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

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"Those who take part in God's work are to be led and guided by him. Every human ambition is to be merged in Christ, who is the head over all the institutions that God has established."

THE OHIO STATE MEETING.

At the time appointed the meeting convened in the new church house in Cleveland, O. The President having not yet arrived it fell to the lot of Pastor Lindsey to conduct the opening service. The topic of the hour was the Necessary Faith to Carry the Message to all the World. There was not a full attendance of the workers at any time, but there was a most excellent spirit throughout all the services. Many perplexing matters were before the several Committees, the Conference and Association Boards. There was manifested by all a high regard for another's opinions and brotherly love prevailed throughout the entire session.

On Sabbath morning, the Educational Secretary, Prof. C. E. Welch, of Mount Vernon, O., addressed the Sabbath-school and reviewed the morning lesson in a very instructive manner.

Elder Burkholder having arrived, he occupied the service hour and in a vivid way drew a contrast between the remnant people of God in their experiences and conflicts and the children of Israel and the final glorious triumph of the little flock.

At the hour of 3 P. M. Elder W. W. Miller led in a general social meeting which was of great interest, nearly all present participating.

The evening hour was occupied by Elder R. R. Kennedy in which he pled for a thorough examination of our faith that there might be no question of our being established in the present truth.

At the first business meeting held Sunday morning the following Committees were appointed: On Bible Work, Sabbath-school and Educa-

tion, Tract and Missionary Work, Distribution of Literature, Church Work, Finance.

Each morning during the session there was held a devotional service, led from morning to morning by some one of the different brethren. During the several business meetings the District Elders and other workers gave interesting reports from their several fields, which we cannot insert for want of space.

On Sunday afternoon Brother B. L. House addressed an interested congregation, followed in the evening by the pastor, who took for his theme "The Three Worlds," showing that we are now living in the closing days of the world that "now is" and the necessary preparation for "the world to come." The early morning meeting was one long to be remembered. As the case of Sister McIntyre, our faithful self-supporting missionary in far off Egypt, was presented to us and we learned of her affliction with the dread disease smallpox, the hearts of all were touched and practical results followed in the gathering of over \$50 to send to her as an expression of our sympathy, esteem and Christian love. Surely we are made the better by our hearts being tendered by the Spirit of God.

The evening hour Monday was occupied by Elder J. O. Miller, who addressed the people, outlining and showing from the Scripture that there would be a "restitution of all things."

Tuesday evening Elder Francis M. Fairchild delivered a most excellent discourse on the necessary preparation to meet Christ at his coming. Wednesday evening Elder Granger, pastor of the Toledo church, portrayed in a most vivid manner the huge deception that the devil will bring upon the masses when he shall appear in light as the angel of the covenant. He dwelt also upon the great importance of our study of the manner of Christ's coming that we might not fall under the deception of the devil.

Thursday evening Elder C. C. Webster addressed the people in a very practical way, bringing out many important truths.

On Friday our guests departed with the exception of about a half dozen who chose to remain over for the song service on Sunday evening, May 1. The Friday evening hour was occupied by Elder W. W. Miller, who, in an interesting way, emphasized the truths concerning the coming of the Saviour. Sabbath morning we had an interesting Sabbath-school followed by a discourse by the pastor on the proper observance of the Sabbath.

During the meetings the several committees presented the following recommendations which were freely considered in a most Christian way, and all felt after the discussions were over that many precious rays of light had been shed upon the path of duty.

Tent Work.

Whereas, In many instances in the past, the tent work has not given permanent results in establishing churches, and believing that this condition has been caused by a lack of concentration of effort, and following up the work—

1. We recommend that the workers be encouraged to remain and labor in various ways until the work in the neighborhood is fully developed.

2. We recommend that as far as practicable at least one tent be permanently located in each district, and that the location be determined by the Conference Committee in consultation with the leader of the tent company.

3. We recommend that the Conference Committee distribute to the heads of the various tent companies such tent outfits as shall, in their judgment, be best suited to the locality and conditions of the various fields; and that the companies, as far as possible, keep the outfits in tact permanently.

Canvassing Work.

Whereas, The canvassing work lacks sufficient organization to enable the Field Secretary to direct in the thorough working of the territory—

We recommend that each regular canvasser be required to sign a contract for territory, and that the Ohio Tract Society ship no books to a regular canvasser who has not signed a contract for his territory. Carried.

Distribution of Literature.

Whereas, Many of our churches have been doing little or no work in recent years in distributing our tracts, books and pamphlets, and—

Whereas, The Field Secretary of the Ohio Tract Society branch of the Ohio Conference is visiting the churches from time to time in the interest of the canvassing work and handling our subscription books—

We recommend that the Field Secretary be requested to encourage our churches to take up aggressive work in distributing our tracts, pamphlets and books.

Recommendations of the Medical Missionary Committee.

1. We recommend that just as soon as possible steps be taken to carry out the resolutions adopted at our last Conference.

2. We also recommend that the Conference Committee, in consultation with the Medical Missionary Secretary, consider plans for meeting the present demand for a training-school for medical missionary workers.

3. We further recommend that we encourage plans to educate our people on the health principles both by precept and example.

Bible Work.

1. We recommend that immediate steps be taken by all our Conference laborers and church elders to encourage our churches in a united, systematic, and protracted use of the printed page for the spread of the Message.

2. We recommend the use of the *Family Bible Teacher* as one of the best means of doing systematic work and of gaining entrance to the homes of the people, to be accompanied and followed by our literature and personal work.

City Workers.

Whereas, There is a great need of city workers—

We recommend that active steps be taken by the Conference Committee to associate young men and women with workers of longer experience in city work to train them to become city workers.

Sabbath-school Work.

1. Recognizing the benefits already derived from the Home Department, and the great possibilities of the same—

We recommend that we urge upon all our Sabbath-schools the importance of the Home Department; and that a competent person be elected to superintend this work, where the superintendent is not able to care for it himself, and to keep in touch with all

its members, encouraging them to the extent of his ability.

2. Appreciating the necessity of correct statistics in the Conference Office, and the opportunities afforded the Sabbath-school secretaries of obtaining an experience in being diligent in business—

We recommend that attention be given this part of the Sabbath-school work by superintendents of districts as opportunity affords.

3. That, whereas, the financial statements of many schools are not correctly kept—

We recommend that an auditor be appointed by each school to look over the books and give such assistance as is needed.

Church Schools.

Whereas, The Lord has repeatedly urged upon us the necessity of giving our children and youth a Christian education in order that they may be best prepared to perform life's duties and carry the Message to the world quickly, therefore—

1. We recommend that the importance of this matter be kept constantly before us and that our people throughout the State be continually encouraged to make a careful study of the principles of Christian education and to apply them in every possible, consistent way in the education of their children.

2. We recommend the book "Education" as a very valuable aid in the understanding of the principles.

Young People's Work.

Whereas, The Lord has laid upon the young people among us a very important portion of the work of carrying this Message to the world, therefore—

1. We recommend that our youth throughout the Conference, be encouraged to band themselves together for service for the Master.

2. We recommend that the plans of organization adopted by the General Conference be carried out in Ohio, and that all our young people who desire to engage in earnest, active labor for the Saviour, correspond with the Educational Secretary of the State, learning and working according to the plans suggested.

3. We recommend that, as rapidly as possible consistent with strength and thoroughness, plans be laid whereby all who desire may study systematically the glorious and eternal principles of Christian education.

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Whereas, There are laborers in the employ of the Conference this year who were not at the last State Meeting—

We recommend that Recommendation C on missionary work passed at the last State Meeting, held May 1-11, 1903, be reaffirmed: "That the Conference business should be conducted on a cash basis and within the resources of the same."

Meals were served to all who desired them in the basement of the church. The sisters of the church did nobly in making such preparations for the workers, and their efforts were appreciated by all. D. E. LINDSEY.

NOTICE TO CANVASSERS.

ON shipments of books of 100 pounds or more, canvassers are entitled to a rebate to the amount of freight, but such rebate will not be given unless freight receipts are returned to this office with your remittance. So always secure a receipt from the freight agent.

Each canvasser is requested to faithfully report each week. On the report blank is a space to report the town or township canvassed. Always report township canvassed. This will enable us to keep a record of the territory canvassed for each book. If ever you go into a territory and find it has been canvassed by some one else, you will then see the importance of faithfully reporting territory canvassed each week. Let us do unto others as we would that they should do unto us.

I. D. RICHARDSON.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(For week ending May 27, 1904.)

B. F. Cook, Licking Co.—Daniel and the Revelation: 28½ hours; value of orders, \$13.50; helps, \$3.75; total, \$17.25.

T. C. Park, Toledo.—Bible Readings: value of orders, \$45.50; helps, \$5.50; total, \$46.

Christie Fritz, Richland Co.—Coming King: 40 hours; value of orders, \$27.50; helps, \$2.50; total, \$30.

E. R. Numbers, Cleveland.—Coming King: 24 hours; value of orders, \$25.

Samuel Frost, Wyandot Co.—Coming King: 40 hours; value of orders, \$29; helps, \$1; total, \$30.

John J. Marietta, Columbiana Co.—Coming King: 30 hours; value of orders, \$22.50.

D. R. Gallion, Fairfield Co.—Christ our Saviour: 21½ hours; value of orders, \$14.

J. F. Gallion, Fairfield Co.—Christ our Saviour: 31½ hours; value of orders, \$32.25.

V. S. Whisler, Fairfield Co.—Christ our Saviour: 20 hours; value of orders, \$11.75; helps, \$2.25; total, \$12.

Grace Cline, Massillon.—Christ our Saviour: 16 hours; value of orders, \$13.25; helps, \$1.50; total, \$14.75.

Julia House, Massillon.—Christ our Saviour: 23 hours; value of orders, \$10.75; helps, \$1.75; total, \$12.50.

F. E. Wagner, Akron.—Miscellaneous: value of deliveries, \$5.75.

J. O. Young, Cygnet.—Miscellaneous: value of deliveries, \$24.85.

WITH THE WORKERS.

THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE LAKE UNION CONEERENCE.

ALLEN MOON, *President*; Wm. Covert, *Vice-President*; W. H. Edwards, *Secretary and Treasurer*; J. B. Blosser, *Field Secretary*; M. Bessie De Graw, *Educational Secretary*; P. T. Magan, *Training-school Representative*; D. W. Reavis, *Missionary Secretary*; I. H. Evans, *Publishing Work Representative*; David Paulson, *Sanitarium Work Representative*; C. J. Herman, *German Work*; L. H. Christian, *Scandinavian Work*; D. W. Reavis, *Field Secretary Religious Liberty Work*; W. H. Edwards, *Auditor and Business Agent*.

Brokaw and Waterford.

BRETHREN AND SISTERS: A day or two after returning from the State Meeting, I came to Brokaw, where the Lord has been working for his people ever since the work was started in this place. The Lord has a few precious jewels here, and more are being found.

God says in his word that "my word shall not return unto me void." So we are assured that when we go out and speak God's word to the hungering souls, who are waiting for it, it will not return unto him void. I am so thankful for this precious promise in God's word, so I can know that when God sends me to a certain field to work for the salvation of souls, souls will be saved in the kingdom of God on account of the work done.

The Lord has sent us out to preach the word and when we fulfil our duty we need not become discouraged, but encouraged, receiving and believing the many promises that the Lord has for us at this time.

Arriving at Brokaw, I found the brethren and sisters of good courage in the Lord, and also found three dear souls waiting for baptism. Sabbath morning, about ten o'clock, nearly all of our little company and a number of others assembled at a beautiful spot on the banks of Muskingum River, where I spoke to them a few minutes from God's word on the subject of baptism. We then sought the Lord for his blessing, and he answered in showers of blessings which touched the hearts of all that were present. I then baptized three dear souls.

"Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

At two o'clock in the afternoon we had our Sabbath-school, after which we held quarterly meeting. The Lord was with us and all were greatly blessed. I also held meeting in the church on Saturday and Sunday nights.

Monday I went to Waterford and visited a few families, and in the evening held a meeting at Brother Johnson's house, where I conducted a series of Bible readings last winter. These people are of good courage in the Lord. I inquired of those who had accepted the truth how they were getting along, and they replied that they were glad the Lord had sent them this Message, and that they had accepted it. On account of their age and having no convenient way of going, they did not attend our church at Brokaw, which is some distance from their home. I was surprised, however, when they told me that every Sabbath afternoon at three o'clock they held Sabbath-school in their house and about eighteen persons were attending. They enjoy the lessons and are feasting upon them.

The Lord's work is growing and souls are uniting with us to help carry this last Message to the world. I am thankful that the Lord helps those who accept this truth to become active missionaries. The Lord is ready to help those who are willing to help him. I am of good courage in the Lord and am praying that he will help me continually to become more and more like him.

F. E. GIBSON.

Baton Rouge, La.

DEAR BRETHREN: Since my last report new developments have taken place in the work in Baton Rouge. We had about arranged for an effort outside the city, but there is now in session a sixty days' special term of the State legislature. Notice was given that a bill for Sunday observance would be introduced. A body of ministers from northern Louisiana was on the ground to pursue the matter. A House member, the Honorable Mr. Meredith, made the bill with the provision for the penalty. It restricts a man from doing business in Louisiana if found guilty of violation of the Sunday law. If so convicted license is to be revoked one year from all corporations, firms or individuals engaged in public business guilty of the offense.

We organized our forces hastily; secured a private interview with the author of the bill and many other members of the House; and were favored also with an interview with the governor. At the present no further hearing has been given the bill.

We are now pitching our tent on a fine lot adjoining the governor's mansion. Elder Horton will join me in this effort. We deem it an opportune time to get in our best work, for what we do now will be of import to the entire State. Pray that we may have wisdom.

C. A. WATKINS.

Killbuck.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: We take great pleasure at this time in announcing, through your columns, our coming Sabbath-school Convention at this place, Sabbath, June 11.

We extend a cordial invitation to all of like precious faith to meet with us on this occasion, believing it will be a time of refreshing from the Lord to all, and that we shall gain a deeper and broader knowledge of God's purpose in the Sabbath-school work.

Program for Convention.

- 9:00 A. M. Opening Exercises
 Song No. 214
 Prayer
 Elder H. H. Burkholder
 Responsive Reading, Psalm 145
 L. D. Gallion
 Exposition of Sabbath-school Lessons
 Elder H. H. Burkholder
 Object of Sabbath-school Conventions
 Prof. C. E. Welch
 The Object and Possibilities of the Sabbath-school
 G. C. Quillan
 Song
 The Essential Character and Duty of the Sabbath-school Superintendent
 C. R. Smith
 How One Can Be a Successful Sabbath-school Teacher
 E. D. Bates
 Song No. 405
 INTERMISSION
 1:30 P. M. Opening Exercises
 Prayer
 Elder J. O. Miller
 Ways of Making a Lesson Interesting to Children
 To Be Supplied
 How to Work for the Young People
 V. S. Whisler, J. F. Gallion
 Song
 Dialogue on the Second Coming of Christ
 Duties of the Sabbath-school Secretaries
 E. D. Bates
 How to Derive the Most Good from the Sabbath-school
 B. L. House
 Closing Song, No. 442
 E. D. BATES.

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Sabbath begins June 10 at 7:27 P. M.

MRS. CARRIE ESTEP and her family have gone on a visit to her old home.

BROTHER C. V. HAMER was called to Columbus last Wednesday on business.

MISSES ANNA SMITH and Hortense Howell are engaged in the Bible work in Cincinnati.

BROTHER H. H. VOTAW and wife will connect with Brother Kenneth R. Haughey in a tent effort in Chagrin Falls, O.

PROF. C. E. WELCH has been quite ill at his home in Mount Vernon, but is now about again and every thing promises well for rapid recovery.

BROTHER E. R. NUMBERS, of Cleveland, reports that in twenty-four hours he took twenty-five orders for "Coming King" from business men of that place.

ELDER FRANCIS M. FAIRCHILD in a letter writes: "Four precious souls will go forward in baptism next Sabbath, June 4, one at Cygnet and three at Bowling Green."

WE are glad to inform the many friends of Elder Kennedy's wife that her health is improving. Their daughter Mae, who has been in training at the Sanitarium, is at home caring for her.

ELDER R. R. KENNEDY was in Academia last week on Conference business. All the tent outfits have most probably reached their destination and meetings begun ere this. May our prayers be united for the success of these brethren in the work to which they have been called.

BROTHER HEBER VOTAW and wife are much encouraged by visible fruits of their labors in Marion during the year thus far. One family of two adults and several children have accepted the truth as far as they know it, and a number of others are interested, prejudice is giving way to confidence, and the clergy of Marion are friendly.

THE Marion church are hopeful that the camp-meeting will come to them.

PROF. J. W. LOUGHHEAD has gone to Washington, D. C., to attend a council on the educational work.

BROTHER G. P. GAEDE writes that the work in Defiance is still prospering and that two more souls have decided to keep the Sabbath.

BROTHER RALPH HESS has finished his canvass at Marion, having placed over seventy copies of "The Coming King" in that neighborhood besides helps.

CHRISTIE FRITZ, one of the Academy boys, entered the canvassing work at the close of the school and is doing well, having taken \$30 worth of orders in one week. This is his first experience in canvassing, too.

THE editor enjoyed the hospitality of Brother U. E. Whiteis at his treatment rooms in Columbus Saturday night, where he also received a very thorough and helpful treatment at the hands of Brother Connor, who is again with Brother Whiteis for a time.

SAMUEL FROST, an Academy boy who entered the canvassing field somewhat fearfully, sends in his first order for ninety-one books valued at \$68.50. This represents the work of about two weeks. Shall the new canvassers do all the work? Or will the old canvassers listen to the call from God? "God calls the old canvassers back to their work."

A SABBATH DAY AT MARION.

IT was the editor's privilege to be with the Marion church in quarterly meeting last Sabbath. I was entertained at the home of Sister Bull, where, on hearing of my arrival Friday evening, a number of friends came together. The evening was very profitably spent in relating personal experiences by the members, and in forming an acquaintance with the church and its work on my part, concluding with an earnest prayer season, asking the Lord for his blessing upon the missionary efforts of the church, and for his presence at the further services of the day.

The Sabbath-school, consisting of eighteen regular members, was held Sabbath morning at Dr. Harding's home. Several visitors were present, and a very pleasant and profitable hour was spent in tracing the fulfillment of the word of prophecy in the relations of the Ottoman power with the Roman kingdom. Two classes are carried in this school, one for the children and youth, and one for the adults;

Sister Apt being its Superintendent, and Maude Bull its Secretary. This school is reaching out beyond our own borders and interesting others in the study of God's word.

The brethren and sisters met again in the afternoon at Sister Bull's home for the quarterly service. A Bible study on the subject of "The Church, Its Work, and Its Membership" was given for the instruction of all in regard to their place in, and attitude toward the church and its work. After a brief intermission, one member was received on profession of faith, and Brother Heber Votaw was elected and ordained second elder of the church. The Lord specially blessed this service and the celebration of the ordinances following. Real Christian fellowship and the communion of the Holy Spirit characterized the entire meeting, and as we separated just before the close of Sabbath, we felt to praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men.

NOTICE!

To Our Singers Throughout the State.

THOSE that had the privilege of attending the State Meeting in Cleveland last April and remained to hear "The Nazarene" cantata sung at its close, will remember the deep impression that was made as the life of Christ from the manger to the resurrection was so vividly portrayed. It was a means of inspiration, and, as one expressed it, caused a determination to serve him more faithfully than ever before, seeing what great things he did for us.

At that time many requests were made for its reproduction at the next camp-meeting, and after counseling with the Conference Committee, it has been decided to make this a feature of our coming camp-meeting.

Now in order to make this a success it will require the hearty support and co-operation of our singers throughout the State. We desire to bring together a chorus of one hundred voices from our own people exclusively. It will readily be seen that inasmuch as we are scattered all over the State, much will depend upon individual work. Many details will still have to be worked out.

I would be pleased to have the elders of the various churches send me *immediately* a list of singers in their churches and the part they sing. Further information will be given through the VISITOR from time to time. My address is 31 Lookyear St., Cleveland, O.

HENRY DE FLUITER.