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

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"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much more as ye see the day approaching."

CAMP-MEETING NOTICE.

REMEMBER the date of the camp-meeting, Aug. 12-22, at Marysville, O. This is new territory. These dear people, for whom Christ has died, need the light of the Third Angel's Message. Time is short. We must do aggressive work now. Let us draw nigh to God with the full assurance of faith.

Let us plan to come to this important meeting for service. "God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." Let us do our part to make this meeting all that the Lord would have it to be for us as a people, and for the citizens of Marysville.

R. R. KENNEDY.

AGGRESSIVE WORK.

IT may be interesting to the readers of the VISITOR to know what is being done by the Conference in the way of aggressive work:—

1. Elder A. C. Shannon and G. P. Gaede are conducting a tent effort at Sidney with a good interest.

2. Elder W. H. Granger, James E. Shultz, and Harry Benson have located a tent in Toledo, and report an excellent attendance.

3. Elder M. C. Kirkendall and W. E. Bidwell have a tent located at Rows, Ashland Co., with fair prospects of additions to the newly organized company there.

4. Elder C. C. Webster and Fred M. Fairchild are engaged in a series of tent meetings at East Liverpool with prospects of favorable results there.

5. Brethren B. L. House and H. H. Votaw are in the midst of an interesting effort at Clark, Holms Co.

6. Brethren Robert Thurber and Floyd E. Gibson located their tent at South Lebanon, and have interested congregations in regular attendance.

7. Elder Francis M. Fairchild and John P. Gaede have located a tent at Dowling, Wood Co., and are busily engaged there.

In addition to these efforts in the home field, we are paying the salaries of Elders C. A. Watkins, who is engaged with Elder Horton, President of the Louisiana Conference, in a tent effort at Baton Rouge, La.; Elder M. S. Babcock, who is also conducting a tent effort at Roanoke, Va.; and Dr. H. W. Miller, who is laboring for the needy of China.

Adding to this the efforts of our Bible workers and evangelistic canvassers, we are certainly placing the Message of God for these times before many needy persons.

While the laborers just mentioned are called to take responsible positions in the front of the battle, we bespeak for them the earnest, united prayers of all our people, that God may keep them pure in heart, true to every principle of the Message, and make them a power for good.

Don't forget that a few words of encouragement many times would prove a great help to those who are being sorely tried and may be almost ready to fall. Let us press together and present a united front to the enemy and hasten the final triumph when Jesus comes.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

THE CALL FOR MEANS.

AS our papers and ministers call for means, some inquire why so much money is required. Such do not seem to realize that our Message is a world-wide one, a Message that must be carried to every nation, kindred, tongue and people.

We are engaged in a campaign which will last until final victory is gained for the cause of God. Satan, the leader of the host of sin, does not propose that his vast army shall stack arms and display the emblem of surrender until he has contested each inch of ground with every soldier, which in these last days constitute the blood-washed army of Prince Emmanuel:

In order to spread abroad the glorious truths of these last days, couched in the threefold Message of Rev. 14: 6-14, the Lord has ordained certain agencies which shall constitute powerful means to proclaim and publish broadcast the truth which is to purify and sanctify a people who, without a sin, spot, or wrinkle, shall be prepared for translation.

Prominent among the agencies are publishing houses, sanitariums, treatment-rooms, and training schools. These will, if managed by judicious, converted individuals, accomplish much good. In order that the work may be carried on, buildings must be erected, or rented, at various important centers of population.

It seems that through the leading of Providence, our work is to be established in Washington, D. C. Certainly as this nation has become a world power, and is to-day exerting a powerful influence which pulsates throughout the commercial, political, social, and religious world, it seems most fitting that the last worldwide Message should spread abroad its truths through the printed page from the capital city of the last, youngest, and most energetic of all world powers.

To accomplish this most glorious result, and aid in finishing the gospel work in the world, a publishing house, sanitarium, and school are to be established in Washington. In order that such may be the case, a fund of at least \$100,000 must be raised. The buildings should be erected soon; therefore the money should be raised immediately. This can be readily accomplished if all those composing our ranks will donate as God has prospered them.

Because we can not give ten, one hundred, or even one thousand dollars, do not conclude we can do nothing. Every dollar will aid. We should be thankful that there are those who can and will send smaller amounts. Remit either to your tract society or direct to the treasurer of the General Conference, 222 North Capitol St., Washington, D. C. The brethren are ready to proceed with the work at Washington, so send in immediately.

S. H. LANE.

OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

THE DEDICATION AT SPRINGFIELD.

SABBATH and Sunday, June 25, 26, were days of rejoicing for the brethren and sisters of the Springfield church. The weather was fine, and a goodly number were in attendance from neighboring churches.

The nature of the meetings on Sabbath was calculated to lead one to a more thorough and complete consecration of self to the cause of God.

On Sunday morning at 10:30 the new house of worship was well filled with an audience of interested listeners to witness the dedication of the new edifice. The dedicatory sermon was delivered by the writer who was assisted in the service by Elders R. R. Kennedy and W. W. Miller. Appropriate selections, well rendered by the choir led by Sister Katherine E. Miller, contributed to the interest of the service. A collection of over \$100 was taken at the close.

The new church is situated on Catharine Street near Clay. It measures 28x46 feet and is well lighted with natural gas. Chairs are used instead of pews. For the occasion of the dedication the new place of worship was handsomely decked with lilies, roses, ferns, and potted plants and cutflowers.

There was no one in attendance who, perhaps, was more delighted and pleased with the services than our esteemed brother, Elder J. G. Wood. Brother Wood has taken an active part in the movement which resulted in the erection of the building, and labored beyond his strength to bring it about. We were truly glad to see Elder Wood relieved of all the cares and anxiety that goes with an undertaking of this kind, and in return enjoy the blessings and comforts of a new church home.

It was also a pleasure to see the interest and satisfaction manifested by the children. They were not forgotten nor left out of the plan for the building, but took an active part in the same. One of the window glass which they purchased bears the following beautiful inscription: "Jesus loves the little ones." May this truth never be forgotten but in every service may a little part be reserved for the lambs of the fold.

We left Springfield thanking the God of heaven that a band of earnest workers and a modest little memorial could be left in the city to continue warning the people, and prepare the honest in heart for the soon coming of Christ in the clouds of heaven.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

REPORTS.

Dowling.

DEAR VISITOR: We began meetings here at Dowling Friday, June 16, with about seventy-five in attendance. Our attendance has been good throughout, until last Sunday night the tent was filled to overflowing. The people are very kind and friendly. The Brethren Church voted to discontinue their prayer meetings while the tent is here so as to give a chance for all to attend our meetings. Besides the United Brethren Church, we have the Methodist and German Lutheran. The Lord is blessing in the meetings. Some are already anxious for us to speak on the Sabbath question, and we expect to do so next week. The test will then be brought to bear and the honest ones brought out. May God help in presenting the vital truths as we feel our insufficiency. We are nicely located with our tents. We enjoy the thick green carpet underneath. We are anxious to do work for God that will meet his divine mind. We are doing what we can in the way of visiting, talking and praying with the people.

We are of good courage in the work and our faith takes hold of his word. We believe that his word will not return void unto him. Yours in the Master's work,
F. M. FAIRCHILD,
JOHN P. GAEDÉ.

Meigs.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: On June 18 Elder Burkholder visited the Meigs church and conducted the quarterly meeting and celebration of the ordinances, with all its members present.

The church officers were elected, and Brother C. T. Redfield was ordained as elder of the church. The presence of the Lord was with us. Your brother in the Message,
R. W. BAILEY.

"THE LIVING SHALL PRAISE THEE."

I HAVE so often been impressed with the thought that there is need of cultivating our power for praising God. As a preparation for his near coming, we are directed to purify our hearts, to learn that the "fear of the Lord is to hate evil," and to keep the temple of the Holy Ghost pure by nourishing it only with heaven appointed food; but how often are our minds directed to the important part of praising God? Here is a verse of great value: "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise, be thankful unto him and bless his name."

Do you ever think that we shall spend the countless ages praising God? That it will be as natural

for us to utter notes of praise as for us to breathe? How well it would be to cultivate that trait to our utmost ability here! God will help us I am sure. To accomplish this there must first be a nearness to God, we must realize our own lost condition and what it cost the Son of man to leave his Father's throne and suffer for us as he has done. We must be touched with the spirit of divine love. Next we must conquer Satan. By the help of God we must triumph gloriously. For every time we resolve to praise God, Satan presents the absurdity of such a course of action, or raises some apparently insurmountable barrier. But trust in the Lord, his grace is sufficient for us.

We are so bound down by tradition and hereditary tendencies that we need daily—yea, hourly—to pray to God that he would "lose the bands of wickedness and let the oppressed go free." "Lord, lose our bands," is our prayer this day, "and give us freedom to worship thee as we ought." Turn to Isa. 61:11 which reads: "The Lord will cause praise to spring forth." So here is our assurance that the Lord will give us the power to praise him "with a full heart fervently." Ask of him and he will give us "the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness." And did you ever stop to think what it means to wear the garment of praise? to be so imbued with the righteousness of God that all those who behold us, or come in contact with us, will know that the glory of the Omnipotent floods our soul?

And why should we praise the Lord? In Noah's time we read that the Lord was pleased with the sweet smelling savor of sacrifices. The Psalmist tells us that praise is comely, that is, necessary to a well proportioned character. The word of God by Paul tells us to offer "the sacrifice of praise," while Isaiah and Jeremiah that the sacrifice of praise will be offered in the earth made new. Here, then, is another evidence that we should cultivate this trait. Another reason for praising God is given in such verses as these: "I will praise thy name for thy loving kindness," "praise the Lord of hosts, for the Lord is good." Many other verses might be cited to show that we are to render unto the Lord praise for all his benefits. Can you recall a place in Scripture where a prayer was not written but that the outburst of praise upon the answer to the prayer was recorded at length? Dan. 2:20, 23. Do you gather the thought from this that often our prayers are not recorded but our praise offerings are written in the book of remembrance?

RACHEL R. HESS.

EDUCATIONAL.

A HYMN.

I CAN not think but God must know
About the thing I long for so;
I know he is so good, so kind,
I can not think but he will find
Some way to help, some way to show
Me to the thing I long for so.

I stretch my hand,—it lies so near:
It looks so sweet, it looks so dear.
"Dear Lord," I pray, "oh, let me know
If it is wrong to want it so"
He only smiles,—he does not speak;
My heart grows weaker and more weak,
With looking at the thing so dear,
Which lies so far and yet so near.

Now, Lord, I leave at thy loved feet
This thing which looks so near, so sweet,
I will not seek. I will not long,—
I almost fear I have been wrong.
I'll go and work the harder. Lord,
And wait till by some loud, clear word
Thou callest me to thy loved feet,
To take this thing, so dear, so sweet.

SAXE HOLM.

MOUNT VERNON ACADEMY.

Another Year.

THIS is the season when many of our youth will be making definite plans for another year in school and doubtless not a few parents will be giving serious consideration to the question of where to send the son or daughter in order to obtain the desired education. To all such I would like to say a word in regard to Mount Vernon Academy, which has now been in successful operation for eleven years, thus placing it beyond the experimental stage and furnishing definite data on which to base a judgment relative to its future work.

The aim of the managers has been to make the school worthy of the fullest confidence and esteem of the people of the Ohio Conference, and the result has been the development of an institution that is attracting the attention of our people both at home and in foreign lands; and it is not only attracting attention, but it is also actually drawing students from these far away points. And the students who come from other States are generally young men and women of a superior class, who are attracted by the strong and thorough courses offered, by the high moral tone of the school, or by the missionary spirit which is the most marked characteristic of the Academy.

The management has been, and will continue to be, conservative, thus avoiding the fancies and fads which are sometimes mistaken for the newer and more progressive spirit of educational effort, and assuring to every student the opportunity to do thor-

ough and systematic work in each and every class. The same thoughtful and considerate attention will be given each individual pupil and no effort will be spared to make the Academy better in every way than it has ever been in former years.

Believing this hope will be realized, and feeling certain that the Academy is just entering a period of great prosperity, I feel to ask the co-operation of all the former students, and of every friend of true education, in working heartily to secure a large company of mature and promising students for the coming year. If any are interested in learning more of the school, or if copies of the Calendar are desired, kindly address letters of inquiry or of requests for the Calendar to Mount Vernon Academy, Mount Vernon, O. J. W. LOUGHHEAD.

THE VANTAGE GROUND OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

To be called perfect, a school must reach perfection in four respects—in its location and equipment, in its selection of subjects and methods of instruction, in the personnel of its staff, and finally, in the quality, mental and moral, of its pupils. Of these, the last two are far and away the most important, for it is plain that a body of teachers and pupils of the right quality, though housed in inadequate quarters and restricted to an antiquated and narrow curriculum, would come much nearer to being an ideal school than would poor teachers and indifferent pupils, no matter how well they might be housed or how up-to-date might be the courses of study and the methods of instruction. Therefore the intelligent parent, in selecting a school for his child, will be influenced by the location and equipment of a school and its curriculum and methods only so far as they may help him to decide between two schools otherwise much on a level; the two points on which he will insist on being thoroughly well informed, are the character and ability of the teachers and the tone and spirit of the pupils. If he is satisfied that a school excels in these two points, he may well feel that he has found the right one for his child.

It is comparatively easy for a town or city to provide its schools with good buildings and equipments. Simple inquiries and competent architects point the way, and civic pride justifies the expenditure. So, too, it is a simple matter for a wise superintendent to dictate the courses of study and the selection of books and methods which embody the latest and best conclusions of the teaching profession.

In these respects the private school is not necessarily at a disadvantage, but it can certainly claim no advantage. But when we consider the personnel of the teaching staff, and the quality of the pupils, we come to matters where it is practicable for the private school to adhere to far higher ideals than can be expected in the schools of any town or city.

The reason for the superiority of the private school in this respect lies in the greater simplicity and directness of its management. It is much easier in the first place for it to attract good teachers to its service because the conditions of their work are much more satisfactory, on account of their more direct relations with the appointing power, the smaller numbers in the classes, and, as will be pointed out later, the better quality of the pupils. And, if a mistake has been made in an appointment, the removal of the unsatisfactory teacher is as simple as A B C: there is no one to be consulted, no "pull" to be overcome. The head says "Go," and there is no appeal. Surely it is practicable for a private school to demand the most conscientious, self-denying service of all its teachers.

Similarly, the private school has an incalculable advantage in its freedom to reject undesirable applicants for admission, and to dismiss such pupils as may, on closer knowledge, prove incurably lazy, incompetent or weak. Many a boy or girl has done untold harm to the characters of friends and acquaintances in a public school whom the teachers, though realizing the situation, could not dismiss from the school simply because no particular breach of rules or lapses of conduct could be pointed out to justify the dismissal. In a private school such a pupil need not remain a day after the head realizes that removal is desirable. Thus it is practicable for a private school to demand of its pupils high aims in scholarship and conduct, and it ought to insist on having them.

Finally, it is practicable for the teachers and pupils of the private school to co-operate with each other in a way almost impossible in the great majority of public schools, and in the relations of confidence and helpfulness thus established lies one of the most effective educational influences in the world.—*Good Housekeeping*.

"BE constant, O happy soul, be constant, and of good courage; for, however intolerable thou art to thyself, yet thou wilt be protected, enriched and beloved by that greatest good."

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N. W. LAWRENCE - Editor.

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ELDER W. W. MILLER spent a few days in Academia last week.

BROTHER K. R. HAUGHEY, who has been ill for some time, is slowly improving.

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

BROTHER W. E. BIDWELL is home for a day or two. He reports an interesting time with the tent at Rowsburg.

GENERAL rehearsal on the Cantata for camp-meeting will be held at Columbus, O., July 17, for the benefit of the singers in the central and southern part of the State.

DR. WOLGER and wife, recently from Cincinnati, has located his dental office in Mount Vernon. We are glad to welcome Brother Wolger to our fellowship, and take this opportunity to introduce him and his work to our people.

PROF. W. L. SECOR has perfected arrangements whereby he will have a position as an instructor in Ruskin University, Chicago, while he pursues his work in the medical course. We are sorry to lose Prof. Secor from the Academy, but wish him abundant success in his chosen field and line of work.

A NUMBER of the students of the Summer School and workers at the Academy took an outing on the Fourth of July. Three or four weeks of good solid study calls for a little relaxation. The work of the school is progressing nicely, and our greatest regret is that more might not have the benefit of it.

ELDERS H. H. BURKHOLDER and J. O. Miller visited Sister Mary A. Moessner last Friday. Sister Moessner is seventy-eight years of age and lives with her daughter, Mrs. George Fisher, near Sunbury. Sister Moessner is confined to her bed as the result of a fall she sustained the latter part of last March.

MANY of the VISITOR readers will be interested to know that Brother James Smith and family have returned from Alabama, where he has been teaching during the past year. He reports a pleasant year's work which enlisted his interest for the Southern work. Sister Smith, who has been in poor health for some time, endured the long journey nicely, but has not been so well since a day or two after arriving home in Academia. We are glad to welcome these friends among us again.

NOTICE.

I AM in correspondence with the Railway Association for rates to the camp-meeting. I will know by July 15 whether we can get excursion rates. If not, we will get rates as last year on the certificate plan. Watch the VISITOR. I will write full particulars as soon as possible. Let us have a full delegation and a general turnout. Make special efforts to be present. Startling things are transpiring in the world and in the church. To be posted and abreast of the times is our only safety.

D. E. LINDSEY, *Conf. Sec.*

SPECIAL NOTICE

To Church Elders and Clerks.

THE reports called for are not coming in so that I can arrange a list of churches, and so cannot send out blank certificates to all. Let all the churches elect their delegates at once, —one for the church at large and one additional for each fifteen members. If you do not secure blanks, write a certificate and place the names of delegates elected in the same. Send to me at once so that I can prepare a roll of churches and delegates. Send to Clyde, O.

D. E. LINDSEY, *Conf. Sec.*

A LETTER.

DEAR FRIENDS IN OHIO: I desire to express my gratitude to the many kind friends who so thoughtfully contributed to the donation sent me during the State Meeting. It was quite unexpected, but a great help, as Brother Rhea Wakeham and myself having the smallpox, and other difficulties previously, has made much expense. We are sure that one pulse is beating through the lives of our people when we receive such quick tokens of sympathy.

While we do not see the present blessing to the work in our afflictions, yet we know the promise, "All things work together for good," and we are indeed grateful that in mercy and love we have our lives spared, and again enjoy health and strength.

May the Lord bless and help you all to fulfil well your part in the great plan, and may the time be hastened when we shall be gathered home to live with Jesus. We always look for the letter from Ohio, the WELCOME VISITOR, and it cheers us to see the good reports. Yours in Christ,

ELLA MCINTYRE.

35 Sharia Dawowine, Cairo, Egypt.

THE NAZARENE.

WE feel much encouraged by the response of singers throughout the State. Although some are a little slow in sending in names, we feel sure that many more would like to have a part in this the grandest of song services; therefore we feel it necessary to give a word of caution.

Do not send for a book unless you intend to take part at the camp-meeting. Any one receiving books that will not be used will kindly return them at once, as our number is limited to 100. Those keeping the books will help make this a success by remitting the price marked, thirty cents. Others desiring books can obtain them by writing to Filmore Brothers, Cincinnati, O. We would advise that wherever possible the singers meet together and practice. This will be a great help.

There will be a general rehearsal in Cleveland Sunday afternoon, July 10. We would urge all to keep this date in mind, and as many as can reach Cleveland at that time, to be present. There are many churches that have not responded yet.

We have room for a few more who sing soprano, alto or bass. At camp-meeting it will not be practical to add to our list; therefore, let the number be made up as quickly as possible. Again we would caution all, learn your part thoroughly before camp-meeting.

HENRY DE FLUITER.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(For week ending June 24, 1904.)

John J. Marietta, Columbiana Co.—Coming King: 30 hours; value of orders, \$19; helps, \$1; total, \$20.

Christy Fritz, Richland Co.—Coming King: value of orders, \$15.50; helps, \$2.50; total, \$18.

Samuel Frost, Wyandot Co.—Coming King: 34 hours; value of orders, \$25; helps, \$2.25; total, \$27.25.

Grace Cline, Massillon.—Christ our Saviour: 29 hours; value of orders, \$6.75; helps, \$7.75; total, \$14.50.

Julia House, Massillon.—Christ our Saviour: 16 hours; value of orders, \$8.

F. E. Wagner, Summit Co.—Miscellaneous: value of deliveries, \$19.50.

J. O. Young, Cygnet.—Miscellaneous: value of orders, \$18.80.