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

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"It cannot now be said by the Lord's servants, as it was by the prophet Daniel, 'The time appointed was long.' Dan. 10: 1."

IN FORMER DAYS.

My Conversion.

It was early in the winter of 1853 that I started to make my mother a visit in an adjoining county of northern New York, where I had lived up to that time. I knew she was keeping the Sabbath, but as I had no special interest in religious matters, thought nothing of it.

Starting from Malone, Franklin Co., I stopped the first night in Bangor township, where a Seventh-day Adventist minister lived. They had a meeting that night which made a favorable impression upon me. But the phrase "Third Angel's Message" struck me as about the queerest expression I had ever heard.

The next day I proceeded to Norfolk, St. Lawrence Co., where there was a country church of Seventh-day Adventists. They had meetings on Sabbath, and part of the time on Sundays, also mid-week prayer meetings. Of course mother and all the rest were much interested for my conversion. I was a common worldlying, had never prayed in my life, but had contracted no bad habits except to swear sometimes.

I attended all the meetings, was interested in them, and they prayed for me, several being especially burdened. I had become disgusted with the churches, because they did not live up to the Bible; and I had said that I would never join any of them, but felt that this decision hardly held in this case. Here was something different. And now I will say plainly that the devotional meetings of those early days were far different from what they are now. The First Message closed with great power, and that power was still felt at this time. I have often thought that the tame meetings prevalent now would never have brought me

to my knees. The spiritual change which has come to this people will perhaps be noticed in the future.

At the age of ten, I had been thrown upon my own resources, and had grown to be very independent spirited. I was now twenty, of good physical abilities as my associates all knew, self-reliant, and self-conceited. But the Spirit of God strove mightily with me. The first duty laid upon me was to pray in secret. I repaired to the barn one day for this purpose. I walked back and forth on that barn floor for some time undecided what to do. I did not want to bow my knees even to the Ruler of the universe. But the Spirit kept striving with me, and finally I yielded. This was the real turning point in my life, and not long after I made a full surrender to God.

D. HILDRETH.

PERSONAL WORK.

It was by personal contact with hearts that Christ performed most of his work while he walked with men. Personally he met the woman at the well, through whom the gospel was carried to all Samaria; personally he talked with Nicodemus under the shades of night; and personally he called his disciples, who in turn went from village to village and house to house, giving of that which they had received at the Fountain of Life. Each day as you and I go our several ways, we meet souls who are laboring under a load of heavy grief, and are now waiting for a pleasant smile and a kind word of encouragement from us.

This is a work which may reach every class. The London *Daily News* has just finished a canvass extending over a period of more than six months, by which it is shown conclusively that there are over two million non-church-goers in that great city. It is said that there are 150,000 night workers in New York City, consisting of bakers, hack drivers, and men who work on newspapers. These people necessarily sleep during the day. There are also 200,000 men and women belonging to the vicious class who haunt the streets of the same city by night, besides 60,000 homeless wanderers who sit in the parks all night and wait for day to dawn. Of what

use is the church to these classes? Who can reach them with the gospel unless he carries it to them directly, by night, and right where they are? If you cannot do this particular work, pray that God will raise up consecrated men to do this most needful work.

People are seldom converted by preaching alone. They may be awakened, and deeply convicted of sin, but not often do they become personally acquainted with the Lord Jesus without the aid of some individual. Even Saul, to whom the Lord revealed himself in a special manner, required the assistance of Ananias before he came into the full light. Cornelius was an earnest seeker after truth, but he had to send for Peter to help him.

Personal work can be done anywhere. Jesus told the Gadarene demoniac to go home and tell his friends how great things the Lord had done for him. That is the place for every worker to begin,—in his own home. It is often the hardest place of all in which to do Christian work, but we must be faithful here if we expect the Lord to bless us elsewhere. Paul not only preached the gospel publicly in Ephesus, but night and day for three years he went from house to house, warning people with entreaties and tears.

Again it can be done in connection with one's business. Matthew was converted in a custom house, Moody in a shoe shop, and Peter and John while mending their nets. Mr. S. M. Sayford, the evangelist, was led to Christ in this way. A traveling salesman after selling him some goods said to him, "I would like to see you a moment in your private office. I have another matter of business which I wish to speak of." When the door was closed he took out a little book and showed him a list of names of people who wanted him to pray for them. "Now," said he, "I want you to put down your name in that list." Mr. Sayford refused. The next time the drummer appeared he broached the matter again. Finally Mr. Sayford consented to put his name in the book as one who wanted to be prayed for, and the result was that he was converted. Don't be a coward. Don't be ashamed to speak a word for your Master to your business friends.

One has many opportunities for personal work while travelling. Strangers are much more free to open their hearts to one who does not know them, and if the approach be made in a tactful way, no one need fear a rebuff. How few persons are aware what resources and powers are stored up in the soul—or waiting within easy call—to serve them in all intellectual or moral emergencies. We are commissioned to sow beside all waters, and God will water the seed sown with the dews of his own grace, and eternity will reveal a wonderful harvest.—*Hattie E. Allee, in West Michigan Herald.*

"The return of Christ to our world will not be long delayed. Let this be the keynote of every message."

FROM OUR WORKERS.

West Clarksfield.

DEAR VISITOR: I reached here November 9, and after looking the ground over, I started to canvass on the 11th and in three days I was able to take twelve orders for "Christ's Object Lessons." I am enjoying the work, for I feel that God has rich blessings for those who will press in and carry the work to completion.

This is a hard field, but the Spirit of God is giving success. Last Sabbath, I had the privilege of meeting in the forenoon and evening with the Camden church. The brethren gave me a hearty welcome and gave good attention to the word spoken. My courage is good.

W. E. BIDWELL.

Dayton.

DEAR VISITOR: It has been some time since I have written anything for you, but it is not because I have nothing to report. The Lord is blessing our efforts to give the Message. Several are now keeping the Sabbath, others are in the valley of decision. Quite a number of the church members are doing a splendid work with the *Family Bible Teacher*. One brother in particular is having a grand experience with these readings. He scatters two hundred weekly, besides holding several personal readings. Others are doing similar work.

I am in touch with two hundred or more people each week. Doors are thrown open for me to enter and present the truth, all as a result of the visits that I have made with the *Family Bible Teacher*. Our Sabbath meetings are growing larger, both in interest and number. Sunday night meetings bring out a number of stran-

gers to listen to the Message. Brother Thurber and the writer are conducting these meetings. We are of good courage in the Message.

F. H. HENDERSON.

Cincinnati.

WE are glad to report the work in Cincinnati still prospering. Our Sunday night meetings continue with an increased interest. Brother and Sister DeFluiter have just left for their home in Cleveland, after spending over two weeks with us in the work here. Their efforts were greatly appreciated, not only by the church but by the scores of interested persons attending the Sunday night lectures. We shall no doubt miss them in our future work, as we are greatly in need of singers.

The *Family Bible Teacher* work is very encouraging. We are seeing much good which this little messenger is accomplishing by its weekly visits to the homes of the people. Other States are adopting the use of these lessons, and unless Ohio advances more rapidly, she will soon be behind. Already the Missouri Conference has laid plans to put every church to work. They will use about 7,000 lessons per week. James Cochran, Secretary and Treasurer of the Conference, in a recent communication said: "At a meeting of our Conference Committee last Thursday, it was voted to handle this little sheet in the State, and to introduce it in our churches. . . . We are very much pleased with this method of work. Surely results will come from it." Accompanying this was an order for 55,000 lessons. This makes a total of about 85,000 lessons which the Missouri Conference has ordered within the past seven weeks. Smaller orders are daily being received from almost every State in the United States. We hope soon to have every church in the United States engaged in giving the Message to their neighbors and friends by means of this little messenger.

The work of printing is now being done by the Southern Publishing Association at Nashville, Tenn., and they are co-operating by every means at their command to make the work a success.

The Special "Signs."

A word about the special *Signs* which is now due should be spoken. In using the *Family Bible Teacher* it will be found necessary in many cases to continue work with the readers after the regular course of study is completed; and for this purpose we hope to use the *Signs of the Times*. About two weeks before the course of

study closes, every reader should be canvassed for the *Signs*. Their subscription should be taken for as long a period of time as is possible, and the paper may be delivered to them each week the same as the lessons, or it can be sent to their address direct from the office. This will be an effective means of binding off the work of the *Family Bible Teacher*, besides it will help to give the *Signs* the wide circulation it deserves. And in view of the fact that some who first began the use of the lessons in Ohio will soon have the course completed, I would suggest that all such make a special effort to sell each of their readers a copy of the special number on "Capital and Labor." After they have read this number it will be much easier to secure their subscription for the paper. Hoping the dear brethren and sisters in Ohio will take hold of this work and push it with all their might, I am your co-worker in the Message,

W. H. GRANGER.

Conesville.

DEAR VISITOR READERS: Having closed our meetings near Adams Mills, we wish to give a few more items of interest concerning our work there. From the start we began to hold a Sabbath-school each Sabbath in the tent, and after the tent was taken down we continued the school in the Pleasant Hill church, two miles east of Adams Mills. The Lord has richly blessed in our Sabbath-school work from the start, and last Sabbath, November 14, we began to see more fruit of our labors. Our Sabbath-school numbered forty-eight, and our collection amounted to \$1.38.

We now have twenty-seven Sabbath keepers in this neighborhood. Seventeen adults and five children of these twenty-seven have just started to obey the Lord as the result of our recent meetings. Sixteen of these twenty-two have started since our last report. These dear souls have not accepted the full truth yet, but will need tender care and instruction.

In addition to our other labors, we have sold over twenty-two dollars' worth of books and tracts, given away about 10,000 pages of tracts, 100 *Reviews, Signs, Little Friends*, and a number of "Gospel Primers."

Some dear souls are awaiting baptism, and others still are interested. In all our labors we feel to give to the dear Lord all the praise and glory. We are of good courage, but we need the prayers of our brethren and sisters in this precious Message.

F. M. FAIRCHILD,

B. L. HOUSE.

OHIO TRACT SOCIETY.

"Those who have united with the Lord in the covenant of service are under bonds to unite with him in the great, grand work of soul saving."

PHYSICAL CULTURE AND THE CANVASSER.

IF there is any one who needs the reserve power that physical culture imparts it is the canvasser. All who are zealous workers in the spreading of the Third Angel's Message need a reserve supply of energy. Many have had only a small degree of success at the canvassing work because they have not taken sufficient exercise to develop the powers of the body. It means many more orders in a day if the canvasser can approach the people with a buoyant spirit than if he is weak and lacks courage. We will all enjoy life more if we cultivate the habit of walking with "chest up." Fully developed lungs and a prominent chest mean courage. Without courage the preacher can not preach, the soldier can not fight, the canvasser cannot canvass. Let the canvasser therefore seek to obtain that which will bring to him an abundant supply of courage.

A good way to enlarge the breathing capacity, and expand the lungs, is by deep breathing exercises. To breathe deep and strong will become a habit if practiced persistently. No special time needs to be set apart or be wasted in following this practice. While walking along the street with erect form, and shoulders back, the inhalations and exhalations can be measured by the steps. About fourteen steps can be taken to one inhalation and exhalation, or once breathing. Another good way to expand the chest is to stand erect, bring the arms slowly from the side till the tips of the fingers meet directly above the head, at the same time filling the lungs slowly with air, to their utmost capacity. Exhale through the mouth, at the same time dropping the arms loosely to the side, and repeat.

The air we breathe is free, so why not prepare to take in as much as we possibly can. There is no element that is so important to life as air. Being deprived of it for only a few minutes means death to the body. For this reason those organs that receive the life-giving fluid into the body should be developed to their utmost capacity. Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." There are many people

to-day who would have life more abundantly if they would follow the example of the author of these words. If every opportunity to develop the powers of mind and body should be embraced, there would be more who would be able to cope with difficulties, and gain victories for the Lord. Before success comes to any one in any line of work, it has been previously written upon every muscle, nerve, and fiber of the whole being.

In entering the canvassing work let us study the real secret of success. Let us ask why has this one failed and the other succeeded. The one who fails, is the one who gives up in despair. Success in the canvassing work is not measured by the financial results only, but it is measured largely by the earnestness, faith, and courage that is shown in the distributing of our literature. We must prove to the world that we believe what is in the books we are selling. This requires earnestness of spirit, which to be truly manifested, will draw upon the vital energies of the body. Do not let us fail to have at command a reserve supply. Let us learn how to overcome physical weakness by developing every muscle of the body. In preparing to do successful canvassing, it is not only necessary to be able to give an intelligent description of the book, but it is also necessary to be graceful in figure and manner, meeting the people with a bright and beaming eye.

The canvassing work would be enjoyed to a much greater extent than it is, if the physical preparation necessary would be made before entering the work. Let all remember that an account must be given for the proper use and consecration of the physical powers, as well as the mental and spiritual. May the Lord impress hearts to develop all these powers for the canvassing work just now, at this opportune time, when many books can be sold.—*F. E. Fry, in Atlantic Union Gleaner.*

"THOUGHT."

IN these times when there is so much being said and written about Hypnotism, Mind-reading, Christian Science, and all forms of mind power, it is fortunate that one of our people has been impressed with the importance of these questions, and has written a book upon "Thought, Its Origin and Power," in which the most important mental conditions are portrayed; invaluable instruction given to guide the reader in a proper conception of the divine purpose in bestowing upon man a wonderful power through the mental forces; excellent directions offered

for the proper care and training of the mind; the discernment between the right and wrong uses of the power of the mind over one's own body, and the exerting of influence over others. Many heretofore perplexing and uncomprehended conditions in the thought-life are made plain, and the reader placed in possession of important facts that will encourage him to appropriate his birthright, and to properly apply it in the directing of his own life and administering to the happiness of his fellowmen.

Every individual should have one of these books as soon as it is ready for delivery, which will be December 10. It will be put up in a neat, plain, inexpensive, cloth binding. The design is to make it as cheap as possible, so it will be within the reach of all. It will contain about 250 large pages, and will sell for \$1 post paid.

Those having young people in the family should procure this book at once. It will help them to avoid the snares of the "isms" of the times. It will make one of the best holiday presents for a friend or relative. Order of Ohio Tract Society.

"AT THE DOOR."

A NEW, profusely illustrated booklet containing forty-five impressive engravings illustrating in consecutive order the fulfilment of every prophecy in Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21. Each picture is accompanied by the verse of Scripture which it illustrates. In this way the whole story of Christ's second coming is made very attractive in appearance, and impressive in fact. The entire booklet is devoted to the proclaiming of the coming of the King of kings, in the words of the Saviour himself, and each prophecy uttered is illustrated as fulfilled.

It is an excellent little seller, and ought to have a large circulation. Any person can handle it.

It is printed in beautiful photo-brown ink, in attractive covers, the best style being heavy paper covers, with beautiful enameled designs, and bound with silk cord. Prices, 15 and 25 cents.

BROTHER F. E. Wagner writes: "I was never of better courage in all my experience in the canvassing work than now. The people are well pleased with their books, and we can see how good the Lord is to hold back prejudice, and help us in the work. Oh, that more could realize the blessing there is in this work, and join the feeble ranks of the canvasser! Let us pray earnestly for the Lord to move on the hearts of many to enter this God-given work."

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THE blue pencil mark here means that your subscription has expired. Renew at once.

WE are just informed that Sister Ella McIntyre has arrived in Egypt safely and in good health.

OUR educational secretary, Prof. Chas. E. Welch, has been at home for a few days, and reports well for the church school work in the State.

A RECESS of Thursday and Friday this week is arranged for the teachers and students of the Academy. A few of the students will take advantage of this to visit home friends.

AS we go to press, the funeral of Brother Nimrod Newman (colored) is being held in Mount Vernon. Elder J. O. Miller has been called home to conduct the funeral service.

WE note by *The Reaper* that two former Ohio workers, Elder W. H. Saxby and Sister Lucy Post, are busy in the Upper Columbia Conference, and are meeting with success in their work.

SABBATH, Nov. 14, 1903, the last payment was made on the Washington, D. C., Memorial Church. Think what the Lord has done for Washington within the past year! Who among the contributors to this enterprise are not glad for a part in it?

THE Missionary Convention held at Academia last Sabbath and Sunday proved a source of inspiration and encouragement to the church for the winter's campaign along all lines of missionary effort. A good attendance and a good spirit characterized each meeting.

BEGIN at once to plan for your Annual Offering. Let us make it the largest annual gift to missions that has ever gone from this Conference. Arrange for the children to earn some money, so that they may have a part

in it. Let us give until we feel it. With such giving our Message would soon reach the ends of the earth, and the calls for gifts would be at an end.

THERE is no excuse for our existence as a people, if we do not push this grand truth to the front in all parts of the world.

A VERY encouraging report has been received from Sumatra. Brother Munson writes that their attendance on the Sabbath now is from thirty to thirty-five. Among these are several Chinese men. A native woman has recently asked for baptism, and another who for a time had given up her hold on the Lord has repented, and is conscientiously keeping the Sabbath and all the other commandments.

OUR brethren of the International Publishing Association, College View, Nebr., are putting out a special Thanksgiving number of our German, Danish-Norwegian, and Swedish papers, and suggest that they be used extensively along with the "Capital and Labor" number of the *Signs*. They can be obtained for five cents per copy; ten or more to one address at three cents per copy.

"THE Lord will fit men and women—yes, and children, as he did Samuel, for his work, making them his messengers. He who never slumbers or sleeps watches over each worker, choosing his sphere of labor. All heaven is watching the warfare which, under apparently discouraging circumstances, God's servants are carrying on. New conquests are being achieved, new honors won, as the Lord's servants, rallying around the banner of their Redeemer, go forth to fight the good fight of faith. All heaven's angels are at the service of the humble, believing people of God, and as the Lord's army of workers here below sing their songs of praise, the choir above joins with them in thanksgiving, ascribing praise to God and to his Son."—"Testimonies," vol. 7, p. 17, par. 2.

THINGS BOYS WILL WANT TO MAKE.

ARTICLES have often been written on "How to Save the Boys," and this is a subject of vital interest to every parent. One good way to save them is to plan for their instructive entertainment and pleasure.

To furnish helpful suggestions for active, wide-awake boys, the *Youth's Instructor* is now publishing a series

of articles under the general title of "Around the Work-Table."

These papers are written by Edison Driver, of California. Boys who are growing up will be interested in these articles written by a grown-up boy. Boys who would like to *do things*, if they knew *how*, will here find detailed instructions fully illustrated, by one who "knows how" to do things. A few of the articles are as follows:—

The Climbing Sailor, and How Sailors Make Him; How Ice is Made; Grandpa Talks of Centrifugal Force; Building a Modern Kite; How to Make a Simple Weaving Machine; Knots and Strings; A Match Puzzle; How to Make a Hand Bracket Saw; A Simple Electric Engine; The Enchanted Egg; How to Solder.

Every boy will want to read these articles and make the experiments. No expensive apparatus is needed, but simply the tools and materials which boys usually have at hand or can easily procure.

Give the boys a chance to read this series by subscribing now for the *Instructor*.

The first article of the "Work-Table" series appeared in the *Instructor* of Nov. 17, 1903, and we offer to send this number and *all the remaining issues of 1903 free* to every new subscriber who sends us 75 cents for the paper for the year 1904. Address, *Youth's Instructor*, 222 N. Capital St., Washington, D. C.

NOTICE.

WE have just received a supply of the new edition of "Daniel the Prophet." Price \$1. Order of Ohio Tract Society.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(For week ending Nov. 13, 1903.)

Mrs. L. Dennis, Roseville.—Great Controversy: value of orders, \$4.50; helps, \$36.25; total, \$40.75.

Mary Hubbell, Roseville.—Great Controversy: value of orders, \$7.25; helps, \$24.75; total, \$32.

Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Mount Vernon.—Ladies' Guide: value of orders, \$19.50; helps, \$11.40; total, \$30.90.

H. B. Corwin, Logan Co.—Bible Readings: value of orders, \$9; helps, \$3.50; total, \$12.50.

Mrs. George W. Spies, Lima.—Coming King: value of orders, \$13; helps, \$5.75; total, \$18.75.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Wagner, Mansfield.—Miscellaneous: value of orders, \$36.30.

Fred Trout, Mansfield.—Miscellaneous: orders and cash sales, \$10.90.