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

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TRUE GLORY.

GALLANTLY, gallantly rides the sun,
Strong and brave through the pathless blue.
Willingly, well is his duty done;
Tirelessly, constantly, firm and true.
But glory is not, for he has no way
But God's command, and he must obey.

Little and wicked and weak is man:
Erring and false is the race he runs:
Of space an atom—of time a span—
Yet greater is he than a million suns.
For this is glory: to choose the way
Of the law, with the power to disobey.

—W. H. Metcalf, in *Cosmopolitan*.

THE OHIO CAMP-MEETING.

ELDER M. C. KIRKENDALL, Brother Thomas Thornton and the writer were appointed as a committee to view places relative to locating the camp-meeting.

We first visited Mansfield. At this point we were very cordially received by Brother Marcellus Andre, who rendered us all the assistance possible in finding a location in his city for the camp. A very favorable impression was made upon the committee that the meeting could be held on the fair grounds at Mansfield. We next visited Marion. We went immediately to the home of Sister Bull and her daughter, Dr. Bull. We at once called up Brother Heber Votaw, who joined us while we took a tour out to the fair ground and city park. On returning to Sister Bull's we enjoyed a sumptuous, wholesome dinner which had been kindly prepared for us.

After dinner we visited the secretary of the Fair Board and soon learned that the way was closed for the present at that point. We next visited Marysville, the county seat of Union County. We went from the depot to the fair ground. Here we found very beautiful grounds with elegant buildings, near the town. A shower of rain drove us into the grand stand, where we unitedly asked the Lord to open up the way or close it as would please him for we felt that human wisdom was insufficient to decide so important a matter. After the shower had ceased we returned to the town to visit those in charge of the grounds. God

gave us favor with the men, and every evidence that he was opening up the way.

The Conference Committee has just been in session. After hearing our report it was unanimously decided to hold the camp-meeting at Marysville, twenty-nine miles northwest of Columbus, at the crossing of the Ohio Central and Big Four Railroad lines. Watch the VISITOR for further reports.

R. R. KENNEDY.

IMPORTANT NOTICE CONCERNING THE NEXT ANNUAL CAMP-MEETING.

THE next annual camp-meeting of the Seventh-day Adventist Conference of Ohio will be held August 11-22 at Marysville, Ohio.

According to Article IV of our present Constitution it will be necessary for each local church to elect delegates to have a representation at the conference. The Article reads as follows:—

"All ordained ministers, with all others in the employ of the Conference, and one delegate from each local church, with one delegate for each fifteen members of the churches severally shall constitute the representation in the Conference sessions.

"The delegates representing the local churches shall be elected, and the church shall certify the same, sending the names of the delegates to the Recording Secretary of the Conference."

This matter should receive attention at the next quarterly meeting, July 2 and 3.

Let it also be remembered that Elder D. E. Lindsey is the Recording Secretary, and all names of elected delegates should be sent to him at Clyde, Sandusky Co., Ohio.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

"AND HE BELIEVED IN THE LORD."

THE above statement is God's testimony of Abraham, who believed that God was able to do just what he said, even though there seemed to be tremendous obstacles in the way. Though what the Lord told him was contrary to nature, and to all human appearances a tremendous problem for solution, he nevertheless accepted God's statement as truth, and as a result God made him a righteous man. And

we are told in the word of God that this statement, quoted as the heading, "was not written for his sake alone, . . . but for us also, . . . if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead." Rom. 4: 23, 24.

When, four years ago, the word of the Lord came to this people that the Lord had inaugurated a plan whereby our schools could be freed from debt, to many it seemed an almost impossible thing. There were many obstacles, and the plan itself seemed such a strange way to accomplish so mighty a task. Who would naturally have thought that hundreds of thousands of dollars could be raised by the selling of "Christ's Object Lessons"? But God said that it could and would be done; and every one who accepted this statement as the word of the Lord knows how remarkably and wonderfully God demonstrated his truth.

The writer well remembers when the testimony was first read what an impression it made upon his soul, and what a burden seemed to rest with it. God had said that not only was it to be done, that this book was to be sold for the relief of our schools, but that it was to be a *test* to the people of God to see if they would be willing to deny themselves and sacrifice for the work of God. Having Canaan in view as the objective point, and the personal presence of Jesus Christ as the goal of ambition, and righteousness by faith as the sole means of obtaining these blessed results, what could be done save to obey what the Lord had said?

Immediately obeying the word of the Lord, though having read scarcely any of the book at the time, the Lord opened wonderful doors and avenues whereby the book could be sold. Angels of God did certainly go with and before the work to prepare the way. People were met in offices, in stores, in factories, in warehouses, on the street, in the roads, on the sidewalks, in the street cars, on the steam cars, in churches, in the homes, and in every other place where access could be obtained. Scores and hundreds of the books found their way into the homes of the people, as well as into the hands of ministers. No less than eight or nine ministers advertised the

book before thousands of people on Sunday and at other times, recommending it as highly as any of our own brethren could do, as well as doing all in their power to circulate it. Scores of names were given among their best people to purchase it, and one minister, of his own accord, secured a horse and buggy, and drove us around from house to house among his parishioners, and waited without to care for the horse while we entered the homes to sell the book.

Then the Lord said that this book would be a blessing in the homes of the people, would convert sinners and heal backsliders. What joy it brought to the soul to see the tears run down the faces while the precious truths contained in that most blessed volume were read to them! Angels indeed did accompany the truths of that blessed book.

Then the Lord said that this book would be a means of uniting all the churches in love and fellowship. What a blessed pleasure it was to the writer one day to see brethren and sisters who had been estranged from each other for more than a score of years in the same church lay aside all differences and estrangement, and heartily unite as one in carrying out the plan of God! What a joy it was to see them greet each other as brothers and sisters in the Lord, and manifest a spirit of love and co-operation that almost surprised themselves! But this is what God said it would do; and it was even so. Blessed be God for his precious word.

And how truly has the fourfold promise been fulfilled,—a blessing to the people who have received the book, a blessing to the church that has sold the book, a blessing to the worker who has sold the book, a blessing to the school that has received the money to relieve the indebtedness. Never has there come a greater blessing into the life and experience of the writer than was received while selling the scores and many hundreds of these books.

May God help us one and all to do our part as has been indicated, that the reproach may be rolled away from the people of God, and we be found like Abraham to be friends of God, because we obey his voice and keep his charge. "And he believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness," "and he was called the friend of God." Gen. 15:6; James 2:23.

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WE may safely take the tenth as a starting-point, for there are few who would care to give less than the heathen and the Jews.—*William H. Sallmon, M. A.*

OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

"Let ministers and evangelists have more seasons of earnest prayer with those who are convicted by the truth. Remember that Christ is always with you."

REPORTS.

Meigs.

SABBATH, June 18, was spent with the church at Meigs. It was our first visit with this little company and it proved an enjoyable occasion to all who were in attendance.

There was one addition to the church by letter, and the ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated. Brother C. T. Redfield was set apart by ordination to serve the church, and we left the brethren and sisters of good courage to press the battle against the enemy.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

Springfield.

IN the extremity of the Springfield church to any longer find a suitable house for worship or a place to hold a series of meetings to present to the public God's great testing Message, "the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus" (Rev. 14:12), we pled his promise: "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." We found in him yea and amen. Now we can truly say: "The Lord is my helper." Heb. 13:5, 6.

The Lord has opened the way here in Springfield in a marked manner for his people to erect a plain, substantial church to his name at a moderate cost. We are of good courage and praise the Lord for his mercy and truth.

Dedication of the Springfield Church.

We wish first to give ourselves to the Lord for service, and also in a public manner to dedicate the house the Lord has given us to his name and for his glory. We extend a hearty invitation to all our brethren and sisters in Christ that can come to meet with us on this occasion. We look for several members of the Conference Committee to be present. We wish all could attend the service.

Directions.

Those coming on Detroit Southern take the Pearl Street car at depot going south, stop at corner of Pearl and Rice Streets, walk two blocks south and one east to church. Those coming on the traction lines either from the north or south should walk one block east on High Street, and take the Pearl Street car to Rice Street as above.

J. G. WOOD.

South Lebanon.

TO THE VISITOR: We pitched our tent here and began meetings June 8. The Lord has blessed with a good beginning. An excellent location, a people to whom the truth is new, and God's miraculous guiding are all conducive to a good attendance. In the past, several pretended evangelists have duped and swindled the people here, and consequently the first night their curiosity hardly overcame their timidity. More stood around outside than came in. After the first meeting our attendance averaged over a hundred. There is but one church in the place, Methodist, and its minister does not oppose the truth. We have helped him with his meetings, but he does not seem inclined to attend ours.

Brother Fred Walton, a pupil from the Dayton church school, is with us as organist and canvasser.

Through the kindness of the Dayton church, we are well supplied with tracts and the *Family Bible Teacher*, and it is our aim to leave foot-prints of truth behind.

Our sincere prayers have been answered to the letter. We were never of better courage in his work. The people are anxious to hear, and God gives perfect freedom in presenting the Message. The work is onward.

R. B. THURBER,
F. E. GIBSON.

Killbuck.

AS we went to the little church at Killbuck, Sabbath, June 11, to attend the Sabbath-school convention, we felt that the Lord was going to bless us richly; and as we looked into the happy faces of God's children, this conviction was deepened, nor were we disappointed. The Lord came very near indeed, and we felt that souls were being watered with the water of life. As the various members of the Sabbath-school were performing their parts; it could be plainly seen that they were depending on God for strength and wisdom, and he sustained them and gave them rich experiences.

The day was a perfect one and after the morning session we all went out under the trees and partook of the physical food, which had been so thoughtfully and tastefully prepared by the sisters. The spirit manifested during this hour showed that all realized that it was the Sabbath, and yet that all rejoiced in the blessings and opportunities of the day.

The afternoon session seemed to be enjoyed as much as that of the morning. All seemed to be seeking to improve the talents God had given them, and this is as it should be.

We are glad to see a spirit growing in our Sabbath-schools of pressing many individuals into service. This develops workers, and God has great need of workers now. Brethren and sisters, whenever you are asked to perform some little part in the school, take hold in humility and the fear of God and do your best, being faithful in your preparation, and you will be greatly blessed and your ability to work increased.

We are sure that those who took part in this convention at Killbuck feel that it gave them added strength and increased their ability for future labor. May God bless each member of the Killbuck Sabbath-school and make them a blessing to others is our prayer.

CHAS. E. WELCH.

THE following note was sent to the tent company at East Liverpool, with a nice basket of provisions, by a prominent lady of that place: "Dear Brethren and Sisters: Will you accept a token of my good will and Christian fellowship? I pray our Father may abundantly bless your efforts in our town. I was at your meeting last night and enjoyed it very much. I want to attend every meeting."

**Camp-meeting at Marysville, Ohio,
August 11-22.**

IN THE CANVASSING FIELD.

SOME may wonder why the Field Secretary does not write more for the VISITOR. I would only say that I am busy trying to interest others in the importance of the canvassing work. I find many of the brethren desirous of knowing what God's will is concerning them and in what branch of his work he would have them labor. Some are persuaded that the canvassing work is the work in which God would have them engage their whole time.

Our canvassers who are now in the field are having good success and rich experiences. We are pleased for the letter which we have from Brother Park this week. His experience will show us the importance of earnestness and consecration to God and to his work of soul saving. We must have a burden for souls if we would be successful.

Let us all seek God earnestly to know what our work is, and then work earnestly and perseveringly until Jesus comes.

I. D. RICHARDSON, *Field Sec.*

A BIT OF EXPERIENCE.

LAST week the weather was so rainy that I only worked about a day, but the Lord was indeed mindful of my need in his work, so I took orders to the value of fifteen dollars and had a glorious time talking with the people.

As an example of some of the precious experiences, I will relate one showing the co-operation of heaven in our behalf. After presenting the work and its importance to a lady, I was told by her it would be useless to purchase the book, for she would not read it. I then said she ought to have it for the benefit of the children. In reply she said the children would not read it anyway. In response I said, "Would not it be an awful thing in the day of judgment for you to find your children eternally lost because you did not do your duty in placing before them the most solemn truth ever given to mortals?"

She hesitated a moment and politely invited me to step into the house and show the book to the children. I did so, and it seemed to me at the time that I could see angels wafting away the influence of Satan's representatives. When entering the home, the mother asked her oldest daughter if she did not want to look at the book. The reply came back in tones of harshness, "No!" Realizing the situation, I prayed as I was walking into the room where I had heard the imperative voice. Regardless of the disposition of the daughter, I made myself known in a very polite manner, and briefly opened to the most interesting subjects, such as would touch any heart that had any possible hopes of the better life.

The Lord blessed every word, and as I solemnly explained the import of God's warning and our relationship to the word of God, I saw a mother's heart touched, and the effect of her tears upon the hearts of her children. The very one who was so abrupt in answering her mother said, "We will take one of those books." I handed the book to her and the name was written for "Bible Readings," that dear book containing the sweetest news to man. I gave them a hearty handshake, bidding them God's care and protection, and saying that I would bring the book in a few weeks to their home to read.

If I could only tell of the preciousness of such a work, many of our youth would enter this work without fear. But language is too feeble to portray the richness of this all important work. I shall do all I can to interest others in the canvassing work. Pray for the work here. Your brother in the work,
THOMAS C. PARK.

MISSIONARY.

"Open new fields, is the word of the Lord, and add to your workers. Educate young men to labor, and tarry not. Educate, educate, educate."

THE CHINAMAN IN TIME OF DISASTER.

THE present writing finds us on both a business and gospel tour to one of the largest cities in this province, called Ru Ning Fu. As traveling is so slow in China, a worker has a great deal of time to spend in gospel work in the small villages, even though another object of the same journey is purely business.

After waiting for ten days for the rain to cease, we made our departure, the conveyance being a donkey cart. On account of the roads being heavy, but seventy *si*, or twenty-three miles, we traveled the first day. We stopped at a half-way inn between Sin Tsai and Ru Ning Fu. The owner of the inn was an opium smoker, so that he had no bed or conveniences for the guests. Here we spent most of the night trying to find the softest spot in mother earth, but did not find it. Daybreak was hailed with joy. The mules were standing in the same room in which we slept.

God answered our prayers in giving us another clear day in which to complete our journey. In this class of passage, the passenger prefers to walk as much of the way as he is able; so Dr. Selmon and I walked ahead of the cart, leaving the evangelist inside the cart to protect our goods. Once when we were about half a mile in front of the cart, upon looking back we were unable to see the cart and donkeys. Remaining in our steps a short time, we saw the front donkey walk out of the ditch, and this one was followed by the second donkey. We decided to walk back at once. (On each side of the roads are deep trenches usually filled with water. From these trenches the people take dirt to build their houses.) When within a few rods of the donkey, we saw our bundles falling on the bank and the cart standing on its top instead of on its wheels.

When we reached the place, the driver was sitting on one side, and our evangelist on the other side. The driver expected us to tell him that we would report him to the mandarin to be scourged for his carelessness in allowing a blind mule to get so close the bank that the cart upset in the ditch. We at first thought to give him a talking to, but decided his punishment was enough. Although

our goods were greatly damaged, his feed was wet, all his clothes wet, his cart was upside down in the water, but what he regretted most of all was that he had lost his smoking tobacco in the bottom of the puddle, so we did not care to add to his misery.

We concluded we would have to take hold of the situation. Although there were about twenty Chinamen around none of them would take hold, neither did they seem to know what to do. We asked them to help us out, but they did not move. Then we told them we would give them cash, if they would help. Every man responded, and we were soon in the road again. Then we offered them the money for their work, but they would take none. The word "cash" seems to move a Chinaman as nothing else will. Money is very dear to him.

A Chinaman is at a loss to know what to do in case of an emergency. He must have some one to tell him. At such a time, they will drop their hands helplessly and sit down to smoke their pipes.

Again resuming our journey, we reached our destination late in the afternoon. As all our bedding was wet, we bought cane stalks and dried it that evening. Remaining here one week, during which time it rained continually, we returned to our station. It was again dry just two days, allowing us just time to get home, when heavy rains set in, and at present the country is flooded, all the large rivers are overflowing their banks, completely destroying the wheat crop.

We have seen the protecting hand of God leading us many times here in the center of this heathen land. There were two clear days which were just sufficient time for us to reach Ru Ning Fu, and a week later just two more clear days, giving us time to return, and it will be weeks before the rivers can be crossed again.

We are daily finding people searching after something which they have not, and that is a living God. To-day four men came forty miles to be baptized. We ought to have a hundred missionaries in China to-day. "Come over and help us." China has millions who are perishing. Who are responsible for the lost? And who will come? We ask you to remember the workers already on the ground.

H. W. MILLER, M. D.

THE *Family Bible Teacher* was formerly published at Cincinnati, O., but has recently been sold to the Southern Publishing Association, so that now this publication is owned by the denomination and should receive the hearty support of our people.

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N. W. LAWRENCE - Editor.

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Sabbath begins June 24 at 7:32 P. M.

BROTHER HENRY DE FLUTER, of Cleveland, called at the office last Sunday.

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

NOTICE the announcement of the church dedication services at Springfield in Elder Wood's report.

MISS CHRISTINE SWEET, teacher of the Lagrange church school, has just arrived in Academia and is taking part in the Summer School.

BROTHER JAMES IRVING, now in Michigan, is endeavoring to interest young people in the Mount Vernon Academy. He is supplying us with the addresses of interested ones to whom calendars may be sent. Will not others do likewise?

BROTHER E. P. HOLDEN, while working at the Oriental Bath Rooms in Columbus, is not forgetful of the Academy, but is speaking a good word for it as the opportunities occur. He is hopeful that he may bring one or two more with him as he returns to school in the fall.

THE *East Michigan Banner*, Vol. I, No. 1, has just reached our table. We take pleasure in introducing this modest, though creditable, sheet to the public. It bears the motto, "Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth." We are pleased with its appearance, its make up, and its matter. We welcome it to our exchange list, and bid it Godspeed in its field of service. It is published bi-weekly at Lansing, Mich. Subscription price, 25 cents a year.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(For week ending June 10, 1904.)

B. F. Cook, Licking Co.—Daniel and the Revelation: 32 hours; value of orders, \$2.25; helps, \$2.25; total, \$4.50.

John J. Marietta, Columbiana Co.—Coming King: 22½ hours; value of orders, \$20.50; helps, \$1; total, \$21.50.

Christy Fritz, Richland Co.—Coming King: 36 hours; value of orders, \$23; helps, \$4; total, \$27.

Samuel Frost, Wyandot Co.—Coming King: 28 hours; value of orders, \$24; helps, \$2; total, \$26.

C. E. Weeks, Wyandot Co.—Coming King: 19 hours; value of orders, \$18; helps, \$1.25; total, \$19.25.

Grace Cline,* Massillon.—Christ our Saviour: 24 hours; value of orders, \$7.25; helps, \$2.25; total, \$7.50.

Julia House,* Massillon.—Christ our Saviour: 34 hours; value of orders, \$19.25; helps, \$4.50; total, \$23.75.

F. E. Wagner, Summit Co.—Miscellaneous: value of deliveries, \$9.45.

J. O. Young, Cygnet.—Miscellaneous: value of orders, \$17.

*Two weeks.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

ACCORDING to our present Constitution the coming Conference will be by the delegate system, each organized church being entitled to one delegate and an additional delegate for every fifteen members. As we have had no list of the churches for some time, I now urge that each church elder send me the number of members of their several local churches at once, so that we can send blanks to the churches in order that all credentials of delegates may be in before the Conference convenes. Send number of members, and name and postoffice address of the church clerks.

Send to D. E. LINDSEY, *Conf. Sec.*, Clyde, O.

TO WORLD'S FAIR VISITORS.

THE Central Union Conference has established a missionary home in St. Louis for the summer, where those who wish to attend the World's Fair may find accommodations while in the city. The terms have been made as reasonable as possible under existing conditions and are as follows: lodging, \$.50 per night; breakfast, \$.25; dinner, when ordered, \$.35. It will be more convenient for visitors to take their dinners in the Fair Grounds, as they will not wish to leave the grounds for dinner. An omnibus line passes our door going to the Fair Grounds, and we are conveniently near to the street cars.

On arriving at Union Station take the Market Street car going west. At Sarah Street, change to the suburban car going south, and get off at Bellevue Avenue. Our house is the first house on the left hand side of the road as you walk north. There are some tents pitched in the yard. Before coming, please make arrangements with the undersigned by correspondence.

A. D. GILBERT.