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THE OHIO CONFERENCE.

"Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts; for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh."

THE TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

THE Institute for church school teachers now in session at the Academy is held by those in attendance to be a decided success. So far the three meetings a day have been characterized by great freedom and mutual profit. The small attendance acts as a stimulus to greater effort and better interest.

The key-note, as in other lines of work, is "The Third Angel's Message to all the World in this Generation," and the teachers are seeking how to place this grand theme in the minds and hearts of the rising generation. Besides the regular discussion of subjects involved in school work, Elder M. S. Babcock, N. W. Lawrence, and Mrs. Shepherd have given very helpful talks on Discipline, The Teacher's Work, and The Relation of Subjects Taught in Our Schools to the Third Angel's Message.

This is a working institute, and to those throughout the State who desire to see the school work progress, we would say, Be patient and of good courage. We believe the work from this time forward will receive a new impetus. Something definite is being accomplished, and plans for the unity and uniformity of the church school work in the State are being formulated, and will be carried out as far as possible this year. This is an important branch of the message, and God is focusing all important efforts to the end of consummating the gospel.

Principles Enunciated in the Institute.

1. Faith is the key to knowledge.
2. Gain the confidence and heart of the child, and the will and mind will follow.
3. Never make a rule unless all the school agrees that it is right.

4. Our schools are "schools of the prophets" if we follow the instruction of God's prophets in conducting them.

5. The ideal is the home school, and the teacher's aim should be to restore it. The church school is but a step toward the better, to culminate in the home school in heaven.

6. Proper punishment develops the will, but does not break it.

7. God gives a natural punishment to every sin. The duty of the parent and teacher is to help the child to see it.

R. B. THURBER, Sec.

THE CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE.

I AM glad to announce that several availed themselves of the opportunity of attending the canvassers' institute. We take this as a token that the Lord is putting into the hearts of some of his children a sense of the importance of this branch of his work. We believe that we can truly say that in the few meetings which we have had so far, the Lord has been with us, and his Holy Spirit has been our teacher. In the study of "Great Controversy" and "Daniel and the Revelation," we are being impressed especially with the importance of the Message for this time; also with the similarity of the controversy when it began in heaven, and as it is being carried on in the earth at the present time.

We believe that we can see a brighter day before us for the canvassing work. The Lord has told us through his chosen medium of communication that this branch of the work is to be revived; and we believe this to mean that he expects to take hold of the work himself and impress those who should go into it with its importance. So brethren, if the Lord is urging you to take up this work, I counsel you not to resist the pleadings of his Spirit, but take it up as soon as possible. By your delay he may pass you by and take up some one else, leaving you to sorrow and eternal loss.

May the Lord help us to do our duty at the present time, that the Message may go quickly to every kindred, nation, and tongue, before the way is hedged up by the enemy.

M. C. KIRKENDALL, Field Sec.

ACADEMY FINANCES.

THE financial statement rendered at the late camp-meeting showed the most prosperous financial condition the school has ever had, and some of the figures may be of interest to the readers of the VISITOR.

During the last year the school received from all sources the sum of \$18,765.50, while the expenditures amounted to \$13,707.02, leaving a net gain of \$5,058.48. The sources of gain were three, namely,—donations, from which was received the sum of \$46.73; sale of "Object Lessons," yielding \$4,300; and gain on operating expenses, which amounted to \$711.75. Never before has the Academy made a clear gain on running expenses, and this makes it the more gratifying to be able to present such a report.

Another point of general interest is the fact that the school still owed, on its outstanding notes, the sum of \$11,994.39.

After a full understanding of the situation was gained by the people, it seemed to be the unanimous wish to raise the debt without delay, and to this end cash donations were given to the amount of \$509.30, while the pledges amounted to \$4,498. Many of the pledges will be paid in the near future and all such payments will be applied as quickly as possible on the notes, and so stop the interest. From time to time reports will be made through the VISITOR that all may keep informed as to the facts of this campaign.

The work already done brings gladness and courage to all who love the school, and we hope and pray the good work may go steadily forward till every dollar of debt is discharged.

The Conference and School Committees will meet in a few days to formulate plans for completing this work and in the meantime we hope the brethren everywhere will remember the school and its needs, praying that the Lord may go out before his people in laying plans which can be speedily put into operation to the glory of his name and the encouragement of the people.

J. W. LOUGHHEAD.

LET each member in the Ohio Conference give as the Lord directs.

OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR.

PARTIAL REPORT.

ELDER J. G. WOOD, Springfield; Elder R. R. Kennedy, Columbus; Elder D. E. Lindsey, Toledo; Elder W. H. Granger, Cincinnati; Elder W. W. Miller and wife, Cleveland; Elder C. C. Webster, Belmont County; Elder N. W. Lawrence, Mount Vernon Academy; Elder C. A. Watkins, Louisiana Conference; Elder M. S. Babcock, Virginia Conference.

Tent Work.

Tent Company No. 1.—Francis M. Fairchild and W. E. Bidwell, Cygnet, Wood County.

No. 2.—J. P. and G. P. Gaede, Defiance, Defiance County.

No. 3.—C. T. Redfield and James Smith, Middletown, Butler County.

No. 4.—Elder A. C. Shannon and Elder J. O. Miller, Millersburg, Holmes County.

No. 5.—Elder M. C. Kirkendall and H. H. Votaw, Rows, Ashland County.

No. 6.—B. L. House and Fred M. Fairchild, Adams Mills, Oshocon County.

Bible Work.

Anna Smith and Hortense Howell, Cincinnati; Ella Talmage, Akron; Cora Petithory, Canton; W. F. Hufaker and wife Toledo; Almeda Haughey and Anna Rice, Cleveland; Charles Clymer and wife, Columbus; F. H. Henderson, Dayton.

Colporteur Work.

W. C. Moffett and Floyd E. Gibson, Washington County.

As these laborers go forth to labor in the Master's vineyard let all the people pray for their prosperity and the success of the work.

H. H. BURKHOLDER, for Committee.

A HUNDRED TIMES MORE.

IT has cost self-denial, self-sacrifice, indomitable energy, and much prayer to bring up the various missionary enterprises where they now stand. There is danger that some of those now coming upon the stage of action will rest content to be inefficient, feeling that there is now no need of so great self-denial and diligence, such hard and disagreeable labor, as the leaders in this message experienced; that times have changed; and since that there is now more means in the cause of God, it is not necessary for them to place themselves in such trying circumstances as many were called to meet in the rise of the Message.

BUT were there the same diligence and self-sacrifice manifest at the present stage of the work as at its beginning, we should see a hundred times more than is now accomplished. If the work is to go forward on the high plane of action upon which it started, there must be no falling off in moral resources. New accessions of moral power must continually be made. If those now entering the field as laborers feel that they may relax their efforts, that self-denial and strict economy not only of means but of time are not essential, the work will retrograde. The workers at the present time should have the same degree of piety, energy, and perseverance that the leaders had.

THE work has been extended so that it now covers a large territory, and the number of believers has increased. Still there is a great deficiency, for a larger work might have been accomplished had the same missionary spirit been manifested as in earlier days. Without this spirit the laborer will only mar and deface the cause of God. The work is really retrograding instead of advancing as God designs it should. Our present numbers and the extent of our work are not to be compared with what they were in the beginning. We should consider what might have been done had every worker consecrated himself in soul, body, and spirit to God as he should have done. MRS. E. G. WHITE.

KEEP OUT OF SIGHT.

IT is a summer evening as I stand in the topmost gallery of Royal Albert Hall, the finest concert hall in England, and look down upon the many thousands that fill every seat in the vast auditorium. What rare attraction has so filled the great hall that late comers find only standing room?

Madam Adalina Patti, the most noted living singer, and in some respects the most wonderful singer of modern times, is singing here to-night. She has sung before all the royal families of Europe, and after nearly half a century of public singing, still draws as no other singer in the world. What can be the secret of her marvelous success in her chosen life work—it is a simple yet wonderful secret.

The singers are so far from me I cannot without a glass distinguish the features of Madam Patti from the others in her concert company. Now she sings difficult Italian music and her voice is wonderfully flexible and bird-like, clear and marvelously penetrating. But this is not the secret. I have heard other voices greater and equally good in many respects—but wait a minute.

I hear the opening bars of "Home, Sweet Home"—the piano is faint, so far is it away, but a death-like silence has fallen upon the vast throng. I fear I shall not hear the singer: I strain my ears, intently listening. Ah yes, I can hear, so slow and soft, like a spirit voice—

"Mid pleasures and palaces, tho' we may roam,
Be it ever so humble—"

The hall fades from sight, the brilliant lights have vanished. I see no more the great fashionable crowd. I have forgotten that I am listening to the greatest singer in the world. Only a dream whisper, silver clear, yet faint and sweet and far away:—

"Home, home, sweet home."

I am borne swiftly across the wide sea. The years have vanished. I see my old home again—the old brown farm house in Iowa. The old orchard is here. I am swinging careless and free with my dear little brother under the old oak tree. I hear the sweet voices of my sisters; I see my father so true and good, and oh, I see my mother's dear face full of tenderest, sweetest love. She is singing, and her voice comes to me as an angel's voice. Scarce had I dared hope to see my home again. Yet now truly I see it all so clear and bright: the blessed innocence of childhood; the sweet, free country air—ah, I hear the sweet music of gentle breezes whispering through the trees and o'er the waving grain—the dreamy hum of nature. Ah! too sweet to last. Almost with a shock I awake. I hear the last echoes of the piano notes; the singer is retiring and the crowd is applauding.

The vision was mine, yet not mine alone. There were tears in the eyes of many whose faces were weary and hardened. They, too, have seen the dear old home, and lived over again the dear, dead days of childhood, and to many has come a longing for the heavenly Father's home.

Truly, Madam Patti is a great singer. I have the secret of her magic power. What is it? She went *out of sight* and hearing, behind her great art, her subject. Not the singer, but the song. Not Madam Patti, but home, dear, sweet HOME. This is true art, this is inspiration.

Keep self out of sight. Let your glorious work, your calling, however humble, appear. Be unconscious of self and of selfish desire to be seen, to be applauded, to grasp, to seize for self, and you will succeed. Die to self. Let God be seen in you. Live to love, for the good you may do, the blessing you may be, and you shall have a home, a "sweet" and everlasting home, in the Father's house of many mansions. J. S. WASHBURN.

EDUCATIONAL.

MOUNT VERNON ACADEMY.

Opening of Another Year.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 9, 1903, is the date fixed for the opening of the next school year, and the indications now are favorable for a good attendance. The Spirit of the Lord has seemed to move upon the hearts of many young men and women to dedicate their life and strength to the work for these days, and a goodly number of these are planning to enter at once upon the labor of securing the necessary preparation. To one and all we extend a hearty welcome and the assurance of earnest and faithful co-operation on the part of each teacher. There will also be the usual number of younger ones, and these will be welcomed as heartily as those of more mature years.

If there are any who have not fully decided whether to come, and if there is anything we can do to aid in the decision, we will be very glad to correspond with such and will heartily render any assistance possible. If there are any who desire a copy of the Calendar, we will take pleasure in mailing copies on application:

J. W. LOUGHHEAD.

SUCCESS IN THE SCHOOLROOM, NO. 2.

A YOUNG teacher starting in a new school may find it very advantageous to go to the trustees or school committee and talk with them, as it is well to go into the work supported by the official power. On the first morning of school the teacher introduces himself to the pupils by using a few good natured remarks. Next, it is a good plan to distribute slips of paper on which the pupils are to write their names and the studies which they are to pursue. It is a good plan then to require the older students to write a composition on some subject, as their last vacation. This will keep them busy while the teacher is arranging the work of the younger pupils. The art of the first day is to keep pupils busy. This of course applies to an ungraded school. In such a school the fewest possible number of classes should be formed. If the school is large and composed of various ages, the class work is usually more complex. It sometimes may happen that all the classes cannot be heard. With the more advanced pupils the studies may be alternated. Then more time can be used with the younger pupils.

Usually the students enjoy morning talks, say of fifteen or twenty minutes, from the teacher. If the teacher be a

woman, talks on domestic lines should be given to the girls once in a while. It is well to point out to the boys the life-long value of being trained in boyhood to habits of regular employment in any good useful labor. Many subjects might be suggested, but usually the teacher, from observation and acquaintance, finds out in what lines students are most interested.

Every true teacher would have his school be the center of politeness and good manners, and with many pupils it is sad to say these attributes *must* be learned at school. A harsh, high pitched school tone should always be avoided. Every pupil should recite in such a way that every other member of the class can easily hear every word, and that is all that is necessary. The principles underlying the study and recitation of one lesson will usually apply to all, that is, in a general way.

Coming up to the more advanced systems of schools, as academies and colleges, teaching takes on a somewhat different aspect. Here older minds are to be dealt with, and if the preparatory training has not been properly advised and carefully guarded, the work here is made much more difficult both for teacher and student. It is during this period of school life that, to the majority of young people, the stern realities of life first stare them in the face, and only eternity will prove the work that is here accomplished. The lessons and influences which are brought to bear upon the students by the teachers will be carried through life. The teachers stand as counselors and friends to their pupils perhaps in a more marked degree here than in the lower schools, because it is at this time that the character is being formed and habits are becoming fixed. The association with experienced teachers who are wiser and better than ourselves inspires us to be like them. The field of observation is enlarged, we profit by their experience, and learn not only by what they have enjoyed, but by what they have suffered. They are stronger than we, therefore we become participants in their strength. Teachers fully aware of this responsibility should never overlook the necessity of living strictly righteous lives before their students. The students must be made to realize that the mind is the richest possession they have, and only study, thought, and learning in the school of Christ will suffice.

The young people are chosen by God to help carry out his plans. Will not the teachers put on a cloak of meekness and forbearance, and help these youth to climb the ladder of progress in God's cause? GRACE THORNTON.

IS FLESH MEAT ESSENTIAL FOR HEALTH AND STRENGTH?

(CONTINUED.)

Elder James White.

"OUR good Bible does not record the flesh of animals as constituting an important part of Adam's bill of fare. In fact, it is entirely left out. As true as the book of Genesis, that first venerable gentleman, who lived nine hundred and thirty years, without either the dyspepsia or the gout, was a vegetarian."

Elder J. N. Loughborough.

HEALDSBURG, CAL., MAY, 1871.

"I WAS told by some that I never could carry out my style of living on this coast; for people had to eat meat, and use tea, coffee, and spices, here. I could not really see the point, why, in a climate abounding in all kinds of fruit, and where the nicest grain in the world grows, and where vegetables, fresh from the garden, can be obtained nearly the whole year round, it was necessary for one who had gradually left the use of meat, to suddenly return to it again. I did not believe—and three years' trial have not changed my mind—that it was needful to go from the most nutritious diet to one less nutritious because I was changing climate.

"People said, 'You will find out that you cannot stand it to labor here as you are laboring, on your weak diet.' Some of those very persons, who were then apparently well, but who chose to go on in the old ways, have failed in health, and are in their graves, while, with God's blessing, I am gaining every month, and hold on an average twenty-five meetings a month, besides other labor.

"But it may be inquired, What do such persons say now? 'Oh! Elder Loughborough could not labor as he does if it were not for his way of living.' I only regret that I have not lived more in harmony with the laws of life than I have, believing that one of the mightiest testimonies for the cause of health reform will be living testimonies in the practical working of the system on those who adopt and conscientiously carry it out.

"I thank the Lord for the benefits I have experienced in health reform, and still I am reaching out for more. When it is considered that during the years 1864 and 1865 there were eight months that I could not preach at all on account of poor health, I should be thankful for blessings already obtained, and not ignore those principles which, with God's blessing, have done so good a work for me."

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

(To be continued.)

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"BEAR in mind that just the degree of love you have for God you will reveal for your brethren, and for souls who are lost and undone, out of Christ."

WE note with interest the following report from Kingston, Pa., clipped from the *Atlantic Union Gleaner*:

We are very glad to report that the good work is still moving forward in this place. Not less than twelve substantial souls are now rejoicing in the light of present truth. Among these are some of the most prominent people in the place. We have good hope that others will obey soon.

S. S. SHROCK,
NED ASHTON.

FOR a time, address the General Gonference and its workers at 222 North Capitol St., Washington, D. C. Further notice will be given when permanent quarters are ready to be occupied. Let the united prayers of our readers daily ascend to God for the brethren in Washington, that they may be kept from mistakes, and that God's will may be wrought through them.

ONE sister at the camp-meeting proposed to pay one dollar per month into a fund for the education of worthy poor students at the Academy. Are there not others who will feel it a privilege to join her in this, and provide schooling *this year* for several who are now ready and auxious to thus fit themselves for the Lord's work? Write your wishes and purpose to the Conference Treasurer, or to the Principal of the Academy.

THAT TENT FOR EGYPT.

ONE of the very first things Elder Wakeham, our missionary to Egypt, felt the need of after arriving in his field of labor, was a tent in which to hold meetings. His letters both to the VISITOR and the *Review* mentioned this need. A year has passed, and still no tent has been provided. But during the recent camp-meeting the matter was mentioned and ten dollars have been paid in for this purpose. We know there are others who can and will be glad to help send a tent into

Egypt, and thus share in giving the Third Angel's Message to the people of that land. Send your donations to the Conference Treasurer, C. V. Hamer, Academia, O., soon as possible, that the tent may be sent this fall.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(Reported since last report.)

F. E. Wagner, Wayne County.—Miscellaneous: Deliveries, \$15.25.

Mary Hubbell, Nelsonville.—Great Controversy: helps, \$13.75; deliveries, \$93.75.

EDUCATION AT THE CAMP-MEETING.

THE educational meetings of the Conference held during the camp-meeting were fraught with much interest, and we are confident that the influences of those meetings will be felt for good by our Academy as well as by the people for many years to come.

The Principal's report showed that the school had been full to overflowing with students during the past year and that an excellent spirit pervaded every department, and that the work done developed a strong missionary spirit, the results of which will be eternal.

The Treasurer's report showed that there had come to the school from the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" during the year \$4,346.76, and that there was a gain on the running expenses of the school of \$711.75, making a total gain during the year of \$5,058.48, for which we are all thankful.

Such an interest was manifested in raising means to pay the debt on the Academy that pledges were made and cash given to the amount of about \$5,500. Let the good work go on till the last dollar is paid and the laborers for the Lord in the Academy shall not be compelled to labor on under the burden of debt which prevents to so great an extent the accomplishment of God's desire for the school.

Shall we not as workers in the Conference, and as brethren and sisters in the church, all place our shoulders to the wheel, and during the coming year double the amount above stated, and place it in solid cash in the treasury of the school? What do you say, brethren? Would it not give a great impetus to God's work in our Conference if we could all come up to the camp-meeting next year to sing the song of jubilee, and realize that we are free from the shackles that up to this time have hindered the progress

of the work? May the Lord help each one of us to comprehend the fullness of the blessings which our Father has for us, and may he enable us to fulfil the conditions which will bring those blessings to us.

Brethren, let us seek God more earnestly than ever before that we may have experiences this coming year which we have long desired, but never realized.

CHARLES E. WELCH, Sec.

ALONE WITH GOD.

IN the days of hurry and bustle we find ourselves face to face with a terrible danger, and it is this—no time to be alone with God. The world in these last days is running fast. We live in what is called the "age of progress," and, you know, we must keep pace with the times. So the world says. But this spirit of the world has not confined itself to the world. It is, alas, to be found among the saints of God. And what is the result? The result is, no time to be alone with God, and this is immediately followed by no inclination to be alone with God.

Let us turn to the pages of God's Book. On scanning its precious pages, we find that the men of God—God's mighty men—were those who had been in "the school of God," as it has been well said; and his school was simply this: "In the desert alone with himself." It was there they got their teaching. Far removed from the din of the haunts of men,—distant alike from human eye and ear,—there they met alone with God; there they were equipped for the battle. And when the time came that they stood forth in public service for God, their faces were not ashamed—nay, they had faces as lions; they were bold and fearless, yea, and victorious for God; for the battle had been won already in the desert with him.—*London Christian.*

OBITUARY.

MARR.—Mrs. Sarah W. Marr, widow of Dr. Alexander Marr, and daughter of Benjamin and Lydia Holt, was born in Montgomery County, Penn., Aug. 5, 1818, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary W. Taylor, Columbus, O., Aug. 20, 1903, at the age of 85 years and 15 days. She was the mother of two daughters, and now leaves one daughter, one sister, four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. She moved to Columbus, O., 35 years ago, was a member of the First Baptist Church for some time, but in her later years accepted the Sabbath of the fourth commandment. She had been an invalid for fourteen years, but patiently waited for the rest she so much longed for. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Job 14:10-15.

N. W. LAWRENCE.