meetings were quite well attended, from fifty to sixty being present at each meeting. Their quick, ready answers not only showed a fair understanding of the truth, but also that they drew conclusions from the lives of those professing to believe the truth.

WE neglected to mention in our last number that no paper would be issued during camp-meeting. We trust, however, the omission was understood; but if disappointment has come to any, we hope the reports of the meeting will so rejoice your hearts that the loss will be made more than good.